

Rockets lose final regular season game to Wayne County

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The Rockcastle County Rockets lost their final regular season game to the Wayne County Cardinals 48-15 last Friday night.

The amount of yards on offense and the inability to get the ball into the end zone proved to be the deciding factors as the Rockets only had 200 total yards with 26 rushing yards and 174 passing yards.

Unlike the Rockets, Wayne County had a great night offensively, gaining a total of 347 yards on the night with 164 yards on the ground and 183 yards through the air.

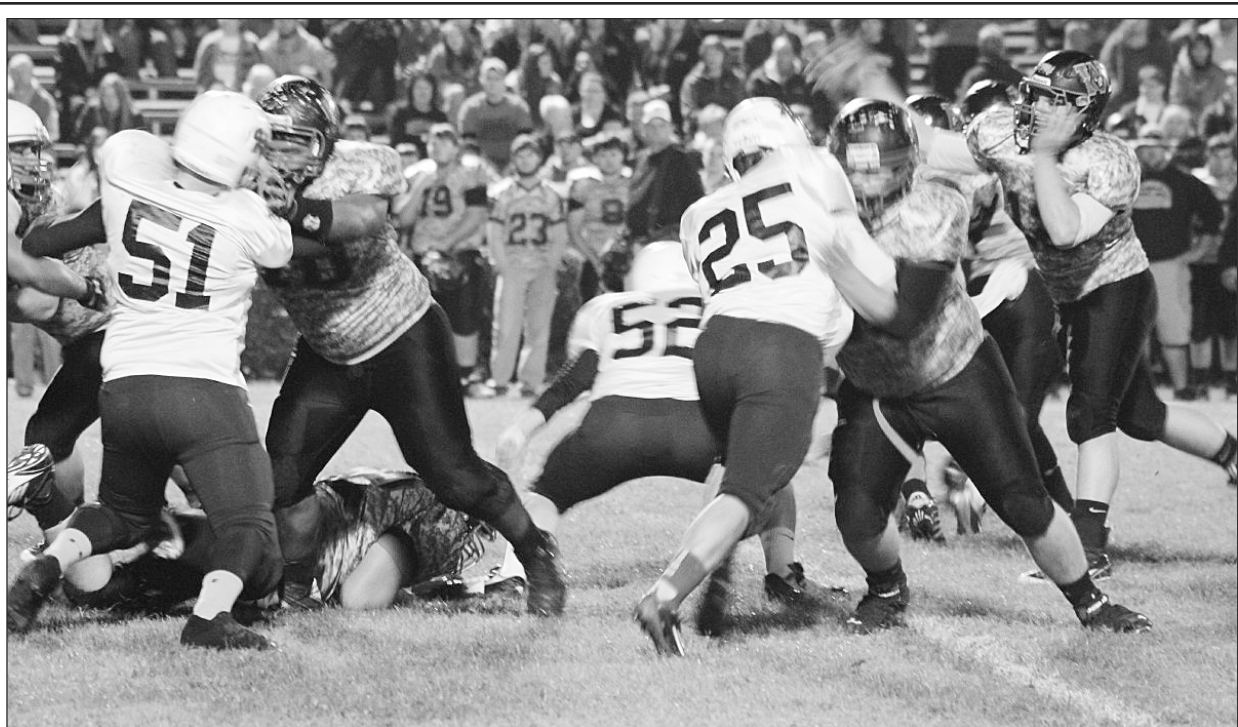
In the first quarter, the Cardinals put up an unanswered 27 points and had no turnovers, compared to the Rockets who had three turnovers. The Cardinals' success continued in the second quarter when they put up an-

other 14 unanswered points making the score 41-0 at the half.

After halftime, the Rockets continued to struggle after another Wayne County touchdown put the Cardinals ahead 48-0. However, the Rockets finally made it on the scoreboard when senior quarterback Corey McPhetridge threw an 8 yard touchdown strike to senior receiver Tyler Harper. The extra point was good cutting the Cardinals lead to 48-7 at the end of the third quarter.

The Rockets were the only team to score in the fourth quarter when McPhetridge connected with senior receiver Brandon Jones for a 15 yard touchdown pass. The two point conversion was good making the final score 48-

