

Win Death Valley Bowl 24-14

Rockets roll over Lincoln

By: Richard Anderkin
The Rockcastle County Rockets rolled into Stanford Friday night for an early season showdown with Lincoln County and came away with an impressive 24-14 win.

The final score wasn't indicative of the game, which saw the Rockets dominate the Patriots for three of the four quarters played.

"It was a good win for us - we needed it for our players, especially the younger ones - to get off to a good start," said head coach Tom Larkey. Senior quarterback Christopher Parsons was named most valuable player of the game.

Parsons completed seven of twelve pass attempts for 127 yards and he had 24 yards on ten carries.

The three year starter also threw for one touchdown and ran for another in leading the Rockets to victory for the second straight year in the Death Valley Bowl.

The ROCK fell behind in the first quarter, after Lincoln County scored on a reverse around night end. Defensive coordinator Tony Saylor recognized the formation and told his unit what to look for, but they didn't execute and it cost them.

A Lincoln County back scampered 28 yards for the score and the Lincoln County players and fans alike, thought the rout was on.

Although the ROCK seemed extremely flat at that point - they responded with a drive that resulted in a touchdown by senior Derrick Bussell and an extra point by Rocket placekicker Greg Terry, which tied the score at 7.

And then the condition factor kicked in.

Although Lincoln County had a much older and bigger bunch of kids, they lacked a very important thing, being in shape.

The Rockets superior condition

began to show as early as the second quarter and the young Rocket players, who had not seen much action on Friday night a year ago began to realize they could handle themselves against the older Lincoln County team.

The Rocket defense completely shut down the Patriots for the next three quarters while scoring three more times of their own.

The Rockets second score of the night, which gave them a 10-7 lead, was a fifty yard field goal by Terry.

The kick set a new school record, which was formerly held by Raymond Blackburn, who had booted a 47 yarder.

Senior Greg Harper scored the third time for the Rockets on a forty yard pass play.

Parsons hit Harper on a dead run, on the right side of the field, late in the second quarter to give the ROCK

ets a 17-7 lead, which they took into half-time.

Neither team scored in the third quarter, although Rockcastle kept the ball on their end of the field most of the quarter.

Rockcastle's last score came on a one yard run by Parsons.

Terry, who has had contact with several colleges, was three for three in extra point kicks and he added the 50 yarder.

All total the ROCK rolled up 290 yards of offense, on 41 running plays and 13 passing plays.

Besides Parsons 177 yards of total offense, Bussell had 67 yards of carries and he caught three passes

for 38 yards.

Junior Josh Hale had 11 yards on six carries and he caught two passes for 27 yards.

Junior fullback Clay Dooley had 14 yards on three carries and sophomore Aaron Anderkin had three yards one carry. Anderkin also completed one pass for 20 yards.

Harper caught three passes for a total of 98 yards.

Sophomore Marty Reagan had one carry for no yardage.

The ROCK's solid middle linebacker, senior Travis Ingram led the team on defense with eleven tackles and he also had a quarterback sack. Defensive lineman William Blair

had seven tackles and assists.

Defensive Rover Josh Hale had seven tackles and assists and one of the four Rocket interceptions.

Junior defensive lineman Adam Childress had six tackles and assists and he also had a quarterback sack.

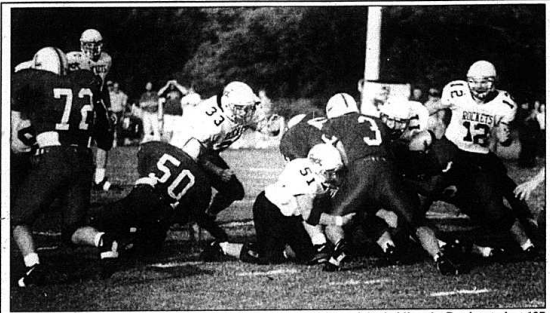
Childress also played three of the four quarters with an injured right eye. Childress was injured after his helmet came partially off and someone stepped on his head. He has not practiced this week, but he is expected to play Friday night.

