

Rockets are perfect 6-0 on Florida trip

The Rockcastle County High School baseball team, which was ranked fourth in the entire state last week, went six and 0 during Spring Break week at Cocoa Beach, Florida.

The Rockets' varsity and junior varsity played teams from Pennsylvania, New York, Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

The JV ended the week 3 and 4. Before the Rockets left for Florida they also defeated Estill County and Clinton County TN.

But on Monday night the Rockets suffered their first loss of the season when the Corbin RedHounds defeated them 4-2.

The Rockets bounced back on Tuesday with a 12-4 victory over Onida, in a game that saw the Rockets down 4-0 going into the third inning.

Senior Christopher Parsons hit a grand slam and added another homerun at pick up six RBIs in the win.

Shea Taylor struck out 11 in picking up the victory. The following is a short summary of each game, since April 5:

Rockcastle 3 - Estill County 1
Senior Greg Harper picked up his third win of the season, going all seven innings. He gave up four hits, struck out 12 and walked 3.

The Rockets picked up seven hits and two stolen bases. Christopher Parsons had a homerun.

ROCK JV 7 - Estill County 3
Tim McIntosh picked up the win in six innings. He gave up three runs, seven hits, struck out six and walked only one.

Aaron Anderkin had two doubles. James Russell and Brandon Campbell each had one double. The JV had a total of nine hits.

Rockcastle 4 - Clinton TN 1
Senior Bishop pitched five innings to pick up the win. He struck out six, walked three and gave up only three hits. Anderkin got the save, going two innings, giving up two hits, striking out three and walking two.

The Rockets hit only five hits and only one extra base hit, but by Brandon McIntosh, who had a double. The Rockets left five runners on base.

Rockcastle 12 - South Laurel 2
Greg Harper pitched only three innings to pick up the win. He gave up two runs, two hits, struck out four and walked two.

Shea Taylor pitched two innings, gave up two hits, and struck out one. Devin Taylor pitched one inning, gave up no hits and struck out one.

Derrick Russell had a triple, and stole two bases. Shea Taylor had a double and stole two bases.

Christopher Parsons, Billy Hackworth and Brandon Bishop all had doubles. All total the Rockets had ten stolen bases.

Rock JV 9 - Boyd Co. 6
Tim McIntosh picked up the win after coming in in relief for Adam Hensley, who had come in for James Russell after the first inning.

Bussell and Hensley gave up three runs apiece. Stephen Boring had a triple and Bussell added a double. The JV stole nine bases.

Rockcastle 13 - Lincoln Co. 1
Christopher Parsons pitched up the win, pitching three innings. He gave up one run, one hit, struck out four and walked three.

Aaron Cash pitched two innings, giving up no hits, striking out three and walking two.

Billy Hackworth had two doubles and Derrick Russell stole two bases.

Rock JV 4 - Chargin OH 5
Marty Reagan got the loss after coming in for Stephen Boring.

The Rockets managed only six hits and two stolen bases. Tim McClure had a triple.

Rock JV 10 - North Laurel 5
Cody Alexander pitched three innings to pick up the win. Devon Bussell and Tim McIntosh each pitched two innings.

Bussell struck out four and McIntosh three. Tim McClure and Austin Miller each hit a double.

Rock JV 17 - Wakefield VA 6
Adam Hensley picked up the win. John Bray and Brandon Campbell also pitched in relief.

Austin Miller had a homerun. James Bussell and Tim McClure each had a double.

Rockcastle 9 - Scott Co. 7
Aaron Anderkin gave up four runs in the first inning, but managed to pick up the win, after allowing only two more runs in the next five. Christopher Parsons pitched one inning to get the save.

Anderkin gave up 13 hits, two walks and he struck out three. Parsons gave up one run, one hit, struck out one and walked one.

Derrick Bussell had a triple and Parsons a double. All total the Rockets had eight hits.

Bussell had four stolen bases and the Rockets had a total of eight for the game.

Rock JV 9 - Scott Co. 11
Brandon McIntosh picked up the loss. Devon Bussell and Austin Miller pitched in relief.

All total Rocket pitchers gave up ten hits, three walks and struck out only one.

The Rockets hit Scott County 11-10 and stole four bases. Devin Taylor, Miller and Anderkin each had two hits.

Th JV left nine runners on base. **Rockcastle 12 - Tappan NY 2**
Greg Harper pitched up his fifth win of the season, going five innings.

Harper gave up two runs, on four hits. He struck out seven and walked none.

Christopher Parsons had a home run and triple. Derrick Bussell slapped a triple.

Rock JV 4 - Kings OH 12
The junior varsity managed only four hits, one of them a triple by James Bussell and only one Rocket walked, as the Rockets lost in five innings.

They also made three errors and four Rockets struck out.

Rockcastle 4 - WA (PA) 3
Shea Taylor picked up the win after the game went into extra innings. Taylor gave up two runs in the two innings he pitched, but he was the pitcher of record when the Rockets scored in the bottom of the eighth.

