

Estill Middle School Lady Patriots Head For The Post-Season

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Last week's action for the ECMS Lady Patriots seemed to follow the same script as the whole season. The 6th graders fought hard, but a lack of offense doomed them in all three games. The 7th grade team, who sit at the top of the conference, were never challenged and continue to play excellent team ball. The 8th graders continued their inconsistency, but they still hope for a high seed in tourney play as these ladies look to close out their middle school careers with a string of wins.

Lady Patriots 6th Grade

Sixth grade action saw an inability to score at Berea and the Lady Patriots fell 15-2 with K. Riddell getting the only Estill basket.

A better offensive night in the last home game against Menifee County still was not enough as they fell short, 23-16. Scoring: K. Riddell 4, H. Walling 4, M. Hale 3, L. Lewis 3, B. Mason 1, L. Mills 1.

On Friday, the ladies

travelled to Powell County and fought hard, but still came home with a loss by the score of 17-9. Scoring: K. Riddell 6, L. Lewis 2, B. Mason 1.

Lady Patriots 7th Grade

The 7th grade team seem to be on cruise control as they out-scored their opponents 115-37. Their 1-2-2 zone defense and offensive execution seems to be coming together at the right time of the year. The Lady Pats took care of two sets of Pirates this week as they first handed Berea a beating by the score of 44-9. Scoring: M. Bellamy 13, S. Stewart 8, T. Duechle 6, S. Danyeur 6, A. Farmer 4, K. Riddell 4, K. Flynn 3.

They also took it to Powell County in a physical, or may I dare say -- "Slapfest" by the final score of 34-21. Scoring: M. Bellamy 13, S. Stewart 12, T. Duechle 6, S. Danyeur 3.

In the last regular season home game, over Menifee, Estill won in a cake walk, 37-7. Scoring: S. Stewart 8, M. Bellamy 7, T. Duechle 6,

K. Flynn 4, S. Danyeur 4, A. Farmer 2, L. Lewis 2.

Lady Patriots 8th Grade

The 8th graders' week was like a roller coaster as they came away with a convincing win at Berea, 36-14. Scoring: S. Brewer 10, S. Stewart 8, M. Bellamy 6, S. Wiseman 4, T. Duechle 4, K. Flynn 2, A. Farmer 2.

An emotional night against Menifee County saw the 8th grade ladies play their last regular season home game. A tough night got even tougher as they fell by the score of 29-23. Scoring: S. Stewart 10, S. Wiseman 4, A. Farmer 4, S. Brewer 3, T. Duechle 2, B. Marcum 2.

The ladies made their final trip to Powell County and put up a good fight only to find themselves coming up short, 45-25. Scoring: T. Duechle 8, S. Stewart 6, S. Wiseman 5, M. Bellamy 3, S. Brewer 2, S. Danyeur 1.

Lady Pats Wrap Up

The Lady Patriots will be in action during fall break as they make road trips to play important conference games against Madison Middle and

Farristown. A Wednesday night game at Paris is also on the schedule.

This week's games will determine final seedings for the upcoming Common-

wealth Conference tournament. The higher seeds in the first couple of rounds will get home games, and the finals will be played at Caudill Middle School.

Come out and support these ladies as they strive for conference championships.

GOOD LUCK THIS WEEK!!!! GO LADY PATRIOTS!



Action between the Estill County Middle School Lady Patriots 8th Grade and Menifee County last Thursday in Irvine.

Estill Marching Band Has Best Placement In School History

This past weekend, the Estill County Marching Engineers competed on the campus of Morehead State University in the Blue and Gold Championship of Marching Bands.

After the best performance of the year to date, the band placed 1st in their class and once again advanced to finals competition.

Only the top 12 bands advanced. The Estill County band placed 6th overall out of the 17 total bands at the end of preliminary competition.

Director Jason Bowles

said, "It was uncertain how the band would fair in finals simply because of the impressive competition in the other classes." Six huge 5A bands had advanced to finals as well, including national champions Lafayette and State Champs Madison Central.

