

Rockets take Honey Bowl in big way 47-6

The Rockcastle County Rockets used a high octane offense, and a smothering defense to win their third straight game of the season on Friday night, over Breathitt County in the Honey Bowl.

The Rockets traveled to Jackson where they came away with a 47-6 win over the two time state champions.

Quarterback Aaron Anderkin was named most valuable player of the contest after he threw for five touchdowns and ran one in from 67 yards.

He had no interceptions. All total the junior had 236 yards on eight of 15 passing and he had 67 yards on the ground.

As a unit the Rockets racked up 438 yards of offense with senior Josh Hale catching four touchdown passes, and accumulating 142 yards through the air.

Hale was named offensive M.V.P. for the Rockets.

Senior P.J. Rowe also turned in a stellar performance on the defensive side of the ball with eleven tackles and assists and four quarterback sacks.

Rowe was named defensive M.V.P. for the Rockets.

The Rocket defense gave up only 123 yards to Breathitt County, who had been picked to be the best team in the mountains.

The turning point of the game was probably just before half-time when Breathitt fumbled on the ten yard line with 27 seconds on the clock, thanks to a huge hit by Rowe.

After the Rockets took over, Anderkin hit Josh Hale in the end zone and the Rockets took a 21-6 lead into half-time.

"I thought that was really big for our team - it sort of took the wind out their sails," said head coach Tom Larkey, who coached Rockcastle to his 143rd win while head coach.

Head assistant Tony Saylor, who is well known for his preparation and who has been with Larkey each of the 17 years he has been at the ROCK,

said his defensive unit played well.

"They have a really good team and one of the best offenses in the state and our kids were up to the challenge," Saylor said.

Breathitt County was the first team to gain positive yardage on the ROCK.

Larkey and Saylor both had nothing but praise for the offensive and defensive lines.

"We made a few mistakes on both sides of the ball, but our line-men have played extremely well early in the season - we have had time to throw-and holes to run in on offense and we understand what is going on," Larkey said.

The Rocket offensive line consists of juniors Tanner Abney, Michael Brummett, seniors William Blair and Adam Childress, and sophomore Jason Leger. Junior Stephen Boring plays tight end and senior Jason Ranney plays center when Blair moves to the end position.

"Defensively the line has also been up to the task - they are a hard nosed bunch of kids who accept the challenge they are faced with each week," he said.

Defensive linemen for the Rockets are Steve Blair, Adam Childress, Tanner Abney and Jason Leger.

The Rockets scoring went as follows:

Third play of the game, Anderkin hits Hale on a 64 yard streak down the middle.

Jens Strietzel made the extra point and it was 7-0.

Also in first period Anderkin takes off on a quarterback sneak, which results in a 67 yard touchdown run.

In the second period Anderkin hits Hale on a ten yard pass as time expires and the ROCK takes a 21-6 lead into half-time after another good kick.

Rockcastle did the real damage to Breathitt in the third period when they scored three times.

First Anderkin hit Hale on a 40

yard touchdown pass and then he found him again on a 24 yard touchdown pass.

To cap off the period and seal the Bobcats fate, Anderkin hit junior Maryn Reagan on a 76 yard pass.

Sophomore Devin Taylor finished off the scoring with a 23 yard run.

Offensively Reagan had 95 yards on 15 carries and caught three passes for 84 yards.

Junior Cletl Swinney had six rushes for 24 yards.

Senior Josh Taylor and junior James Bussell each had three rushes.

Junior Stephen Boring caught one ball for ten yards.

Strietzel was five seven in extra point attempts.

Besides Rowe, middle linebacker William Blair had ten tackles and assists and recovered a fumble.

Leger also recovered a fumble and had six tackles and assists.

Reagan had seven tackles and assists and senior Clay Dooley, who was nursing an extremely sore ankle had five tackles and assists.

Dooley who usually starts at half-back on offense did not play on that side of the ball because of his injury.

Steve Blair, Bussell, Abney, Boring and Hale each had four tackles and assists.

Childress had two tackles and Michael Hayes, Matt McClure, Brad Wesley, Chris Croucher and Swinney all had a tackle.

The Rockets will face Lincoln County at home on Friday night.

The 11th annual Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl will be a re-staff from last year, which saw the Rockets defeat Lincoln in the Death Valley Bowl.

"Our biggest concern is their speed, especially that of junior Jason Smith, we have to try and keep the ball away from them," Coach Saylor said.

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



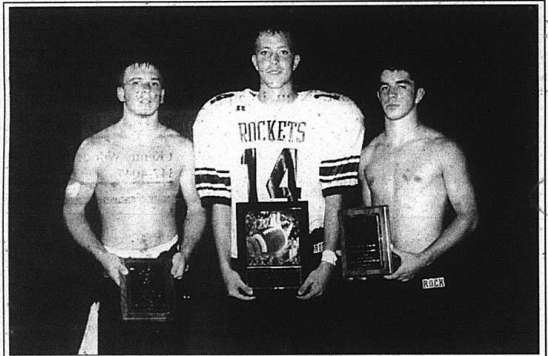
The offensive line has performed well all season including William Blair and Michael Brummett shown above.



The Rockcastle Rockets Freshmen team is 2-0 on the season after defeating South Laurel 40-0 last Thursday night. Above, Chris Croucher takes off on a run off-tackle.



P.J. Rowe picks up one of his four sacks in Friday night's win over Breathitt County. Also in the photo are #61 Steve Blair, #53 Adam Childress and #56 Jason Leger.



