



Congratulations to the Rockcastle Rockets golf team on winning the CKBC South Division in their conference. The Rockets went undefeated in their conference. Pictured are, front from left: Grant Issacs, Will Issacs, Jackson Cromer, Cade Burdette, Thomas Burdette, Jessie Smith, Zach Baker, assistant coach Dustin Reynolds, Carson Noble, Lucas Gentry, Sam Pensol, John Cornelius, Joseph Cowan, and head coach Jake Woodall. Not pictured: is Aiden Cain.



Lucas Gentry makes a shot against Mercer County. The Rockets will now prepare for the Regional, which will be held at the end of the month at Eagles Nest. Dates have not been set.

Rockets lose to South Laurel, 19-8, for third loss of season

By: Doug Ponder
The Rockcastle County Rockets dropped to 0-3 on the season, following a 19-8 loss at South Laurel last Friday night.
The number of turnovers on offense, and the inability to score, would prove to be the deciding factors in the Rocket's loss as they had four turnovers and failed to put any points on the scoreboard during the first three quarters of the game.
The Rockets didn't score until early in the fourth quarter when senior quarterback Corey McPhetridge threw a 27 yard touchdown strike to senior wide receiver John Hughes. The two point conversion was good to cut South Laurel's lead to 8. However, time would run out for the Rockets as they would fail to get into the end zone on two more drives making the final score 19-8.
The Rockets offense

was led by McPhetridge who finished the game 15 out of 30 passing for 243 yards and one touchdown with two interceptions.
Junior fullback Chance Ansardi led the ground attack with 35 yards on seven carries. Junior running back Isaiah Adams rushed for 4 yards on five carries.
Senior Tyler Harper led the receiving corp, catching five passes for 97 yards. Senior John Hughes also had a big night, catching four passes for 74 yards and one touchdown.
Other Rockets making receptions were freshman Chayse McClure with one for 26 yards, senior Brandon Jones with two catches for 25 yards, junior Kyle Denny with two receptions for 17 yards and sophomore Dylan Rowe with one catch for 4 yards.
The Rockets defense was led by Ansardi with 12 tackles. Senior Jared Lake also had a big night defensively with 7 tackles, in-

cluding one sack and an assisted sack.
Other Rockets picking up tackles and assists were McClure with 8, Hughes and Denny with 6 each, senior R.C. Kirby with 4, including one sack, senior Koty Bengue with 3, including one sack, Adams got 3 and Jones had 2. Freshman Dalton Rowe and junior Justin Hughes were credited with one each.
Head Coach Scott Parkey said the missed opportunities on offense hurt the Rockets in the game and it also hurt the defense as they were on the field for a huge percentage of the game.
"We had 8 dropped passes, two fumbles and two interceptions on offense. We only had one offensive penalty which was the only bright spot," Parkey said. "This really hurt the defense who played well but the offense was not able to relieve any of the pressure off of them."
Parkey said he was pleased with the overall performance of the defense as they defended South Laurel's option offense well and held them to only 19 points in the game.
"The defense played pretty well, especially since the option offense is very tough to defend. Defensive Coach Josh Martin did a great job adjusting to the option offense throughout the game," Parkey said. "But in order for the defense to be really good, the offense needs to put points on the board and get ahead early which allows them to control the tempo of the game."
Parkey went on to say that this was one of the most disappointing losses he can remember as head coach.
"The team doesn't need to let mental or emotional breakdowns control them in the game. We can't expect to win if we let these things get to us," Parkey said. "But we will bounce back from this and the team will be looking to seek redemption against Whitley County next week."
The Rockets will travel to Williamsburg on Friday night to take on the Whitley County Colonels. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m.
Parkey said the Colonels only have three starters on defense from last season's team. However, he said they still have enough talent and experience on offense to make them a tough competitor.
"They are big, physical and they have speed in the right positions. They are also hard to defend with their option-oriented offense," Parkey said. "We play them on their turf which is a tough place for us to play. We will have to bring our A game and take care of the ball if we want to come out of Williamsburg with a win."



Senior wide receiver John Hughes gets tackled during last Friday night's loss to South Laurel. Hughes had a big night, catching four passes for 74 yards and one touchdown.



Rockets Defensive Coordinator Josh Martin gives the players a pep-talk during a timeout. The Rockets dropped to 0-3 on the season following the 19-8 loss at South Laurel last Friday night. The Rockets will travel to Williamsburg on Friday night to take on the Whitley County Colonels. Kick-off is set for 7:30 p.m.



Senior quarterback Corey McPhetridge scrambles for extra yards during last Friday night's loss at South Laurel. The Rocket offense was led by McPhetridge, who finished the game 15 out of 30 passing for 243 yards and one touchdown and two interceptions.



Senior wide receiver Tyler Harper gets chased down by a South Laurel defender during last Friday night's 19-8 loss. Harper led the Rockets receiving corp catching five passes for 97 yards.

Tiger Pride Stride

The Tiger Pride Stride 2 mile run/walk will be held Thursday September 26th, beginning at 7 p.m.
The event will begin

and end at Brodhead Elementary School.
There will be grand prizes for overall male and female winners and

age group prizes.
Registration begins at 6 p.m.
The \$15 entry fee includes a free t-shirt. T-shirts are limited to the first 75 registrants. Sizes are limited. All BES students can run/walk for free.
All proceeds go to Brodhead Elementary School.

5K/2 Mile Walk is Sept. 14th

Rockcastle Boys' Basketball will be sponsoring a 5K and 2 mile walk Septmber 14th at Brodhead Elementary starting at 8 a.m.
Costs is \$15 if pre-registered by September 4th and \$20 day of race.
For more information or form e-mail Sherry at

scspragens@gmail.com. Forms may also be picked up at Roses One Stop in Brodhead or Wendy's in Mt. Vernon.

Baseball instructional league

The Rockcastle County Little League baseball is having a fall instructional league from September 14th - 28th with new Rocket baseball coach Brad McNew.
A baseball clinic will be held the morning of September 14th to kick off the instructional league.
For more information contact David Sargent at (606) 308-4761 or coach Brad McNew at (606) 224-0312.

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