

Rockets beat up Greenup Co. 55-0

The Rockcastle County Rockets are still on a path to a state title after a 55-0 win over Greenup County in the first round of the playoffs on Friday night.

The Rockets will face Ashland Paul Blazer this Friday night, a team sporting a U.K. recruit and a team that is 8-3 on the season.

The 2001 Rockets had another first for a RCHS team in the 17 years that head coach Tom Larkey and head assistant Tony Saylor have coached together at RCHS.

Saylor, who has never missed a

game in his seventeen years still had not missed one officially, but on Friday night he was not able to coach from the sidelines, after undergoing surgery on Friday for a bad appendix.

Saylor did manage to get to the field and into the locker room before the game, but there was no coaching.

Earlier this year, Larkey underwent surgery for prostate cancer and he too missed his first game. Larkey's test results since his surgery have been very positive and he is expected to fully recover as is Saylor.

Friday night the Rockets racked up 524 yards of total offense, 328 through the air and 196 on the ground. The Rocket offense got off to a

slow start for a second week in a row, scoring only once in the first quarter. However they made up for it in the second quarter by putting up four scores to take a 35-0 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Marty Reagan scored the only touchdown in the first period on a 12 yard pass from Aaron Anderkin.

In the second period Reagan scored again on a two yard run.

Josh Hale scored on a 22 yard pass from Anderkin.

Hale scored again on a 14 yard pass from Anderkin and Reagan finished the first half scoring on a two yard run.

In the third period, Hale scored again, this time on an 11 yard pass from Anderkin and Reagan scored on a four yard run.

In the fourth period, Josh Taylor finished off the scoring with an 11 yard run.

The Rocket defense held Greenup County to just eight yards of total offense.

Greenup County had a minus 10 yards rushing and 18 passing.

Senior P.J. Rowe had three sacks and Josh Hale had an interception to lead the Rocket defense.

Rowe also had six tackles and assists and junior Stephen Boring, who turned in an excellent performance from his linebacker position.

Senior William Blair had five tackles and assists and senior Clay Dooley had four tackles and assists.

James Michael Bussell had three tackles and assists, Jason Leger had one, Hale had two, Steve Blair, two, Adam Childress, one, Josh Taylor, one, Tanner Abney, two, Nick Thomas, one and Reagan, four.

On offense Anderkin was 22 for 28 through the air for 328 yards. He also had 13 yards on two carries.

Hale caught eleven passes for 129 yards.

Reagan rushed 12 times for 52 yards and he caught five passes for 126 yards.

Dooley had nine yards on two carries. Clell Swinney had 27 yards on four carries and Josh Taylor led the Rockets in rushing with 73 yards on seven carries.

Devin Taylor caught four passes for 54 yards and he rushed once for 15 yards.

Senior Coty Reams caught one pass for nineteen yards and Brandon Reams and Chris Croucher each had a carry.

Unfortunately, for the Rockets Reams will be sidelined for at least three weeks because he broke his collarbone on that 19 yard reception.

Statistically, the Rockets ended the regular season last week as the number one ranked defensive team in the state, allowing a minus four yards per game and 39 yards passing.

They also ended the regular season as the top scoring team in the

state with an average of 56 points per game. They also were number one in points allowed per game at .5 per game.

"It is a totally new season now, where one bad game can send you home, I just hope our kids stay focused because all of our opponents from here on out can beat us on any given night," said head coach Tom Larkey.

"We are going to miss Coty on offense and on the punt and kick-off teams - he has been our attack man for the past two years and he does a very good job in that position," Larkey said.

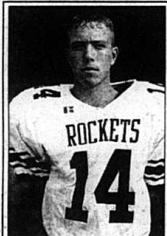
The Rockets will have their hands full stopping Ashland's Arliss Beach, who ended the regular season as the state's second leading rusher, but Coach Saylor said the Rockets will have to defend more than him.

"They have got a good overall offense that will be hard to stop because they can throw it as well as run it," Saylor said.

Beach has signed with the University of Kentucky.

"He is big, strong and fast," Saylor said.

"We will probably have to put up 28 points to win, I'm hoping for 35," he said.



Aaron Anderkin ended the regular season with more touchdown passes than anyone in the state at 32. He added four more to that total last Friday night.



Josh Hale ended the regular season with more touchdown catches than anybody in the state at 19.



Michael Hayes, Clell Swinney, Nathan Brummett, Matt McClure, Chris Croucher and Benny Northern stop a Greenup County runner. The Rockets won 55-0 in the first round of the playoffs.



#22 P.J. Rowe, who had three sacks Friday night, #63 Tanner Abney and #80 Stephen Boring close in on a Greenup County runner. Greenup County was held to eight yards of total offense.



Head coach Tom Larkey and captains Clay Dooley, Adam Childress, William Blair and Josh Hale are shown taking the field Friday night for the coin toss.



Quarterback Aaron Anderkin unleashes one of his 28 pass attempts on Friday night. In the photo is the Rocket offensive line: Jason Leger, Michael Brummett, William Blair, Adam Childress and Tanner Abney. Thanks to the ROCK offensive line Anderkin has been sacked only twice in 185 pass attempts this year.



Senior Josh Taylor who led the Rockets in rushing Friday night with 73 yards, follows Michael Brummett and Clell Swinney through the line in the Rockets 55-0 win over Greenup County.

ROCK vs. Greenup

By Preston Parrett

The Musketeers came down from Greenup To the play-offs on the Rock's home field.

And that's a tough place to start For the Rock will hardly ever yield.

The Rock "D" had several shut outs And their offense was a scoring machine.

But comparing the Rock to some teams Is like comparing a Model T to a limousine.

A large crowd was on hand To see the Rock soar, Which they did my friends When Marty Reagan went in for a score.

In the second, Marty came back with a two yard run Then it was time for Big "A" to give 'em Hale.

As they connected on a 22 yard pass And into the end zone Josh set sail.

Big "A" saw he had a good thing going And he tried that once more And Old Josh scratched it out of the air Then took it in for the score.

Then it was time to Reaganize the Musketeers As Marty scored his third TD of the night, Jens Strietzel, the Rock's great kicker Kept putting 'em through the upright.

Hale scored his third TD of the night

And Marty scored his fourth on a four yard run, Then it was time for Josh Taylor to do his thing. And he got his place in the sun.

P.J. Rowe and his ferocious crew Hand more sacks than the feed mill, As they played the tough musketeers There on Rock field.

Congratulations to the coaches, team, cheerleaders, band, fans and honor guard.

Your efforts are really appreciated, Just keep right on battling Until your foes are eliminated.

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