

Girls are 21-4, ranked 11th in state, 1st in 13th

The Lady Rockets are having their best season of Coach Cheryl Noble's career, winning 21 games against only 4 losses. The girls are ranked first in the 13th region and 11th in the AP poll. They will take on Clay in the first round of the district tournament which will be held at The Rock.

The girls reign supreme over Laurel County, easily downing North Laurel last Friday night 81-53 and hanging on to beat South Laurel Monday night 61-56.

After the boys lost to North Laurel on Friday night by one point, the girls extracted some measure of revenge, jumping on the Lady Jaguars early and building a 66-31 three-quarter lead which allowed Coach Noble to clear her bench. Eleven Rockets got in the scoring column with Johnna Abney leading with 16 points. Tara Rowe and Jessie Hayes each scored 12; Heather Hammond and Ashley got 8 each; Katie Parsons 7; Brianna Russell and Lauren C. Iontz 4 each and Rachel Stocker 1.

Hammond, Mink, Russell and Parsons all pulled down four re-

bounds each; Abney was credited with 5 steals and 8 assists; Hammond was 4 and 2 and Rowe 2 and 4.

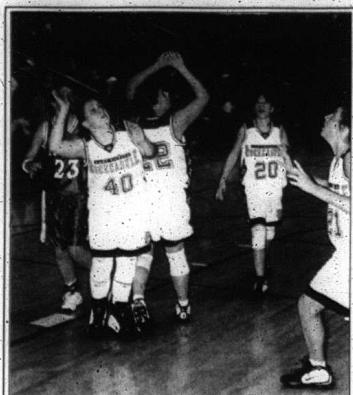
The Rockets shot 50% from three point range (6 for 12), 54% for two point baskets (33 for 61) and were 9 for 14 from the free throw line.

At South Laurel Monday night, the Lady Cardinals gave the Rockets a little more competition. The score was tied 13 at the end of the first quarter; the Rockets were ahead 26-22 at the half, by one at the end of the third period 42-41 and pulled out the win 61-56.

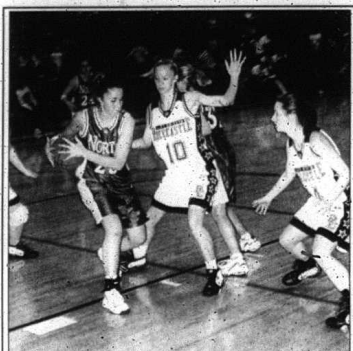
Abney again led the scoring with 25 points; Rowe was close behind with 21; Mink got 8, Hayes 5 and Hammond 2.

Rowe led in steals with 5 and added 4 assists; Abney was credited with 5 assists and 1 steal. Mink led her team in rebounding with a total of 9; Abney and Rowe got 5 each; Hammond had 4 and Hayes 3. The Rockets were also 13 for 15 from the charity stripe.

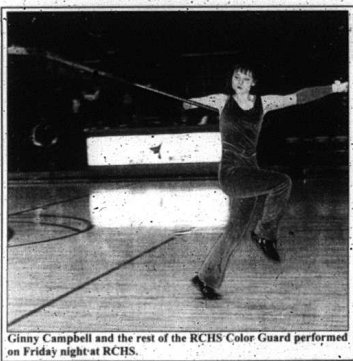
The girls next contest will be at Estill County Thursday night and their game against Middlesboro, next Tuesday night, will be senior night.



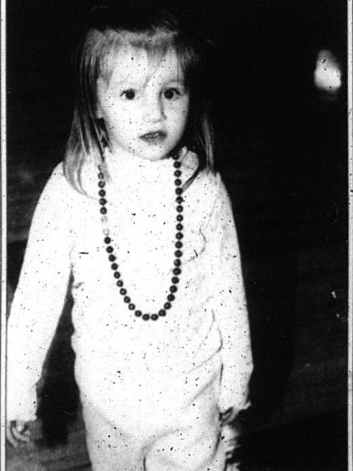
Brianna Russell, Lauren Clontz, Ashley Lunsford and Katie Parsons along with the rest of the Lady Rockets are having a stellar year. The Lady Rockets have 21 wins against only four losses. They play at Estill County on Thursday and will host Middlesboro on Tuesday night, which will be senior night for the Lady Rockets.



Sarah Parsons and Holly Ann Colson apply pressure to a North Laurel player in the easy win on Friday night.



