

**Sets boy's single game scoring record**

# Brown scores 44 as Rock rolls over Central 100-78

The Rockcastle County Rockets stunned visiting McCreary Central last Friday night with, hitting the century mark with the 100-78 win.

Senior Matthew Brown set a new scoring record for the boys program with 44 points on the night.

Rockcastle ended their regular season with a 10-15 record.

The Rockets scored 27 points in the first quarter, with 18 of those coming from Brown. McCreary Central scored 19 points in the first quarter.

Rockcastle had another outstanding quarter in the second, with six Rocket players scoring 23 points to McCreary Central's 13, and leading 50-32 at the break.

The Rockets maintained their 18 point lead in the third quarter, despite the Raiders 5-0 run to begin the quarter before a Rockcastle timeout and subsequent basket by Brown.

The Rockets ended the third with the momentum with an alley-oop from Jeremy Neeley to Andrew Hammond for the basket to put Rockcastle up 68-50.

All of the Rockcastle varsity bench saw action during the fourth quarter with freshmen Austin Miller and Aaron Anderkin, along with Neeley and Josh Rowland adding points to the Rockets total.

Miller hit a three to give the Rockets the 100-78 victory.

Rockcastle played Jackson County in the first round of the District Tournament on Wednesday night. Highlights of the tournament will be featured in next week's Signal.

**Rockcastle Line score**

McCreary	19	13	18	28	78
Rockcastle	27	23	18	32	100

Matthew Brown 44; Andrew Cash 14; Nick Leger 8; Andrew Hammond 8; Austin Miller 7; Christopher Parsons 6; Josh Rowland 6; Aaron Anderkin 3; Shea Taylor 2; Jeremy Neeley 1.

## Rockcastle J.V. end 15-4

The Rockcastle Jayvees wound up their season last Friday night, ending with an undefeated home stand over the visiting McCreary Central Raiders 53-46.

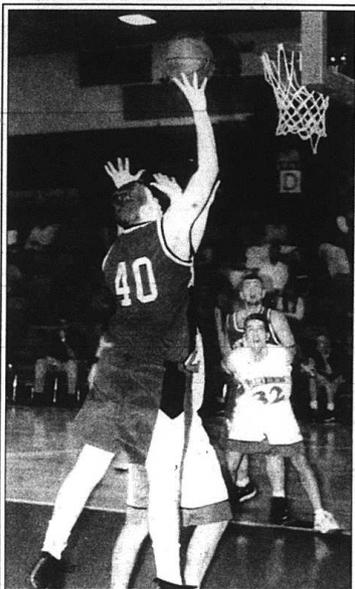
The Jayvees hit a season high 10 threes in the contest, with Aaron Anderkin leading the way with five of those. Jeremy Neeley added four of his own, and Jason Reynolds also had a three.

The Rockcastle Jayvees were 5-3 at the beginning of the season, but went 10-1 to finish up with a 15-4 record.

**Rockcastle Jayvee Line score**

McCreary	10	9	18	9	46
Rockcastle	14	16	11	12	53

Jeremy Neeley 16; Aaron Anderkin 15; Aaron Cash 6; Thomas Coffey 5; Jason Reynolds 5; Stephen Boring 4; Austin Miller 2.



Senior Matthew Brown scored a boys single game high 44 points Friday night to lead the Rockets over visiting McCreary Central. The Rockets played at Oneida Wednesday night in District Tournament action against Jackson Co. The girls open up district play Thursday night at Oneida against Clay Co. Game time is 7 p.m.

# High school girls' track team state runner-up at Indoor Championships

Rockcastle County High School's track and field teams competed this past Saturday in the 40th Annual Mason-Dixon Class 2A Indoor Track and Field State Championships. Over six hundred athletes were on hand for the annual competition of the state's best track and field athletes.

The RCHS girls' team had its best performance ever and definitely its

most exciting. They finished an amazing morning of competition with an unprecedented state championship runner-up finish. The girls were defeated only by defending state indoor champion Fleming Co., whom they had beaten by nearly thirty points earlier this season at the Panther Indoor Games. With their tremen-

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# Middle School girls win state Indoor Track championship

The middle school track and field teams competed at the Mason-Dixon Games Middle School Indoor State Championships in Louisville on Friday. Over 30 teams and more than 500 middle school athletes from across the state were on hand for the annual competition.

The middle school girls' team made RCMS history as they captured the middle school indoor track and field state championship with a five and a half point victory over their closest competitor, Oldham County. Eighth grader Sheena Swinney ran exceptionally well and dominated the meet, winning individual state titles in the 55 and 200-meter dashes. She also set new RCMS indoor records in both the 55 and the 200 with unbelievable times of 7.71 and 27.82, respectively. Sheena firmly established herself as the fastest female middle school sprinter in the state.

Seventh grader Heather Hammond placed third in the long jump competition with an awesome performance and a new RCMS indoor record attempt of 13'0". She also finished fifth in the 200-meter dash with a personal best effort of 29.95.

