

Engineers Roll Over Bath Co. Wildcats 49 to 24

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Last Friday night at Hoover Niece Field, the gridiron Engineers gave fans, alumni, and the Queen and her court, a happy Homecoming victory over Bath County, 49-24.

Estill pushed their record to 4-1 (1-0 in district) with a first half offensive onslaught. The defense had nothing to hang their head about either, as "hosts of Engineers!!" seemed to be in on every tackle.

On the first play from scrimmage, Chipper Hitchcock broke free and found paydirt from 54 yards away.

Estill's early and often scoring did not stop there. After a Bath turnover, Trevor Jones' 24 yard TD run was negated by a holding penalty, but all would be well as Hitchcock found the endzone again from 15 yards.

After another Bath fumble, the rout seemed to be on, but Estill gave it right back with a fumble of their own. This gave the visitors some life and they drove down the field to score bringing them within 6 points.

Trevor Jones quickly silenced the visitors with a 73 yard scamper down the right sideline and the rout WAS ON!

As the Estill "D" continued to dominate the line of scrimmage, Bath was forced to punt time after time.

Hitchcock found the end zone yet again from 15 yards out for his 3rd TD of the first half.

Not to be outdone, Jones scored again from 18 yards away to give Estill a 35-6 lead. Bath Co. tried to go to the air for some offense, but Taylor Tate gave us the Sportscenter "Highlight of

the Night" with a leaping, one-handed interception. DaDaDa, DaDaDa.

Estill's offensive play continued to come up roses as Trevor Jones' pass to the endzone careemed off an opposing players helmet into the waiting arms of Deron Miller for a 20 yard TD.

As the first half came to a close, Estill added some salt to the wound when Jones' 30' yard "Hail Mary" as time expired, fell into the arms of Tate for a 30-yard score. Estill's lead at the half had ballooned to 49-6.

The second half would begin with a running clock as high school rules dictate when a team is ahead by 40 points.

Estill's future stars saw the majority of the action in the second half. Even a couple of meaningless touchdowns in the final quarter could not outweigh the experience the youngsters gained.

When all was settled, Estill celebrated a homecoming victory, 49-24.

Stat padders on the night: Trevor Jones - passing 2-2 for 53 yds., 2 TD. Rushing - 6 carries for 118 yds., 2 TD. 6 Tackles; Chipper Hitchcock Rushing 5 carries for 100 yds. 3 TD; Blake Francisco - Rushing 6 carries for 49 yds.; Taylor Tate 1 catch for 32 yds. 1 TD. 1 Interception; Deron Miller 1 catch for 21 yds. 1 TD. 4 Tackles; Kordel Day 8 tackles; Dylan Spivey 5 Tackles. 1 Sack Levi Tipton 7-7 PAT, 7 Kickoffs 5 Touchbacks

Come out and Support the Estill County Engineers as they battle border rival, Powell County, Friday night, Hoover Niece Field, 7:30 p.m.

LETS SINK THAT PIRATE SHIP!!!!!!!



Estill senior Chipper Hitchcock #44 scored the first touchdown during the game against Bath County on Friday night. The Engineers were on fire during their second home game of the season, easily outscoring the Wildcats, 49-24. Photo by Cathy Dawes

Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky Chapman score on Shock and Disbelief meter: 9.0; SI brains are bubbling



Bob Watkins

One can almost hear editorial brain cells bubbling at Sports Illustrated. Plans spinning for the next hot rehab story. Make that a series.

Title? How I Lost My Way and Journey back from Bad Behavior. Subjects: - Ray Rice and Adrian Peterson and whatever name Metta World Peace is using these days, and Rex Chapman.

Rex Chapman! A thief? On a Shock and Disbelief meter this one rates a 9.0.

But there it was in fuzzy black and white, a stark and resigned, almost pleading stare. Rex Chapman in standard police mug shot.

Dateline Scottsdale, Arizona -- September 19, police spokesman Mark Clark told media that managers at an Apple electronics store "alerted police to the thefts in August and multiple employees recognized the thief as Chapman 'based on his previous celebrity status as an NBA basketball player.'"

Arrested for allegedly taking \$14,000-worth of items to a pawn shop and selling them. Booked on nine counts of organized retail theft and five counts of trafficking in stolen property, all felonies, Rex Chapman.

The news in Kentucky

is another blow-to-the-brain for the good-hearted across our state who revere basketball heroes. Good folks who've already been slapped in their collective face by a Dan Issel bankruptcy; Derrick Miller, then Ed Davender, then Richie Farmer gone to prison.

The fall of one-time wonder boy Chapman is more than sad, it's hateful news. The kind that fuels anger and resignation we normally expect from negative-attack politicians desperate to get elected.

