

Lady 'Neers, Estill Boys Sweep District Doubleheader

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Ladies 55 – Owls 41

The Estill County Lady Engineers started their weekend off on a good note as they claimed their first district win of the year in the first game of a district doubleheader last Friday night.

Owsley County would make the curvy trip to Irvine and be sent home dragging losses from both the girls and boys game.

The Lady 'Neers fans would see scoring leader, Kennedy Flynn, pour in 18 of her game high 29 points in the first half to give Estill a 27-18 lead at the intermission.

The Lady Owls would push back in the third quarter to make things close, but Estill would close this one out to send their district record to 1-2 by the score of 55-41.

Jordyn Rose would have one of the best games of her senior year with 12 points and 5 rebounds. Estill's remaining three seniors would

also mark the stat column.

K. Flynn- 29 pts. (5 threes), 5 stls., Abby Reed- 2 pts., 4 reb.; Bethany Hall- 8 pts., 3 reb.; Taylor Young and Sidney Danyeur would chip in with 2 pts. each.

Estill, 41 – Owls, 34

In the night cap, the Estill Engineer Boy's team would run their district record to a perfect 3-0 by pounding out a hard fought 41-34 victory.

Tight defense and even tighter rims for Estill would lead to a low scoring affair on this night. The end of the first half would see Estill holding on to a tight 16-12 lead.

With freshman Caleb Bonny spending much of the first half saddled with 3 fouls, Trevor Jones and Michael Bishop would shoulder the scoring load with some well timed 3-pointers.

Bonny would break out in the second half as he poured in his team high 16 points in the final two stanzas to give Estill the "W".

Scoring: T. Jones- 13, C. Bonny- 16 (10-10 FT), M.

Bishop- 10, D. Miller- 2.

Ladies 52 – Morgan 37

The Lady 'Neers would welcome Morgan County to the "House" for a Saturday night game, and the Ladies would start strong and never have this one in doubt as they posted a 13-point half-time lead.

Estill would score 31 points in the second half and win easily, 52-37.

K. Flynn would have another 29 point night and add 6 steals and 3 assists.

Sophomore S. Danyeur would have a career night with 8 points and 12 rebounds.

Other stats: J. Rose- 3 pts. 7 reb., B. Hall- 2 pts. 4 reb, 3 stl, K. Treadway- 1 pt, 2 assists, S. Barnes- 4 pts, T. Young- 2 pts.; and Makenzie Flynn, in her season debut, connected on a "3" and pulled down 2 rebounds.

Madison 69 – Ladies 47

On Monday night, the Lady Engineers would travel to Berea and take on one of the best teams in the area, Madison Southern.

In a first quarter onslaught to the tune of 30-9, Southern would make this a "no doubter" very early. But the Estill Ladies fought hard the entire game and were only outscored by 1 point for the remainder of the game.

Estill would take this one on the chin by the score of 69-47.

K. Flynn would have her third straight game with 29 points and J. Rose would chip in with 7 pts. and 5 boards. S. Brewer- 2 pts, K. Treadway- 1 pt., B. Hall- 6 pts., S. Danyeur- 2 pts.

Ladies' Summation

At the half way mark of the '14-'15 season, the Lady Engineers record stands at 8 wins- 8 losses. Poor shooting from the field as well as the free throw line has plagued Coach Hall's squad in the first half of the season.

Their gritty play and never-quit attitude continues to propel this team forward, already exceeding last year's win total with 15 games remaining. There is work that

needs to be done in district play but I have no doubt these hard working young ladies will give it every thing they have.

Come out and support

the Lady Engineers as they host Meniffee County on Thursday night. JV action @ 6pm, Varsity action @ 730 p.m.

Go Big Blue!!!!

Engineers' 1,000-Point Club

Trevor Jones Surpasses 1,000 Career Points

Trevor Jones was recognized at Friday night's doubleheader for having scored over 1,000 career points for the Estill County Engineers. He surpassed that amount at last Friday's game at Powell County where he scored 29.

Jones is one of only 15 Estill Engineers boys players to surpass that amount and joins the exclusive 1,000-point club for Estill.

Games against Garrard and Owsley pushed Jones past three former Estill Engineers to 12th place in all-time Estill scoring with 1,070 points.

David Newton (1,040)

and Glenn Puckett (1,045) both played during the 1969-72 seasons.

