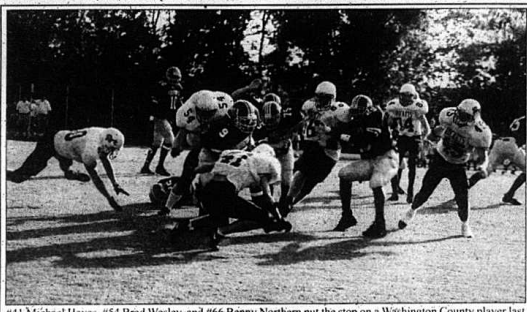
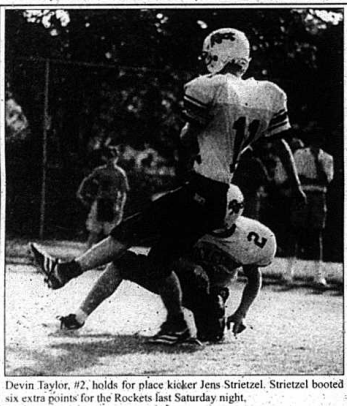


Junior Aaron Anderkin, #14, completed 13 passes for 184 yards in the Rockets' rout of Washington County in the Bob Allen Pigskin last Saturday night. Also in the photo are: #24 Marty Reagan, #30 William Blair, #66 Benny Northern and #40 Cletl Swinney.



#41 Michael Hayes, #54 Brad Wesley, and #66 Benny Northern put the stop on a Washington County player last Saturday night. Also in the action are #45 Josh Taylor, #84 Cory Reams and #40 Cletl Swinney.



Devin Taylor, #2, holds for place kicker Jens Strietzel. Strietzel booted six extra points for the Rockets last Saturday night.

ROCK vs. Washington Co.

By Preston Parrett
The Rock opened up their season
With "Big A" (Aaron Anderkin) at
the helm.
And all the Rock faithful were de-
lighted
When Washington County they did
overwhelm.

It was the Bob Allen Pigskin Classic
With the sun shining, brightly down
And many a Rock fan had motored
down
To Admiral Field in Danville town.

Rock fans were easily spotted
For they wore winning grins.
And they carried an umbrella
And had hotdog sauce running down
their chins.

The game got underway
And in the first quarter the 'Rock
struck.
When Marty Reagan went over from
the four
Like a run away truck.

The Rock posse defense took over
And they cooked the Commander's
goose.
As they turned the hard fighting Com-
manders every way but loose.

With this great posse defense
It doesn't take many points to win.
Because they lasso their opponents
Before they can take the pigskin in.

Things got hectic in the second
When Reagan scored a fifteen yard
run.
Then Clay Dooley went over from
the eighteen to add to the fun.

"Big A" unlimbered his arm
And started giving them Hale.

Josh that is - who scored on a thirteen
yard pass
As he got on the T.D. trail.

In the third quarter the Rock struck
hard
As "Big A" gave 'em Hale again
When they connected on a forty yarder.
And Josh motored on in.

The Rock posse kept up the pressure
Causing the Commanders to miscue.
As Reagan intercepted a pass
And over the goal line he flew.

To wind up the scoring
J.T. Lovell went on a two yard trip.
Which made the final score
Forty eight to zip.

It was a great opener
With everyone playing well,
As the Rock showed again
That they're ready to ride the victory
trail

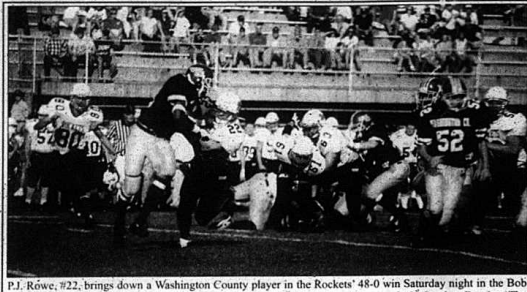
Congrats to coaches, team and sup-
port cast
For an auspicious beginning.
As you start out the new season
A winning and a grinning.

All-Star Update

9&10 Year Old All-Stars
By Diamond Dave
Rockcastle 9
Morehead 1

Campbellsville 11
Rockcastle 7

Owensboro 5
Rockcastle 0



P.J. Rowe, #22, brings down a Washington County player in the Rockets' 48-0 win Saturday night in the Bob Allen Pigskin Classic. Also in the photo are #61 Steve Blair, #63 Tanner Abney and #80 Stephen Boring. The Rockets will take on South Laurel at home this Friday night. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Rockets roll in opener 48-0 over Washington

The Rockcastle County Rocket football team began their 2001 campaign on Saturday night with an impressive 48-0 win over Washington County.

The Rockets used an explosive offense and a smothering defense to completely dominate the Commanders in the Pig Skin Classic at Danville High School.

The Rockets scored four times in the first half, three of those in the second quarter to take a 28-0 lead into the dressing room.

They struck again early in the third quarter leaving the final score as the only thing in doubt about the

bowling game.

