

8th Grade Lady Patriots Win Season and Tourney Titles



The Estill County Middle School Patriots -- Season and Tournament Champions

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Last Friday night, the Estill County ECMS Lady Patriots 8th Grade completed the season sweep on hardware as they won the conference tournament as well as the regular season championship. After a slow start, the Lady Pats would take care of Caudill in the semi-finals by the score of 39-22. Holding a slim 16-12 lead at the half, ECMS would turn up the offensive intensity and outscore Caudill 23-10 in the second half to advance to the cham-

pionship game. Scoring: K.Flynn-13, M.Bellamy-8, T.Duechle-6, S.Stewart-4, A.Farmer-4, S.Danyour-3, L.Lewis-1.

The Championship game would be a high intensity and competitive affair as the rowdy Estill crowd willed their team to an 18-15 lead at the half. Early in the 3rd quarter, Shatarra Stewart would start a 9-0 run with a three and a layup and ECMS's lead would balloon to 12 points. Caudill would not fall apart as they went on a 9-0 run of their own. Taylor Duechle would take

control with a big block sandwiched with layups and a fast break assist and the Lady Patriots would find themselves with a 10 point lead, 34-24, at the end of three quarters. A Megan Bellamy smooth layup and deadly three pointer would fend off any notion of a Foley upset and Estill would hold up the hardware with a hard fought win, 41-34. Scoring: M.Bellamy-14, S.Stewart-10, T.Duechle-8, A.Farmer-5, K.Flynn-5, S.Danyour-1.

Congratulations to these young ladies!!! Back to

back regular season championships, Conference Tournament Champions, and I do believe a 24-3 overall record, possibly the best record in ECMS Lady Patriot history!!!

The ECMS Lady Patriots 7th grade team would see their tournament action get started on the right foot as they handled Clark Moores 29-12 in a first round victory. After falling behind 6-1, a Heather Walling 3-pointer would wake them up and turn the game around. With Leann Lewis' steady hand at the free throw line and

Kaylie Riddell's scoring, Estill would advance to the second round. Scoring: K.Riddell-9, H.Walling-8, L.Lewis, 7, B.Mason-3, L.Mills-2.

The second round game would not be as kind as the 7th graders found themselves on enemy ground at Foley. Their season would end without a trip to the championship game. Congratulations to these girls as well as they look to next year to carry on the "Winning Tradition."

The ECMS Lady Patriots 6th graders found

themselves in a dog fight in the semi-final game against a tough Foley team. Foley would take the lead early in the 3rd quarter but Britany Mason would put up an 8-0 run by herself and Estill would hold on in a nail biter. 25-24. Scoring: B.Mason-16, M.Riddell-6, M.Hale-6. The Championship game would find Estill over powered by an extremely talented Rockcastle County team and would have to settle for a runner-up finish. Congratulations girls!!!! You will only get better!

Engineers Upset Highly Ranked Garrard County

Estill is favored to win 3-way tie with Garrard and Bourbon for district title

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Last Friday night, the Estill County Engineers traveled home with one of the biggest wins in recent program history. By upsetting highly ranked Garrard County, the 'Neers found themselves in a 3 way tie for the district title. A tie-breaker using non-conference team wins will not only decide the district champion but seed the three teams, Estill, Garrard, and Bourbon for the upcoming playoffs. Seeds 1 and 2 will play at least one home game while the number three seed will be on the road for the first round.

Garrard would try to catch Estill napping by trying an onside kick on the opening play of the game, but Estill was not fooled and would recover the ball in excellent field position. After a successful 4th down conversion, Estill would find themselves first and goal from the 5 yard line. A 15 yard "chopblock" penalty against the Engineers would stall the drive and Levi Tipton's 40 yd. field goal attempt would sail wide left. Garrard could not move the ball against a fired up Engineer defense and would settle

for a punt. Another "chopblock" call against Estill would stall their next drive and after an Estill punt, Garrard would rip off a 65 yard TD run and successful 2 point conversion to take an early 8-0 lead.

Early in the 2nd quarter, Estill would put together an impressive 82 yard drive that culminated with a Trevor Jones 23 yard scamper for six. Estill's conversion attempt would fail but they were back in the game at 8-6. The defense would continue to play tough and keep Garrard pinned near their goal line and after an attempted fake punt, Estill would take over on the 10 yard line. On 4th and goal from the 8 yard line, Jones would find Logan Edmonson with a missile and Estill would take their first lead of the game, 13-8.

When the second half began, the "D" would continue to give Garrard no room to move and forced another punt. Chipper Hitchcock would make Garrard pay as he broke free for a 48 yard burst to pay dirt straight up the gut and Estill's team and fans could feel something special may be happening. That feeling would be short-

lived as the Golden Lions would return the favor with a 67 yard TD run of their own. The fireworks would not stop there because on the first play after the kickoff, Jones would blast through the middle for a 72 yard TD and give the 'Neers a 26-14 lead. Garrard County would not go down without a fight as they ran one in from 49 yards away to cut the lead to 4 points.

All year long this team has been an offensive juggernaut and putting up 26 points on the 2nd ranked defense would be proof enough, but this 4th quarter would belong to Estill's Defense as they stopped the Lions two times on fourth down inside their 30 yard line. With 1:06 left in the game and Garrard having excellent field position at the 38 yard line, Estill's "D" would have to pass one more test. Three incompletions and a game ending interception on the 3 yard line by Deron Miller would complete the task and Estill would take home a 26-22 victory.

STATS: Passing, T.Jones 3-6-31 yds 1 TD; Rushing, T. Jones 25 for 189 yards 2 TD, C.Hitchcock 15 for 123 yards 1 TD, Receiving, L.Edmonson 2 for 16 yards

1 TD, T.Tate 1 for 15 yards. Tackles: T.Jones-14, K.Day-10, D.Spivey-7, sophomore Blake Francisco filling in for an injured Michael Abner chipped in with 7 tackles.

Halloween night at Hoover Niece Field, Estill County will say goodbye to the seniors who have put their heart and soul into this program. Come out and support this TEAM! They are not finished yet!

Estill will take on McCreary Central and hope to run their record to 8 wins and 2 losses. Come and show your ESTILL PRIDE!!!

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Trevor Jones gets loose from Powell Co.

Estill Marching Engineers Advance To Semi-Finals

This past weekend, the Marching Engineers competed in regional competition in hopes of earning a spot at State.

Twelve total bands competed in the regional competition, with only the top eight advancing. Estill placed SECOND in the region with a DISTINGUISHED RATING and

their highest score of the year. This makes the 10th straight year that the band has advanced to state competition.

This coming Saturday (November 1st) the band will be performing in state semi-finals competition at Admiral Stadium in Danville. The Marching Engineers will take the field

at 12:30 p.m. in hopes of earning a spot in the top 4.

If the band does finish in top 4, they will advance to State Finals and will be competing for the state championship at ECU (Roy Kidd Stadium) that evening.

Class 2A competition will begin at 7:00 p.m.



Estill Marching Engineers and Band Boosters would like to thank Fauste Oil Services, Inc. for their very generous support of the marching band program