

Rockets take Regional title

The Rockcastle County baseball team has won their second straight regional title after defeating the Corbin Redhounds on Thursday night 4-1.

Senior Greg Harper pitched a no-hitter in the Rocket victory, striking out nine Redhounds.

The one run, which came in the third was the result of an error, two walks and a hit batter.

All total Harper hit four and walked four.

Harper ran his season record to 10-2.

Seniors Derrick Bussett, Christopher Parsons and Brandon Bishop each had a double in the contest.

All total, the Rockets managed only six hits. Bussett had a single besides his double. McIntosh had a hit and freshman Devin Taylor, who had four hits in the tournament also picked a hit.

The game was highlighted by several outbursts by the Corbin staff, one which resulted in a coach being ejected and a thirty minute rain delay.

At one point several police officers were called to the field for crowd control, although no incidents were reported between fans.

It was third meeting between the two teams, with the Rockets coming out on top 2-1.

Brandon McIntosh managed the only stolen base, while the Rockets left six men on base and one Rocket was caught stealing although he was clearly safe.

The Rockets began the tournament on Tuesday with a 7-3 victory over Lynn Camp.

Parsons picked up his ninth win of the season, against only one loss.

The senior gave up only two hits, struck out three and walked just one, giving up two runs.

Harper pitched the final two games in relief, giving up one run on four hits. He walked one and struck out two.

Parsons and Devin Taylor coached

picked up a double, while big brother Shea picked up a triple. Bussett, Shea Taylor, Cash, Hackworth each had a single. Devin Taylor had two hits.

All total the Rockets had eight hits and made one error.

The Rockets advanced to the regional final game with a 7-1 victory over Harlan.

Sophomore Aaron Anderkin picked up his eighth victory of the season against no losses.

He scattered four hits, struck out 12 and walked two. He faced a total of 27 batters in the seven innings.

Shea Taylor, Christopher Parsons, Billy Hackworth, and Devin Taylor each had doubles in the game.

Aaron Cash and Brandon McIntosh each had singles.

The Rockets left seven men on base and got caught stealing twice.

Now the next step to the final four sends the Rockets to Hindman in Knott County.

The Rockets are in the sectional with Hazard, Paintsville and Boyd County.

The Rockets played Hazard at 6 p.m. on Wednesday night.

Boyd County and Paintsville play the second game on Wednesday night.

The championship game is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday.

Harper was scheduled to pitch on Wednesday and if the Rockets advance, Anderkin is scheduled to throw on Friday.

The only team in the sectional the Rockets have faced is Boyd County. Boyd County defeated the Rockets in the first game but the Rockets got the measure of them in the Fayette County Invitational 5-2.

First-year head coach J.D. Bussett said he was extremely pleased with his team's efforts this season.

"We have played hard most games and found ways to win - if we play good defense and don't make mental mistakes we've got a chance to make it to the final four," he said.



The Rockcastle County Rockets won their second straight region tournament last Friday night with a 4-1 victory over Corbin. Senior Greg Harper threw a no-hitter. The Rockets began sectional play Wednesday night in Hindman against Hazard. Members of the team are pictured above, front row from left: Greg Harper, Brandon Bishop, Shea Taylor, Billy Hackworth, Christopher Parsons, Derrick Bussett, and Dackery Larkey. Second row, from left: Aaron Cash, Aaron Anderkin, Marty Reagan, Cody Alexander, Brandon McIntosh, Devin Taylor, John Bray, James Michael Bussett, and Austin Miller. Back row, from left: head coach J.D. Bussett, assistant coach Bert King, assistant coach Chris Hendrickson, Chris Tolle, Brian Kirby, Tim McClure, Tim McIntosh, Adam Hensley, Jeffrey Todd, Stephen Boring, Devon Bussett, assistant coach Adam Coleman, and statistician Chad Hensley.



Aaron Anderkin was the winning pitcher against Harlan during the semi-finals of the region with a 7-1 victory. Anderkin struck out 12 batters on the way to his eighth victory against no losses.

Corbin (Visitor) vs. The Rock (Home)

The Rock	AB	R	H	ER	PO	A	E
D. Bussett	4	0	1	0	1	0	0
A. Cash	2	0	1	0	2	0	0
C. Parsons	1b	2	0	1	1	0	0
A. Taylor	3b	3	0	0	2	0	0
B. Hackworth	cf	2	1	0	1	0	0
M. Reagan	lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
B. McIntosh	rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
D. Taylor	dh	3	0	0	1	0	0
B. Bishop	ss	3	0	0	1	0	0
J. McClure	c	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	24	4	6	3	21	4	2

Batters: 28. LOS: 8. 2B: D. Bussett 1. C. Parsons 1. B. Bishop 1. 5B: A. Cash 1. CS: D. Bussett 1.

