



The Rockcastle County High School cheerleading squad finished first in the girls competition and second in the boys competition in the 48th district tournament last week, which was held in Clay County. They are shown above, from left: Amber Thacker, Tara Barcott, Emily Wright, Jessica Jones, Casey Taylor, Brittany Asher, Kacey Scoggin, Amanda Wright, Kayla Bryant, Brittany Offutt, Heaven Spoonamore and Jamie Orrella.

Cash gets 29 Rockets surprise Bell with 65-56 upset

It was a superb performance by an underdog team -- the Rockets -- to upset the #1 ranked team in the region -- the Bell County Bobcats. But, the Rockets rode to the 65-56 win Tues-

Because of a potential parking problem, fans who want to attend just the Rockcastle-Corbin game on Friday night are asked to park at the Rockcastle County Middle School. Regional tournament director Barry Noble said that buses will be provided to shuttle people back and forth to the high school beginning around 8 p.m. Caveport and Clay County will play the first game of the semi-finals on Friday night. The gym will be cleared after that game. Those attending both games will have to have a ticket for each contest.

day night on 29 points by freshman Aaron Cash and some great defensive work.

The Rockets built a 9-2 lead in the first quarter on steals by Cash and junior Stephen Boring and a blocked shot by senior Andrew Hammond and the offense responded with two goals by Cash, a three by junior Aaron Anderkin and a goal by junior Jason Reynolds. Cash got another goal, Hammonds put in two and sophomore Devin Taylor canned a three point goal for the 18-11 first quarter lead.

Taylor missed the first shot for the Rockets of the second quarter but came up with a steal and a goal to put the Rockets up 20-11. The Bobcats cut the lead to four at 24-20 but Anderkin got a goal and Cash put in two free throws and another goal to put the Rockets up 30-22 at the half.

Bell drew first blood of the second half with two free throws but Hammond responded with a goal, Anderkin got a three and

Hammond earned another for a 37-26 Rocket lead and a time out by Bell. The Bobcats got a basket after the time out and a walk by the Rockets gave them the ball back. However, Reynolds picked the ball-handler's pocket on the full court press and Cash got a goal and followed with another goal off a steal to give the Rockets their biggest lead of the game 41-28 enroute to a 47-37 third quarter lead.

Bell got the first points of the fourth quarter at the 5:29 mark at the free throw line and, with 4:49 to go in the game, Anderkin got the first points for the Rockets of the quarter at the free throw line. Cash got the only goal of the quarter for the Rockets but was 7 for 10 from the free throw line. Anderkin sank 5 of 6 from the charity stripe; Hammond was 2 for 2 and Chris Settles and Boring each got one to round out the fourth quarter scoring and give the Rockets the

Boys lose to Clay in district finals

Last Thursday night the Rockcastle County Rockets lost at Clay County in the district finals. They played well but fell short on Clay's home court 52-48.

It was the first time in the last four games at Clay County that the Tigers have managed to beat the ROCK. Rockcastle got behind early, but had a one point lead at the end of first period and a two point lead at the end of the first half.

But an eight point third quarter hurt the Rockets as Clay took a four point lead into the final period.

A controversial five second call with ten seconds left, gave Clay County the basketball with a two point lead. Clay sank both free throw attempts after a Rockcastle foul and Clay had sealed the victory for yet another district title.

Junior Jason Reynolds had 18

points, most of them in the second half, to lead the Rockets in scoring.

Reynolds also grabbed four rebounds, had two steals and one assist.

Freshman Aaron Cash had 13 points, junior Aaron Anderkin had 11, junior Chris Settles had three and senior Andrew Hammond also had three.

Anderkin led the team in rebounding with six and Cash had five assists.

Hammond had a game high four blocked shots.

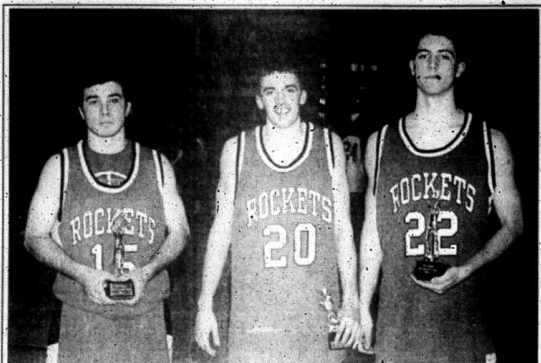
The Rockets bounced back on Tuesday night in the first round of the regional tournament to knock off top ranked Bell County, 65-56.

