



The Estill County Middle School Academic Team recently won the 2020 District Governor's Cup Championship of the 73rd District against Lee County and Jackson County. ECMS Academic team. AT LEFT: Dylan Cole, coach Lavelle Tipton, and Hannah Peters. ABOVE: The FPS team: Trenton Cox, Hannah Peters, Taylor Williams (not pictured, Zack Young) (Photos courtesy of Kimberley Peters) Story and team photo is on Page 15.

# Mia Hale and Joe Benton get individual honors

Estill County fans are being treated to some great basketball action from the Engineers and Lady Engineers although the two teams are nearly polar opposites on records. The Engineers won over Powell County on Friday night and were 12-5 leading into a game with their nearest competitor for the district season championship, Owsley County on Tuesday night.

The Lady Engineers were able to hold on for a win over the Lady Pirates after having lost to the Powell County team earlier. They lost to Garrard County on Saturday which dropped them to 5-10 on the season.

Two players were honored over the past week for individual achievements.

The Lady Engineers' super sophomore Mia Hale got her 500th rebound on Saturday at Garrard and scored 29 points which puts her only 87 away from her 1,000th career point.

Mia scored nearly 1,600 points at Estill Middle School for a squad that had a 71-14 three-year record.

She was to be honored at Tuesday night's game against Owsley.

Engineers senior Joe Benton was named Fox 56 High School Sports Extra "Athlete of the Week" after scoring 23 points against Woodford County and following that up by 20 over Somerset. A super rebounder, he got 11 in each of those games.

The Lady Engineers went slightly ahead of the Lady Pirates on Friday but the stubborn Powell County team came back to tie before

Estill put them away.

The Pirates boys always play strong against Estill and never quit in this one. They led after one quarter but were bombarded by threes from Benton and sophomore Landon Napier in the second. Each had five for the game and Cobbe Click dropped in one for 11 Estill threes.

Powell County was also hit hard by junior Dyllon Long who got four buckets in the fourth for a total of 14 in the game.

Sophomore Will Isfort also had a run with three field goals in the third that helped put away the Pirates.

Both Estill teams were in action on Tuesday at home against Owsley, and Lee County comes to town on Friday.

A boys' win over the Owls could nearly assure them of the district season title.

Estill is currently 3-0 in the district and with that Engineers OT win over Owsley they were 3-1 going into Tuesday night's contest.

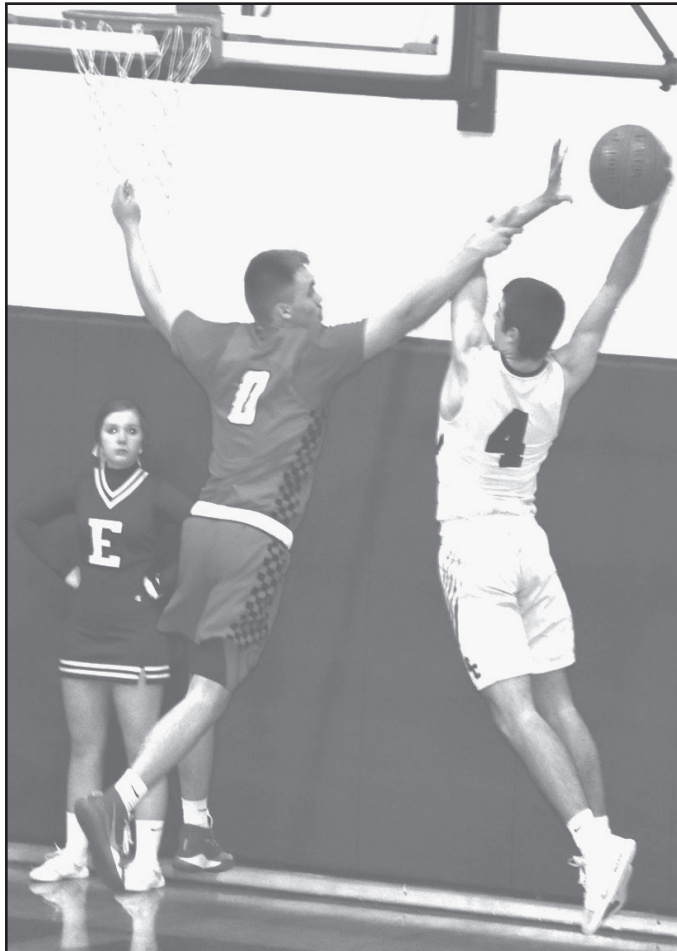
Letcher County Central (3-12) will be here Saturday for an afternoon contest against the Engineers followed by a Wednesday contest (29th) against a Richmond homeschool team.

Powell dropped to 1-3 and Lee is 0-4 in district.

The Lady Owls should win the regular season district for the girls; especially with a win over Estill on Tuesday.

But don't count out the Lady Engineers as Estill has a lot of talented players who are yet to mature.

The girls play at Jackson City on Saturday and Model is here, Tuesday.



Estill's Joe Benton (#4) is heavily guarded by the Powell Pirates senior Colby Cook (#0) in Friday's contest.



Lady Engineers super sophomore Mia Hall was honored on Tuesday night for her 500th career rebound.



Junior Estill Engineer Dyllon Long (#33) was a force to be reckoned with for the Powell County Pirates.



The Powell County Lady Pirates made it tough under the basket for Lady Engineers freshman Haley Angel.

## Estill Lady Engineers 2019-20 Girls Basketball

Jan 21	Owsley County	..... H	6:00
Jan 24	Lee County	..... H	6:00
Jan 25	Jackson City	..... A	2:00
Jan 28	Model	..... H	6:00
Jan 30	Nicholas County	..... H	7:30
Jan 31	Breathitt County	..... A	7:30
Feb 1	Whitley County	..... A	3:30
Feb 3	Berea	..... H	7:30
Feb 6	Madison Central	..... A	7:30
Feb 7	Lee County	..... A	6:00
Feb 15	Leslie County	..... H	4:00
Feb 17	Wolfe County	..... H	7:30
Feb 20	Montgomery County	.. H	7:30
Feb 21	Lexington Christian	.. A	7:30
Feb 12	Oneida Baptist Inst.	.. H	7:30
	Coach Ruth Hughes		

## Estill County Engineers 2019-20 Boys Basketball

Jan 21	Owsley County	..... H	8:00
Jan 24	Lee County	..... H	
Jan 25	Letcher Co. Central	.. H	2:00
Jan 27	Wellspring Guardians (Richmond Hschool)	H	7:30
Jan 28	Wolfe County	..... H	7:30
	Scott Blank Classic		
Jan 31	Buckhorn	..... A	8:30
Feb 1	Fleming County	..... A	3:30
Feb 4	Breathitt County	..... H	7:30
Feb 6	Western Hills	..... H	7:30
Feb 7	Lee County	..... A	
Feb 11	Montgomery County	.. A	7:45
Feb 15	Pendleton County	.... H	4:30
Feb 21	Hazard	..... A	7:30
	Coach Jon B. Bentley		

## Estill Middle Engineers 2019-20 Boys Basketball

Jan 23rd (Thurs)	..... Farristown Home
Jan. 30th (Thurs)	..... Caudill Away
Feb. 3rd (Thurs)	..... Foley Home
Feb. 8th -15th	Conference Tournament Various Sites

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