

Rockets lose season opener to Mason Co.

The Rockcastle County Rockets lost their football season opener to Mason County on Saturday night 19-12, in the Bob Allen Pigskin Classic, which was played in Danville.

A very large crowd watched a good football game, but Mason County's speed and quickness proved to be too much for the ROCK.

RCHS head coach Tom Larkey said on Monday that his team did not play as well as he thought they were capable of, but on a positive note, no Rockets were injured in the contest.

"Mason County had a very good team, but we had our chances and we could have won the game, if our kids had executed better," he said.

The Rockets found themselves in a hole early when Mason County scored twice in the first quarter to take a 13-0 lead.

However, the Rockets battled back in the second period scoring on a two yard run by senior Marty Reagan. The extra point attempt was no good and Mason County led 13-6.

Also in the second period Mason County put up their third score to take an even bigger lead 19-6.

On the final possession of the half Rockcastle got the football back with two and a half minutes to go and, thanks to several complete passes by Quarterback Aaron Anderkin to wideout Devin Taylor, they moved the ball down the field.

Tightend Stephen Boreing made an excellent catch in the end zone with only nine seconds on the clock and Rockcastle was back in the football game with the score of 19-12.

Needless to say both defenses played much better in the second half and no one managed to get across the goal line, although both teams had chances inside the ten yard line and in both cases, both teams made costly turnovers.

"They probably deserve to be ranked number one in 2A, they have a very good team," head assistant Tony Saylor said.

"I knew we had our work cut out for us and I think our kids learned a valuable lesson, not to overlook a good team," he said.

In all fairness to the ROCK, they have been plagued by pre-season injuries to some very key players.

Boreing, who injured his knee during football camp is still only about 75 percent and starters Clell Swinney and Michael Hayes, saw only limited playing time because of injuries and illness.

Junior lineman Jason Leger, who is considered one of the best players in the region is still recovering from a broken foot.

Stats from the Mason County game are as follows:

Offensively Anderkin was 17 for 32 for 154 yards and one touchdown pass. He threw three interceptions and was sacked six times.

Reagan rushed the football 22 times for 75 yards and caught two passes for four yards.

Fullback James Michael Bussell carried the ball twice for minus yardage and Sophomore Max Saylor carried the ball once for no gain.

Taylor caught a game high ten passes for 111 yards and, Boreing caught two balls for 22 yards and the one touchdown.

All total the Rockets had only 255 yards of offense.

On the flip side, Mason County had only 228 total yards of offense. 117 of those yards were in the air and 111 were on the ground, but Mason County made fewer turnovers.

Boreing led the team with 12 tackles and assists, Reagan had six, sophomore Chris Croucher had six, senior lineman Michael Brummett had five, senior lineman Tanner Abney had four, as did James Michael Bussell and Devin Taylor.

Anderkin, senior lineman Benny Northern and Saylor each had three tackles and assists and senior Clell Swinney had one.

Abney, Brummett and Saylor each recorded a sack.

Reagan and Bussell each had an interception.

The Rockets hit the road again on Friday night when they travel to South Laurel.

"The Cardinals are coming off a season opener win over Knox Central 13-12 and should be a much better team than they were a year ago when they lost to the ROCK, 54-0."

The Rockets first home game is September 6th when they will host Paul Laurence Dunbar in the Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl.

Rock vs. Mason

By: Preston Parrett

It was a beautiful overcast evening when the ROCK made their 2002 debut.

And they took on the mighty Royals who were ranked high in division two.

The ROCK were coming off a great season.

With a record of fourteen and one.

And they'd finished second in the state.

Behind the Boyle Rebels, who forty-five straight had won.

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Senior James Michael Bussell attempts to block 6'2" 215 pound defensive lineman Andrew Turner of Mason County as quarterback, Aaron Anderkin throws over him. Anderkin was 17 for 32 and was sacked five times. He threw one touchdown.



90 degree temperatures and high humidity had the Rockets using the oxygen tank on Saturday evening. Above from left are James Bussell, Aaron Anderkin water boy Tanner Perkins, Benny Northern, Stephen Boreing, Chris Croucher, coach Tony Saylor and trainer Sherri McNew.



