

Lady Rockets blow by Wayne into finals

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Everyone knew that last week's 47th District championship game between Casey County and Rockcastle County was a heavyweight battle.

The two teams are both in the top three of the region and have won a combined 52 games. And when the Rebels defeated last year's state runner up Southwestern by almost 20 in the first round and Wayne County upset Mercer County, it looked inevitable that the two teams would clash again for the regional crown.

But it's a little bit of a surprise that the teams so thoroughly controlled their semifinals opponents.

Casey coach Tara Weddle was a little concerned that Danville could be a trap game for her team after the emotionally significant win over long time nemesis Southwestern.

"I was concerned and made sure the girls knew not to take any game for granted or any play for granted," she

said. "They were going to be well-prepared and were going to come out hungry. They want to go to the championship game just as much as we do."

But it took less than four minutes for Casey to get the lead that they would hold for the rest of the game en route to a 60-37 victory of the Admirals.

Rock was even more of a force in its game against Wayne County. The Rockets took a 36-11 lead into the half and controlled never let up, defeating the Cardinals 68-30.

Four players scored in double figures for the 47th District champs — Keelee King and Casey Coleman both had 15 to lead all scorers and Lindsey Jones (13) and Shelby Newland (12) rounded out the effort.

For Casey, Saturday night's regional showdown represents another emotional battle.

During the regular season, the Rebels won both meetings by double digits, but beating a team three times in

a row is never easy and in the district championship, the Rockets took them down 47-37.

Before knowing she'd be seeing Rockcastle again, Weddle said it didn't matter who they played — but she had a little more scouting info on their

district foe.

"Rock is tough. They're big and have good shooters and a strong inside game. But I don't care who it is, I just want the win."

Left, Lady Rocket Casey Coleman goes in for the basket in the 12th region semi final game, Friday, against Wayne County. Below, Wayne's Mallory Campbell tries to stop Coleman as she makes her way to the basket. Coleman had 15 points for the night.

