

Lady Engineers Stay On Winning Track

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The Estill County Lady Engineers Softball team extended their winning streak to seven games this past week after being idle during spring break.

Estill 13, Owsley 0

With five senior starters out of the lineup due to Senior Trip, the underclassmen came through for Estill on Thursday night as they shutout district foe, Owsley County, by the score of 13-0. Sophomore pitcher, Kaylee Covey blew away the

Lady Owls with 7K's while tossing a no-hitter. Sophomores Lindsey Wood and Sarah Wiseman collected 5 hits between them while Wood smashed her first career homerun. Junior slugger, Taylor Wiseman drove in 2 runs and fellow Juniors Abby Winkle and McKinley Meek added a hit and RBI each.

Estill 26, Mason 5

Estill County would travel to Erlanger on Saturday for a triangle along with Mason County and Lloyd Memorial. Estill's Seniors

would return for this tournament and the Lady Engineers would demolish Mason County by the score of 26-5. Estill would score 16 runs in the first inning and put this one to rest after 3 innings. All nine Estill starters would collect hits in this game. T. Wiseman would go 4-5 at the plate and drive in 5 runs. K. Covey would drive in four runs of her own, including three with her first career home run. H. Puckett would chip in with 3 hits and 2 RBI. M. Muncie would get the win on the mound as she struck out 5 and gave up only three hits.

Estill 17, Lloyd 0

In the second game, Estill would come out on fire again in the first inning and put a seven spot on the board on their way to a 17-0 win. M. Muncie cracked her second homer of the season and added a triple while knocking in four runs and still finding time to team with K. Covey on the mound to pitch a combined no-hitter. M. Meek collected three hits while A. Winkle chipped in with 2 hits.

Recap

The Estill County Lady Engineers JV had a busy week while the seniors traveled to Washington, DC. Doubleheader sweeps against Powell County, Madison Central, and Bourbon County and a single game victory against Owsley County would run this

impressive group's record to 11-1 on the season. McKinley Meek would crush her first career homerun in the win against Bourbon County. The future definitely looks bright for the Lady Engineers Softball Team.

Upcoming Action

Estill's next action will be on Tuesday night as they host a tough Garrard County team at JL Thomas Field. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will find the Ladies on the road with a district matchup against Lee County, a regional game against Jackson City and Rockcastle County Triangle including Russell County. The Lady Engineers will return home on Monday April 25th against Montgomery County, April 26th @ Model and then back home on Wednesday for the much anticipated district battle against Powell County. Come out and support the Lady Engineers as they strive for 11 in a row (district championships), another regional title and a trip to Owensboro. GO BIG BLUE!!!!

Coach's Note

We have had 5 out of the park homeruns so far this year. McKeely Muncie hit one out at Dunbar and 1 against Lloyd Memorial. Lindsey Wood hit one against Owsley; McKinley Meek hit one at Bourbon on Friday, and Kaylee Covey hit one this weekend, against Mason County. Big bats :)



Estill junior Abby Winkle makes a difficult catch with sophomore Lindsey Wood ducking out of the way against Owsley County.



Estill junior McKinley Meek runs into home plate as sophomore Sarah Wiseman waits to bat against the Owsley County Lady Owls.

Wanderings from the Woods & Water

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A Few Moments

The world is just gone crazy! Russians jets are buzzing American war ships. ISIS seems to be unstoppable. Politicians caught up in scandal after scandal. God has all but been kicked out of America! CRAZY!

I recently had a few moments where all the craziness of the world was put on hold. It was a few moments that will be with me for the rest of my life. It was a few moments that was just plain awesome! It was Saturday around 4:30 p.m., and the boys and I were heading to the woods. It's turkey time and the Bicknell Boys are cranked up. It was our day to hunt a few hours together. Hopefully we might get a chance to harvest a turkey.

We finally made it to woods about 5 p.m. We got our blind set up where the decoys could be seen from two different fields. It was a group effort on deciding where to put the decoys out. It was a group effort on how to set the blind. It was the Bicknell Boys hanging out for a few moments and the crazy world was a million miles away.

So we got everything set up. All we needed was a turkey. I called a little bit and nothing. We talked a little and laughed a lot. Josh decided to lay down in the blind. As soon as he got settled in, I called and a turkey gobbled. It was in the woods and real close. I called again and he gobbled even closer. I could see him and he was coming quick. The boys were so excited. The Tom was in the decoys before we could even get ready. Josh was supposed to shoot, but he was on the ground. The turkey was staring us down in the blind.

I eased my gun up and shot once, twice, and finally connected with a third shot. It

was obvious I hadn't shot a shotgun in about a year. The boys and I flipped the blind over to get to the turkey. Josh finished the turkey with a shot from his 410. We were hooping and hollering; the crazy world was a trillion miles away for a few moments. It was our great few moments!

We tried hunting for a little longer. Jake wanted to try to get one, but we were too excited to hunt any longer. We got out of the blind and Josh started talking smack to a dead turkey. He said, "you are dead, did you see you are dead turkey!"

We loaded up and headed to show off our prize. We drove the Kawasaki mule past a couple of hens on our way out. Josh hollered at the hens and told them the Big Daddy Turkey was dead. It was a great few moments.

The boys and I had a great few moments that we will be talking about for years. I am so thankful that God has given these few moments with my boys. God is good all the time and all the time God is good.

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



Keep It Simple
White proso millet is a favorite. It's inexpensive and a little goes a long way. My favorite thing to do is toss it on the ground near brush cover for little birds. Indigo buntings are known to come for white proso millet, so I always have plenty on hand.

