

Engineers Take on Perry County Central in Regionals

The Estill County Engineers were looking for an upset on Friday night over the Powell County Pirates in districts and a favorable draw in regionals but neither took place.

The two teams had closely contested games in regular season with the Pirates coming out ahead and winning the regular season district. Powell won 46-43 at Estill on January 15th and 43-36 at Powell on January 25th.

However, Powell County came to play on Friday and Estill had trouble connecting the whole game and lost 61-45 at Stanton.

Despite the loss, Estill was headed for the regionals and looked for a favorable draw with Jackson City or Breathitt County, two teams they were compatible with.

However, the Engineers

ended up facing the Commodores of Perry County Central, the regions favored team with a 23-4 record. They face off tonight, Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 6 p.m. at Knott County Central in Hindman.

The Pirates played a tough defense all night and were true at the basket while Estill struggled with only sophomore guard Caleb Bonny being able to connect.

Powell led early 3-0 on a three-point shot but Estill evened the score at 3-3 after a Bonny field goal and 1-2 free throws by sophomore center Andrew Doty.

That was the last time Estill tied and the Engineers never led in the game.

Powell hit a two and a three to go up 3-8. Bonny put in six points that brought Estill within one, 10-9 and

the quarter ended with Powell up 11-9.

The Pirates opened up the second quarter with 12 straight points to lead 21-9 with 2:54 remaining. They led by as much as 12, 25-13, before ending the half leading 27-17.

The onslaught continued in the second half with Powell rattling off nine straight points before Estill junior forward Hunter Osborne put in two free throws to cut the lead to 17, 36-19.

Estill ended the third trailing by 15 points and it didn't get much better in the 4th as Powell pushed their lead to 20-points, 50-30 late in the game before finishing 61-45.

The one bright spot for the Engineers was that Estill's top scorer, Bonny, continued his good shooting with a 32-point performance.

The Engineers are 11-19 overall and 5-3 in the district. They won 79-64 over Lee County to get into the district final with four players scoring in double figures; Bonny and A. Doty with 20 each, Joe Benton with 16, and Hunter Osborne with 15. Good luck, Engineers!



Estill Engineers cheerleaders perform at the districts

Former Lady Engineers Make Big Impact At College Level

Two former Estill County Lady Engineers are making an impact on their teams at the college level with both squads headed for post-season play.

Sisters Cassidy Flynn and Kennedy Flynn are key components of their respective college teams at Asbury and Georgetown.

Cassidy Flynn is a 5-3 senior for the Asbury Eagles and has played in all 31 of the Eagles' games this year. She averages 1.8 points per game.

Asbury won 66-62 on Saturday, beating Indiana University Southeast for the third time this season and improving to 22-9. They are 16-2 in Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play and were playing their opening post-season game on Tuesday night, March 1st, at Indiana University East in Richmond, Indiana.

Kennedy Flynn is only a freshman for the Georgetown Tigers but is the 5th leading scorer for her team. The 5-4 guard has 156 points for the season, an average of nearly 6 per game.

Kennedy's Tigers lost on Saturday to Kentucky State

University's Thorobreds, 72-63. This was KSU's 15th straight win. They haven't lost since January 2, and are currently 22-3 for the season.

Georgetown is now 14-14 and finishes 4th in the Mid-South Conference with an 8-6 conference record.

The Tigers will be playing the University of Pikeville tomorrow, Thursday, March 3, 2016 in the Mid-South Tournament at Frankfort and will be traveling to Independence, Missouri on March 16th to participate in the NAIA National Tournament.

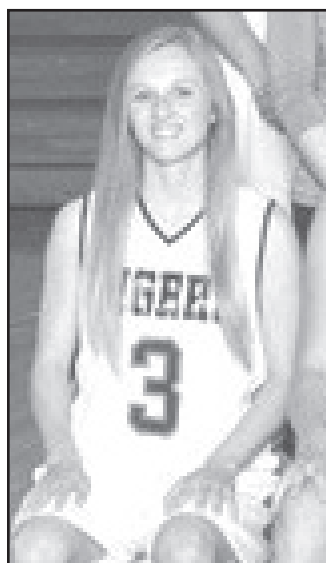
Kennedy never averaged less than 20 points per game in each of her four years of high school. She topped 1,000 points as a sophomore and scored her 3,000th point against Harrison County as a senior, finishing her high school career with 3,080 points. She also made 1,222 points in three years at Estill County Middle School.

