

5 Regional Titles In A Row!!!

Estill plays North Laurel on Thursday in State Tournament

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Last Wednesday night at Hazard High School, the Estill County Lady Engineers claimed their fifth consecutive 14th Region Championship with a decisive win over Wolfe County. Estill's domination of the region has resulted in trips to the state tournament in nine of the last eleven years. This year is no different as the Lady Engineers find themselves among the last 16 teams standing in the state. Estill will begin play on Thursday night in Owensboro against a tough North Laurel team. Action will begin at 7:00 p.m. CST.

Regional Championship Estill 9, Wolfe County 1

Estill's regional title would not come without a few tense moments for the Blue Nation but a career game by sophomore DP Sarah Wiseman would leave no doubt who rules the 14th.

Estill would leave McKeely Muncie stranded after a double in the first but Wolfe would return the favor in the top of the second. After consecutive two out walks, Muncie would end the threat with a strikeout. Sarah Wiseman's leadoff double in the bottom half of the second was inches from leaving the yard but Estill would leave her stranded as well. Wolfe's third inning threat would pay off after a single, an error, and two bases on balls and put them out in front 1-0.

Falling behind for the first time in post season play would rile the Lady

Engineers lineup and bats would begin to awaken. Hayley Puckett would lead off with a liner off the pitcher's glove and McKinley Meek would even this affair with a double to the left center field gap.

After a Muncie infield single, rbi machine Taylor Wiseman would drive both in with a ringing double.

S. Wiseman would drive her in with a double of her own and an Abby Winkle infield hit would finish the Estill scoring in the third. Estill would lead 5-1.

Wolfe County would leave two more runners stranded in the fourth inning and Estill would slam the door shut in the bottom half.

Meek would start it off with a single to right and Muncie would follow with a walk. Zoe Deaton would load the bases after being hit by a pitch and S. Wiseman would bring them all in with a bases clearing double. Estill's lead would stretch to 8-1.

Just to put a little icing on the cake, Deaton would single in the sixth and after pinch runner extraordinaire, Lindsey Wood stole second base, S. Wiseman would drive in her fifth run of the night with a single, and Estill would bring home the hardware with a final of 9-1.

Regional Semi-final Estill 2, Perry Central 0

The Lady Engineers' smooth ride to the finals got a little bumpy on Tuesday night as the ladies had to "grind one out." Clutch offense and some outstand-

ing glove work gained Estill the victory in a tight one, 2-0.

Meek would reach second on a PCC error and a T. Wiseman single would drive her in to give Estill the lead.

In the top of the fourth, PCC would mount a two out scoring threat with runners on first and second. A ground ball up the middle looked to have eyes, but Winkle made an outstanding backhand stop to get the force out and end the threat.

Kaylee Covey would lead off Estill's half of the fourth with a sharp single and after a Winkle bunt single, Puckett would line a pitch to left to drive in Covey and give Estill a little breathing room with a 2-0 lead.

Seniors Sarah Barnes and Haley Bishop's defensive effort in this win was nearly perfect and Muncie's performance on the mound (2H, 9K) would cap the win and a trip to the finals.

Winkle would go 3-3 at the plate and T. Wiseman would add 2 hits and a clutch RBI.

Estill County would have four players make the 14th Region All Tournament Team: Sarah Barnes, Abby Winkle, Sarah Wiseman, and the MVP of the tourney, McKeely Muncie. Congrats, Ladies!

Big Blue Nation, Come on out to Owensboro and cheer the Lady Engineers on as they play in the state tournament. GO BIG BLUE!

Writer's remarks: I want to congratulate my daughter, Sarah Wiseman.



Estill player Amelia Farmer's father, Steve Farmer, watches the action as McKinley Meek pulls down the fly ball to left field to end the inning against Wolfe County.



Kaylee Covey watches the action at the plate during the regional tourney.



McKeely Muncie receives the MVP game ball for the 14th Regional Tournament.



AT LEFT: Estill Lady Engineers sophomore Sarah Wiseman is all smiles after reaching 2nd base against Wolfe County. Wiseman was 4-5 on the night.

Good Luck Estill Girls



Estill fastpitch softball seniors Sarah, McKeely, Zoe, Haley and Hayley receive the championship trophy of the 2016 14th Regional Tournament.

