

Lady Engineers' win streak ends at 16 with 7-6 loss to Montgomery

The Estill County Lady Engineers' win streak finally played out on Monday night at Montgomery County after 16 straight wins to set a school record and come within two games of getting on the state record book with 18.

Estill's first loss of the season, 7-6, came at the hands of the Montgomery County Lady Indians, coached by former Estill player April Hall Tegtmeier.

The Lady Engineers just came off a big 27-0 win over South Laurel in three innings for their 16th straight win of the season without a loss. This had looked to be one of two big tests for Estill, traveling to George Rogers Clark on Thursday night and then to Laurel County on Friday.

Estill bested the Lady Cardinals of GRC 3-0 in Winchester then literally easily defeated the South Laurel Cardinals and ended their win streak at seven, going into Monday's game with Montgomery.

Meanwhile, Tegtmeier's team had also been busy and were 7-4 after blowing out Paris 27-1 in three innings. Two Lady Indians, a senior and freshman, combined for seven hits and eight rbi's against Paris.

The Lady Engineers bats had been hot all sea-

son and Monday night's game was no different with five players getting hits against Montgomery, Lauren Farmer, Katie Johnson, Emma Winkler, Savanna Newton, and Henlee Hunter.

However, Estill's six runs were not enough as the Lady Indians brought in seven, leaving the Lady Engineers at 16-1 for the season. Montgomery improved to 8-4.

The two teams are not scheduled to play again in regular season but both could well end up at the state tournament as in previous years.

Montgomery's softball team was built up by Estill native and Hall of Famer Bart Rison, but after he retired, the program had slipped. But looks like another Estill native, Tegtmeier, has revived it quickly and with a squad composed of several younger and talented players, she should do well.

Coach Lynn West's team will pick back up on the winning track. They played at Breathitt County on Tuesday night and will be at home in a rematch with Frederick Douglass tonight, Wednesday, April 28th.

The Lady Engineers travel to Powell County on Thursday and will be back home against Garrard County on Monday night, May 3rd.



Katie Johnson homers against South Laurel



Vana Newton homers against Owsley

Engineers win big over GRC, 14-4

The Estill County Engineers had everything pretty well working on Wednesday night in cold weather winning big over George Rogers Clark 14-4.

George Rogers Clark got things started in the first inning when Aaron Abner singled on a 3-2 count, scoring one run. GRC was up 2-0 after 1 inning.

Engineers hung tough and played good defense and pulled away for good with seven runs in the third inning. In the third an error scored one run for Engineers, an error scored one run for Engineers, senior Dean Tucker was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, and sophomore Ethan Henry singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run. Several Engineers were hit by pitches and were big runs for Estill County.

Senior Andrew Elam threw 86 pitches and a complete game for Engineers win. The pitcher allowed nine hits and four runs over six innings, striking out five and walking one.

Keyonte Back took the loss for George Rogers

Clark. George Rogers Clark racked up nine hits in the game.

Sophomore Braeden Waddle went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Engineers in hits. Sophomore Thomas Forehand and Tucker each had 2 RBI's.

The tables were turned on Estill on Friday night as the Bourbon County Colonels won over the Engineers 7-2 after having lost to Estill, 6-4, earlier.

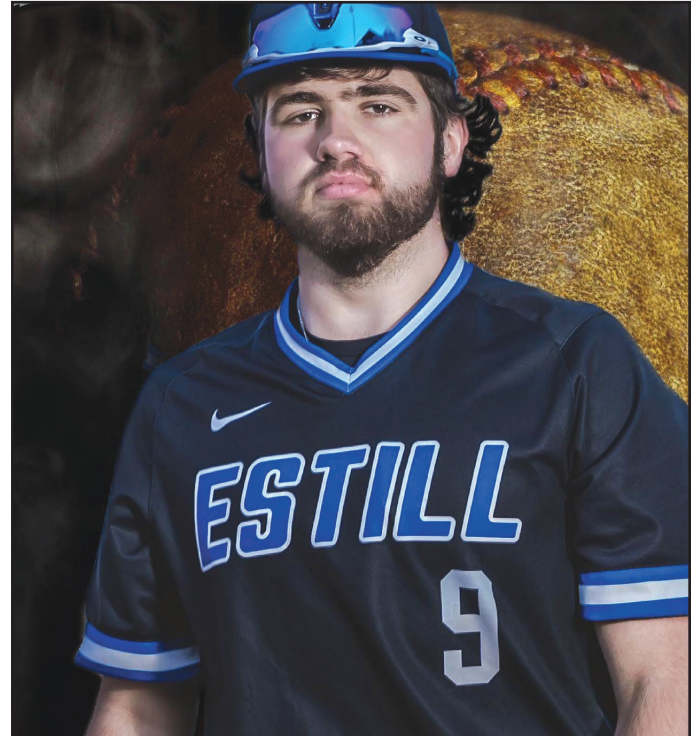
The Engineers picked up two 19-0 blowouts over 56th District opponents Lee and Owsley and continues to completely dominate the district.

Estill will be hoping to turn things around tonight, Wednesday, when they take on the Hazard Bulldogs at home. Earlier, the Engineers let one slip away to the Bulldogs, 5-4. The 8-7 Engineers travel to Madison Southern on Thursday and play Bryan Station at home on Monday.

