

# Estill Beats Breathitt, Ends 25 Year Streak

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Last Friday night at Hoover Niece Field, the Estill County Engineers pulled out an exciting 28-22 victory over the Breathitt County Bobcats. The win would be the first since 1990 when Estill defeated Breathitt in the Choo-Choo Bowl. The win would not be an easy task but Estill's defense would hold the Bobcats to a single score in the second half and run their district record to a perfect 3-0. Breathitt would come out firing on all cylinders as they ran the ball right up the gut driving into Estill territory. A holding call would force

a punt and Estill would take over on their own 9 yard line. Estill would return the favor with an 86 yard dive of their own only to be hindered by a penalty and fail on a fourth and 4 at the five yard line. Breathitt would again move the ball down the field and after a wide open reception along with a late hit, Breathitt would run one in from the five and take a 6-0 lead. Less than two minutes later, A. Salyer would get Estill on the board with a 22 yard run to paydirt and even the score at 6. Breathitt would respond with a 32 yard TD run and two point conversion to

take the lead again. After an unsuccessful possession and punt, the Engineer "D" would come to life and put an end to Breathitt's run game. D. Bingham would break free and take it to the house from 66 yards out and add a two point conversion to knot the score at 14 with 1:09 left before halftime. Hunter Osborne's interception would squash any hopes of a Bobcat lead at the half. Estill would receive the second half kickoff and proceed to drive down the field until A. Salyer would punch in his second TD on the night from five yards out to give Estill their first lead of the night 20-14. The Estill defense would

continue to stop the Breathitt "O" and with less than eleven minutes to play in the fourth, Logan Beckler would take his turn with a 33 yard TD run and put Estill up by two scores. On the next two Breathitt County drives, the Engineer defense would come up with two takeaways as Beckler and then Bingham would pick off the Bobcat QB. Estill would take over looking to put this game away but could not convert on 4th and 1 at their own 36 yard line and Breathitt would have new life. A 28 yard TD pass would be the only score the defense would give up in the second half, but the Estill's lead would be cut to

28-22 with two and a half minutes left in the game. Everyone at Hoover Niece Field knew what was coming next and after a large skirmish on the visitor's sideline for the onside kick, the Engineers would come away with the ball along with 15 extra yards for an unsportsmanlike penalty. The offense would put up one more first down and this one was History!!! The First Win Against Breathitt County in 25 Years!!!! More importantly, the win keeps Estill in the driver's seat for a home playoff game. Ain't nothing like the home field! Estill will not play this week with a bye on their schedule. This break

will allow some banged up players to heal up and get ready for the stretch run. With the win, Estill would run their record to 5 wins and 2 losses and a top 20 ranking in 3A according to the latest Maxprep polls. Congrats to the Engineers and Coach Jones and Staff!!! GO BIG BLUE!!!!  
**Offensive stats:** D. Bingham- 17 att 165 yds 1 TD, L. Beckler- 17 att 129 yds 1 TD, A. Salyer- 5 att 48 yds 2 TD.  
**Defensive stats:** B. Francisco- 13 tkls, A. Salyer- 11 tkls, J. Watkins- 7 tkls, D. Bingham- 6 tkls, 1 Int, H. Osborne- 1 Int, L. Beckler- 1 Int.

## Joe Benton qualifies for state golf tournament

The Estill County boys golf team competed in the KHSAA regional golf tournament in Prestonsburg on Tuesday, September 27th. They played at Stone Crest Golf Club competing against 18 high schools in their region or 89 other individual male golfers. In golf the top two lowest scoring teams qualify for the state tournament. Estill County's young golf team missed going to the state tournament by one stroke. They finished with a score of 346 behind Prestonsburg the second place team who were fortunate enough to play on their home course in the region. Prestonsburg the second place team finished with a score of 345 behind

