

Lady Engineers Looking For 9th Trip To State

Veteran Estill Lady Engineers fast pitch softball coach Shirley Beard returns for another year and is looking for her 9th trip to the state tournament.

The Estill County Lady Engineers played in their eighth Kentucky Fastpitch Softball Tournament last year, after winning 11-3 over the Powell County Lady Pirates in the 14th Region Tournament for Estill's seventh 14th Region title in nine years. They previously won the region once in the

10th Region.

Estill's ladies first won a softball regional in 2005 when they were playing in the 39th District, 10th Region, with tough softball opponents George Rogers Clark and Montgomery County in the same district. The Lady Engineers finished 4th in the state that year.

After being moved to the 14th Region for 2006, Estill won the regional again and continued to dominate the region through 2007, 2008 and 2009 but didn't make

it to the state in 2010 and 2011. They returned in 2012 and also in 2013. The Lady Engineers have also won every 56th District since 2006 and won 10 straight district titles, nine in the 56th.

Estill defeated Powell County for the third time this season to win the district and, surprisingly, had to beat them again to win the 14th Region. The 2014 Lady Engineers were undefeated against district (9-0) and region (11-0) competition and finished 26-15

overall.

It's hard to beat a team four times in a year, and the Powell County Lady Pirates always step up to the challenge against Estill. But Estill stopped their district rival in the sixth inning of the regional final with six runs to take a 11-3 lead.

Michaela Gross' excellent pitching stopped Powell cold in the 7th and Estill picked up the win.

Gross, a senior, was named MVP for the regional game, and senior Cheyenne

Rawlins who got two home runs was named to the all-tournament team along with sophomore catcher Zoe Deaton and freshman Taylor Wiseman.

Gross and Rawlins are the only players lost to graduation and will be missed, but Estill returns several experienced sophomores, juniors, including Deaton, Wiseman and four seniors.

Estill veteran MacKenzie Angel plays infield; and Kennedy Flynn, Bethany Hall and Kaylee are all ex-

perienced outfielders.

Beard continues to play few teams in the 14th Region except for district teams but scheduled some of the toughest competition in the central part of the state, including Montgomery County, Lexington Catholic, South Laurel and others. On Tuesday night Estill played at Lafayette in Lexington.

The Lady Engineers will be looking for their 9th trip and fourth straight to the state tournament.

Engineers Open With Four Seniors and New Coach

The Estill County Engineers baseball team opened on Monday evening against Rockcastle County at home.

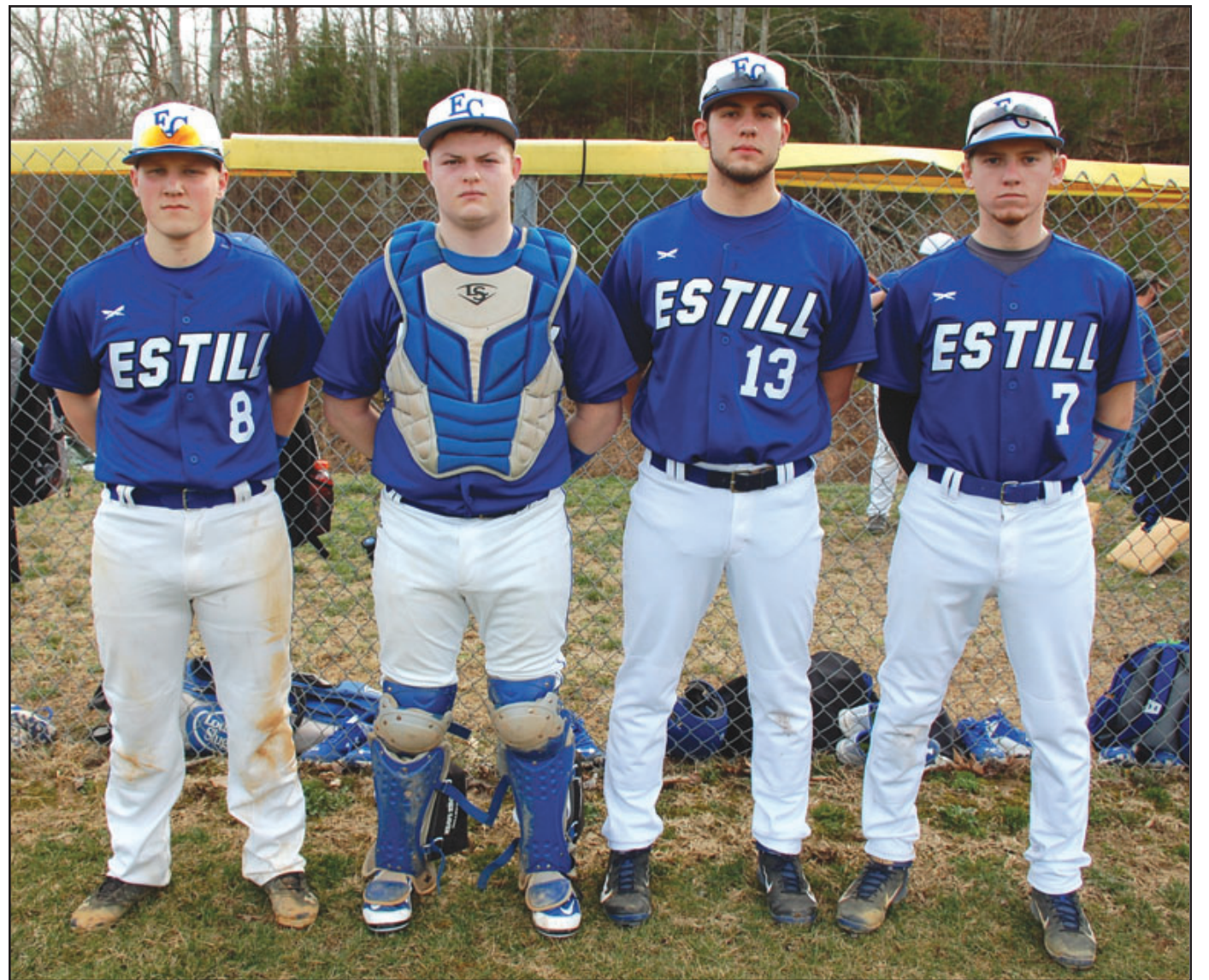
The 2015 Engineers are led by first year coach Brian Crowe who will try to keep Estill's winning tradition alive. Crowe has been involved in baseball for several years as a player and coach and was previously an Engineers assistant coach. He replaces Gene Combs who coached only a single year for Estill.

