

Greenup Co. first playoff victim 60-0

The Rockcastle County Rockets began their playoff run on Friday night with an easy 60-0 win over visiting Greenup County.

The Rockets wasted little time putting up three scores in the first period and a total of 45 points before halftime.

Head coach Tom Larkey gave much of the credit for the lopsided win to his offensive and defensive linemen.

"We were able to control the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball and when you are able to do that the result is what happened on Friday night," he said.

Another plus for the Rockets, who finished as state runners-up in Class 3-A last season, did not get any one injured in the contest.

"We are healthier now than we obviously have been, and we just need to keep working hard and hope that we do not suffer any more injuries," he said.

Scoring on Friday night went as follows:

In the first period senior QB Aaron Anderkin hit senior Michael Hayes with a 41 yard pass.

Senior tailback Marty Reagan scored on a three yard run and senior James Bussell scored also on a three yard run.

In the second period, the Rockets crossed up Greenup County on a trick play when Anderkin hit junior Devin Taylor on a 33 yard pass, who in turn pitched the ball to Reagan for the score. The ball also hit the ground once, but Reagan was able to pick it up and he never broke stride.

Also in the second Reagan scored on a one yard run. Taylor kicked a 33 yard field goal and Anderkin found sophomore Derrick Hurst on a 34 yard touchdown strike.

Once the Rockets had amassed their 45-0 margin, the coaching staff pulled most of the starters and the junior varsity and freshman players took over.

In the third period, Taylor, who is also the second string quarterback,

found Hayes on a four yard pass and in the fourth period junior Brandon Reams scored on a four yard touchdown run.

Taylor was seven for seven in extra point kicks and sophomore Phillip Boreing caught a two point conversion pass from freshman Matthew Burkhardt.

As Coach Larkey said, linemen Tanner Abney, Michael Blummett, Jagged Rice, Benny Northern, Nick Thomas, Jason Leger, Doug French and tightend Stephen Boreing, who also plays wide-out played extremely well on offense.

Offensive stats were as follows: Anderkin was nine for 14 for 182 yards and no interceptions.

Taylor was two for two passing for seven yards.

Burkhardt was one for one on the two point conversion.

Taylor also caught three passes for 45 yards. Hayes caught three for 49 yards. Hurst caught two for 53 yards. Reagan caught one for 33 yards and Stephen Boreing caught one pass for seven yards.

Reagan had 73 yards on 11 yards. Senior Clell Swinney had 49 yards on six carries. Reams had 44 yards on seven carries and junior Caleb Blair had 49 yards on 10 carries.

James Bussell had 18 yards on two carries. Taylor had nine yards on three carries. Justin Albright had 10 yards on a carry. Josh Bustle had one yard on one carry.

Defensively the Rockets gave up only 62 yards, 71 through the air and a minus nine on the ground.

Taylor had two interceptions. Hurst had one and junior Cody Alexander had one. Abney and junior Devon Bussell each had a sack.

Northern and sophomore Chris Croucher each had a fumble recovery.

The Rockets will host Boyd County on Friday night, after they defeated Perry County Central, 56-49. Boyd County is 9-2 on the season and the Rockets are now 10-1. Game time at the ROCK will be 7:30 p.m.

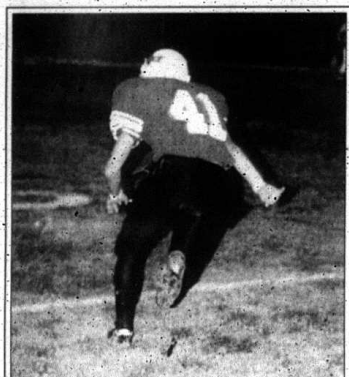
The Rockets were ranked second in the state by the Associated Press in Class 3A this week and are in the top 16 in the state overall in other polls.



Rockets Steven Rowe, #32, L.T. Lovell, #31 and #48 Brandon Campbell head for a Greenup player on Friday night. The Rockets blitz Greenup to just 62 yards and blitzed them 60-0.



James Michael Bussell, #3, Chris Croucher, #38, Benny Northern, #66, and Devin Taylor, #7, exit the field, on Friday night, after Northern recovered his seventh fumble of the season. Northern is only two shy of a regular season record in fumble recoveries at the ROCK.



Senior Michael Hayes caught three passes on Friday night, two of which were for touchdowns. The Rockets host Boyd County in the second round of the play-off on Friday night.

In State Cross Country meet

Girls place seventh; boys finish fourteenth



Freshman Kayla Hayes finished fifth in the KTCCCA Class 2A Cross-Country State Championships. Her time of 20:00.03 shattered her own RCHS record for 5,000 meters.

