

Engineers Win 1 of 3 Regional Games

The Estill County Engineers baseball team lost two games to regional teams on Saturday but came back to take a 12-2 win over Jackson City on Monday to improve their region standing to 3-2.

On Saturday the Engineers played back to back games with the top two teams in the 14th Region.

First game was against Perry Central, and Rocky Hix, a 7th grader, got his first start for the Engineers and pitched well. Rocky went four innings, allowing only 3 hits and 3 runs and he struck out 5.

Estill bats just couldn't

string together some hits. The Engineers out hit Perry Central but just couldn't get a run across. The final score was Perry 5 and Estill 0.

The second game was against the undefeated region favorite Hazard.

Junior Tanner Crowe started on the mound for Estill. He went 6 innings allowing 5 hits and 9 runs with only 4 earned. The Engineers' defense committed 5 errors in the game and 4 of them were committed in 1st inning, allowing Hazard to score 5 runs.

The Engineers also out hit Hazard 11 to 6, with senior Kordel Day having a

big day at the plate going 3 for 4 with a double.

Crowe was 2 for 3 with a double and senior Peyton Rose also collected 2 hits with a double. Final score Hazard 10 and Estill 5

On Monday, Estill played another 14th Region team, Jackson City.

Senior Boone Tucker was on the hill for Estill going the distance for the win. Boone pitched 5 innings allowing 5 hits, 2 runs and struck out 5 for the win.

Jackson City scored two runs the first inning and Estill came back and scored four in the first.

Day had another big day

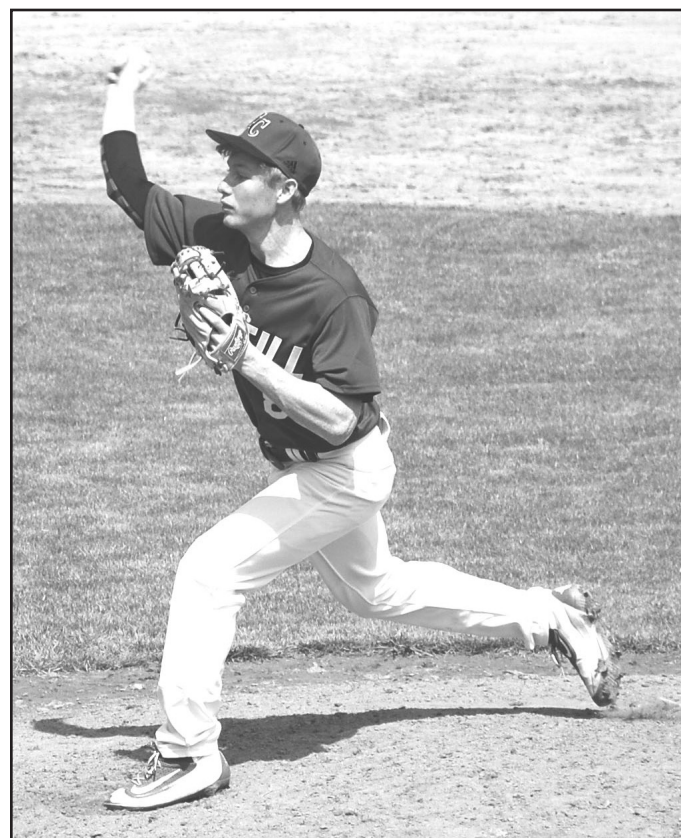
at the plate going 3 for 4 with a double and triple.

Senior second baseman Taylor Sewell collected 2 hits, and sophomore Logan Beckler also collected a couple of hits. Final Score Estill 12 Jackson City 2

Estill played Rockcastle on Tuesday at home, and Thursday game against Montgomery has been moved to Wednesday night.

Estill then travels for a rematch with the Hazard Bulldogs on Friday, and Saturday the Engineers play Breathitt at home.

Estill will be at home again on Tuesday against district opponent Owsley County.