The Rockets added two more scores in the fourth period and the Rocket defense allowed only seven total yards and one first down for the contest, making for the lopsided score.

Senior Josh Hale was named offensive MVP in the game.

Hale caught eleven passes for two touchdowns and 171 total yards.

Hale caught a touchdown pass in the second quarter which covered 13 yards and he grabbed another touch-down pass early in the third quarter this time for 40 yards.

Junior cornerback Marty Reagan was named defensive MVP.

Reagan had one interception, which he returned for a touchdown and four tackles.

He also scored twice on offense on runs of four yards and 15 yards.

Senior Clay Dooley scored in the second quarter on a run of 18 yards and junior J.T. Lovell scored in the fourth period on a run of two yards.

Junior quarterback Aaron Anderkin completed 13 of 20 pass attempts for 184 yards and two touchdowns.

Rocket placekicker Jens Strietzel hit six extra point attempts. The only extra point the Rockets did not convert was a mishandled snap.

Head coach Tom Larkey used 17 players on offense in the first half alone and defensive coach Tony Saylor also substituted frequently, helping the Rockets to stay fresh.

"I was somewhat surprised with our performance - we did a great job containing Washington County's speed and on offense we executed very well," he said.

Larkey gave a lot of credit to his offensive line for opening holes for the running and for giving Anderkin, who was not sacked, time to throw.

"We have a lot of depth on offense, especially in the line and it showed Saturday night," he said.

Coach Saylor has had praise for his defensive unit - which has consistently shut down opponents over the years and Saturday night was no exception.

"Our young kids did a good job of picking up the flow of the game early and we did a really good job of containing their bigger, faster backs," he said.

Middle linebacker William Blair had five tackles and also picked off a Commander pass.

His first cousin, defensive lineman Steve Blair also had five tackles in the contest as did outside linebacker P.J. Rowe.

The three led the Rockets in tackles on the night.

Reagan had four tackles, as did fellow junior cornerback James-Michael Bussell.

Junior Tanner Abney, junior Stephen Boring, senior Clay Dooley, senior Matt McClure and sophomores Nick Thomas and Jason Leger all had three tackles. Leger also recovered a fumble in the contest.

Senior Adam Childress, junior Benny Northern, junior Cletl Swinney, sophomore Caleb Blair and sophomore Brandon Campbell all had two tackles.

Hale, Junior Michael Hayes, junior J.T. Lovell, sophomore Devin Taylor and sophomore Brad Wesley each had a tackle.

On the ground Reagan led the Rockets with 53 yards on ten carries. Dooley had 44 yards on five carries and Lovell had 32 yards on eight carries.

Senior Josh Taylor picked up 14 yards on four carries and Swinney and Campbell each had six yards.

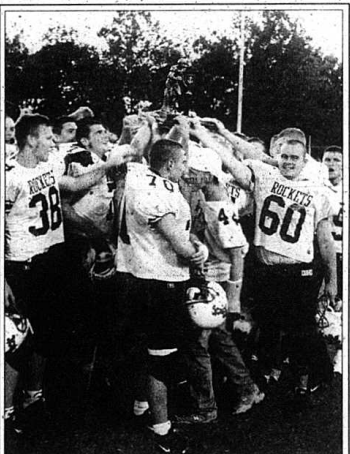
Jamison Cable also picked up two yards on one carry.

Dooley caught one pass for seven yards and Reagan caught one for six yards.

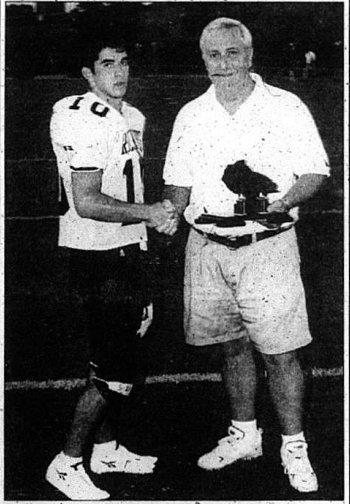
The Rockets will host South Laurel in their home opener on Friday night.

South Laurel is coming off a 41-6 drubbing at the hands of Pulaski County a week ago.

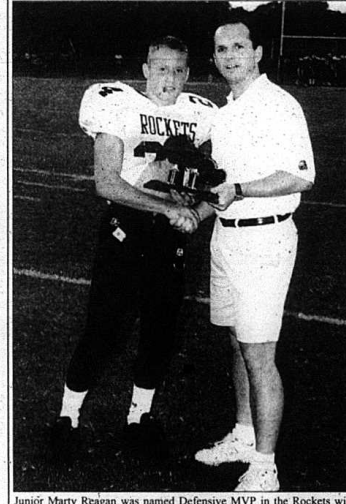
Game time at the ROCK is 7:30 p.m.



Chris Croucher, Brandon Falin, Matt McClure, Nathan Brummett, Jason Ranney, and Josh Taylor are among the Rockets who received the championship trophy Saturday night.



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