

Rockets lose to Male in State

The Rockcastle County Rocket baseball team's quest for a state championship came to a screeching halt Thursday in the Elite Eight at Applebee's Park. The Rockets fell to eventual state runner-up Louisville Male 12-2.

In the first three innings it looked as if a pitching duel was in the making as Male junior ace Scott Green and Rocket freshman Colby Brown held their opposition scoreless.

However the fourth inning saw Louisville Male post five runs on the board and force Rockcastle County to play from behind the remainder of the game.

The Rockets then posted one run in the bottom of that inning on a throwing error that allowed Rocket sophomore Ronny Lee McClure to score from third base.

In the top of the fifth, Bull-dog designated hitter Doris Weber took Brown deep to right field for a 2-run home run making it a 7-1 ballgame and virtually putting the Rockets out of contention. Rockcastle County put together three consecutive singles in the bottom of that inning to score one more run but it wasn't enough as the Rockets ended the year with a 12-2 defeat in six innings.

After the game, Coach J. D. Bussell was pleased with his team and their effort in making the tournament and spoke about the standard for winning being raised. "This gives our underclassmen something to build on. This is a big step for our program and I think our success can continue to grow because of this experience."

Coming into the game, the Rockets saw themselves at a dis-

tinct disadvantage as the previous week's horrid weather forced their sectional to be the last one played. This put the Rockets pitching staff on very little rest and even disqualified senior ace Aaron Anderkin for the first game of the state tournament.

Anderkin threw 7 innings in the rubber game of the 3 game series with Hazard on Monday. KHSAA rules state that a pitcher that throws seven innings must then have 3 full days rest. Brown threw 6 innings, which required two days rest, and made for a sore arm in the process.

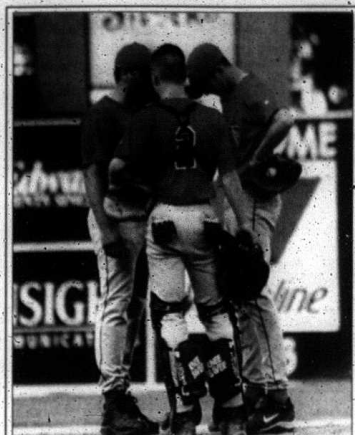
"The pitching situation was very unfortunate. I wish that we could have come into the tournament with a loaded pitching arsenal along with the rest of the teams, but it didn't happen," said Bussell.

The state championship game featured Paul Lawrence Dunbar and the Louisville Male team that defeated Rockcastle County in the first round.

Rockcastle County fell to Dunbar 1-0 in May. At the time, Dunbar was touted as the number one team in the state.

Saturday night's championship game was hyped to be a great pitching match-up at both teams had their aces primed and ready. The match-up featured Dunbar's Wake Forest signee Josh Ellis and promising prospect Scott Green from Male. Most of the game's scoring would happen right away as Male committed three errors in the top of the 1st and allowed Dunbar to score 2 unearned runs.

Although they got 8 hits off of Ellis, Male never could put them together as Dunbar went on to capture his first ever state title 3-1.



Rocket head coach J.D. Bussell visits freshman pitcher Colby Brown in the fourth inning on Thursday. Brown ended the year second on the team in ERA with a 1.91 and four wins.

Reagan plays in State All-Star game

Rockcastle County All-Star running back Marty Reagan became only the third player in Rocket history to take the field and represent his state in the Kentucky-Tennessee All-Star game last Saturday.

Reagan, who holds all single season and career records at Rockcastle County in rushing and all-purpose yardage along with scoring, played tailback and special teams for the Kentucky All-Stars.

For the second consecutive year and the third time in the past four years, Kentucky defeated Tennessee. This year Kentucky took the game 28-14. P. The 2003 game saw a Kentucky passing attack engineered by Mr. Football Michael Bush that completely dismantled the Tennessee defense.

In that high powered offense, Reagan caught one pass for 21 yards and he also got three runs inside the 10 that he made good for 8 yards. However, the noticeable highlight from Reagan occurred on Special Teams. Reagan recovered one fumble and made one tackle good for negative yardage during his duty on punt coverage.

