

# Engineers Fight Hard Against #10 Colonels

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Last Friday night, the Estill County Engineers traveled to Paris to take on #10 Bourbon Co. in a highly anticipated district clash. The Engineers fought hard to prove they belonged with this class of team.

To no surprise of the large Estill contingent that was on hand, the 'Neers played themselves to a near upset on enemy turf but instead were handed their first district loss of the year.

On the game's first possession, Bourbon drove the ball deep into Engineer territory, but a Deron Miller interception at the 15 yard line would give Estill a boost.

Estill drove methodically down the field featuring heavy doses of Hitchcock and Jones, right, left, and up the middle, ending when Trevor Jones found the endzone from five yards to give the Engineers an early 7-0 lead. Bourbon would use a 34 yard run to set up a score of their own to tie it at 7-7. Estill continued to make plays as Jones found a 1st down on 4th & 2, then found Taylor Tate with a 19 yd. pass on 3rd and 14. Estill's drive would stall and they would see a 42 yard FGA sail wide left.

With a spark from their defense, the Colonels would hand the ball to Brent Holman and 75 yards later they would find themselves with a seven point lead.

Estill's next series would end with a 3 and out and after a 2 yard punt the defense found themselves with their backs against the wall. The "D" would hold tight and Bourbon had to settle for a 30 yard FG that barely cleared the crossbar but gave them a 17-7 lead at the half.

Estill would open the second half with a bang as Jones took the kickoff back 96 yards for a TD and the lead was trimmed to three.

A Holman 75 yard TD run would be called back for a personal foul and Estill's defense would be the star as they held on fourth down on Bourbon's 20.

The Colonel's QB would score on their next possession and the lead was back

to 10 with 2:00 left in the third quarter.

After Jones just over-threw Miller for a sure six points, he found Logan Edmonson for 55 yards down to the 5. Jones carried it over and the lead was cut again.

Holman couldn't be stopped as he scored from 24 yards and Bourbon stretched their lead back to 10. Estill's next drive featured Chipper Hitchcock for 18 yds., Jones for a 20 yard rush, Deron Miller with a 31 yard reception, and Jones to paydirt again as Estill refused to give in.

With 4:41 remaining, the "D" would have to find a way to stop Bourbon's offense. After blowing up a screen pass on third down,

Estill's offense would get another chance. Pinned on their 5 yard line, 2 rushes and 2 incompletions would spell defeat.

A "tack it on" score in the last seconds set the final: Bourbon County 38 Estill County 28.

Estill could not contain Holman for Bourbon County as he rushed 24 times for 286 yards and 4 scores.

Estill Stats: Jones 30-121 yds 3 TD. Hitchcock 13-53 yds. Passing-Jones 8-15 146 yds. Receiving - Edmonson 3-68 yds. Miller 2-37 yds. Tate 1-19 yds.

Jones led the Defense with 13 tackles followed by Dylan Spivey with 10 stops. Michael Abner and Kordel Day each had 8

tackles. Estill will be back in district action this Friday at Hoover Niece Field as they take on Western Hills at 7:30 pm.

Friday night's game has been designated TACKLE BREAST CANCER FOOTBALL GAME!!

Marcum and Wallace and ECHS have partnered for Engineer Breast Cancer awareness shirts, \$10.00 each, old through Twin Cedars website and at the game. Let's see how many Engineer fans we can get to the game. Blue and Pink go together great, right?? Well, it will Friday night. Come on out "Engineer Nation" and support this team and cause.

# Estill Lady Patriots Claim Conference Title

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The Estill County Middle School Lady Patriots 8th grade team claimed their second straight Commonwealth Conference regular season title this week. Two hard fought wins over conference powers, Caudill and Foley would give the Ladies the #1 seed and home court advantage into next week's post season tournament.

Balanced scoring from this six-player machine continues to guide the ladies to success.

Scoring from the Caudill game: M. Bellamy - 2, K. Flynn - 10, S. Stewart - 8,

A. Farmer - 7, T. Duechle - 6.

The 8th graders ended their season with a clinching victory over Foley on 8th grade night. What a way to go out!!!! We can all be so proud of these young ladies and what they have accomplished. If this group continues to play team ball and only care about the final score, they will soon own hardware as Commonwealth Conference tournament champs.

Scoring from the Foley game: M. Bellamy - 9, K. Flynn - 9, S. Stewart - 4, A. Farmer - 6, T. Duechle - 6, S. Danyeour - 2.

The Lady Patriots will

play all of their conference tournament games at home. Please come out and support these hard working girls.

We cannot leave out the 6th and 7th grade Lady Patriots as they both have qualified for the postseason tournament.

Both teams split their final two conference games and can only hope to reach the championship game for a chance to play at home.

Check next week's edition for tourney times and places.

**Good luck,  
Lady Patriots.**



Action between the Estill Lady Patriots and Foley Middle in Irvine.

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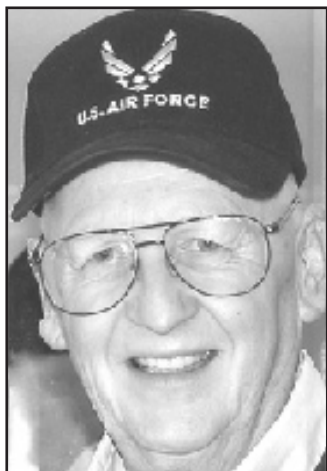
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# Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

Kentucky earns Signature Win; Bluegrass State loses an icon, Jimmy Feix



**Bob Watkins**

**Bittersweet in the Bluegrass.**

**The sweet:** Five games in, Kentucky owns its most significant football win in decades. Happened on a Saturday when SEC powers scrambled the standings, left us to see Tennessee and Vanderbilt at the bottom and, ahem, that basketball school near the top.

