

# Forrest falls to Loretto in region opener

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LORETTO — It was a first half-battle Friday night between the Forrest Rockets and the Loretto Mustangs.

In the end, the Mustangs (2-1, 1-0) claimed the showdown, beating the Rockets 44-28 to take the Region 5-AA opener.

Both the Rockets (2-1, 0-1) and Mustangs showed up eager to play their first region game with the Rockets getting a sack only four plays in.

But, Loretto was not fazed.

Within four minutes, a multitude of Mustangs carried the ball downfield, resulting in a 24-yard Caden Porter touchdown run.

Minutes later, Chris Davis floated into the end zone on a six-yard carry for the Rockets with 3:05 left in the first quarter. After the Gavin Grissom extra point, Forrest evened up the score at 7-7.

It was Loretto's turn again, scoring on a 59-yard Carter Daniel pass to Corben Reynolds and an 18-yard pass to Clint Seymore, which was the result of a Forrest fumble.

The Mustangs stretched their lead to 21-7 with 1:29 remaining in the first quarter.

"On offense, we were able to move the ball all night long," said Forrest Head Coach Eli Stephenson. "We've just got to limit turnovers."

Forrest wasn't done, however.

A host of Rockets teamed up to carry the ball upfield and despite a 10-yard penalty thrown in the mix, quarterback Ryan Hill connected with Tyler Ayers



**Gavin Grissom kicks the extra point for the Rockets.**

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on a 14-yard touchdown pass, cutting the Mustang lead to only one possession.

"We made some great passes," said Stephenson.

"Ryan Hill, he threw the ball pretty well. We caught a touchdown pass with Ayers, and we were trying to crawl back into the game, and we just couldn't at the end."

After a 23-yard field goal by Loretto, the showdown continued with Tayton Swift going on a 35-yard sprint across the goal line and Porter tacking on another six for the Mustangs.

At the half, Loretto led 31-21.

The Rockets returned in the second half without junior Jesse Lindeman, who was injured during the second quarter.

"Lindeman is a big part of our offense," said Stephenson. "He plays offense, defense, and

special teams. He plays outside linebacker and tight end, and all our thoughts are with him and our prayers are out for him. We just hope for a full recovery."

Starting the second half, the Rockets were forced to punt, the first for either team on the evening, but came out strong defensively, including a big stop by Liam Bell on a third down.

"We knew they could throw the ball. We knew they had a good running back. We knew we had to come out and get stops," Stephenson said.

Though the Mustangs turned the ball over on downs, they soon received possession after another Rocket fumble.

Porter became tough to handle, scoring on a 54-yard run with 16 seconds left in the third quarter.

"We were down, and we had to come out fighting," Stephenson

said. "We had to get that opening kickoff, but we sputtered out and had to punt. We have to be able to finish that drive. When we had to punt, that kind of hurt us."

The start of the fourth was plagued with flags on both sides to include a 10-yard penalty for the Rockets.

Swift had a 28-yard carry, getting the Rockets into better position for the Hill two-yard scamper into the end zone.

Grissom added the extra point, but Loretto still held the lead 38-28.

Unfortunately, Forrest was unable to answer. With 5:08 left to play, Daniel fired a 33-yard pass to Seymore for the Mustang touchdown, although the extra point was no good.

"I've got to do a better job during the week of getting the kids ready to play on Friday night," Stephenson said.



**Ryan Hill connects on a touchdown pass to Tyler Ayers.**



**Tyler Ayers makes the touchdown catch for the Rockets.**

"I didn't do a good job of that. We showed up and we weren't ready to play."

The Rockets will play at home next week for their homecoming game against Moore County.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Forrest	7	14	0	7	-28
Loretto	21	10	7	6	-44

First Quarter

L — Caden Porter 24 run (Patton Simbeck kick), 7:56.  
F — Chris Davis 6 run (Gavin Grissom kick), 3:05.  
L — Corben Reynolds 59 pass (Simbeck kick), 2:44.  
L — Clint Seymore 18 pass (Simbeck kick), 1:29.

Second Quarter

F — Tyler Ayers 14 pass (Grissom kick), 9:07.

L — Simbeck 23 field goal, 5:41.

F — Tayton Swift 35 run (Grissom kick), 2:14.

L — Porter 16 run (Simbeck kick), 1:16.

