

Lady Rockets now 16-10 on season

By: Doug Ponder

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets are now 16-10 on the season after a four game series this past week that included a disappointing 55-30 loss against the Southwestern Warriors.

The Lady Rockets began their series with a 54-51 win against the Pulaski County Lady Maroons. But when the Lady Rockets traveled back to Somerset on Saturday night to take on Southwestern, the Lady Warriors handed them a painful 55-30 loss.

During last Saturday night's game, the Lady Rockets had 16 turnovers and were four for eight from the free throw line. Unlike the Lady Rockets, the Lady Warriors shot the lights out as they made 13 three point baskets and went eight for ten from the free throw line.

The Lady Warriors came out strong, outscoring the Lady Rockets 22-5 in the first quarter and were ahead 34-11 at the half. After halftime, the Lady Warriors momentum continued as they led 42-16 at the end of the third quarter and 55-30 at the end of the game.

The Lady Rockets were led in scoring by senior guard Michaela Hunter with 10 points, senior guard Sara Adams was next with 7, junior forward Kayla Reynolds scored 4, senior guard Emily Miller and sophomore guard Alania Couger had 3 each and sophomore forward Amelia Eversole and junior guard Brianna Hansel were both credited with 2 points each.

The Lady Rockets bounced back from the Southwestern loss with a 67-61 win against the Corbin Lady Redhounds.

The Lady Rockets came

out firing on all cylinders, leading the Lady Redhounds 13-10 at the end of the first quarter and 28-19 at the half. After halftime, the Lady Rockets enthusiasm continued as they led 48-38 at the end of the third quarter. They would put the game away in the fourth quarter with a final score of 67-61.

The Lady Rockets were once again led in scoring by Hunter with 20 points, Eversole was next with 14, Adams scored 13, Reynolds 11, Miller 6 and Coguer 3.

After the Corbin win, the Lady Rockets returned home Monday night and beat McCreary Central 55-48 during senior night.

Seniors Sara Adams, Michaela Hunter, Emily Miller and Alexis Chasteen were all honored at mid-court before the game. Chasteen, who received a season-ending injury in January, did not attend the game as she underwent surgery on her torn left ACL on Monday morning. However, Chasteen's parents and siblings received her awards during the ceremony.

McCreary County hung around for most of the game but the Lady Rockets high-powered play proved to be too much as they jumped out to a 10-9 lead at the end of the first quarter and a 26-23 lead at the half. The Lady Rockets retained their lead in the third quarter, ahead 39-34 at the end of that period. The Lady Rockets would hold to their lead in the fourth quarter with a final score of 55-48.

The Lady Rockets were once again led by Hunter who had 17 points, 8 rebounds and 6 steals.

Other Lady Rockets picking up scores were Adams with 15 and Kayla

Reynolds 11. Emily Miller and Alaina Coguer were also credited with 6 points each.

The Lady Rockets will join the Rockets in a double header Friday night as they travel to London to take on the South Laurel Lady Cardinals. Tip-off for the Lady Rockets game is at 6 p.m. The Lady Rockets are also expected to play the Somerset Lady Briar Jumpers next Thursday in the first round of the district tournament. The game will be played at Somerset High School and tip-off is at 8 p.m.

Head Coach Chrysti Noble said she was disappointed with her squad's performance during the Southwestern loss last Saturday night. However, Noble said she was glad to

see her team redeem themselves in their wins against Corbin and McCreary Central.

"In the Southwestern game we were completely flat. Nothing seemed to be going right and when one thing goes wrong, everything goes wrong," Noble said. "But we redeemed ourselves in the next two games and did much better defensively."

Noble said that her team is focused and are ready for the district tournaments. "Tournament time is like a whole new season and we are really looking to come out strong," Noble said. "We are determined to accomplish our season goal of returning to the regional tournament."

Rockets win big during senior night

By: Doug Ponder

The Rockcastle County Rockets basketball team is now 7-20 on the season after a three game series this past week, which included a 68-55 win during senior night last Friday night.

The Rockets began their series last Thursday night when they traveled to Corbin to take on the Redhounds.

The Rockets came out firing on all cylinders, and leading 13-12 at the end of the first quarter. However, their momentum stalled in the second quarter as the Redhounds jumped ahead to a 30-23 lead at the half. After halftime the Redhounds enthusiasm continued, leading 55-43 at the end of the third quarter. The Redhounds would put the game away in the fourth quarter with a final score of 78-69.

The Rockets were led in scoring by senior guard Ashton Arvin with 20 points, junior forward Josh Mason was next with 19, senior center Ben Allen had

7. Senior guard Jon Curtis Wilson, junior guard Corey McPhetridge, sophomore guard Sam Pensol and sophomore guard Dakota Hasty were all credited with 6 points each.