Both girls are player #3 on their respective teams.

The Flynns are the daughters of Gina and Greg Flynn of Irvine, who also have another daughter, Kiely, a freshman on this year's Lady Engineers squad.



Cassidy Flynn



Kennedy Flynn

Wanderings from the Woods & Water

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Spring, Hurry Up and Sprung!

So I started out fall with big plans of waterfowl hunting. Due to work I never got to pull the trigger on the first duck or goose. I didn't go waterfowl hunting any this past season. It has been years since that has happened. So I am ready for feathered fowl hunting!

I catch myself daydreaming about warm spring mornings with gobbling gobblers. I look forward to my back hurting from sitting so still trying to get that long beard to come into range. I am so ready for spring!

I look forward to seeing all the plants to come out of dormancy! I can't wait for the long sunny days greening up the grass. Spring is so close I can feel the sun on my face. I am so ready for spring.

We just recently finished up the big job that kept me from duck hunting. I am not complaining because the Lord has blessed us with lots of work! Now that we are finished I can look forward to chasing gobblers! The last day on the job the Lord blessed me with two big strutting Toms up close to the road. It's God's way of telling me spring is almost here. I am so ready for spring!

It's probably obvious I am ready for spring! I catch myself sometimes complaining about it being too cold or too hot. Too rainy, too snowy, too cloudy, or too sunny. I am not sure why I complain! The Lord has given me another day on earth. Blessed me with an awesome wife and a herd of kids. So I should be thankful

for whatever the weather is.

I am so ready for spring, but changing my ways! I am going to be more thankful for every day I am breathing. When I hear someone say "sure is hot out," I am going to reply, The Lord is good! I am going to be a more positive person this year! I am going to let God's light shine in me by not being negative about what He has created.

I look forward to Spring springing, but I really look forward to spreading the good news. I hope maybe after spring springs, a God might bless me with a Gobbler wandering into my decoys. If not, that's okay, I will love just enjoying His creation and how he can change the seasons.

To all the turkey hunters, season is almost here! If you are like me you are counting the minutes. This season, take a few minutes to soak up his handy work. God is good all the time and all the time God is good!

Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation!



Five Things for Migrating Birds
Spring is on its way. Have on hand:
1. Unsalted peanuts for catbirds, redwings, cardinals.
2. White proso millet for sparrows, finches, buntings.
3. Black oil sunflower seed. Most birds can crack it open.
4. Suet cakes or nuggets for its high-fat content.
5. Fresh water. All birds need fresh water. Always.
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Community News

Act quickly for limited funding

2016 Spay/Neuter Funds Available

Funds for spay/neuter are now available from the 2016 KY License Plate grant money. These funds are EXTREMELY limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

There are two programs available. One is for the financial challenged who are receiving government financial help and the other is to support spay/neutering all pets to reduce our communities pet overpopulation. Let's give a big thanks for those that purchased the KY spay/neuter license plate and I encourage you to participate by purchasing the license plate when you register your car. Thanks for everyone involved and please act quickly by sending an email to the Humane Society's Angels of Estill County, <ellenfrederick@windstream.net>.

Please use the email above and **do not** contact the Estill County Animal Shelter.

Kiwanis Baseball Softball Signups Underway

Signups are underway for the 2016 Kiwanis Park baseball and softball leagues. Players can sign up this coming Saturday or Sunday at the Estill County High School gym. The final signup day will be Tuesday, March 9th, also at the gym.

Boys and girls of age 4-12 are eligible to play. Cost is \$60.00 per child but is discounted for families having more than one child playing.

Parents must come in person to sign up their child and no signups are taken over the phone. Payment is due when players sign up.

Anyone interested in coaching also needs to sign-up during the same period.

2016 Kiwanis Park Baseball/Softball Sign-ups

Sign-Up Dates

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 11-12
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, 2016
Girls age is determined by what age she was on December 31, 2015

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

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