

Rockets defeat Casey, 69-58

By: Doug Ponder

The Rockcastle County Rockets varsity basketball team is now 5-14 after playing in a three game series this past week.

Last Friday night, The Rockets traveled to Casey County to play against a similarly talented Rebels team.

The Rockets came out firing on all cylinders in the first half as they outscored the Rebels 27-17 at the end of the first quarter and 43-32 at the end of the half. After halftime, The Rockets momentum carried into the second half as they led 58-42 at the end of the third quarter. The Rockets would put the game away in the fourth quarter with a final score of 69-58.

The Rockets were led in scoring by sophomore guard Sam Pensol with 24 points, junior guard Corey McPhtridge was next with 17 points, including five three point baskets, senior center Ben Allen had 12, junior forward Josh Mason scored 9, senior guard Ashton Arvin got 4 and senior guard Jon Curtis Wilson had 3.

After the Casey County game, the Rockets returned home last Saturday to play against a tough East Jessamine Jaguars team.

The Jaguars came out strong, outscoring the Rockets 16-8 at the end of the first quarter and 34-23 at the end of the half. Their momentum continued in the second half as they led 50-36 at the end of the third quarter and 67-54 at the end of the game.

The Rockets were led by Mason with 15 points,

Pensol was next with 10, Allen scored 9, McPhetridge 6, Wilson 5, Arvin 4, Blake Mullins 3 and Tyler Harper 2.

The East Jessamine loss was followed by another loss on the road against the Wayne County Cardinals Tuesday night.

During Tuesday night's game, the Cardinals jumped out to an early 21-13 lead at the end of the first quarter and 50-24 at halftime. In the second half, the Cardinals enthusiasm continued as they led 73-39 at the end of the third quarter and 88-51 at the end of the game.

The Rockets were led in scoring by McPhetridge with 14 points, Allen was next with 13, Pensol had 11, Wilson 5 and Mason 4. Arvin and Harper were also credited with 2 points each.

Head Coach Benny Blanton said that despite the last two losses, he is pleased with his team's district win against Casey County last Friday.

"We really needed that win so we wouldn't have to play the number one seed in the district tournament," Blanton said. "That win will really help us in the long run."

The Rockets will join the Lady Rockets in a double header on Friday night when they both take on the Casey County Rebels at home. Tip-off for the Rockets game is at 8 p.m.

Blanton said that they are looking to beat Casey County again to help them in the district tournament seeding.

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Junior guard Corey McPhetridge dribbles around a Jaguar defender during last Saturday's 67-54 loss to East Jessamine. The Rockets lost 88-51 to Wayne County but won 69-58 against Casey County.



Senior guard Ashton Arvin shoots a three point basket during last Saturday's 67-54 loss against East Jessamine. The Rockets will join the Lady Rockets in a double header on Friday night as they both take on the Casey County Rebels at home. Tip-off for the Rockets game is 8 p.m.



Senior guard Alexis Chasteen chases down a Lady Rebel during last Friday night's 63-57 loss to Casey County. Chasteen scored 8 points in the game.

Rockets and Lady Rockets play doubleheader Friday at RCHS



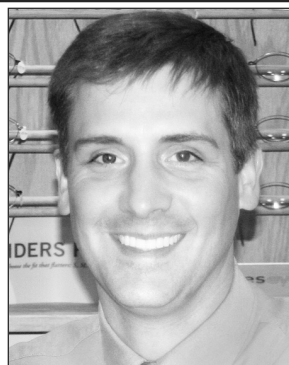
Senior guard Sara Adams applies the defense to a Lady Rebel defender during last Friday night's 63-57 loss to Casey County. The Lady Rockets also lost 66-59 in overtime against Wayne County Tuesday night.

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Lady Rockets lose two on the road

By: Doug Ponder

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets basketball team is now 12-7 on the season after losing two straight road games this past week.

On Tuesday night, The Lady Rockets traveled to Wayne County to play against a versatile Lady Cardinals team which has a deep bench of four to five players.