Ginny Campbell and the rest of the RCHS Color Guard performed on Friday night at RCHS.



2-year-old Katlen Holt was one of the many fans to attend homecoming at RCHS on Friday. The boys lost in the final seconds 69-68. The girls won easily and are ranked 11th in the state and the boys are ranked 16th in the state in the Associated Press poll. Both teams are ranked first in the 13th region.

Boys lose in final seconds to Jags Beat Barboursville Tuesday

The Rockets took on the 17th ranked (AP Poll) North Laurel Jaguars last Friday night and it was a thriller with the Rockets coming out on the short end of the score 69-68.

North Laurel took the lead at the first of the game 2-0 but it was the last time they would see the lead in the first half as the Rockets went on a scoring spree, which included seven three point baskets, and a 37-27 half time edge.

However, the Jaguars came out in the second half just as hot as the Rockets were in the first half. After a basket by Aaron Cash to begin the third quarter, the Jaguars scored 12 straight points to tie the score at 39 all. The score was tied seven times in the second half but it was 68-67, with 47 seconds left in the game when the Rockets were handed a five second call, giving the ball back to the Jaguars. North Laurel missed the front end of a one and one and Cash was fouled with 14 ticks left on the clock. Cash, who had hit eight straight free throws in the game, missed both shots, the Jaguars came away with the rebound and hit the shot to put them up 69-68. The Rockets had one more chance with 4.1 left on the clock but were unable to convert, picking up their fourth loss of the season.

Cash, who was honored before the game for scoring 1,000 points in his career earlier in the season, led the scoring for his team with 24 points; Austin Miller and Aaron Anderkin each had 14; Chris Settles and Jason Reynolds scored 6 each and Blake Roberts had 4.

Cash and Anderkin had 5 rebounds each; Settles, Miller and Roberts, 4 each and Reynolds 3; Anderkin led in assists with 5; Settles had 4 and 1 steal; Reynolds got 3 assists and 2

steals; Cash was 2 and 2 and Miller stole the ball twice. The Rockets were 13 for 15 from the free throw line.

The Rockets will next be in action at home against Lincoln County for senior night and will travel to McCreary County the next Friday night for the last regular season of the game before district play begins Monday, March 3 at RCHS.

The Rockcastle County Rockets took their show on the road again Tuesday night and came away with a ten point win over Barboursville.

The Rockets are now 17-4 and ranked number one in the 13th region.

The Rockets put up 52 points in the first half, but did not score a point in the third period for over six minutes, allowing Barboursville back in the game.

"We played well the first half, although I thought our defense could have been better, especially while we were in the press," said head coach Clayton Cash.

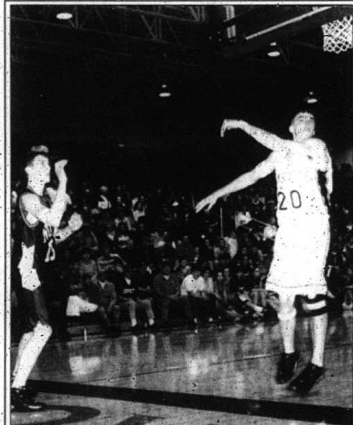
Barboursville managed only 26 points in the first two periods, but that wasn't the case in the second half as Barboursville closed the margin to ten, for the final 80-70 score.

Aaron Cash had another great night, scoring 38 points and going 13 for 14 from the free throw line.

Chris Settles had 10, Jason Reynolds, 10, Devin Taylor, 9, Aaron Anderkin, 7, Austin Miller, 6 and Blake Roberts, 2. Settles also had a game high 6 steals.

The Rockets, who are defending 13th region champs, will take the floor again on Friday night when they will host Lincoln County. It will be senior night for the Rockets.

The Lady Rockets will host Middlesboro on Tuesday night, which will be senior night for them.



Rockets Jason Reynolds bats away the ball in Friday night's loss to North Laurel. Reynolds and the Rockets will play Oneida in the first round of the district tournament, which will begin on March 3rd.



Chris Settles goes hard to the basket on Friday night. The Rockets lost 69-68 to the 17th ranked Jaguars. Settles had six points in the contest. The Rockets are ranked 16th in the state. The Rockets played at Barboursville on Tuesday night and will host Lincoln County on Friday night, which is senior night for the boys.

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