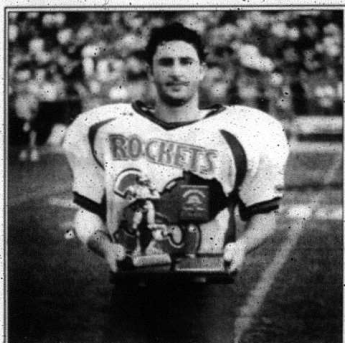
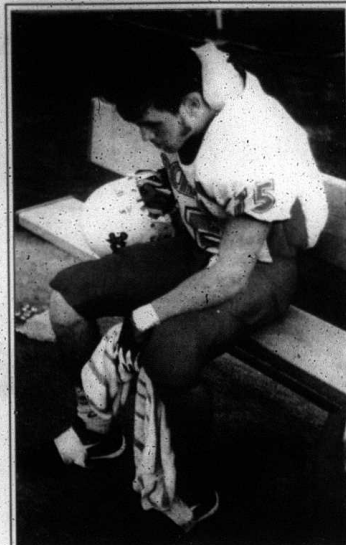




Rockcastle County High School head football coach Tom Larkey talks with sophomore quarterback Matthew Burkhardt during Saturday's action in Corbin. Burkhardt rushed 63 yards and threw two complete passes for 48 yards. The Rockets won 21-8 over LaRue County. The play at home on Friday night.



RCHS running back Max Saylor was named Most Valuable Player for the Rockets in the Piskin Classic Saturday.



Junior Derreck Hurst takes a breather during Saturday's game at Corbin. The Rockets won 21-8 over LaRue County and will play South Laurel this week in their home opener.

Support Group (Cont. From Front)

happened.

Most, but not all, home schooled students are in grade or middle school.

Most students leave home school and go to high school in either a public school or private school, according to Mrs. Brown.

Students are required to pass an entrance exam for placement when they return to public school and most of them do very well, Mrs. Brown said.

For more information about the home school support group call (606) 256-0108.

Xanax (Cont. From Front)

Adams said in his arrest warrant that he had received information earlier this year about Mink selling Xanax from his home and that on Tuesday he received a call from Reading Ohio, about Mink's son Rocky, who had overdosed on Xanax the day before.

Rocky Mink had been in his dad's home at Sand Springs on Monday.

Adams said Mink told him he had been selling Xanax for about seven months.

Mink is due in court on October 27th.

Cemetery Notices

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Please send donations for the upkeep of the Pine Hill Cemetery to:
Lorene Ponder, 314 Jessica Circle,
Richmond, Ky. 40475.

Ticket info for football games

Ticket sales for each regular season home game will begin at 5:30 game day. Fans are asked to delay coming to the stadium until that time. Anyone inside at 5:30 will be asked to leave and purchase a ticket before re-entering. Tickets sales will take place at the main gate, closest to the visitor's locker room. All fans are encouraged to remain in the stadium once a ticket is purchased. Exiting the stadium early could require one to have to purchase another ticket before re-entering.

During the game, fans are not permitted on or inside the track area. Only coaches, players, media and support staff are allowed on the sidelines during the games. This is a mandate from KHSAA and the high school has been asked to honor it.

Parents are asked to inform their children that footballs are not allowed to be brought into the stadium by the fans. Children attempting to bring footballs, or any other undesirable object into the stadium, will be required to leave the ball or object outside the stadium during the game. The primary focus of the crowd should be on the game and the athletes on the field.

As with any school-sponsored event, and any event on school grounds, alcohol products are prohibited at all times. Anyone in violation of this law and anyone acting in an unruly manner will be required to leave the premises, possibly in the custody of local law enforcement officers.

After a false start penalty, Saylor rushed for his second touchdown of the day with this one coming from seven yards out for the final score of the day. Taylor's extra point attempt was good.

The Hawks looked like they could put more points on the board when they went to the air to move the ball. An acrobatic catch by a LaRue County receiver that was well defended by the Rockets gained 25 yards.

A converted third down pass play went for sixteen yards. Following an incomplete pass, consecutive quarterback sacks by Croucher and senior lineman Nick Thomas brought up a fourth and 21 for the Hawks.

The Hawks then set up in punt formation for a fake punt. It was attempted. The pass was completed but the Hawk receiver was stopped three yards short of the first down marker.

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Rocket Football (Cont. From Front)

and Croucher. The gains were of 35 and 17 respectively.

Following the kickoff that pinned the Hawks deep in their own territory, the Rocket defense came up with a couple of huge plays that was capped off by junior Ricky Sandusky sacking the quarterback in the endzone giving the Rockets an early 5-0 lead.

On the very next play from scrimmage for Rockcastle, Saylor ran for a 46 yard touchdown with the help of a great down field block by senior tight end Devon Russell.

The Rockets dodged a bullet on the Hawks next series when senior defensive back Caleb Blair made a touchdown saving tackle in open field after a LaRue County receiver gained 23 yards on a screen pass.

The smash-mouth type offense that many Rocket fans have come to know and love was even more visible in the second quarter.

