

Rockets win tenth; Beat Monticello 73-71

The Rockcastle Rockets boys team upped their season record to 10-4 on Tuesday night when they defeated Monticello 73-71.

The win was the Rockets' third straight and fourth win in the last five games. It was also their second straight victory.

The Rockets had a four point lead at the end of the first period, and although they extended their lead to as many as eight in the second period, they went into the dressing room with only a four point advantage.

Monticello, a team that always plays good on their home floor, fought back in the third period and outscored the Rockets by nine to take a five point lead into the fourth period.

However, the Trojans were never able to expand their lead and at 3:30 to go in the game, Rockcastle took the lead on a Jeremy Neeley free throw, at 66-65.

They would never look back. Monticello made two costly turnovers, and the Rockets used some decent free throw shooting to hold back the Trojans.

The Rocket defense also held the state's third leading scorer Frank Phillips, to just 25 points.

Neeley led the Rockets in scoring with 26. He was five for eight from the field and four for nine from the three point line. He added three assists and two steals.

Aaron Anderkin had 14 points. He was two for five from the field and three for seven from three point range. He had six rebounds and two assists.

Andrew Hammond had 12 points, six rebounds and he blocked two shots.

Josh Rowland had 12 points, six rebounds, two assists and a blocked shot.

Thomas Coffey added three points, two rebounds, two assists and a steal. Coffey also did a good job on the defensive end on Phillips.

Aaron Cash, Chris Settles and Austin Miller all scored two points. Settles had three assists and Cash had two.

The Rockets had a total of 26 rebounds and shot 46 percent from the floor and only 50 percent from the free throw line.

The Rockets will travel to Whitley County on Friday where the junior varsity and varsity will be in action.

The first game at Whitley County will be at 6 p.m.

On Saturday afternoon, the Rockets will host Harlan in a game not on the schedule.

The junior varsity will play at 4:00 p.m. and the varsity will play thereafter.

ROCKCASTLE CO. (73) — Coffey 3, Roland 12, Neeley 26, Hammond 12, Anderkin 14, Cash 2, Miller 2, Settles 2.
MONTICELLO (71) — Smith 2, Phillips 25, Edwards 15, Miller 5, Taylor 8, G. O'Neil 14, S. O'Neil 2.
Rockcastle Co. 23 18 13 23-73
Monticello 17 18 20 16-71
Rebounds—Rockcastle Co. 11-4, Monticello 8-10

JV Linescores
Rockets 3 13 9 14 39
Mad. South 11 3 15 9 38
Jason Reynolds, 5; Austin Miller, 12; Stephen Boring, 3; Chris Settles, 15; Devin Taylor, 2; Cody Reams, 2

Homecoming scheduled for February 9th



Andrew Hammond attempts to block a shot on Tuesday night at Monticello. The Rockets won 73-71. Hammond had 12 points. Also in the photo is #34 Aaron Anderkin, who had 14; Thomas Coffey, who had three and Chris Settles, who had two. The Rockets play at Whitley County on Friday night and at home on Saturday afternoon against Harlan.



Andrew Hammond and Thomas Coffey apply the pressure in the Rockets full court press on Tuesday night. The Rockets won 73-71, after falling behind by five points in the third period. The Rockets play at Whitley County on Friday night and at home on Saturday afternoon.

Lady Rockets are 15-5 after wins over Madison Southern and Monticello

With senior Jessie Rickles leading the way with 34 points, the Lady Rockets handed the Madison Southern Lady Eagles their second loss in four days last Thursday night.

After going to Southern on Monday night and escaping with a narrow win, the Lady Rockets were in fine form on Thursday night, defeating the Eagles 60-35.

The Rockets led from the outset with Rickles getting 11 first quarter points and helping her team to a 19-11 margin.

At the half, the Rockets were

ahead 29-20 with Rickles and Rachelle Hammond combining for 8 of their teams 10 second quarter points. The third quarter was a repeat of the Rickles-Hammond show, with the two getting 16 points together and Amber Falin throwing in a basket and a free throw.

Coach Chrysi Noble took the opportunity to give her reserves some playing time, switching out five players at a time several times during the game.