Corbin	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	2

Winning Pitcher: G. Harper

Harlan (Visitor) vs. The Rock (Home)

The Rock	AB	R	H	ER	PO	A	E
D. Bussett	4	3	1	1	1	0	0
A. Cash	2b	4	2	3	0	0	0
C. Parsons	1b	4	2	3	0	0	0
A. Taylor	3b	2	1	0	1	0	0
B. Hackworth	cf	3	1	1	1	0	0
M. Reagan	lf	3	1	1	1	0	0
B. McIntosh	rf	3	1	1	1	0	0
D. Taylor	dh	3	0	0	1	0	0
B. Bishop	ss	3	0	0	1	0	0
J. McClure	c	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	28	7	11	5	21	0	0

Batters: 34. LOS: 7. 2B: S. Taylor 1. C. Parsons 1. B. Hackworth 1. D. Taylor 1. 5B: A. Cash 1. CS: A. Cash 1. B. McIntosh 1.

Harlan	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0

Winning Pitcher: K. Anderkin

Lynn Camp (Visitor) vs. The Rock (Home)

The Rock	AB	R	H	ER	PO	A	E
D. Bussett	4	3	1	1	1	0	0
A. Cash	2b	4	2	2	1	0	0
C. Parsons	1b	4	2	2	1	0	0
A. Taylor	3b	2	1	0	1	0	0
B. Hackworth	cf	3	0	0	1	0	0
M. Reagan	lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
B. McIntosh	rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
D. Taylor	dh	3	0	0	1	0	0
B. Bishop	ss	3	0	0	1	0	0
J. McClure	c	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	27	8	11	5	21	0	0

Batters: 32. LOS: 7. 2B: S. Taylor 1. 2B: C. Parsons 1. D. Taylor 1. 3B: S. Taylor 1. 5B: A. Cash 1. CS: D. Bussett 1.

Harlan	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	6

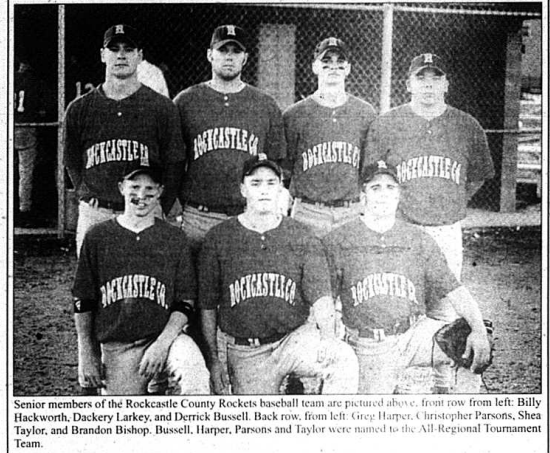
Winning Pitcher: C. Parsons

Game Score: G. Harper

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Moving Sale: Antiques, clothes, furniture. Home of Nelson and Ruth Hamilton on Dug Hill Road near Ottawa Baptist Church. 9 to 5 on Friday and Saturday. Rain or shine.

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Senior members of the Rockcastle County Rockets baseball team are pictured above, front row from left: Billy Hackworth, Dackery Larkey, and Derrick Bussett. Back row, from left: Greg Harper, Christopher Parsons, Shea Taylor, and Brandon Bishop. Harper, Parsons and Taylor were named to the All-Regional Tournament Team.

"Girls Track" (Cont. from A-7)

a year ago. Clarissa had quite a bit of difficulty throwing due to continuing back pain that has plagued her nearly the entire season. She still managed to throw very well and finished 13th overall with an exceptional effort of 28' 11".

The last event of the day for the girls was their best team event, the 1600-meter relay. The girls came into the finals with the fastest qualifying time of any team in Class 2A.

They had also ranked first in the state in the event nearly the entire season. Several very good 1600-meter relay teams would challenge RCHS. Cheyenne Camack got the race off to a great start and ran her best split ever (58.7). She easily led the girls out in front by making up the stagger in the first lap. Sheena Swinney took the handoff and ran an excellent second leg, keeping RCHS out in front.

