

Both teams lose at South Laurel

47th district action begins

47th District Basketball Boys Tournament action began Wednesday night with the Rockets scheduled to take on the Somerset Briarjumpers.

With a team loaded with height and two regular season wins over the Rockets, the Briarjumpers were the heavy favorites to advance to the finals to meet Pulaski County for the district championship.

Tonight, (Thursday) at 8 p.m., the Lady Rockets will take on the Somerset Lady Briarjumpers. The two teams split their regular season games. The winner of that game will advance to the finals to play either Pulaski or Casey Co. for the championship.

In a final tune-up for the tournament, both Rocket teams traveled to South Laurel last Friday night to take on the Cardinals and it wasn't a good outcome for either team. The Lady Rockets lost 46 to 40 and the Rockets went down 74-41.

Senior Michaela Hunter was suffering from strep throat and didn't start the

game. However, she came off the bench early and wound up the leading scorer with 16 points.

It was an extremely slow start for the Rockets, with Emily Miller's two free throws and a basket by Hunter the only scoring for the Rockets in the first quarter. But, behind some good effort by Miller, Sara Adams and sophomore Amelia Eversole, the Rockets went on a 13-3 run in the second quarter to take a 17-15 lead before two free throws by the Lady Maroons tied the score at 17 all at halftime. However, after the half, the Lady Rockets came out slow, turned the ball over several times and faced a 31-23 third quarter deficit. Turnovers continued to plague the Rockets in the fourth quarter and the Cardinals handed them their 11th loss of the season against 16 wins.

Besides Hunter's 16, Miller got 9; Eversole 6; Adams 5 and Alaina Coguer and Hannah Sowder, got 2 each.

The boys also found

themselves down big at the end of the first quarter, 13 to 6 and, after cutting the lead to three at 17-14, the Cardinals outscored the Rockets 17 to 9 to take a 34-

23 lead at halftime.

Cold shooting and several turnovers in the third quarter by the Rockets gave

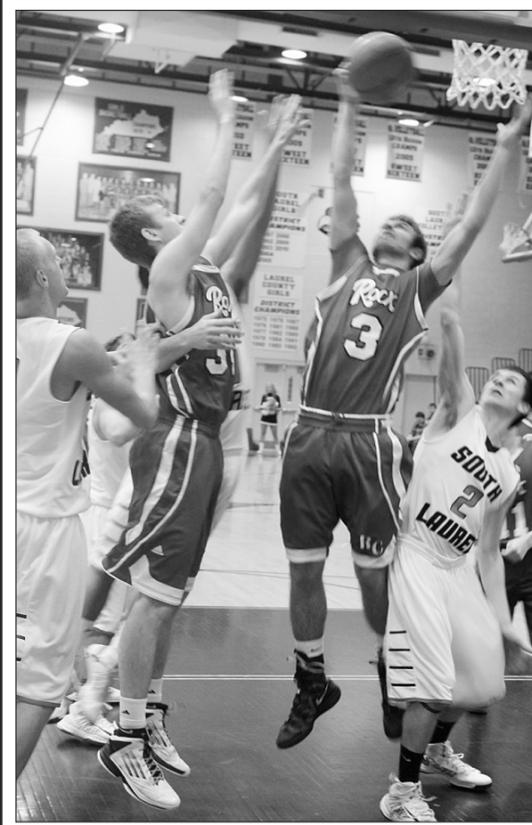
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Sophomore Amelia Eversole works around the defense in the Lady Rockets' 46-40 loss to South Laurel last Friday night. Eversole scored six points for the Lady Rockets.



