Estill Wins District Opener, Beats Magoffin, 46-8

by MIKE WISEMAN **Estill Tribune Sportswriter** the game, 21-8.

The Estill County football team would shake off a heartopener with a 46-8 drubbing of Salyersville.

In the district opener for saved by the halftime horn. both teams, Estill would christen Magoffin's spectacular new football complex by rushing for an eye-popping 419 yards.

Estill's "D"efense would show up this night as well. They would be a stingy bunch by allowing Magoffin only 122 yards of offense.

On the first play from scrimmage, Kordel Day would bust one up the middle for a 54yard TD run (See page 15) and would set the tone for the rest of the game.

would cash in with a 26-yard scamper to paydirt. (At right)

A fumbled snap on a Hor-Estill excellent field position away early.

Estill would put the ball on and Magoffin would recover. With the defense holding tight, Estill's next possession seemed to stall on a failed third down attempt, but a Magoffin pen- ler 4-6. alty would give the Engineers a first down and "Day would make them pay" with a 1 yard TD.

The home crowd would 1 Int. have something to cheer about on the next series as Magoffin would convert a 4th and 23 from near midfield with an out Come out and support the and up route pass down to the 2015 Estill County Engineers! 1. A rushing TD and 2-pt con- Go Big Blue!!!!

version later, they were back in

Both teams would trade turnovers for the remainder breaking loss in their home of the half, and a River Kelley bone-crushing sack would Magoffin County on Friday in force Magoffin inside their own 5-yard line, only to be

> Magoffin would mount a first series drive in the second half only to come up empty on fourth down as Estill's defense would knock down a pass in the end zone.

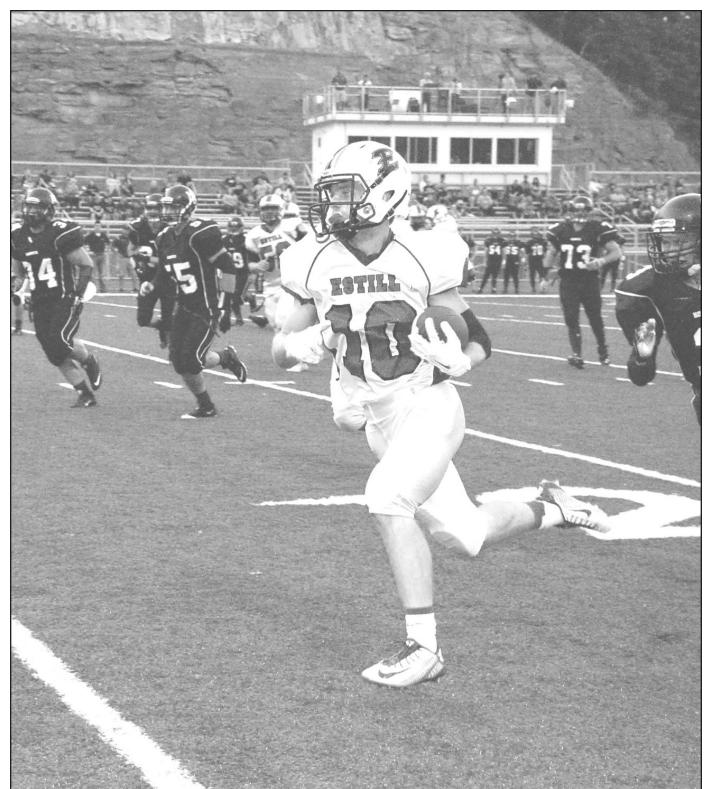
> The Engineer offensive line would take over and open a hole for Blake Francisco to take it 65 yards to the house. A Dylan Spivey sack and forced fumble would give Francisco another chance and he would take this one in from 3 yards out.

Dawson Bingham would not After Estill's "D" held on a be left out of the action as he fourth down, Michael Abner scored from 5 yards out, and, after a Colten Chaney interception, Bingham would add a little salt to the wound with a nets punt attempt would give 29 yard burst for six. When the dust settled, Estill would get and a chance to put this one their first "W" on the year by the score of 46-8.

Stats: Rushing: Day 11 att. the ground near the goal line 117 yds. 2 TD, Francisco 6-91 2 TD, Bingham 5-65 2 TD, Abner 6-59 1 TD, Spivey 10-47, Ethan Casada 2-24, Cody Lafountain 2-10, Logan Beck-

Defensive: Bingham 18 tackles, Spivey 8 tackles 2 Fum Rec., Day 8, Franscisco 7, Beckler 6, Kelley 6, Chaney

Estill will travel next week to the Capitol City to take on the 0-2 Frankfort Panthers.



Estill Engineers senior running back Michael Abner (#10) cashes in on a 26-yard scamper to paydirt in Estill's 46-8 win at Salyersville over district rival Magoffin County Hornets. Estill is now 1-1.

Lady Patriots 8th Grade Wins Thriller Over Madison

by TRACY R. PATRICK stole the ball and hit to give the **Estill Tribune Sportswriter**

The Estill County Lady Patriots basketball team, coached by Ruth Hughes, picked up a big win, 28-27, over Madison Middle on Thursday after trail- bounds play and scored to put ing by as much as 10 late in the the Madison leadup by 3,27-24.

game and pushed them out to However, they were called for a 20-10 lead but got into foul trouble and had to go to the Lewis was fouled and hit both bench in the third quarter.