The Rockets are 23-7 on the season and will play Corbin on Friday night in the semi-finals.

Game time will be at approximately 8:45 p.m. at the ROCK.



A somewhat dejected bunch of Rockets accepted the district runner-up trophy on Thursday night. From left: Aaron Anderkin, James Isaacs, Anthony Stevens, Devin Taylor, Chris Settles, Stephen Boring, Andrew Hammond with trophy, Austin Miller, Darryn Harris, Blake Roberts, Derrick Hurst, Chris Childress and Cory Reams.

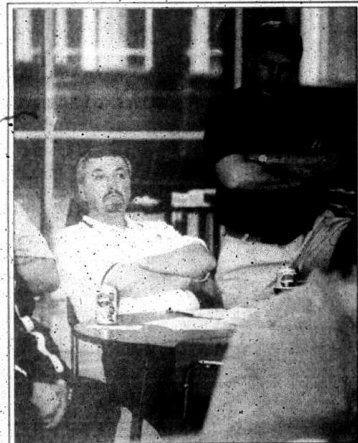


Members of the boys 49th district all-tournament team from Rockcastle were: Aaron Cash, Jason Reynolds and Andrew Hammond. All-tournament selections for the girls were Heather Hammond and Johnna Abney. Their photos will appear next week.

win. Hammond led his team in rebounds with 8 defensive and 5 offensive boards and one blocked shot. Boring got the other blocked shot for the Rockets.

Besides Cash's 29 points, Anderkin had 13, Hammond 10, Taylor had 5, Reynolds, who saw very limited action in the first half because of two first quarter fouls, got 4 points; Settles 3 and Boring 1.

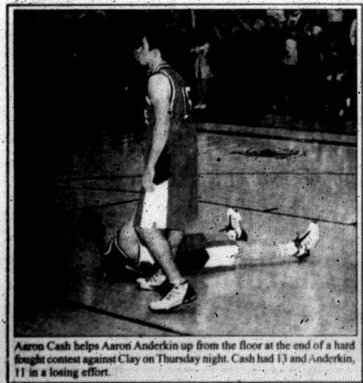
At the free throw line, the Rockets were 20 for 28 to Bell's 41 for 14.



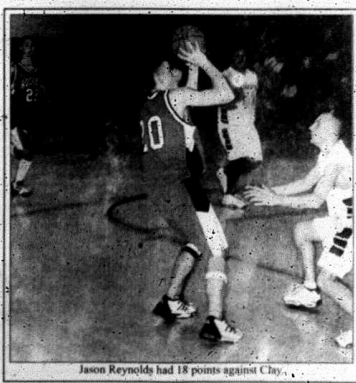
Boys RCHS head basketball coach Clayton Cash and athletic director and head football coach Tom Larkery were by hand for the regional tournament meeting Saturday. The 13th region tourney is being held at RCHS for the first time ever.



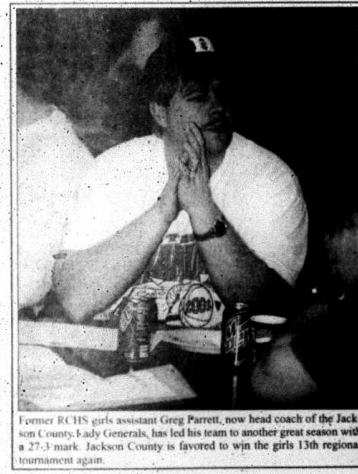
Clay's big man Richard Walker, applies pressure on Chris Settles on Thursday night. The Rockets lost 52-48.



Aaron Cash helps Aaron Anderkin up from the floor at the end of a hard fought contest against Clay on Thursday night. Cash had 13 and Anderkin, 11 in a losing effort.



Jason Reynolds had 18 points against Clay.



Former RCHS girls assistant Greg Parrett, now head coach of the Jackson County Lady Generals, has led his team to another great season with a 27-3 mark. Jackson County is favored to win the girls 13th regional tournament again.