

Rockets beat powerful Dunbar in bowl 35-28

The Rockcastle County Rockets won their second straight game Friday night beating Paul Laurence Dunbar, 35-28 in a very exciting high school football game.

The Rockets, who lost their season opener to Mason County, defeated possibly the best team in Lexington, even though they lost their quarterback mid-way through the third quarter.

Senior Quarterback Aaron Andersen left via ambulance after suffering a concussion, but that didn't slow down the rest of the Rockets, especially senior Marty Reagan.

Reagan rushed the ball 34 times for 207 yards and scored four touchdowns.

Two of those touchdowns came after Andersen left the game.

"Marty is one of the best football players ever to hit this part of the country," Rocket head coach Tom Larkey said after the game.

Larkey also gave a lot of credit for Reagan's success to his offensive line. Tanner Abney, Michael Brummett, Nick Thomas, Benny Norrhen, Jarrod Rice and Stephen Boring, make up the Rocket front.

"They were outsize and probably not talented but they gave it all they had," he said.

"After Aaron got hurt we basically had no choice but to go to our running game and we did a good job with it," he said.

Dunbar is considered one of the best teams in Lexington, if not the best and they have the athletes to back it up.

The player which hit Andersen after he released a pass in the third period is being looked at by several schools in the SEC, including U.K.

"Clint Keller, at 6-3, 255 was responsible for putting Andersen out of the game."

"In all fairness to him it didn't look like he hit him late, he just had a clear shot at him, he was moving

on pretty good when it happened and he hit him right after Aaron released the ball," Larkey said. Andersen was knocked unconscious momentarily.

Larkey said that a decision on whether Andersen will play Friday night is still up in the air. He spent Friday night in the hospital and has not practiced this week.

Before he left the game, Andersen threw two touchdown passes. The first TD was to Reagan, who caught a 42 yard pass with no time on the clock at the end of the first half.

The reason for the Rockets getting to run a play with no time, was the fact that refs had called a defensive penalty and a quarter cannot end on a defensive penalty.

That was a big momentum builder for our kids, it gave us a lot of confidence going into the second half," Larkey said.

Early in the third period Andersen hit wide-out Senior Michael Hayes with a 22 yard pass to put the Rock up 21-7.

Hayes made an excellent catch in the corner of the end zone for his first TD of the season.

Placekicker Devin Taylor, who took over for Andersen at Quarterback, also made all five of his extra point attempts.

Beside's Reagan's 207 yards, rushing and the one TD catch, Senior Clif Swinney turned in a good performance for the ROCK, with 86 yards on eleven carries.

Andersen was seven for eleven passing for 121 yards and he threw one interception. It was the 18th straight game he threw a touchdown pass.

Taylor caught four passes for 46 yards and Hayes caught two for 35. Dunbar probably thinks they shot themselves in the foot offensively, because of the number of turnovers they made, but then again they were up against a Tony Saylor coached defense.

The Rockets picked off four passes and recovered three fumbles. Dunbar had a total of 299 yards, 321 on the ground and minus 22 on the ground.

"We played hard, dodged some bullets and beat a very good team," Saylor said.

Picking off passes for the Rockets were Reagan, Taylor, Stephen Boring and Devon Bussell.

Benny Norrhen, Tanner Abney and Steven Rowe each recovered a fumble.

Bussell picked his pass off the last play of the game after Max Saylor got the Dunbar quarterback by the shoulder pads.

Reagan led the defense in tackles and assists with 12, James Michael Bussell had 5, Norrhen, 4, Abney, 4, Boring, 4, Taylor, 4, Andersen, 3, Chris Croucher, 3, Michael Brummett, 3, Caleb Blair, 1, Swinney, 1, Saylor, 1, and Devon Bussell, 1.

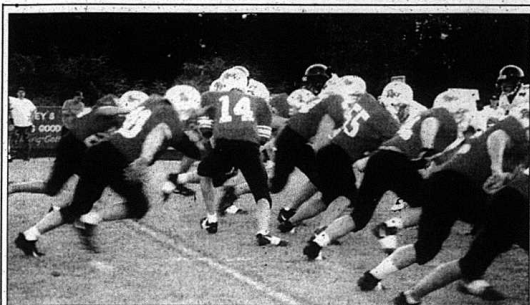
Boring was named defensive MVP and Reagan was named offensive MVP.

The Rockets will travel to Lincoln County on Friday night to take on the Patriots.

