

# Girls ROCK and Roll over Clay

Headed to 49th District Final

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Take the monkey off the back of the Rockcastle County High School Lady Rockets.

They are headed to the region for the first time in four years and they have a chance to go to the state tournament for the second time in Head Coach Chrystis Noble's era.

Possibly the best girl's basketball team to ever play at the ROCK, the girls jumped through a major "hump" on Tuesday night as they defeated

Clay County 59-45 for their 24th win of the season against city five-lossers.

Cochs Noble was all smiles after the game on Tuesday night, after her team led wire to wire and opening up the game in the fourth period.

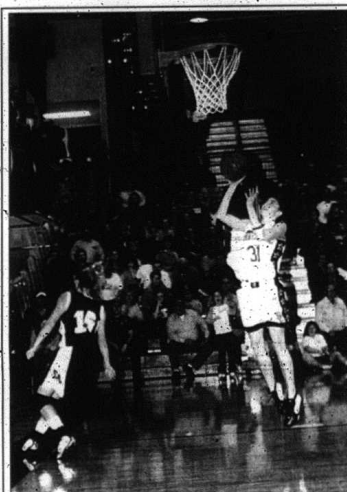
"I told our team that we had beaten Louisville Mercy, one of the best teams in the state, so who is Clay County," the coach said.

Cochs Noble, who is in her 13th season at the ROCK, said her team

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Senior Jason Reynolds puts in two of his 23 points against Oneida Monday night. Reynolds and the rest of the Rockets blew open the game in the fourth period outscoring Oneida 17-2.



Sophomore Heather Hammond had a double, double in Tuesday's night win over Clay County. The Lady Rockets will play Jackson County in the finals on Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. Hammond had 15 points and 11 rebounds.



Shown above is Dance Team member Michelle Rowe with her parents, Sheila and James Rowe.



Shown above is Lady Rocket Bryanna Bussell with her parents Becky Bussell and Bryan Bussell and her nephew Jacob.

Beat Mountaineers Monday, 64-46

# Rockets to play for district title

For three quarters Monday night, the Rockets' advancement to the final of the 49th District Tournament seemed in question. However, a strong fourth quarter that saw the Oneida Baptist Mountaineers fade, gave the Rockets the 64-46 win.

As Chris Settles did against McCreary Central last Friday night, senior Jason Reynolds put the Rockets on his back and kept them in the game the first three quarters with his 20 point output.

Settles' contribution to the game was somewhat limited by two quick fouls in the first 50 seconds of the game and his third as second quarter play commenced.

Aaron Cash got the first goal for the Rockets at the 6:30 mark, followed by a three point basket by Austin Miller, but the Rockets found themselves behind 10-5 before Aaron Anderkin, who led the team in rebounds in the game with 9 and three blocked shots, came through with a three point and two point field goal and Cash added another two pointer to cut the first quarter lead to 14-12 for OBI. In the second quarter, Reynolds went to war, scoring the Rockets first basket of the period, a three pointer and then following it with another one to tie the score at 18 all. The Mountaineers had a 23-20 lead when Cash hit two free throw and a two point shot and Reynolds hit two two point baskets and three pointer to put the Rockets up 31-30 at half time. Reynolds scored 13 of his team's 19 second quarter points.

In the third quarter, there were three lead changes. Then, with OBI ahead 44-43, Reynolds got a three point play the old-fashioned way and Settles added a three point shot to give the Rockets a 49-44 third quarter lead.

The fourth quarter belonged to the Rockets as OBI folded, going to the

46 second mark in the game before getting their only goal of the fourth quarter.

Reynolds led his team in scoring with 23; Cash got 22 points; Miller and Anderkin, 9 each and Settles 3. Besides Anderkin's 9 rebounds and 3 blocked shots, he was also credited with 2 assists; Cash got 8 assists, 4 rebounds and a steal;

Reynolds recorded 4 rebounds, 2 blocks and 2 steals; Miller got 2 assists and a steal; Settles had 2 steals; Devin Taylor came off the bench to get 2 rebounds, 2 assists and 3 steals and Blake Roberts was credited with a rebound and an assist.

The Rockets shot 54.55% in the game but came up weak on the free throw line, hitting only 11 of 17 and had 14 turnovers.

This Thursday night, the Rockets will meet Clay for the district championship. In their two previous meetings this season, the Rockets won at home and lost at Clay.

The Rockets have never won the 49th district title.

# Settles sends Rockets past McCreary

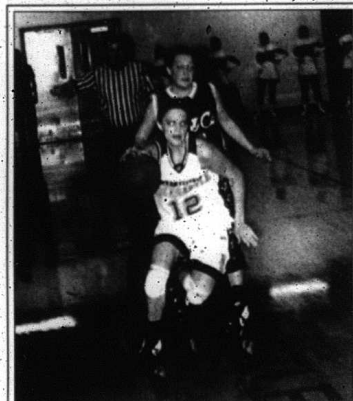
Senior Chris Settles had the major hand in keeping the Rockets from going into district play with a loss, after he scored 23 points on Friday night at McCreary Central.

It was the last regular season game for the Rockets and they eventually won 59-55.

It was their 20th win of the regular season against only four losses.

The Rockets were behind one at the end of first period, but they led

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Sophomore Tara Rowe drives to the goal in the Lady Rocket win over Clay County Tuesday night. The Lady Rockets will play Jackson County Tuesday night. Advance ticket sales are underway at RCHS.



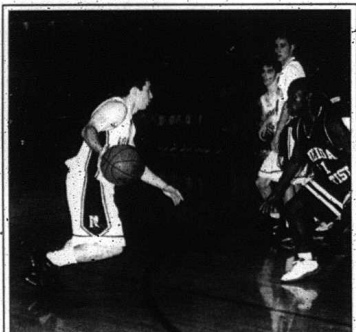
Rockcastle County High School Senior Lady Rocket, cheerleaders and the a dance team member and their parents were honored at the high school on Friday night. Shyana above is cheerleader Brittany Asher and her parents Sherry Asher and Gary Asher.



Shown above is Elizabeth Matekovich with her parents, Joe and Darlene Matekovich.



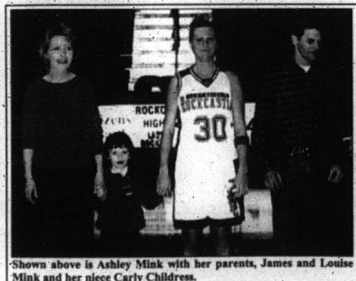
Shown above is Cheerleader Tasha Jasper, daughter of Tyler and Elisha Jasper. She is shown with her Aunt Teress Jasper.



The Rockets leading scorer Aaron Cash goes to the basket in the Rocket's 20 point win against Oneida Monday night. Cash had 22 points. The Rockets play Clay Thursday night at 8 p.m. in the district final. The Rockets have won 21 games this season.



Shown above is Jessie Hayes and her parents Mike and Sheila Hayes.



Shown above is Ashley Mink with her parents, James and Louise Mink and her niece Carly Childress.