



Freshman Chayse McClure scrambles out of the pocket for a big gain during Monday night's JV varsity win over Garrard County 26-6.



Tommy Benges makes a shoestring tackle during the JV Rockets football game Monday night. The Rockets beat the Garrard Golden Lions 26-6.



Senior Tyler Harper looks for running room during last Friday night's 47-37 loss to Perry Central. Harper had three catches for 24 yards.



Freshman Austin Mills makes a shoe-string tackle during last Friday night's 47-37 loss to Perry Central. Mills led the Rockets on defense with eight tackles, one sack and one fumble recovery for a touchdown.

Perry Central edges out Rockcastle 47-37

By: Doug Ponder
A fourth quarter comeback, when the Rockets scored 16 points in the last two minutes of the game, was not enough and the Perry County Central Commodores won 47-37 last Friday night in Hazard.

The Commodores were first to get on the scoreboard early in the first quarter after a 54 yard run by quarterback Nathan Pray for a touchdown. The two point

conversion was good giving them the early 8-0 lead.

The Rockets scored on their next drive with a 15 yard touchdown run by freshman Chayse McClure. The two point conversion was good tying the game at 8-8 late in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Commodores struck again with a 35 yard touchdown pass from Pray to receiver John Toomer. The extra point was no good

making the score 14-8.

The Commodores scored again on their next offensive drive with a 56 yard touchdown run by Devan Brewer. The extra point was good extending the Colonels lead to 21-8.

The Rocket defense was the next to score late in the second quarter after freshman Austin Mills recovered a fumble and ran 7 yards for the touchdown. The extra point was good cutting the

Colonels lead to 21-15.

Prey would connect with Toomer once again in the final minutes of the first half with a 14 yard touchdown pass. The two point conversion was no good making the score 27-15.

After halftime, the Commodores were first to score when Brewer punched the ball in from 3 yards out. The two point conversion was no good and the lead was 33-15.

The Rockets answered the Commodores on their next drive with a 2 yard run by McClure. The extra point attempt was no good cutting the lead to 33-21.

McClure had a big night on offense leading the Rockets in rushing with 61 yards on 13 carries and two touchdowns.

Other Rockets picking up rushing yards were junior Chance Ansardi with 27 yards on six carries, freshman Devon Robinson with 26 yards on two carries and freshman Dalton Rowe with 10 yards on two carries.

Senior Brandon Jones led the receiving corps with six receptions for 83 yards and one touchdown.

Other Rockets making



Senior Brandon Jones dives to tackle Perry Central running back Devan Brewer during last Friday night's loss. Jones tackled Brewer after two missed tackles in the background. Head Coach Scott Parkey said missed tackles hurt them in the game and that was an area they were going to focus on in their bye week.



Rockets R.C. Kirby and Austin Mills sacked Perry Central's quarterback Nathan Pray during last Friday night's loss. The Rockets have an off week this Friday night before starting district play next Friday night when they take on the Russell County Lakers at home. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m.



Rocket defenders Austin Saylor and John Hughes trap Perry Central quarterback Austin Pray during last Friday night's game. The Rockets lost the game 47-37.

making the score 41-21.

The Commodores scored again late in the third quarter when Brewer ran the ball in again for a 7 yard touchdown run. The two point conversion was good extending the lead 41-21.

The Commodores would attempt to put the game away on their next drive with a 24 yard touchdown run by Jordan Combs. The two point conversion was no good making it 47-21.

However, the Rockets scored on their next drive with a 30 yard touchdown pass from quarterback Corey McPhetridge to receiver Brandon Jones. The two point conversion was good cutting the lead to 47-29.

In the final seconds of the game, Mcphetridge connected with receiver Dylan Rowe for a 10 yard touchdown pass. The two point conversion was good making the final score 47-37.

Offensively, the Rockets were led by McPhetridge who was 20 out of 38 pass attempts for 198 yards and two touchdowns.



Sam Pensol fought through a tough day of golf to finish for a score of 77 at the regionals. Pensol just missed qualifying for state by 2 shots. The Rockets will look to Pensol for his leadership heading into next season.



Although the Rockets did not play well at Region, finishing 6th, they still had a great year and made great strides in the right direction. The Rockets will lose no players for next season and look to make a run at the regional title. Pictured are from left: Sam Pensol, Carson Noble, Thomas Burdette, Cade Burdette and John Cornelius.