

Rockets continue to roll: destroy Lincoln Co. 51-0

The Rockcastle County High School football team is 4-0 on the season and ranked sixth overall in the state and second in Class 3A.

The Rockets' latest victim was the Lincoln County Patriots, who the Rockets thumped 51-0 on Friday night.

The week before Lincoln County had put up 40 points against Madison Southern and they were averaging 32 points a contest so far this season.

The Rocket win came in the annual Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl

and before a large crowd at the ROCK.

The ROCK looked a little liturgical at first on Friday night, but as the game progressed the Rockets made it clear who was the superior team.

The Rockets scored twice in the first quarter, twice in the second, twice in the third, another touchdown in the fourth and a two point safety.

Senior Josh Taylor had 117 yards on nine carries and a touchdown and junior Aaron Anderkin threw for four touchdowns and ran for another, as the Rocket offense picked up nearly

500 yards.

In four games the Rockets have outscored their opponents 200-6. Anderkin and Taylor were named co offensive players of the game.

Senior Adam Childress picked off two Lincoln County passes, recovered a fumble and had six tackles and assists.

Childress was named defensive player of the game, as the Rocket defense held Lincoln to just 14 yards of total offense.

Senior Josh Hale turned in another great performance from his wide out spot, catching five balls for ninety yards and three touchdowns.

Junior Marty Reagan carried the ball five times for 62 yards and he caught three passes for 17 yards.

Senior Clay Dooley, who is still nursing a sore ankle, had two carries for 13 yards and he caught one ball for 16 yards.

Senior Coty Reams had two catches for 50 yards and caught a touchdown pass of 20 yards.

Junior Clell Swinney, who picked up a safety on defense in the fourth quarter, had 34 yards on four carries. Sophomore Devin Taylor had 23 yards on three catches and five yards on two carries.

Junior J.T. Lovell had 46 yards on two carries and he scored on a 26 yard run.

Placekicker Jens Strietzel was a perfect seven for seven in extra point attempts.

"I was really proud of the way our offense played as a unit, we were able to mix up our plays, which kept Lincoln confused most of the night," Larkey said.

"Our offensive line played extremely well again, making good holes for our back and giving Anderkin time to throw," Larkey said.

Anderkin's four touchdown passes came on throws of 36 yards to Hale, 18 yards to Hale, 15 yards to Hale and 20 yards to Reams. He was 14 for 24 passing for 196 yards.

The quarterback also had 13 yards on six carries. All total Anderkin has thrown fifteen touchdown passes in four games. Eleven of those strikes has been to Hale. He has thrown no interceptions.

Defensively, the Rockets were able to contain junior tailback Jason Smith to 61 yards, Smith had been averaging about 100 yards per game. Lincoln's starting fullback, Bowen McCuffey, who also had been averaging about 100 yards, was injured in the first half and taken to the hospital. He had a total of seven yards.

Clell Swinney had two sacks, while P.J. Rowe and Steve Blair had one sack each.

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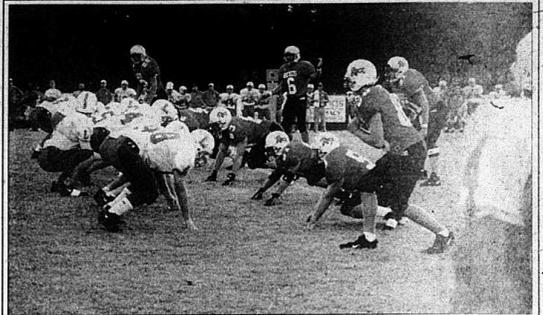
Larkey undergoes cancer surgery

Rockcastle County High School head football coach Tom Larkey, will be sidelined for at least a couple of weeks, after under going surgery on Monday for Prostate Cancer.

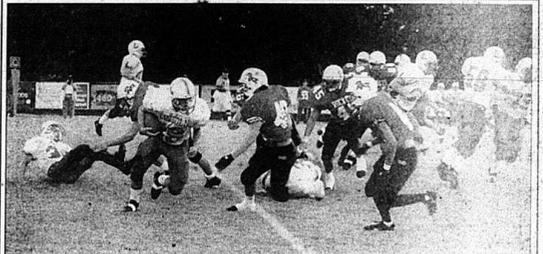
Head assistant Tony Saylor said Larkey had come the through the surgery well and was expected to be released from Pattie A. Clay on Wednesday.

Larkey had been diagnosed with cancer back in the summer, but tried to wait until after the first four weeks of the season were behind the Rockets to have surgery.

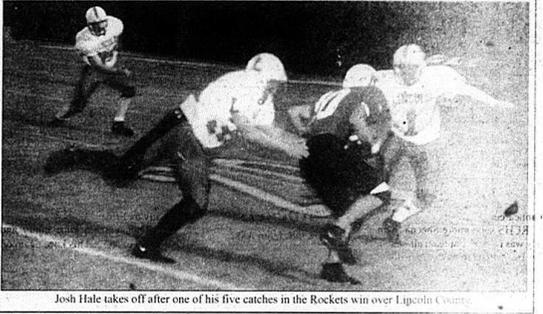
Larkey has been head coach at the ROCK for the past seventeen years and during that time he has only one losing season, that being his first when the Rockets went 4 and 6.



