

"Challenge" (Cont. from page 3)

Saylor said that Boreing could see some action on Saturday night when Rockcastle plays Mason County in the Bob Allen Pigskin Classic.

All total, there were as many as 13 players hurt at one point during football camp, but most of the players have healed up and will play.

"For us to have any chance of repeating the accomplishments of a year

ago, we have got to stay healthy," Larkey said.

"If we stay healthy, we will get better as the season goes along and we could be as good, if our players continue to work hard," Larkey said.

Quarterback Aaron Anderkin, who threw for nearly 2,800 yards and the 41 touchdowns has been named a candidate for Kentucky's Mr. Football, but he's not real impressed.

"I would much rather have a state championship

ring, than a Mr. Football title," he said. "Individual honors are meaningless if your team doesn't perform the way they are capable of," he added.

"It is an honor to be mentioned, but football is a team sport and it takes a total effort from everyone," he said.

Anderkin said that he likes Rockcastle's chances of returning to Louisville the first week of December, but he and the rest of his team know how hard it will be because of the level of competition in 3A football in the state.

"When you have to go through Lexington Catholic, or Covington Catholic and Highlands, anybody who knows anything about high school football knows what you are up against," he said.

Anderkin will also start at safety this year.

Larkey and Saylor both agreed that Saturday's opponent, Mason County, will probably be the best team they face during the regular season.

A lot of people are picking Mason County to win the state's 2A championship,

based on the fact that they have so many returning starters from a team that won eleven games and made it to the state semi-finals before losing to Prestonsburg.

"We've got our hands full, they are quick, have a good quarterback and a great kicking game," Saylor said.

"It should be a good game on Saturday, but we are not as good right now as we were this time last year, so we really can't afford to make any mistakes," Larkey said.

Although the Rockets are hurting physically, when they take the field on Saturday they will have a few things on their side.

Many starters from a year ago are back and they know what it is like to win.

Returning on offense besides Anderkin are tailback Marty Reagan, who is also been named one of the top players in the region.

Reagan has played varsity since he was a freshman and he has started for three years on both sides of the football.

Reagan is a talented runner and a very good receiver, who could set a school record for career interceptions on defense this year.

Also returning are offensive and defensive linemen and captains, Tanner Abney and Michael Brummett. Both have started for three years.

Senior Jared Rice and senior Doug French are fighting for the center spot and Nick Thomas and Benny Northern will likely hold down the other offensive linemen spots.

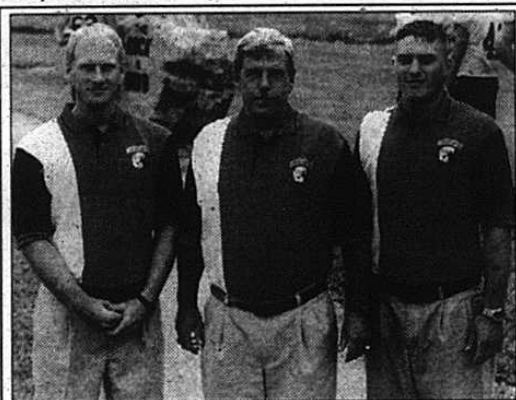
Senior Clell Swinney, who will eventually play at fullback some was also hurt at camp and is still limited.

He and wide-out senior Michael Hayes, who is suffering from a virus, will likely not play on Saturday night.

Junior Devin Taylor will start at one wide-out and sophomores Derrick Hurst and Ricky Sandusky are competing for the other wide-out position.

Senior James Michael Bussell and sophomore Max Saylor will play in the

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"A Family Affair"

Head Coach Tom Larkey, center, will have both his sons, Chris and Dackery, on the sidelines this year.

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