

Third time in four years

Rockets are 13th regional champs

The Rockcastle County Rocket baseball team won their third regional title in four years last Wednesday with a four to nothing win over the Corbin Redhounds.

Before defeating the Redhounds in the finals, the Rockets defeated Bell County and Cumberland.

Freshman Colby Brown limited the Redhounds to three hits.

It was Brown's fourth varsity victory of the year.

The Rockets opened up scoring in the first inning on a right-centerfield single by designated hitter Aaron Andersen that scored Devin Taylor and Rommy McClure. It was

his first at-bat in two weeks after suffering from a pulled hamstring.

It would be three innings later when the Rockets would add to their two run lead rounding out the scoring for the day.

Brown put an exclamation point on the Rockets' third regional championship in four years by striking out the side in the seventh and slamming the door on the Redhounds.

"When a team executes and plays fundamentally sound baseball like we did for three games, they are going to reap the benefits," third year head coach J.D. Bussell said.

"I'm really proud of our guys but we now have to prepare for Hazard and take the state tournament one game at a time," he added.

Rockets Aaron Andersen, Devin Taylor, Rommy McClure and Colby Brown were named to the all-region team. The Rockets will play in a 3 game series with 14th region champion Hazard. The series will be played at Corbin High School and the first game will open up Thursday at 7:30.

The Rockets have already defeated Hazard this season at Bell County, 4-0.

Little League Update

Submitted by David Brock
Minor League-A

Rockies 5 - Dodgers 4
Yankees 14 - A's 7

Minor League - B

Rangers 7 - Indians 5
Mariners 4 - Reds 0
Indians 13 - Tigers 0
Mariners 6 - Yankees 3

Major League

Indians 4 - Reds 2
Rangers 4 - Yankees 3
Diamondbacks 9 - Indians 8
Yankees 5 - Reds 1
Reds 8 - Rangers 2
Reds 11 - Rangers 1
Yankees 4 - Diamondbacks 0

Home Runs

MINOR LEAGUE A

Brandon Burdette, Brandon Eyz, Zack Dixon, Cody Lawson, Devin Dismore, Josh McKinney, Michael DeBorde, Lige Graves, Jordan Powell, Damien McDaniel, Bryson Amyx and Corey Johnston, 1 HR each; Kenton Adams, 2 and Tyler Smith, 3.

MINOR LEAGUE B

Will Reynolds, T.J. Bussell, Jacob Bussell, Dylan Crigler, B.B. Cameron, Tyler Hoffman, 1 each; Tommy Shaler and Jon Paul Kidwell, 2 each; Brady McClure, 3 and Sean King and William Milburn, 4 each.

MAJOR LEAGUE

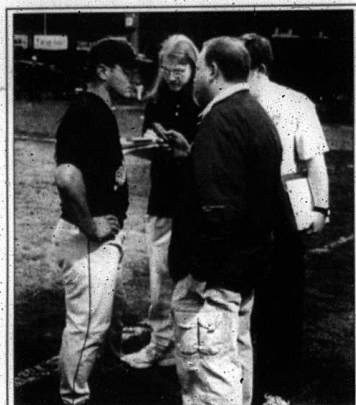
Michel Nicely, J.J. Barnett, Daniel Martin and Cody Mize, 1 each and Tanner Perkins, 6.

Final Standings

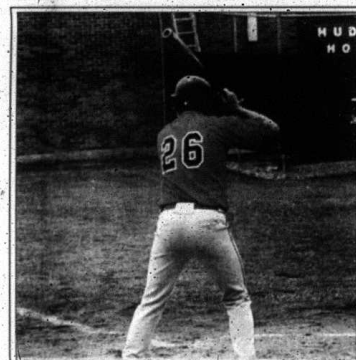
Minor League A	Minor League B
Rockies 11-2	Mariners 13-1
Yankees 8-5	Indians 7-7
A's 5-8	Rangers 8-8
Dodgers 2-11	Reds 5-8
	Tigers 3-10

Major League

Indians 12-3
Yankees 11-3
Diamondbacks 5-9
Reds 5-10
Rangers 4-11



Rocket head coach J.D. Bussell, left, is shown being interviewed after the Rocket win in the regional finals. It was Bussell's second regional title as head-coach for the Rockets in three years.



Senior Rocket Stephen Boring had an RBI in Wednesday night's win over Corbin. The Rockets won the regional title over the Redhounds, 4-0.

