

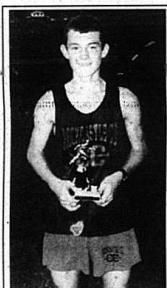
Brandon Cole and Kayla Hayes top cross-country records

The RCHS cross-country teams recently competed in several invitational cross-country meets. Many individuals have turned in personal best performances, while others have steadily continued to improve. Freshman Brandon Cole and eighth grader Kayla Hayes have been the most consistent varsity runners, with each shattering the previous RCHS varsity records in their respective events during the course of the past two weeks.

The Southern Harrier Special is an annual cross-country competition in Somerset that draws some of the best teams and runners in the state. The meet also provides competition for several different age divisions from elementary school to high school.



Fourth grader Blake Parsons, right, is currently undefeated in elementary competition this season and recently placed first at Pulaski County. Fifth grader Bryan Clontz, left, finished second. The pair have been the top two runners at every elementary race so far this season.



Freshman Brandon Cole recently broke the RCHS 5,000 meter record at the Boyle County Invitational Cross-Country meet. He shattered the previous mark by over forty seconds with an unprecedented time of 17:21.

Rockcastle's elementary boys' team had an excellent meet and finished second, only one point behind host Somerset. Blake Parsons led the way for Rockcastle with an easy first place finish in 5:58. Teammate Bryan Clontz was his closest competition and finished the 1.2 mile course in 7:10. Other finishers for Rockcastle included: Andrew Pensol - 12th, 8:37; Devon Davidson - 17th, 9:07; Jacob Bussell - 18th, 9:21; Robbie Miller - 20th, 9:25; Aaron Daniel - 23rd, 12:33.

The elementary girls' team also had a great team race and finished third overall. Cory Collinsworth led the way for the girls with a 15th place finish in 9:08. She narrowly defeated teammate Bethany Clontz who placed 16th with a time of 9:19. Other finishers for Rockcastle included: Alana Daniel - 25th, 10:45; Jennifer Daniel - 26th, 11:51 and Samantha Bussell - 28th, 14:03.

The middle school boys' team placed eighth overall despite the lack of individual experience within the team. Newcomer Bryan Gilbert, a seventh grader with less than a week of practice, led the boys' team and finished 52nd overall on the 2.4 mile course in 19:30. Drew Davidson placed 55th in 19:58; Josh Blair - 75th, 22:35; James Stacey - 79th, 23:38 and Micah Lester - 80th, 23:40.

Eighth grader Kayla Hayes dominated the 5,000 meter (3.1 mile) junior varsity competition, easily placing first overall with an awesome time of 23:12. This was a personal best effort for Kayla. Elizabeth Bussell was very close behind and finished third overall in 24:40, also a personal best. Mournie Ramsey continued to improve and placed 12th overall in 29:35.

The boys' varsity team was led by freshman Brandon Cole, who continued

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The Rockets were fired up and ready to go before the Knott County Central game Friday night. The game ended in a rout, 79-7. The Rockets are 6-0 on the season. In the above photo are: Matt McClure, Doug French, Chris Croucher, Jason Ramey, Derreck Hurst, Nathan Brummett, Michael Brummett, Tyler Strunk, Jared Rice, Graham Fay and Brad Wesley.

Rockets beat up on Knott

The Rockcastle County High School Rocket football team continued their march toward a second straight regional championship on Friday night when they dismantled the Knott County Patriots 79-7.

One almost had to feel sorry for the Patriots.

The Rockets first two offensive plays resulted in touchdowns, thanks to a pair of tosses from quarterback Aaron Anderkin to Marty Reagan and Josh Hale.

Reagan's catch was good for 56 yards and Hale's touchdown catch was good for 24 yards.

And to make it worse for the Patriots, Rockcastle scored the third time they had the ball, it took two plays this time, but Anderkin found Hale again for a touchdown pass.

It was 21 to nothing and only three and half minutes had ticked off the clock.

Before it was over the Rockets had scored 44 points in the first quarter.

All total the Rockets scored six touchdowns and senior Steve Blair picked up a safety, in the first period alone.

The rest of the scoring for the Rockets went as follows:

The Patriots had to kick after the safety and senior Clay Dooley ran it back 56 yards for the score.

Also in the first, senior Josh Taylor scored on a two yard run and Reagan scored on a 50 yard run.

In the second quarter, Hale caught a 46 yard touchdown pass from Anderkin and senior Coty Reams caught a 17 yard pass, also from Anderkin making it 59-0 at the half.

Head coach Tom Larkey who was returning to the sidelines after under going cancer surgery two weeks ago, pulled most of his starters in the second period, but that still did not help the Patriots much.