Rachelle Hammond kept the lead during the third leg and extended the margin coming into the final 100-meter stretch. Heather Hammond overcame a difficult hand-off and sprinted an awesome final leg of the race. She cruised the last 100 meters and anchored the team to their first state championship in the event with a new school record time of 4:06.67.

This was just over three seconds away from the all-time Class 2A state record in the event.

The RCHS boys' team of Josh Hale, Jeremiah Myers, Andrew Hammond, and Jeremy Neeley came through with an awesome performance in the 1600-meter relay finals. The boys' sought the first-ever RCHS boys' state title, as well as the school record, in the event. Josh got the race off to a blazing start with an excellent first leg. Jeremiah Myers took a great baton pass and sprinted an awesome second leg of the race.

Andrew ran very well in the third position, keeping RCHS close to medal contention. Jeremy finished the race with a solid anchor leg and crossed the line in eighth place. This earned the team medals, as well as a point. The group narrowly missed the school record with an awesome time of 3:39.98, less than four-tenths of a second away. Nevertheless, the team could easily be regarded as the greatest mile relay team ever at Rockcastle due to the number of sub-3:40 races they ran this season. Their consistency was evident from meet to meet in this particular event.

The girls' performance capped off the greatest season in team history. They finished with a combined meet

record of 165 - 2, losing only to eight-time state champion Paducah Tilghman at state and five-time, defending Class A state champion Bishop Brossart at the Palaski County Invitational. This season also marked the end of an era for Rockcastle as six girls that have participated for as many as eight years in the track program have graduated including Cheyenne Camack, Tara Ahney, Rachelle Hammond, Theresa Chishum, Mindy Bullock, and Ashley Lawson. Over the past four seasons, these girls, along with the rest of their team, have enjoyed their share of success. The team has finished as regional runners-up twice, regional champions twice, indoor state runners-up twice, outdoor state runners-up, as well as middle school state champions the past two seasons. The team has had twelve individuals win twenty-one regional championships, the past four seasons with nineteen of those coming in the past two years. The team has also enjoyed three individual indoor state champions, two outdoor state champions, five indoor state runners-up, as well as four middle school state champions and one runner-up.

Every RCHS female track and field record belongs to members of the current team. In addition, several of the athletes have been named all-state academic in track and field multiple times. Cheyenne has been named to the track and field all-state first and second team the past two seasons. With their success at state this season, Cheyenne and many of her teammates should be named to the all-state team.

Several senior boys will also be lost to graduation including Eric Denney, Jeremiah Myers, Steffen Hopkins, Jeremy Neeley, and Stephen Carrera. These boys have accomplished a great deal at Rockcastle in their many years of

competition. Jeremy has firmly established himself as the greatest distance runner in RCHS history with state records in the 800 and 1600-meter runs. Eric has solidified his position as one of the top two throwers in RCHS history with his consistency over the years.

The RCHS track team would like to thank Mt. Vernon Nave-A-1 for their continued support and donations throughout the season. They would also like to thank Kevin Fletcher for his time, effort, and generous donation of banners for our tent.

The RCHS coaching staff would also like to thank the parents and community for their continued help and support throughout this season. Most of all, we would like to thank the athletes for their hard work and dedication. We especially would like to thank the senior members of our team for eight years of dedication to their sport and their school. They have played RCHS track on the map in both our county and state. They will be greatly missed and will never be replaced.

GIRLS SCORES - CLASS AA

Rank	School	Score
1	Paducah Tilghman	96.33
2	Rockcastle County	65
3	Fleming County	50
4	Western Hills	48
5	Russell	47.33
6	Warren East	42
7	Mercy Academy	35
8	Fort Campbell	34
9	Westminster County	28
10	Mason County	21.33
11	Union County	20
12	Newport	19
13	Franklin-Simpson	16
14	Boyle County	15.50
15	Melroe County	15
16	Hart County	14
17	Madison County	13
18	Highlands	12
19	Cassey County	11
20	Henry County	10
20	Elizabethtown	10

Swim Lessons

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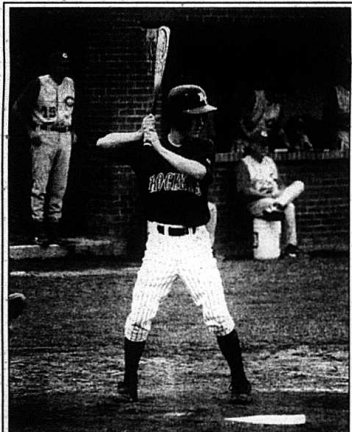
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Freshman Devin Taylor had four hits and hit successfully in each game of the region tournament.

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