

"Lady Rockets"

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by only one point.

The Lady Rockets defeated Larue County, Butler County and Louisville Mercy. All wins were by double digits.

In the Lady Rockets opening round game, they defeated Larue 69-46.

The game was never in doubt from the start as the Lady Rockets led 18-4 at the end of the first period and by 26 at halftime.

The Lady Rockets were up 30 at the end of the third period and let up on their opponent in the fourth, scoring only seven points for the final margin.

Tara Rowe had 18, Johanna Abney, 16, Lauren Clontz, 12, Ashley Mink, eight, Ashley Lunsford, six, Heather Hammond, five, Katie Parsons, two and Ashley Mize, two.

Mink led the team in rebounding with six. Rowe had six steals and six assists.

Lady Rockets 47 West Carter 48

The Lady Rockets took the sixth ranked team in the state down to the wire, but in the end couldn't finish the deed, as they missed two shots in the final seconds that could have given them their biggest win of the early season.

The Lady Rockets had taken a lead with four minutes to go and poor free throw shooting by West Carter gave them the opportunity to win.

The game was tied at ten at the end of the first period, but West Carter led by seven at the half.

West Carter still had a seven point lead going into the fourth period, but the Lady Rockets kept their composure and eventually got the lead, only to lose by one.

Abney had 16, Mink, ten, Rowe, nine, Hammond, eight and Hayes, four.

Hammond led the team in rebounding with seven. Hayes and Rowe got six each. Hayes also had four steals.

One factor for the Lady Rockets that helped them almost upset West

Carter was the fact they had only 11 turnovers.

Lady Rockets 51 Butler Co. 39

The Lady Rockets won their third game of the tournament over Butler County by 12 points, but it wasn't easy.

The Lady Rockets were behind by two at the end of the first period and by one at half-time.

However a 16-7 run in the third quarter proved too much for Butler as the Lady Rockets added four more to their lead in the fourth period for the final margin.

Abney had 15, Clontz, 12, Rowe and Hammond, six each, Hayes, Mink and Parsons all had four points.

The Lady Rockets made ten of 13 free throw attempts in the final period.

Rowe led the team in rebounding with eight, Hayes had four assists and Rowe had three steals.

Lady Rockets 65 Lou. Mercy 54

In the final game of the Prime Time Classic the Lady Rockets defeated Louisville Mercy 65-54.

The Lady Rockets managed to hold onto a fairly decent lead throughout the contest, but Mercy was like a stray dog, they just kept hanging around.

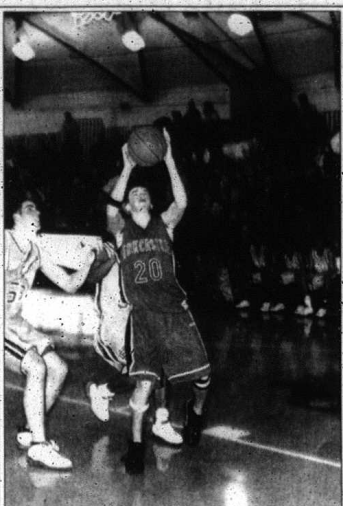
The Lady Rockets led by five at the end of the first period and 11 at halftime. Mercy cut the lead to seven at the end of the third period, but the Lady Rockets outscored them by four in the fourth period for the final eleven point margin of victory.

Rowe led the way in scoring with 22, Clontz had 12 again, as did Hammond. Abney had nine, Hayes, six, Mink and Parsons had two each.

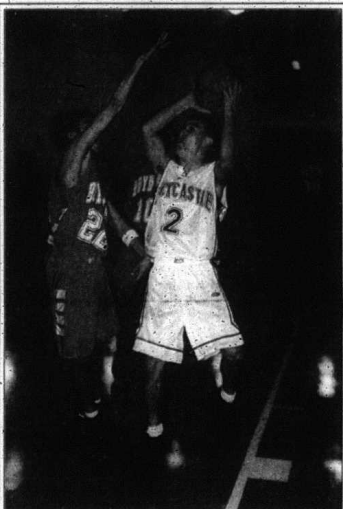
Hammond had ten rebounds and two blocks, while Abney and Rowe each had six assists.