After a Hawks punt that forced Rockcastle to start from its own 19 yard line, Saylor rushed for two first downs, one going for 28 yards. Blair then ran for two first downs himself on the next two plays, 18 and 12 yards respectively.

Following a holding penalty that negated another first down, Croucher's fifteen yard gain helped set up a 27 yard field goal by Taylor.

On Rockcastle's next series, the passing game was starting to work well as Burkhardt hit Russell for a nine yard gain and junior wide receiver Derreck Hurst for a 38 yard gain, which was the Rockets' only first down through the air. Two big penalties stalled the air attack from doing any more damage. Burkhardt was sacked for a six yard loss that ended the second quarter and the Rockets took a 15-0 lead into the locker room.

The second half got underway with a Blair sixteen yard gain and a 15 yard run by Burkhardt. Saylor then converted a fourth and two situation with a three yard gain.

Later in the series, another fourth down was attempted but it wasn't successful as Burkhardt's pass was incomplete and the Rockets turned the ball over on downs.

The Hawks took the ball on their own 31 yard line. Twenty-eight yards were gained on the first play from scrimmage, thirteen through the air and fifteen from a personal foul facemask penalty.

The next play went for a 23 yard gain and then the Hawks got on the scoreboard. A sixteen yard touchdown pass with the two point conversion run being good, the Hawks cut the Rocket lead down to 15-8.

Rockcastle was pinned deep into their own territory after a holding penalty. The next sixteen plays were rushing plays that netted a total of 69 yards and took up most of the third quarter and part of the fourth. Two fourth downs were converted during the series, one each by Saylor and the other by sophomore fullback Jamie Howard.

The drive ended when Blair fumbled the ball and LaRue County recovered on their own 17 yard line but they didn't have possession left long.

The Rocket defense held forcing the Hawks into their sixth punt of the game giving the Rockets great field position at midfield.

Saylor then went to work on the ground. A long 42 yard gain was followed by a six yard gain.

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despite being sacked three times.

Croucher and senior tailback Brandon Reams carried the ball six times each for 53 and 28 yards respectively. Howard gained 32 yards on nine attempts. Hurst gained 20 yards on three carries, two of which were passes from Burkhardt but since the pass was backwards behind the line of scrimmage, the attempts are counted as runs. Senior Shay Mullins and sophomore Bucky Skinner each carried the ball once for six and zero yards respectively.

Burkhardt was two for five passing with 48 yards. Russell caught one pass for nine yards and Hurst caught the other for 39 yards.

Defensively for the Rockets, Croucher led the way with four solo tackles, five assists, and two quarterback sacks. Sandusky ended up with three solos and five assists. Blair had six solo tackles.

Thomas had two solos and an assist along with two quarterback sacks. Senior defensive back Cody Alexander had a solo and an assist. Hurst was credited with two assists. Saylor, Leger, and Russell each had a solo tackle. Junior Graham Fay and senior Blake Lovell were each given an assist.

Rockcastle County will next be in action on Friday night as they take on rival South Laurel in the Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl with the kickoff being set for 7:30.

The Cardinals are coming off a huge victory this past Friday when they defeated the Leslie County Eagles 51-12 in the Cumberland Valley Bowl at South Laurel High School. The Cardinals are much improved over the last two seasons because almost all of their players are returning starters that have had lots of valuable game experience as they look to make the playoffs out of a tough 4A district.

A new Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl Queen will be crowned at halftime with the candidates all being seniors. Candidates are Allison Anderkin, Becca Alsip, Rachel Childress, Serona Cunagin, Tiffany Hopkins, Maggie Phillips, Amanda Rogers, Brooke Smith, and Shenna Swinney.

Vet Rep (Cont. From Front)

This is a service provided by the Commonwealth and there is no charge or fee of any kind.

A veteran benefits field representative will be at the Rockcastle County Courthouse in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, September 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For further information, please call 1-877-773-7747 or speak with a veterans benefits field representative

Rock vs. LaRue Hawks By Preston Purdin

The Rock was back in action. After going to the 2002 finals of the state.

They have suffered severe graduation losses.

But their first game was great.

A huge Rock crowd was on hand.

And their vocal support was strong.

For these fans love their Rockets.

And wanted to cheer them along.

The Hawks came from Large County.

And they were a formidable foe.

But they faced a well coached Rock team.

Who had all their systems on go.

In the first quarter of the battle.

Devon Taylor kicked a FG from 38 yards out.

Then Ricky Sandusky downed a Hawk in the end zone.

For a safety as the Rock defense was stout.

With 2:29 left in the quarter.

Max Saylor scored on a long run.

And the Hawks were behind.

As the Rock team and fans had some fun.

The next quarter was a defensive battle.

Until Devin Taylor kicked a try.

And the score was fifteen to zip.

As things were going the Rock's way.

The Hawks were bad fighters.

And in the third they went to war.

As they went over for a score.

Then a two point conversion cut the lead some more.

In the final period of the game.

Max Saylor went over from the seven.

Which delighted the fans, team and coaches.

And they were in pigskin heaven.

The final score was twenty-one to eight.

And the Rock was off to a good start.

As the coaches, team and supporters.

Gave it all their heart.

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