

Homecoming 2002

Even with injuries Rockets hopes are still high

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The Rockets defeated the Estill County Engineers 55-16, Friday, September 20, for their first district win of the season.

The Rockets were expected to encounter very little opposition on their way to their fourth win in a row.

Even though Estill County has a second year head coach (Mike Jones) and a new offense, the Rockets' defense was still able to take care of business.

Following the Estill County game, the Rockets had an open week September 27, and it couldn't have come at a better time with all the injuries the Rockets have encountered.

Foremost is the loss of junior lineman Jason Leger who has not seen any action this season because of a broken foot suffered during the Rockets' pre-season training camp week at Jabez. Leger is expected

to be ready for action against Knott Co. Central on October 4.

"Jason Leger can't wait to get back and he will help us tremendously because of his leadership and the fact that he's a darn good player," said assistant coach Chris Larkey.

The most recent loss to the Rockets came at the Lincoln County game when sophomore Max Saylor suffered many injuries in his foot during the scramble for a loose ball after Devon Bussell had picked off a pass against the Patriots. Saylor will be out for the remainder of the season.

Senior quarterback Aaron Anderkin, who was taken to the local hospital with a concussion while playing against Paul Laurence Dunbar, returned to action against Lincoln County, throwing for two touchdown passes which brought his string of games with a touchdown pass to 19.

He can tie former UK and current Cleveland Browns quarterback Tim Couch for the record in the state for most games with a touchdown pass. The Rockets have to get to the state finals again and Anderkin has to complete a touchdown pass there for it to happen. Anderkin is also a candidate for Kentucky's Mr. Football.

Another senior, Marty Reagan, has put up some stellar numbers this season, especially against Dunbar after Anderkin was taken to the hospital.

Both Reagan and Anderkin have been named to the top 25 players in the state by the *Lexington Herald Leader* during this season.

There are other injuries that the team has suffered but has managed to somehow overcome. Benny Northern, Clell Swinney, Cody Alexander, Jacob Taylor, and Graham Faye are just a few of the names that have been on the injured

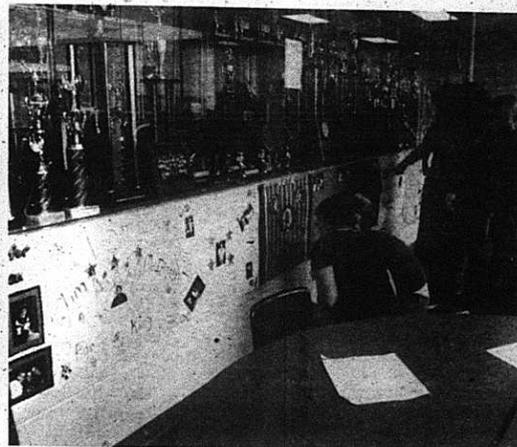
list at some point this year.

The Rockets shouldn't have a problem in district play, with the possible exception of Perry County and Bell Co. who may mount some opposition.

"Bell and Perry Counties are the only teams in the district we really have to worry about, but we do prepare for every single team," says Larkey.

All in all, chances look good for the Rockets to advance in play-off action this year. However, with the Rockets having to go through Lexington Catholic or Covington Catholic and Highlands, the road will be rough.

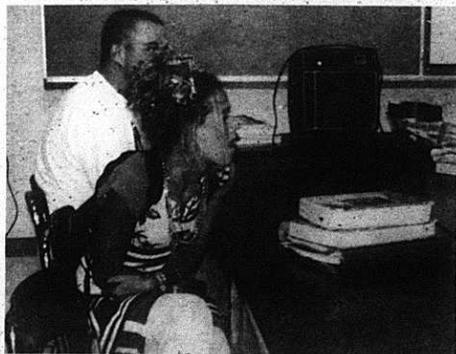
Following the Knott Co. Central game, the Rockets will host Perry Central (Little League Night), travel to Knox Central and Cawood and then host Bell County on November 1 for Senior/Parent Night and the final game of regular season.



Audrey Burke
Students examine the candidates' posters for Homecoming King and Queen. Students voted on the Wednesday before the game.

RCBS Homecoming Queens 1972-2001

1972	1979	1986	1996
Pam Cummins	Cheryl McClure	Sandra Hunter	Amy Whit
1973	1980	1987	1997
Kathy Bussell	Shelia Miller	Julie Dowell	Wendy Hin
1974	1981	1988-89 Not Available	1998
Connie McClure	Vikki King	1990	Jennifer Cro
1975	1982	Lisa Bullock	1999
Shirley Riddle	Jeletta Burdette	1991-92 Not Available	Tara Abne
1976	1983	1993	2000
Nancy French	Jennifer Cox	Natalie Albright	Chelsen Stra
1977	1984	1994	2001
Leigh Anne Hiatt	Michelle Cromer	Lindsey Dowell	Angie Borei
1978	1985	1995	2002
Jennifer Gentry	Sherri Hamm	Jill Cummins	?



Audrey Burke
RCBS Junior Jennifer Kidwell was all decked out for Wacky-Tacky Day during Homecoming Week.

FINAL SCORE

Rockets
vs.
Knott Central

71-0



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Sheena Swinney, a Junior, was named 2002 Football Homecoming Queen and Junior Tim Macintosh was crowned Homecoming King. Due to heavy rains, the ceremony took place inside the middle school cafeteria.