Third Quarter

L — Porter 54 run (Simbeck kick), 0:16.

Fourth Quarter

F — Ryan Hill 2 run (Grissom kick), 10:30.

L — Seymore 33 pass, 5:08.

# Rockets, Lady Bulldogs take Wells Cup lead after Day 2

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CHAPEL HILL — In what usually spans over three days has been dodging rain outs and postponements for a month now in the Wells Cup.

In last Wednesday's makeup at Henry Horton, Cornersville, Forrest and Marshall County High School golfers were finally able to resume play in Day 2 of the Wells Cup.

Day 1 was completed at the Lewisburg Recreation Center, setting up Day 2 at Henry Horton.

On Day 2 of the event, it was the Forrest Rockets and Cornersville Lady Bulldogs that carded the lowest scores of the afternoon.

Forrest posted a 175 team score and was led by Kelton Grubbs' 38 low-score. Grubbs' 38 was only bested by Marshall County's Easton McMahon, who shot a round-low 36 on the afternoon.

Noah Brown turned in a 43 for the Rockets, while Trey Williamson and Shawn Brown shot a 42 and 52, respectively.



**Participants gather for starting instructions in Day 2 of the Wells Cup at Henry Horton.**

Tribune Photos by Chris Siers

Joining McMahon on the Tigers' roster was Ronan Scott. He turned in a 42 for the Tigers, but the pair were the only two Marshall County golfers and were unable to post a full team score.

Still, the two shot a respectable round in the second outing of the Wells Cup.

Cornerville was also well-represented in Day 2 at Henry Horton, with Micah Riddle shooting a 46 to lead the way for the Bulldogs.

Coby Gibson finished two strokes back with a 48, while Ayden Campbell turned in a 51.

Austin Haffner round-

ed out varsity scoring for the Bulldogs with a 62.

Nellie Neece was the lone Tigerette to participate in Day 2 of the Wells Cup and she finished her round with a 58.

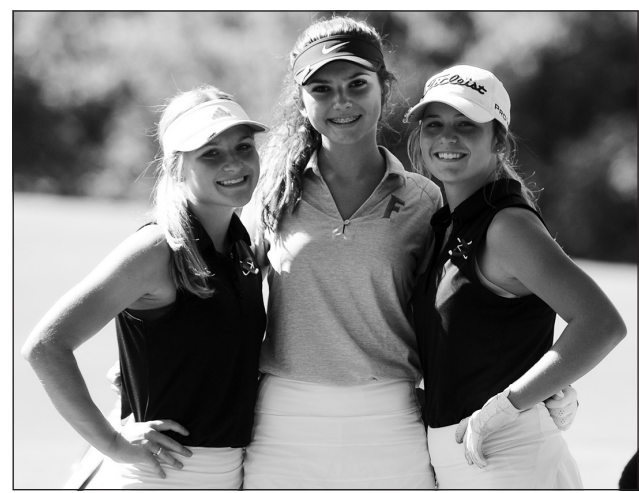
After two days of competition in the books, the Cornersville Lady Bulldogs lead Forrest, 176-198, while the Forrest Rockets lead the Cornersville Bulldogs, 354-406.

The final day of the Wells Cup was scheduled to take place on Wednesday in a makeup at Saddle Creek, weather pending.

Results were unavailable by press time.

## Boys

Forrest (175)  
Noah Brown 43  
Kelton Grubbs 38  
Trey Williamson 42  
Shawn Brown 52



**Jayli Childress, Maggie Browning and Annabelle Mulliniks pose before teeing off on Hole 3 during Day 2 of the Wells Cup.**

MCHS Boys (NS)  
Easton McMahon 36  
Ronan Scott 42

Forrest (98)  
Maggie Browning 37  
Ava Edmonson 61

Cornersville (207)  
Coby Gibson 48  
Micah Riddle 46  
Ayden Campbell 51  
Austin Haffner 62

Cornersville (90)  
Annabelle Mulliniks 43  
Jayli Childress 47

MCHS (NS)  
Nellie Neece 58

## Girls



**Noah Brown tees off on Hole 7 for the Rockets.**



**Ronan Scott works his way out of a bunker.**



**Micah Riddle watches his tee shot find the fringe on Hole 8 in the Wells Cup.**