

Estill Gets Big Win Over Mason, 37-35 Engineers advance to round two to play at Russell

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The Estill County Engineers would warm up a cold crowd last Friday night with an exciting 37-35 victory over a talented Mason County team. This first round battle was touted to be the game of the night in 3A and both teams showed worthy of their rankings. Estill came

in ranked #7 in the final 3A rankings (Bluegrasspreps.com), while Mason County showed at #12. Both teams finished the regular season at 8-2 and Estill came into this game as the top scoring offense in 3A.

Estill would not disappoint the home crowd on their first possession. A 42 yard tipped pass comple-

tion from Jones to Tate and a 29 yard rush from Hitchcock would find Estill in scoring range. Hitchcock powered into the endzone from 6 yards out and the 'Neers would take the first lead of the night, 6-0. That lead would be short lived as Mason, thanks to a 3rd and 20 conversion, would see Hill score from 20 yards out.

With barely 6:00 gone in the first quarter, Mason would lead 7-6. Estill would find themselves faced with a 4th and 3 at midfield on their next series, but Jones would bail them out with a 13 yard run for a first down. With one of the prettiest "catch and runs" of the season, T. Tate would find paydirt from 35 yards. The 2 point conversion failed and Estill was back in front, 12-7. The first play of the second quarter would find Mason back on top as Hill scored on a 10 yard TD run, 14-12. T. Jones would take the next snap 70 yards to the house and put Estill in front 19-14. Finally a defensive stop by Estill, courtesy of a K. Day sack, would force a Mason County punt. A 29 yard "frozen rope" from Jones to D. Miller would give Hitchcock the chance to score again and the Engineers would find themselves with a double digit lead, 25-14. Mason continued to drive down the field and after a 35 yard pass and a mystery penalty tacked on, Hill would score and Mason would shrink the lead. With 2:27 left in the first half, Estill's first punt would give the Royals a chance to take the lead before halftime. Two pass interference calls and an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty would not help the home team's cause and Hill would score from 2 yards out to send Mason County to the locker room with a 28-25 lead.

The Estill County faithful would hope that the "D" would show up in the second half. But with Hill scoring on the ground and Mason taking their first double digit lead of the game, 35-25, you could almost hear a pin drop at Hoover Niece Field. With

plenty of time left in the 3rd quarter, Estill would mount a drive inside the 20 yard line of Mason before a fumble??? would stop them cold. On the proceeding defensive series, A. Niece would suffer a neck injury that caused the venue to go quiet. After a lengthy delay with all precautions being taken to treat the injury, Estill would see one of their comrades leave in an ambulance. This incident lit a fire under a Estill defense that had been ripped over the last quarter and a half. After a stop on third down, a terrible snap and punt would give the offense great field position. Jones would not be denied from 46 yards out and Old Mo' was back on Estill's sideline. The "D" continued their inspired play and after yet another stop, Estill would take possession with less than 9 minutes left in the game and trailing 35-31. After a Jones 42 yard gallop down to the four yard line, he would find T. Tate for a go ahead touchdown. After the failed 2pt conversion, Estill would lead 37-35. Another defensive stand would give Estill the ball back with a little over 5 minutes to play. Mason's defense decided

to join the party and would force an Estill punt. After 4 plays and 47 yards, big "D" dug in and forced a 4th and 5 from the 12 yard line with 1:23 left. Mason would attempt a 29 yard field goal, but it would sail Wide Left!!!! Estill would milk the remaining clock and take home the first round victory.

Game Stats: Rushing, T. Jones- 18-253 yds. 2 TD, C. Hitchcock- 16-118 yds. 2 TD; Passing- T. Jones 8-14-139 yds. 2 TD; Receiving- D. Miller 2-37 yds. T. Tate, in probably his best game of the year, 5 - 100 yds. 2 TD. Defensive: K. Day- 13 tackles, 1 sack, L. Edmonson- 13 tackles, T. Jones- 10 tackles, B. Francisco and C. Hitchcock- 6 tackles each, M. Abner, returning from a dislocated elbow chipped in with 5 tackles.

This Friday night, Estill will travel to play in the second round of the 3A playoffs against #9 ranked Russell High School. I am urging the "ESTILL NATION" to travel and support this amazing group of young men and their coaches on enemy turf.

GO ESTILL!!!! KEEP THIS TRAIN ROLLING!!!!

Jones' Coaching Spans 14 Years At Estill

This is Mike Jones' 14th year of coaching. He is currently 69-83. Estill's teams are 202-263 to date

He began coaching at Estill in 2001 and his team went 2-8. The following year, 2002, Jones' team was 5-6 and earned a berth in the playoffs, losing 47-8 to Prestonsburg. They returned to the playoffs in 2003 with an 8-3 record, losing 62-68 to Lloyd Memorial.

