

Lady Rockets beat Harlan; lose to Clay

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets lost a tough one Tuesday night to Clay County, 61-58, after being ahead by five with three minutes to go.

Clay County had a one point advantage at the half, 21-20 but the Lady Rockets came out in the third quarter outscoring the Tigers 19-15 for a three point lead at the end of three. The fourth quarter seemed to belong to the Lady Rockets before the Tigers came back late to outscore the Rockets by six, 25-19.

Johanna Abney and Jessie Hayes led the Rockets with 12 apiece, Heather Hammond and Tara Rowe each had 10, Lauren Clontz scored nine, Amber Denney added three and Amy Barnett scored two.

Saturday the girls traveled to Harlan for a tripleheader.

The varsity easily won their game, 66-32.

Johanna Abney was the leading scorer for the Lady Rockets with 21, Tara Rowe scored 10, Heather Hammond added seven, Amber Denney, Lauren Clontz and Amy Barnett each scored six, Brianna Bussell scored five, Stephanie Price added three and Jessie Hayes added two.

The win and loss brings the Lady Rockets record to 3-2.

Their next game is Thursday (today) night at Pulaski County. They will also travel to Gatlinburg to take part in the Queen of the Smokes Invitational December 20-22. They will host their own holiday tournament December 26-29.

Jayvees win two

The Lady Rocket Jayvees have a perfect 3-0 record with wins over McCreary Central, Jackson County and Harlan.

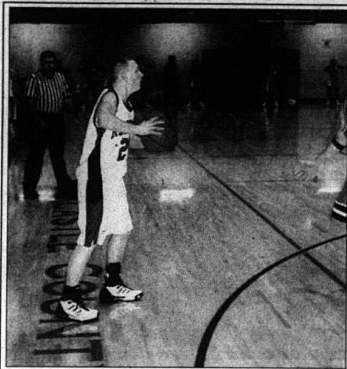
The Lady Rockets defeated Jackson County 44-29. Tara Rowe led the way with 12, Heather Hammond and Lauren Clontz each scored 10, Katie Parsons added eight and Ashley Lunsford scored four.

Against Harlan, the Lady Rockets easily won 45-21. Stephanie Price led the scoring with 16, Katie Parsons added nine, Lauren Clontz scored eight, Anna Guilfoil and Ashley Mize each scored four and Allie Mink added two.

Freshman win one, lose one

The freshman picked up a 41-34 win over Harlan last Saturday. Holly Ann Colson led the way with 10, Allie Mink added eight, Sarah Parsons scored seven, Ashley Lunsford and Jessica Asher each scored four, Ashley Bell added three, Ainsley Bussell and Lara Cash each scored two and Heather Hopkins added a free throw.

In the Lady Rockets' 46-22 loss to Jackson County, Holly Ann Colson, Jessica Asher, Ashley Mize, Sarah Parsons and Ainsley Bussell each scored four and Lara Cash and Jessica Robinson each scored one.



Rockcastle County boys basketball player Chris Settles and his teammates defeated Clay County on Tuesday night. It was the third straight year the Rockets have defeated the Tigers on the road. The Rockets are now 3-2 on the season and will host the regional tournament in March.



Eddie Powell and Casey Powell killed this rattlesnake on Red Hill Road. The snake had 8 rattlers and a button.



Zachary Reams, age 8, of Mt. Vernon killed his first deer on November 17th. He used a 9mm rifle to bag this 6 point buck in Owen County. Zach is the son of Rodney and Renita Reams, the grandson of Clinton and Faye McFerron and Charlotte and the late Truman Reams all of Mt. Vernon. Congratulations Zach!

Rockets beat Clay 69-55

For the third straight year the Rockcastle County Rockets' basketball team defeated Clay County on the road.

Tuesday night, the Rockets defeated Clay County 69-55, after a late surge.

The win ups the Rockets record to 3-2 on the season.

The Rockets outscored the Tigers 19-14 in the first quarter and never looked back.

Aaron Cash led the Rockets in scoring with 17, Aaron Anderkin pumped in 15, Andrew Hammond added 12, Jason Reynolds and Devin Taylor each scored nine, Chris Settles added four and Austin Miller scored three.

