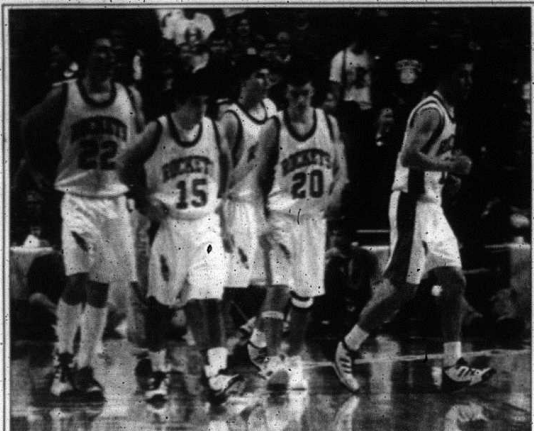




The Rockets starting five takes to the floor in Sweet Sixteen action last Wednesday. From left: Andrew Hammond, Aaron Cash, Stephen Boreing, Jason Reynolds and Aaron Anderkin.



The RCHS Marching Band traveled to Rupp Arena to root on the Rockets.

Rock at Rupp

By Preston Parrett
The Rock had conquered the animal world.
And had cleaned the Bobcats'.

Redfounds' and Tigers' plate.
Now they were heading to Rupp Arena.

To face the Blue Tornadoes from the western part of the state.

The fans got behind the Rock Basketball was the talk of the day. Spirit signs were everywhere. As fans supported them in every way.

Just three weeks ago, some three hundred teams. Started down the tourney trail. But most fell by the wayside.

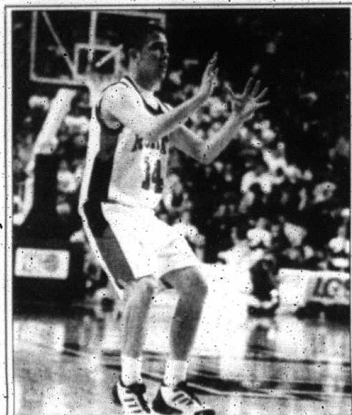
And only sixteen teams would prevail.

Rock fans got ready for the game. As they checked oil and tires. Then they put the metal to the pedal. And went to watch their stars.

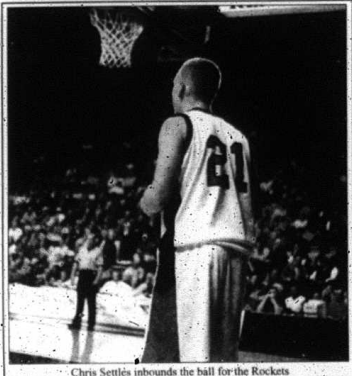
I was wowed by Rupp Arena. All I could do was stare. Looking at the cavernous building. I thought. A fellow could put a lot of hay in there.

Thousands of Rock fans showed up. Dressed in colors of red and blue. To lend vocal support to the team.

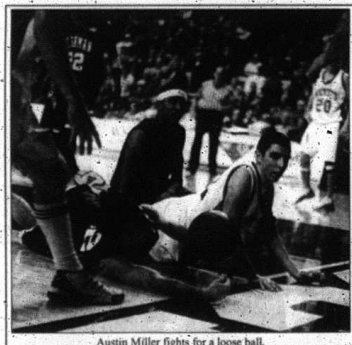
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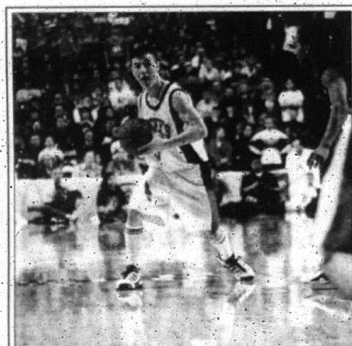
Aaron Anderkin sets up to receive a pass in the Rockets' first round loss to Paducah Tilghman in the Sweet Sixteen.



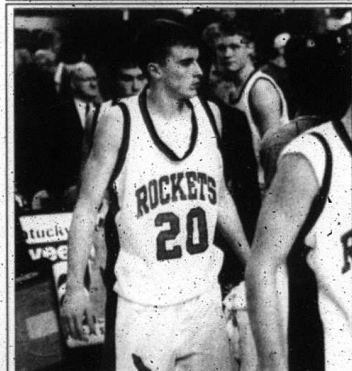
Chris Settles rebounds the ball for the Rockets.



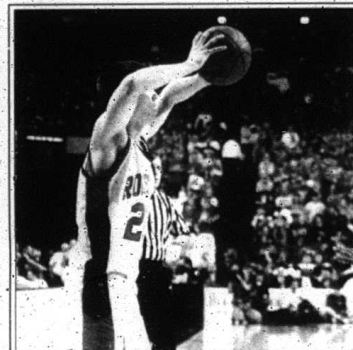
Austin Miller fights for a loose ball.



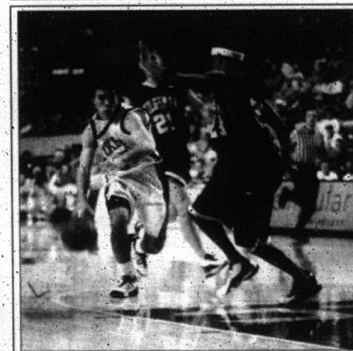
Devin Taylor looks for a teammate in the Rockets' loss to Paducah Tilghman last Wednesday. It was the first trip to the Sweet Sixteen for the Rockets since schools were consolidated in 1972.



Jason Reynolds scored 10 points in the Rockets' losing effort in the Sweet Sixteen.



Andrew Hammond looks to pass the ball against Paducah Tilghman.



Aaron Cash drives to the basket against Paducah Tilghman. Cash led the Rockets with 15 points.



Brandon McIntosh took part in halftime activities at Rupp Arena.



Cheerleaders Kacey Scoggin, Kasey Taylor, Amanda Wright, Amber Thacker and the rest of the RCHS squad cheered on the Rockets at Rupp.

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