

Cross-country teams compete at Boyle & Somerset

The RCHS cross-country teams recently began their seasons with the Boyle County Invitational in Danville. Sixteen schools were represented in the annual competition hosted by Boyle County High School. Boyle County's boys' team is currently ranked 3rd in the state in Class 2A and their girls are ranked 6th.

5th graders Blake Parsons and Andrew Pensol got off to a great start in the middle school meet, despite running against a field of competitors up to 8th grade level. Blake ran an awesome race and surged to the front of the pack midway through the race.

He finished 7th overall, with an excellent time of 12:50.91. Blake was the only elementary competitor in the top twelve runners, which was composed entirely of 7th and 8th graders. Andrew also ran an awesome race. He blazed his way to a 59th place finish with a very strong race. He finished with a very impressive effort of 16:34.68.

The girls' varsity team may possibly be the strongest it's ever been. The team is led by freshman Kayla Hayes, an all-state runner in her first season a year ago. Freshman Elizabeth Bussell also returns from last year's team. Newcomers to the team

include freshmen Jessica Asher and Ashley Bullock, sophomore Heather Hammond, and junior Angela Guilford. The girls performed well in their first contest of the season and finished 4th overall in the team scoring out of sixteen schools that competed.

Kayla led the way with an awesome race and a 7th place finish. She covered the 3.1-mile course in an impressive 22:30.28. Jessica was not far behind and finished her first cross-country race in 8th place overall with an excellent effort of 22:49.25. Heather ran a superb first-ever race and finished 12th overall with a great

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RCMS 8th Graders are 7-3

The Rockcastle County Middle School 8th grade team, under the direction of head coach David Owens, are 7-3 on the season, after placing fifth in the Madison Central tournament and losing in the championship game of their own Tip-Off Tournament to Clay County.

The Rockets lost the first game of the Madison Central tournament to Lincoln County 38-29 with Ashley Stewart taking high point honors with 9. Owens scoring were Lara Cash and Ainsley Bussell with 6 each; Jill Owens got 5 and Meagan Griffin had 3.

In the second game of the tournament, the rockets beat Foley 29-28. Meagan Griffin scored 15 points in the game; Cash got 8 and Bussell, Owens and Kayla Stewart had 2 each.

In the final game of the tourney, Cash took scoring honors with 14 in the Rockets 31-24 win over Garrard Co. Other scoring were Stewart 11; Griffin 6; Bussell 4 and Hollie Barnett, Leann Holden and Sarah Rowe, 2 each.

The Rockets began their regular season with a game against Whitley County which the Rockets won 55-43. Cash again was high point girl with 18 followed closely by Stewart with 17; Griffin and Owens got 4 each and Bussell, Barnett and Anna Reynolds, 2 each.

In the first game of the Rockets Tip-Off Tournament, the Rockets easily defeated Jackson County 56-11. Nine Rockets got into the scoring column with Stewart and Owens tying for scoring honors with 11 each; Griffin got 8; Cash 7; Meredith Robinson 6; Kayla Stewart 5; Barnett 4; Reynolds 3 and Bussell 2.

However, in the championship game, Clay County came out ahead 35-29. The Rockets led 7-2 at the end of the first quarter but three of the Rockets, Ashley Stewart, Ainsley Bussell and Meagan Griffin all fouled out the Rockets couldn't hold on.

Cash led the scoring with 12 points, all from the free throw line; Bussell got 10; Griffin 4; Robinson 3 and Ashley Stewart 1.

The Rockets then played Casey County in their second game of the regular season and won 35-18. This time it was Ainsley Bussell leading the scoring with 18; Cash got 5; Griffin 4; Robinson 3; Stewart and Owens 2 each and Rowe 1.

It was a reunion match with Jackson County for the Rockets next game with the same results, Rockets 55-Jackson County 16.

Griffin was the top scorer for her team with 18; Ashley Stewart got 10; Hollie Barnett 7; Jill Owens 6; Meredith Robinson 5; Lara Cash 3 and Leann Holden and Sarah Rowe, 2 each.

But, Lexington Catholic came out on top in the Rockets next game, winning 37-25 with Stewart and Cash tied for scoring honors with 9 each, Griffin got 4; Rowe 2 and Owens 1.

In the Rockets third game, of the young season, with Jackson County, the Rockets came out on top 72-17. This time, Stewart and Griffin were top scorers with 15 each; Barnett got 8; Robinson and Reynolds 7 each; Owens 6; Cash and Rowe, 5 each and Bussell 4.

7th Graders also 7-3

The 7th graders are coached by Melissa Singleton and are also 7 and 3 on the season.

The Rockets won the first game of the season against Whitley County 40-28.

Sarah Rowe was high point scorer for her team with 11; Tonya Lunsford had 9; Jessica Barnes 6; Courtney Hayes and Morgan Thacker, 4 each and Melinda Thompson, Mary Saylor and Sara Barnett had 2 each.

The 7th graders next played Jackson County and won 35-16 with Rowe scoring 15 points; Barnes got 7; Lunsford 4; Thacker 3 and Sonya Lunsford, Hayes and Nicole Shepherd, 2 each.

The Rockets first loss of the season came at the hands of Clay County 39-26.