Jones pulled just ahead of Troy Mullins who was only the second player to score over 1,000 points as an Engineer with 1,047 scored during the 1956-59 seasons.

Sadly, Troy Lee Mullins Sr. passed away in Irvine on Saturday, January 3, 2015, at the age of 75. Mullins was an extremely nice individual and will be missed.

Delmar McGee (1953-57) is still the boys' leading point-getter for Estill with 1,943.

Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

Others splatter! Mopey(?) Kentucky marches on, and Western Kentucky surges



Bob Watkins

Think pin splatter sounds at a bowling alley. Add to the clatter, a not-perfect-but-close lay-down delivery in the fifth frame. Quiet, firm, no bump at the let-go point, ball hurdling toward front pin pocket.

Freeze it!

Transfer the bowling alley noise to college hoops. Duke, Arizona, Wisconsin and Louisville splattered last weekend. One that didn't go flying got the most scrutiny because it was not, well, great in two games.

Kentucky needed three overtimes to stay perfect in 15 games. Here came the preachers to exhale a grasp of the obvious, Kentucky is **not** a great team.

This time Dana O'Neil at ESPN offered a mixed bag of conclusions. Some spot on, some baloney.

√ "Kentucky played hard and tough and energized against Kansas and North Carolina and Louisville and disinterested and mopey and without energy against Buffalo, Ole Miss and now A&M," said she.

Disinterested and mopey is spot on. Add to the disinterested list, Columbia, December 10. Then add reality: Kids deciding a suit style to wear to the NBA draft in June, understandably find it hard to get excited about Grand Canyon and Montana State.

√ "Calipari looked like a madman on the sidelines, cajoling and cursing

and gesticulating," O'Neil said. "all in an effort to find a spark, but in the end, the coach can only light it. The players have to keep it alive,"

Noticed that, did you? Then came the premature and presumptuous grab at the *greatness* theme.

"...they aren't there yet," O'Neil proclaimed, "and they won't arrive there if they don't get over themselves."

Get over themselves? Ball players at Kentucky? C'mon, lady.

Sufficient warmed to her pulpit, O'Neil went off to La-La Land. "Everyone said it was going to be easy (for Kentucky)," she said. "Turns out everyone was wrong."

Everyone? Who is *everyone*? O'Neil didn't say, but maybe colleague Seth Davis is. He's the ESPN guy who, a month into the season, congratulated himself for being first to predict Kentucky could finish 40-0.

Conclusion to all this? It's mid-January, like collectives at Kentucky for decades, these Wildcats will grow into a team, greatness or not.

Meanwhile, until Dana O'Neil tells her readers who *everyone* is, she needs to get over herself.

WOBBLY WILDCATS

Kentucky is the best basketball collective in America. A talented bunch that played poorly for a week. Too many in the media herd ignore that January and February is the kindergarten in which the former can transform into the latter.

The obsession with "*can Kentucky go undefeated?*" is giving way to reality questions. Here are a few this week.

√ Can Aaron Harrison be a leader? Make a lay-up at crunch time?

√ Will Andrew Harrison grow up and skip the "who

me?" whine on phantom foul calls?

√ Will someone on the multi-million dollar coaching staff remind these Wildcats of two fundamentals from junior varsity ball: 1. Game officials will not allow players to defend with their hands. 2. The rewards of pump fake.

√ Against Texas A&M Kentucky took 64 shots, Devin Booker had 11. Will somebody run a play for team's best shooter?

√ Will SEC teams adopt the Texas A&M blueprint – make Kentucky play half-court – Rajon Rondo-Ball (a.k.a. Tubby Ball)? Dribble ... dribble ... pass ... dribble the clock down to :01 while John Calipari waves frantically for his players to move.

WKU SURGING

To say Western Kentucky is surging is half truth. In their inaugural season the Hilltoppers are atop Conference USA alongside Louisiana Tech and UAB (3-0). ... have won nine of 11 games after a 2-3 start. ... building a resume' for post-season dance.

Ray Harper's team is making itself into a "we gotta go see these guys play!" option for WKU fans who know this game (and coach it too).

Two components too often ignored by analysts,

√ Personality. George Fant III, Chris Harrison-Docks and T.J. Price lead this cast. They listen, lead and play unselfishly.

√ Rotation. Harper's use of rotating bench players and timing borders on brilliance.

