

New coaches bring high hopes this spring

BY BILLY HADDIX

The baseball Rockets open up their season with newly acquired head coach J.D. Bussell: March 26 at Whitley County.

"The Rockets are looking forward to nothing less than a state title," he said in an interview earlier this month.

This year's team is expecting to have an excellent team with an all around game.

"We have most of our pitching staff back from last year in Greg Harper, Chris Parsons and Brandon Bishop, and I am looking forward for them to do some big things," said Coach Bussell.

"Our hitting will be the deciding factor in whether or not we win the state title," said sophomore Austin Miller.

However, junior Tim McClure

believes defense will be the key to victory.

"With a senior dominated team, defense is vital for us this year."

The baseball team, which is often overlooked by some, should be hard to hold come May. It will definitely be interesting to see just how the season goes.

This year's softball team also has a new head coach in Mr. Clay Dollins.

With a fairly young team, Coach Dollins thinks they may "just want to take it a game at a time and see how the season goes."

How far the team goes this season will depend on their defense, said Josie-Benge, a senior.

Softball season begins March 27 against Bell County.



photo by Brandon Bishop

The Rocket cheerleaders lead the crowd during Homecoming last Friday night.

Regional cheerleaders flip into RCHS Saturday

BY TASHA VANZANT

The RCHS cheerleading squad will host the KAPOK (Kentucky Association of Pep Organization Sponsors) regional competition Saturday, February 17. The event will begin at 11:00 AM.

Each year, a different school is given the honor of hosting the competition.

"It's a privilege to host a competition that is so well-known around the state," said senior Cathie Midkiff.

"I'm really excited about being a freshman on the team, and getting to compete," said Tara Barnett. "I feel sure that we'll win."

Whitley, Clay, Jackson, Rockcastle Counties, and Williamsburg will be participating. Those present will be competing in divisions such as: traditional (just a cheer), co-ed, and a 2.5 min. cheer that consists of a cheer and music.

"In order to prepare, we're practicing, practicing, practicing,"

cheerleading coach Ms. Rhonda Rose said.

When is it?
Saturday, February, 16
11:00 AM
How much is it?
\$3
Who can attend?
Everyone!

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Rockets

2/15-Lincoln Co. (H)

Senior night

2/23-McCreary

Central (A)

2/27-1st round district

Lady Rockets

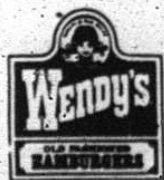
2/19-Southwest

Pulaski (A)

2/23-Middlesboro (H)

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