



Brandon Reas is shown blocking for Rocket Jamie Howard in last Thursday night's win over Perry Central. The Rockets won the district match 43-19. Also in the photo are Graham Faye and Nick Thomas. The Rockets play this Thursday night at Knox Central. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Cole Breaks All-Time Best Record

Rockcastle's Elementary Girls' Cross-Country Team places fourth at State Championships

Rockcastle's elementary cross-country teams recently competed in the KTCCA State Championships held at Cave Lake Park in Wayne County. More than four hundred elementary runners from across the state were present for the annual competition.

Rockcastle's elementary girls' team has been the most consistent elementary team in the state over the past three years of the event. During the first year of the state meet, Rockcastle's girls' placed 3rd. Last season, they finished as state runner-up, missing the state title by only two points. This season, they hoped for another great finish, despite the loss of their best runner, number one ranked Laura Dollins, who moved to Madison Southern this year. The team put together a tremendous group effort and finished 4th overall in a very exciting race that featured 220 runners. 3rd grader Michaela Hunter solidified her position as the best 4th grade and under elementary runner in the state with an electrifying 8th place finish in 13:02.63. 5th grader Sara Hammond was close behind with a terrific performance of her own. Sara placed 15th overall in 13:24.68. 6th grader Bethany Clontz ran one of her best races ever and finished 27th overall in 13:41.45. 6th grader Kristen Baker stayed close to the rest of the pack and finished a great race in 30th place with an exceptional effort of 13:49.2. 5th grader Kristen Bullock ran perhaps the most courageous race of any competitor. Competing with a sprained ankle, Kristen fought her way through the 1.8-mile course with an excellent time of 14:47.4 and a 72nd place finish. 5th grader Jasmine Johnson also ran her best race of the

season, finishing 122nd in an impressive 15:52.04.

Rockcastle's elementary boys' team has also enjoyed success in the past couple of years at the state meet. The team placed 5th during the first year of the state competition. Last season, the boys' team finished 15th. Continuing their consistency from last season, the boys' managed another top twenty finish, placing 15th overall once again. 6th grader Blake Parsons led the boys' with an amazing 6th place finish overall out of 252 runners. Blake finished with an awesome time of 11:56.93. 6th grader

Andrew Pensol also ran a spectacular race. Andrew finished 50th overall with an exceptional time of 13:13.9. 4th grader Eric Roberts ran a strong race and finished 96th overall in an impressive 13:58.07. 6th grader Devin Davidson ran a courageous race, battling through illness to finish 192nd with an excellent effort of 16:03.15. 5th grader Elliott Jackson completed the scoring for Rockcastle with a great race and a 196th place finish in an outstanding 16:09.2.

The RCHS girls' varsity team ran head-to-head with Highlands, the top-ranked team in Class 2A. Despite a valiant team effort and the absence of two Rockcastle runners, the girls' still managed a 2nd place team finish. Kayla Hayes led the way for RCHS with a solid 2nd place performance and a time of 21:13.86. Jessi Asher also had a great race and finished 12th overall in 23:20.86. Elizabeth Russell ran well despite recovering from an illness. She finished 21st overall in 25:13.05. 8th grader Courtney Bullock decided to skip an opportunity to compete in the

middle school state championships in order to better prepare herself for the regional meet. She ran an exceptional race, finishing 27th overall in 06:22.85. Courtney has also been under the weather, but ran an efficient race nonetheless. Ashley Bullock also ran very well, placing 30th in 27:14.66.

The RCHS boys' varsity team performed well despite missing the services of Andrew Nelson who was taking the ACT. Brandon Cole ran a superb race against some very challenging competition including some of the best athletes from Class 2A. He finished 6th overall with an impressive time of 17:55.1. Bill Burgett also ran a great race and placed an impressive 21st overall with an exceptional time of 19:04.9. Derrick Baker continued his streak of consistency. He finished 54th overall in 20:33.43.

RCHS also competed recently in the Palanski County Invitational held at G.E. Field in Somerset. Many of the area's top teams and runners were on hand for the competition.

The boys' elementary team placed 5th overall with a great team performance. Blake Parsons led the way finishing 2nd overall in 6:31.13. Andrew Pensol placed 9th in 7:03.96. Eric Roberts finished 17th in 7:20.46. Elliott Jackson placed 40th in 8:26.36. Devin Davidson completed the scoring for the boys' with a 45th place finish in 8:53.74.

The girls' elementary team placed 2nd overall with several top finishers. Sara Hammond led Rockcastle with a 2nd place finish in 7:18.5. Bethany Clontz finished a very close 3rd 7:18.8. Kristin Baker was also very close, placing 4th in 7:19.2. Kristen Bullock placed 9th in 7:40.5, despite a sore ankle. Jasmine Johnson finished 31st in

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Rockcastle elementary boys' cross-country team placed 15th at the state championship marking their third straight top 15 finish. Team members include, from left: Blake Parsons, Andrew Pensol, Elliott Jackson, Devin Davidson and Eric Roberts.



