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The Rockcastle County Rockets are ranked third in the state and are 18-1 on the season.

The highest state-wide ranking ever for a Rockcastle High School team, whose only loss was to the Corbin Redhounds, who defeated them 4-2 on April 16.

After the loss to Corbin, the Rockets defeated Oneida, Pulaski County, Lexington Catholic, Perry County Central, Madison Southern and Clay County.

The key match up of the week was Friday night when the Rockets hosted Catholic who is ranked number seven in the state.

The Rockets were behind 11 to 4 until the bottom of the sixth when they scored six runs to make the score 11-10.

Four of the six runs that inning came on a grand slam homerun by senior Christopher Parsons.

It was his second one of the week.

In the bottom of the seventh, junior Tim McClure scored the tie-ing run after a hit by senior Derrick Bussell. The Rockets got some help from Catholic, who threw the ball away after the hit.

McClure was running for freshman catcher Devin Taylor, who had gotten a hit in the bottom of the seventh.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, senior Greg Harper, who had three hits on the night, hit one over the left field fence to give the Rockets the come from behind win.

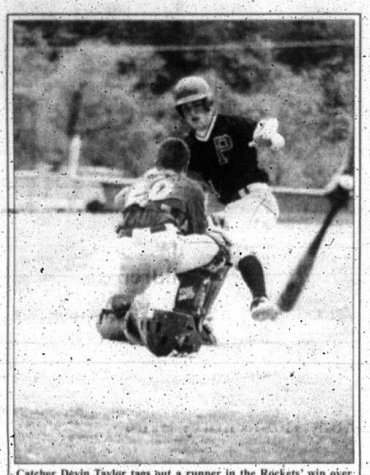
Harper's home run came with two outs in the game.

Sophomore Aaron Anderkin picked up the win, pitching two and third scoreless innings in relief of Harper and senior Brandon Bishop.

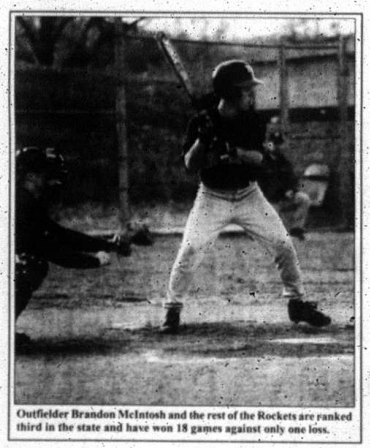
The Rockets will travel to Ashland this weekend where they will play in the Boyd County Invitational beginning on Friday night.

The Rockets will play Boyd County on Friday evening at 5:30 p.m.

The Rockets will then play Boyle County at 11 a.m. on Saturday and at 4 p.m. Saturday they will play Male.



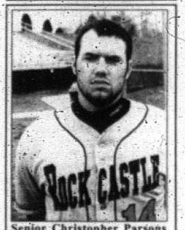
Catcher Devin Taylor tags out a runner in the Rockets' win over Perry County Central on Saturday.



Outfielder Brandon McIntosh and the rest of the Rockets are ranked third in the state and have won 18 games against only one loss.

Rockcastle County High School Senior baseball player Derrick Bussell, center, signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Eastern Kentucky University last week. Bussell is hitting .578 this season and has over 100 career stolen bases at the Rock. He was a member of the East West All-Star team last year and he has received the Presidential Academic Scholarship. As a football player at RCHS, he was named first team all-state as a defensive back. Above, at left is his mother, Nancy and at right is RCHS head baseball coach J.D. Bussell.

Senior Greg Harper hit the game winning home run in extra innings against Catholic on Friday night.



Senior Christopher Parsons had knocked in 19 runs and hit five home runs, including two grand slams in the last six games.

Baseball Linescores

The Rock JV(Visitor) vs. Perry Co. Central JV(Home)

The Rock JV		AB	R	H	RBI	PO	As	E
J. Bussell	ss	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
A. Miller	lf-ph	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dev. Bussell	rf-ph	2	1	2	2	0	0	0
A. Anderkin	ph	2	1	1	2	0	0	0
S. Boreing	3b-ph	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
T. McClure	cf	2	1	1	0	1	0	0
M. Reagan	c	2	0	1	0	7	0	0
J. Bray	2b	2	1	2	1	1	1	0
B. Campbell	1b-rf	2	0	1	1	3	0	0
T. McIntosh	ph-pr	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
C. Alexander	ph-dr-lf	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
J. Todd	ph-3b	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
A. Hensley	p-ph-1b	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
D. Taylor	ph-p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		23	9	11	7	12	5	0

Batters-26, LOB-5. DP-1. 3B-Dev. Bussell 1. HR-A. Anderkin 1. SB-Dev. Bussell 1, A. Anderkin 1, T. McClure 2, J. Bray 1, B. Campbell 1, T. McIntosh 2. CS-J. Bussell 1, J. Bray 1.

