

Lose to Breathitt 80-66

Rockets down Clay Co. 84-66

The Rockcastle Rockets boys basketball team had little trouble with arch rival and district foe Clay County last Friday night, winning big 84-66.

The Rockets and Tigers played close the first quarter with the Rockets coming out on top 20-19. At the

half, the Rockets had a 43 to 37 lead. However, in the second half, the Rockets came through big, taking the two quarters 41-29 for the final margin.

In the game, sophomore Aaron Cash led the scoring with 25 points. Aaron Anderkin was next with 17;

Austin Miller came through with 15; Jason Reynolds got 12; Chris Settles 10 and Devin Taylor 5. Cash led in assists with 4; Anderkin got 3; Reynolds 2 and Settles and Miller 1 each. Cash and Anderkin tied for the most steals with 5 each and Miller and Reynolds had 2.

The team was 21 for 31 from the free throw line with Anderkin going 6 for 7 from the charity stripe and Cash 6 for 9. Settles got 3 out of 4; Reynolds was 3 for 5 and Miller was perfect at 2 for 2.

However, Tuesday night at Breathitt, in the opening round of the WYMTV Mountain Classic, the Rockets couldn't get it together, losing to unbeaten 2-A powerhouse Breathitt County 80-66.

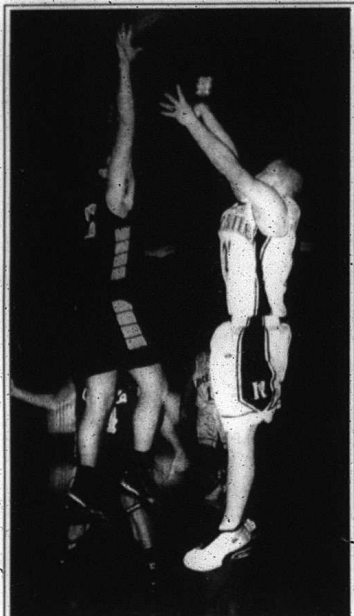
The Rockets jumped out to an

early 7-2 lead but the Bobcats came right back to take a 41-30 half-time lead. The Rockets, after getting down 20 points in the third quarter, managed to close the gap to within 4 points at one time but the Bobcats, who shot the lights out all night, held on the final 14 point win.

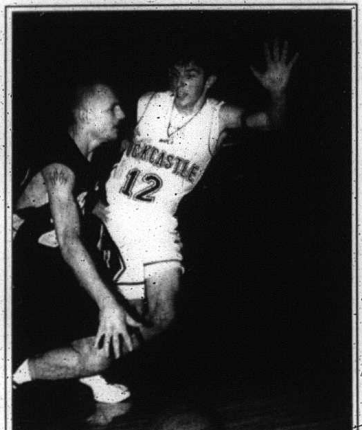
Cash led the scoring for his team with 22 points, Miller had 16; Settles 10 and Anderkin (who had to leave the game in the first quarter because of badly bruised ribs) along with Blake Roberts and Derreck Hunt all had 5 points each. Taylor finished the scoring for the Rockets with 3 points.

The Rockets are ranked first in the 13th Region in most polls with Corbin second.

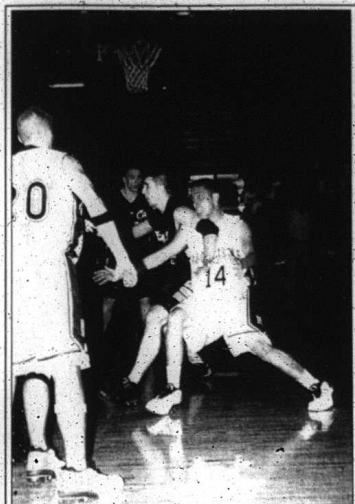
The Rockets will meet South Floyd in the losers bracket Thursday night at 6:30.



Senior Chris Settles shoots and hits a three pointer in Friday night's 84-66 win over Clay County. The Rockets are 8-1 on the season and undefeated in the district with wins over Jackson County, Onida and Clay County. Settles had 10 points in the contest. (See special section in this week's Signal).



Senior Austin Miller applies pressure on Clay's Angelo Smith on Friday night. The Rockets won 84-66. Miller had 15 points. The Rockets played undefeated Breathitt County in the Mountain Classic in Hazard on Tuesday night.



Senior Aaron Anderkin fights for position and the ball against Clay County on Friday night. Anderkin had 17 points, five rebounds and five steals in the 84-66 win. The Rockets were ranked number one in the 13th region in Monday's Lexington Herald-Leader poll. They are 8-1 on the season and played in the Mountain Basketball Classic on Tuesday night.

Blow 13 point 4th quarter lead

Lady Rockets lose in OT 55-53

Blowing a 13 point lead at the first of the fourth quarter, the Lady Rockets lost to district rival Clay County for the 15th time in their last 16 meetings, last Friday night in overtime 55-53 at a game played at the ROCK.

The Rockets owned the game through three quarters, leading 36-23 at the end of the third period. But, the Rockets missed the front end of three one and one opportunities and poor ball handling gave the Tigers their opening and they took it, tying the game at 46 all to force an overtime.