Brandon Bishop pitched four innings giving up only one run, on three hits. He walked three and struck out two.

Anderkin pitched two innings giving up no hits, walking one and striking out two.

Billy Hackworth had a double and the Rockets stole eight bases.

Rock JV 6 - Thomas OH 9
James Bussell, Stephen Boring and Aaron Cash all pitched in the loss, which saw the JV give up seven hits. They walked seven and struck out five.

The JV also left six on base. Bussell and Cash each had a triple.

Rockcastle 4 - Platts (NY) 2
Christopher Parsons pitched seven innings to pick up the win in last varsity game of the week in Florida.

Parsons gave up two runs on seven hits. He struck out three and walked three.

Shea Taylor had a triple and double and Derrick Bussell slapped a double.

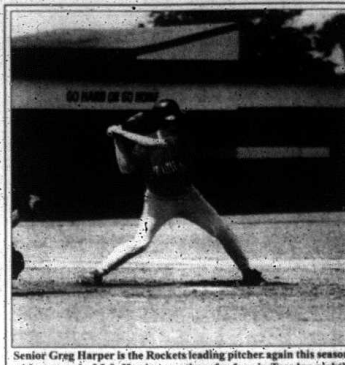
The Rockets had five stolen bases and turned two double plays.

The Rockets will play at home Thursday night against Pulaski.

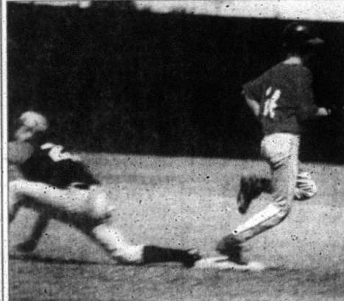
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Shortstop Derrick Bussell is leading the Rockets in hitting with a .578 average. Above he takes a swing during a Florida game.



Senior Greg Harper is the Rockets leading pitcher again this season with a record of 5-0. He also was three for four in Tuesday night's win at Onida. The Rockets play at home Thursday and Friday nights.



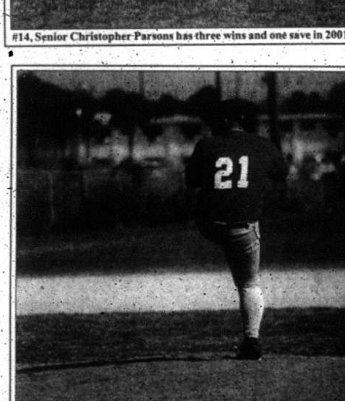
Senior Shea Taylor beats out a throw during play last week in Florida. Taylor was the winning pitcher on Tuesday, when the Rockets won 12-4.



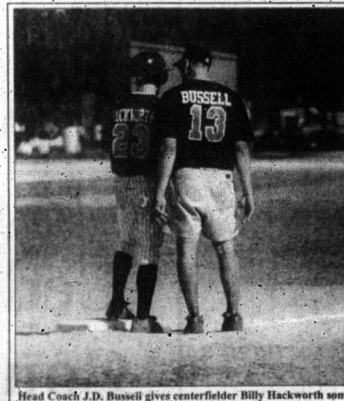
#14, Senior Christopher Parsons has three wins and one save in 2001.



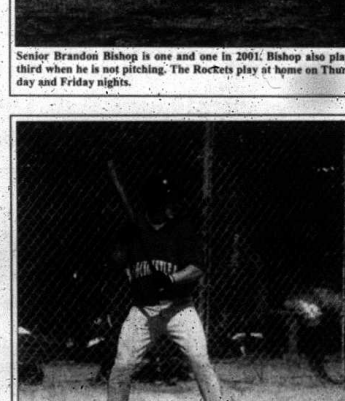
Sophomore Aaron Anderkin has two wins and one save in 2001. Above, he delivers a pitch in Florida last week.



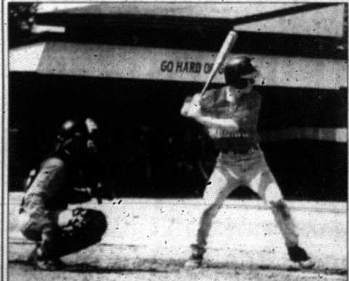
Senior Brandon Bishop is one and one in 2001. Bishop also plays third when he is not pitching. The Rockets play at home on Thursday and Friday nights.



Head Coach J.D. Bussell gives centerfielder Billy Hackworth some advice during a game in Florida. The Rockets are ranked fourth in the state and are now 13-1.



Aaron Cash prepares to bunt in a game in Florida last week. Cash hit the ball extremely well during the week long stay in Cocoa.



Freshman catcher Devin Taylor prepares to swing during a game in Florida last week. The Rocket varsity won all six of their games only to return home on Monday to lose to Corbin 4-2.

A complete wrapup of girls' softball action will appear in next week's Signal