

Patriots' 6th & 8th Lose In Semi-Finals of CWAT Tourney

The Estill County Middle School Patriots 8th grade closed out their season in the semifinals of the conference tourney with a heartbreaking loss to Clark Moores on Thursday night, February 13, 2014, by a score of 50-37.

Clark Moores jumped out to a quick lead in the beginning of the game; the Patriots went on a run before the half and went into the locker room only trailing by three points.

The third quarter spelled trouble for the Patriots, they were outscored 9-2 and went into the 4th quarter down 10 points and were not able to mount a 4th quarter comeback.

The Patriots had defeated Clark

Moores in both regular season meetings.

The 8th grade Patriots were led in scoring by Caleb Bonny with 19 and Joe Benton added 18.

The 8th grade opened the tourney with a blow out win over Caudill by a score of 53-31.

The Patriots were led in scoring in the Caudill win by Caleb Bonny with 25 points, Joe Benton 15, Logan Beckler 4, Dylan Evans, Andrew Doty, Kevin Richardson and Logan Napier each added 2, and Will Burkhart 1.

The ECMS 8th grade closed out the season with an impressive record of 25-7, and finished runner up to Foley for the regular season's top

position, finishing conference play with a record of 13-3.

The 8th grade Patriots were undefeated against 56th District and 14th Region competition and were the 56th District champions for the third straight year. The 8th grade Patriots also posted three 20 win seasons in their three seasons at ECMS.

"The accomplishments of this group were phenomenal, and when you spend as much time around them as this coaching staff has, you understand why they have enjoyed this level of success. They are an unbelievable group of young men on the court, in the classroom and in life," remarked Coach Jim Bonny.

The Patriots 7th grade lost in the

first round to Madison Middle by a score of 58-34.

They were led in scoring by Logan Napier with 14 points, Micah Adams 9, Conner Chaney 4, Justin Rison 3, and Trevor Evans and Trent Walker with 2 each.

The 7th grade ended the season with a record of 11-18 and were runner ups in the 56th district tournament.

The 6th grade opened tournament play with a big win over Caudill by a score of 53-24.

They were led in scoring by Joe Benton with 18 points; Micah Adams, Ethan Webb and Chase Rawlins added 6 each, Conner Hall and Cody Hatton both added 4, and

Chase Muncie, Coben Clem and Micah Swim 2, Cobbe Click 1.

The 6th graders were defeated in the semis as they traveled to Rockcastle County, by a score of 57-43.

Joe Benton led in scoring with 18, Cody Hatton 8, Chase Muncie 5, Micah Adams 4, Matthew Woolery 3, Conner Hall, and Chase Rawlins 2, and Cobbe Click 1.

The 6th grade team ended the season with a record of 25-6, with a 3rd place conference regular season mark of 13-3.

The Patriots 6th won the 56th District championship and were undefeated against 56th District competition for the season.

District Season Champ Engineers Beat Pirates For Second Time

The Estill County Engineers are on a roll after winning over the Powell County Pirates for the second time this season to remain undefeated for the season in the district.

The Engineers beat Powell at Stanton only a couple of weeks ago in a hard battle with the determined Pirates, and this game was not any easier although Estill won at home by 16, 63-47.

Estill improved to 7-0 in the district and is the regular season district winner and will be the number one seed in district tournament play.

Just like the game at Powell County, the Pirates used a smothering press that allowed them to take control of the game, but Estill countered with a 3-point game both times to get the win.

Powell started the second half with an 11-point-lead, 32-21, but a technical on the Pirates before the half seemed to be a game changer in Estill's favor.

Good free-throw shooting by Estill and 3-pointers by Trevor Jones and others allowed Estill to get back into the game.

Trevor Jenkins put in a three with 1:14 in the third that put Estill within one, and twin brother Trenton Jenkins hit one at 30.4 seconds that gave the Engineers their first lead in a long time, 42-40 over over the Pirates.

Powell stayed around briefly and cut the lead to one on a free-throw early in the 4th, 42-41, Estill, but the Engineers slowly pulled away and dominated the last quarter despite a great effort from the Pirates.

The win improved Estill to 16-9 overall and the Engineers went to 17-9 overall on Monday night with a 54-38 win at Menifee County. That

was Estill's 11th win in the last 13 games.

The Engineers have only two more games scheduled before districts, both double-headers with the Lady Engineers.

Estill travels to Cynthiana on Thursday to take on Harrison County's Thoroughbreds. Boys play at 6:00 p.m. and the Lady Engineers play at 7:30 p.m.

On Friday, Estill's boys play Somerset at 8:00 p.m. and the Estill ladies play at 6:00 p.m. against Wolfey.

The Lady Engineers fell to 6-17 overall after losing by 3, 60-57 to Jackson City on Thursday night and 57-51 to Buckhorn on Monday.

Estill's ladies are at the bottom of the 56th District having beat only Owsley once to go 1-4 in the district. The Lady Engineers are a much better team than their record suggests, but likely had a hard time on Tuesday night at home against a highly talented Powell County Lady Pirates team that is one of the regions' best.

Estill's JV picked up a big win over Powell County on Thursday night in Irvine.

The teams played close throughout the first part of the game and Estill even trailed by 1, 32-31, with 56.7 seconds in the third. A put-back by Estill at the buzzer by Austin Blackwell put Estill up by 1, 33-32.

The teams were tied at 38-all with 3:47 to go, but Estill clearly dominated the game from there out and won easily by 12, 52-40, outscoring the JV Pirates 14-2 in the final minutes of the game.

Micheal Abner led Estill with 13, Micheal Bishop and Blackwell had 10 each, Deron Miller had 8, Austin Morris 6, and T. Tate had 5.



