

# Estill Needs To Fill Three Head Coaching Positions

## Volleyball position is now critical with start of practice season

Estill County High School is short three head coaches following the resignations of Estill Engineers head baseball coach Gene Combs and Mark McKinley who was head coach for both volleyball and girls basketball.

Basketball season is still a few months away, but the volleyball job is pressing. The first allowable practice was on Tuesday, July 15th and teams can begin playing regular season games just over a month away on August 18th.

Combs has taken the head baseball coaching job at Madison Southern after only one season at Estill.

He was a veteran coach having worked several years at Lee County before coaching at Montgomery

County four years, then Wolfe County one year before coming to Estill. Last year, his Engineers team finished 24-11, winning both the regular season, 8-0 in the district, and winning the 56th District championship over Powell County, 12-1.

The Engineers defeated Perry County Central, 12-1, and Knott County Central, 3-2 in nine innings, to reach the championship game; however, Estill never got it going against Hazard in a rain-delayed contest at Buckhorn and lost 11-1 in five innings.

Combs had continued teaching at Montgomery County while serving as baseball coach at Wolfe County; then at Estill, but

was planning on teaching at Estill during the upcoming school year. However, he was offered a higher paying position at Southern, according to Estill principal Blain Click, and subsequently accepted the offer.

One die-hard Estill fan said he really had hoped that Combs could continue to work at Estill because he thought he did a great job.

McKinley just finished his 10th season as Lady Engineers head coach but has taken a job in Wayne County so that he can help his aging father on his nearly 2,000-acre farm.

Click said McKinley "was well known throughout the region for having very disciplined teams who played within a system and

ALWAYS handled themselves with class. He himself was class act both on and off the floor."

"He will be missed in Estill County," added Click. "He did a great job!"

McKinley coached Estill basketball for 10 years, starting during 2004/05 when the Lady Engineers were in their last year in the 10th Region.

His team reached the region for the first time in 2006 as runner-up of the 56th District. The Lady Engineers, guided by McKinley won districts in 2007, 2009 and 2011. They were runner-up also in 2008, 2010 and 2013.

His best record was in 2011 when his team finished 17-12 and was the dis-

trict champion. McKinley's teams went 1-7 in games played in the region.

He coached some excellent players during his tenure but the team failed to attract enough players some years and were hampered by injuries at times and forced to play younger players.

Coach McKinley's volleyball teams attracted players better than did his basketball and performed

well despite what their records may have indicated. His best, and only winning record in volleyball, was in 2009 when they finished 18-16. Teams in 2010, 11 and 12 were runner-up in the 56th District.

Click last indicated that he and athletic director Arthur Ballard had identified quality coaches for these positions but had nothing definite yet.

## Community News

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### Info on Class Members Needed

### 1984 ECHS Class Reunion

The Class of 1984 planning committee has been working hard on planning a fun-filled, 30-year class reunion.

Please call or text Belinda Fox Puckett at (859) 358-1403 or Vickie Miller Singleton at (859) 582-8138.

You can also join our "ECHS Class of '84" face-

book page and leave your address on there or private message for Vicki or Belinda.

Go ahead and mark your calendars for September 12 & 13. All the details will be in the letter we will mail to you, and we will also post it on our "ECHS Class of '84" facebook page.

### Thursday-Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>

### Back Porch Homecoming

The Estill County Historical and Genealogical Society will host the Back Porch Homecoming "the Internet Gang" at the Research Museum on Broadway from Thursday, July 24 through Saturday, July 26, 2014.

This will be a time when people from various states, including Kentucky, can come to Irvine for research of their family history.

The August Meeting at the Library will be Tuesday, August 5 at 6 p.m. (Notice that the time has changed to 6 p.m.) The program will be given by Jerry Rose on the history of Ravenna. It is based on the recent book entitled: *RAVENNA: L&N Railroad's "Gem of a Rail Terminal and Town in East-Central Kentucky."*

The 2014 calendar is now available at the Museum on Saturdays. There should be a correction in the calendar

for the month of July: "Anne Rainey Clark" should be listed as "Nancy Ann Rainey Clark".

