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Rockets will play for state championship

The Rockcastle County Rocket football team will make history on Saturday when they play in the championship game of the Kentucky Class 3A play-offs.

Rocketstly, who is 14 and 0 this season, will face Boyle County, a team that hasn't lost a game in high school football in three years and a team that has won two straight state titles.

Rockcastle advanced to the state championship game with a 17-14 win over Covington Catholic on the road on Saturday.

Covington Catholic racked up 25 yards more on offense than the Rockets did, but they made three costly mistakes, which eventually cost them the game.

First, a defensive holding penalty wiped out an interception by the Colonels, which the Rockets turned into a 39 yard field goal by place-kicker Jens Stritzel.

The kick, which came on the last play of the half, gave Rockcastle a 10-7 lead at half-time and quieted a very loud Covington Catholic crowd.

"That was big, but the referees made the right call, they (Catholic) grabbed the jersey of one of our receivers as soon as the ball was snapped," head coach Tom Larkey said.

There were two more Colonel turnovers, which helped drive the nail in the Colonel coffin.

The Colonels missed a field goal with 7:26 to go in the third quarter, but the fatal dagger came in the fourth quarter with two minutes to go in the game.

Junior Stephen Boring picked off a Colonel pass inside the ten as the Colonels were threatening to score.

"I was just trying to tip it and knock it down - but then I caught it after the tip," he said.

In some other big games for the Rockets they have made some mistakes they could not overcome - but on Saturday the Rockets actually recorded none, which was probably the key to them advancing.

"I would have never dreamed it - we've got a good football team and a bunch of good kids, but it is hard to believe we are going to play for a state title on Saturday," said head assistant Tony Saylor.

Larkey and Saylor have been together at RCHS for the past 17 years and have had only one losing season - that was their first year.

Saturday will mark the first time the Rockets have made it to a state championship game, although the Rockets have been well respected for many years in the high school football community.

The Rockets scoring went as follows:

After falling behind 7-0, the Rockets scored on a 17 yard pass from junior quarterback Aaron Anderkin to senior Josh Hale.

With time running out in the half, Stritzel, a foreign exchange student from Germany, kicked his second field goal of the season to give the Rockets a 10-7 lead.

And the final scoring blow came with 5:26 left in the game.

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Filings for county office continuing

Those desiring to run for county office in Rockcastle County continue to file their papers in Rockcastle County Clerk Norma Houk's office.

As of this week incumbents, Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette, Mrs. Houk, James Miller, Margaret Offutt, John Holtbrook and Fred Mullins, Jr. had all made their intentions known for re-election.

Others filing to date are Wayne Lear Sr. for Sheriff, Roger Rucker for magistrate in district four, William Denny and Gary Mink in district two for magistrate, Jeff Robinson, Mark Poynter and Merrill Keith Brown for magistrate in district five.

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The Rockcastle County Rockets will play in Louisville on Saturday in the Class 3A football state championship game. Above, the scoreboard at Covington Catholic said it all. At left, is Cox Hardware in Mt. Vernon. Several businesses throughout the county have gotten into the spirit and are showing their support this week.

A Community Pep Rally will be held Thursday (today) at 6:30 p.m. at the New Barn in Renfro Valley

Two arrested after police find meth lab

On Friday, the Kentucky State Police at London received information of a possible lab in Rockcastle County used in the manufacturing of methamphetamine.

Troopers from the State Police and officers of the Mt. Vernon Police Department responded to the report at the residence of Johnny Dooley on Dooley Road off Chestnut Ridge approximately 2 miles south of Mt. Vernon in Rockcastle County.

After arriving, officers contacted the Rockcastle County Attorney's office and obtained a search warrant.

During the search, troopers discovered a working methamphetamine lab along with the components used in the production of methamphetamine, according to a news release from the KSP.

Johnny Dooley, age 39 and Fredrick Scott Combs, age 30, both of Mt. Vernon, were arrested at the scene and lodged in the Rockcastle County Jail and charged with Manufacturing Methamphetamine 1st.

Trooper Lefe Owens is conducting the investigation and was assisted at the scene by Trooper Jason McCowan, Mt. Vernon City Police Officers Barry Adams, members of the State Police Special Investigation and the Rockcastle County Attorneys Office.

Investigation is continuing.

Saturday wreck claims lives of 21-year-olds

Two Rockcastle County young people were killed in a single vehicle accident on Saturday morning.

According to Kentucky State Police in London, Miranda Ginter, 21 and Robert E. Allen, 21, both of Mt. Vernon were pronounced dead at the scene by Rockcastle County Coroner Bill Dowell.

The accident occurred at approximately 6:00 a.m. on KY 1912 approximately 10 miles east of Mt. Vernon.

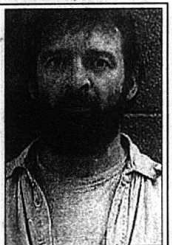
According to State Trooper Staci Dixon, Ginter was driving west on KY 1912 when she apparently lost control of the 1989 Chevrolet L-24

she was driving as the vehicle was crossing a bridge. The vehicle left the roadway striking a tree and came to rest overturned in Brush Creek.

Seatbelts were apparently not in use at the time of the accident and alcohol is suspected to have contributed to the accident, according to police.

An autopsy was performed on Ginter, but results have not been released.

Members of the Rockcastle County Fire Rescue and the Rockcastle County EMS assisted Trooper Dixon at the scene. The investigation is continuing.



Johnny Dooley, 39, was charged with making meth on Friday.

Burning ban lifted locally

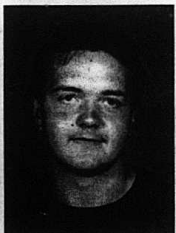
Rockcastle County Judge Executive Buzz Carlotta has lifted a non outdoor burning ban for Rockcastle County.

Carlotta said recent rainfall was the reason he lifted the ban.

Burning is still prohibited between 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. but permitted between 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.



Miranda Ginter



Robert Allen



Two Rockcastle County young people died in a single car wreck on Saturday morning. Robert Allen and Miranda Ginter, both 21, died after Ginter's car apparently hit a bridge and overturned in Brush Creek. Family members have already placed a memorial wreath at the site of the crash.