

Rockets beat Boyd Co. 37-0 in "mud bowl"

The Rockcastle County Rockets continued their quest for that first state championship in football on Friday night with a 37-0 win over Boyd County.

A game which will no doubt always be remembered as the mud bowl because of the field conditions, was dominated by the Rocket offensive and defensive lines.

The Rocket defense held Boyd County to a minus 21 yards and racked-up 384 yards on offense.

Tailback Marty Reagan had another great game for the Rockets picking up 204 yards on 16 carries.

Fullback Cletl Swinney also played extremely well in the mud and muck, picking up 80 yards on just eight carries. He also caught three passes for 30 yards. Michael Hayes also caught a key pass in the first half for 14 yards.

Junior Caleb Blair had 45 yards on two carries and quarterback Aaron Underkin carried the ball three times for five yards. He was also four for seven passing, for 44 yards. The weather and field conditions made it almost impossible to throw the ball, but center Jared Rice, Underkin and the rest of the receivers and backs did

a very good job holding on to the ball, which at times was completely mud covered as were most of the Rockets.

Long snapper J.T. Lovell and punter and kicker Devin Taylor did a very good job as well of holding on to the football.

"We had the worst field conditions on Friday night that a Rockcastle County team has played in since 1995, which was during the playoffs here with Boyd County," said head-coach Tom Larkey.

Larkey, who had been hospitalized earlier in the week, braved the cold, wet and muddy conditions to lead his team to their 11th straight win of the season.

"Our running game was superb, thanks to our offensive line and the determined running of Reagan and Swinney," Larkey said.

Defensive coordinator Tony Saylor said that he was pleased with his defense unit's performance because Boyd County had one of the better offensive teams in the region.

"Our kids were prepared and focused - what can I say when you play a team that is minus yardage," Saylor said with a grin on his face.

Although the playing conditions were so terrible, Boyd County had only one turnover, that was an interception by Reagan. He also had four tackles and assists.

Reagan also gave Boyd County their only turnover when he fumbled on a punt return.

Defensively lineman Benny Northern had nine tackles and assists and a sack.

Junior Jason Leger, who is still recovering from broken foot earlier in the year had a sack and five tackles and assists.

Middle linebacker, sophomore Chris Croucher had ten tackles and assists and picked up three sacks.

Stephen Boreling had six tackles and assists and Michael Brummett had three sacks as well as five tackles and assists.

Tanner Abney also had a sack and four tackles and assists. James Michael Buswell picked up a sack in the end zone for a safety and the also had three tackles and assists.

Devon Buswell had two tackles and assists, Taylor had two tackles and assists, Blair had a tackle and did senior Doug French and junior Nick Thomas.

Reagan scored four of the Rockets five touchdowns, all in the first quarter.

Blair scored the last touchdown of the game in the fourth period.

Taylor was three for four in extra point kicks.

The Rockets, who finished runners-up in the state last year in Class 3A will face the Bell County Bobcats on Friday night for the second time this season.

Bell County defeated Ashland last week 14-12 and are coached by the infamous Dudley Hilton, who has two state championships to his credit.

Two weeks ago, the Rockets defeated Bell County for the fourth straight time in a roll and the third straight time with Hilton at the helm.

"We've got to be at the top of our game and as always we cannot turn over the ball, because it will be such a tough game," Larkey said.

If Rockcastle is able to win on Friday night it would make the third straight regional championship for them and they would host the state semi-final game the next week against Fort Thomas Highlands or Lexington Cardinals.

"According to Larkey and Saylor it will take a flawless performance by the Rockets for that to happen.

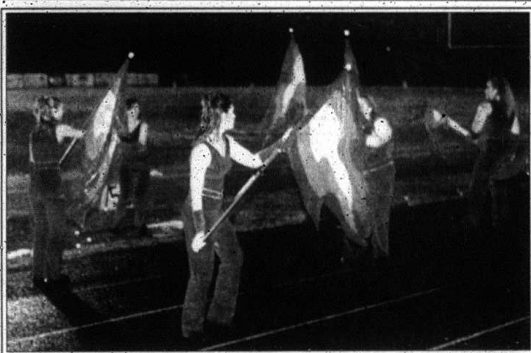
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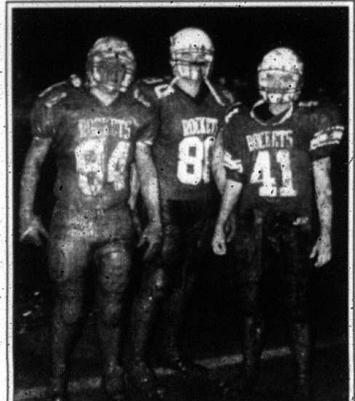
Coach Tony Saylor talked to his "filthy" but efficient defense on Friday night. Shown above from left: Marty Reagan, Stephen Boreling, Benny Northern, Devon Buswell, Chris Croucher, Devin Taylor, James Buswell, Jason Leger and Tanner Abney.



Some of the members of the offensive and defensive lines posed for a picture after the game with assistant coach Slade Calhoun. From left: Jared Rice, Michael Brummett, Nick Thomas, Chris Croucher, Jason Leger and Tanner Abney. Croucher is a linebacker.



The Rocket football players were not the only ones to brave the wet and cold weather on Friday. The RCBS Color Guard performed to two songs at half-time.



