

South Laurel is second victim of season

The ROCK continues great tradition, rolls 28-7 Friday

By: Richard Anderkin

The Rockcastle County Rocket football team is 2-0 on the season after a 28-7 win over South Laurel on Friday night.

With five minutes left in the game, the Rockets did something they haven't done since 2000, they gave up a score to the South Laurel Cardinals.

But that was all the offense the Cardinals could muster with the Rockets scoring four touchdowns in the game, two by Junior Max Saylor one each by quarterback Matthew Burkhardt and all purpose player Devin Taylor, for the final 28-7 score.

The Rockets were up 13-0 at the half after two of Saylor's touchdowns runs, the first on a nine yard run off left tackle behind the Rocket's Division 1 candidate Jason Leger.

The Rockets held the football for 31 minutes of the 48 played in the

game and held South Laurel to just 202 yards of total offense.

The week before the Cardinals beat the legendary Tim Couch's high school 51-12. That would be Leslie County.

Rockcastle County head football coach Tom Larkey, who has coached the Rockets for 19 years and lives one mile from South Laurel High School where he was a former head coach, said this week he was proud of his team because many of them are inexperienced varsity players, although they are upper classmen.

"We've have such good teams in the past that many of these players have not gotten the experience that some players at other schools get, but as for now they have stepped up to the challenge," said the winningest coach in Rockcastle County history.

As for this Friday, the coach said the ROCK was going to have to obviously play well because Dunbar has a great program, but he said he liked his team's chances.

"We have a very good defense and our offense is getting better," said Larkey.

"Dunbar is a 4A school who has a very good track record in the state of Kentucky and we only beat them 35-28 last year in a game that we probably shouldn't have won," Larkey said.

Last week Dunbar lost to Madison Central 12-7.

Offensively Friday night the Rockets were led by Saylor who had 123 yards on 23 carries. Croucher 38 yards and Burkhardt had 32.

Jamie Howard had 29 yards on 10 carries, Caleb Blair had 22 yards on seven carries, Brandon Reams had six yards on two carries, and Taylor had 18 yards on three carries.

Junior Derreck Hurst had one carry for minus yardage.

Senior Devon Bussell caught the only completion of the game for the Rockets, which was good for 14 yards.

JV vs. Casey

Now let me tell you what Monday night The JV Rockets hit the field "runnin" You could tell right away They came to win, they were not "funnin"

The Rebel team of Casey County Were sure taken by surprise When the Rockets lined up And looked them in the eyes.

The Rockets played hard and tough Right quick they had a score That set the pace for the night They wanted a lot more.

Rocket power couldn't be stopped The Rebels really tried hard. But the Rockets kept it at. And made it yard by yard.

"They ran, they kicked and they scored They just couldn't be outdone The JV Rockets took that game By a score of 0 to 41!"

By Letha French

All total the Rockets had 265 yards of offense on 59 rushes and one pass.

Junior Chris Croucher led the Rockets on defense with 11 tackles and assists. The Rocket's division one candidate, big man Jason Leger had five tackles and assists, as did Blair.

Others picking up tackles were: Graham Faye, 3, Blake Lovell, 3, Brandon Campbell, 3, Nick Thomas, 3, Jeth Bustle, 1, Devon Bussell, 3, Ricky Sandusky, 4, Cody Alexander, 4, Brandon Reams, 1, Derreck Hurst, 2, Devin Taylor, 2, Kenny Bartlett, 1, and Charles Cunningham, 1.

ROCK vs. South Laurel

By: Preston Parrett

The Rock was playing the Cards at home.

And they were on a roll. They wanted to clip the Cards' wings and win the annual Jamboree Bowl.

A Rock home game is a spectacle. With activities and fun galore. Opening with the dance team and band.

Then the flag girls, honor guard, fireworks and more.

The Cards won the toss And elected to let the Rock receive. Which could have been a mistake. That would make them grieve.

The Rock took the kick-off And down the field they tore. As they nickled and dined the Cards to death.

Before Max Saylor took it in for the score.

The Cards made a lot of miscues Their coach's face filled with gloom. As the refs tossed down all their penalty flags.

And had to use their Fruit of the Loom.

The Rock hard defense fought hard As they held the Cards at-bay. Add they recovered a fumble. Which helped put them away.

Four minutes short of halftime Devin Taylor got his chance. And he took it to the house.

Which started a victory dance. In the third quarter of the game with the score thirteen to zip.

Max Saylor caught his second TD On a four yard trip.

Max ran for a two point conversion And the Rock had a twenty one point lead.

Then in the final period of the game Matthew Burkhardt scored with a burst of speed.

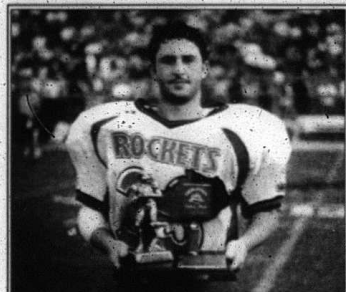
The Cards kept on battling hard As Zack Marcum scored on a pass from Josh Lee.

This closed out the scoring. And the Rock had won another victory.