The Patriots are 1-1 on the season and coming off a 34-6 loss to Madison Southern last week.

Game time in Stanford is 7:30 p.m.

Editors Note: Senior Elizabeth Matekovich was crowned Renfro Valley Jamboree Queen and her picture will appear in next week's paper.



The Rocket offensive line played well on Friday night against Dunbar opening holes for backs Marty Reagan and Clif Swinney.



Head Coach Tom Larkey talks with some members of his offensive unit on Friday night. From left are: Michael Brummett, Clif Swinney, Aaron Andersen, Marty Reagan, Nick Thomas, Devin Taylor, Devon Bussell and Stephen Boring. The Rockets won 35-28 over a very good Lexington Dunbar team.

RCHS Girls Volleyball

Rockets add three to win column

The Wayne County Lady Cardinals proved no match for the Lady Rockets last Thursday night as the Rockets won 15-3 and 15-4. Sarah Mullins led with 11 service winners in the two games, including 5 aces, Jeni Durham and Jenna Owens each had 5 winners; Jessie Hayes got 4, with 2 aces; Courtney Parsons 2 and Allison Anderson, Rachel Childress and Bryanna Bussell, 1 each.

The Lynn Camp Lady Wildcats gave the Rockets a little more to think about before losing the first game 15-11 and 15-7 in the second.

The Lady Cats were ahead 3 to 0 when Mullins put across 6 straight service winners and Childress one to go ahead 7 to 3. Parsons then got 3 winners for a 10-5 score but the Lady Cats came back to tie the score at 10 all and go ahead 11 to 10. Mullins once again served two aces to put her team back up and Childress finished the match with three winners, the last one an ace.

In the second game, Andersen started it off for her team with three winners on service; Mullins got 4; Childress 1 and Hayes 4 to put the Rockets up 12-0 before the Lady Cats could get on the board with two points. Durham and Andersen then added another point for the Rockets and Mullins served the final point for the 15-7 win. In the match, Mullins led with 13 service winners; Childress got 5; Andersen and Hayes, 4 each; Parsons 3 and Durham 1.

On Oneda Baptist Tuesday night, the Lady Rockets won the match with identical 15-6 scores each game.

It wasn't a pretty win, the Rockets lost first serve 7 times in the first game but they prevailed behind 37 winners by Mullins; 3 from Childress; Bussell and Hayes, 2 each and Stephanie Price 1.

The second game, the Rockets took better care of their serve, losing first serve only twice. Childress led

with 5 service winners; Mullins and Price got 3 each; Bussell 2, both aces, and Owens and Andersen, 1 each. The Rockets were awarded one point on the OBI crowd by officials.

Jayvees take 2 of 3 from Wayne County

The first game was a 15-2 breeze for the Lady Rockets but the Cardinals came back to take the second game of the match 15-11. However, the Rockets came back in the third match to win 15-1.

The Rockets took an early 2 to 1 lead behind Krystal Parsons' serves and that was the last time the Cardinals would score until the Rockets were ahead 14-1. Allie Mink led in the game with 5 service winners; Amanda Rogers got 4; Jeni Durham 3; Parsons 2 and Kayla Bryant 1.

After Parsons gave her team a 6-0 lead on service, the Cardinals came back to go ahead 7-6. Parsons served up two more winners in the game, as did Rebecca Mason and Durham added 1 but the Cardinals won 15-11.

After the Cardinals lost their serve on return in the third game, the Rockets put 12 straight points on the board before allowing Wayne their single point of the game and went on to win 15-1.

Parsons and Trisha Beth Laswell tied for serve winners in the game with 4 each; Bryant got 3; Durham 2 and Rogers and Mink, 1 each.

Against Lynn Camp, the Rocket jayvee won 15-5 and 15-1.

Parsons led with service winners in the two games with 12, 9 of them coming on her first service of the second game; Allie Mink had 7; Jeni Durham and Danielle Arnold, 4 each; Amanda Rogers 2 and Janelle Jones 1.

The Lady Rockets had to work to subdue the Lady Mountaineers Tuesday night at Oneda, winning the first game 15-9 and the second 15-13.

Amanda Rogers led with 11 ser-

vice winners in the match, including 5 aces in the second game; Durham got 7, including 5 aces in the first game. Parsons put across 5 winners; Bryant, Laswell and Victoria Clontz, 2 each and Mink 1.

The Rocket freshman team didn't fare as well against Wayne County, losing both games 15-11 and 15-5. Rebecca Mason led in service winners in the two games with 7; Jessica Robinson got 3 and Victoria Clontz, Rose Prewitt and Rebecca York, 2 each.