first place team Johnson Central. Estill's young team consisting of one freshman and four eighth graders placed third in region for the second straight year. Estill County's freshman Joe Benton did qualify as an individual and will be playing in the state golf tournament this week in Bowling Green as an individual. This is not the first year Joe has qualified for state tournament. He is becoming a familiar face in Bowling Green at the state tournament. The Estill County Middle School Golf Team finished up their great season this past Saturday At State Jr Middle School PGA State Tournament Saturday Octo-

ber 1st in Louisville at Quail Chase Golf Course. They had qualified for this state tournament by finishing first in their region the weekend before. This regional winning team was made up of Isaac Napier, Cobbe Click, Kade Benton and Andrew Elam. Unfortunately, Kade Benton, one of the players on this team, was unable to compete in the middle school state tournament. Kade had an emergency appendix surgery while the ECHS golf team were playing the high school golf region in Prestonsburg. Due to this he was unable to play in middle school state tournament. Caden Stewart and Noah Walters replaced him,

rounding out a team of 5 for the middle school state tournament. Estill did not finish as well as they had hoped but did finish fourth in this state tournament and did not get a trophy for this finish. Isaac Napier had a great day and finished seventh in the state in a field of about 100 male golfers. Taylor County finished first in state with an impressive 6 over followed by Fort Thomas Highlands with a 29 over followed by Gray County with a 29 over also. Estill finished with a 35 over par which put them in fourth place. Congratulations, Estill golfers on a great season. *Courtesy of Rebecca Click*



Estill Middle's golf team, 2016 Congratulations on a great season. Pictured left to right Noah Walters, Caden Stewart, Andrew Elam, Cobbe Click, Isaac Napier, Kenny Dale Rose, Kade Benton and Maddie Jo Benton. (Photo courtesy of Rebecca Click)



Logan Beckler was recently nominated and selected as one of the Horizon Fellows at Berea College. The Horizon Fellows Program, a nomination program and workshop series sponsored by the Office of Admissions in collaboration with Partners for Education is designed to identify students at the end of their sophomore year who have the intellectual capabilities and the drive to excel in higher education studies. It is these students, on the horizon of their college search, who could benefit from the assistance offered as part of the program so that they can produce quality college applications in their senior year. He was inducted into the program on September 24th. He is pictured here with Ms. Rader, who nominated him for the program.

## Wanderings from the Woods & Water

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## Bobcats Down! Deer Are Next!

The Breathitt County Bobcats were swept this past weekend. High school got a big win on Friday night. Then on Saturday morning Youth League traveled to Bobcat Country. Lil Neers 3&4 grade tackle team that I help coach started the morning with a win. Then 5&6 grade tackle cleaned house. I love fall, it means football and hunting. This coming weekend is youth deer season! I guess team Bicknell will be hitting the woods before our football game. Jake and Josh are ready to put California and Unicorn on the wall. We have several pics of these two bucks. Hopefully they show up. Josh is my "ask a thousand questions" kid. He has asked me a thousand times, do I think he will kill California. He has asked me a thousand times, if he gets a buck can we put it on the wall. Josh is ready to go after some deer. Jake is my SUPER Competitive kid. Most everything he does becomes a competition. He is a good sport who hates to lose. I would imagine he will be wanting to shoot the biggest buck. Josh is up to shoot first. We decided since Jake shot his first deer last year then Josh is on deck this season. Hopefully a good buck shows up for Josh! I think Josh will go with the philosophy if it's brown it's down. Jake on the other hand, I think, will wait on a bruiser to shoot. I will just have to

wait and see. The one thing I know for sure, Jake will be amped up! He is already laid claim to my 270 and ready to use it. I am looking forward to sharing a sunrise with my boys. Getting to spend time with any of my kids in God's creation is just a blessing. If we don't kill a deer, we will still have a good time. We will probably end our hunt with a big breakfast from our favorite little restaurant. If you are going out on youth season, be safe and be careful! Good luck to all that is going, please send me pics of all the deer. Don't forget to go over the rules before you go. Check the hunting guide to make sure you're legal and have all the proper hunting licenses and permits. Remember to wear hunter orange while you're in the woods. Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation!



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