

Rockets win fourth district title

The Rockcastle County Rocket baseball team won their fourth straight district title last week with wins over Jackson County and Clay County.

The Rockets defeated Jackson County 11-1 in five innings in the first round and defeated Clay County, 7-3 in the district final.

Junior Adam Hensley was the winning pitcher, after taking over for sophomore Mikah Reams in the third inning. Hensley gave up only two hits in the victory.

Junior catcher Devin Taylor had two hits, one of those a grand slam homer in the fourth inning. He had six RBI for the game.

Sophomore Ben Graves, who

now plays at third base, had three hits and senior Stephen Boreing had two hits, one a double.

In the championship game against Clay County, freshman Colby Brown had an excellent outing going six and a third innings to pick up his second win of the season in varsity baseball.

Senior Aaron Anderkin, who is recovering from a pulled hamstring, picked up the save. Sophomore shortstop Aaron Cash led the Rockets in hitting with three singles on the night. He also scored two runs and stole two bases.

Taylor also had another good outing at the plate with two hits. Sophomore Ricky Sandusky had

two hits, one a double and Boreing also had two hits, one of those was a double and his step-brother sophomore Nick Williams also had two hits, one which was a double.

The Rockets moved on to region play on Monday where they won an extra inning game against Bell County 6-5.

The Rockets were ahead 5-0 going into the fifth. Pitcher Mikah Reams had a no-hitter going, but the Bobcats got five consecutive hits to start the inning and eventually scored five runs to tie the game.

Head coach J.D. Bussell brought Brown in at that point and Brown pitched two innings, allowing the Rockets to keep the score tied in the fifth and sixth innings.

Anderkin pitched the seventh and eighth innings and was the winning pitcher. The Rockets won the game, after Cash walked and Ben Graves drove him in with two outs.

Graves had two RBI on the night. Sophomore second baseman Romy Lee McClure had two hits in the game.

On Tuesday the Rockets defeated Cumberland, 5-2, behind a complete game from Anderkin, who scored five hits in the seven innings, giving up no earned runs.

The Rockets jumped out to an early lead 1-0 in the first.

They added to their lead in the fifth inning scoring two more on hits by senior Austin Miller and by Boreing. Taylor then drove in Williams with a single to right field.

In the top of the seventh the Rockets added two more runs on hits by Cash and McClure. Cash's hit was on a squeeze play that scored Phillip Boreing, who was pinch running for his brother Stephen.

Anderkin finished the seventh giving up no hits and the Rockets are playing in the regional finals tonight (Wednesday). The Rockets are 22-11 and were 17th in the state this week.

The Rockets are playing Corbin in the finals of the 13th region.



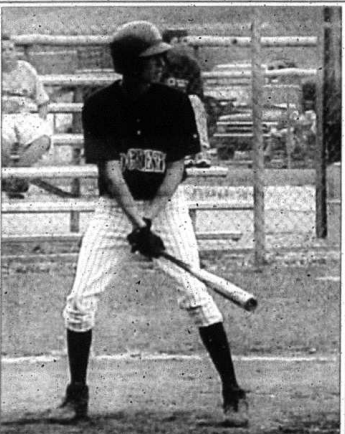
The Rockcastle County Rocket baseball team won their fourth straight district title last week, after wins over Jackson County and Clay County. The Rockets are shown above, front row, from left, Ben Graves, Weston Riddle, Tim Simpson, Matthew Burkhardt, Ricky Sandusky, Mikah Reams and Jarrod Brown. Second row, from left, Aaron Cash, Jeff Todd, Nick Williams, Austin Miller, Devin Bussell, Ronny McClure, Phillip Boreing and Devin Taylor. Back row, from left, assistant coach Chris Bishop, head coach J.D. Bussell, Jacob Penwell, Colby Brown, Adam Hensley, Stephen Boreing, Aaron Anderkin, assistant coach Chris Bishop, assistant coach Dusty McClure and statistician Chad Hensley. The Rockets were scheduled to play in the regional finals on Wednesday night against Corbin.



The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets were district runners-up and advanced to the regional tournament last week, after a hard fought loss to Clay County, 3-2. The Lady Rockets won their first round game against Williamsburg 8-7. The Lady Rockets were scheduled to play Bell County on Wednesday night in the second round. The Lady Rockets are 11-11 on the season. Pictured above in the front row, from left are: Amanda Ballow, Claudia Bruck, Renee Taylor, Jessie Hayes, Treasie Robinson, Elizabeth Searborough, Ashley Dollins and Ainsley Bussell. Back row, from left, head coach Clay Dollins, Melinda Lindsey, Heather Hopkins, Krystal Parsons, Latoya Lamb, Rachel Childress, Cassie Hamilton, Ashley Kimbrell, Jessica Thacker, assistant Suzie Ellison and assistant Mike Hayes.



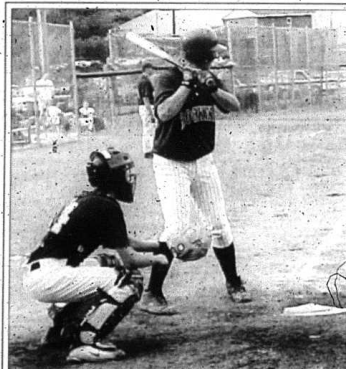
Freshman Colby Brown was the winning pitcher in the district final against Clay County.



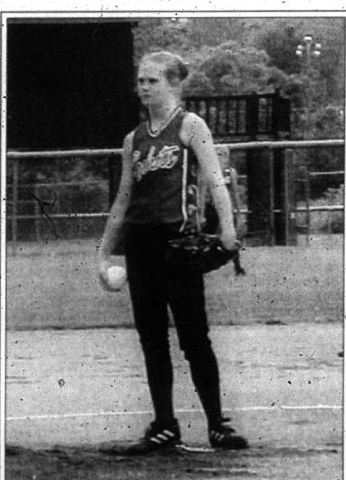
Senior centerfielder Austin Miller is considered one of the best fielders in the 13th region. The Rockets were scheduled to play for another regional title on Wednesday.



Senior Jessica Thacker takes a cut during the Lady Rocket championship game last week. The Lady Rockets lost 3-2 in the finals, but won their first round regional tournament game.



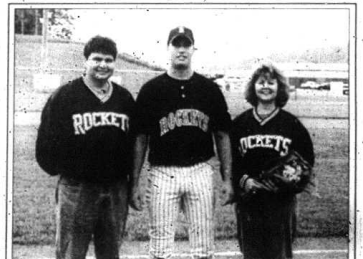
Rocket Ben Graves prepares to take a swing in the Rocket win last week in the district tournament. Graves, who plays third base, has been hitting the ball very well for the Rockets as of late.



Freshman Lady Rocket Renee Taylor was the winning pitcher for the Lady Rockets against Jackson County and dropped a 3-2 decision to Clay County in the finals. Taylor and the rest of the Lady Rockets were scheduled to play Bell County on Wednesday night, in the second round of the region.



Austin Miller, center, is shown with his parents, James and Dee Ann during ceremonies honoring senior baseball players last Thursday.

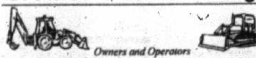


Stephen Boreing, center, is shown with his parents, Bobby and Becky Boreing at last Thursday's Senior Day for baseball. Boreing has signed to play football with Cumberland College.



Aaron Anderkin, center, was one of the three seniors honored at the last Rockets home baseball game. Anderkin, shown with his parents, Rick and Cindy, has signed to play baseball at Eastern Kentucky University.

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