

Lady Rockets defeat Mercer County, 66-43

By: Doug Ponder

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets varsity basketball team snapped a four game losing streak with an impressive 66-43 win over the Mercer County Lady Titans Tuesday night.

With the Mercer County win, the Lady Rockets are now 13-8 on the season and 2-3 in district play.

During Tuesday night's game, the Lady Rockets came out hot and energetic in the first half jumping out to an early 22-20 lead at the

end of the first quarter and a 35-30 lead at halftime.

In the second half, the Lady Rockets improved their game, leading 54-35 at the end of the third quarter and pulling away from the Lady Titans in the fourth quarter for a final score of 66-43.

The Lady Rockets were led in scoring by all-state senior guard Michaela Hunter with 18 points, senior guard Sara Adams was next with 17, senior guard Emily Miller and sophomore guard

Alaina Coguer were both credited with 10 each, sophomore Amelia Eversole scored 9 and junior guard Brianna Hansel got 2.

The Mercer County win came after a 54-49 loss to Casey County at home last Friday night. Casey County also beat the Lady Rockets 63-57 one week prior to last Friday night's match-up.

During last Friday night's game, the Lady Rockets outscored Casey County 13-9 in the first quarter but the Lady Rebels battled back, putting up 14 points in the second quarter for a 23-21 lead at the end of the first half.

The Lady Rebels momentum continued after halftime as they led 34-29 at the end of the third quarter. They would put the game away in the fourth quarter with a final score of 54-49.

The Lady Rockets were once again led by Michaela Hunter with 22 points, Sara Adams was next with 14, Emily Miller scored 7 and Alexis Chasteen had 6.

The Lady Rockets also had to play their two games this past week without senior guard Alexis Chasteen who reinjured her left ACL during the Casey County game last Friday night. Chasteen originally injured her ACL last year and was out for the remainder of the 2011-2012 season. She will also be out for the remainder of this season as well.

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Sophomore guard Sam Pensol dribbles around a Rebel defender during last Friday night's 58-39 win against Casey County. Pensol led the Rockets in scoring with 17 points.

Rockets lose to Madison Southern

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The Rockcastle Rockets varsity basketball team is now 6-15 on the season and 2-3 in district play after a 73-56 loss against Madison Southern and a 58-39 win against Casey County.

The Rockets traveled to Berea Tuesday night to square off against the Madison Southern Eagles in what proved to be a close match-up.

The Eagles came out strong, outscoring the Rockets 18-15 at the end of the first quarter and 31-26 at the end of the first half. After halftime, the Eagles extended their lead to 52-40 at the end of the third quarter and 73-56 at the end of the game.

The Rockets were led in scoring by sophomore guard Sam Pensol with 21 points, junior forward Josh Mason

was next with 20, senior center Ben Allen scored 5, senior guard Jon Curtis Wilson 4, sophomore guard Dakota Hasty 3 and junior forward Tyler Harper 2. Senior guard Ashton Arvin and junior guard Corey McPhetridge were both credited with 1 point each.

The Madison Southern loss came after a 58-39 win at home last Friday night against district foe Casey County.

During last Friday night's game, the Rockets jumped out to an early 17-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and held a 31-17 lead at the half. Their momentum continued into the second half as they led 45-28 at the end of the third quarter. The Rockets would put the game away in the fourth quarter with a final score of 58-39.

Pensol led the Rockets in scoring with 17 points, Mason was next with 12, Arvin scored 9, Blake Mullins got 8, Allen 5 and Zach Poynter 1. Wilson, Hasty and Bryson Amyx were all credited with 2 points each.

Head Coach Benny Blanton said that he is

pleased with his squad's second district win over Casey County. He said the win will go a long way once the district tournament begins.

"Getting two district wins will help us in the long run when the district tournament begins," Blanton said. "With those wins, we shouldn't have to play the number one seed which increases our chances of getting a win during the first round and advancing to the regional tournament."

The Rockets will join the Lady Rockets in a double header on Friday night when they both travel to Pulaski County to take on the Pulaski County Maroons. Tip-off for the Rockets game is at 7:30 p.m.

Pulaski County almost doubled the score on the Rockets during their match-up at the beginning of January, beating them 81-43.

"If we can just hang around and stay within 8 or 9 points, you never know what could happen," Blanton said. "If we want a chance to win we have to find a way to score and have a high shooting percentage in the game."

Swim Rockets take 2nd at Barbourville

In their last meet before Regions the RCHS Swim Rockets placed 2nd in a six team meet at Barbourville. The girls placed 1st overall.

The girls got things off to a good start right away by winning the 200 yard Medley relay with the combination of Lauren Burton, Holly Cromer, Kellan Coffey and Rachel Cain.

Senior Heather Clontz kept things going by finishing 2nd in the 200 freestyle.

Sophomore Rachel Cain placed 2nd in the 50 yard freestyle and 3rd in her first time of swimming the 500 yard freestyle.

In one of the most heated races of the day Senior Ashton Arvin out touched

his competitor to win 1st place in the boy's 50 yard freestyle.

Junior Lauren Burton posted her best time of the year in winning the 100 yard butterfly. She also placed 1st in the 100 yard backstroke.

