



The Rockcastle County Middle School eighth grade girls won the conference tournament last Saturday with a win over South Laurel. Members of the team are pictured above, front row: Jessie Asher. Second row from left: Rachel Killen, Tressie Robinson, Tasha Howard, Jessica Lunsford and Jessica Robinson. Back row from left: Ashley Kimbrell, Heather Hopkins, Megan Anderkin, Neisha Taylor and Krystal Farthing.



Members of the RCMS 6th grade basketball team are pictured above, front row from left: Jessica Barnes, Sally Mize, Courtney Hayes, Tonya Lunsford, Melinda Thomason and Sarah Rowe. Back row from left: Coach Darla Reams, Jessica Witten, Sonya Lunsford, Stephanie Barnett, Morgan Thacker, Courtney Bullock, Brittany Paul and Coach Kenneth Thacker.

In Conference Tourney

6th grade finishes third

The Rockcastle County Middle School sixth grade girls finished third in their conference tournament.

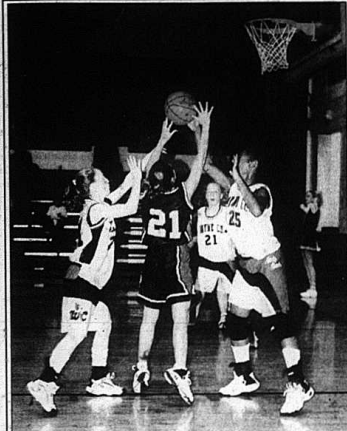
They finished the season with 15 wins and seven losses. Besides their third place finish in the conference tourney, they finished second in the Garrard Co. tournament and won the Mt. Vernon Lion's tournament.

In the conference tourney, the girls beat Meece 18-11, lost to

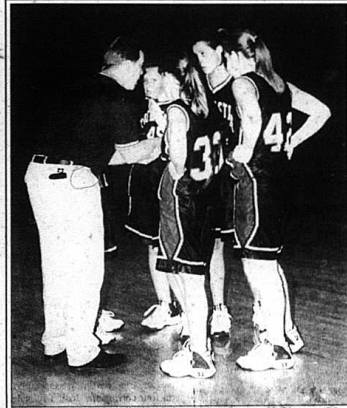
Corbin 16-24 in the semi-finals and defeated South Laurel 23-17 for third place.

Following are the linescores for each game:
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Meece 11
RCMS Scoring: Sarah Rowe, 6; Tonya Lunsford, 2; Jessica Barnes, 4; Courtney Hayes, 4; Morgan Thacker, 2.

RCMS 16
Corbin 24
RCMS Scoring: Sarah Rowe, 6; Jessica Barnes, 7; Courtney Hayes, 2; Sonya Lunsford, 2.
RCMS 23
S. Laurel 17
RCMS Scoring: Sarah Rowe, 8; Courtney Hayes, 1; Jessica Barnes, 7; Morgan Thacker, 2; Tonya Lunsford, 4; Melinda Thomason, 2.



Natasha Howard goes for two in the eighth grade girls win over Wayne County on Thursday night.



Head coach David Owens talks to Jessie Asher, Heather Hopkins, Megan Anderkin, Ashley Kimbrell and Jessica Lunsford. The Lady Rockets won the conference tournament on Saturday with a win over South Laurel. South Laurel had not lost a game this season.

Winter Weather Awareness Week

The National Weather Service offices in the state of Kentucky have designated November 12-16th as Winter Weather Awareness Week. Winter Weather Awareness Week is intended to encourage people to review the hazards and safety precautions of winter so that they are prepared for the upcoming winter season. The National Weather Service will broadcast winter weather safety information on its NOAA Weather Radio all during the week of November

12, with each day focusing on a different winter weather hazard.

