

RCHS makes its own March Madness

BY BRIAN REYNOLDS

"The Rockets win the 13th region!"

The last time a boys team from this county heard something similar to these words was when the Broadhead Tigers went to the state tournament in 1972. Some people may have thought they would never be said again.

The regional tournament (which was held at Rockcastle) was full of Rocket faithful decked out in red and blue, yelling and cheering like mad barbarians (think *Braveheart*!).

The spirit section was full of students who stood up the entire game, and gave the players their full attention.

"If there had not been school spirit it would have been much harder to win the region," said senior Chris Childress.

Not only did the school get involved, but the community did, as well. While the students at school were making colorful signs,

Wendy's, McDonald's, Cox's Hardware and other businesses in the community were painting signs on their business windows.

During the regional championship and the state championship, not only were RCHS students and faculty standing and cheering, but also alumni and people from the community were standing and cheering as well.

"I believe the school spirit brought the community much closer," said senior Courtney Alexander.

For other people such as players and coaches, it was a dream come true. Not only to win the 13th region, but to play at Rupp Arena as well.

"It felt good just to step on the floor at Rupp Arena," said Coach Clayton Cash.

"It was flat out awesome," said Chris Settles. "To play in front of that many people was incredible."



Bill Riddle and John Haiman took the Broadhead Tigers to state in 1972. Also shown is Andrew Cash, who now plays for Berea College. (photo by Jessica Theaker)

Wrestlemania: past and present

BY BLAKE ARNOLD

Wrestlemania has been the major event in sports entertainment for 18 years and it has an incredible fan base as this year over 68,000 people attended the live event, not counting the millions watching world wide.

This year has brought us Wrestlemania X8. It's kind of hard to believe that this event has been going on for 18 years. Throughout its rich history of colossal battles...

This year was no different as it offered up the culmination of many feuds with decisive victories being achieved.

This Wrestlemania saw the return of Hollywood Hulk Hogan to Wrestlemania as only Hogan can.

There were many incredible matches. Rob Van Dam won the Intercontinental title from William Regal in his first Wrestlemania appearance. Triple H achieved victory over Chris Jericho to become the second ever World Wrestling Federation Undisputed Champion.

There were other big matches including a battle between The Undertaker and Ric Flair. These were very good matches but the one on everyone's mind was the clash between the

ICON of the new age, Hollywood Hogan vs. The Rock. This match was put together to determine who is the absolute best ever.

Hogan came out first to a deafening roar of cheers for everyone's childhood hero. Next out was The Rock who to his surprise for the first time since his rise to superstardom he was rejected by the crowd everyone was there to see Hogan beat him. This match while not very technical did its job of keeping the



crowd interested very well with a good back and forth battle between two fan favorites like it was back at Wrestlemania VI when Hogan fought the Ultimate Warrior and like the battle with The Warrior Hogan came up on the losing end but unlike that historical match the victor was not well received. While The Rock was the winner it was determined that he most certainly is not the best ever.

As this Wrestlemania came as always people begin talking about

past Wrestlemanias and how the events that transpired at some of them had left a lasting memory in mind. Everyone that is even a sort of wrestling fan has a favorite Wrestlemania moment it might be a match with superior quality or just the appearance of a celebrity or the culmination of a story line.

My personal favorite is from Wrestlemania VI where Hulk Hogan fought the Ultimate Warrior these were my two favorite wrestlers and I was torn between them as I wished both could win but

leaned more towards The Warrior.

I asked around and found out what other peoples favorite moments.

"My favorite thing from Wrestlemania was the match between Owen and Bret Hart at Wrestlemania X, because it was a great match between two brothers," said Zach Powell.

I would have to agree with Mr. Powell about this being a very good match.

"The best moment from Wrestlemania has to be the 60 minute Ironman match between Bret Hart and Shawn Michaels. This match was just incredible as both men put it on the line for a whole hour, it was just great," said Jeremy Rowe.

There is just nothing like Wrestlemania and there is something special about each one.

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