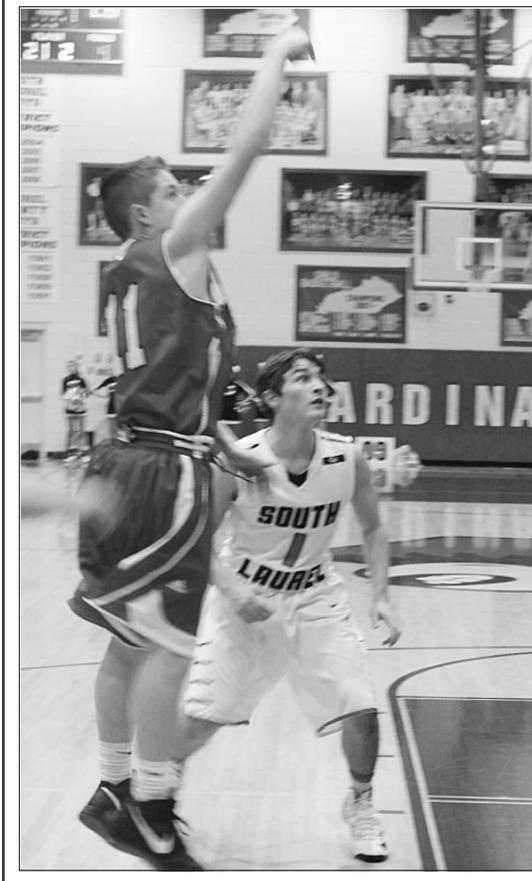
Senior Michaela Hunter goes for two of her sixteen points in the Lady Rockets' 46-40 loss to South Laurel last Friday night.



Zach Poynter and Tyler Harper fight for a rebound in the Rockets' loss at South Laurel Friday night. The Rockets begin district play tonight at Somerset against the Briarjumpers.



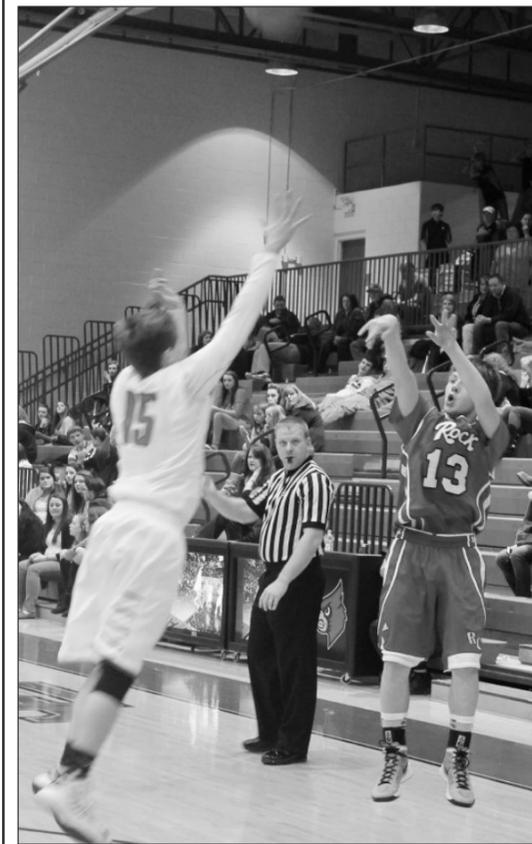
Junior Kayla Reynolds tries to work around a South Laurel defender in the Lady Rocket loss last Friday night. The Lady Rockets will play their first round district game Thursday night at 8 p.m. against Somerset at Somerset High School.



Dakota Hasty goes for two of his five points for the Rockets last Friday night against South Laurel.



The RCMS 6th grade Rockets lost in the championship game of the Commonwealth Middle School Athletic Conference tournament to Clark Moores last Saturday. Members of the team are shown above, front row from left: Cameron Bullock, Peyton Bowman, Jordan Nicely, Jacob Hansel and Isaac Stratton. Second row from left: coach Jake Woodall, Cade Burdette, Aaron Deatherage, Jonmark Loudermilk, Jordan Casteel, Logan Kidwell and Javan Hasty. Back row from left: J.D. Hamilton and Cayden Shaver.



Blake Mullins goes up for a three-pointer in the Rockets' loss to South Laurel last Friday night. Mullins scored five points in the contest.



The RCMS 8th grade Rockets are pictured after their victory over Foley last Saturday. The Rockets won 41-40 after two overtimes of the Commonwealth Middle School Athletic Conference tournament championship game. Members of the team, shown above front row from left: William Daugherty, Andrew Ponder, Isaiah Mercer, Austin Saylor, Dalton Rowe, John Cornelius, Isaac McClure and Thomas Burdette. Back row from left: manager Gavin Isaacs, coach Matthew Brown, Chayse McClure, Logan Taylor, Lucas Gentry, Carson Noble, Dakota Bishop and manager Jacob Blair.

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