

# Estill County Engineers to play for 14<sup>th</sup>'s championship

The Estill County Engineers baseball team were playing for the championship of the 14th Region last night, June 8, 2021, in at Danny Wood Field in Irvine.

The Engineers steam rolled past Letcher County Central 11-2 on Monday in semi-final action to advance to the 14th Region championship game against the 28-12 region leading Hazard Bulldogs.

Estill started early as Andrew Elam singled on a 2-0 count, scoring one run in top of 1st inning. Estill added four runs in the 4th inning. Thomas Forehand, Rocky Hix and Kamden Powell each drove in runs during frame.

Estill struck again in the 5th, Powell singled in Tye Niece, and Forehand doubled off the left center fence to score Powell and Waylon Puckett, and Hix followed up with a single to score pinch runner Tyler Brewer.

The Engineers added 2 more runs in the 7th as Coben Clem scored on a wild pitch and Niece scored on a sac fly by Powell. Forehand threw 7 pitches to seal the deal in bottom of 7th and Estill plays another day!

Lucas Flynn was credited with the win going 5.3 innings, 2 runs on five hits, striking out 5. Thomas Forehand threw one and two-thirds innings in relief out of the bullpen. Forehand recorded the last five outs on 12 pitches to earn the save for Engineers. Little took the loss for Letcher County Central.

Estill racked up 14 hits led by Niece 3, Forehand, Elam, Waddel. Forehand and Elam had 3 RBI each. The Engineers' win was

the season's 20th with 12 losses.

**Estill - Perry Central**  
The Engineers powered past Perry County Central 14-4 in the 8:00 prime time game in quarter finals of the region.

PCC jumped to a 2-0 lead in the top of the 1st on a 2RBI dinger by PCC Macolarnis.

The Engineers answered with Niece walk, Powell singled and Waddel hit by pitch. Elam and Forehand walked back to back to plate 2 runners, and a sacrifice fly by Rocky Hix, and Estill leads 3-3 after 1.

The Engineers extended the lead in the 4th on back to back singles by KP and Braden Waddle and a walk to Andrew Elam to load the bases. Thomas Forehand hit a 2 RBI single and a RBI hit by Rocky Hix. Ethan Henry hit by pitch scores Forehand and a Niece walk scores Tucker. 8-3 Estill.

Estill added one in the 5th, Waddel led off with single and Elam singled in pinch runner Puckett. Forehand, Hix draw walks, Henry singles to score 2, Coben Clem followed with a single, Tye Niece scores Henry and Estill leads 13-4 going into the top of 6th.

In the 6th Lucas Flynn replaces Elam, gets a out and Thomas Forehand relieves Flynn with bases loaded and throws 10 pitches and strikes out the 4-5 batter in lineup to end the threat in top of the 6th.

Estill closed out the game on 10 run rule as Waddel, Elam single and pinch runner Fletcher scores winning run on a Henry single. 14-4 final.

# Lady Engineers' record-setting season comes to an abrupt close

The Estill County Lady Engineers record-breaking season came to an abrupt close on Monday night at the hands of the 2019 defending 14th Region champions Wolfe County in the semi-finals of the 2021 14th Region Tournament.

The 12-8 loss ended the Lady Engineers 32-5 season that was highlighted by 18 shutouts plus win streaks of 16 games and 14 games.

Wolfe County had not scored a run in two previous meetings that gave Estill two shut-out wins, 12-0 and 10-0.

However that didn't stop the Lady Wolves in the third meeting as they pounded in two runs to

start the first inning, and Wolfe never let up.

Estill matched them but Wolfe got one more in the second to lead 3-2.

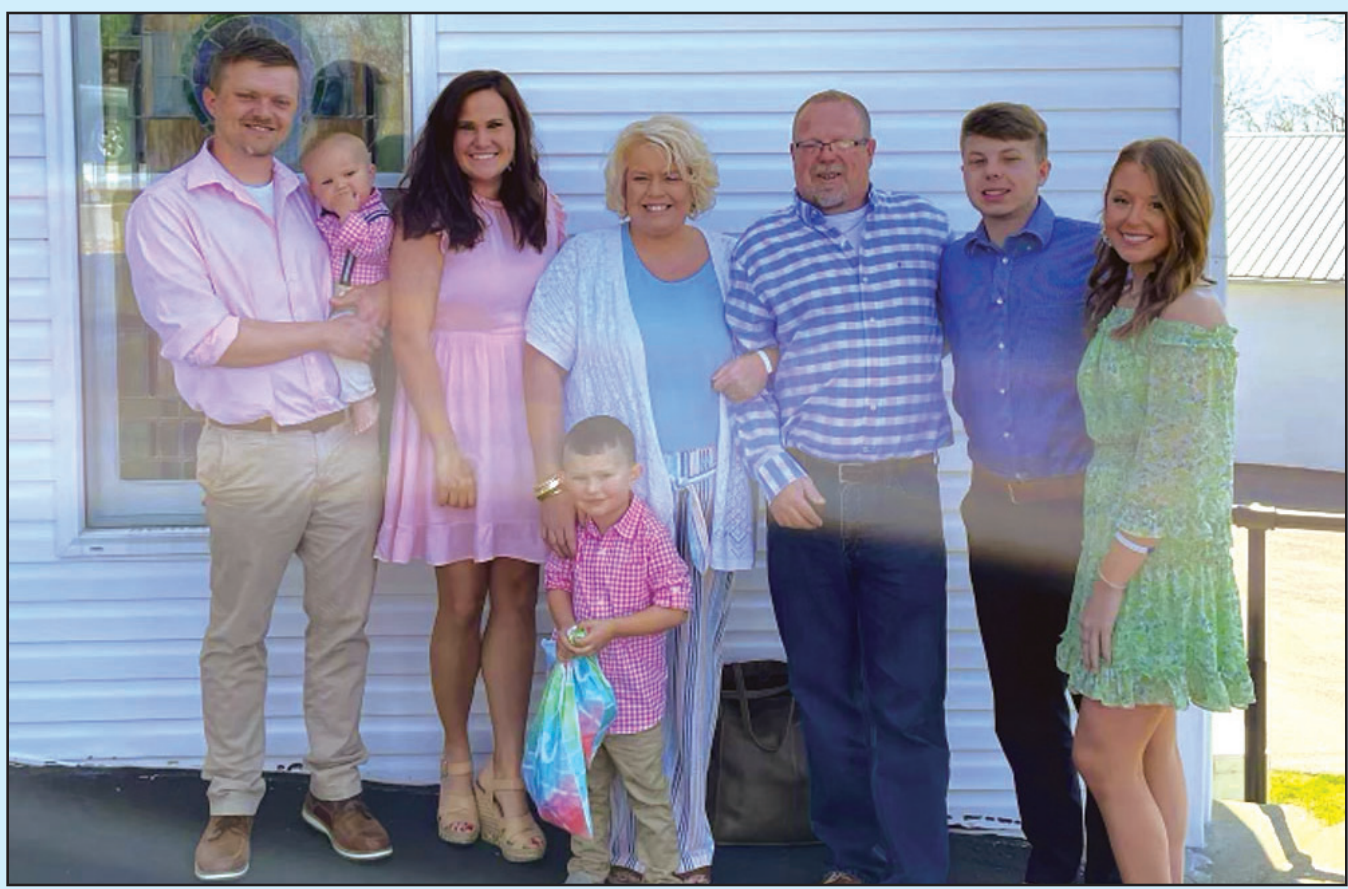
The Engineers tied it up again in the 4th, 3-3, but the Lady Wolves blasted in four runs in the 5th to led 7-3.