Abney was named to the Prime Time Classic All-Tournament team. Abney averaged 14 points for the tournament.

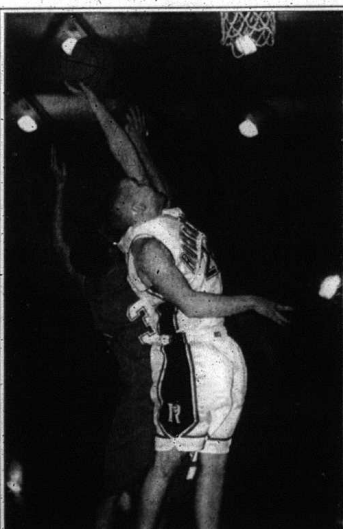
The Lady Rockets and the Rockets will play Clay County on Friday night in a district showdown at the ROCK. Game time is 6 p.m.



Jason Reynolds puts up a shot against Henry Clay on Sunday night. The Rockets lost for the first time this season, but finished third in the tournament, winning three of four games. The Rockets defeated Boyd County, East Jessamine and Cawood. Reynolds had seven points in the Henry Clay game. A special basketball section will appear in next week's Signal.



Devin Taylor goes for two against Boyd County in the Beres Invitational. Taylor had three points in the 71-41 beating of Boyd. The Rockets will host Clay County on Friday night in a double header with the girls. The Rockets, who are currently ranked first in the 13th region, are seven and one on the season.



Chris Settles fights for a rebound against Boyd County. Settles had ten points in the opening round win. Settles scored 20 points on Monday night against Cawood in the Rockets 74-45 win. The Rockets are 7-1.

"Rockets"

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Clay a little bit tight and a whole lot cold from the field.

The combination of the two, along with the quickness and size of the Devils, proved too much for the Rockets as they fell behind early and were never really in the game after the first quarter.

The Rockets battled hard, but it was no doubt their worst performance of the season and it came against one of the better teams in the state.

After dismantling the Rockets, Henry Clay lost to Bates Creek in double over-time by one point in the championship game on Monday night.

Austin Miller led the scoring with 17, Aaron Cash had 15, Aaron Anderkin and Jason Reynolds each had 7, Devin Taylor, 4, Blake Roberts, 3 and Derrick Hurst. Anderkin led the team in rebounding with 5.

As a team the Rockets shot only 40 percent from the field and 60 percent from the foul line. The ROCK also committed 26 turnovers.

Rock 74 Cawood 45

The Rockets claimed the third place trophy in the Beres Journey for the second year in a row Monday night with a 29 point win over Cawood.

The Rockets led by only one at the end of the first period and by just seven at half-time but they used a 24 point third quarter to put the Trojans away.

Chris Settles led the Rockets to victory with a season high 20 points to go along with three assists and three rebounds.

Aaron Cash had 15 points, four steals and three assists. For the tournament Cash averaged nearly 18 points per game to lead the Rockets.

Austin Miller had 14 points, Aaron Anderkin had 13 points and seven

rebounds. Jason Reynolds had nine rebounds and four points and Devin Taylor had eight points.

Anderkin had hit 21 free throws in a row and missed only one all season long until Sunday night when he broke his string. He missed two more Monday night.

The Rockets are now 7-1 on the season and currently ranked number one in the 13th region.

The Rockets will try to take another step forward in defense of their crown from a year ago when they lost the Clay County Tigers in a district game Friday night.

The Lady Rockets, who are sporting an excellent 10-2 mark after coming off a tournament championship in Somerset, will also host Clay County in the first game, beginning at 6 p.m.

Rock 74 Knox Central 71

Aaron Cash and Aaron Anderkin each hit a pair of free throws with less than a minute to go on the clock to push the Rockets past Knox Central in a game played in Barbourville on December 20th.