Hayes took scoring honors with 11; Barnes, Saylor and Ashley Robinson, 3 each; Sonya Lunsford and Tonya Lunsford, 2 each and Thacker and LouAnn Masters, 1 each.

The Rockets got back on the winning track in their next game by defeating Casey County 42-33.

Tonya Lunsford was the leading scorer for her team with 10; Saylor got 9; Rowe 5; Thacker and Robinson 4 each; Barnes and Sonya Lunsford, 3 each and Masters and Stephanie Barnett, 2 each.

The Rockets also came out on top in their encounter with Jackson County 31-18.

Sarah Rowe was the leading scorer with 10; Tonya Lunsford got 6; Barnes and Saylor, 4 each; Shepherd got 3; Sonya Lunsford 2 and Hayes and Tonya Lunsford 1 each.

The Rockets took their second loss of the season against Clay County 40-22 with Rowe getting 5 points to lead her team; Barnes, Saylor and Tonya Lunsford had 4 each; Robinson and S. Lunsford 2 each and Shepherd 1.

The Rockets then bounced back to beat Garrard County 31-27.

Rowe again led the scoring with 6; Barnes, T. Lunsford and Thacker got 5 each; S. Lunsford had 4 and Ashley Robinson 2.

Mercer County was the next victim for the Rockets by a score of 44-34.

Sarah Rowe got into double figures with 21 points to lead her team for the third straight game; Sara Barnett had 9; Thacker 6; Saylor 4; T. Lunsford 2 and Barnes and Jenny King, 1 each.

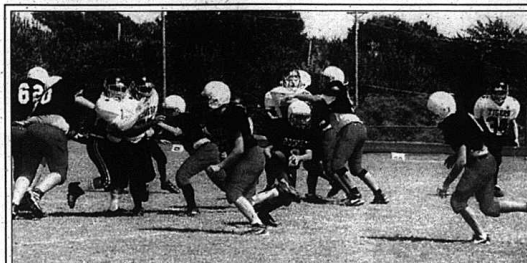
However, Lexington Catholic proved too much, handing the Rockets their third loss of the season 26-16.

Tonya Lunsford led the scoring for her team with 6 points; Thacker got 4; Barnes 3; Hayes 2 and S. Lunsford 1.

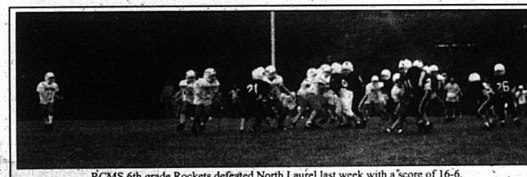
The Rockets then played Jackson County again and won 38-21 with T. Lunsford and Rowe tying for scoring honors with 8 each; Saylor got 6; Barnes 5; Robinson 4; Thacker 3; Hayes 2 and S. Lunsford, Stephanie Barnett and Shepherd, 1 each.



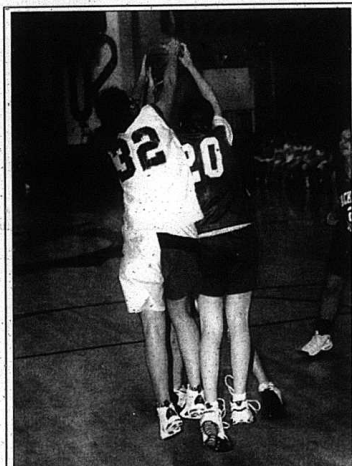
Rockcastle Co. Middle School 7th grade football is 2-1 with a win over Meece on September 19th with a score of 8-6. Pictured are #6 Jake Woodall, #8 Abe Kirby, #24 Cody Smith and #55 Scott Daugherty.



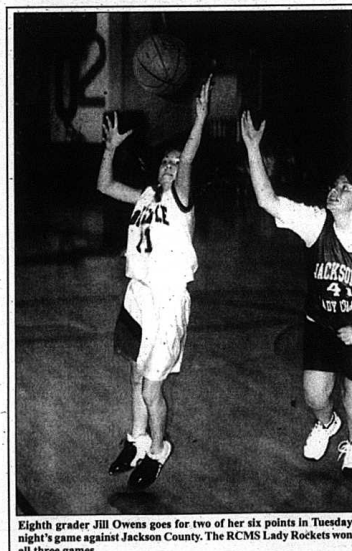
Rockcastle County Middle School 8th grade football is 4-0 with another win over Meece Middle School this past week. Quarterback Izak McQueary hands the ball to tailback Gus Scalf while Steve Eversole gets ready to lay a block. Others in the photo are #62 Jack Harding, #60 Billy Hines, along with Adam Mink, Donovan Pigg and David Robbins.



RCMS 6th grade Rockets defeated North Laurel last week with a score of 16-6.



Ashley Stewart fights for a rebound on Tuesday night. The Lady Rockets won all three games with the final of the eighth grade game being 72-17.



Eighth grader Jill Owens goes for two of her six points in Tuesday night's game against Jackson County. The RCMS Lady Rockets won all three games.

2002 Rockcastle Co. Little League Picnic

**Sunday,
September 29th
1:30 p.m.
RCMS Cafeteria**

- All players and parents are invited
- Please bring a covered dish