

# Engineers win 56th District Tournament & Season Title

## Lady Engineers were set to take all on Tuesday night at Stanton

The Estill County Engineers baseball team is headed for the 14th Region after picking up a hard-fought win over the Powell County Pirates in the championship game of the 56th District on Monday night at Stanton. The Engineers were greeted to a heroes' welcome as they crossed the county line and were escorted by a convoy of various rescue and emergency vehicles to the Courthouse square. The Engineers picked up three runs in the 3rd inning and another in the 5th inning in the victory

over the Pirates while Powell only managed a single run in the 3rd. Senior Andrew Elam led the way on the mound and also picked up two of Estill's nine hits. Junior Ty Niece and senior Kamden Powell also picked up two. Senor Rocky Hix, sophomore Braeden Waddle and senior Dean Tucker also had hits for Estill. The Engineers had earlier shut out Lee County's Bobcats in their first game of the tournament. This was Estill's third shutout of Lee County this season. They also shut out Owsley County in the only game

the teams played. The Engineers were all on board as they beat Lee County 15-0. Senior Trevyn Niece pitched a 1 hitter /7 K 3 inning shut-out. In a previous game in Lee County Niece pitched a no-hitter against the Bobcats. The Engineers came off the bus swinging, plating 6 runs in the 1st inning. In the 2nd inning Estill exploded for 9 runs behind Powell's triple, sophomore Thomas Forehand and Hix back to fence shots for doubles and Elam, Waylon Puckett hits, to put Estill up

15-0. Niece closed out the win in the 3rd inning and Estill rolled on in tournament play. The Engineers had beaten Powell County twice earlier despite the Pirates scoring five runs in each of the games. The season wins were 9-5 and 7-5, which gave Estill a 7-0 in the district and the regular season title. Congratulations, Estill! Good luck in Regionals! **Lady Engineers** The Estill County Lady Engineers were also poised to take it all on Tuesday evening in Stanton as they also played

Powell County, against the Lady Pirates. Coach Lynn West's team has been riding high on tradition of past teams, great support from parents and hard work from players and coaches as they were 30-4 going into the championship game against the Lady Pirates. Estill had shut out the Lady Pirates earlier 4-0, and Lee County had been the only district team to score against the Lady Engineers as they won the regular season title, 7-0. The Lady Engineers faced Owsley County's Lady Owls on Saturday

and had little trouble shutting out the team from Booneville for the third straight time this season, 18-0. They had earlier won two contests, 15-0, and had beaten Lee County 13-0 and 19-3. Three Estill players, Vana Grace, Emma Winkler and Rylee Friend all picked up homeruns against the Lady Owls. Estill continues to lead the 14th Region with a 13-0 slate and figures to the team to beat in the regional tournament next week. Good luck, Lady Engineers in Regionals!

# Estill's head basketball coach leaving for Montgomery

The Estill County Engineers basketball team is losing its head coach of eleven years, Jon Bentley. Montgomery County High School has announced the hiring of Bentley for their new head basketball coach starting in the 2021-22 season. A release by Montgomery County says, "MCHS is excited to announce the hiring of Mr. Jon Bentley as the new Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach." Athletic director Kevin Letcher stated, "Coach Bentley brings a wealth of basketball knowledge and experience to our basketball program." MCHS principal Rocky Franz added, "We are very

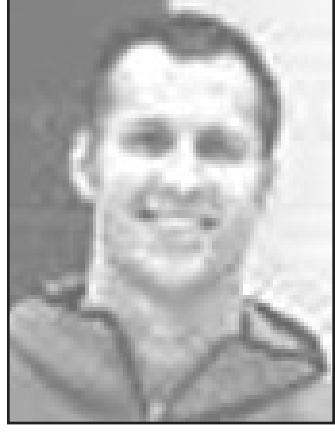
excited to have Coach Bentley as part of our tribe." Coach Bentley graduated from Hazard High School where he played basketball for the Bulldogs. He went on to Eastern Kentucky University where he was a two-year starter for Travis Ford who was then coach of the Colonels. He was named 2nd team All-OVC in his senior year. Prior to Estill County, Bentley was an assistant coach at Perry County Central, Bell County, Rockcastle County and his alma mater, Hazard High School. Bentley came to Estill County for the 2010-2011

season where he revived a program that had won only four of 27 games the previous season. The Engineers were 18-14 his first year and were runner up in the 56th District tournament and won the first of two games in the 14th Regional Tournament. Bentley took his teams to region every season of his 11-year tenure at Estill, winning six district championships including 2018 when he led the Engineers to Estill's first ever regional championship and the school's first trip to the state tournament in basketball. The Engineers were able to play on the floor of the

infamous Rupp Arena but lost their first game of the Sweet Sixteen to Corbin. This year, Bentley's Engineers finished 16-5 in a Covid-shortened season and won the 56th District but fell in the first game of the 14th Regional Tournament. Unofficially, his Estill teams were 192-138 and was one of the Engineers' most successful coaches. Another of Estill's more successful coaches, Ravenna native Bart Rison, also left the Engineers for a stint at Montgomery County. Rison coached Estill for five years and was 81-59. He then went 338-174 in 17 years coaching the

Indians with nine district championships one regional title and four regional finals. He was also a successful softball coach for Montgomery and was a highly respected state sports official as well. Another Montgomery coach has Estill ties as well. April Hall Tegtmeyer, a former Estill softball player is now head softball coach for the Lady Indians. All of Estill County certainly wishes Bentley well and thanks him for his service to the Engineers. Estill County Athletics said, "We are very thankful for the time Jon was able to spend as our Boys Basketball coach. We are

proud of his accomplishments, his growth, and the tutelage he has provided to our student athletes over the past 11 seasons. Montgomery County has landed a terrific coach, and top notch individual. We wish Jon the best in all future endeavors."



Jon Bentley on Bluegrass Sports Nation



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				Trees less than 25' tall/spread at least 25' from lines.				Trees 25' - 40' in height/spread at least 40' from lines.				Plant trees larger than 40' in height/spread at least 60' from lines.			

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