Every year, Kentuckians will experience the disruptions that occur from snow storms, ice storms or severe cold spells. Last year, the state experienced a rather cold start to the winter, December was the coldest on record for many locations. Temperatures warmed and for the rest of the winter near normal temperatures were experienced. For a third year in a row that area recorded below normal amounts of snowfall. Other recent winters serve as reminders of the severe conditions that can affect our

area. In January 1996, a two day storm brought widespread one to two feet of snow to eastern Kentucky, and in January 1994, a snowstorm blanketed much of the same area with over a foot of snow. The January 1994 storm was followed by record cold, with widespread temperatures of 20 to 30 below zero.

Do not let severe winter catch you off guard. Monitor NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio and television for the latest winter weather watches, warnings and advisories. Be prepared BEFORE a winter storm strikes, and stay safe this coming winter season.



Terry Renner with his friend at the Bittersweet Festival.

The Racing Reporter

A farewell win for Joe

By Gerald Hodges

The Racing Reporter

Joe Nemecek led 196 laps of the NASCAR Winston Cup Pop Secret 400 at North Carolina Speedway on Sunday, and for the second time in his Winston Cup career the victory lane celebration was also a farewell party.

Nemecek had announced he would leave the No. 33 Chevrolet owned by Andy Petree at season's end, a race team that has no sponsor and no driver signed for 2002.

He got the lead from Kenny Wallace on Lap 225 and built his advantage to six seconds behind making a pit stop on Lap 269. He was more than seven-seconds behind leader Kurt Busch when he got back onto the track, but he made the distance up within 30 more laps to regain the lead.

Nemecek said he knew from the run to the first pit stop that Sunday was going to be a good day.

"The car was just so balanced that I could go to the top or the bottom, wherever I wanted to," Nemecek said. "That was the difference.... Early in the runs I couldn't run quite as quick as the other cars, but I was just trying to conserve the tires early. This is a place where if you spend the tires early in a run you pay for it later. Believe me, I've had that lesson taught to me a few times."

Johnny Benson finished third in his No. 10 Valvoline Pontiac.

"It was a pretty good day for us. We're not going to complain with third at all. But, it was pretty hard to compete. The '1' and the '33' were pretty strong all day. We did what we could."

"At the beginning of the race I thought we were a lot better than we were at the end of the race. Once the track got real slick, we just couldn't get a hold of anything, especially with the front of the car. We just pushed and pushed, but we're real happy to finish third."

Dale Jarrett was the fourth-place finisher and represented the highest finishing Ford.

"A good race car is how you go from 31st to fourth and good pit

stops. The guys did a great job in and out all day. We got the car a lot better and had a good car, but we just never could get the track position that we needed. First of all, let's congratulate Joe Nemecek and Andy Petree. As many people know, Andy built the first race car I ever drove, so I'm awfully happy for him and that race team."

Jeff Gordon has now built a 326-point lead over Ricky Rudd and unless the earth opens up and swallow him, he will win his fourth Winston Cup championship.

Finishing order: 1. Joe Nemecek, 2. Kenny Wallace, 3. Johnny Benson, 4. Dale Jarrett, 5. Jerry Nademi, 6. Ward Burton, 7. Tony Stewart, 8. Ricky Rudd, 9. Bobby Labonte, 10.

Matt Kenseth, 11. Sterling Marlin, 12. Ricky Craven, 13. Robert Pressley, 14. Dave Blaney, 15. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 16. Kevin LePage, 17. Bobby Hamilton Jr., 18. Jeff Burton, 19. Ken Schrader, 20. Casey Atwood, 21. Michael Waltrip, 22. Bobby Hamilton, 23. Elliott Sadler, 24. Rusty Wallace, 25. Jeff Gordon, 26. Jimmy Spencer, 27. Kevin Harvick, 28. Terry Labonte, 29. John Andretti, 30. Jason Leffler, 31. Ron Hornaday, 32. Mike Wallace, 33. Dick Trickle, 34. Mark Martin, 35. Brent Bodine, 36. Stacy Compton, 37. Bobby Gordon, 38. Buckshot Jones, 39. Kurt Busch, 40. Bill Elliott, 41. Todd Bodine, 42. Carl Long, 43. Kyle Petty.

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