

# Lady Engineers Are Headed For 8th State Tournament



**Estill County Lady Engineers -- 2014 14th Region Champions**

Not in order: MacKenzie Angel, McKeely Muncie, Sarah Barnes, Hayley Puckett, Haley Bishop, Cheyenne Rawlins, Skylar Conley, Tianna Richardson, Zoe Deaton, Martina Sanders, Kennedy Flynn, Alaina Thomas, McKenzie Flynn, Kayla Tuttle, Michaela Gross, Jaedyn Webster, Bethany Hall, Brooke West, Kaylee Isfort, Abby Winkle, McKinley Meek, Taylor Wiseman and Jackie Miller.

The Estill County Lady Engineers are headed for their eighth Kentucky Fastpitch Softball Tournament after winning 11-3 over the Powell County Lady Pirates in the 14th Region Tournament on Thursday. This was Estill's 7th 14th Region title in nine years.

Estill's ladies first won a softball regional in 2005 when they were playing in the 39th District, 10th Region, with tough softball opponents George Rogers Clark and Montgomery County in the same district. The Lady Engineers finished 4th in the state that year.

After being moved to the 14th Region for 2006, Estill won the regional again and continued to dominate the region through 2007, 2008 and 2009 but didn't make it to the state in 2010 and 2011. They returned in 2012

and also in 2013. The Lady Engineers have also won every 56th District since 2006 and won 10 straight district titles, nine in the 56th.

Estill defeated Powell County for the third time this season to win the district and, surprisingly, had to beat them again to win the 14th Region.

Jenkins would have been a favorite for the championship, but Powell won over Wolfe, 6-2, than upset Jenkins, 3-2, to get into the title game.

Meanwhile, Estill put away host Letcher County Central, 9-0, and won over Leslie County, 7-2.

It's hard to beat a team four times in a year, and the Powell County Lady Pirates always step up to the challenge against Estill. Despite a 5-run inning in the second, Powell scored two in the third and one in the 5th

to cut the lead to two, 5-3, and make it look like Powell was going to be a threat.

But Estill stopped their district rival in the sixth with six runs to take a 11-3 lead. Michaela Gross' excellent pitching stopped Powell cold in the 7th and Estill picked up the win.

Gross, a senior, was named MVP for the game, and senior Cheyenne Rawlins who got two home runs was named to the all-tournament team along with sophomore catcher Zoe Deaton and freshman Taylor Wiseman who also got a homerun.

Estill plays in the state on Thursday night, June 5th at 7 p.m. in Owensboro against Ft. Thomas Highlands Bluebirds. A 9th Region team from Northern Kentucky, the Bluebirds are 26-11. Estill is 26-13. Go, Lady Engineers.



14th Region Girls All Tournament Team included, from Estill, MVP Michaela Gross, Zoe Deaton, Taylor Wiseman and Cheyenne Rawlins.

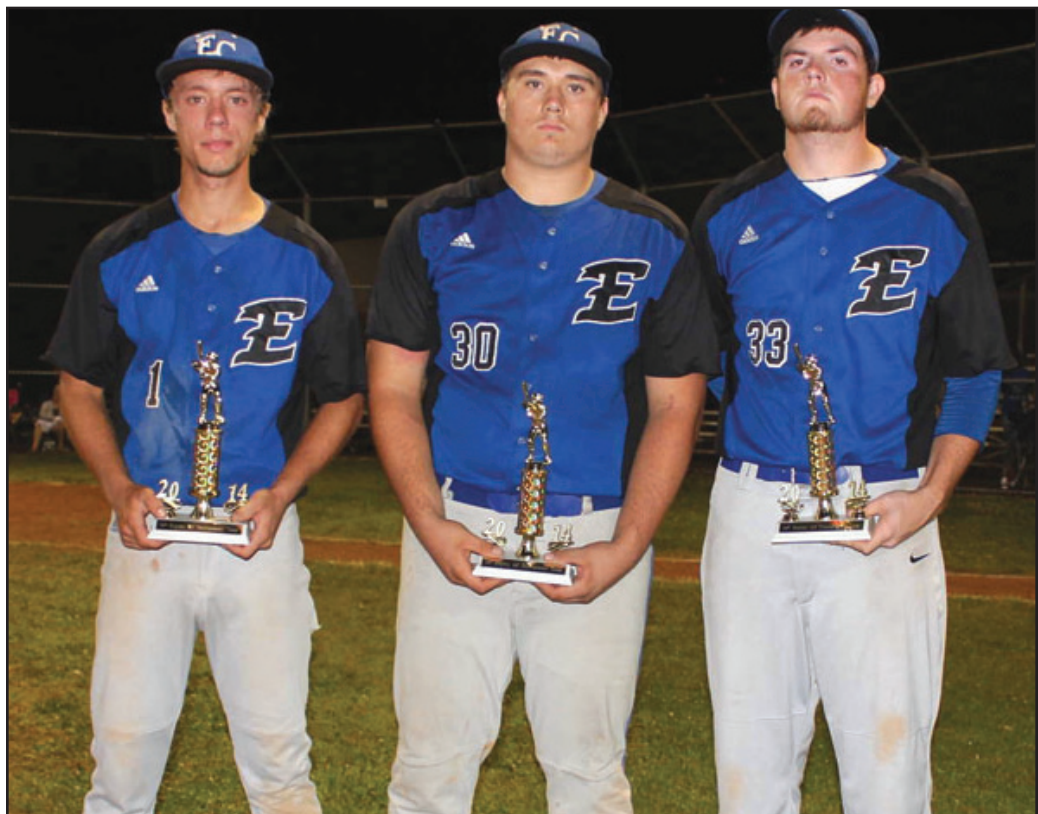


**Estill County Engineers -- 2014 Runner-Up 14th Regional Tournament**

Not in order: Travis Adams, Brandon McKinney, Austin Blackwell, Christian Noland, Austin Brinegar, Cody Portwood, Tanner Crowe, Peyton Rose, Kordel Day, Trent Sparks, Andrew Farmer, Boone Tucker, Ryan Freeman, Jacob Tuttle, Wade French and Zach Withers.



The Estill County D'Railers 8 under baseball team finished runners up out of 13 teams in the Kiwanis Memorial Day Weekend Tournament with a record of 7-2. Left to right, front: Caden Arvin, Blake Canter, Rylan Brown, Koda Jones. Back: Hayden Woolery, Jax Niece, Ethan Henry, David Jones, Parker Maybrier, Taylor Stewart, and bat boy Caden Stewart.



14th Region Boys All Tournament Team included, from Estill, Cody Portwood, Wade French and Jacob Tuttle, all seniors at ECHS.