

Rockets fall to West Jessamine in Jamboree Bowl

By: Doug Ponder
The Rockcastle County Rockets football team lost to the West Jessamine Colts last Friday night 48-19 in the annual Jamboree Bowl.

Last Friday's game was the second straight year the Rockets have lost in the Jamboree Bowl and it was only the third time in the bowl's 23 year history that the Rockets lost the bowl game.

The Rockets outgained their opponent on offense with a total of 405 yards to the Colts 346. However, their inability to get the ball into the end zone would prove to be the deciding factor in the loss as they failed to score on three different occasions while they were inside their opponent's 20 yard line.

Head Coach Scott Parkey said the loss was disheartening for him and his team as they outgained their opponent in total yards on offense but still lost the game due primarily to not being able to push the ball over while deep in West Jessamine's territory.

"We were inside the red zone several times and came out empty. We can't miss opportunities like that to score on offense and expect to win games," Parkey said. "We have been working all week on our red zone offense to correct this problem. I believe it will turn around though and everything will click within the next few weeks."

Parkey said his staff had a good defensive plan going into the game and that he thought the players did a good job executing the plan. However, Parkey said several missed tackles, bad reads and blown opportunities for turnovers hurt them as the game continued.

"The defense played great but they struggled on stopping them on third and long when we had their backs against the wall," Parkey said. "We also dropped a couple of interceptions for touchdown opportunities as well. Momentum swings like that can be huge and we will be working in practice on taking advantage of turnover

chances."

Offensively, the Rockets were led by senior quarterback Corey McPhetridge who was 27 of 43 passing for 293 yards and one touchdown with one interception.

Junior Chance Ansardi led the Rockets in rushing with 60 yards and one touchdown. Junior Isaiah Adams rang up 38 yards, senior Jacob Bussell got 9 yards with one touchdown and senior Brandon Jones had 5 yards.

Senior John Hughes had a record-breaking night offensively as he tied the school record for most receptions in a game with 11 catches for 159 yards and one touchdown. Former Rocket receiver Josh Hale previously held the record with 11 receptions in a game.

Other Rockets making catches were senior Tyler Harper with six receptions for 78 yards, senior Brandon Jones with five catches for 35 yards and freshman Chayse McClure with four catches for 22 yards.

Defensively, the Rockets were led by Bussell with a total of eight tackles and one sack. Senior Jared Lake also had a big night on defense with a total of seven tackles and one sack.

Other Rockets picking up tackles and assists were Ansardi with seven, Adams with six, McClure and Jones with three each. Hughes, junior Kyle Denney and senior Koty Bengé were all credited with two tackles each and senior R.C. Kirby got one.

The Rockets will travel to London on Friday night to take on the South Laurel Cardinals. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m.

Parkey said the Cardinals have improved from previous years under the leadership of their new head coach Matt Rymer.

"Rymer is their new coach and he is working hard to change the culture of the football program at South Laurel," Parkey said. "They run option and power plays well. Their defensive line is really good and will present our offensive line with their biggest challenge so far this season. We will have to win the battle in the trenches to come out with a win."



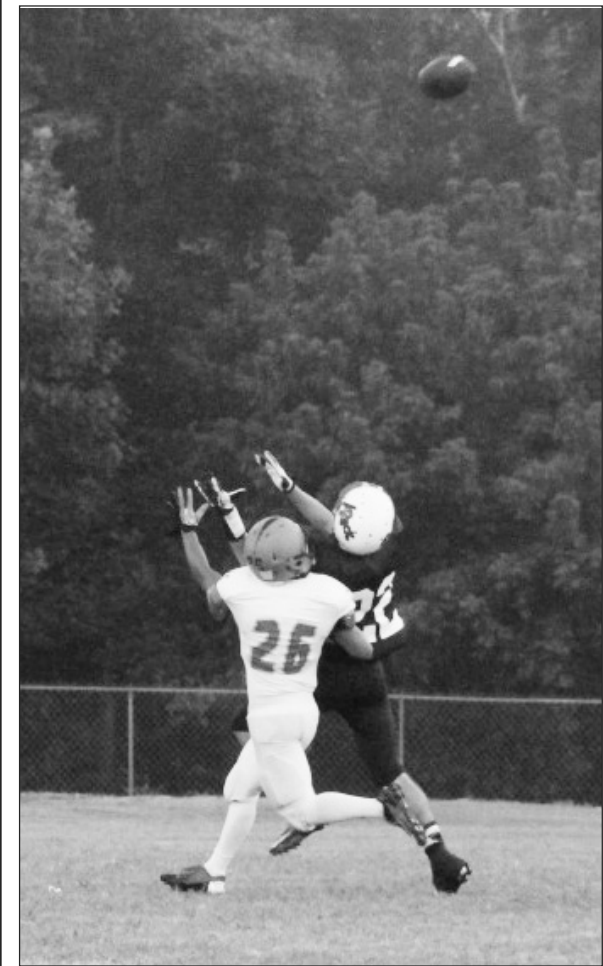
Senior quarterback Corey McPhetridge throws a pass to junior fullback Chance Ansardi during last Friday night's 48-19 loss to West Jessamine in the annual Jamboree Bowl. McPhtridge led the Rockets offense was 27 of 43 passing for 293 yards and one touchdown with one interception. Ansardi led the Rockets in rushing with 60 yards and one touchdown.



Senior defensive back John Hughes prepares to tackle a Colt receiver during last Friday night's loss to West Jessamine. Hughes had three tackles on defense and a record breaking night offensively as he tied the school record of most receptions in a game with 11 catches for 159 yards and one touchdown.



Senior Brandon Jones brings down a Colt running back during last Friday night's 49-19 loss to West Jessamine. Jones had three tackles on defense and five catches for 35 yards on offense.



Senior receiver Tyler Harper reaches out for a McPhetridge pass while battling with a West Jessamine defender. Harper had six receptions for 78 yards in the game.



Senior running back Jacob Bussell outran a host of West Jessamine defenders during last Friday night's 48-19 loss in the Jamboree Bowl. Bussell rushed for 9 yards with one touchdown and led the Rockets on defense with a total of eight tackles and one sack.

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The RCHS marching band kept fans entertained during last Friday night's game against West Jessamine. The band also performed their "Flight" show at half-time which is a collection of original compositions based on melodic representations of the act of flying.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Archery hunting for deer begins Sept. 7th

Kentucky's 2013-14 deer season opens on Saturday, Sept. 7, the first day of the 136-day archery season. The season continues through Monday, Jan. 20, 2014.

For the past three seasons, record harvests have been posted for the month of September: 5,577 deer in 2012, 4,945 in 2011 and

4,407 in 2010.

"Even though weather conditions aren't always ideal in September, there are some advantages to early season hunting," said Tina Brunjes, deer program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Most deer, even mature

bucks, are still in their summer pattern when bow season opens. They are more visible during daylight hours than later in the season and their daily movements are more predictable. Deer frequent crop fields and weedy pastures in the

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