

JV and freshmen end winning season

BY JAMIE ORNELLA

RCHS has had another good year in football. Our varsity finished the season undefeated. The junior varsity and freshmen each had a winning season as well.

"Our season started off a little slow but with a few positions changed, it helped us to better spread our talent," said freshmen coach JD Harris.

Though the freshmen team last year was undefeated, this year the freshmen went 7-1. Their season ended October 25 at Knox Central with a win. Freshman Max Saylor, thought the lineman played a big part this season. Steven Rowe, freshman, felt what the coaches taught the team, helped them a lot this year. Phillip Boreing, also a freshman, thought that camp helped the team to have a good season and Coach Harris felt that it was athletic talent and teamwork that helped the freshmen to have a winning season.

"I feel we really came together a whole lot more as a team" said freshman quarterback Ricky Sandusky.

The junior varsity who only lost one game last year was 8-1 this year.

Their season ended at the Rock with Whitley. JV won the game

with a 22-0 victory over their opponent. A little celebration took place after the game when the players took and emptied the water cooler on coach Chris Larkey.

All players were proud of their season.

"We did good because the majority of our players came to practice and weight lifting all the time. We all worked hard there and we always have the will to win," said sophomore, JV fullback Shane Lynch.

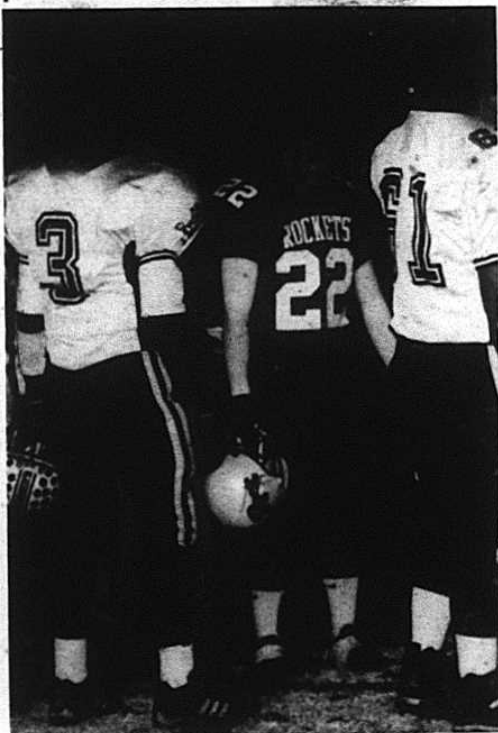
Junior varsity coach Larkey thought that overall the team had a good season. "Our underclassmen had a chance to play and get experience for varsity. If they hit the weights, get faster, and stick together, they can be a strong varsity."

Sophomore, JV outside line backer, Devon Bussell said, "I think good coaches and determined players with the right attitude, helped us to have a good season."

Lynch thought the season was successful because everyone expects the Rock to win.

"Overall I think there is a new standard set for JV football and this year we reached most of our goals," said JV quarterback, sophomore Devin Taylor.

Rock keeps rollin' over opponents, defeats Ashland Paul Blazer 29-14



Ashland's Arliss Beech (#3), Kentucky's #1 leading rusher and UK signee, proved no match against senior PJ Rowe (#22) and Rockcastle's defensive line.

Both teams remained scoreless through the first quarter before Ashland came out with the first touchdown of the night. They scored a second touchdown, shocking fans with a 14-0 lead, the most points scored against the Rockets all season. By halftime, the Rockets had closed the gap with a touchdown and safety to come within 6, 14-8.

The second half was all RCHS when they scored three touchdowns for a final score of 29-14. The Rockets faced Bell County Friday for the Regional Championship. The winner will face the winner of the Lexington Catholic/Covington Catholic game. Results were not available at press time.

photo by Courtney Alexander

Cross Country ends season at state

BY MARIE COLLINS

Freshman Brandon Cole led the RCHS Cross Country Team at the 2001 Class AA State Championship placing 10th with a time of 17:58.8. The meet took place Saturday, November 3 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington.

Sophomore Andrew Nelson placed 38th overall with the second best performance ever in R.C.H.S. history. He finished with his personal best time of 18:06.2.

Freshman Bill Burdett finished 68th overall with his all time best time of 18:45.6.

On the girls team, 8th grader Kayla Hayes finished 21st overall with a time of 20:48.7.

Also, 8th grader Elizabeth Bussell finished 83rd overall with a time of 22:57.3.

The RCHS cross country team competed in the Region 4 championship at Anderson-Dean park in Mercer County on October 27. Pre-

viously, the team competed in the KTT.CCC Meet of Champions at Cave Lake Park in Wayne Co.

Both meets consisted of 4 boys from RCHS and 3 girls from the middle school.

Brandon Cole finished tenth overall with a time of 19:06.8. He has led every race this season including the Oct. 20 meet when he placed 13th out of over 200 runners.

Andrew Nelson, though battling illness, ran exceptionally well, completing his best regional 5,000 meter race ever. He placed 7th overall in 18:38.2.

Bill Burdett, the most improved runner of the year, had an awesome race placing 12th with a time of 19:14.4.

Sophomore Steven Shackleford ran a good race finishing 34th overall in 22:41.1.



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Rockcastle's defensive line contributed to the 55-0 victory over Greenup County.