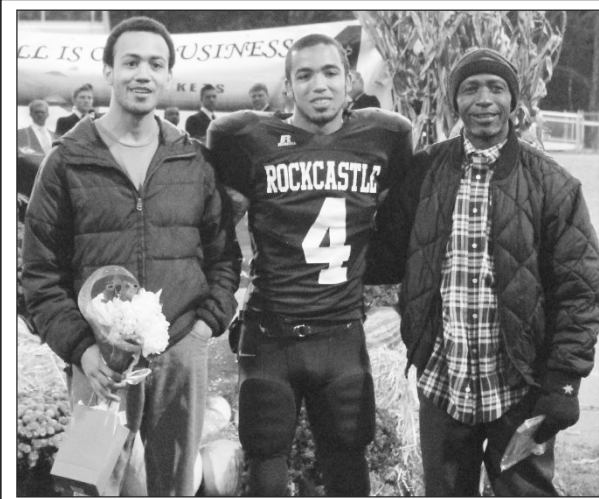
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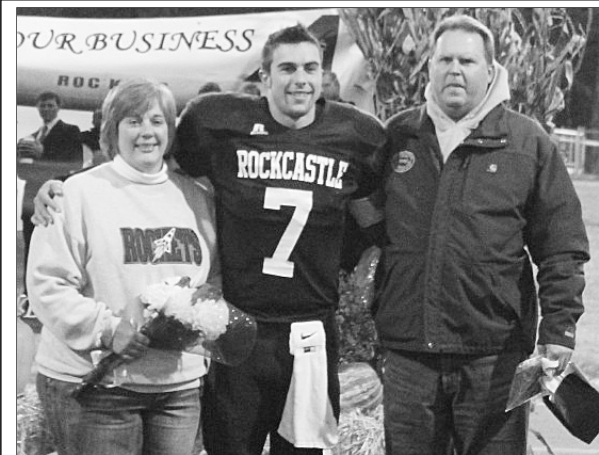
Rockets defensive linemen RC Kirby, Koty Bengé and Isaiah Adams attempt to get to the Cardinals quarterback during last Friday night's 48-15 loss to Wayne County. The Rockets will travel to Lexington this Friday night for the first round of the state playoffs where they will take on the Lexington Catholic Knights. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m.



Rocket senior John Hughes makes a break for the end zone during last Friday night's game with Wayne County. Also shown is Rocket freshman Chayse McClure making a block for Hughes.



The Rockcastle Rockets football team and Marching Rockets honored their senior members during the Rockets final home game of the season against Clay County. Shown above is senior Brandon Jones with his father, Willie Jones and brother Derek.



Corey McPhetridge, shown with his parents, Lynette and Kevin McPhetridge.



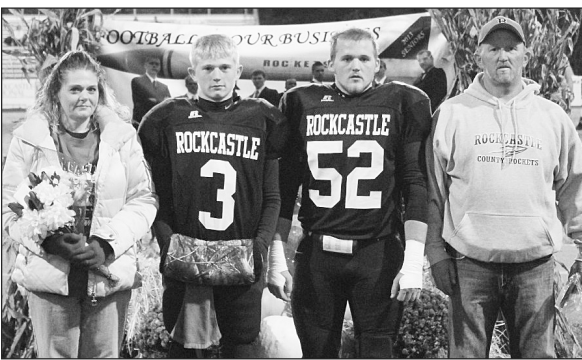
John Hughes, #8, escorted by his parents, Doug and Kelly Hughes and brother, Justin.



Tyler Harper, shown with his parents, Kristy and Scott Harper and sister, Hailey.



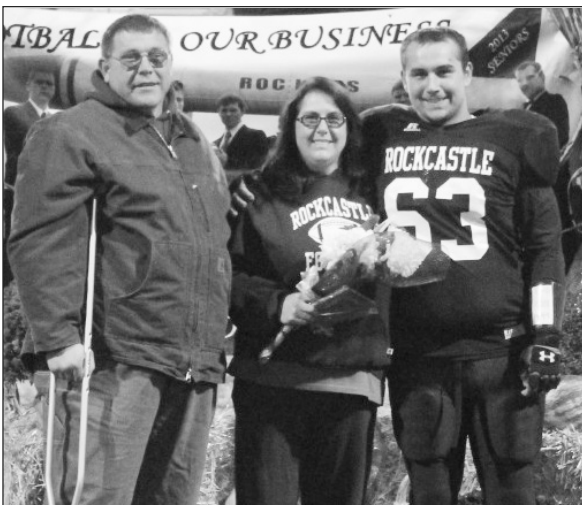
RC Kirby, shown with his parents, Chriss and Minnie Kirby and sister, Juliann.



Koty Bengé, #52, shown with his mother, Jennifer Kidwell, father, Doug Bengé and brother, Tommy.



Blaine Amyx, #58, escorted by his mother Beth Abney, grandfather Harold Amyx and brothers, Brenton and Bryson.



Jared Lake, shown with his parents, Scott and Karla Lake.



Manager Kellen Coffey, third from left, escorted by her friends, April Mason, Kelsey Mattingly, and Brianna Burdette.



Senior Marching Rocket Josh Smith, shown with his parents, Lafey and Elsie Smith.



Senior Marching Rocket Michael Brewer, shown with his parents, Fred and Donna Brewer.



Senior Marching Rocket Dylan Hillard, shown with his parents, Mark Hillard and Kim Bowling.



Senior Marching Rocket and Drum Major Austin Helton, escorted by his parents, Jeffrey and Crystal Helton.