Senior pitcher Taylor Sewell went against Perry County Central on Saturday in Irvine.

Lady Engineers Improve To 2-2 With Shutout Win Over Lee Co.

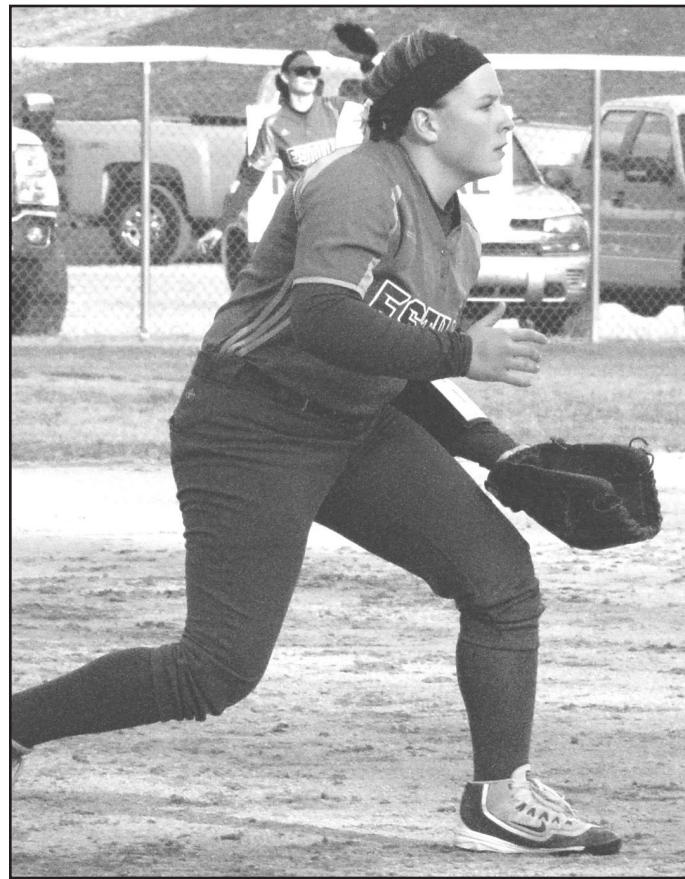
The Estill County Lady Engineers improved to 2-2 and got their first district win on Monday night against the Lee County Lady Bobcats in a shutout, 12-0, in five innings.

The Lee County pitcher did a good job against the Lady Engineers early but Estill soon started hitting.

Estill continues to dominate the 56th District teams

with numerous shutouts and they have never lost a district since moving to the 56th ten years ago.

The Lady Engineers were scheduled to take on Bourbon County's Lady Colonels tonight, Wednesday, at home and will face a 14th Region opponent. They will then be idle during spring break until April 14th when they face Owsley County.



Estill sophomore infielder Kaylee Covey watches for the play against Lee County.



Senior Zoe Deaton catches for the Estill Lady Engineers on Monday in a win over the Lee County Ladycats.

Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

Pause to review the highlight reel and 24 stops before *And so it went*



Bob Watkins

BOB'S RETIRING

This is the last column for Bob Watkins who announced earlier that he would be retiring at the end of March.

FINAL QUARTER

Taking pause on my way to a park bench in the backyard, for the highlight reel.

Thank you for taking time each week to turn the page of this newspaper, passed the obits, and visit this space.

Gratitude, it has been said (and I agree), "is not only the greatest of virtues, but is the parent of all others." Thank you.

1. Ode to Sports In Kentucky.

√ To have done anything just for money is to have been truly idle. — Henry David Thoreau

√ "You must learn from the mistakes of others because you can't possibly live long enough to make them all yourself." — Sam Levenson.

√ First newspaper by-line feature — Jim Dinwiddie (UK, 1970).

√ Pinnacle for Sports In

Kentucky syndication: 55 community newspaper subscribers, 250,000 circulation, circa 1990.

