

Estill Engineers' Season Ends with 49-21 Loss

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The Estill County Engineers' historic season came to a bitter end on Friday night as Casey County spoiled Estill's bid to reach the Regional final.

The Engineers would play from behind all night and with their highly touted run game bogged down by Casey County's defense, Estill's season would come to an end by the score of 49-21.

Casey County would open the scoring on their first possession of the night when after a long completion, the QB would run one in from 13 yards out.

Estill would counter on their first drive of the night when Blake Francisco burst through the line on his way to a 42 yard scoring run to knot the game at 7.

Estill's excitement would be short-lived though as the following kickoff would be returned 82 yards for Casey's second score of the night and a lead they would never relinquish.

After an Estill three and out, Casey would add a four yard scoring run to take their lead to 21-7. The Rebels would strike through the air from fourteen yards out on their next score and with a 28-7 lead, Estill looked to be in deep trouble.

The Engineers would continue to fight and drive the ball to Casey's nine yard line only to be stopped on fourth down with just minutes remaining in the half. With Estill's fire almost extinguished and staring at a twenty one point deficit at the half, Blake Francisco would lend life to the Engineers when he stepped in front of a Rebel pass and returned it nine yards for a touchdown. The boys were still in the game at the half

trailing 28-14 and set to receive the second half kick-off.

A fifteen yard penalty on the kickoff would set Estill deep in their own territory when the offense would commit a rare miscue and put the ball on the ground at the 17 yard line. Casey would capitalize on the mistake with 1 yard TD run and Estill could never recover.

Casey County would add two more second half touchdowns and Dawson Bingham would add his last Engineer touchdown from eight yards out to set the final score at 49-21.

On this night, Estill just could not get things going as they struggled on third down and only converted on three of nine attempts and would be 0-5 on fourth downs as well.

Estill County would end their season with a tremendous 9-3 record and the program's first District Championship.

Congratulations on a great season to these hard working young men as well as Coach Mike Jones and staff. After a bad season opening loss, I thought it may be a long year but as all Engineers do, they continued to get better and fight harder in each game and leave a season worth holding their heads high. Next week—Final Season Stats.

Offensive Stats:

B. Francisco- 16 attempts 136 yards 1 TD, D. Bingham- 13 attempts 71 yards 1 TD 2 receptions 35 yards, L. Beckler- 13 attempts 71 yards, H. Osborne- 7 attempts 17 yards, 2 comp 4 attempts 35 yards.

Defensive Stats:

D. Bingham- 11 tackles, B. Francisco- 8 tackles 1 Interception 1 TD, J. Stampfer- 5 tackles, T. O'Hair- 4 tackles, L. Beckler- 4 tackles.



The Engineers faced off against the Casey County Rebels at home on Friday night in their second playoff game. The Engineers fought hard throughout the game but were still no match against the Rebels. The final score was 49-21. (Estill Tribune photo by Cathy Dawes)



#10 Blake Francisco held back a player from Casey County as #5 Dawson Bingham attempted to score a touchdown for the Engineers. (Estill Tribune photo by Cathy Dawes)



The Estill County High School cheerleaders incorporated the presidential election results into the banner that the Engineers busted through before their game against Casey County. (Estill Tribune photo by Cathy Dawes)



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A Full and Thankful Heart

Sometimes I like to sit on a chair in front of my patio doors and watch the birds while I eat my dinner. I think about how grateful I am for the good life I have, and how a yard full of songbirds makes it even better. Life is filled with joy.

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Estill Middle Engineers 2016-17 Boys Basketball

Nov 17, Thur	Rockcastle*	A	5:00
Nov 19, Sat	Hazard	A	12:00
Nov 21, Mon	Clark-Moores*	H	5:00
Nov 22, Tues	Model*	A	5:00
Nov 28, Mon	Powell+	A	5:00
Nov 29, Tues	Madison Middle*	H	5:00
Dec 1, Thur	Farristown*	A	5:30
Dec 2, Fri	Lee+	A	5:30
Dec 3, Sat	Hazard	H	12:00
Dec 5, Mon	Breathitt 7th & 8th	H	6:00
Dec 7, Wed	Clark-Moores*	A	5:00
Dec 8, Thur	Caudill*	H	5:00

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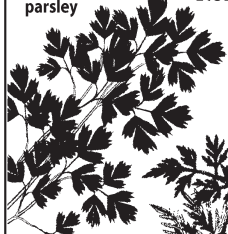
PARK CLOSED

Due to the opening of gun deer hunting season, the Kentucky River Park & Recreation Complex at Wiseman Crossing will be closed until November 27, 2016. Thank you for our understanding as we strive to provide the safest environment possible.

Estill County Fiscal Court



Flat-leaf parsley



Fool's parsley



Parsley is native to Southern Europe. Cultivated for more than 2,000 years, it was used medicinally and also as food. The ancient Greeks held it to be sacred, using it to adorn athletic champions and to decorate the tombs of the dead. Ancient Romans used it in cooking, and Charlemagne grew it on his estates. Fool's parsley, a poisonous weed, is sometimes mistaken for the edible flat-leaf parsley.

- Brenda Weaver
Source: www.whfoods.com

Fall Rabies Clinic

The Estill County Health Department in conjunction with Dr. Linda Grimes is sponsoring a rabies clinic Saturday, November 19, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The clinic will be held at The Animal Clinic located at 1995 Richmond Road, Irvine. Contact the Estill County Health Department for more information at 606-723-5181.