Rockcastle's elementary girls' cross-country team placed fourth in this year's state championship meet. The girls also finished third two years ago and state runners-up last season. Team members include, from left: Kristen Bullock, Bethany Clontz. Back row from left: Sara Hammond, Kristen Baker and Jasmine Johnson. Not pictured is Michaela Hunter.



RCHS sophomore Kayla Hayes placed second in the KTCCA Meet of Champions this past Saturday. Kayla is currently ranked seventh in the state in Class 2A.



RCHS junior Brandon Cole finished sixth in the KTCCA Meet of Champions. Brandon is currently ranked 19th in the state in Class 2A.

Rockets down Perry Central 43-19; play Knox Central Thursday night

By Richard Anderkin

The Rockcastle County Rockets football team will likely finish second in district play with a district win Friday night over Knox Central.

And that game hasn't even been played yet, but it is likely that the ROCK will defeat Knox Central for the tenth straight year.

Rockcastle in 7-2 on the season

Earlier Lady Rocket among players

Lady Panthers to scrimmage Lady Tigers

The Ky. Wesleyan College Lady Panthers' basketball team will scrimmage the Georgetown Lady Tigers at RCHS on Wednesday, November 5th at 7 p.m.

Brandy Reynolds, daughter of Regina Hull-Brown of Mt. Vernon and Gary Reynolds of Crab Orchard, has been a starter for the Lady Panthers for four years after being a starter on the varsity at RCHS for three years and a member of the team that has made the school's only appearance in the state tournament.

For our girl basketball players in the county, especially, this will be a chance to see college-level action on Wednesday night, November 5th at 7 o'clock at the high school.



Jesse Coffey, 11, of Roundstone and a sixth grader at RCHS, killed this four point buck on October 11th during a Youth Hunt in Jackson County. He is the son of Donnie and Michelle Coffey.

Three named to 13th Region All Stars

Rachel Childress, Jenna Owens and Allison Aaderkin have all been named to the 13th Region All-Stars team which will play the 12th Region All-Stars at North Laurel.

More information will be available in next week's Signal.

and most likely will face Lawrence County in the play-offs next week.

The game will be held at Knox Central and has been moved to Thursday night because of Halloween on Friday night.

Knox Central is winless this season, something that concerns Rocket head coach Tom Larkley.

"They have nothing to lose and most Rocket fans know what kind of players they have," he said.

"It is likely we will win the game, but I simply hope none of our players get hurt by a cheap shot," he said. On Friday night the Rockets racked up nearly 400 yards of offense, 340 on the ground and 54 yards through the air.

The final score was 43-19.

Max Saylor had 149 yards on 13 carries, Jamie Howard had 148 yards on 19 carries, Devin Taylor had 35

yards on 16 carries, Matthew Burkhardt had four yards on one carry.

Bucky Skinner also had four yards on one carry.

Taylor caught four passes for forty yards, Billy Bales caught one pass for seven yards and Josh Hayes had one catch for seven yards.

Saylor scored four touchdowns, Howard scored one touchdown. Taylor caught one touchdown pass and Burkhardt threw for one touchdown pass. Josh Hayes, picked up a safety.

Defensively the Rockets were led by Ricky Sandusky, with nine tackles and assists, Caleb Blair, had seven, Taylor, five, Jason Leger, four, Chris Croucher, three and a host of other Rockets had two tackles each.

They were Derrick Hurst, Brandon Roisin, Charles Camagin, Brandon Campbell and Graham Faye each had a tackle.



Max Saylor sends a Perry Central player "head over heels" as he rushes for yardage last Thursday night. The Rockets will have another Thursday night game this week as they travel to Knox Central.



Kenney Bartlett goes for yardage against Lynn Camp last week. The Jaycees lost the game 12-6.



The Lady Rockets RCHS Volleyball Team's first appearance in the state tournament was an experience. They met Sacred Heart Academy out of Louisville, eventual tournament champions and, actually, acquitted themselves well scoring 13 points the first game and 11 the second when they led 4 to 2 at one point. Sacred Heart wound up against Notre Dame in the finals and, reportedly, this was the only match of the tournament that went three games with Sacred Heart dropping the first game to Notre Dame and coming back to take the last two games and the championship trophy. In the top photo, Rachel Childress, Krystal Parsons and Stephanie Price get set for a Sacred Heart serve and, at right, Jenna Owens prepares to set the ball to Allison Anderkin. The Rockets won only six points on their serve in the two games and Price was credited with the only ace serve of the match for the Rockets.