The Powell County Pirates try to stop a Trevor Jenkins (#10 white) basket.

Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

For right reasons, kid chose Purdue; Florida (& Calipari) sinks Kentucky



Bob Watkins

First, picture this: Small town kid demonstrates he is a gifted athlete early. Well grounded in faith, family and scholarship, he rises as a leader and excels in sports. Loves baseball best.

To the kid, team ahead of self rates far even as he rises to first team all-state recognition. Division I college recruiters find him, want him, come calling. More and more big dog colleges, including his state's flagship university, are courting.

The kid discusses scholarship options with family and coaches. Some in his community want him to sign with State U. not far from home. His priorities are unshaken. Education ahead of sports. Goal? A degree in engineering. Kid chooses Purdue University at West Lafayette.

Elijah Sindelar, senior-to-be quarterback at Caldwell County High School, right? Wrong!

The right answer is John Wooden.

The parallels, Sindelar at Princeton and Wooden growing up in Martinsville, Indiana (1924-28) are striking (so far).

At Martinsville, Wooden came from a faith-based home where he was a passionate player, but academics came first. A promising underclassmen, Wooden grew into an all-state basketball player whose first love was baseball. Wanted

to pitch.

Recruiters came calling from Wisconsin, Notre Dame Butler and flagship U., Indiana University was 20 miles from home. But Wooden chose Purdue for its engineering school. A dean's list student, he became an All-American basketball player. He eventually changed his major and became a high school English teacher, first at Dayton High School in Kentucky.

The rest is history. Wooden: A Coach's life, a new book by Seth Davis, is riveting:

Observations

2. Turning point in the Florida-Kentucky game. John Calipari's technical foul. Asked, "the (Florida) points scored off that technical foul, it seemed to swing the game. Do you think it might have done that?"

Kentucky's coach replied, "It could have. It could have."

3. What was his technical for? "You have to ask (the official). ... I don't know what he heard me say with my back to him, so you have to ask him."

4. Real reason, Calipari has violated the coach's box and walked on court during play more often this season than Dick Vitale has flapped his lips. His technical was no surprise.

5. Close look at Kentucky's 2013-14 schedule in Rupp Arena tells us the crowd watching the Florida-UK game saw one of the two premier coaches in basketball today, Billy Donovan. The other is Jim Boeheim at Syracuse.

6. Last two seasons, Calipari has proven he can recruit high school stars. He has also proven, minus Anthony Davis, he can't make a college team, nor even in seven months.

7. Western Kentucky Hilltoppers ... from a 14-point first half at home

against South Alabama last Saturday, Ray Harper's team hasn't been the same since the bottom fell out of the Corvette Museum.

8. Darel Carrier's No. 35 at Western will be retired to the rafters at Diddle Arena this Saturday. Too long coming for a fellow who scored 1,318 points in only 69 games (1962-64), 19.0 points per game and sixth on Hilltopper score list? In fact, the timing is ideal for family and friends to witness celebration of one of our state's best ever scorers. Before Carrier was a Hilltopper, he put 3,148 points on the board for Bristow High School. He ranks in the Top 20 all-time in Kentucky.

9. Bleacher Report offered its 'College Basketball Predictions that look Foolish,' last week. First up: Kentucky will go 40-0. Teevee analyst Jay Bilas denies Calipari said it. Bilas skipped over the "... at Kentucky we ARE basketball," part.

10. Bleacher Report: New hand check rule will kill college basketball. In fact, the rule may create a new one to stop pushing off by player dribbling the ball.

11. Another Bleacher Report prediction: Florida will struggle because of its roster situation.

12. John Wooden college basketball player of the year list should include no freshmen and, with emphasis on play and academic achievement, the candidate-to-beat should be Doug McDermott, senior at Creighton.

13. College player whose name sports writers had better learn to spell and pronounce: Egidijus Mockevicius 6-10 sophomore center at Evansville is going to be special.

14. Fun to Watch Dept.: Kentucky's women's 75-71 win over Tennessee in Thompson-Boling Arena last Sunday was first win in

Knoxville since 1985. Junior Jennifer O'Neill was named the SEC Player of the Week.

15. Basketball coaches enjoying their jobs and are extraordinary at it: Jim Boehm (Syracuse), Billy Donovan (Florida), Jay Wright (Villanova) and Greg McDermott (Creighton).

16. Coaches whose body language says they're not: Tom Crean (Indiana), Cuonzo Martin (Tennessee) and Calipari.

17. College basketball entertainment supreme in 2014: See Creighton and Wichita State.

18. SEC player of the Year: Scottie Wilbekin, Florida.

19. Team leading the nation in scowls, bewilderment and litany of excuses ... see Kentucky.

20. Mt. Rushmore of basketball? Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Michael Jordan and Bill Russell, said Kobe Bryant last week. Of more than 17,000 internet voters, 52 per cent agreed.

21. If basketball-rich Kentucky had its own Mt. Rushmore it would include Adolph Rupp, Ed Diddle and you fill in the others. Note: Anthony Davis doesn't qualify because he doesn't meet residency requirement.

22. Best ESPN analysts today for college basketball are Doris Burke, Dan Dakich, Lynn Elmore and Jay Bilas.

23. From the Red-Faced Dept. - In last week's column I mentioned Oklahoma State's basketball star as Keith Smart. In fact, the Cowboys player is Marcus Smart.

24. Consider, five rules for Happiness: Free the heart from hatred, free the mind from worry, live simply, give more, and expect less.

And so it goes.

top ten
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1. Chicago
2. Los Angeles
3. Columbus, Ohio
4. Detroit
5. Cincinnati
6. Cleveland/Akron/Canton
7. Dayton, Ohio
8. Washington, D.C.
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Stickeler's Answer

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