The Engineers lost seven seniors from last year's 24-

11, region runner-up team and will be led this year by four seniors.

Ryan Freeman plays both the infield and the outfield. Brandon McKinney is an experienced catcher who also plays first base. Austin Blackwell and Andrew Farmer will both be pitching and playing the infield.

On Monday night, Estill made a terrific play at second base to pick off the runner and end the inning but allowed three runs in the second inning which they could not match, losing 3-0 to the Rockets.



Four seniors will lead this year's Estill County Engineers baseball team. From left to right are, Ryan Freeman (infielder and outfielder), Brandon McKinney (catcher and first base), Austin Blackwell (pitcher and infielder), and Andrew Farmer (infielder and pitcher).



Estill junior Zach Withers pitched for the Engineers against Rockcastle County on Monday night in Estill's season opener.



The Estill County Engineers baseball team made a great play at second base on Monday night, picking off the Rockcastle runner to end the first inning.

Farm News

Tuesday, March 24th @ 6pm

Fertilizing Forages Seminar

Estill County Extension will host a Fertilizing Forages Seminar Tuesday, March 24th, 6:00 p.m. UK Extension soil specialist Josh McGrath will be the guest speaker. A catered meal will be provided. Meal is sponsored by Tri-County Fertilizer & Propane of Richmond. Please pre-register by calling 723-4557.

Take Part in Commonwealth Cleanup!

Help pick up roadside litter & illegal dumps in your community. Take advantage of one of the following two options:

(1) Thursday, March 26, 2015 from 9 – 3 p.m.

Dump trucks will be available at the following sites:

- Pea Ridge (located at the Soccer Fields)
- Greenbriar Church (at the foot of Drip Rock)
- Barnes Mountain (located at the corner of Eli Sparks Road & 851)
- Cobhill Fire Station (located at the Fire Department)
- Winchester Road, Highway 82 (Located at 82 Food Mart)

OR

(2) Friday, March 27, 2015 from 8-2 p.m.

Advanced Disposal (located at 2700 Winchester Road, Irvine)

If you wish to participate in either of these two options, please remember the following rules:

- ABSOLUTELY NO TRASH can be left along roadsides. Neither the county nor state will be offering door-to-door pickup. Those leaving things along the roadside will be cited.
- NO TIRES WILL BE ACCEPTED!
- ALL white-goods (i.e. appliances) must be taken directly to the landfill. Please keep in mind, white-goods are FREE every day at the landfill.

If you have questions, please contact Judge Taylor's Office at 723-7524

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Most Populated ISLANDS IN NORTH AMERICA

1. Long Island
2. Montreal Island
3. Manhattan
4. Oahu
5. Vancouver
6. Newfoundland
7. Staten Island
8. Île Jésus (Quebec)
9. Hawaii
10. Lulu Island

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THE RELAY FOR LIFE GETS FROSTED OVER!

Estill Springs Elementary School
Saturday March 21st

It has been a long, cold winter and you are ready for spring but the Estill County Relay For Life team is bringing you one more round of snowy fun! For the first time in forever, there'll be magic, there'll be fun in the cafeteria of the Estill Springs Elementary School. Everyone's favorite Ice Queen and Snow Princess are traveling all the way from Arendelle to celebrate the queen's recent coronation and they would love for you to join them. The queen will tell the guard to open up the gates from 2:00pm to 5:00pm to the children of Estill County and all surrounding counties. Stop in anytime during those hours for interactive activities and one on one time with the queen and princess! Parents don't forget to bring your cameras and capture all these memories for your princess or prince.

\$5 minimum donation per child to attend
All donations go directly to the Relay For Life and their commitment to help people get well, stay well, find cures, and fight back against cancer.