Thank You

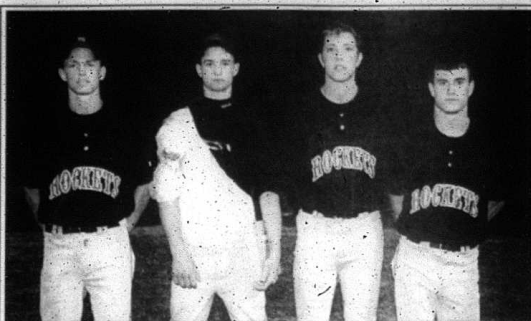
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If we have forgotten anyone, we apologize. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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REWARD OFFERED

\$100 Reward offered to persons with information leading to the arrest and conviction of person or persons involved in a break-in at BRVFD Substation at Quail. On, or around, May 18th, someone broke in and stole a generator belonging to BVFD. Anyone with information, please contact Rockcastle Co. Sheriff's Dept.



Four Rockets made the 13th region team. They are pictured above from left: sophomore second baseman Ronny Lee McClure, freshman pitcher Colby Brown, senior pitcher and designated hitter Aaron Andersen and junior catcher Devin Taylor. The Rockets play at Corbin in the state sectional on Thursday against Hazard. Game time is 7:30.

To coach the 2003 Cedar Rapids Dolphins

Former Dolphin receives academic honors at Western Kentucky University

Andrew Hammond, who swam for Cedar Rapids, for the previous nine years, enjoyed great success in his first year as a member of the Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers swim team.

The team finished the season 15-0 in dual meets, tying the school record and went on to finish third at the National Independent Championships, behind perennial powers Southern Methodist and Hawaii.

Western will be competing in the Missouri Valley Conference next year in men's swimming.

Andrew recently received his varsity letter for the 2002-03 and was honored at a recent Athletic Academic banquet by being named to the Athletic Academic Honor Roll. He was one of two Rockcastle County natives to receive such honors.

The others Cheyenne Carriack, a sophomore from Broadhead who runs Cross Country and Track for the Hilltoppers; Cheyenne, who recently competed in the Sun Belt Conference championships, ran her 800 meter

race in 2:14 minutes. Her efforts helped the Lady Hilltoppers to finish runners-up in the conference. She is a journalism major. Andrew's major is International Relations.

Andrew's best time for the year came at the Miami (Ohio) Invitational where he swam the 100 free in 48.3 seconds and the 50 free in 22.17 seconds. Having dropped over a second from his 100 free and nearly 4 from his 50 free, he will not finish his way to a great career at WKU. Coach Bill Powell, who is three years shy of being the second-winningest coach in NCAA history, commented that Andrew had dropped more time quicker than any swimmer he has coached.

Andrew will attempt to parlay some of the training and techniques he's learned into coaching this year's Cedar Rapids Dolphin swim team. Practice for the Dolphins began this week. The Dolphins swim in the Lake Cumberland Swim Association. The schedule for this summer for the Dolphins, includes:

Infasquad meet @ Cedar Rapids, TBA.

Cedar Rapids @ Laurel County - Thursday, June 19.

AT Conference Relay Meet @ Knox - Saturday, June 21.

Monicello @ Cedar Rapids - Tuesday, June 24.

Cedar Rapids @ Somerset - Tuesday, July 1.

Lakewood @ Cedar Rapids - Tuesday, July 8.

Russell Springs @ Cedar Rapids - Monday, July 14.

Knox @ Cedar Rapids - Tuesday, July 22.

Cedar Rapids @ Eagles Nest (Somerset) - Saturday, July 26.

ICSA Conference @ Russell Springs - August 2 & 3.

All weekday meets start at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday meets at 10 a.m.

Laurel County meet starts at 5:30 p.m.

Coach Bill Powell of Western will be at Cedar Rapids for a Swim Clinic on June 16 and 17 from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

For information on swimming for the Dolphin, call lessons or the meet call Andrew at 256-2106.

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The Yankees coach-pitch league baseball team (ages 7-8) went undefeated in regular season play with a 14-0 record. The team went into the season as underdogs, parent Diane Walker said, and she attributed their feat to "positive reinforcement" by the coaches. Members of the team are: Kyle Denny, John Robinson, John Wilson, Hunter Robinson, Colton Ledford, Richard Collins, Jordan McClure, Tyler Elam, Charles Bennett Edwards, Tyler Davidson and Will Walker. Coaches are: Jerry Denny, head coach; Chris Robinson, asst. coach; Andy Elam, first base coach; T.C. Oliver, third base coach and Ray McGinnis, dugout assistant.