

Boys Soccer Rebounds From Loss To Beat Hazard 9-1

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The Estill County Engineers Boys Soccer Team started off the 2015 season with a loss, 5-1 at Bath County, but rebounded quickly to win 9-1 over the Hazard Bulldogs at home on Saturday.

Senior Austin Witt was assisted by another senior, Dustin Abshear, as he scored the only goal for Estill against the Bath County Wildcats in Monday's loss.

However, the Engineers came roaring back on Saturday at home to take a 9-1 win over regional opponent Hazard.

Abshear scored 4 goals to lead the team and Witt added two. Seniors Ethan Price and Peyton Rose added one each and sophomore Jakobli Crowe scored one goal.

Witt was the leader on assists with four while Abshear, Crowe, Price and Jus-

tin Marshall had one each.

Estill led early 2-0 before letting the Bulldogs score their only goal to trail 2-1. The Engineers then controlled the rest of the game for the 9-1 win which improved them to 1-1 overall and 1-0 in the region.

Senior goal keeper Cody Boian held the Bulldogs to only one score.

Greg Witt is the coach of the Engineers and will have eleven seniors including Abshear, Chance Hall, Witt, Tucker, Rose, Price, Boian, Marshall, Tyler Ratliff, Jordan Martin, and Paul Pagauda (See Page 15). Ten of the seniors have played since their freshman year.

Witt replaces Tim Tipton who coached from 2005 until 2014 with the exception of 2012 when Witt was the coach. The two served as co-coaches in 2013.

"We should have a pretty good season, providing we

stay healthy," said Witt.

"This is probably the fastest and most talented (from top to bottom) team we have ever had.

"We have extraordinary speed in each position, but we have to win games against the tough opponents like the State Tournament team of 2013 did."

Estill won the championship of the 14th Region in 2013 in a 3-2 shootout win over Perry County Central. They finished 14-5-3.

The Engineers will once again be playing in the 14th Region against Hazard, Perry County Central, Jackson, Buckhorn, Powell County and Letcher County Central.

"To win the 14th Region we must prepare ourselves both mentally and physically," added Witt.

Last year's team finished 13-8-1 but lost 3-2 in overtime in the region to Letcher County Central.



Estill boys soccer senior Tyler Ratliff (white) in action against the Hazard Bulldogs at Hoover Niece Field on Saturday. The Engineers won 9-1.

Ladies Soccer Opens With Two Straight Wins Walton Breaks All-Time Leading Scoring Record

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The Estill County Lady Engineers Girls Soccer Team got off to a good start for the 2015 season with a 7-5 win at Bath County last Monday and a 10-0 shutout win against regional foe Hazard Lady Bulldogs on Saturday at home.

The mother and son team of Candie L. McMaine and Andrew Hatton return as coaches for the Lady Engineers that finished 10-9-2 in 2014. Estill was runner up in the 14th Region championship in 2013 and finished 12-6-1.

Senior Emily Walton scored 4 goals in each of the two Estill wins, to tie the all-time Estill scoring record with 2014 graduate Taylor Adams with 61 goals. Walton broke that record at home on Monday night against Morgan County. She scored with 20:38 left in the first quarter to put Estill up, 4-0, and got another later in the game.

The Lady Engineers won over the second year program Lady Cougars, 10-0.

Walton is also the Lady Engineers' all-time assist leader. She was All-State Honorable Mention last year as well as First-Team All-Region. She is the daughter of Steve and Jeannie Walton.

"We're very proud of Emily and all she has accomplished so far during her time with us, she has been a driving force behind our team's recent success," said Coach Hatton. "We are not only proud of her statistical achievements, but the amount of work she puts in 12 months of the year as well. She has raised the bar for what is expected from Estill County soccer players."

Kennedy Horn, Ashley Jones, and Autumn Tipton each scored one goal in the 7-5 Bath County win. Walton also led in assists with three. Heather Hebert, Jones and Tipton each had one assist. Goal keeper Savannah Brewer held the Lady Wild-

cats to 5 goals.

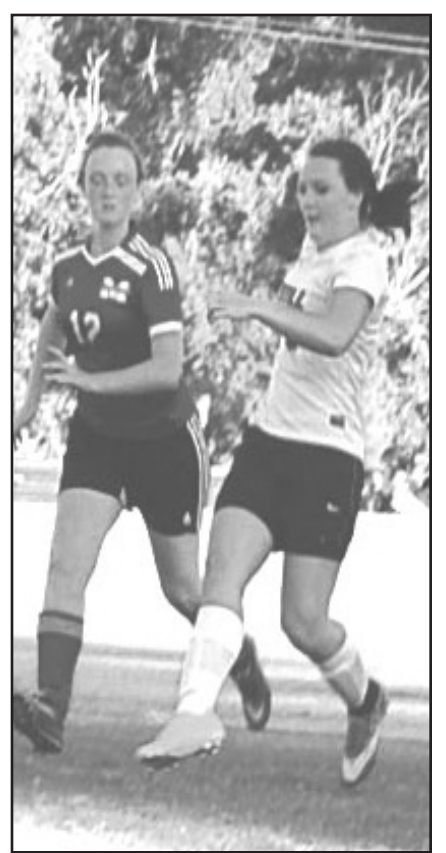
Estill had little trouble with the Hazard Lady Bulldogs on Saturday, ending the contest in a 10-0 mercy rule win with 27:02 left in the second period.

Walton got her four goals in the first half. Jady Rose put in two and Horn, Megan Scott, Tipton, and Lindsey Wood each had one goal.

Assist leaders were Walton with 2, and one each from Hebert, Horn, Rose and Alaina Thomas. Goal keeper Brewer held Hazard scoreless.

The 2015 Lady Engineers are led by five seniors, Hebert, Walton, Summer King, Kayelyn Cox, and Jones.

"This year's team is off to a solid start," said Hatton. "But they understand that success by our standards can't be achieved from just a few early wins. They know they have a lot of work ahead of them if they want to achieve the goals they have set for themselves as a team."



ABOVE: Emily Walton gets the record breaking goal against Morgan County on Monday. AT LEFT: Soph. Lindsey Wood drives the ball against the Hazard Lady Bulldogs on Saturday.

Engineers Lose By Two To Fleming

The Estill County Engineers Football Team lost their opener on Friday at home to Fleming County by two points, 38-36.

Kordel Day scored twice on 23 carries with 174 yards rushing. Dawson Bingham scored twice as well with 105 yards rushing in 15 carries. Dylan Spivey scored one touchdown.

Logan Beckler passed to Michael Abner for 17 yards.

Bingham and Abner led in tackles with 8 (7 solo) and 6 (4 solo). River Kelley had 5 tackles and Chase Harrison, Blake Francisco and Spivey had 3 each.

Kelly and Cody Lafountain each got a fumble recovery.

Estill plays Friday night in Salyersville against district opponent Magoffin County.

Golf Scramble

Marcum & Wallace Hospital (MWMH) invites golfers to support the Marcum & Wallace Hospital Foundation "Chip in for the Cure" Golf Scramble on Saturday, October 10 at the Estill County Golf Club.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Arielle (606)726-2119 or arestes@mercy.com. Event details available on the Marcum & Wallace Hospital Facebook page or www.marcumandwallace.org.



The Engineers fell short to Fleming County by two points during their first home game of the season on Friday night. The final score of the game was Fleming 38 and Engineers 36.



Austin Rose, Dylan Spivey, David Hunt, and River Kelley took the field on Friday night for the coin toss carrying the pads and jersey of former classmate Tony Conley who was killed in a tragic accident in 2013.

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