

Estill Lady Engineers Eliminated By Lee County

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 The Estill County Lady Engineers saw their season come to an end on Monday night in the first round of the 56th District Tournament at Powell County High School. The Lady Engineers would fall to the Lady Kats of Lee County by the score

of 51-44. Fighting through a poor shooting first half, the Ladies would find themselves with a nice 8-point lead at the half. After falling to Lee County less than a week earlier, Estill knew the Lady Kats would have a run in the second half. Lee County would go on that run in the third quarter

fuelled by Estill turnovers and continued poor shooting. Estill would still hold a slim but shaky three point lead heading into the fourth quarter. Lee would do their damage in the final stanza outscoring the Lady Engineers 23-13 and come away with a trip to the championship game. Estill could not

overcome 28% shooting from the field for the game. The Lady Engineers' 15 turnovers for the game and 4-12 from the charity stripe in the second half would seal the deal and leave Estill County with a final season record of 13 wins - 17 losses. Congratulations on a great season Ladies!! The

county and school system should be so proud of this group of wonderful young ladies. Congratulations to Coach Hall, Coach Hughes, and Coach Rob for 26 wins in two years. They continue to build an atmosphere of winning!

Congratulations to the three seniors, Taylor Young, Sarah Barnes, and Savannah Wallace. Your future will no doubt be bright. Thanks to the students, cheerleaders, band, and family and friends for your continued support of the Lady Engineers program.

Estill 59 -- Buckhorn 49

Estill scoring: T. Young 4 pts 7 reb 6 ast 4 stl, S. Brewer 16 pts, K. Treadway 16 pts, S. Barnes 2 pts 10 reb, M. Flynn 12 pts 15 reb, S. Danyeur 9 pts 8 reb 5 stl.

Lee Co. 70 -- Estill 54

Estill scoring: M. Bellamy 2 pts, T. Young 12 pts 4 reb, S. Brewer 11 pts 3 reb, K. Treadway 9 pts, A. Farmer 2 pts, M. Flynn 9 pts 4 reb 2 blk, Si. Danyeur 7 pts 12 reb, Sh. Danyeur 2 pts.

Estill 45 -- Wolfe Co. 50

Estill scoring: T. Young 3 pts 4 ast, S. Brewer 4 pts 2 ast, K. Treadway 9 pts 3 reb, M. Flynn 14 pts 6 reb, S. Danyeur 15 pts 6 reb.

**56 District Tournament
 Lee Co. 51 -- Estill 44**

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Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

Humphries is gonna be the hero! ... 'Hold the phone, Cawood!'



Bob Watkins

The Incident Issac Humphries will never forget. Saturday's pinnacle moment in the teenager's athletic life became a big ole sucker punch to the solar plexus.

The Aussie, game official Pat Adams decided, had committed an unsportsmanlike act in violation of Rule 10, Section 3, a Class A Unsporting Technical Infraction.

Flash! Sixth foul on Humphries, two free throws for Texas A&M.

Given how (NBA) animated and showy college players have become, the charge against Humphries was a cheap overreaction.

But then A&M's overtime win was bizarre worldly before and after the incident.

Story line that wasn't - Australian teen comes off bench, gives his all to wrest a rebound, is fouled, is exultant, is getting two free throws, chance to be a hero, be rewarded with more playing time, and "gonna be on Sports Center, boys." Hold the phone, Cawood!

Adams essentially decided the game's outcome.

When it was over and

wounded Kentucky fans Fairview to Monkey's Eyebrow were in a call-in show rage, coach John Calipari issued a tweet.

Not mad at his team, he said. "It's really simple. I feel really good about the game because our kids fought."

Really? *Fought?*

Humphries was certainly a warrior, Jamal Murray ran a half-marathon to free himself to shoot, Tyler Ulis doubled up on points and assists, and played all 45 minutes. But Marcus Lee spent his 31 minutes doing his customary "who me?" routine, Skal Labissiere was behind the curve on everything during his nine minutes, Charles Mathews the same in seven, and Derek Willis had one rebound in 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, A&M had 20 offensive rebounds. Twenty, including a winning put-back. A&M had 18 more shots at the basket than Kentucky.

These numbers, this performance and progress shown at mid-February, looks like plenty to be concerned about.

But then Big Blue Nation's gazillion assistant coaches are savvy enough to know Calipari tweet for what it was, weak spin.

POINT-COUNTERPOINT

ESPN had a plan. At its production meeting before Game Day at Texas A&M last week, I'm betting network decision-makers were fine-tuned how to poke a hornet's nest.

Rece Davis wondered if John Calipari, considering the long list of NBA cali-

ber players he's coached, should have more than one NCAA title to his credit?

A reasonable question for the reasonable. After Jay Bilas and Seth Greenberg played guys wearing white hats, Davis left it to ESPN resident contrarian Stephen A. Smith to poke the hornets' nest.

It worked famously.

Big Blue Nation citizens, a radio show cheerleader and Big Blue commentators were sucked into the black hole. Drawn into a feisty pre-game talk and tweet skirmish. Precisely what ESPN had in mind, knowing any criticism of Calipari is enough to ignite a verbal crucifixion for Davis and Smith who won't be traveling to Lexington anytime before next winter.

