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which is reportedly ranked fourth nationally.

After their regional championship win, Coach Lee said, "I am so proud of the girls. They have worked hard and earned their trip to the state tournament."

After the Southwestern Pulaski win to begin the season, the Lady Rockets traveled to Woodford County to play in their 18th annual invitational tournament. The team won their first match of the tourney against Bryan Station, beating the Lexington School 20-15 and 15-10, losing the middle game 14-21.

After that, it was pretty much down hill for the Rockets, losing to Bellevue and Shelby County. However, because of the number of points they scored in their matches, the Rockets got to advance to the seeded part of the tournament. There they were paired against the number one seed, Calvary

Christian from northern Kentucky. The Rockets actually acquitted themselves well in the match in a losing effort, 25-14 and 25-18.

The next match, a home game against North Laurel, was the first of four the Rockets would lose to the Laurel County teams during the season. In their home game with South Laurel, the Rockets had them on the ropes during the match but couldn't deliver the knockout punch. South Laurel wound up 12th region champions, defeating Pulaski Co. in the championship game.

After the tourney, it was back to regular season play with the Rockets hosting district foe Oneida Baptist Institute. The Rockets took care of business with the Lady Mountaineers, winning the match by identical scores of 25-16.

The team then traveled to Somerset for the Pulaski Co. Tournament and this was

where fans really got flashes of the best and worst of their team.

The Rockets won six matches, losing only to Carroll County in probably their most inept outing of the season.

McCreary Central, who was on the Rockets schedule for two regular season games but who forfeited both matches, was the first victim, losing 25-21 and 25-12 to the Rockets on Friday night. Then on Saturday, the Rockets met Adair County and won 27-25 and 25-16.

With these two wins, the Rockets won their pool but had one more game to play in the prelims -- against Carroll County and losing two out of three.

However, with the number one seed in the tournament, the Rockets got to meet Clinton County in the first round and won easily, 25-5 and 25-8.

Against their next opponent, Whitley County, it looked as though the rockets might make an early exit, losing 25-19 in the first game and tied at 19 all in the second before Krystal Parsons came through with four straight service winners to make it 24-19 and the final point of the game came on an out-of-bounds serve by Whitley. The Rockets took

the final game of the match 15-8.

In the semi-finals, the Rockets had to face a hot Wayne county team and it was a close match throughout with the Rockets prevailing 25-23 and 25-20.

The championship game featured the Rockets against Russell County. The first game was tied at 15 all before the Rockets took over the 25-18 win. The second game was even closer, the Rockets had played three

straight matches, two hotly-contested, and fatigue set in toward the end of their second game. After leading 21-15, the Rockets allowed Russell County to tie the score at 23 all before the Rockets scored on an out-of-bounds serve by Russell and finished the game on a winning serve by Rachel Childress.

But, things got all better with a district win over Clay County, 25-17 and 25-21.

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