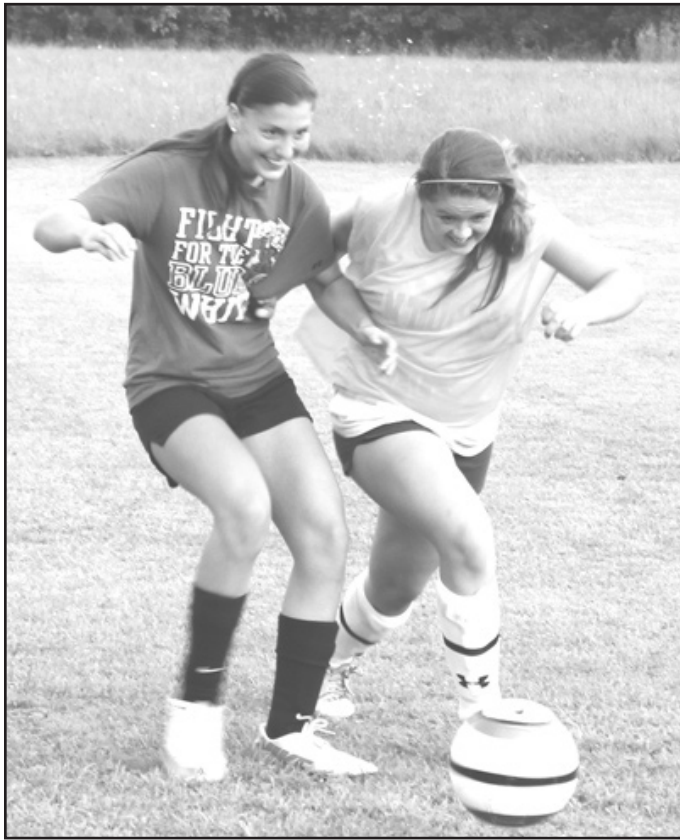


Estill High Soccer Teams Hold Camps at Ky. River Park



ABOVE: Pro soccer player Tyrone Marshall explains some strategy to Estill's boys.
BELOW: Estill Lady Engineers soccer players have a little fun while practicing in camp.



Estill County boys and girls soccer teams have been practicing on the fields at the Kentucky River Park off Dry Ridge Road in Irvine.

Last year's boys team enjoyed their best year ever with a 14-5-3 record and a trip to the state tournament.

The girls have had their best seasons during the past two years, 11-4-1 in 2012 and 12-6-1 in 2013, both times narrowly missing a trip to the state tournament as runner-up in the region.

Estill's girls are once

again coached by Candie McMaine, assisted by her son, Andrew Hatton.

The boys are coached by Tim Tipton with Greg Witt as his assistant.

Coach McMaine's team was assisted in camps by staff from St. Catherine's College in Springfield, who came to Irvine to assist in practice.

Tipton and Witt made arrangements for a retired pro soccer player to help them with their camp.

Last Thursday, July 31st,

the boys high school soccer team hosted Tyrone Marshall for a training session at the Kentucky River Park. Tyrone is a former professional soccer player that played 15 seasons in MLS for a variety of different teams including the LA Galaxy, Colorado Rapids, and Seattle Sounders. During this period he won two MLS championships for teams he played for.

He also played for his National team of Jamaica making 83 appearances in

World Cup play.

Tyrone retired in 2012 and returned to his wife's hometown of Lexington, Kentucky. Tyrone also coaches soccer for Bluegrass Soccer Club.

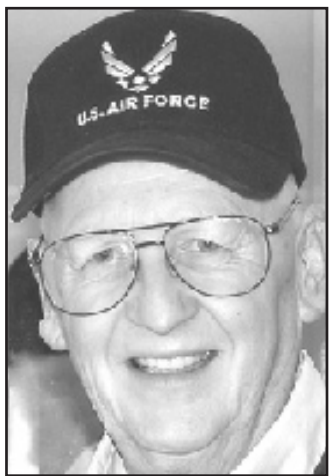
Both Estill teams will be getting new competition in the district and region from all-sport rival Powell County who has entered the high school soccer competition for the first time this year with both girls and boys teams. Estill opens on August 17 with a DH at home.



Some of the members of the Estill County High School soccer team take a break from practice at the Kentucky River Park fields.

Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

Cordia takes a whuppin' for Farming; Burse sets a new bar at Kentucky State



Bob Watkins

Quite a flurry of hot rhetoric filled the air around our Commonwealth in recent days. Not so much Fancy Farm where hot air is as plentiful as St. Jerome Parish pork and mutton barbecue. More the buzz came via aftermath of Cordia High School's run-in with reality and KHSAA Supreme Court decision.