P.J. Rowe, left, was named Defensive MVP in the Honey Bowl held at Jackson last Friday night. Aaron Anderkin, center, was named Most Valuable Player and Josh Hale, right, was named Offensive MVP. The Rockets handed Breathitt County a 47-6 loss for their third win of the season. Rowe had 11 tackles and assists and four quarterback sacks. Anderkin had 236 yards passing on eight of 15 passing and scored one touchdown on a 67 yard run. Hale caught four touchdown passes for a total of 142 yards.

Cross-Country teams compete at Danville

The RCHS cross-country teams began their season in spectacular fashion in Danville last Tuesday. Despite being a little shorthanded, Rockcastle teams and individuals at all levels performed very well.

The RCHS boys' team was led with an inspiring performance by freshman Brandon Cole. Brandon dominated the field of competitors for his first varsity win ever on a very tough course. He led most of the race and finished with an amazing time of 20:03, a personal best for the Danville course. Sophomore teammate Andrew Nelson also ran an exceptional race and finished fifth overall. Andrew covered the 3.1-mile distance in an exceptional 21:52. Freshman Bill Burdett ran very well and finished 16th overall with a great time of 23:41. Sophomore Steven Shackelford also finished strong for RCHS with a 20th place finish and an effort of 24:57.

The girls' varsity team is comprised entirely of middle school athletes, all of whom participated in the middle school division for their first meet of the season. Eighth grader Kayla Hayes, running in her first cross-country race ever, blazed her way to a first place finish. She covered the 1.8-mile course in an exceptional 12:24. Eighth grader Elizabeth Bussell was very close behind. She placed third overall with an amazing effort of 13:00, her best middle school finish ever. Eighth grade

teammate Mourine Ramsay also ran very well and finished 20th overall in 15:54.

Seventh grader Drew Davidson was the sole representative for the middle school boys' team due to other members being ineligible at this time. Drew ran an awesome race and finished 15th overall. He covered the course in an exceptional 14:43.

The elementary boys' and girls' teams represent the largest area of participation for cross-country in our county. Each team currently consists of seven members. The elementary race at Danville was stretched out over one mile of solid hills.

The elementary boys' team easily captured first place in the meet with many outstanding performances. Fourth grader Blake Parsons took the early lead and dominated the field for his first win of the season. Blake finished with an awesome time of 9:02. First grader Jacob Bussell may have been the highlight of the afternoon with his amazing performance. Jacob

finished fifth overall with a tremendous effort of 10:35, an elementary record for a first grade runner in our county. Fifth grader Andrew Pensol was close behind with an amazing sixth place finish and an awesome time of 10:43. Robbie Miller ran great in his first race ever and finished seventh in 11:14. Devon Davidson ran an exceptional race and

finished ninth overall with a superb time of 11:31. Jessie Coffey ran extremely well and finished with an awesome time of 13:48. Aaron Daniel completed Rockcastle's domination with a 15th place finish in 13:41.

The elementary girls' team also dominated the competition with an easy team victory. Fourth grader Bethany Clontz, running in her first race ever, blazed her way to a third place finish to lead Rockcastle. She finished with an amazing time of 11:38. Fifth grader Katy Mattingly ran an awesome race despite an in-

jured ankle and finished fourth overall with an exceptional time of 12:14. Fourth grader Cora Collinsworth ran exceptionally well and finished eighth overall with a great time of 13:02. Fourth grader Katie Howard ran an amazing race and finished ninth overall with an excellent effort of 13:46. Second grader Jennifer

Daniel ran an awesome race and finished 11th overall @ 17:01, while older sister Alana also ran extremely well and placed 12th in 17:14. Samantha Bussell completed her first race ever, finishing 13th overall with a tremendous effort of 19:24.

The teams will next compete at Pulaski County on Tuesday and will end the week with the Southern Harrier Special in Somerset on Saturday.



Head Coach Tom Larkey, center, and head assistant Tony Saylor, right, won their 143rd game as coaches at the ROCK last Friday night. Also in the photo is assistant coach Chris Larkey.

RCHS girls volleyball teams beat Southwestern Pulaski

The varsity RCHS girls volleyball team broke out of their losing streak last Thursday night by taking a match from Southwestern Pulaski.

The girls won the first game, 16-14 with Jessie Hayes serving the last five points of the game.

Hayes had two other serve points in the game; Sarah Mullins got 3 points on serve; Allison Anderkin and Doris Bismarck, 2 each and Laura Beth Bell and Courtney Parsons, 1 each.

The second game was a little easier for the Rockets with a 15-9 win behind 7 service points by Anderkin; 4 by Mullins; 3 by Bismarck and 1 by Bell.

The Jayvee team continued their

winning ways, taking both games 15-0 and 15-10.

Jen Durham led with serve points for her team with 11 points in both games; Krystal Parsons had 6 as did Amanda Rogers (including an ace for game point of the second game);

Hunter Education Course

Hey kid's! Look! there will be a Hunter Education Course held September 6th, 7th and 8th in the library at Rockcastle County Middle School. The course is 10 hours in length. Six hours are classroom instruction. The course will start on Thursday, Sept. 6, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and

Jenna Owens 3 and Kinsye Tucker 1.

A schedule mix-up Tuesday night caused Oueda's game to be cancelled and they have an open date on Thursday.

Youth must be at least 10 years old to be certified. Parents are encouraged to attend and go through the course themselves. If you have any questions, please call the Rockcastle County Extension Service at 256-2403

on Friday, Sept. 7, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. On Saturday, the range work will start at 9:00 a.m.