A disgruntled bunch of Rockets, Michael Brummett, Stephen Boreing, Benny Northern and Tanner Abney accepted the runners-up trophy from the Bob Allen Pigskin Classic on Saturday night.

RCHS Girls Volleyball

Lady Rockets take second in Pulaski Invitational

The Lady Rockets girls volleyball team were 8 in pool play in the Pulaski County Invitational tournament held last Saturday, then advanced to the championship game with straight wins over West Jessamine and Russell County. However, after taking the first game against Barren County 15-0, they came up short in the second two games, losing 15-10 and 17-15.

Barren was the first team the Rockets faced in pool play and they handily defeated them 8-3. Sarah Mullins had 5 service winners; Allison Anderkin 2 and Rachel Childress 1. But, Barren returned the favor in the second game, winning 8-2 with Mullins getting the only two service points for the Rockets.

The second match featured the Rockets against Corbin and the Rockets won 8-6 with Mullins getting 7 service points and Courtney Parsons 1 but, Corbin pulled a switch on the Rockets in the second game, coming from behind to win 8-6. In that game, Anderkin served six points, Childress 1 and Jenna Owens 1.

In the third match, the Rockets easily took the measure of Russell County, winning 8-1 and 8-0. In the two games of that match, Anderkin got 6 service points; Childress 4;

Mullins 3 and Jessie Hayes, Bryanna Bussell and Jenna Owens, 1 each.

The last pool match was the Rockets against Wayne County and the Rockets again easily won, defeating the Lady Cardinals 8-4 and 8-0. In the first game of the match, Hayes served 4 service winners, Anderkin 2, Owens 1 and Childress 1. But, no help was needed in the second game as Sarah Mullins served all 8 points for the win.

The Rockets had to play three consecutive matches in tournament play and were successful in the first five, downing West Jessamine 15-5 and 15-4; Russell County 15-3 and 15-10 and Barren County, in the first game of the championship match, 15-0.

Against West Jessamine, Anderkin was the leading server with 9 service winners; Mullins served 6; Courtney Parsons got 5; Childress had 4 and Owens and Hayes had 3 each.

The second game of the championship saw the Rockets go up 6-0 before Barren righted its ship and came back to win 15-10. In that game, Anderkin led the service winners with 4 each; Childress and Owens got 2 each and Mullins and Bussell 1 each.

The Rockets were down in the

third game before Jenna Owens served six straight points to put her team ahead 15-14 but, the Rockets couldn't hold on and lost 17-15. Besides Owens' 6, Childress got 4; Owens 6 and Mullins 1.

Rockets Beat Leslie 15-7 and 15-10

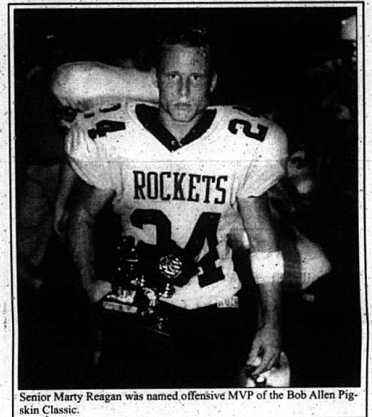
Last Thursday night, the Rockets traveled to Leslie County and won all three of their matches beginning with wins of 15-3 and 15-2 by the freshman team.

In the first freshman game, Rebecca Mason led the service winners with 5 points, all aces; Megan Anderkin got 3; Danielle Arnold, Kayla Bryant and Regina Bullock, each scored two on service and Victoria Clontz 1. The second game was led by Arnold with 6 service winners; Bullock got 4 and Jessica Robinson, Tressie Robinson and Rose Previtt had 2 each.

Estill County managed to extend the jayvee match to three games by winning the first game 15-13. In that game, Krystal Parsons led the service winners with 5; Trisha Beth Laswell had 4; Jeni Durham got 3 and Allison Mink 1.

The Jayvee Rockets came back in the next two games to take the match on wins of 15-5 and 15-7. In the sec-

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Senior Marty Reagan was named offensive MVP of the Bob Allen Pigskin Classic.

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