Estill struggled at first but lead with 2.6 seconds to go. managed to tie the game at 21all before Todd went back to missed and the Lady Patriots work for Madison.

The Richmond school took the lead again, 23-21, but for Madison and Lewis had 11 Estill's Kaylee Riddell hit to notch the game back at 23-all with 3:40 to play.

After trailing or being tied for most of the game, the Lady Patriots finally got a lead with 1:57 to go when Britney Mason sunk one of two free throw attempts.

Madison had a chance to tie or go ahead but missed two free throws at 1:38 to go. However, Todd immediately

Richmond school a 25-24 lead with 1:04 left in the game.

A timeout was called at 30.3 with Estill in possession, but Todd stole the ball on the in-

Estill scored to cut the lead Madison's key player, Todd, to one, 27-26, and Madison dominated the first half of the had possession of the ball. walking and Estill's Leeann to give the Lady Patriots the

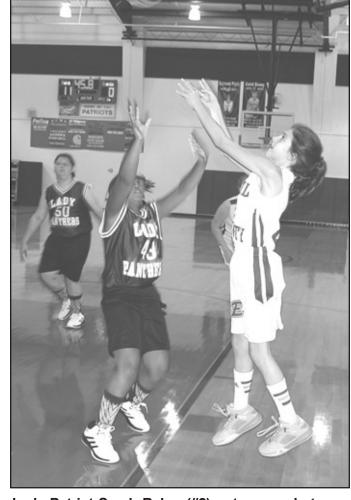
> Madison's last second shot took the hard-fought 28-27 win.

Todd led all scorers with 17 to lead Estill. Kaylee Riddell added 10 and Mason and Hale had 3 each.

Estill's 6th grade, coached by Mike Long, totally dominated Madison with a big win, and Bob Young's 7th grade won also, 28-15, with mostly Estill's 6th graders playing since the Lady Patriots have only two 7th graders.



Mariah Riddell had 11 and Isabella Riddell goes high over the Madison player Mia Hale had 10 in that game. with a shot in the 8th grade game on Thursday.



Lady Patriot Sarah Baker (#2) puts up a shot over

Cadets Host Spartan Crucib

The Estill County High a "small" workout with an School Junior ROTC hosted its 2nd Annual Spartan Crucible on Saturday, August 29th, and it was one of the biggest events of this type ever held, according to Estill County High School JROTC cadet Rachel French.

The all-day event was planned, organized, and ran the team running from the came from all parts of Kenby the JROTC cadets with as many as 600 people there and at least 170 cadets from 16 schools in Kentucky and one team from Tennessee.

According to Lt. Colonel Lance Patterson, the idea for this event came from the Spartan Games that was held three years ago. Last year there were only six teams that came to the Spartan Crucible.

The Crucible involved on. multiple events ranging from a 5K run to a Spartan "Dirk" Challenge where competitors were challenged to do climb had to do push ups.

800 pound telephone pole.

the track and then perform various lifting motions with while lying flat on their County Team 1. backs on the ground.

high school parking lot tucky plus the team from through the woods, over various steep hills, to the Kentucky River. There, cadets were assisted by various volunteer safety officers as they climbed into inflatable #1 and #2, Pike County Cenrafts and rowed upstream to buoys stationed there. After rowing back, the cadets had to return on the same steep course they had come there Jackson and Montgomery.

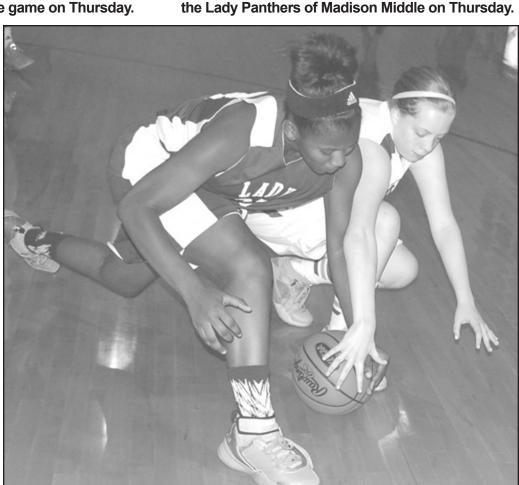
complete certain assigned tasks including the rope

The winner of the event was Team 1 from A ten-cadet team had to Clarkrange, which is south lift the pole, carry it around of Fort Campbell in Tennessee. Second place went to Warren County Team 1, and it, including lifts executed third place went to Grant

Teams traveled as much Another event involved at 4 hours to the event and Tennessee.

The 17 teams included Clarkrange #1 and #2, Fort Knox #1 and #2, Grant County #1 and #2, Warren County tral, Lewis County, Madison Central, GRC (George Rogers Clark), Sheldon Clark, Shelby Valley, East Ridge,

Congratulations to the Cadets who could not ECHS Junior ROTC staff, cadets and volunteers for a great job hosting the event. See photos on Page 15



Estill Lady Patriot Mary Robinson (right) scrambles for the ball against one of the Lady Panthers from Madison Middle School in Thursday night's 8th grade game.