The Corbin loss came before an exciting 68-55 win against the Garrard County Golden Lions during senior night at home last Friday.

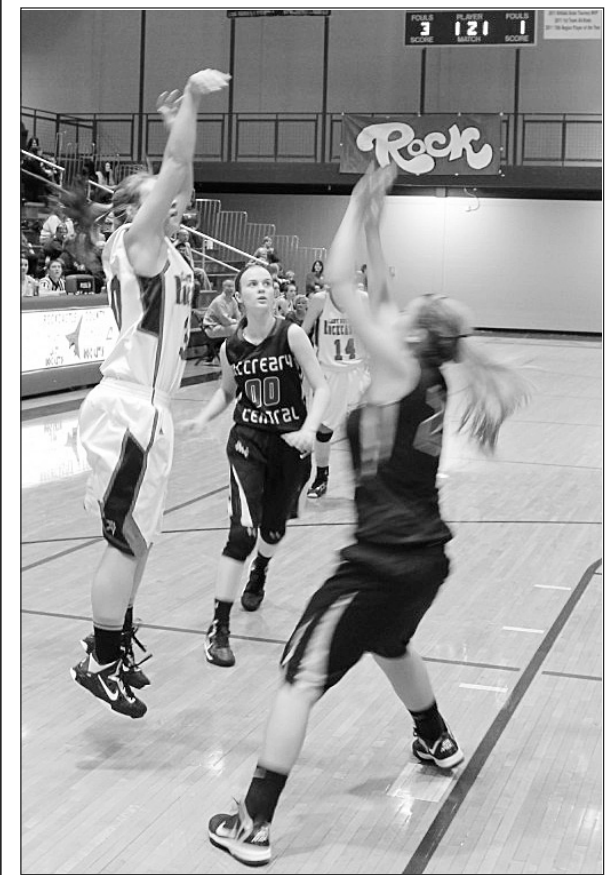
Seniors Ashton Arvin, Ben Allen, Zach Poynter, John Curtis Wilson and Bryson Amyx were all honored at mid-court before the game.

However, the Golden Lions attempted to put a damper on the senior night activities as they jumped out to a 23-20 lead at the end of the first quarter. But the Rockets battled back in the second quarter and took a 37-29 lead into the locker room at half time.

The Golden Lions made a run in the third quarter, cutting the lead to 49-47 at the end of that period. But the Rockets put together a great fourth quarter for the 68-55 win.



Senior Michaela Hunter looks for an open teammate during Monday night's 55-48 win against McCreary Central. The Lady Rockets were led by Hunter who had 17 points, 8 rebounds and 6 steals.



Senior Emily Miller attempts a jumpshot during Monday night's 55-48 win against McCreary Central. The Lady Rockets will join the Rockets in a double header on Friday night as they travel to London to take on the South Laurel Cardinals. Tip-off for the Lady Rockets game is at 6 p.m. The Lady Rockets are also predicted to play the Somerset Lady Briar Jumpers next Thursday during the first round of the district tournament. The game will be played at Somerset and tip-off is at 8 p.m.



Senior Sara Adams looks to make a pass to the paint during senior night on Monday against McCreary Central. Seniors Sara Adams, Micheala Hunter, Emily Miller and Alexis Chasteen were all honored at mid-court before the game. Chasteen, who received a season ending injury in January, did not attend the game as she underwent surgery on her torn ACL Monday morning. However, Chasteen's dad and sisters received her awards for her during the ceremony. Photos from Senior Night will appear in next week's Signal.



Sophomore guard Alaina Coguer dribbles past a Lady Raider defender during Monday night's 55-48 win against McCreary Central. The Lady Rockets beat Pulaski County 54-51 last Wednesday night and Corbin 67-61 on Saturday but lost to Southwestern 55-30 last Friday night.



Rocket junior forward Josh Mason fights for a rebound during last Friday night's 68-55 win against Garrard County. Also pictured is senior John Curtis Wilson. The Rockets will join the Lady Rockets in a double header on Friday night as they travel to London to take on the South Laurel Cardinals. Tip-off for the game is at 7:30 p.m.



Rocket senior Ben Allen attempts a shot during senior night last Friday night against Garrard County. Seniors Ben Allen, Ashton Arvin, Zach Poynter, John Curtis Wilson and Bryson Amyx were all honored at mid-court before the game. Photos from the ceremony will appear in next week's Signal.



Senior Ashton Arvin puts up a shot during last Friday night's 68-55 win against Garrard County. The Rockets lost to Corbin 78-69 and Whitley County 67-56 this past week. The Rockets are predicted to play the Somerset Briar Jumpers next Wednesday in the first round of the district tournament. The game will be played at Somerset and tip-off will be at 7 p.m.

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