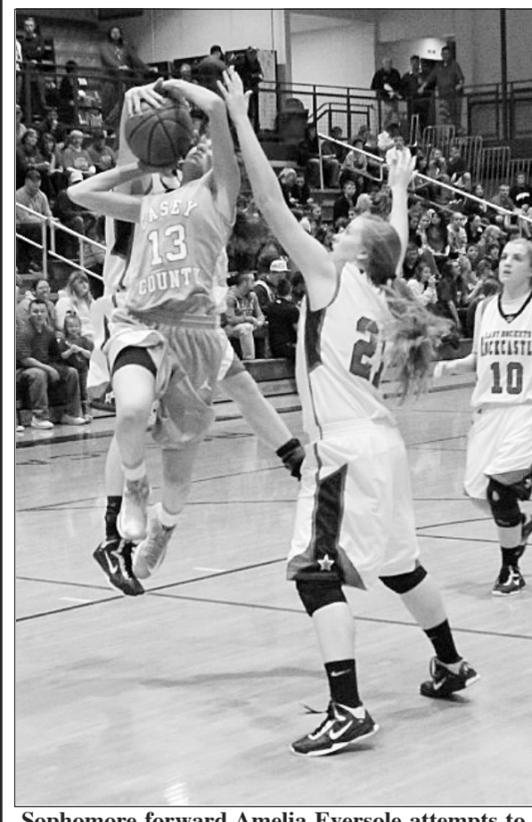
Freshman Emily Childress also turned her fastest time in winning the 100 yard freestyle.

Junior Kellan Coffey, competing for the first time in the 500 yard freestyle, took 2nd.

Heather Clontz, Holly Cromer, Rebecca Barron and Emily Childress finished 2nd in the 200 yard freestyle relay.

Senior Jacob Houk was

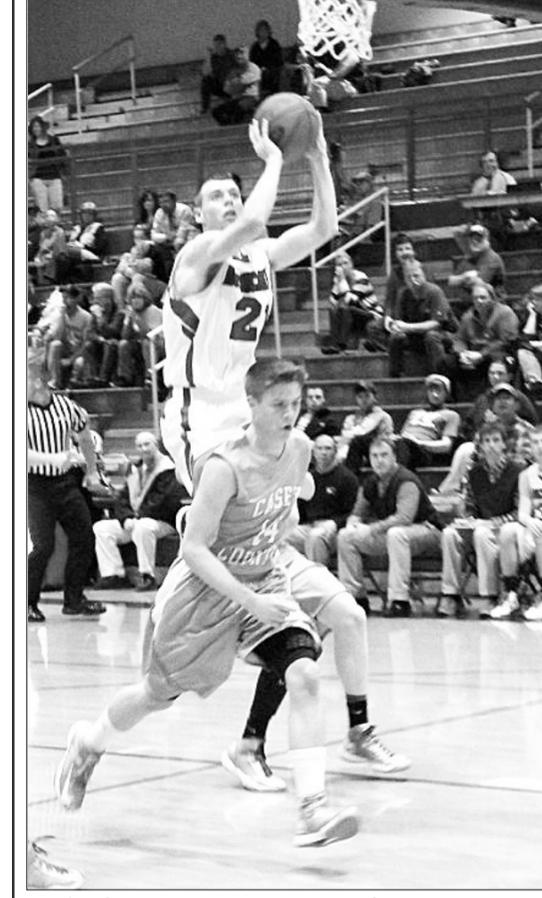
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Sophomore forward Amelia Eversole attempts to block a shot during last Friday night's 54-49 loss to Casey County last Friday night. Casey County also beat the Lady Rockets 63-57 a week prior to last Friday night's match-up.



Sophomore guard Alaina Coguer dribbles around a Rebel defender during last Friday night's 54-49 loss to Casey County. The Lady Rockets beat the Mercer County Titans 66-43 at home Tuesday night.



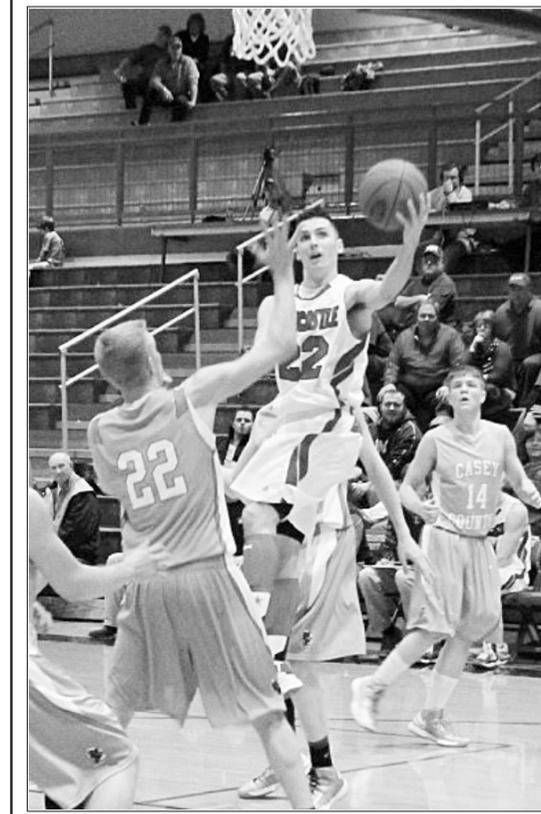
Junior forward Josh Mason goes for a lay-up during last Friday night's 58-39 win at home against Casey County. The Rockets lost to Madison Southern Tuesday night 58-39.



Senior guard Alexis Chasteen puts up a floater during action last Friday night. Chasteen reinjured her left ACL during the game. She originally injured her ACL last year and was out for the remainder of the 2011-2012 season. She will also be out for the remainder of this season as well.



Junior forward Kayla Reynolds and senior guard Emily Miller trap a Lady Rebel defender during last Friday night's 54-49 loss to Casey County. The Lady Rockets will join the Rockets in a double header on Friday night when they both travel to Pulaski County to take on the Pulaski County Maroons. Tip-off for the Lady Rockets game is 6 p.m.



Senior guard Ashton Arvin attempts a lay-up during the 58-39 win against Casey last Friday night. The Rockets will join the Lady Rockets in a double header on Friday night when they both travel to Pulaski County to take on the Pulaski County Maroons. Tip-off for the Rockets game is 7:30 p.m.