	1	2	3	4	R	H	E
The Rock JV	0	1	5	3	9	11	0
Perry Co. Central JV	0	0	0	0	0	1	5

Winning Pitcher: A. Hensley

Corbin(Visitor) vs. The Rock(Home)

The Rock		AB	R	H	RBI	PO	As	E
D. Bussell	ss	4	2	2	0	3	2	1
S. Taylor	2b	3	0	2	2	2	4	0
C. Parsons	1b	3	0	1	0	2	0	0
G. Harper	cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
B. Hackworth	cf	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Aa. Cash	3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
B. Bishop	p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B. McIntosh	lf	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
D. Taylor	c	3	0	1	0	9	2	0
A. Anderkin	p	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. Bussell	dr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		25	2	7	2	21	6	3

Batters-30, LOB-7. DP-1. 2B-C. Parsons 1. 3B-D. Bussell 1. SB-Aa. Cash 1. CS-B. Hackworth 1, J. Bussell 1.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Corbin	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	4	2
The Rock	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	7	3

Winning Pitcher: G. McGowan
Losing Pitcher: B. Bishop

Pulaski Co. JV(Visitor) vs. The Rock JV(Home)

The Rock JV		AB	R	H	RBI	PO	As	E
J. Bussell	ss	2	1	1	0	3	0	1
A. Miller	3b-rf	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
S. Boreing	p-1b	2	0	0	0	1	0	1
Dev. Bussell	rf, cf	2	2	2	2	0	0	0
B. Campbell	1b	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
T. McClure	cf	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
T. McIntosh	p-1b	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
J. Bray	2b	2	0	0	0	2	2	1
M. Reagan	c	1	0	0	0	3	3	0
A. Anderkin	dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A. Hensley	1b	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
J. Todd	3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		15	4	4	4	15	5	3

Batters-18, LOB-1. 2B-Dev. Bussell 1. SB-D. Bussell 1, A. Miller 1, Dev. Bussell 2, A. Anderkin 1.

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Pulaski Co. JV	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
The Rock JV	0	1	3	0	x	4	4	3

Winning Pitcher: S. Boreing.

Lexington Catholic(Visitor vs. The Rock(Home)

The Rock		AB	R	H	RBI	PO	As	E
D. Bussell	ss	3	2	1	0	2	6	0
S. Taylor	2b	5	1	2	1	2	5	2
Aa. Cash	rf-3b	4	0	1	1	1	1	0
C. Parsons	1b	4	1	1	4	11	2	1
G. Harper	p-rf	4	1	3	1	0	0	0
B. Hackworth	cf	3	1	0	0	1	0	1
B. Bishop	3b-p	3	0	0	0	0	2	1
B. McIntosh	lf	4	0	1	0	3	1	0
D. Taylor	c	2	0	0	0	5	1	1
M. Reagan	dr-rf	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
T. McClure	dr	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
A. Anderkin	p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		33	12	8	10	24	18	6

Batters-41, LOB-6. DP-7. 2B-D. Bussell 1, B. McIntosh 1. HR-C. Parsons 1, G. Harper 1. HP-C. Parsons 1, G. Harper 1. SB-D. Bussell 2. CS-S. Taylor 1, B. Hackworth 1.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	R	H	E
Lex	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	6	5
R	1	0	0	3	0	6	1	1	12	9	6

Winning Pitcher: A. Anderkin

The Rock(Visitor) vs. Madison Southern(Home)

The Rock		AB	R	H	RBI	PO	As	E
D. Bussell	ss	2	2	1	0	0	3	0
S. Taylor	2b-p	4	1	2	1	1	0	0
Aa. Cash	3b	3	3	3	0	0	0	0
C. Parsons	p-1b	4	1	3	5	2	1	0
G. Harper	rf	4	1	3	2	1	0	0
B. Hackworth	cf	3	0	1	0	4	0	0
A. Anderkin	1b	2	1	0	0	2	0	0
B. McIntosh	lf	3	1	0	0	2	0	0
D. Taylor	c	1	0	0	0	5	1	0
M. Reagan	dr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
T. McClure	dr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
J. Bray	2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		24	12	10	7	16	5	0

Batters-33, LOB-6. 2B-S. Taylor 1, C. Parsons 1. HR-C. Parsons 1. HP-D. Bussell 1. SB-D. Bussell 2, Aa. Cash 3, G. Harper 1, T. McClure 1. CS-B. Hackworth 1, M. Reagan 1.