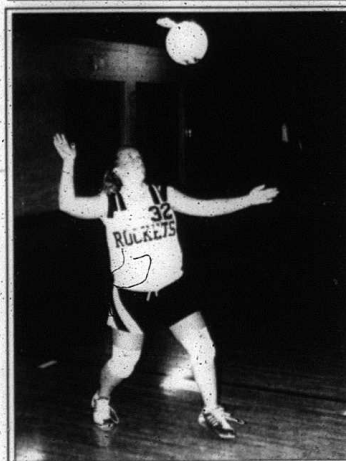
Congratulations to all of you. For another great game. As you add to our glory And bring your school fame.



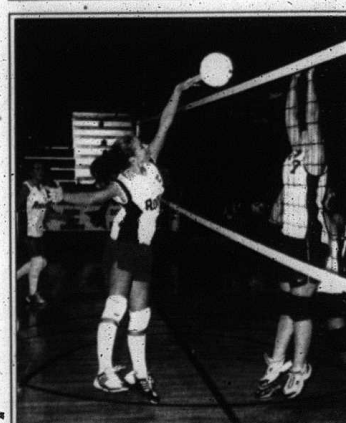
Rockcastle County High School head football coach Tom Larkey, center, and his captains, Blake Lovell, Nick Thomas, Jason Leger and Devon Bussell are shown standing at center field on Friday night for the coin toss in the Rockets first home game of 2003. The Rockets defeated South Laurel, 28-7, to pick up their second win of the year, in the annual Jamboree Bowl which is sponsored by Renfro Valley and other local businesses, including Cox Florist of Mt. Vernon. They play Dunbar in Lexington on Friday night.



RCHS running back Max Saylor was named Most Valuable Player for the Rockets in the Pigskin Classic and in the Jamboree Bowl.



RCHS Jayvee volleyball team member Kayla Bryant serving the ball against South Laurel. The Jayvees also beat Clay County and Lynn Camp in their last two matches.



Amanda Rogers goes for a tip in recent action by the Lady Rockets volleyball team. The Rockets beat Clay Co. and Lynn Camp in their last two outings.



Junior Chris Croucher, the Rock's middle linebacker was named most valuable player on defense Friday night. He was presented his trophy by Mrs. Camille Hunt Petterson, who is CEO at the Renfro Valley Entertainment Complex. Renfro Valley sponsors the bowl game annually.

Volleyball team beats Clay

After losses to the Laurel County teams, the Rockcastle County High School girls volleyball team got back on the winning track, taking the measure of district foe Clay County last Thursday night 25-17 and 25-21 and then traveled to Lynn Camp Tuesday night for wins of 25-18 and 25-16.

Against Clay County, the Rockets got behind in the first game 7-4 but took the lead 18-12 on six straight service winners and the Lady Rockets went on for the 25-17 win.

In the second game, Allison Anderkin got six service winners in for the lead and the Rockets held on for the 25-21 win.

Jenna Owens took service honors in the match with 12, including two aces; Anderkin was eight and four; Courtney Parsons was six and one; Stephanie Price had four service winners. Krystal Parsons put across two and Rachel Childress one.

Jessica Riddle led in kills with five; Price got four; Childress, Owens and C. Parsons tied with three each and C. Parsons was credited with a block.

The Jayvee team also put one in the win column with 21-19 and 24-22 wins.

Kayla Bryant led in service winners with 7, including one ace; Allie Mink was five and three; Jessica Robinson got three service points, one ace; Rose Prewitt got two points on serve; Megan Anderkin served up two aces; Danielle Arnold also got two points on serve, one ace and Heather Hopkins was credited with a service winner.

Anderkin led in kills with three and also got a block; Arnold had two kills and a block; Mink was credited with a kill and a block and Rose Prewitt got a kill.

Against Lynn Camp, the Rockets kept control of the game throughout with Krystal Parsons taking service honors with six winners; Stephanie Price got five winning serves, including one ace; Jenna Owens was three and one and Allison Anderkin two and one.

Sarah Mullins dominated the defensive side with four kills in the game; Rachel Childress got three; Anderkin and Price had two each and Jessica Riddle was credited with one.

In the second game of the match, a Childress block Lynn Camp's first serve gave the Rockets the ball and Anderkin put 12 straight winning serves across the net with eight aces to put her team up for good. Childress and K. Parsons each contributed two

service winners in the game.

Riddle led in kills with three; Price got four and Childress, Mullins and Trisha Beth Laswell each got one.

The Rockets, 4 and 2 in regular season play and 12 and 6 including tournament play, will next see action Thursday night at South Western and will travel to Lincoln County on Sept. 8th.

The Jayvee team also won 21-13 and 21-18.

Danielle Arnold took service honors in the match with ten, including two aces; Heather Hopkins had five service wins with four aces; Allie Mink was four and two; Jessica Robinson was four and one and Megan Anderkin was two and one.

Anderkin led in kills with five and a block; Mink got four kills; Arnold two and Hopkins, Robinson and Bryant, one each.



Quarterback Izak McQuerry, #17, looks over his line in the freshmen's 18-12 win over Whitley Co. last Thursday. Linebacker from left are: David Robbins, Donovan Pigg, Adam Mink, Brad Durham, Matt Hines and Jake Harding.



Gus Scalf, #21, goes for yardage in Jayvee action Monday night. The Jayvee defeated Casey Co. 41-0. Also in the photo are Stephen Eversole, Billy Hines and David Robbins.