The Estill County Pictorial History, WW II Book, the School Book, and the two volumes of the Cemetery Books are still available.

### top ten facebook.

#### Publishers\*

1. The Huffington Post
2. BuzzFeed
3. Fox News
4. IJR
5. The Guardian
6. The New York Times
7. NBC
8. CNN
9. Mail Online
10. BBC \*May 2014

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# Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

## Summer Ball buzz in Bluegrass: Coach K to Brohm to Big Blue best team ever?



Bob Watkins

### Summer ball buzz.

July-August in Kentucky is keep-the-pot-boiling time for basketball fans.

**Around Louisville,** Cardinal buzz—Russ Smith has signed an NBA contract.

.... And, college basketball's premier coach, Mike Krzyzewski weighed in. "Louisville brings the ACC a great brand. This is one that will make headlines in business journals."

**Around Western Kentucky U.,** football's Jeff Brohm is revving up Hill-topper fan base with emphasis on recruiting instaters. What to watch: Brohm lands a quarterback the caliber and quality to match that of his coach.

**Around University of Kentucky ...** 75 student-athletes made the SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll for 2014. The list included Dominique Hawkins and Dakari Johnson, Communications; Derek Willis and Marcus Lee, Undergraduate Studies. Based on grades from summer, fall 2013 and 2014 spring terms.

Summer ball in Big Blue Nation? Projections, debate, argument, (diplomatic

of course) and comparisons for season 2014-15.

A non-partisan measure of how special Kentucky's team could be: Willie Cauley Stein, Alex Poystress and Marcus Lee will come off the bench.

Summer ball. UK fans on internet sites have forgotten the eat-crowd of the 40-and-oh rant a summer ago. The new buzz: Will our McDonalds All-American-decorated Wildcats this season be best in UK history?

Whoa.

A 30-something age limit can dim a look into history. The comparison-makers here settled on the 1996 NCAA championship winner.

A better question for Summer Ball would be: In its glorious history, which is Kentucky's best basketball team ever?

Trip wire word here is team. An NCAA title banner is not necessary.

Best Team(s) ever from here: 1. Rupp's Runts (1965-66), 2. Fabulous Five (1948-49), and first team to play in Memorial Coliseum, the 1950-51 Wildcats re-finished 32-2.

Stars of those teams? Look 'em up.

### WORLD CUP TO GERMANY

Around the planet this week, Germans are in rejoice mode, waving the homeland flag.

On behalf of the not-so-soccer-educated observers among us, congratulations to Germany for its newest World Cup title to go with wins in 1954, 1970 and 1990.

With all due respect to soccer fans, an e-mail received Monday reflects the emotion of most Americans, I think.

"I'm sorry. I tried to watch the World Cup Championship (Sunday). I watched and watched and watched and nobody scored. I finally gave up. I saw later that Germany scored in the 113th minute to win. Good.

"I just cannot watch it. Boorrrrinning!"

### CALIPARI Qs

Kentucky basketball coach John Calipari put forth 20 questions he believes a high school prospect should ask his prospective college coach.

Most are typically self-serving, but these are worth repeating.

✓ How many players have graduated from your program over the last four to five years?

✓ How many of your players were insured through the disability program last season? If none were, why not?

✓ Where does your Academic Progress Rate retention rank among other schools?

### 5.5 FOOTBALL WINS

Kentucky's football team will win five-and-a-half games this season, says ESPN.

Tennessee-Martin, Ohio, Vanderbilt and Louisiana-Monroe. The half? Seems to be first two quarters in Knoxville November 15.

"... next-best (UK) win possibility," the writer said, "is 37.9 percent at Tennessee."

# Estill County Youth

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE

# SIGNUPS

**Saturday, July 26th ... 11-2**  
**Sunday, July 27th ... 1-3**  
**Saturday, August 2nd.. 11-2**  
**Sunday, August 3rd ... 1-3**

## McDonald's in Irvine

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