Estill was 3-7 in 2004 which started a "long dry spell" that lasted nearly two years. The Engineers lost to West Carter, 67-34 on October 22nd and followed that by an 0-10 season in 2005. Estill finally won and ended the drought in the 7th game of 2006 when they defeated Morgan County 22-12 on October 6th, just 16 days shy of two years without a win.

The Engineers finished 2006 with wins over West Carter and Powell County to finish 3-7. Estill finally got it turned around in 2009 with a 9-3 record, including a win over Cawood, 42-16, in the playoffs, followed by a 55-7 loss to Breathitt County in the second round.

The 2008 Engineers were good enough to advance to the third round of playoffs. They won over Somerset, 31-6, and Taylor County, 73-28, but were stopped by Breathitt County again, 39-7, to end the Engineers' best season ever 11-2.

In 2009, Estill won over Taylor County, 21-14, and lost to Somerset, 63-14, in playoffs with a team that finished 7-5. Estill's 2009 senior had the best all-time, four-year record at that time with 30 wins and only 17 losses.

The 2010 Engineers got a playoff berth, where they lost at Garrard County, 43-21. They only finished 5-6

but the seniors beat the previous four-year record for Estill with 32 wins and only 16 losses.

Estill's 2011 team went 2-8 and started another drought for the Engineers. They lost 39-12 to Garrard County and 30-25 to Walton-Verona, and the 2012 team never won a game, finishing 0-10. Estill's 2013 team finally got it turned around in the third game of the season, winning 36-0 over the Jackson County Generals to end a 14-game losing streak. The 2013 Engineers lost in playoffs at Russell, 49-21, and finished 5-6.

Bourbon County looked to be the early favorite as district winner of the district this year but lost to Garrard County. Then the Estill Engineers got an upset win over the Golden

Lions in Lancaster which created a 3-way tie for the district championship (since Estill had lost to Bourbon).

Going into the final week of games, Estill looked to be in the driver's seat for the district championships using the defeated teams' wins. Both Bourbon and Garrard looked to need some mild upsets to get the 17 points needed to win. Bourbon would also have to defeat George Rogers Clark to be in contention and the Colonels lost. However, Garrard's upsets came through, giving them 17 points, while a Magoffin County loss left Estill with only 16 points in the tiebreaker. If Estill had tied Garrard's 17, Estill would have become district champion because of their win over Garrard.

Jones' Coaching Records

2001	2-8	9-32	174-470	Mike Jones
2002	5-6	14-28	298-340	Mike Jones
		*Lost to Prestonsburg, 47-8		
2003	8-3	19-25	434-282	Mike Jones
		*Lost to Lloyd Memorial, 62-28		
2004	3-7	18-24	278-352	Mike Jones
2005	0-10	16-26	140-472	Mike Jones
2006	3-7	14-27	160-337	Mike Jones
2007	9-3	15-27	399-278	Mike Jones
		*Won over Cawood, 42-16;		
		*Lost to Breathitt County, 55-7		
2008	11-2	23-22	468-142	Mike Jones
		*Won over Somerset, 31-6;		
		*Won over Taylor County, 73-28;		
		*Lost to Breathitt County, 39-7		
2009	7-5	30-17	274-400	Mike Jones
		*Won over Taylor County, 21-14;		
		*Lost to Somerset, 63-14.		
2010	5-6	32-16	313-313	Mike Jones
		*Lost 43-21 at Garrard County		
2011	2-8	25-21	222-428	Mike Jones
2012	0-10	14-29	180-502	Mike Jones
2013	5-6	12-30	288-313	Mike Jones
		*Lost 21-49 at Russell		
2014	9-2	16-26	452-198	Mike Jones
		*Won 37-35 vs. Mason County		
Mike Jones overall record 69-83				
Estill overall record 202-263				*Playoffs



Estill's senior quarterback Trevor Jones with his parents, Mike Jones, and Tiffani. Other seniors and parents will be presented as soon as space permits.

2014 PRIMARY

Basketball & Cheerleading Signups

This year, our season will run thru Mid-February DATES

Tuesday	November 11 th	6-8 p
Thursday	November 13 th	6-8 p
Saturday	November 15 th	10a-1p

LOCATION: Estill County High School

BASKETBALL LEAGUES

Boys/Girls	Preschool to 1st Grade
Boys/Girls	2nd & 3rd Grade
Boys/Girls	4th & 5th Grade
Boys/Girls	6th thru 8th Grade

CHEERLEADING

Girls Preschool to 5th Grade

COST: 30.00 per kid (\$5.00 less for each brother or sister)
Payment is due when you come to sign up

Everyone must sign up at one of the designated times.
We will not take sign-ups over the phone.

SATURDAY, November 15th is Last Day to sign up!

Anyone interested in **Coaching** needs to come to one of the sign-ups

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