Seventh graders Johnna Abney and Casey Taylor displayed their

speed in the 55-meter dash with personal best efforts. Johnna won a third place medal with a very fast time of 7.89. Casey was not far off placing fourth overall with a great time of



Junior Cheyenne Carmack won her first state championship in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:02.28. Cheyenne was also state runner-up in the 55 meter dash.



Eighth grader Sheena Swinney picked up two state championships in the middle show part of the state indoor track meet championship. Sheena posted a time of 7.71 in the 55 meter dash and 27.82 in the 200, both new RCMS indoor records.



Sophomore Clarissa Hubbard is shown with her first place medal won at the Mason-Dixon games for her first state championship in shot put. Clarissa threw 54'11.5".



Sophomores and freshmen honored are shown above from left: Steve Blair, junior varsity All District, Adam Childress, junior varsity All District and Rocket junior varsity Defensive Award. Clay Dooley, junior varsity All District and Rocket junior varsity Offensive Award. Aaron Anderkin, junior varsity All District team and Rocket freshman Defensive Award. Not shown, Tanner Abney, Rocket freshman Defensive Award. Academic Awards were also presented during the banquet. First team All State Academic players must maintain a 3.75 to 4.0 grade point average. They were: Chris Kirby, Brad McNew, William Blair, Neil Childress, Heath Payne, Dustin Crawford, Derek Bradley, Greg Harper, Josh Hale, Aaron Anderkin and Derrick Bussell. Honorable mention All State Academic players must maintain a 3.25 to 3.75 GPA. They were: Kevin Childress, Dackery Larkey, Josh Dooley, Greg Terry, Matt Smith, Josh Taylor, Jason Ramey, Tanner Abney, Bryan Mullins, Doug French and Stephen Boring.



Juniors honored are shown above front row, from left: Travis Ingram was named Linebacker of the Year in the District, first team All Mountain team and Best Outside Linebacker award and Most Tackles Award, from the Rockets. Greg Terry was named Kicker of the Year in the District, first team All Mountain team as a kicker and honorable mention All Mountain team as a punter. He also received the Golden Toe award for the Rockets. Greg Harper was named Receiver of the Year in the District, second team All Mountain as a receiver and honorable mention All Mountain team as a defensive back. Harper also received the Offensive Big Play Award for the Rockets. Derrick Bussell was named honorable mention All State as a defensive back, first team All Mountain team as a defensive back and honorable mention All Mountain Team as a running back and all purpose player. He also received one of two Best Offensive Back Awards, Best Defensive Back and the Offensive MVP Award for the Rockets. Dackery Larkey was named to the junior varsity All District team. Not shown was Christopher Parsons, who was named Best Offensive Back for the Rockets and first team All District. Also not shown, Sean Smith was named second team All District.



The Rockcastle County High School football team held their annual awards banquet at the Rockcastle County High School in February. The team finished second in the region with a 10-3 record. Varsity, junior varsity and freshman players were honored during the banquet. Shown above are senior members of the team, who received awards. Front row, from left: Derek Bradley, Most Valuable Defensive Player and Big Defensive Play of the Year Award. Bradley was also named to the first team all district team. Gary Coffey was named to the Big Dipper Senior All Mountain Team, honorable mention All State, first team All District and he received honorable mention on the WYMT-TV All Mountain Team. He also received the best outside linebacker award for the Rockets. Joel Deatherage was named best defensive line player and to the second team all district team. Kevin Childress received the best attitude award for the 1999 Rockets and Neil Childress received the hit man award for the Rockets this season. Back row, from left: Matt Smith, second team All-District, honorable mention All-State, honorable mention All Mountain Team and best defensive lineman award for the Rockets. Brad McNew received the Academic Award for the 1999 Rockets and he and his mother Mary Ann were presented a plaque in honor of his late father, Wayne, who died one week after the Rockets ended their 1999 season. Dustin Crawford received the Most Improved Defensive Player Award for the Rockets and he was named the second team All District team. Chris Kirby received honorable mention All State, first team All District, and honorable mention All Mountain team. He also received Best Offensive Lineman award and the Leadership Award for the Rockets. Josh Dooley was named second team All District and he received the Most Improved Offensive Player award for the Rockets.



## Champions, too...

Although no overall school trophy is given on the middle school level, the RCMS girls track team finished first in the state at the Mason-Dixon games. The team's performance was led by Sheena Swinney who took two individual titles in the 55 and 200 meter dashes. Heather Hammond placed third in the long jump and 5th in the 200 meter. Johnna Abney was 3rd in the 55 meter and Casey Taylor placed 4th in the same race. Allison Anderkin placed 6th in shot put competition. Shown in the above photo are, front row, from left: Sheena Swinney, Casey Taylor, Johnna Abney, Jessica Asher, Kayla Hayes, Back row: Kelli Doan, Heather Hammond, Amanda Rogers, Allison Anderkin, Cherie Embs and Coach Mark Brummett.