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
The Rock	1	0	2	3	5	12	11	0
Madison South	0	0	0	2	0	2	5	4

Winning Pitcher: C. Parsons

The Rock(Visitor) vs. Perry Co. Central(Home)

The Rock		AB	R	H	RBI	PO	As	E
D. Bussell	ss	3	2	2	0	0	5	0
S. Taylor	2b-p	3	2	2	3	4	5	0
Aa. Cash	3b-2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
C. Parsons	1b	3	1	2	2	4	11	0
G. Harper	rf	3	1	3	1	0	0	1
B. Hackworth	cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
B. Bishop	p-3b	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
B. McIntosh	lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
D. Lackey	dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
A. Anderkin	p	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
J. Bussell	dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
T. McClure	dr	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		31	10	12	8	21	15	1

Batters-37, LOB-5. 2B-S. Taylor 1, G. Harper 1. HR-C. Parsons 1, SB-D. Bussell 1, Aa. Cash 1. CS-Aa. Cash 1, T. McClure 1.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
The Roc	0	0	1	0	4	5	0	10	12	1
Perry Co	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	5	8	2

Winning Pitcher: A. Anderkin

The Rock JV(Visitor) vs. Madison Southern JV(Home)

The Rock JV		AB	R	H	RBI	PO	As	E
M. Reagan	c	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
A. Miller	p	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Dev. Bussell	rf	2	2	2	2	0	0	0
S. Boreing	rf	2	1	2	1	0	0	0
B. Campbell	dh-1b	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
T. McClure	cf	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
J. Bray	2b	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
A. Hensley	1b-dh	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
J. Todd	3b	1	0	0	0	1	3	0
T. McIntosh	ph	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
D. Taylor	ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C. Alexander	dr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		14	8	7	7	6	5	0

Batters-17, LOB-3. DP-1. 2B-A. Miller 1, Dev. Bussell 1, T. McClure 1. 3B-Dev. Bussell 1. SB-B. Campbell 1, J. Bray 1, T. McIntosh 1.

	1	2	R	H	E
The Rock JV	2	5	7	7	0
Madison Southern JV	0	0	0	2	0

Winning Pitcher: A. Miller Losing Pitcher: Rose

Pulaski County(Visitor vs. The Rock(Home)

The Rock		AB	R	H	RBI	PO	As	E
D. Bussell	ss	3	0	1	0	1	4	1
S. Taylor	2b	3	0	1	0	2	2	0
Aa. Cash	3b	2	2	1	0	1	0	0
C. Parsons	p	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
G. Harper	rf	3	2	2	4	0	0	0
B. Hackworth	cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
A. Anderkin	1b	0	0	0	0	9	0	0
B. McIntosh	lf	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
D. Taylor	c	2	0	1	0	4	0	0
B. Bishop	dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
M. Reagan	dr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
T. McClure	dr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		22	4	5	4	21	13	2

Batters-25, LOB-3. 2B-G. Harper 1, HR-G. Harper 1. HP-Aa. Cash 1. SB-Aa. Cash 1. CS-D. Bussell 1.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Pulaski Co	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1
The Rock	3	0	0	0	0	1	x	4	5	2

Winning Pitcher: C. Parsons

The Rock(Visitor) vs. Oneida Baptist(Home)

The Rock		AB	R	H	RBI	PO	As	E
Aa. Cash	2b-rf	3	1	0	0	1	1	0
S. Taylor	p-2b	4	0	1	0	2	0	0
D. Bussell	ss	3	2	1	0	0	2	0
C. Parsons	1b	4	3	3	4	5	0	0
G. Harper	rf-p	4	2	3	0	0	0	0
B. Hackworth	cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
B. Bishop	3b	4	1	0	0	0	4	0
B. McIntosh	lf	4	2	2	2	0	0	0
D. Taylor	c	0	0	0	0	13	0	0
J. Bussell	dh	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
T. McClure	dr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		33	12	12	11	21	7	1