Some more muddy men on Friday night were seniors: Michael Brummett, Stephen Boreling and Michael Hayes.

RCMS Girls Basketball

8th Grade

RCMS 44 - Jackson Co., 11

Sarah Rowe 10; Ainsley Buswell 8; Megan Griffin, Ashley Stewart, Lura Cash, 6 each; Meredith Robinson 4; Holly Barnett and Leann Holden, 2 each.

RCMS 34 - N. Laurel 37

Griffin 8; Stewart and Cash; 6 each; Jill Owens, Buswell and Robinson 4 each and Rowe, 2.

RCMS 43 - S. Laurel 39

Owens 13; Stewart 11; Griffin 7; Cash 6; Rowe 4 and Buswell 2.

RCMS 56 - Whitley 30

Griffin 16; Rowe and Stewart 8 each; Cash 7; Buswell 5; Owens 4; Anna Reynolds, Holden and Robinson, 2 each.

RCMS 40 - Lex. Cath. 38

Cash and Griffin 6 each; Buswell and Owens, 8 each; Stewart, Barnett and Rowe, 2 each.

RCMS 28 - Clay Co. 34

Stewart and Griffin, 6 each; Owens 5; Cash 4; Rowe 3; Buswell and Reynolds, 2 each.

RCMS 44 - Casey Co. 28

Stewart 12; Griffin 9; Cash 8; Buswell 7; Robinson and Rowe, 4 each.

RCMS 48 - Garrard Co. 42

Cash 16; Griffin 10; Stewart 7; Owens 3; Barnett, Reynolds, Robinson and Rowe, 2 each.

RCMS 40 - Harrison 29

(LCA Tourney)

Stewart and Cash, 12 each; Owens 7; Barnett 3 and Buswell 2.

RCMS 25 - Bondurant 22

(LCA Tourney)

Cash 8; Stewart 7; Buswell 4; Reynolds 3; Owens 2 and Rowe 1.

RCMS 22 - Lex. Cath. 40

(LCA Tourney)

Stewart 8; Cash 5; Reynolds 4; Griffin and Owens 2 each and Buswell 1.

RCMS 31 - Elkhorn 25

(LCA Tourney Consolation)

Cash 15; Owens 6; Stewart 5; Griffin 3 and Buswell 2.

RCMS 28 - Lincoln Co. 50

Cash 10; Robinson 6; Rowe; Barnett, 4 each and Stewart and Buswell, 2 each.

Ashley Stewart and Lura Cash named to All-Tournament Team.

7th Grade

RCMS 43 - Lex. Cath. 19

Sarah Rowe 13; Tonya Lunsford 8; Mary Saylor 6; Jessica Barnes, Sonya Lunsford and Morgan Thacker, 4 each; Jenny King and Melinda Thompson, 2 each.

RCMS 18 - Clay Co. 40

Rowe 6; Barnes 4; T. Lunsford, LouAnn Masters, Saylor and Ashley Robinson, 2 each.

RCMS 36 - Casey Co. 29

Rowe 13; T. Lunsford and Saylor 6 each; Robinson 5; S. Lunsford 3; Barnes, Thompson and Sara Barnett, 1 each.

RCMS 42 - Garrard Co. 10

Barnes 11; Rowe 8; T. Lunsford 6; Nicole Shepherd, Katie Burdette and Robinson, 4 each; Masters and Saylor, 2 each; S. Lunsford 1.

RCMS 26 - Lincoln Co. 25

Rowe, 9; T. Lunsford, 8; Barnes 5; Courtney Hayes and Morgan Thacker, 2 each.

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Rock vs. Lions

Written by: Preston Parrett

The Rock continued their onslaught.

Towards winning the regional crown.

On a field that was a quagmire.

As all day the rain kept coming down.

Rock hard fans came floating in

And on this you can just -em.

That when the game was over

They left with a soggy bottom.

The game got underway

With the Rock having the ball.

Then Marty Reagan on a fifty-two

yard run

Was just too fast for the Lions to over-

haul.

The Rock had posse defense held

the Lions

And they got the ball once more,

Then Marty, splattering water and

mud.

Carried it in for a seven yard score.

The Lions couldn't get anything go-

ing

And the Rock got the ball again.

Marty on a fifty yard run

Carried the mail on in.

The game was still in the first quarter

When Marty scored his fourth TD of

the night

He plunged over from seven yards

out

And that really put out the Lions' light.

At half-time the score was 28-0

And the field was a watery, slippery

mess.

The only thing that looked worse

Was the writer of this. -Old Press.

Field lines had been obliterated

Some player's numbers couldn't be

seen.

But the Rock kept on Rocking

Showing that they're a fighting ma-

chine.

The game was scoreless in the third

But James Buswell came up with a

safety for a two-point score.

Then Caleb Blair on a forty-one yard

run

Added six points more.

The Rock Gridiron Warriors had

fought

Like Gladiators of old.

As they fought the elements and Li-

ons

In a battle for the crown of gold.

The Rock defensive and offensive

lines

Really do a job that is great.

That's the reason they pitch shut-outs

And are among the top scoring lead-

ers in the state.

Congrats to coaches, players and sup-

port cast

For all your winning ways.

You really make us proud of all you

And that's why we sing your praises.

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