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been an adjustment.

"It's kind of hard to adjust to their expectations of us," senior Stephanie Price said. "We didn't know exactly what they were looking for, both physically and mentally."

How do the coaches feel about being the team's third coach?

"I feel bad about it," says Coach Lee. "If they [the volleyball team] would have had more consistency, they could have been better."

However, the girls couldn't have seemed too bad upon first glance, not according to Coach Lee.

"I heard a lot of good things about the girls and I knew I would be here for a while, that's when I decided to become their coach."

I saw they had a lot of talent, but were just rough around the edges. They've improved a lot with their offense and defense, and their techniques."

With such great improvement, the girls feel confident about their season.

"I expect a lot of wins this season," said Childress.

Rogers and Price agree, adding "We expect to go to state this year."

Coach Lee predicts a good

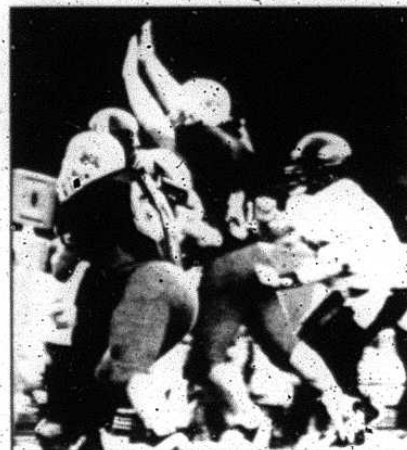
season for the team and foresees regionals.

"I expect it to be very good, a great season."

The senior volleyball team members all agree this year, they hope to get closer as seniors, to work hard, and to win.

When Coach Lee and Coach Yarnell were asked what makes them any different than the prior coaches, a smile spread across their faces from ear to ear.

"We just make it fun," said Lee. "Now they know the correct things to do and they feel more confident in themselves."



The Rockets' record stands at 6-2. They defeated Madison Southern Friday night 44-0.

Editor's Note: The following article was written at the beginning of football season. Realize that players and their positions may have changed since that time. RCHS is now 5-2, with a 1-1 district record. This does not include the Rockets' October 17 game against Madison Southern.

Young Rocket team begins new season

By SERENA CUNNINGHAM

It's always been said that the Rockcastle County Rockets don't rebuild their football team, they just reload. However, a lot of young players who didn't see much playing time last year, means this could be a rebuilding year, according to Head Coach Tom Larkey.

Senior Devon Bussell, #7, will be replacing Stephen Boring; Blake Lovell, #76, will be replacing Tanner Abney; and Nick Thomas, #62, will be replacing Michael Brummett. Jason Leger, the strongest player this year, will be a returning starter.

"We've got a young team, but a lot of good players that will make it," Leger said. "We have a lot to learn."

Many of the team leaders' goals are to make it to the carpet for the third time. The players have said that with a lot of hard work and dedication they may be able to pull it off. As a team they will have to work together and get in shape. As individual players, they will have to stay in shape and give it their best.

"I will have to look at the man across from me, tighten my chin strap, pin my ears back and tell him he's mine for the rest of the game," said Thomas.

Coach Larkey said that the strongest point of the team is, the offensive line led by Leger and Thomas. Running backs this year are Chris Crucher, a returning starter, Mux Saylor, who was injured last season, and senior Caleb Blair.

"Offensive needs help and I hope the other players will step up," said Larkey.

One coaching change was made this year. Coach Tony Saylor and Adam Coleman have switched positions. Coach Coleman will be stepping up as defensive coordinator; Coach Saylor will be assisting Coleman in game plans and Larkey with equipment preparations.

The Rockets defeated Larue at Corbin in their season opener 8-21. The coaches believed they played hard and were in pretty good shape for the game. Coach Chris Larkey said that the team did a good job blocking, but didn't do enough passing plays.

"We made a lot of downers, a lot of mental errors, but that was expected," said Tom Larkey. "I think we're going to improve in all that."

"We're young, but we have a lot of kids that know what they're doing. We have just got to pull it together," said Taylor.