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RCHS volleyball team has season of "firsts" and 26 wins

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets began their history 2003 season with a win over Southwestern Pulaski and, before the season was over, would rack up a total of 26 wins against 14 losses. It was a record win season for the Rockets and culminated with the first ever district championship in the sport for RCHS and the first regional championship.

The Rockets began the season with 11 seniors on the varsity squad — all members of the original class, taught by Kathy Short. Ms. Short also served as the team's first coach.

That year was a learning experience with the team's first win coming over Southwestern Pulaski. They improved throughout the season and wound up runners-up of the district which earned them a trip to the re-

gional tournament.

Last year, the Rockets were coached by Doug Mullins and there were several highlights during the 17-7 season, including a runners-up finish in the Pulaski Co. tournament. The Rockets were beat out in district play that year by Clay County.

The second year was also the last year of the sport for seniors Brianna Bussell and Jessie Hayes, two of the original class members.

In their third year, the Lady Rockets got another new coach, Larry Lee, a special education teacher at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Coach Lee is assisted by Bill Yarnall, a student at EKV who is also a line-judge for the EKV Lady Colonel volleyball team.

This was the first year that the volleyball team was aligned with the school's

basketball district and regional, a good move for the Rockets since it took them out of the same district as perennial powers South Laurel and Pulaski County.

Under Lee's guidance, the girls racked up 26 wins against 14 losses, including winning the invitational tournament at Pulaski County and the runners-up trophy at Madison Central. Those wins also included two regular season wins over arch-rival Clay County, also in their third year of team competition.

The Rockets would later go on to defeat Clay in the finals of both the district and regional to earn their first trip to the state tournament and, guess what, a first-round drawing that pairs them against Sacred Heart, a private girls' Catholic School in the Louisville area

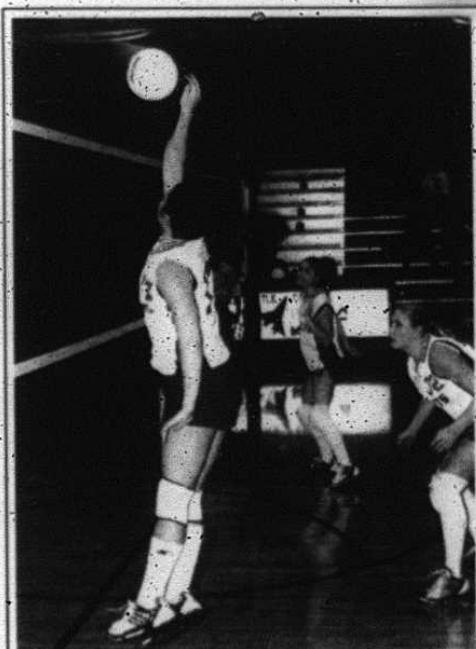
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Sarah Mullins goes high for a spike against Evarts in the semi-finals of the 13th Regional Tournament. The Rockets beat Evarts 25-8 and 25-9 to advance to the finals against Clay County who they beat for the fifth time this season to claim the championship.