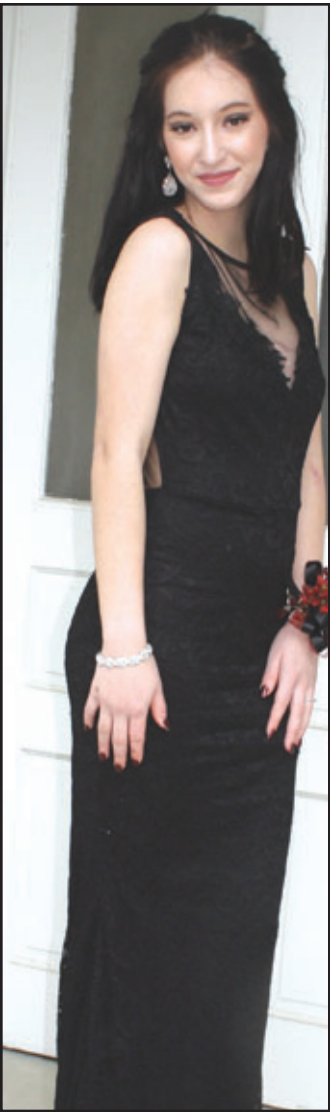
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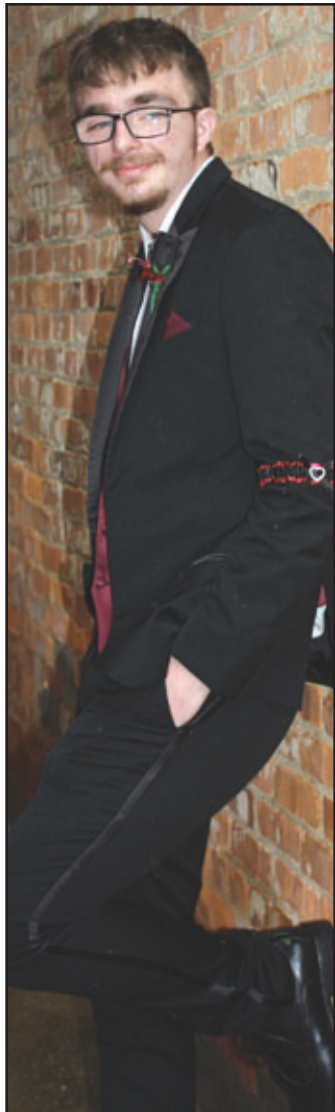
One of the state's top pitchers, Emma Winkle, is tough on offense as well with a homer at GRC.



Estill Engineers sophomore Thomas Forehand



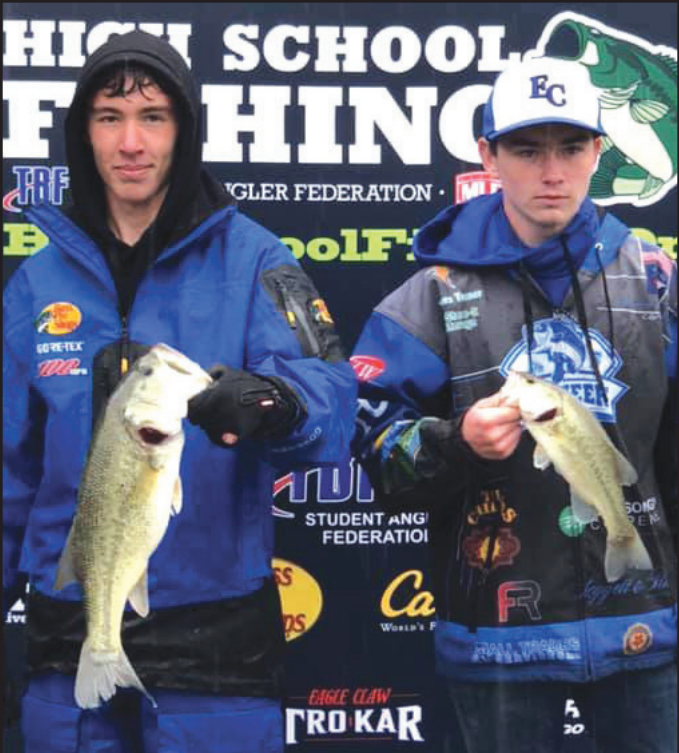
Kendra Clark
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Hunter Parks
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Prom-goers Seth Masters and Josie Halter
Photo by Phyllis Alcorn



Coach Chris Osborne says, "Congratulations to Brenden Wright - James Turner (left photo) with a 14th place finish and Summer Evans - Brandon Vanderpool (right photo), 47th in the KHSAA Region 4 Tournament. Region 4 had 83 boats with the top 20 moving on to the KHSAA state tournament, May 7-8 on Kentucky Lake. Brenden-James will represent the Engineers in the state tournament." According to Osborne, the coaches' association has started a new thing this year. They took the top 4 boats from each school and combined the weight for top school and runner-up trophies. Osborn says, "I think you will see this trend more in the future." Estill County had two teams at region and finished 13th as a school.



Jalin Cockrell and Jesse McKinney at the Prom
Photo by Phyllis Alcorn