"A reasonable goal," adds Bowles, "Would have been to maintain our previous ranking and come out 6th after finals."

However, the finals performance was even better than prelims and Bowles said, "I knew then without a doubt that this was a state

finalist band."

When the results were read, Estill was ranked 3rd in this elite group of competitors behind only Madison Central and Lafayette!

Although a third place finish doesn't seem as impressive as last week's "Reserve Grand Champion" at Powell County, those who truly understand the history of marching bands in Kentucky can easily realize what a tremendous accomplishment this was.

"This was history being made and a milestone for our program," said Bowles. "To date, this is the most

notable accomplishment in the history of Estill County bands."

Here is the final placement of the finalist bands:

1. Madison Central (5A)
2. Lafayette (5A)
3. ESTILL COUNTY
4. Central Hardin (5A)
5. Campbell County (5A)
6. Rowan County (Grand Champs at Powell)
7. George R. Clark (5A)
8. Corbin
9. Nelson County
10. Paul G. Blazer
11. South Western Pulaski
12. Lewis County

"I cannot begin to express how proud I am of these

students and how much I appreciate their hard work and dedication to this amazing group," added Bowles. "Also, none of this would be possible without the outstanding group of parents who play a vital role in getting this show on the field. I feel confident that this is just one of the many history making moments and milestones that we will get to experience this season."

"Most people will think that 3rd place is not very good," said band parent Jennifer Elliott, "But for those of you in the Marching Band World, you know that

when you are a 2A (small band) and you come in 3rd behind two 5A (big bands) when I say big. I mean 150+ plus band members (and keep in mind that Estill County Marching Band has 48 members total!)"

"So," Elliott adds, "Coming in third overall out of 17 bands and scoring the highest score that the school has ever received and beating Lafayette High School in the Visual category for the band world it is a very Big Deal!!!! So if you see these Band Students or Staff tell them, CONGRATULATIONS!!!!"

Estill Engineers Are No Match For Bourbon Colonels

The Engineers might have sunk the Pirate ship last week in Powell County but they were no match for the top ranked team in the state this past Friday night.

The Engineers hosted the Bourbon County Colonels during Homecoming festivities and within minutes of the first quarter Bourbon County scored two touch-

downs.

With a minute and seventeen seconds left on the clock the score was Bourbon County 20, and Engineers 0.

The Colonels were on top of their game the entire time and made it rough on the Engineers to get any points on the scoreboard. After halftime the Engi-

neers seemed a little more pumped but there was no catching up with the Colonels even though they did score two touchdowns during the second half.

The final score of the game was Bourbon County 43 and Engineers 14.

Estill will face Western Hills in Frankfort this Friday, October 11th.

Old Time Baptist Is The 2013 Champion Of Estill County Co-Ed Church Softball League

Old Time Baptist Church is the champion of the 2013 Estill County Co-Ed Church Softball League with a 11-0 record in the five team league. (See picture, Page 17)

The second place team was Ravenna Church of God with 5 1/2 wins and five losses.

The total of five teams playing this year not only gave Estill County Christian youth an athletic outlet but

also is attributed to an increased church attendance in those churches participating in church softball.

If your church is interested in using the church leagues (basketball, softball, volleyball and horseshoes) to improve members' physical well-being, to increase church attendance, and to provide clean, wholesome entertainment for its members, get involved in church

league sports. Call (606) 723-6682 after 12:00 Noon, weekdays.

FINAL STANDINGS

1. Old Time Baptist 11-0
2. Ravenna CG 5 1/2-5
3. Christian WC 4 1/2-6
4. Green Pastures 1 4-8
5. Green Pastures 2 3-8

The League would like to give a special thanks to the Kiwanis Ball Park for giving the church league use of the ball fields at no cost.



ABOVE: #20 Logan Edmonson attempted to score a touchdown for the Engineers on Friday night but was quickly stopped by a Bourbon County Colonel. BELOW: Assistant coaches Lynn West and Jon Honchell helped Chris Dennis off the field due to an injury to his leg during the game against Bourbon.



Jouette Harrison and Tyler Woosley at Morehead's band competition.