



The 2001 Edition of the Rockcastle County High School Rocket Football Team

2001 Rockets have a lot to live up to

How hard will it be for the Rockcastle County Rockets of 2001 to repeat as Regional Champs - win 13 straight games and make it to the final four teams in Class 3A?

"Virtually impossible," said head coach Tom Larkey "but we are working hard every day to get ready for this season," Larkey said.

Last year's squad compiled the best record ever at the ROCK and brought home the ROCK's first ever regional championship.

"Our team had a really good camp and we have a lot of players who understand what it takes to be a champion," the coach said.

Larkey and head assistant Tony Saylor are beginning their 17th season at the ROCK.

Saylor, who is best known for his hours of preparation for each game said he was a little concerned this week because the Rockets have never played their first opponent, Washing-

ton County, and because Washington County has a new head coach.

"We've scouted them and got some film on them, but you never know what they might throw at you," he said.

"A lot of teams don't show their best stuff in scrimmage - so we will just have to be prepared for anything," he said.

The Rockets have some very good experienced players returning from a year ago - but Larkey and Saylor have had to find ten replacements for the seniors who graduated from last year's record setting squad.

The Rockets will have five new starters on offense and five on defense.

On offense, Larkey's hardest task will probably be replacing tailback Derrick Bussell, tight end Greg Harper and quarterback Chris Parsons who was a three year starter.

Junior tailback Marty Reagan, who played a lot of

offense a year ago will take Bussell's place at tailback.

Senior Clay Dooley will move from fullback to halfback and Senior Josh Taylor and Junior Clell Swinney are in a battle for the fullback spot.

Junior Aaron Anderkin will take over for Parsons at quarterback.

Senior Josh Hale who has started for two years will remain at split-end and be more of a wide receiver and senior William Blair will move from center to tight end.

Senior Jason Ramey will take over at center and senior Adam Childress will move into one guard spot and junior Michael Brummett, who started a year ago will play the other guard.

Returning starter, junior Tanner Abney will play strong side tackle and Jason Leger, who started at tackle as a freshman will play the other tackle.

Sophomore Nick Thomas and juniors Jared Rice and

Benny Northern will see a lot of action on the offensive line.

Senior Steve Blair may also see action there as well.

Larkey said he has never

had a team at Rockcastle with so much depth on both the offensive and defensive line.

Junior Stephen Boring and

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Good Luck Rockets!



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