Lexington Herald-Leader writer Mike Fields called Reagan pound for pound, inch for inch the best high school football player in the state of

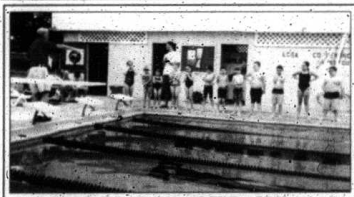
Kentucky. Even making his all-star game appearance sweeter, Rocket Head Coach Larkley was named reigning backs coach for the 2003 game and worked with Reagan the entire week.

Larkley will be the head coach of the All-Star game next year. He was voted to that capacity by the member coaches of the Kentucky High School Football Coaches Association.

Marty is the son of Kelly and Lisa Allen of Mt. Vernon.



Running back Marty Reagan took part in the Kentucky-Tennessee All-Star game last Saturday.



Western Kentucky University head coach Bill Powell held a swim clinic at Cedar Rapids pool last week. Approximately 50 swimmers attended the two-day event.

Finish 3rd at first annual LCSA Relay Meet

Dolphins take a "bite" out of Barracudas

The Cedar Rapids swim team began the 2003 season with a victory over the Laurel County Barracudas last Thursday at Crooked Creek Country Club. Despite having several older swimmers not participating due to other commitments, the Dolphins took 56 first place finishes out of 134 events. The final score was 725-691.

This year's swim team is being coached by two former Dolphin swimmers. Head coach is Andrew Hammond and assistant coach is Tara Burton. Andrew, who just completed his first year swimming for legendary coach Bill Powell at Western Kentucky University, is in his first year of coaching. Tara was an assistant coach on last year's team. She now attends the University of Kentucky. Both were part of Cedar Rapids championship teams in the Lake Cumberland Swim Association in 1994, 1998 and 2000.

On Saturday, June 21st, Cedar Rapids traveled to Barbourville and Union College for the first annual LCSA Relay Meet. Despite having only 26 swimmers available, the Dolphins put on a strong showing for a third place finish. Outstanding performances included the 11-12 year old mixed breast stroke relay which took first place and the 15-18 relay team of Sarah Mullins, Ryan Graham, Allison Anderkin and Cody Alexander which took first place in the mixed medley relay and several second and third place finishes against really great competition.

The Dolphins were home against

Monticello this week, travel to Somerset for a meet on July 1 and are back in action at home against two-time defending LCSA champions Lakewood Marlins on Tuesday, July 8th. The meet time is 6 p.m.

This year's Dolphins are 71 members strong and include:

Ass. Adams, Brittany Adams, Cody Alexander, Allison Anderkin, Megan Anderkin, Ashton Arvin, Sydney Arvin, Callie Asher, Joseph Baker, Rebecca Bairon, Dustin Bishop, Brittany Boring, Kayla Bryant, Ashley Bullock, Courtney Bullock, Kristin Bullock, Thomas Burdette, Lauren Burton, Allison Carter, Katelyn Cash, Adrienne Childress, Bethany Clontz, Brent Clontz, Bryan Clontz, Heather Clontz, Lauren Clontz, Victoria Clontz, Alaina Coguer, Cora

Collingsworth, Katie Cowan, Holly Cromer, Jessica Cummins, Devin Davidson, Drew Davidson, Michael Florence, David Gabbard, Deana Gabbard, Keeley Goff, Ashton Goodere, Lauren Graham, Ryan Graham, Andrew Hill, Jacob Hook, Justin Houk, Morgan Hunt, Shayla Kirby, Jilisa Lay, Ehan Mattingly, Kelsey Mattingly, Ella McQuary, Kyle Mullins, Sarah Mullins, Katie Parsons, Devin Poynter, Dustin Poynter, Vanessa Price, Hillary Proctor, Megan Rader, Crystal Reddington, Emily Reddington, John David Reddington, Emily Road, Hannah Robinson, Joey Robinson, Sarah Runney, Alexis Young, Brandon Young.



Cedar Rapids swimmers David Gabbard and Devin Poynter were excited about this year's team. David finished first in the first race of the 2003 season at Laurel County. Devin and older brother Dustin are two of several new Dolphins.