**The bitter:** On Sunday the Bluegrass State lost an icon, Jimmy Feix, gentleman ball coach, gentleman otherwise, best of the best son of Kentucky.

In Lexington there is revelry in the land this week. Mid-October and Kentucky folk are abuzz with Air Raid ... JoJo Kemp ... Bud Dupree and nary a word about Willie and The Twins.

In fact, beyond Auburn and Mississippi schools, buzz across the Southeastern Conference is about "that basketball school up north."

**Two questions:**  
• "Kentucky did whaaaaat to South Carolina? Must be misprint."  
• "Anybody notice Kentucky is *thisclose* (at Florida) to being, well, unbeaten?"

Last Saturday, the heavens opened and football gods put stars in new alignment.

√ At a little before 8 o'clock, the Spurriers

punched Kentucky in the mouth, put the home crowd on mute, led 14-0. Behind his plastic play card, the Ole Ball Coach must have yawned and whispered, "prime time teevee, huh? Let's show off a little."

√ Carolina's Mike Davis buzzed through Kentucky's front as if it were a scout team on a Wednesday. The Wildcats old bugaboo was back, "can't stop the run."

√ Home team helped. Lost poise eight times - gifting Carolina 80 yards in penalties with macho man foolish momentum killers.

Then, everything changed. The football gods winked at one another.

The Gamecocks had provided a story line, Kentucky's All-New-People provided drama, Neil Brown directed the show, and JoJo Kemp starred in it.

By halftime, Carolina had 17, but All-New-People Kentucky also had 17, and Big Mo.

√ End of third quarter Carolina had punched the Wildcats again, gone up 31-17 and Old Familiar began buzzing in the crowd, "... we gave 'em all they could handle, nice try, boys, get 'em next year."

√ Suddenly, quarterback Patrick Towles was a wide receiver and Carolina was befuddled. Couldn't defend between the guards. JoJo Kemp became a Heisman guy and Steve Spurrier was outcoached.

√ UK play calling was imaginative, nothing short of brilliant.

√ Then came the mystery. Carolina abandoned its run offense that had produced 282 yards. The Spurriers would throw their way back into the game. Nadda. At 2:29-to-go, barely 17 seconds after Kemp and Austin MacGinniss had tied the game, defensive tackle Mike

Douglas and linebacker Bud Dupree rose up and sealed it.

√ Bonkers for Big Blue Nation; Signature win for Mark Stoops Inc.

Count me among those who believe his brain was already gauging impact on recruits: 'did-ya-see-what-we-just-did?'

**All-New-People Kentucky defined ...**

Infusion of true and red-shirt freshmen with speed, quickness and savvy, is obvious. The all new part ...

√ Holdover players bought in, embraced their coaches' package.

√ Expect to win for 60 minutes instead of play gallant then surrender in 45-50 is new.

√ Aggression coupled with confidence levels that build on themselves.

√ Team-ness. At game's end JoJo Kemp turned a predictable "how heroic are you?" question into "It's not just me. It's Hey, Why not Kentucky?" commercial (for prospects).

Epilogue: From football gods to Big Blue Nation: A wink and nod and bolt of lightning then whisprings of bowl game eligibility. And no mention of Willie and The Twins for another week.

**EASTERN KENTUCKY**

Typically put in media half-shadow by Big Blue Nation big noise, Eastern Kentucky's gem-of-a-5-and-oh start (2-0 in OVC) has not earned a 48-point headline yet.

To set the tailgate and add suspense - four of ECU's five wins have come on the road. This week a home date with OVC newcomer Eastern Illinois (1-4).

Suspense factor: The Colonels clubbed Austin Peay 31-0 last week. EIU's lone win was September 20, Austin Peay, 63-7.

**JIMMY FEIX**

Best of the best among Kentucky ball coaches, Jimmy Feix left us at 83.

For me, qualifications of a hero. Leader of men with a bark when necessary, but always a grin and twinkle in the eye.

All the wins, trophies, titles, newspaper headlines and accolades are dust now. Feix's departure leaves us with these questions: Did I contribute well to humankind? Was I loyal to something beyond self?

He did, and more.

"Coach Feix was a legendary figure in so many ways," Todd Stewart, director of athletics at Western Kentucky University said in a release. "His influence transcended far beyond his role as WKU's head football coach and athletics director."

The ever affable Man from Henderson was best of the best among college ball coaches in Kentucky with whom I dealt through decades. Forthright, good humored, effervescent personality, a contrast too many in his profession then and now. And, Feix kept a firm grip on who he was in the grand universe.

Most admirable, his loyalty. Feix left the friendly confines of Henderson in the 1940s for Bowling Green, earned success as a football player, then ball coach and director of athletics. He gave Western 27 years of his professional life and the rest of it to community.

Legacy? His sons are Doctor Jimmy B. Feix of Milwaukee and Doctor Jeff Feix of Nashville.

Writer/philosopher Dr. Joseph Campbell said: "A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."

Jimmy Feix.  
And so it goes.