Pinnacle to puzzling I believe, the pinnacle of Chapman's basketball life happened before the nickname King Rex (bad idea) stuck. Before the celebrity and fame, and before big money too.

Winter 1985-86, Chapman and his Owensboro Apollo team made a 32-minute showtime, sailed through a 25-5 season. The Skinny One high jumped opponents, floated down the lane, was ball-in-hand magical, a veritable wizard. The Skinny One made college recruiters drool, NBA scouts too.

In spring 1986, after pocketing a Mr. Basketball Award, things began to go south. Here came the ugliness. Skin color and show-me-the-money. Basketball was business.

Chapman wanted to play for Denny Crum at Louisville, but was persuaded his economic future would be better served at Kentucky. Two years on, at 21, he would be rich, eighth pick in the NBA Draft by Charlotte who would average 16.9 points as a rookie.

In 1986 UK returned three starters from a 32-4 season. Leading scorer the following season (18-11), freshman Chapman. His media share spawned hints

of team discord and resentment.

Following year, with NCAA sanctions imminent, and suffocating hero-worship and grumblings about his dating habits, Chapman led the 25-5 Wildcats with 19 points a game. He left UK.

Then, strangely, a string of puzzling remarks from Wonder Boy left some of scratching our heads.

In 2005 Chapman uttered his first absurdity - that Allan Houston and Derek Anderson were overlooked by Kentucky sportswriters in high school because they were black.

Turning darkly, he told a reporter his going to UK was seen as "the great white hope."

In truth, Houston, two-time all-state and Mr. Basketball in 1989, seldom saw a Louisville newspaper or television news cycle without his name included. Wade Houston's kid was praised by media then and arguably still rates as the finest high school player in Kentucky history.

Anderson, a star at Doss High, was like a long list of in-state high schoolers before and since, labeled too skinny and a 'tweener by coaches at UK and UoL. He signed with Ohio State, transferred to Kentucky and earned his way to fame, prosperity and a UK degree in pharmacy.

And his great-white-hope idea was a cynical notion from a minority of miserable racists he chose to validate.

Chapman's assessments were, to be kind, puzzling.

Fast forward to March, 2014. Chapman's mouth went flapping again. Citing a reliable source, he guaranteed the next Los Angeles Lakers coach would be John Calipari. When media scrutiny grew hot, Chap-

man retreated and went silent.

Then came August in Scottsdale. Chapman allegedly started stealing things. His arrest last week, the shame and embarrassment that comes with it, is hard to swallow.

But, wait for it: Redefinition of Kentucky's wonder boy - Sports Illustrated big seller in, say, 2018.

BASEBALL'S FEEL GOOD: THE PIRATES!

The St. Louis Cardinals are back in the hunt for another World Series trip.

That's the old news. The feel-good news is in Pittsburgh.

The Pirates, with bailing wire, band-aids and bubble gum, manager Clint Hurdle his team back in the National League playoffs. A record 51 wins at home made for a new attendance high, 2.4-plus million paying customers. And, the Feel Good of feel good stories of the year - utility man Josh Harrison (.318 at the weekend) rose to be a contender for a league batting title.

Raise the Jolly Roger.

WORTH REPEATING

Growing out of another John Calipari whine about Duke's basketball coach, Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said Calipari is being disingenuous.

I prompted one sports writer to say: "Next thing we know Mike Krzyzewski will be taking credit for DeMarcus Cousins' development as an NBA player."

Comment: No reason for Krzyzewski to make the claim, but truth is, he could. Cousins spent more time playing for Team USA than he did pretending to be a student for Calipari at Kentucky.

And so it goes.

5th Quarter At Irvine 1st Baptist After The Game

Irvine 1st Baptist Church and its new pastor, Bro. Keith Williams, invite everyone to the church after the game on Friday night.

Kruzers Newz

The Twin City Kruzers will be taking a cruise on Saturday, October 3rd. We will leave at 9 a.m. from Main Street. Bring a covered dish and join us for a fun day. The Club will furnish the hotdogs. Hope to see you there. We will be cooking out at Natural Bridge.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m. in Irvine City Hall.

Our last Cruise-In of the year will be on Saturday, October 11, 2014, in downtown Irvine from 5-9 p.m. All proceeds from this Cruise-In will benefit Estill County Toys for Tots. We will have some beautiful vehicles and good music. As always, this is free and open to the public. Come out and help support Toys for Tots.

We encourage all Twin City Kruzers to attend these events. For more information, contact Kenneth Tipton at 723-7554 or Darrell Hall at 723-3612.

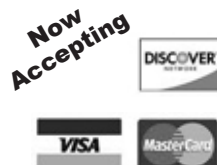
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