The governing body hammered the Knott County school: Forfeit last basketball season, shut down boys program for a year and fined the school near \$25,000.

Reasons: **Farming.** Teenage boys recruited (out of state this time) to play hoops, and allegedly had their grades manipulated for eligibility purposes.

The flap brought to mind a couple items.

First, more than 100 years ago George Santayana wrote: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Left me to wonder, "didn't these college educated educators at Cordia, especially the ball coaches, read the same history they're assigned to teach?"

Apparently, Rhodes and those who supervise athletics forgot or didn't know about ...

√ University Heights

Academy (Hopkinsville) ran afoul of the KHSAA three decades ago for **Farming In.**

√ Rose Hill Christian School (Ashland) in early 2000s, transported O.J. Mayo and Bill Walker from West Virginia which turned out a whistle blower that led to KHSAA attention and sanction.

Now is Cordia's turn.

Community with raised optimism, Sweet 16 aspiration and hopes of being the next Little Engine that Could, discovers Rhodes and his Cinderella story is less heroic than wannabe Kentucky-side-of-the-border Oak Hill Academy.

On another level little Cordia's whuppin' by KHSAA brings to mind an historic bit from last century college level. Documented, Jerry Tarkanian took recruiting short cuts when he coached at Long Beach State then Nevada Las Vegas and became Headache Man for NCAA investigators. Renown for Farming In and/or compensating poor students and bad actors, he would rehabilitate them on court.

In his autobiography Tarkanian claimed the NCAA looked the other way with big basketball programs, in particular Kentucky.

"I defended Western Kentucky," he wrote (when the NCAA nullified the Hilltoppers trip to the Final Four in 1971), (I said) "Kentucky did more cheating in one day than Western Kentucky did in a year. I just thought the NCAA went after the little guy. ... doesn't want marquee schools in trouble.

And this: "... the NCAA was so mad at Kentucky they gave Cleveland State two more years probation." Brings us to chapter two

of the Cordia flap. Could Cordia be to Scott County High School basketball, what Cleveland State was to UK?

Via twitter, former Kentucky Wildcat Jon Hood stuck his head up from the ether of politician correctness to suggest Scott County coach Billy Hicks has **Farmed In** players for years.

Hicks took exception to Hood's allegation with hot words of his own. "Hood doesn't know what he's talking about."

Response enough for a coach whose program resides in the penthouse of his sport, right? Wrong.

Hicks went defensive through a Georgetown Graphic sports writer: "... never picked up a phone to ask a kid to move in," he said. "I never recruited a kid in my life. Kids have come to me. That's the kind of program we have here. Kids want to be a part of it. I won't apologize for that." Me thinks he protesteth too much. With a coach history that stretches back to southeastern Kentucky decades ago, 'Never recruited a kid in my life,' is very a long time.

Hicks should have stopped at the old discredited-my-critic standard "... doesn't know what he's talking about."

For Jon Hood, with perhaps future opportunities in mind, retreated quickly from his Elephant-In-The-Room tweet.

SEND MONEY DEPT.

From the John Calipari Send-Me-Money Department, a women's clinic with University of Kentucky ball coach comes up next month at the Craft Center and Memorial Coliseum. Ladies can check UK web

sites for times and parking arrangements. Allow me to provide the shakedown information.

An athletic department with a multi-million dollar bank account that purports to love the most faithful patrons in Big Blue Nation, will give the ladies a t-shirt, lunch and three hours to swoon over Calipari. All for \$100 each.

KENTUCKY MAN OF YEAR?

Raymond Burse.

Stop the presses and somebody telephone a producer at 60 Minutes.

Interim president at Kentucky State University, Raymond Burse asked the school's board of regents for a pay cut, Frankfort's State Journal reported recently.

Burse wanted a pay cut from \$349,869 to \$259,744-a-year that will allow 24 employees at the low end of the pay scale to receive a pay rate increase to \$10.25 an hour.

Logic tells us that it is a wise man with good vision (Burse) who believes he can provide for family and home very well at \$260,000-a-year.

The action was necessary, Burse told the State Journal, because some employees were making as little as \$7.25 an hour.

CEOs at other colleges and universities who have trouble managing on six-figure pay packets, Burse has set the bar. You're up.

And so it goes.

NOTE: This is the August 6th column for Bob Watkins. Last week's column was lost and did not reach us in time for publication. It is included this week on Page 13.

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ABOVE: Coach McMaine watches the practice at soccer camp at Kentucky River Park.
BELOW: Estill Engineers soccer players watch to go on offense during practice camp.