Estill managed two runs to cut the lead to 7-5. Each team got two in the 6th and Wolfe led 9-7.

The Lady Wolves put three on the boards in the 7th and Estill managed only one run to close out the Lady Engineers' season, 12-8.

Wolfe County (22-9) was set to take on Perry County Central (29-9) in the championship on Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

## Crowe Family Thank You



The family of Blake Crowe

The Crowe Family would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all who have shown an outpouring of love to us in the past couple of weeks. We can't thank you enough for all you have done for us in this hard time. We love you all, and we know that Blake is happy to see the way that everyone is stepping in to help his family along. God has blessed us with so many wonderful people who have surrounded us with love. The viewing was a testimony of how great Blake was and how much he was adored by all. We appreciate people waiting for hours in line to see him and our family. We'd especially like to thank his ball team, who were his biggest fans. Beyond the baseball team here in Estill, different teams in and out of our region showed their love for Blake and expressed their love for our family. We appreciate every single one of them. God blessed our family with such a great community. The love of Estill Countians and the surrounding counties is just unreal. Our family will never ever forget all of you and your kindness.

## Powell signs letter with Alice Lloyd College



Left to right, front, Ramzee, Ryan, Kamden, Melissa, and Kooper Powell. Back, assistant coaches, Tanner Crowe, Zach Withers, Josh England, and head coach Brian Crowe.

Estill County Engineers senior infielder Kamden Powell signed a letter-of-intent on Thursday, June 2, 2021 at Estill County High School to play baseball for Alice Lloyd College, a small 4-year school of about 600 students at Pippa Passes (near Hindman) in Knott County in Eastern Kentucky. Kamden is the son of Ryan and Melissa Richardson Powell. Coach Brian Crowe who took over coaching duties for his son, the late Blake Crowe, said, "I can't say enough about what he's done." Crowe emphasized Kamden's "work ethic." Crowe said of the couple of times Kamden has been injured, "he's always bounced back." Athletic director Austin Moore said he was "super proud" of Kamden.

"I am not much of a public speaker," said the 2021 graduate, "so I figured I would write up a few things to say. I

would like to start with thanking everyone for coming today. I know that your support today is just a representation of your support my entire life, and especially through my baseball career. I have a few people who I would like to extend an extra thank you to. I would like to thank my parents, and my siblings, for their encouragement, support, and sometimes harsh criticism and love. I mean, have you met Ryan Powell?

"Next, I would like to thank my grandparents for always being there. I can't remember very many games when I looked in the crowd and didn't see them there.

"What would an athlete be without great coaches? I have so many coaches who have helped shape me into the player I am today, and I am thankful for each of you.

"The last few weeks have shown me just how much a coach can really change your life. Coach (Blake) Crowe was more than just a coach, he was so much more. I am thankful for the time that I was able to play for him, and I will try my best to make him proud in my future.

"Last, but not least, and definitely most important, I want to thank Jesus for giving me the opportunity to be able to play baseball. I know without a doubt that He is the one who gives me my strength on and off the field.

"With all of that being said, I really do appreciate you all being here today. Now, let's go eat cupcakes and cookies!"

Powell received Alice Lloyd's Appalachian Leaders Scholarship, the Charles Vanhuss Scholarship, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Compassion Award as well as athletic awards.



Nine 2021 Harvard University students spent the past week in Estill County on the farm of Jack and Teresa Stickney at Twin Creek, included left to right, Ralph Estanboulieh, Aleppo, Syria; Pedro Paulo Weizenmann, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Ryan Gimmino, Fairfield, Connecticut; Gabriele Oliaro, Milan, Italy; Caleb Stickney, Estill County, Kentucky; Joey Barisas, Buffalo Grove, Illinois; Pawel Rybacki, Bydgoszcz, Poland; Johannes Lang, Vienna, Austria; and John Tatarka, Bozeman, Montana. (See story on Page 14)