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The Rockets then traveled to Lynn Camp and came away with wins of 25-18 and 25-16.

After taking their second win of the season from the Lady Warriors of Southwestern Pulaski, the Rockets lost to Lincoln County in three games, 22-25, 25-19 and 15-11.

The Rockets then beat Oneida for the second time this season, but lost to Casey County, 25-15, 21-25 and 11-15.

Against Pulaski County, the Rockets acquitted themselves very well -- not winning, but losing with class.

The Rockets won only five points on their serve in the first match and lost 13-25. However, in the second match, they had calmed down considerably and made the Lady Maroons work hard for the 30-28 win.

After their second match and second loss to South Laurel, the Lady Rockets then played in the Madison Central Lady Indians tournament and it was a hard

day's work with their day beginning at 7:45 a.m. when the bus left the high school and ending about midnight when the rockets finally returned home with a runners-up trophy.

In between, the Rockets beat Estill County 21-14 and 21-9, lost to Madison Central and Harrison County and then beat Somerset before advancing to the single-elimination tournament with a third place seed.

The first game was a rematch with Estill County and they Rockets again prevailed, 25-4 and 25-8. The second game was a rematch against Madison Central and gave the rockets a chance for revenge against their tourney host. They came through, besting the Lady Indians 25-19 and 25-15.

With those two wins, the

Rockets were in the championship game against Harrison County, who had handily defeated the Rockets in their first meeting.

The Rockets came out strong behind good serving to take the first game 25-18. The Rockets got down 7-0 in the second game but Anderkin put her team ahead 8-0 with seven service winners. However, the Rockets couldn't hold serve the rest of the game wound up losing 25-23, putting the match into a tie breaking third game. The Rockets fell behind 0-6 and wound up losing 8-15.

Then came another rematch with the Lady Tigers. It was senior night for the Rockets and there was a big crowd. The Rockets were obviously emotional and nervous and had a hard time getting their game together for the 26-24 and 25-22 match win.

In the first game, the Rockets were down 22-15 before Amanda Rogers won the first service point for her team with an ace serve. But, things still looked bleak for the home team, down 24-19 when Stephanie Price stepped to the fore and served the last seven points of the game, including three aces, for the 26-24 win.

Price again came to the rescue in the second game when, with the score tied at 18 all, she served five straight winners, with one ace to put her team up 23-18. A Childress kill and a net serve by Clay gave the Rockets the second game 25-22.

The Rockets next lost to North Laurel for the second time this season, 25-12 and 25-17.

However, the Rockets finished their regular season with wins over Madison Central and Boyle County before beginning 46th district tournament play.

District play was held this year at Clay County and, with only three teams, a

double-elimination tournament was set up.

The Rockets had to defeat OBI for the third time this season in the first game and did, 25-13 and 25-7.

The Rockets then had to meet Clay County for the third time this season and promptly lost the first game 20-25. However, they came back in the second game to win 25-19 and won a thriller in the third, 17-15.

Clay then had to play OBI to get into the championship match against the Rockets the next night.

As expected, they did and it set up the fourth meeting of the year between the two teams. It was a close match and the score was tied at 17 all in the first game when Rogers and Jenna Owens put together good service games for the 25-18 win.

In the second game, the Rockets got down 6-1 and couldn't catch up. Clay put together an excellent service game for the 20-25 win.

It looked bad for the Rockets in the third game after getting down 9-5 and they were down 13-10 when Allison Anderkin came through with five straight serves, including two aces, two kills by Childress and one by Jessica Riddle to give the Rockets the 15-13 win and the district title.

Named to the All-District Team were Riddle, Childress and Owens and Anderkin took MVP honors.

It was on to regional action with the Rockets slated to meet Whitley County in the first round.

The Rockets lost the first game against the Lady Colonels 21-15 but came back to win the next two, 25-17 and 15-2.

The next night, the Rockets had to play Evarts, who got a first-round bye, and easily dispatched them 25-8 and 25-9. Owens came through in the first game

with 17 straight serves, including three aces.

The Rockets then advanced to 13th regional finals against, guess who, Clay County, in their fifth meeting of the year.

It's hard to beat a team five times in one year but that's exactly what the Lady Rockets did. After losing the first match 16-25, the Rockets came back to take the second game 26-24 and the third game 15-8.

With that win, the Rockets claimed the first-ever 13th region girls volleyball title. Up to this year, there had only been eight regions

in the state in volleyball and the winner and runner-up of each region would advance to state play, but that number was expanded to 16 this year with only the winner advancing.

Named to the All-Region team from Rockcastle were: Jessie Riddle, Rachel Childress, Jenna Owens and Allison Anderkin was named MVP of the tournament.

The Rockets will play the opening match of the state tournament Friday at 6 p.m. at the Farnham-Dudgeon Civic Center in Frankfort.

Golf Team finishes second in regional, advances to state

This year's Rockcastle County High School golf team finished second in the regional tournament six shots behind Clay County but ahead of 22 other teams.

The Rockets advanced to the state tournament, for the second time in school history.

In 1997 the Rockets also advanced to the state tournament.

In regular season play this year, the Rockets won 13 of 16 matches and they did well in the six invitational tournaments they played in, winning their own in August and finishing fourth in the Allen County Invitational.

The Rockets only losses were to Corbin at Corbin, by one shot, to South Laurel and Clay County.

The Rockets lost to

Clay and South Laurel on the road as well.

In the state tournament the Rockets finished 21st out of 24 teams, but sophomore Colby Brown made the cut as an individual player, shooting an 80-81.

In the regional tournament, seventh grader Jordon Cash finished first, out of 120 golfers.

"I appreciate the hard work of our golf team this year and with the young players we have coming back we should have a very good team again next year," said head golf coach Jesse Mahaffey.

Members of the year's team were Brent Clontz, Jordon Cash, Matt Silcox, Allison Durham, Aaron Cash, Ronny Lee McClure, Blake Roberts, Colby Brown and Nick Williams.