The Rockets scored once in the third on another run by Josh Taylor of five yards and in the fourth period

freshman Max Saylor scored on a two yard run and Cody Alexander scored on a 15 yard run.

All total the Rockets offensive racked up 455 yards.

Anderkin was nine for ten for 243 yards and the five touchdowns.

Hale, who has been at the top of the stats in the state for receiving caught three balls for 82 yards - but they were all for touchdowns.

Reagan caught four passes for 130 yards and one touchdown.

He also rushed for 54 yards on one carry and he scored once on the ground.

Josh Taylor rushed for 89 yards eleven carries. He scored twice on the ground.

Coty Reams caught two passes for 31 yards and a touchdown.

Devon Bussell caught one pass for 43 yards and Michael Hayes caught one pass for two yards.

Clay Dooley had five yards on one carry, Max Saylor had seven

yards on two carries and he scored on rushing touchdown.

Cody Alexander had only one carry but it was good for 15 yards and a touchdown.

Clell Swinney had ten yards on two carries and James Michael Bussell had three yards on one carry and Brandon Reams had two yards on three carries.

Shane Lynch had eleven yards on one carry. Shay Mullins had one carry for a yard and Jameson Cable had one carry.

Devin Taylor completed two passes for 15 yards.

Placekicker Jens Strietzel was a perfect 11 for 11 in extra point kicks, which tied a school record set last year by Greg Terry.

Coach Larkey gave a lot of credit to his offensive line again, William Blair, Michael Brummett, Adam Childress, Jason Leger, Tanner Abney and Stephen Boreing. "Our other kids such as Benny Northern, Jason Ramey, Brad Wesley and Jarrod

Rice also played well Friday night," Larkey said.

"Our offense has ran pretty smooth all year and they are a big reason for that," he said.

Defensively P.J. Rowe and William Blair led the way for the Rockets, who began substituting on defense in the first quarter.

Blair had six tackles and assists and Rowe had four tackles, three of those for sacks.

Reagan had an interception to go along with his three tackles and Dooley had a sack and two tackles.

Steve Blair had four tackles and assists. Leger had three, Abney, three, Childress, three, Boreing, two, Chris Croucher, two, Matt McClure, two, Hale, one, Wesley, one, Northern, one, Tyler Strunk, one and Brandon Campbell, one, which was a sack.

Friday night's blow out did not come without a price for the Rockets during offensive and defensive

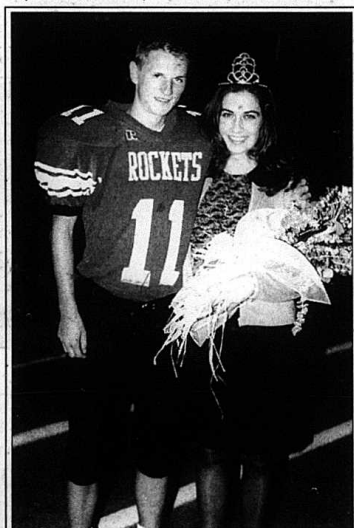
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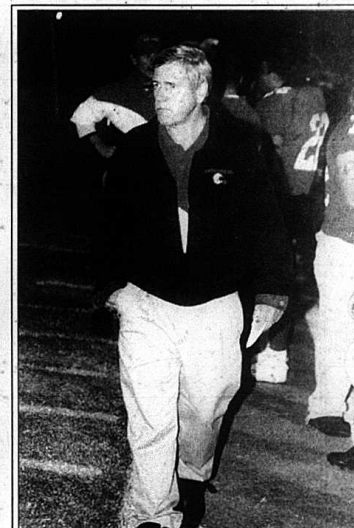
Clell Swinney, #40, and Tyler Strunk, #57, put pressure on Knott County's quarterback. The Rockets destroyed Knott County 79-7.



Rockcastle's elementary boys' cross-country team recently placed first at a meet held at Cave Lake Park in Pulaski County. Members of the team are pictured above, standing from left: Jeffrey Mink, Andrew Pensol and Bryan Clontz. Sitting, from left: Robbie Miller, Devon Davidson, Blake Parsons, Jacob Bussell and Aaron Daniel.



Jens Strietzel, left, a foreign exchange student from Germany and placekicker for the Rockets, was named Frog King during the Rockets homecoming game with Knott County Central last Friday night. He is shown here with this year's Homecoming Queen, Angie Boreing.



Head Coach Tom Larkey returned to the sidelines Friday night after undergoing cancer surgery two weeks ago. Larkey has been head coach for the past 17 years and had winning records in 16 of those 17 years. His first season the Rockets finished with a 4-6 record.

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