

Loss to Southwestern Pulaski

Rockets beat Clay 66-64

The Rockcastle County Rockets are 3 and 1 in district play, after defeating the Clay County Tigers for the second time this season on Friday night 66-64.

It was the first time in history the boys have swept the Tigers in regular season play.

Although they had a seven point lead in the fourth quarter, the Rockets came from four points behind in the final seconds to win a game that saw several lead changes.

A technical foul on Clay County in the final seconds sealed the win for the Rockets when Aaron Cash hit both free throws.

Clay County had a two point lead at the end of the first period, but the Rockets took a one point lead into the dressing room at halftime.

Clay had a two point lead at the end of the third period.

The win kept the Rockets in contention for the number one seed in the 49th district tournament, which will be held at Clay County.

Rockcastle is set to host the region. Aaron Cash led the scoring with 24 points, although not much of the first half because of foul trouble. Andrew Hammond had 12, Aaron Anderkin, 9, Chris Settles, 7, Jason Reynolds, 6, Austin Miller, 6, and Devin Taylor, 2.

The win upped the Rockets record to 11-3.

The Rockets took one on the chin at home on Tuesday night when they lost 64-62 to Southwestern Pulaski County.

Southwestern's Monte Calloway hit two key free throws with two seconds on the clock to seal the victory for Southwestern.

The Rockets led by five at the end of the first period and three at the end of the first half.

The game was tied at the end of the third period, but the Rockets fell behind by five points with 1:30 to go in the contest.

They battled back to tie the game with 22 seconds to go before they eventually lost.

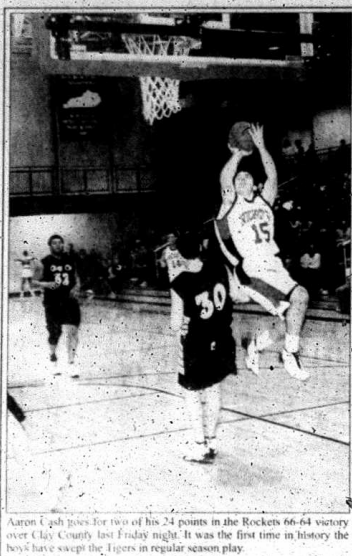
The loss dropped the Rockets record to 11-4.

Aaron Cash had 16 points, six rebounds and seven assists. Nine of his points were from the foul line, where he attempted 12.

Aaron Anderkin had 19 points and eight rebounds. Andrew Hammond had 12 points and four rebounds. Jason Reynolds had 10 points and five rebounds. Austin Miller had seven points and Chris Settles had two.

The Rockets play in Williamsburg Friday night.

They are currently ranked fifth in the 13th region.



Aaron Cash goes for two of his 24 points in the Rockets 66-64 victory over Clay County last Friday night. It was the first time in history the boys have swept the Tigers in regular season play.

Six receive all-state honors

An unprecedented number of Rockcastle County High School football players were officially named All-State by the Coaches Poll, recognizing Senior Josh Hale, the all-time leading receiver in RCUS history, was named 1st team all-state along with senior center William Blair.

Blair, who is probably more well-known as a defensive player for the Rockets, reaped rewards for his play on the offensive side of the ball this season, as he anchored a veteran Rocket offensive line and was named to the third team all-center.

Senior placekicker Jens Streitzel received All-State, Honorable Mention. Streitzel, a German foreign exchange student, kicked more extra points in a season than any other Rocket kicker before him.

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Stephen Boreng goes for two in the Rockets come from behind victory over Clay County last Friday night.

RCMS Linescores

6th Grade
RCMS 9 13 13 9 44
Corbin 4 9 16 8 27
Scoring: Cody Smith, 8; Kyle L, 27
2, Devin Hasby, 12; Dustin Poynter, 1; Jake Woodall, 10; Jay Cobb, 4; Gary Caldwell, 2; Nathan Mullins, 1; Chris Carpenter, 4.

7th Grade
RCMS 19 9 0 3 31
Corbin 16 6 0 5 27
Scoring: Lance Baldwin, 4; Izak McQuay, 5; Donovan Pigg, 7; Cody Childress, 7; Jake Harding, 8.