Resume'? Western fans will have a collective eye the rest of the way on St. Joseph's (6-8), Ole Miss (10-5), Old Dominion (13-2) among others.

WHITNEY CREECH

Eastern Kentucky ... it's raining in the mountains

again. Basketball points.

Whitney Creech at Jenkins High School is the rage.

Not since Geri Grigsby at McDowell (Miss Basketball 1977) scored 4,385 points, and Kim Mays at Knox Central (Miss Basketball 1990) scored 3,952, and Carolyn Alexander 3,563 at Hazard (mid-90s), has an eastern Kentuckian put up Creech's numbers.

I don't like dispensing accolades to individuals in a team game, particularly when the team is under .500 (Jenkins was 5-10 at this writing), but, Creech's statistics are rare even on the Extraordinary Scale. Points, rebounds, steals and blocked shots, here numbers are double the national average, according to Max-Prep.

As a freshman she averaged 30.2 points in 25 game; 34.3 points and 10.5 rebounds in 29 as a sophomore. Through 15 games this season, she is producing at a King Kelly Coleman-like clip – 39.5 points and 10.9 rebounds.

Historical perspective? To date, Creech has 2,342 points, well inside Kentucky girls' Top 50 all-time scorers. With a season and a half to go, barring injury, she could equal or pass No. 3 Mays on the all-time list.

Out of reach: Jaime Walz, Ft. Thomas Highlands, 4,948 points and Grigsby, 4,385.

A 5-9 junior, Creech is a news flash on the Kentucky High School Basketball scene only for lack of being discovered by metro media.

Reality hurdles ahead? Creech must maintain/establish academic levels and elevate her school team's success while improving her play to competition level required at the college program she chooses.

And so it goes. You can reach me at bob.Watkins24@aol.com

Estill Engineers

Top 26 All-Time Scorers

1. **Delmar McGee 1943**
2. **Brian Kiser 1614**
3. **Tristan Cackling . . 1555**
4. **Blake Christopher. 1517**
5. **Clinton Dixon 1417**
6. **Cody Berryman . . . 1292**
7. **Bud Erwin 1162**
8. **Kyle Christopher . . 1154**
9. **Jeremy Niece 1128**
10. **Randall Meek 1112**
11. **Tony Muncie 1112**
12. **Trevor Jones 1070**
13. **Troy Mullins 1047**
14. **Glenn Puckett 1045**
15. **David Newton 1040**
16. **Rodney Brewer Jr. . 948**
17. **Chris Hoover 940**
18. **Greg Robinson 919**
19. **Steve Honchell 900**
20. **Paul Roberts 874**
21. **Charles Young 858**
22. **Larry Noland 849**
23. **Randall Young 845**
24. **Chris East 813**
25. **Jeff Cole 795**
26. **Mark Birchfield . . . 780**

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Estill Middle Patriots

2014-15 Boys Basketball

- Jan 15 Madison H 5:00
 Jan 20 Farristown A 5:00
 Jan 22 Caudill A 5:00
 Jan 29 Conference make-up date

Estill Lady Engineers

2014-15 Girls Basketball

- Jan 15 Meniffee County H 7:30
 Jan 19 Magoffin County A 7:30
 Jan 23 Powell County H 8:00
 Jan 24 Jackson County H 7:30

2015 Estill County Primary League

CENTRAL OFFICE GYM	WEST IRVINE GYM	CENTRAL OFFICE GYM	CENTRAL OFFICE GYM	CENTRAL OFFICE GYM	WEST IRVINE GYM	CENTRAL OFFICE GYM	CENTRAL OFFICE GYM
MONDAY JAN 19	MONDAY JAN 19	TUESDAY JAN 20	WEDNESDAY JAN 21	THURSDAY JAN 22	THURSDAY JAN 22	FRIDAY JAN 23	SATURDAY JAN 24
5:30 22 vs 24	5:30 6 vs 7	5:30 32 vs 33	5:30 11 vs 12	5:30 21 vs 22	5:30 2 vs 7		
6:30 23 vs 26	6:15 4 vs 5	6:30 31 vs 34	6:30 13 vs 14	6:30 23 vs 24	6:15 4 vs 6		
7:30 21 vs 25	7:00 2 vs 3	7:30 27 vs 28	7:30 15 vs 16	7:30 25 vs 26	7:00 1 vs 5		
	7:45 1 vs 8	8:30 17 vs 18			7:45 3 vs 8		