

**In season opener**

# Rickels gets 21 but Lady Rockets lose to Raiders

Leading 26-17 at half-time, the Lady Rockets came out cold in the third quarter and saw the McCreary Central Lady Raiders outscore them 13-4 for a third quarter 30 all tie.

The Rockets jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter behind the hot shooting hand of senior Jessie Rickels who scored one two point goal and three three point baskets in the quarter with Amber Denney, Rachelle Hammond and Amber Falin all adding goals to put the Rockets up 17-10 at the first quarter stop. However, Rickels saw little action in the second quarter after picking up two fouls in the first period.

The Rockets maintained their lead in the second quarter with goals by Ashley Mink, plus a free throw, Hammond, Denney and Jessie Hayes for the 26-17 halftime lead.

However, it was a different story in the third period as the Rocket offense couldn't get on line and the Raiders took the momentum and the lead 30-28 before a goal by Denney tied it at the end of the period at 30 all.

The Rockets fought back in the fourth. After a basket by the Raiders put them up by two, Rickels got two free throws to tie the score at 32 all. At the 5 minute mark, the score was knotted at 39 but the Rockets were

down 44-39 at the 1:13 mark. Rickels then came through with another three point basket to cut the lead to two but three free throws for McCreary gave them a 47-42 lead before, with 27 seconds left, Rickels earned another three to bring her team to within two at 47-45. The Rockets stole the ball on the rebounds pass but the refs called walking, returning the ball to the Raiders who put in the final points of the game at the free throw line for the final 49-45 score.

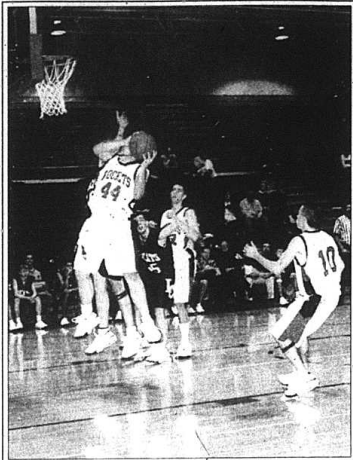
Rickels led the scoring for the Rockets with 21. Denney and Hammond got 6 each. Hayes scored 5. Falin 4 and Mink 3.

### Jayvees win 36-11

The Rocket Jayvee team started the night off at McCreary Central with a 36-11 win in a game that was never in question. In fact, it was all Rockets until, with 1:22 left in the third quarter, the Jayvee Raiders finally got their first points of the game making it 29-2 at that point.

The Rockets were up 9-0 at the first quarter stop, 19-0 at the half and 29-3 at the end of the third period.

Sophomore Bryanna Bussell led the scoring for her team with 10 points. Jessie Hayes got 8, Lauren Clontz and Johana Aheys 5 each. Katie Parsons 3, Allison Anderkin 2 and Anna Guifolin 1.



Senior Josh Roland scored 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds in the Rockets home opening win Tuesday night over Lee County. The Rockets won by 40 points and will travel to Knox Central on Friday night.



Jeremy Neeley, #10, passes the ball to Aaron Anderkin (not shown) on the wing in Tuesday night's home opener. Neeley had 19 points and Anderkin had 24 in the Rockets' 40 point win.

## Rockets play Friday at Knox Central Game time is 6 p.m.



Tim Stewart took this eight point buck in Rockcastle County on November 20th.

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# Rockets win season opener 89-49 over Lee

The Rockcastle County Rockets boys' varsity basketball team used an up tempo, aggressive offense and defense to defeat visiting Lee County 89-49 in their season opener Tuesday night.

The game, which was played at home, saw ten Rockets hit the scoring column and all but one Rocket varsity player see action.

Rockcastle led 28-16 at the end of the first quarter and 42-27 at intermission.

Rockcastle extended their lead to 70-42 at the end of three periods.

Sophomore Aaron Anderkin led the scoring with 24 points, followed by senior Jeremy Neeley's 19.

Senior Center Josh Roland scored 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds, while sophomore Austin Miller added nine points off the bench.

Junior forward Andrew Hammond, grabbed a game high nine rebounds and added seven points.

Hammond also started the game and the scoring for the Rockets with a resounding dunk on a fast break.

Senior Thomas Coffey, who is suffering from a torn muscle in his shoulder, still managed to add five rebounds and two points.

Eighth grader Aaron Cash added six points, as did sopho-

more Stephen Boring off the bench.

Cash also had four assists and six rebounds.

Sophomore Chris Settles led the team in assists with six and he also added two points.

Sophomore Jason Reynolds had one point.

"I thought we played extremely hard on both ends of the floor, if we give that effort every night we may have a better season than we first predicted," Head Coach Clayton Cash said.

"I would like to see us get more scoring out of the middle, and that is something we will work on this week in practice," he said.

The Rockets will play again on Friday night when they travel to Knox Central. Game time is 6 p.m.

## Junior Varsity wins easily

The Rockcastle County Junior Varsity defeated Lee County 59-30 on Tuesday night.

Austin Miller scored 16 points, Chris Settles scored 13, Jason Reynolds had 11, Jarred Burdette had 4, Shane Nicely, 4, Devin Taylor, 4, Stephen Boring, 3, James Isaacs, 2 and Chris Childress, 2.

# ROCK vs. Bluebirds

By Preston Parrett  
To an undefeated season  
The Rock had fought their way,  
Had won three games in the play-offs  
And next the Bluebirds they would play.

The Bluebirds from Fort Thomas was the epitome of a football power,  
And when watching the state finals  
One could about always find them there.

They were ranked first in the state  
And seventeenth in the nation  
So their credentials were well known  
And fans looked forward with anticipation.

A humongous crowd was expected  
Portable bleachers were installed for the show,  
And four blue and white porta-potties  
Were brought in to take care of the overflow.

The game would start at 7:30  
At four fans came on the run,  
They duct taped blankets on the bleachers  
To keep from freezing their buns.

The crowd kept pouring in  
I'm sure the largest in sports history,  
From fence to fence and around the track  
There was crowded human occupancy.

As the Rock won the coin toss  
Excitement was in the air,  
The Rock opted to receive  
And the game got underway out there.

For this great Rock team  
It was three and out,  
Then the Bluebirds showed



Kathy Stewart took this seven point buck in Rockcastle County on November 13th.

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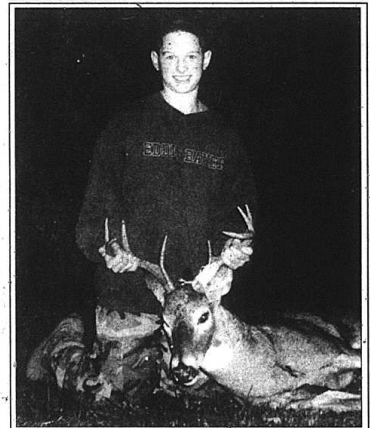
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On Sunday, November 12th, Colby Brown killed a 10 point buck while hunting in Rockcastle County with his father, Ronnie Brown, Uncle Clinton Brown and friend Wayne Todd.

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