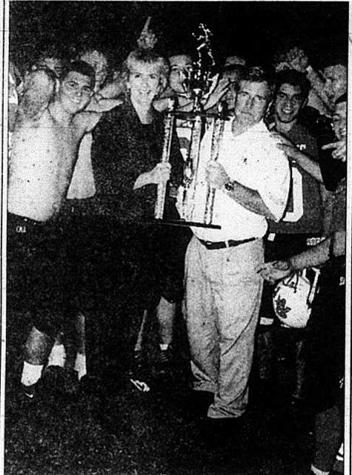
The Rockets defense has played well all season long pitching three out of four shutouts and allowing only 6 points all season. Above from left are: P.J. Rowe, Jason Leger, Tanner Abney, Steve Blair, Adam Childress and Stephen Boreing. In the back row are Clay Dooley and William Blair.



Clell Swinney, Josh Taylor and Michael Hayes close in on a Lincoln County runner during the Rockets' 51-0 blowout of Lincoln County last Friday night.



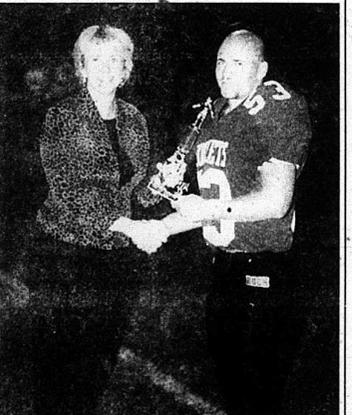
Josh Hale takes off after one of his five catches in the Rockets win over Lincoln County.



Connie Peterson, of Renfro Valley Entertainment, presents Head Coach Tom Larkey the champion's trophy after the Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl last Friday night. The Rockets destroyed Lincoln Co. 51-0.



Josh Taylor, left, and Aaron Anderkin were named Offensive Co-MVPs of the Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl last Friday night. Taylor had 117 yards on nine carries and one touchdown. Anderkin threw four touchdowns, was 14 for 24 passing for 196 yards and ran for a touchdown.



Adam Childress was named Defensive MVP of the Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl last Friday night. Childress had two interceptions, recovered a fumble, and had six tackles and assists.

Five RCHS female track athletes make All-State Team; Brummett named Coach of the Year

Rockcastle County High School was well represented when the 2001 Track and Field All-State Team was announced recently. Five members of the RCHS girls' state runner-up team were selected to the all-state team in many different events and Coach Mark Brummett was named Class AA Girls Coach of the Year and the Overall Track Coach of the Year.

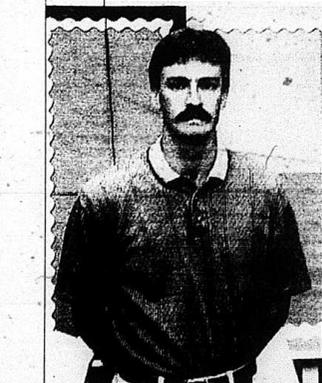
Heather Hammond, currently a freshman at RCHS, took home the most honors gaining all-state awards in an unprecedented four events. Heather was named first team all-state in the 400-meter dash and the 1600-meter relay. She was also named second team all-state in high jump and long jump. This marked the first time in RCHS history that an athlete had been named all-state in four events. Due to her tremendous season as an eighth grader, includ-

ing two individual state championships at the high school level (400 and 1600 relay) and twout the middle school level (200 and long jump). Heather was named the Kentucky Track and Cross-Country Coaches Association Female Middle School Athlete of the Year. This was an amazing honor for Heather and well-deserved. Heather finished the season as the all-time RCHS record holder in the 400-meter dash, high jump, long jump and the 1600-meter relay.

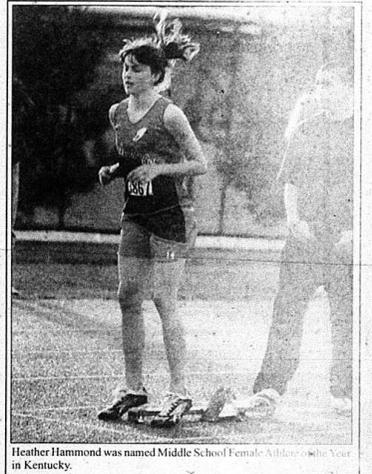
Besides earning Overall Coach of the Year, Brummett had earned Coach of the Meet at the prestigious Heart of The Bluegrass Meet at Harrodsburg in May.

Brummett has spent the past few hours developing a game plan and highly competitive girls and boys Track and Field programs at Rockcastle County High School.

Cheryne Cheyenne, a senior, was named the 1999-2000 girls' state runner for the 1500-meter race. Louisville, gained three all-time state titles. Cheyenne was named to the all-state first team in the 800-meter race and the 1600-meter relay. She also made second team in the 400-meter dash, a testament of her own tenacity and dominance over the past three seasons. In the 400-meter dash Cheyenne has won the state



Track Coach Mark Brummett was named Class AA Girls and Overall Coach of the Year recently.



Heather Hammond was named Middle School Female Athlete of the Year in Kentucky.