Batters-36. LOB-2. DP-1. 2B-S. Taylor 1, G. Harper 1. HR-C. Parsons 2. SB-D. Bussell 1, G. Harper 1, B. Hackworth 1, B. Bishop 1, B. McIntosh 1, J. Bussell 1.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
The Rock	0	0	4	0	2	1	2	12	12	1
Oneida B.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	3

Winning Pitcher: S. Taylor

Corbin JV(Visitor) vs. The Rock JV(Home)

The Rock JV		AB	R	H	RBI	PO	As	E
J. Bussell	ss	5	1	2	0	0	2	1
B. Reagan	c	2	0	1	0	2	0	0
A. Miller	p	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
A. Anderkin	dh	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
S. Boreing	1b-3b	2	1	2	0	3	1	0
T. McClure	cf	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
J. Todd	3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. Bray	2b	3	0	1	0	7	2	1
T. McIntosh	lf-rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dev. Bussell	rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
C. Alexander	dr-rf	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
A. Hensley	1b	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
B. Campbell	1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		23	5	9	4	17	7	3

Batters-24. LOB-4. 2B-A. Anderkin 1, T. McClure 1, 3B-J. Bray 1. SB-J. Bussell 1.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Corbin JV	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	1	
The Rock JV	2	0	0	3	0	x	x	5	9	3

Winning Pitcher: A. Miller

Lady Rockets Round-Up

In their last six outings, the Lady Rockets softball team won two, beating Somerset and Clay County and lost four, to Garrard County, Lincoln County and two to Pulaski Southwestern.

Against Garrard County, the only two runs, in the 15-2 loss for the Rockets came in the first inning. Jessie Hayes led off with a single and, one out later, Amber Falin singled, driving in Hayes, and later scored on a combination of Garrard Co. errors.

The Rockets next game was against Pulaski Southwestern in horrid weather conditions and the Rockets wound up on the short end 18-15.

The Rockets picked up eight hits in the game with two of their RBIs coming on a home run by Josie Benge in the third inning.

In the first inning, the Rockets went ahead 3-0 on a triple by Rachel

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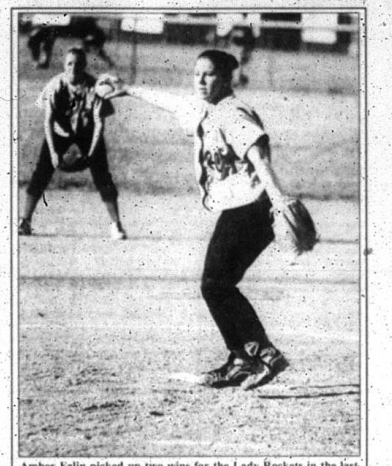
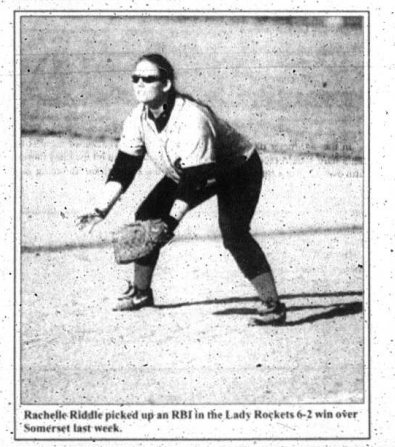
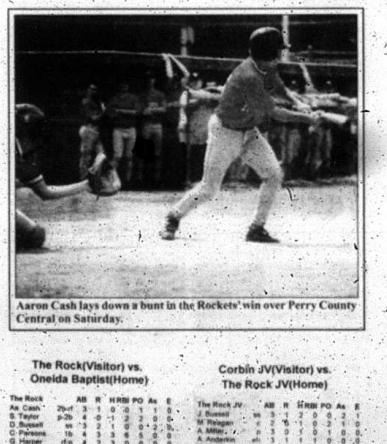


Amber Falin picked up two wins for the Lady Rockets in the last week. The wins came over Clay County and Somerset.



Rachelle Riddle picked up an RBI in the Lady Rockets 6-2 win over Somerset last week.



Aaron Cash lays down a bunt in the Rockets' win over Perry County Central on Saturday.