YOUNG TURKS INCLUDE HOLTMANN AT BUTLER

A decade has passed since young turks to college basketball coaching with Kentucky ties were John Pelphrey, Travis Ford, Darrin Horn and Sean Woods.

Until the coach carousel cranks up next month, Pelphrey works for the SEC Network, Ford in on a hot seat at Oklahoma State, Horn is assistant to Shaka Smart at Texas and Woods (16-11 at Morehead State) is a coach of the year candidate in the OVC.

A new list of on-the-rise college head coaches includes Scott Padgett at Samford (13-17), Mark Pope at Utah Valley (12-15), but its hottest name could be Chris Holtmann at Butler (18-9).

Padgett and Pope played at Kentucky; Holtmann is a native of Nicholasville in

Jessamine County, who has a 33-12 record at Butler.

Top ranked Villanova held off feisty and entertaining Butler by 10 last week, but Holtmann's Bears are in the hunt for an NCAA at-large berth.

DIS 'N DATA

√ Amazin' Dept. Union County High School, perennial wrestling powerhouse won another state championship last Saturday in Lexington. Matching nearby University of Kentucky's men's NCAA basketball titles, this was the Braves' eighth state wrestling crown in school history and fifth in last decade.

Elsewhere ...

√ Texas and formerly Louisville football coach Charlie Strong is *allegedly* linked to a sex scandal at University of Louisville? Comment: Perfect case to ... keep emphasis until the last possible moment on allegedly. And, "leave it alone until all the washing is hung out to dry."

WORTH REPEATING DEPT.

"God knows I'm a Hall of Famer." ex-Major League baseball player Barry Bonds said last week.

One cannot help but wonder, why would God care?

And so it goes. You can reach me at <bob.Watkins24@aol.com>.

BOB'S RETIRING

Bob Watkins has announced that he is retiring at the end of March. If you've enjoyed his column, send him a message at the email address above.

2nd Seed Estill Engineers Were Playing Lee Co.

The Estill County Engineers coached by Jon Bentley were in action past press time on Tuesday night in 56th District Tournament action hosted by Powell County at Stanton.

Estill played Lee County in the second game on Tuesday (about 8 p.m.) following a matchup of host Powell County and Owsley County at 6:00 p.m.

Earlier in the season, the Engineers rolled over the Bobcats of Lee County, 84-56, at home, but finished just ahead of them, 60-54 last Wednesday night in Beattyville.

The Engineers started off the season poorly with seven straight losses but rebounded in the latter part of the season to finish 10-18.

The were 4-2 in the dis-

trict, having lost both games to the Powell County Pilates, and were the second seed in the district. Third seed Lee County was 2-4 and Owsley was 0-5.

Powell County had to cancel one district matchup but was winner of the season championship with a 5-0 record.

Despite a disappointing regular season, Estill's young squad will all return next year.

Also, a bright spot for Estill, sophomore Caleb Bonny made the Engineers' 1,000 point club on Thursday night at Menifee County. He needed only 7 points but put in 24 for 1,014 total.

With a win on Tuesday night, Estill would make the 56th District championship on Friday night.

2016 Kiwanis Park Baseball/Softball Sign-ups

Sign-Up Dates

- Saturday, Feb. 27 10am - 1pm
- Sunday, Feb. 28 1pm - 3pm
- Saturday, March 5 10am - 1pm
- Sunday, March 6 1pm - 3pm
- Tuesday, March 9 6pm - 8pm

Baseball & Softball Leagues

Boys/Girls Tee-Ball	Ages 4-6
Girls Coach Pitch	Ages 6-8
Girls Player Pitch	Ages 9-10
Girls Player Pitch	Ages 11-14
Boys Coach Pitch	Ages 6-8
Boys Player Pitch	Ages 9-10
Boys Player Pitch	Ages 11-12

*****ANYONE interested in COACHING*****
 Needs to come to one of the Sign-ups!
 Boys age is determined by what age he will be on or before April 30, 2015
 Girls age is determined by what age she was on December 31, 2014

**LOCATION:
 Estill County High School Gym Lobby**



COST \$60.00 per child
 (\$5.00 less for each brother or sister)
 Payment is due when you come to sign up.
 Everyone must sign up at one of the designated times.
We will not take sign-ups over the phone!
 Parents must come and sign their child's form



Estill junior forward McKenzie Flynn runs into a Lee County Lady Bobcats player after putting up a shot in 56th District Tournament action on Monday.

The Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches is proud to announce this year's winners:
2016 KABC Boys Regional Coaches of the Year
 Region 14: Shannon Hoskins - Perry Co. Central
2016 KABC Boys Regional Players of the Year
 Region 14: Conner Hoskins - Buckhorn
2016 KABC Girls Regional Coaches of the Year
 Region 14: Wallace Bates - Breathitt Co.
2016 KABC Girls Regional Players of the Year
 Region 14: Whitney Creech - Jenkins
2016 Girls Court of Honor
 Janie Robinson, Montgomery Co.

Please remember * March 9th *** is the last day to sign up**