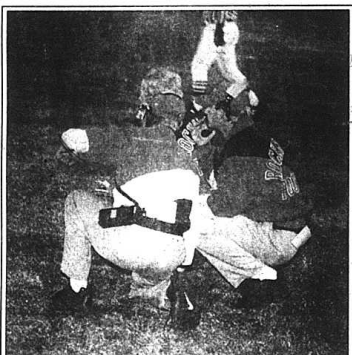




P.J. Rowe, Tanner Abney and James Michael Bussell close in on a Bell County runner. The Rockets will host Greenup County in the first round of the playoffs on Friday night.



Rocket head coach Tom Larkey and assistants Tony Saylor and Chris Larkey discuss strategy during the Rockets' win at Bell County on Friday night. The Rockets won 14-2.

Final Junior Pro Sign-Ups and Evaluation Drafts

The final sign-up time for the 2001-02 Junior Pro season will be Saturday, November 3rd at the Mt. Vernon Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The age groups for Jr. Pro are as follows: Junior Varsity League - 10, 11 and some 12 year olds; Training League - 8, 9 and some 10 year olds; Instructional League - 6, 7 and some 8 year olds.

The age cut-off is September 1, 2001. A player must play in the older age division at 8, 10 or 12 if their birthday is before September 1st. If their birthday is after September 1st, they default into the younger age group. For example, if a child turns 10 years old on September 4th, he/she would play in the Training League; by the same token, if their birthday were on August 4th, they would play in the JV League.

Youth Football Results

By Gridiron Dave
Tuesday, October 23rd
Bengals 34
Redskins 7
Bengals: John L. Saylor, 1 TD; Tanner Perkins, 2 TD; Johnathan Higgins, 1 TD; Steven Denny, 1 TD; Brand Burkhardt, 2 - 2 pt. FG
Redskins: James Todd, 1 TD; Allen Burdette, 1 pt. conv.

Yellow Jackets 16
Wildcats 8
Yellow Jackets: Logan Kincaid, 1 TD; Jeff Smith, 1 TD and 2 - 2 pt. FG
Wildcats: Johnathan Carlton, 1 TD; Maverick Whitehead, 2 - 2 pt. FG



Vanessa Ann Mink of Mt. Vernon is a member of the Berea College Women's Soccer Team for the 2001-02 school year. Vanessa is the daughter of Larry Mink of Mt. Vernon.

A player that has not yet turned 6 may play in the Instructional League if they are enrolled in the first grade or equivalent.

The evaluation draft of players onto teams will occur at Mt. Vernon Elementary School at the following times:

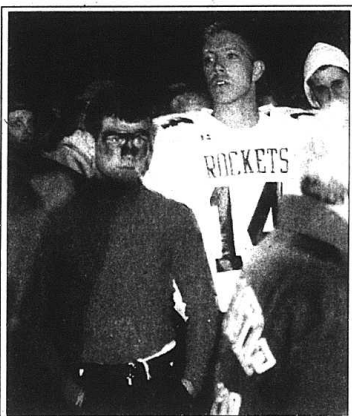
Monday, November 5th, 6:00 p.m. for the Instructional League.
Tuesday, November 6th, 6:00 p.m. for the Training League.

Thursday, November 8th, 6:00 p.m. for the JV League.
It is very important to have your child signed up by the draft day at latest. Once teams are drafted, no other players can be added.

For those with questions, please contact Randy Dillingham @ 758-8185, Derrick Singleton @ 256-1219 or Johnny Boone Saylor @ 758-9636.

Saturday, October 27th
Yellow Jackets 8
Redskins 6
Yellow Jackets: Cody Mize, 1 TD; Jeff Smith, 2 pt. FG
Redskins: Jamie Todd, 1 TD.
Bengals 28
Wildcats 6
Bengals: Tanner Perkins, 2 TD; John L. Saylor, 1 TD; Justin Bryant, 1 TD; Brand Burkhardt, 2 - 2 pt. FG
Wildcats: Maverick Whitehead, 1 TD.

Standings
Bengals 9-0
Yellow Jackets 5-4
Wildcats 2-7
Redskins 2-7



Devin Taylor, left, caught one touchdown pass and another one for 37 yards, besides keeping Bell County backed up on his punts. One punt, after a safety, covered 75 yards. Aaron Anderkin, right, threw one touchdown and scored another on the ground. All total the junior accounted for 217 yards of offense.

ROCK vs. Bell County

By: Preston Parrett
The Rock took off to log mountain To meet the Bobcats in their lair. With the district championship of 2001 Hanging in the air.

Two veteran coaches would meet up Dudley Hilton of the Hilton Hotel, And Tom Larkey of the Hardrock Cafe Would try to kick each other's tail.

These coaches were very crafty And their coaching was slick, As they'd reach in their bag And pull out a new trick.

A large Rock contingent was on hand To see the district big boys go head to head, Early on they saw a defensive battle Before the Rock put the Bobcats to bed.

Marty Reagan opened up the running game With a twenty-eight yard run, As the Bobcats fell behind And were under the gun.

Aaron Anderkin had a thirty-three yard gain Then he ran it across the line

And the Rock fans, coaches and team Were really feeling fine.

The halftime score was thirteen to zero And the Rock Posse defense was great, As they shut down the Bobcat offense And that's why Coach Saylor's defense is best in the state.

In the third Big "A" passed to Devin Taylor And the Bobcat defense they did burn, Then Josh Hale gathered in a punt And took it forty-five yards on the return.

In the fourth the Bobcats got a safety, And the score was twenty-seven to two, But Marty sealed their fate with a one yard run And the Bobcats championship hopes went askew.