2. Critics. Those who cared enough, were passionate enough and gracious enough (and not), to excoriate me and/or praise my work across four-plus decades, thank you.

3. Time (35 years doing this column). Our idea of Daylight Saving Time, an old native-American remarked: "Only a white man would believe you could cut a foot off the top of a blanket, sew it to the bottom of a blanket and have a longer blanket." — unk.

4. Glorious echoes: √ "And herrrrre they come to me now!" Stretch run at Churchill Downs - Cawood Ledford.

√ Radio voice Claude Sullivan play-by-play of Kentucky-Seattle NCAA championship game, 1958.

√ Denny Crum's anecdote about recruiting Larry Bird.

5. Sit-down visit in an office at Memorial Coliseum in Lexington. Seated behind his desk, Adolph Rupp.

6. *One Shining Moment*, (his) Ty Rogers (Western Kentucky) of Eddyville; National Kodak Award for column writing 1985 (mine).

7. Priceless. Visits with John Havlicek, Henry Aaron, Kelly Coleman, Steve Garvey, Bill Evans, Billy Packer and Bob Skinner.

• Robert Longworth, Rockholds.

8. Worth Repeating Dept. "Everybody is ignorant ... only on different subjects." — Will Rogers

9. Unforgettables along my way — Bill Moyers

(PBS), Frank Deford and Will Grimsley (writers), Charlie Tyra (Louisville), John Oldham (Western Kentucky) and King Kelly Coleman (first Kentucky Mr. Basketball).

• Bob Butler, Mt. Sterling.

HIGHS & LOWS

10. High. Serving our country, 1960-1965 (USAF).

11. High. Dr. Orlando 'Tubby' Smith coached Kentucky (brilliantly) to NCAA championship, 1998.

• Asa Rouse, Walton.

12. High. Bucket List visits to Wrigley Field and Fenway Park.

13. Low. Perfect fit not-to-be, Billy Donovan, basketball coach at Kentucky.

14. Low. University of Kentucky hired John Calipari.

15. High. Learned to appreciate "Never miss a good chance to shut up!" — Mark Twain.

• Bill Bell, Sturgis.

16. High. Among the astute college basketball fans I knew along the way, Eugene Lewis, Elizabethtown.

17. High. Privileged to see a complete college basketball player Anthony Davis, 2012. Darrell Griffith and Tyler Ullis too.

18. High. Most entertaining and best team player all-time — Larry Bird, Indiana State and Boston Celtics.

19. High. Mr. Basketball favorites: Butch Beard (1965), Mike Casey (1966).

• Chip Hutcheson, Princeton.

20. High. Dear friends Dept: Rodger Bird, Frank Ramsey, Corky Withrow, Howard Crittenden and Lar-

ry Pursiful.

21. Low. Rupp's Runts was America's Team in March 1966. By March 19 all-white Kentucky became forever linked to Brown versus Board of Education.

22. High. Sealing my heart strings attachment to Great Britain, television series: All Creatures Great & Small (1978-1990).

23. Thankfully in this life a person or persons (angels?) came along to inspired, encouraged, press us along to be who we could be. My journey began with Sister Margaret Teresa in Corbin, then Walter Sutton in Elizabethtown and Max Heath of Shelbyville and finally one who helped keep my candle burning, Gisela Tamm Johnson, Elizabethtown.

24. High. Alma Watkins (Mom) left for Heaven March 22, 2016. Was 96.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Allow me to leave with these ideas ...

√ Kentucky fans who laugh a lot are healthier than those who don't.

√ Louisville fans — take a 10-30 minute walk every day and while you walk, smile. It's the ultimate anti-depressant.

√ UK, UofL, WKU fans and all the rest — during your day try and make at least three people smile. Bonus points for making one laugh.

√ "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." — Abraham Lincoln

America. I love this place!

And so it went.

Estill County Church Volleyball League

Estill County Church Volleyball League starts Saturday, May 7th. Deadline for entering a team is Saturday, April 30th. No fees required.

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