8th Grade
RCMS 18 7 11 16 52
Corbin 14 7 15 9 45
Scoring: Colby Brown, 11; Kyle

Mullins, 10; J.C. McClure, 8; Justin Albaugh, 3; Gibbs Stallworth, 12; Terry Miller, 3; Jared Brown, 1; Weston Riddle, 6.

RCMS 7th Grade Christmas Tourney

RCMS 13 14 11 14 52
Jackson 17 5 8 8 38
Scoring: Lance Baldwin, 15; Donovan Pigg, 4; Jake Harding, 15; Chandler Hunter, 9; Brandon Barnes, 2; Paul Payne, 7.

RCMS 6 0 10 9 25
Clay Co. 4 11 7 15 37
Scoring: Lance Baldwin, 4; Izak McQuay, 8; Donovan Pigg, 5; Jake Harding, 3; Paul Payne, 8.



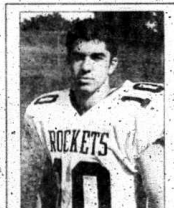
Marty Reagin was named Honorable Mention All-State.



Placekicker Jens Streitzel was named Honorable Mention All-State.



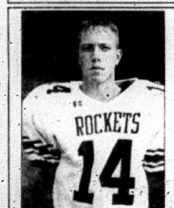
William Blair was named third-team all-state for his play at center.



Josh Hale was named third team all-state for his play at receiver.



Adam Childress was named Honorable Mention All-State.



Aaron Anderkin was named Honorable Mention All-State.

Beat Madison Central

Lady Rockets lose to Clay Co.

What probably should have been a one point victory for the Lady Rockets against Clay County on Friday night turned into a one point loss, 39-38.

Forward Ashley Mink was turning to lay the ball in the basket, but before she turned loose of it, the Rocket bench called timeout and the referees granted it with six seconds left.

Mink hit her shot, but it did not count.

The Lady Rockets set up play to win the game, but did not convert after they were unable to get a good look at the basket.

Senior Amber Denney got the girls in scoring with 10. Mink added 8, Jessie Hayes had 7, Tara Rowe, 6,

Johnna Abney, 5 and Heather Hammond, 2.

The Lady Rockets trailed the entire game. They were behind by two at the end of the first period, ten at half time and six at the end of the third period.

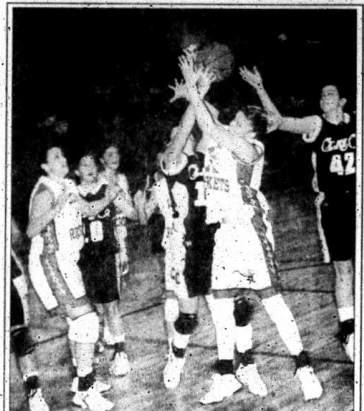
The loss dropped the Lady Rocket record to 8-5 and 0-3 in district play.

On Monday night, the Lady Rockets traveled to Madison Central where they picked up their ninth win of the season, 72-60.

The Lady Rockets jumped out to an early lead then held off a third quarter rally by the Indians.

Central trailed 35-27 at halftime before taking the lead with five minutes to go in the third. The Lady

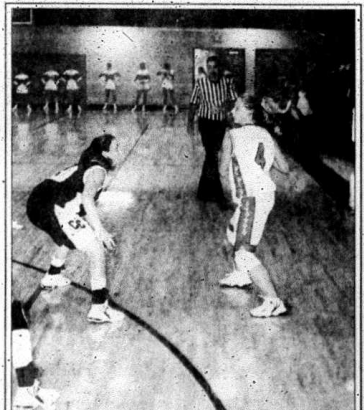
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Tara Rowe goes for two points against Clay County last Friday night. Also in the photo are Amber Denney and Heather Hammond.



Heather Hammond defends a Clay County player in the Lady Rockets' 39-38 loss last Friday night.



Johnna Abney looks for some help during the second half of the Lady Rockets' loss in Clay County.



The Rockcastle Middle School seventh grade squad finished runners-up in their holiday tournament. Members of the team are pictured above, front row from left: Izak McQuay, Brandon Barnes, manager Anthony Cook, Chandler Hunter and Lance Baldwin. Back row from left: Cody Childress, Clint Daugherty, Lynn Miracle, Donovan Pigg, Paul Payne, Jake Harding and Stephen Eversole.