Wayne County came out firing on all cylinders outscoring the Lady Rockets 11-10 at the end of the first quarter and 23-19 at the end of the first half. After halftime, the Lady Rockets battled back cutting the lead to 41-39 at the end of the third quarter and tying the game 53-53 at the end of regulation. In overtime, The Lady Cardinals pulled away from the Lady Rockets for a final score of 66-59.

The Lady Rockets were led in scoring by all-state senior guard Michaela Hunter with 22 points, senior guard Alexis Chasteen was next with 12, senior guard Sara Adams scored 7, senior forward Emily Miller and jun-

ior forward Kayla Reynolds were both credited with 4 each and sophomore guard Alaina Coguer got 2.

The Wayne County loss came after a 63-57 loss on the road last Friday night against a tough Casey County Lady Rebels team.

The score was tied 16-16 at the end of the first quarter, but the Lady Rockets came back to outscore the Lady Rebels in the second quarter for a 34-28 lead at the half. After halftime, the Lady Rebels came out strong jumping out to a 45-43 lead at the end of the third quarter and 63-57 at the end of the game.

The Rockets were once again led in scoring by Michaela Hunter with 23 points, Emily Miller was next with 10, Alexis Chasteen and Alaina Coguer scored 8 each, Sara Adams and Kayla Reynolds were both credited with 3 each and Amelia Eversole had 2.

Head Coach Chrysti Noble said these two losses in a row have been hard for

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Sophomore forward Amelia Eversole applies the defense to a Lady Rebel during last Friday night's 63-57 loss to Casey County. The Lady Rockets will join the Rockets in a double header on Friday night when they both take on the Casey County Rebels at home. Tip-off for the Lady Rockets game is at 6:30 p.m.



Senior guard Michaela Hunter looks for room along the baseline during last Friday night's 63-57 loss to Casey County. Adams scored 7 points during the game.

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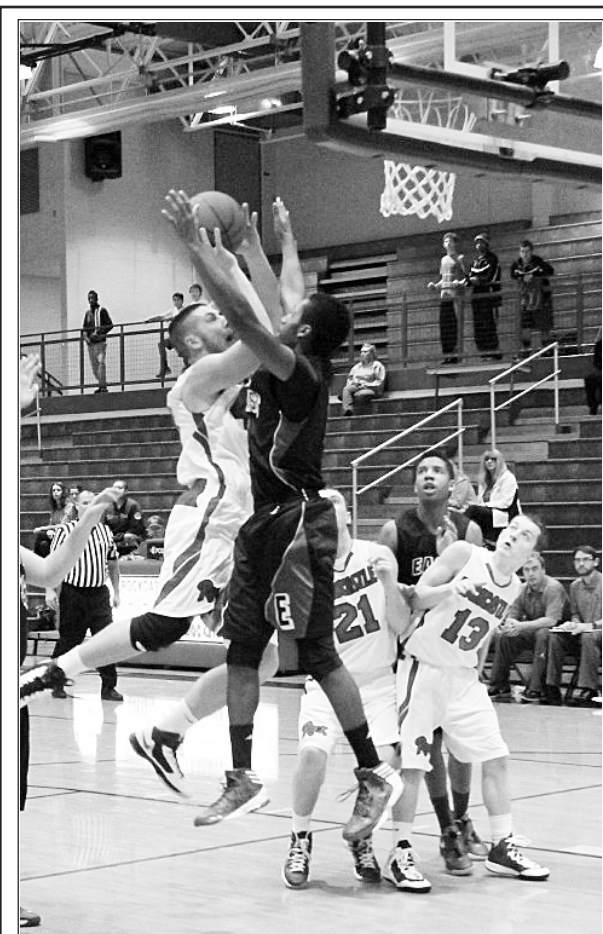
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Junior forward Josh Mason attempts a lay-up during last Saturday's 67-54 loss to East Jessamine. Mason led the scoring for the Rockets with 15 points.



Senior center Ben Allen goes to the basket and draws the blocking foul against a Jaguar defender during last Saturday's 67-54 loss to East Jessamine. Allen scored 9 points during the game.