Besides Rickles 24; Hammond had 14; Ashley Mink 6; Amber Falin

5; Jessie Hayes and Amber Denney 4 each; Tara Rowe 2 and Johnna Abney 1.

The going was a little rougher for the Lady Rockets at Monticello Tuesday night but, in spite of 22 turnovers, they managed to hang on for a 54-51 win.

After enjoying a 15 point lead, early in the third quarter, the Rockets found themselves all knotted up at 50 all when Hammond took a rebound and went coast-to-coast for the lay-in to put her team up 52-50.

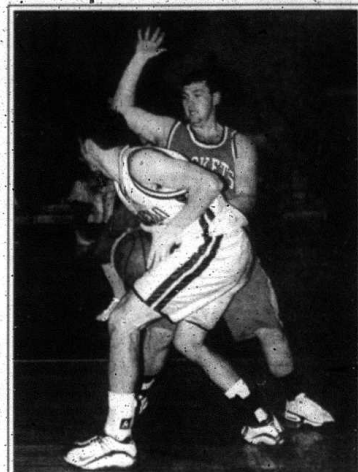
Denney was whistled for her 5th foul with 24 seconds to go but the Trojan could only sink one. Sophomore Ashley Mink was then fouled and

sank both to give her team the final margin of victory.

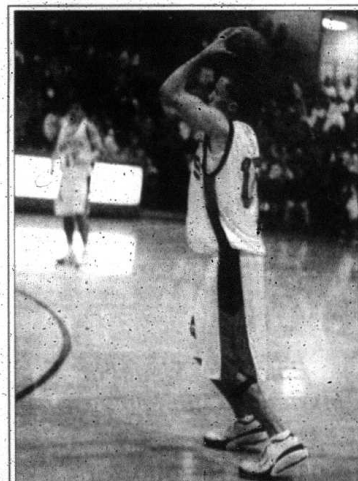
Three Lady Rockets fouled out of the game. Amber Falin was called for a charge for her fifth with 3:12 to play; Rickles got whistled out at the 2:10 mark and Denney left with 24 seconds to go. Two Trojans also used up their allotment of fouls. All total, 40 fouls were called in the game with the Rockets hitting 11 of 21 and the Trojans going 18 for 42.

Hammond led the scoring for her team with 23. Denney got 6; Rickles and Jessie Hayes, 7 each; Amber Falin scored 6; Ashley Mink 2 and Johnna Abney 1.

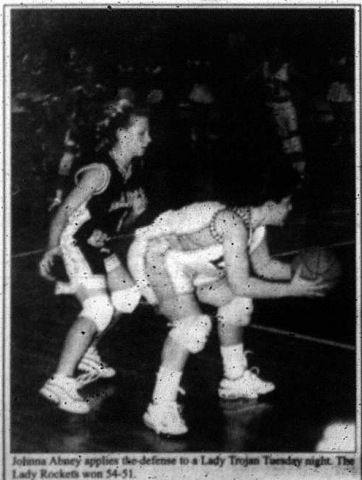
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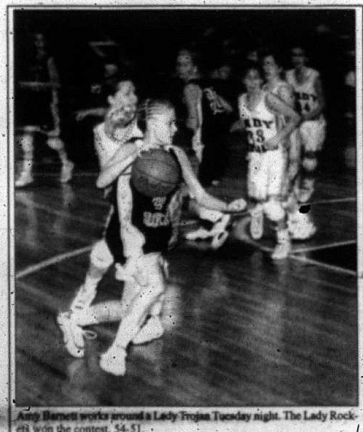
Senior Josh Rowland applies defense in the Rocket win over Monticello Tuesday night. Rowland played well, scoring 12 points and grabbing several rebounds.



Senior Jeremy Neeley led the Rockets in scoring again on Tuesday night with 26. Neeley and the Rockets are 10-4 on the season, after the win over Monticello.



Johnna Abney applies the defense to a Lady Trojan Tuesday night. The Lady Rockets won 54-51.



Amy Barnett works around a Lady Trojan Tuesday night. The Lady Rockets won the contest, 54-51.



Amber Falin scored five points for the Lady Rockets in their 54-51 win over Monticello Tuesday night.