Against Oneda Tuesday night, the freshman team got back on the win track beating the Lady Mountaineers 15-12 and 15-6. Clontz got the most service winners in the two games with 9; J. Robinson had 8; York 5; Megan Andersen and Regina Bullock 3 each and Tressie Robinson and Mason, 1 each.

This Saturday's tournament at North Laurel High School was questionable at the time of the Signal's deadline. The next regular season game is scheduled for Thursday night, Sept. 19 at Monticello and the Rockets will host North Laurel on Monday, September 23.

Hammond shines at BG State Games

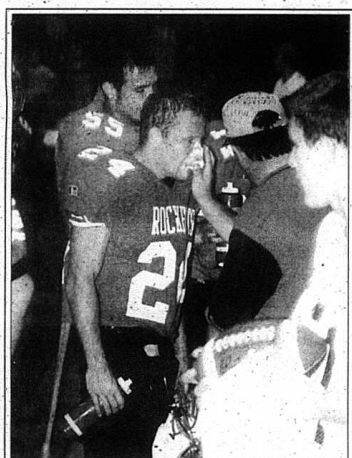
Andrew Hammond took five gold medals in the recent Blue Grass Games in Lexington, in the 200 freestyle relay, the 50 backstroke, the 100 freestyle, the 200 medley relay and the 50 freestyle. Hammond's only silver came in the 50 butterfly.

"His little sister, Sara freed pretty well, taking a silver in 50 freestyle and a bronze in the 50 breaststroke."

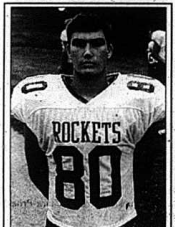
Other participants from Rockcastle receiving medals were:

Ray Kirby, second in freestyle unlimited archery (56 and over); Gary Langford, a second in bowhunter freestyle limited archery and a third in bowhunter aided archery (18 and over).

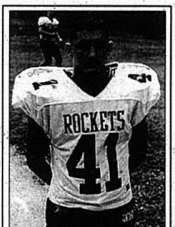
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Jared Rice, 55 waits his turn for oxygen as Marty Reagan #24 gets a much needed breather. The mercury was over 90 when the game started. Reagan was named offensive MVP.



Senior Stephen Boring was named defensive MVP in Friday Night's Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl.



Senior Michael Hayes caught two passes on Friday, one was an excellent catch in the end zone for his first touchdown of the season.

ROCK vs. Bulldogs

By: Preston Parrett
It was a beautiful Friday evening. When Dunbar came to town, And they had some good credentials. Thought they could bring the Rock down.

The Rock won't babes in the woods. They're tough as whittleshear. And their exploits are talked about. Whenever people get together.

The Rock won the toss. And the game got under way. With two very tough teams joining in the fray.

The first quarter was a battle. As they fought to a draw. Then early in the second Marty scored on a run as pretty as you ever saw.

The Bulldogs struck back. As they tied up the score. But with the clock showing no time

left. The Rock came back once more. Aaron Andersen threw a highlight pass. Over the defender's outstretched hand. And Marty pulled it in. For one of the prettiest receptions in all the land.

The defender fell to the ground. In absolute frustration. While the huge Rock crowd yelled out their jubilation.

With Rock ahead by seven at half-time. The Rock band and flag girls put on a show. Then the beautiful Jamboree Queen candidates. Basked in the spotlight's glow.

Elizabeth Matekovich was elected queen. By the students of the school. And until the next Jamboree Bowl rolls around. Over her subjects she will rule.

Big "A" hit Michael Hayes with a 15-yard pass. And the Rock was up twenty-one to seven. Then Marty scored on a 4-yard run

And Rock fans were in pignish heaven.

The Bulldogs kept coming back. As they tackled on another score. But Marty, who has more moves than Ex-Lax. Came back with a 9-yard run once more.

But the pesky Bulldogs of Dunbar. Just would not go away. As they scored another TD. But the horn sounded and closed out the day.

It was a great game for both teams. As they really went to war. For they both fought hard. And a win was what they were fighting for.

Big "A." the Rocks' highly rated quarterback. Was injured on a third quarter play. But he's a courageous young man. And before long he'll be back in the fray.

Congrats to the coaches, players, cheerleaders, dance team, honor guard, band and fans. For you all really do great. And that's why you're all respected. Throughout our great state.