It was a close overtime but a turnover by the Rockets in the closing

seconds, with the score tied at 53 all, gave the Tigers point guard the ball and she wove her way through the Rocket defenders to put in the winning basket.

Johanna Ahley led the scoring for the Rockets with 12 points; Ashley Mink and Tara Rowe each had 10; Heather Hammond, who fouled out midway through the fourth quarter got 9 points; Katie Parsons had 8 and Lauren Clontz 4.

Hammond led in rebounding with 11 and Mink was next with 10. Rowe was credited with the most assists, 6 and Ahney came up with the most steals 4, followed by Jessie Hayes

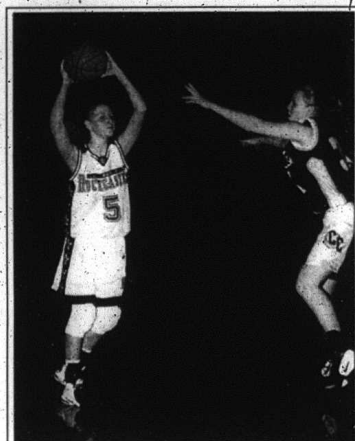
with 3.

Part of the Rockets problem in the game stemmed from their troubles at the foul line, shooting only 50% (8 of 16).

The Rockets are now 10 and 3 on

the season and will play at Corbin Thursday night. Monday night, they will host Madison Central.

The Lady Rockets are ranked second in the 13th region and 24th in the state.



Senior Jessie Hayes looks for an open Lady Rocket during the Clay County game on Friday night. The Lady Rockets blew a 13 point fourth quarter lead and lost in overtime 55-53.

Girls Freshmen & JV roundup

Freshmen

RCHS 32 - S. Laurel 21
Jessi Asher 14; Sarah Rowe 7; Heather Hopkins and Mary Saylor 4 each and Lara Cash 3.

RCHS 40 - Lex. Cath. 43
Ashley Lunsford 12; Rowe 8; Asher 7; Ashley Kimbrell 4 and Saylor 2.

RCHS 26 - Jackson Co. 14
Heather Hopkins 10; Asher and cash 6 each; Rowe and Ainsley Bussell 2 each.

RCHS 45 - Harlan 19
Saylor 10; Asher 7; Hopkins 6; Jessica Robinson and Cash 5 each; Jessica Barnes and Tonya Lunsford 3 each.

RCHS 34 - Somerset 22
Rowe 15; Cash 8; Hopkins 5; Asher 4 and Robinson 2.

JV

RCHS 40 - Knox Central 28
Ashley Kimbrell 13; Sarah Parsons 10; Ashley Lunsford 5; Rachel Stocker 3; Holly Ann Colson, Jessie Asher, Jessica Robinson, and Sarah Rowe, 2 each and Ainsley Bussell 1.

RCHS 29 - Somerset 30
Kimbrell 10; Stocker and Colson, 6 each; A. Lunsford 5; Parsons and Hopkins 4 each and Lara Cash and Asher, 2 each.

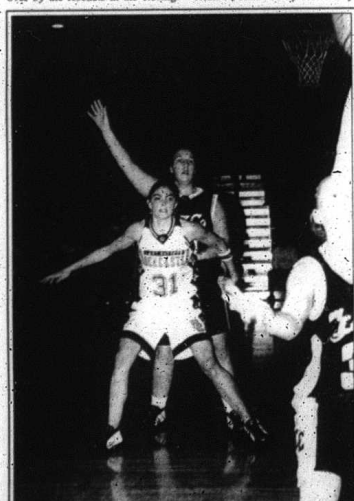
RCHS 32
Lexington Christian 40
Rowe 9; Kimbrell and Stocker, 8 each; Colson 4 and A. Lunsford 3.

RCHS 24 - Harlan 13
A. Lunsford 7; Kimbrell 6; Asher 3; Colson, Stocker, Allie Mink and Rachel Killen, 2 each.

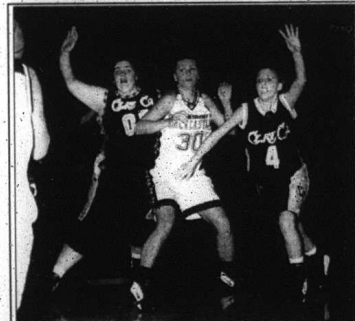
RCHS 29 - Jackson Co. 20
Kimbrell 13; A. Lunsford 5; Mink and Colson 4 each; Leigh Ann Caldwell and Asher 1 each.

RCHS 33 - Lex. Cath. 58
Colson, Stocker and Kimbrell 6 each; A. Lunsford and Mink 5 each; Asher 3 and Bussell 2.

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Sophomore Heather Hammond has 9 points and 11 rebounds in the Lady Rockets loss to Clay County on Friday night. The Lady Rockets are 10-3 on the season and will play at Corbin on Thursday night. Two of the Lady Rockets three losses have come in district play against Clay and Jackson Co.



Senior Ashley Mink fights for position in the Lady Rocket loss to Clay County on Friday night. Mink had 10 points and 10 rebounds. The Lady Rockets were ranked 24th in the state on Monday and second in the 13th region behind Jackson Co., who is ranked 6th in the state.

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