The Rockets found themselves behind by one point with just over a minute left to play, but managed to pull out their fifth straight win of the year, before they headed into the Beres journey the next Friday.

The Rockets led by only two points at the end of the first quarter, by three points at the half and by seven at the end of the third period, before the Panthers narrowed and eventually took the lead.

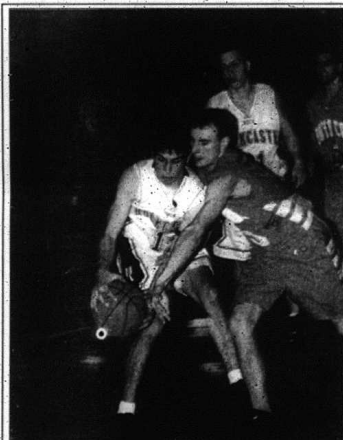
Aaron Cash had 24 points and seven assists.

Jason Reynolds had 19 points and six rebounds.

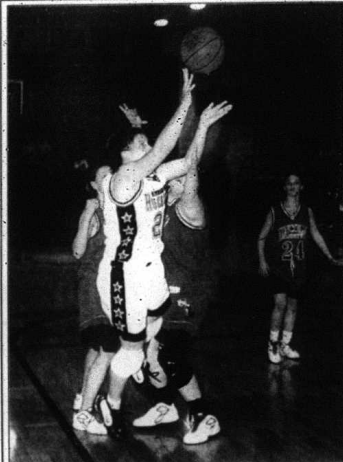
Aaron Anderkin had 12 points and three steals, while Austin Miller also had 12 points and three assists.

Chris Settles had three, Devin Taylor, 2 and Elijah Lunsford, 2.

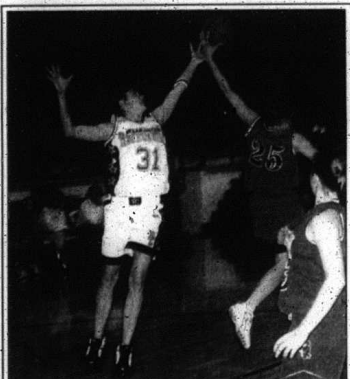
The Rockets shot 49 percent from the field and 82 percent from the foul line.



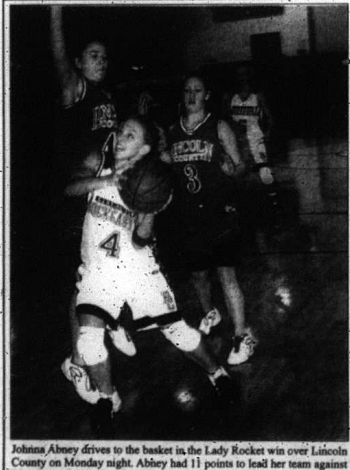
Austin Miller fights for a loose ball in the Rocket win over Boyd County Friday in the Beres Invitational. The Rockets defeated Boyd County, East Jessamine and Cawood to finish third in the tournament. Their only loss was to Henry Clay on Sunday night. Bates Creek defeated Henry Clay in the Championship game by one point in double overtime.



Lauren Clontz scores two against Lincoln County on Monday night in the Lady Rocket 46-33 win. Clontz and the Lady Rockets won four straight games in the Somerset Invitational to capture the title.



Header Hammond fights for a loose ball in the Lady Rocket win over Lincoln County on Friday night in Somerset. The Lady Rockets would go on to win the tournament with wins over Lincoln, Warren Central, Somerset and South Laurel. Hammond had two points in the championship game against South Laurel, but she also had eight rebounds and four steals.



Johanna Abney drives to the basket in the Lady Rocket win over Lincoln County on Monday night. Abney had 11 points to lead her team against Lincoln and 20 points Monday night in the two point win over South Laurel. Abney also hit four straight free throws at the end of the game to seal the win for the Lady Rockets. The Lady Rockets are now 10-2 on the season and will host Clay County on Friday night. A special basketball section will appear in next week's Signal.