



The RCHS Rockets swim team placed 3rd overall and 1st in girls division to start the year. Pictured are, front from left: Coach Charon Burton, Emily Hall, Laurel Yates, Alexa Bussell and Lindsey Jones. Second row from left: Joseph Hunt, Rebecca Lake, Rachel Cain, Emily Childress, Lauren Burton, Emilee Thomas and Tristan Windstead. Back row from left: Jacob D Taylor, Kellan Coffey, Callie Asher, Coach Shannon Burton, Makenzie King, Andrew Burton and Jacob “JT” Taylor. Not pictured: Keeley Goff and Savanah Goff.

Check out Michaela Hunter and the Eastern Kentucky Lady Colonels

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If you haven’t been able to watch the ECU Lady Colonels play on the court yet this season, you have missed an inspiring experience. The coaching staff and players are truly special. This season the Lady Colonels are relatively young and have already faced some stiff competition in the likes of Kent State, Miami of Ohio, Florida A&M, Marshall, and Missouri State. The Lady Colonels are 5 and 5 not counting the exhibition victory over Ohio Valley on November 2nd.

The young team is being led by a duo of senior guards; Pilar Walker and Marie Carpenter. Walker is a hard-nosed general on the court that is passing along her tough play and her sensory presence on the court. Carpenter is an elite athlete and scoring machine. She is the leading scorer for ECU highlighted by her 3 point shot and her drives into the paint. At the last home game versus Missouri State, sophomore Shelly Harper contributed 19 points of which 17 came at the line. She earned the points the hard way after being roughed up inside on shots. Sophomores Miranda Maples and Nicole Bowers provide a real anchor in the front court and were able to counter Missouri State’s size advantage inside. Truly though, this team contributes with talent from everyone with the front court experience of Meredith Polson, the quickness and ball handling skills of Sophomore Jasmine Stafford and Freshman Mariah Massengill, the inside toughness of Sophomore Jasmine Henshaw, and the relief of Sophomore Alexis Cooper.

Then we have one of our own! In only 11 games

Michaela Hunter has begun to mature into making real contributions and her talent shows more every game. Against Marshall her performance had noticeable gains. Against Missouri State her superior hustle and determination sparked the Colonels when they needed a boost. Late in the second half her jumping ability and hustle combined for a much need put back, a breakaway steal, and several key rebounds. Her play so far promises to be a foreshadowing of a Hall of Fame Career at ECU.

One of the things that the ECU Family and the Lady Colonels Coaching Staff is proud of is the number of talented local freshmen on the team. Katie Pippen has provided guard play above her expected level coming to us from Lexington where she played for Bates Creek. Kasey Young is a promising forward with a great shooting talent from Boyle County where she starred for Danville High School. Cierra Drake is an inside power player from Nelson County. These young players are going to be electrifying to watch over their ECU tenure.

Words cannot express the professional and humble leadership that Head Coach Crissy Roberts and her talented staff of coaching leaders provide. Coach Roberts is a Hall of Fame Player for ECU and is passing on her skills and commitment. She is backed by a veteran coaching expert in Kent Miller who has coached for over 27 years now. Post players are guided by the leadership of Melissa Kolbe. Her motivation is best summed up by a shirt she often wears in work outs and practices. It simply says “We > Me.” The newest Assistant Coach, Colette Cole, was an ECU standout who graduated with several athletic honors at ECU in 2009 and

County.

The information gleaned from the survey will help Kentucky Fish and Wildlife determine if these restrictions could be amended by allowing boats with motors larger than 10 horsepower to operate on some or all of these lakes at idle speed only.

The fisheries division mailed 2,000 of surveys to random fishing license holders a few weeks ago. The online survey will close at midnight on Dec. 30.

To take this survey, visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife webpage at fw.ky.gov and click on the “Proposed Small-Lake Boat Motor Regulation Changes, Take the Survey” tab on the rotating banner in the middle of the page. The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

really sets an example for the players. Eric Soister is handling the warm-ups and all of the tasks that go along with Director of Basketball Operations. You have to witness the coaches in action to truly appreciate them.

On Monday, December 30th, the Colonels will return home from playing Longwood University, to face rival Murray State. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. at Alumni Coliseum. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for kids 4 to 12. The Racers are 6-3 so far this season led by Junior Guard Keiona Kirby who averages 19 points and 2 assists per game. The Racers are also a young team and the match-up on December 30th promises to be a battle of the guards. Let’s get out and support our University and Our Own Michaela Hunter on the 30th! Call the ticket office and reserve your ticket: 859-622-2122.

“Rockets”

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games were tremendous team efforts and great wins.”

Blanton went on to say that the Estill County and North Laurel losses were both disappointing. He said the team failed to show the same intensity and aggressiveness that they showed in the Somerset ad Beechwood wins.

“With Estill County we let our offense dictate how we play defense. It can’t be that way it has to be defense first. We did not shoot the

ball well and we did not make up for it on the defensive end of the floor,” Blanton said. “North Laurel had a big team and we struggled with them inside the paint due to our lack of size compared to them. We showed a lot of heart and did not give up. We just had to big of a hole to get out of from the first half.”

The Rockets will play in the Berea Invitational tournament Thursday night when they take on the Eminence Warriors at Berea Community High School at 6:30 p.m.

Blanton said the Warriors are coming off their

first regional appearance since 2000 and they are an experienced team.

“They have two seniors and a junior that have a lot of experience from last year,” Blanton said. “But our success is based mostly off of how we play and how we execute than it is about other teams. We need to play well in order to bring home the victory.”



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On state-owned lakes

Survey seeking input on horsepower restrictions

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is seeking input by means of an online survey regarding horsepower restrictions on several state-owned lakes.

“This survey is open for anyone to take,” said Jeff Ross, assistant director of fisheries for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. “We want feedback from the public about changes to the boat motor restrictions.”

Currently, the following eight lakes have a 10 horsepower restriction on boat motors: Beaver Lake in Anderson County; Boltz Lake and Bullock Pen lakes in Grant County; Elmer Davis Lake in Owen County; Kincaid Lake in Pendleton County; Shanty Hollow Lake in Warren and Edmonson counties and Swan Lake in Ballard