Friday night the Rockets easily defeated visiting Lynn Camp 82-64 behind a balanced scoring attack from the Rockets.

Austin Miller was the leading scorer for the Rockets with 17, Aaron Cash and Jason Reynolds each scored

16, Andrew Hammond added 14, Aaron Anderkin scored 10, Devin Taylor added three and Chris Settles, James Isaacs and Coty Reams each scored two.

The Rockets next game is Tuesday, December 18th against Oneida Baptist at home.

The Rockets will not have the holidays off as they participate in the Arby's/KFC Holiday Classic at McCreary Central December 20-22 and the Berea Invitational December 26-29.

Jayvees beat Lynn Camp

The Rocket Jayvee picked up a victory over the Lynn Camp Wildcats.

Devin Taylor led the way with 11, Ronny Lee McClure and Derrick Hurst each scored eight, James Isaacs added seven, Antoine Stevens, Brandon Cameron and Jesse Hamm each scored six, Elijah Lunsford and Blake Roberts each scored four and Darrin Harris added two.

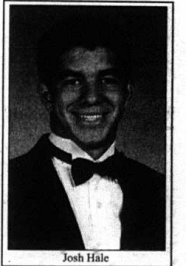
Hale first to be selected as Heisman finalist

Josh Hale, a senior at Rockcastle County High School, has been named as one of twenty young men and women from Kentucky to be a state finalist in the Wendy's High School Heisman Award program. He will be receiving a recognition bronze medal presented by Wendy's International. As a state finalist, Wendy's and the National Association of Secondary School Principals will also recognize the achievement of the state finalists by producing a poster to be displayed in a select number of Wendy's restaurants. The poster will feature all twenty state finalists.

According to Rocca M. Marano of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, "The competition in the Wendy's High School Heisman Award program this year was very rigorous" as 23,000 high schools across the United States were able to nominate two students, one male and one female scholar-citizen-athlete who best exemplified the program's attributes. The entries were evaluated by the educational testing service CTB/McGraw-Hill and narrowed down to 11,000. A distinguished panel of judges, including past Heisman Memorial Trophy recipients and education, business and community leaders reviewed the 11,000 nominations and selected

twenty students, ten male and ten female, from each state as state finalists. Each of these finalists excels not only in athletics but also in academics and community service. "These scholar-citizen-athletes have placed in the top 1,000 students in the nation. They are to be commended for their success and achievements which are direct reflections upon their communities, schools, and homes."

Josh is the son of John and Nancy Hale of Mt. Vernon.



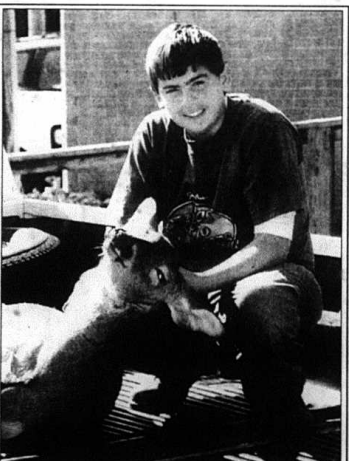
Josh Hale

I would like to express my appreciation to all the faithful and loyal Rockcastle Co. football fans. When the team arrived at Covington Catholic, you had already filled up the bleachers. When the team went to Cardinal Stadium, you were waiting in line and helped to set a new attendance record for a 3A State Championship game. When the team returned home after the state championship game, you escorted them from Berea to the football field and treated us like we were winners. You treated us very special all week. Playing on the carpet is a dream that all teams have, but very few actually fulfill that dream. It was an honor to represent all the football fans of Rockcastle Co. at Cardinal Stadium. The game didn't end the way we wanted, but we got a taste of what it is like and we will return for a rematch.

Coch Coach Tom Larky



Five-year-old Dalton Lovins, son of Joe Joe and Caroline Lovins, grandson of Joe and Sharon Lovins and Donnie and Shirley Brown, great grandson of C.S. and Marie McKinney and Berthena Vanhook shot this deer during the Youth Hunt this year. The doe weighed 114 lbs.



NeShay Helton killed this doe in Rockcastle County during the 2001 Youth Hunt. Congratulations NeShay on your first deer and Happy 14th birthday Friday, December 14th from your family.

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