



Cox and Cain qualify for State Cross Country Meet

The Rockcastle Rockets' Cross Country team competed in the Class 2A Region 5 meet this past weekend in Monticello and Alyssa Cox and Rachel Cain qualified individually to compete in the State Cross Country meet this coming weekend at the Kentucky Horse Park. Cox, shown above, finished 14th with a time of 22:53. Cain, shown below, finished 15th with a time of 22:57.



Coach Travis Rogers gives instructions to his flag football team during Saturday competition. There were 35 total participants in the flag football's fourth year. Teams practiced one time per week and played games at the game field on Saturdays. Intent and goal of the league is to promote fun, physical activity and the fundamentals of football.



Gavin Betsworth is shown trying to grab the flag of Gavin Isaacs as he runs the ball. The boys are part of the flag football program for first and second graders held each Fall.



Rex Parkey runs the ball during flag football competition as Gavin Betsworth attempts to catch him.



Rocket senior Tyler Harper makes a block on a Rockets run play during last Friday night's game against Wayne County. The Rockets lost 48-15

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The win for Wayne County marked the first time in the program's 44 year history that the Cardinals went undefeated in a regular season.

Despite the loss, it was also a record-breaking night for McPhetridge who finished the regular season last Friday night with 2064 passing yards and 4061 career passing yards. McPhetridge also finished his career in third place for career passing yards for a Rocket quarterback behind Matthew Burkhart who had 4571 and Aaron Anderkin who had 4618 career passing yards.

Offensively, the Rockets were led by McPhetridge who was 11 out of 27 passing for 174 yards and two touchdowns. McPhetridge also rushed for 3 yards as well.

Junior running back Isaiah Adams led the ground attack for the Rockets, rushing for 11 yards and junior fullback Chance Ansardi rushed for 6 yards. Freshman Chayse McClure and freshman Dalton Rowe both tallied rushes for 3 yards each.

Senior receiver John Hughes had the best night of the receiving corps grabbing five passes for 98 yards. Jones caught 3 passes for 54 yards and one touchdown, Rowe hauled in two passes for 14 yards and Harper caught one touchdown pass for 8 yards.

On the defensive side of the football, McClure led the way for the Rockets with seven tackles. Other Rockets picking up tackles and assists were Ansardi and freshman Austin Mills with 6 each, junior Kyle Denny and Rowe with five each, freshman Devon Robinson and freshman Austin Saylor with four each and junior Justin Hughes and freshman Lucas Jones with two each and Adams with two and one fumble recovery. Senior Koty Bengé, freshman Logan Coffey, John Hughes, Jones, senior R.C. Kirby and senior Jared Lake were all credited with one tackle each.

Ansardi led the Rockets in sacks with one and two, respectively, assisted sacks. Mills had two assisted sacks and Bengé had an assisted sack as well.

Head Coach Scott Parkey said after the game that when his team plays a very talented team like Wayne County, they can't afford to make the mistakes the Rockets made in the first quarter.

“In the first quarter we made several mistakes that led directly to points for the Cardinals,” Parkey said. “We fumbled on two of our first three offensive possessions then we allowed them to recover a squib kick. We were down four scores before the quarter ended.”

Parkey said that the offense did not do a good job of protecting the quarterback and establishing the running game.

“We miscommunicated and allowed a couple of their defensive linemen to come free most of the night. That was the biggest disappointment to me,” Parkey said. “We had been doing well with pass protection all year but not in this game. We knew they were good up front but we made them look a lot better.”

Parkey went on to say that the offense put the defense in bad situations throughout the game.

“Our defense had their back against the wall all night, especially with the turnovers in the first quarter,” Parkey said. “Despite the situations they were put in they continued to play hard throughout the game.”

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.

Parkey said the Knights are a very good team and, in order to win, they will have to fix the problems they had last Friday night against Wayne County.

“We must do a better job protecting the quarterback for the passing game,” Parkey said. “That will allow us to move the ball and keep it away from their playmakers on offense. Those will be our biggest keys to the game.”



Kaitlyn Smith, 12, killed this 7 pt. buck during the recent youth hunt in Rockcastle County. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Shannon and Eric Smith of Mt. Vernon.



Sierra Payne, 8 years old, killed this 4 pt. buck during the recent youth hunt in Rockcastle County. She is shown here with her Grandpa Ken Howard.



Dale McClure of Cedar Rapids Road, Mt. Vernon, killed this 600 lb. cow elk on October 25th.

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