It was a great game for the Rock And the coaches had a great battle plan, As they rolled to victory on log mountain And came home with the championship in hand.

The Rockcastle County Rockets ended with a perfect 10 and 0 regular season record after a 34-2 win over the Bell County Bobcats on Friday night.

It was the first time any Tom Larkey coached team had traveled to Bell County and came away with a victory over the Bobcats, who have a state title to their credit.

The win gave Rockcastle their second straight undefeated regular season and second straight district title.

The Rockets' high octane offense got off to a little bit of a slow start, with a couple of motion penalties and incomplete passes, but picked it up near the end of the first quarter.

The Rocket scoring went as follows:

Marty Reagan on a 28 yard run in the first period.

Aaron Anderkin on a one yard run in the second.

In the third period Anderkin hit Devin Taylor on a 34 yard pass and Josh Hale had a spectacular 51 yard punt return for a touchdown.

Reagan finished the scoring with a one yard run in the fourth, which was set up by a 37 yard pass from Anderkin to Taylor.

Bell County's only score came on a safety, after a Bobcat punt was downed at the one foot line.

Offensively the Rockets had a total of 305 yards, while their defense gave up 129, the most in any game this season.

Anderkin was eight for 18 passing for 157 yards and one touchdown. He also threw one interception.

The quarterback also rushed eight times for 61 yards.

Reagan had 10 carries for 72 yards and he caught two passes for 26 yards.

Clay Dooley had eleven yards on five carries and he caught one pass for 15 yards.

Devin Taylor had 71 yards on two catches and Clay Reams had eleven yards on one catch.

Jens Strietzel was two for three in extra point kicks and Reagan scored on a two point conversion.

Defensive coach Tony Saylor said his unit did not tackle well on Friday night and that they have been working very hard this week to improve on that part of the game.

Seniors William Blair and P.J. Rowe led the Rockets on defense.

Blair had a total of 22 tackles and assists and Rowe had eight tackles and assists and was in on three sacks.

Junior James Michael Bussell also turned in a good performance from his cornerback position with seven tackles and assists, while adding a sack and being in on two more. Junior Stephen Boring also

played well defensively with nine tackles and assists. He was also in on one sack.

Steve Blair was in on two sacks and had four assists.

Adam Chiles had one sack and three tackles and assists.

Jason Leger had three tackles and assists, Tanner Abney had five, Reagan, five, Dooley, six, Hale, six, Josh Taylor, one, Michael Hayes, one, and Nathan Brummett, one.

The Rockets face Greenup County, a team who is five and five

on the season, but a team Saylor says is the best the Rockets have faced all season long.

"They have a complicated offense and got off to a slow start, but I think they are 28 points better than Bell County," the defensive coach said.

Greenup County was tied with Lawrence County at the end of the third period and they play all juniors and seniors.

"We've got our work cut out for us and we play defense like we did at times last week, we will get beat," Saylor said.

Offensively the Rockets will change very little, according to coach Larkey.

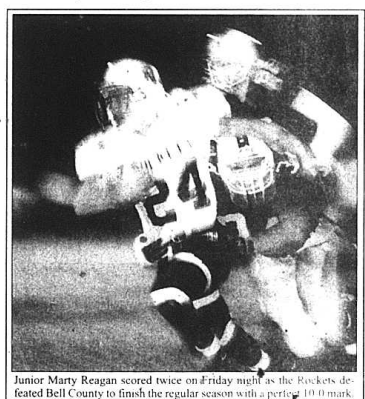
"Some kids will see more playing time on offense than they have in the past and we have been working on some different things - but basically things will stay the same."

Larkey shared the same sentiments as Saylor, "Greenup has a good team and we must be ready to play, especially our offensive line, or we will get beat - we may have to put up a lot of points to win this one," he said.

The Rockets are fairly healthy with only a few bumps and bruises and will have the home field advantage throughout the regional playoffs.

Game time Friday night is 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$8.00.

The Rockets were ranked fifth in one poll this week and eighth in another. They were also ranked second in AAA, behind Boyket County.



Junior Marty Reagan scored twice on Friday night as the Rockets defeated Bell County to finish the regular season with a perfect 10-0 mark.



Rockets Repeat as Champions

The RCMS 7th & 8th grade football teams finished their season Thursday night as undefeated conference champions. The 7th grade defeated South Laurel to finish 10-0 and record their seventh consecutive conference championships. The 8th grade finished with a 10-0 record by defeating Wayne County. The 7th Thursday marked the first time in conference play that a team has successfully repeated as 8th Grade Champions. Members of the squad pictured above, front row from left: Zach Hale, Derrick Baker, Robert Crawford, Neshay Helton, Mike Denny, Kenny Bartlett, Charles Cunningham, Kenny Cradd, and Brad Saylor. Second row from left: Chris Winkler, Charles Lovell, Brandon Collins, Dustin Albright, Bucky Skinner, James Howard, Matt Burkhardt, Justin Albright, Cody Lester, and Larry Lawson. Third row from left: Robbie Carasello, Adam Mink, Lynn Miracle, Martin Abney, Jarrod Brown, Chris Rowland, Travis Smith, Matt Stamper, Billy Hines, David Robbins, and Jacob Harding. Fourth row from left: Justin Dobbs, Matt Wilder, Josh Garrison, Gus Sealf, Chris Decker, Brian Robinson, Izak McQuary, Shawn Childress, Chris Hurst, Josh Hancock, Chandler Hunter, and Josh Nathan. Back row from left: Gary Miller, Paul Payne, head coach Scott Parkey, coach Josh Martin, coach Brandon Hargis, coach Lee Earl Adams and student assistant coach Anthony Cook.