Sophomore cornerback Marty Reagan had five tackles and assists and he also picked off a Patriot pass.

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Senior Derrick Bussell takes a handoff from senior Christopher Parsons during the Rockets 24-14 win over Lincoln County Friday night. Also in the photo is #6 Clay Dooley, who plays fullback for the Rockets.



The Rocket defense played superbly for three quarters on Friday night, holding the Patriots to just 137 yards of total offense. Above: William Blair, Travis Ingram, Dackery Larkey and Greg Harper, combine to stop a Lincoln County ball carrier.



The RCHS Marching Band was in full force Friday night at Lincoln County during the Death Valley Bowl. The Rockets won 24-14 and will play at South Laurel on Friday night. Shown above playing the tuba is Cody Moore and on Trombones are Chris Robbins and Ellie Earhart.



Members of the Cedar Rapids Dolphins Swim Team, receiving special recognition for their achievement during this past swim season were, front row, from left: Brittany Calhoun, high point 7-8 year old girl; Brandon Young, high point 7-8 year old boy; Sydney Arvin, high point girl 6 and under; Victoria Clontz, high point 9-10 year old girl; Brian Clontz, high point 9-10 year old boy; Ashton Arvin, high point 6 and under boy; and Abby McClars, most improved. Back row, from left: Allison Anderkin, high point 13-14 year old girl; Andrew Hammond, high point 15-16 year old boy and Most Valuable Dolphin; Tara Burton, high point, 17-18 year old girl; Rachelle Hammond, high point 15-16 year old girl and 110% Award and Megan Anderkin, high point, 11-12 year old girl. Not present were Cody Alexander, high point 13-14 year old boy and Cody Cox, high point 17-18 year old boy. The awards were made at the team's annual awards banquet held Sunday at the club.

RCHS Dance Team off to an "Excellent" start

A new attitude, as well as a new sponsor, will command the Rocket dance team this season. Mrs. Christa Rose, an RCHS English teacher, has assumed the role as dance coach for the 2000-2001 school year.

Under this new leadership, the dance team has undergone some changes that seem to be for the best. Because of the increased number of students interested in joining the dance team this year, four new positions were opened up to increase the team's membership to 16. This year's dance team will be the largest to ever represent the Rockcastle County High School.

"I am very fortunate to have such a dedicated, hard-working group of

girls and I have high expectations and hopes for their success this season." Mrs. Rose commented about her new responsibility. "We have been practicing really hard this year and have set many goals," added Mrs. Rose.

One of these goals was recently accomplished when the dance team walked away with a third place, Excellent trophy at UDA camp this summer. The team attended dance camp at the University of Kentucky where they gave an outstanding performance. "I was very proud of my team and it's so rewarding for them to receive recognition for all their hard work and practice. Camp was an enriching experience for the group as

a whole. Not only did we gain some valuable dance techniques, but it was also an opportunity for the group to bond," commented Rose.

The team's next competition will be August 25th at the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville. The girls have been practicing all summer and hope to once again proudly represent their school. The dance team would like to thank the community and the school for their continued support throughout the season.

We would like to congratulate the girls on their accomplishments and wish them the best of luck for a successful season. This may not only be the largest dance team to represent Rockcastle, but also the best.



Members of the RCHS Dance Team are pictured above, front row from left: Peyton Rogers, Daphne Adams, Janelle Jones, captain Katy Powell, captain Lindsey Parsons, Michelle Rowe, and Kristy Chisum. Back row from left: coach Christa Rose, Cassie Smith, Carlissa Robinson, Cassie Sower, Shena McKinney, Tara Abney, Tasha Jasper, Traci Isaacs, Teresa Chisum, Kalena Setton, and also, coach Dana Singleton.



The Cedar Rapids Dolphins are shown with their Lake Cumberland Swim Association Championship Trophy. The Dolphins beat out five other teams in their conference to take the title over Knox County by 14 points. This is the third time Cedar Rapids has captured the championship trophy in the last seven years.