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Jake and Josh Bicknell

Engineers Underclassmen Pick Up Two Wins During Senior Trip

The Estill County Engineers baseball team underclassmen picked up a couple of big wins last week while seniors were on their senior trip.

Estill won 14-4 over the Berea Pirates; then defeated 14th Region opponent Buckhorn, 14-1.

Estill 14, Berea 4

The Engineers jumped out to an early lead on Berea and held on for the win.

An RBI single by Logan Beckler, a walk by Dylan Arthur, a hit by Jacob Arnold, a hit by pitch, a bases loaded walk by Zane Brown, a passed ball, and a two-run double by Tanner Crowe in the first inning and an RBI double by Rocky Hix and a steal of home by Hix during the second inning helped Estill County Engineers put some runs on the board early.

With 11 runs in the first three innings, the Engineers left no doubt about the eventual outcome.

Juniors Tanner Crowe and Bradley Kirby each had two hits to lead Estill. Crowe racked up four RBIs on three hits for Estill County Engineers

Seventh grader Hix was on the mound and got the win, striking out 10. , had

Estill County Engineers first-inning burst enough to top Berea, 14-4

Estill County Engineers jumped out to an early lead on Berea and captured a 14-4 victory on Thursday.

Estill 14, Buckhorn 1

A 13-run explosion in the fifth inning led the Engineers to a 14-1 win in five innings over Buckhorn on Friday.

Estill scored in the fifth on an error, a two-run double by Bradley Kirby, an RBI single by Dylan Arthur, a two-run double by Jacob Arnold, a passed ball, a walk by Shaun Blackwell, a walk by Cade Lisle, a sacrifice fly by Logan Beckler, a bases loaded walk by Rocky Hix,

a walk by Dylan Arthur, and a walk by Arnold.

Dylan Arthur got a hit in each of his three at bats.

Tanner Crowe handled Buckhorn's lineup with ease, racking up 10 strikeouts. Crowe allowed one earned run, five hits and two walks over five innings.

Crowe, Dylan Arthur, Arnold and Kirby combined for seven hits and seven RBIs.

Franklin 8, Estill 3

Senior Peyton Rose did his best to change the outcome, but Rose couldn't lead Estill County Engineers past Franklin County as Estill County Engineers lost 8-3 in seven innings on Saturday.

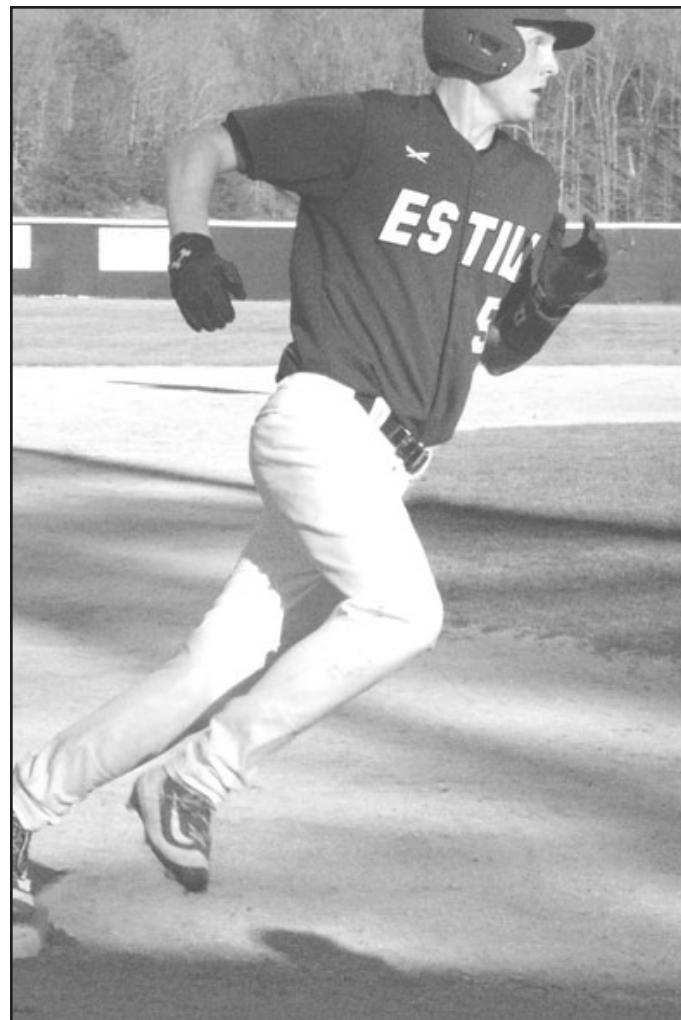
Franklin County's lineup had no answer for Rose as he held the Flyers hitless over 2 1/3 innings, allowed no earned runs, walked two and struck out none.

The game's last lead went to Franklin County thanks to a first inning rally that saw four runs cross the plate on a two-run double by Napier and two singles.

A three-run second inning helped bring Estill County Engineers within one. A sacrifice fly by Logan Beckler, a groundout by Blake Harrison, and an RBI single by Tanner Crowe triggered Estill County Engineers' comeback. The Estill County Engineers threat came to an end when Logan Gabbard finally got Taylor Sewell to fly out.

The Engineers have a tough week ahead with a home and away against Richmond Model, Wednesday and Monday, respectively.

Estill also has rematches, both away, with Madison Southern, Friday, and Bourbon County, Saturday. Each of the earlier games were one-run losses to a couple of tough teams, 8-7 to Madison Southern's Eagles and 6-5 to the Bourbon County Colonels.



Estill freshman outfielder Trent Taylor rounds third base against the Berea Pirates.



Estill Engineers knock down a hit by the Berea Pirates during last week's action.