WKU Coach Bill Powell dropped in on Cedar Rapids practice while in town to conduct a swim clinic. He is with Dolphin coach Andrew Hammond. Hammond swims for Coach Powell at Western Kentucky University.

2003 Rockcastle County Rockets Varsity Baseball

Complete Season Statistics

25 Wins 13 Losses

	BA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	W	WK	K%	K%	RBI	SB	CS	SB%	SAC	AP	OB	OB%	Aa	PO	E	F%	
A. Cash	390	105	44	41	6	8	2	24	18	23	17	23	31	4	89	4	137	82	62	89	33	86		
D. Taylor	388	116	24	45	9	0	3	18	12	2	1	33	16	1	94	4	139	72	53	47	219	3	99	
R. McCune	300	97	12	29	1	0	0	12	9	13	10	15	17	4	81	2	130	61	48	61	60	92		
A. Anderson	290	97	12	29	1	0	0	8	7	13	12	22	6	0	100	1	108	50	47	26	44	3	96	
J. Bussell	288	52	12	15	3	1	1	9	14	8	12	8	4	1	80	3	55	28	45	21	12	4	89	
D. Banducci	279	81	8	17	3	1	0	10	13	24	32	8	5	5	65	4	76	35	49	10	47	5	82	
D. Bussell	257	109	18	28	6	3	0	12	10	30	24	14	11	3	79	3	124	50	41	2	37	0	100	
A. Hensley	250	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	20	2	40	2	0	0	N/A	0	5	60	5	4	1	90		
N. Williams	250	40	9	10	0	0	0	6	13	7	15	3	2	1	57	0	40	19	41	0	7	0	100	
B. Grayne	250	56	3	14	0	0	0	2	3	13	21	13	0	0	N/A	3	62	22	37	23	22	8	85	
W. Riddle	250	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	0	2	0	100	0	4	1	25	0	0	0	N/A	
C. Alexander	222	9	5	2	0	0	0	1	9	4	36	2	3	1	75	0	11	4	35	0	3	3	50	
A. Miller	222	90	21	20	2	1	1	13	12	33	30	6	2	86	4	110	43	41	3	53	2	97		
N. Burthart	190	21	7	4	0	0	0	2	8	5	21	1	0	4	0	0	7	29	19	6	7	79		
S. Boring	189	95	11	18	6	0	0	1	17	15	44	38	11	4	1	80	2	115	45	40	13	203	3	99
M. Reams	100	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	24	1	50	0	2	82	
J. Todd	000	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	0	0	0	N/A	0	4	1	25	0	1	50	
C. Brown	000	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	3	30	0	0	0	N/A	0	10	2	20	19	6	3	89
P. Boring	000	8	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	33	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	6	1	17	0	0	85
J. Brown	000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	N/A	0	1	0	0	1	1	50	
Totals	284	995	210	283	41	13	8	134	11	229	19	181	119	28	80	30	1179	527	46	346	779	80	83	

	W	L	S	SV	#Bat	IP	R	ER	ERA	H	HP	K	K%	BB	HP	WP	BP	FP	CP	K%
M. Burthart	0	0	0	0	6	2.0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R. McCune	0	0	0	0	4	1.0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A. Anderkin	7	3	1	289	73.0	18	10	9.6	44	15	79	27	15	7	8	993	347	945	85	85
C. Brown	4	2	1	203	47.7	17	13	19.1	36	18	48	24	20	3	11	724	281	443	51	81
D. Taylor	2	0	0	74	18.3	8	8	25.7	19	22	18	24	4	4	11	256	89	158	62	55
S. Boring	4	2	0	134	29.0	19	14	3.38	26	19	28	19	17	2	14	514	232	282	55	55
M. Reams	4	2	1	207	45.0	29	25	2.89	36	17	49	24	24	11	17	764	309	455	90	90
J. Bussell	1	3	0	78	18.0	12	10	4.38	12	8	9	12	15	2	22	129	133	97	92	92
A. Hensley	3	1	0	143	29.7	22	20	4.72	34	24	21	15	14	6	14	484	184	300	62	62

ERA computed assuming 7 innings per game

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