The RCHS Cross-Country teams competed this past Saturday in the KTCCCA Class 2A State Championships held at the Kentucky Horse Park. The 3.1-mile course at the Horse Park had been modified due to the excessively muddy areas from the past week of rain. Despite the heavy winds and unfavorable course conditions, the RCHS teams were prepared to compete.

More than fifty teams were represented and nearly four-hundred athletes from around the state. The RCHS girls' team came into the meet ranked 7th in Class 2A, while the boys' team was not ranked.

The RCHS girls' team had an awesome state meet and finished with their best team performance ever. Coming off of their first place regional championship finish, the girls were excited about the state competition and were prepared to give it their best. After a hard-fought team

effort, RCHS placed 7th overall in the state and missed placing in the top five teams by only ten points. The top five scorers for Rockcastle consisted of a 10th grader, two 9th graders, a 5th grader, and a 2nd grader. The RCHS girls had the youngest overall team competing at state.

The girls' team was led by all-state candidate Kayla Hayes. Kayla, a freshman and the 8th ranked girl in Class 2A, finished as regional champion last weekend and sought to improve upon her 21st place all-state performance finish from a year ago. Kayla, known for her torrid start at the beginning of her races, got off to a great start in the state championship race. She stayed within the top five runners for the entire race and had a tough battle with another freshman competitor from Highlands.

Kayla kept an excellent pace throughout the race. Amazingly, she

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Freshman Jessi Asher finished 19th out of 193 runners in the Class 2A State Championships.



Sophomore Brandon Cole finished 26th at state, the best finish ever for an RCHS boy competitor. He also established a new RCHS record time for the state meet with an effort of 17:39.

Rock vs. Musketeers

By: Preston Parrett
Last week was good for Rockcastle. One might even say it was great. Danny Ford retained his house seat and the girls' and boys' track teams are going to state.

The football Rocks are crushing opponents as they continue their onslaught. And as their victory string grows, One can see what hard work has wrought.

When the Musketeers came from Gremp. A chill was in the air. They were going up against the Rock. Who had become a perennial power.

A quarter moon hung overhead. While a large crowd gathered in. And they were anxiously waiting. For the fun and excitement to begin.

The Rock won the toss. And the kick-off came their way. Michael Hayes was on the receiving end.

Of a twenty-yard TD pass from Big "A".

Devin Taylor intercepted a Muskeeter pass.

And the Rock made them pay.

As Marty Reagan took it three yards.

For his first score of the day.

The Musketeers were three downs and out.

As downfield Aaron Anderkin led the Rocks.

Then James Bussell scored from the three.

And the Musketeers realized they were in for hard knocks.

With 4:06 to go in the first.

The Rock again knocked on the door.

When Crafty Marty jittersbugged in.

With a thirty-three yard score.

Devin Taylor intercepted another pass.

And the Rock took it to the one. When Marty carried it over. And the Musketeers were about done.

Chris Croucher got into the battle. When he recovered a fumble on the twenty-eight.

And the Rock came away with a field goal. When Devin Taylor kicked it straight.

Benny Northern recovered another fumble.

And Big "A" passed straight and true. Derrick Hurst gathered it in. And over the goal line he flew.

Derrick Hurst intercepted an errant pass.

And he deserves a lot of praise. For it resulted in another score. When Devin Taylor passed to Michael Hayes.

At the beginning of the final quarter. The score was fifty-two to zero. But Brandon Reams added to it.

When over the goal line he did go.

Matthew Burkhardt hit Phillip Boreing for a two-point conversion.

And the score was sixty to zip. And the fighting Musketeers of Gremp.

Were faced with a long homeward trip.

So congrats to all of you. Who support, coach, play or take part in the game.

For all of you working together. Adds luster to your fame.



Sophomore Heather Hammond placed 83rd overall in the Class 2A State Championships.



The RCHS girls' team finished the regular season as the seventh ranked team in Class 2A. They finished seventh in the KTCCCA Class 2A State Championships and missed the top five by only ten points.

Little League Standing Update

By: Diamond Dave
Bengals 8-0
Redskins 6-2
Wildcats 2-6
Vikings 0-8



2nd grader Michaela Hunter finished as the fifth scorer for the RCHS girls in state competition. Michaela played 11th overall with a personal best time of 23:38. She was the youngest competitor in all three classes. No other team had a competitor under, fifth grade.



5th grader Laura Dollins established a new 5,000 meter record for a Rockcastle County elementary competitor. Her 52nd place finish at state was the highest ever for an elementary competitor from Rockcastle.