

# Engineers Pound Gallatin County, 53-23

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The Engineers football team returned to winning form this past Friday night as they played host to Gallatin County. Being a gracious host was the last thing on Estill's mind as they came into this game missing RB/LB Blake Francisco and DE Dylan Evans.

The Engineers would gash Gallatin's defense, time and time again with a running game that could not be stopped. Estill would rack up 442 yards on the ground and triple up on first downs 24-8.

The Estill defense did their part on the night as well by holding Gallatin to only 7 points in the first half.

Homecoming 2016 would start with an early Estill takeaway as Dawson Bingham would pick off an errant throw from the Gallatin QB. Bingham would cash in the turnover for six points when he scored from 3 yards out on the next offensive possession.

Bingham would take one in from 25 yards out for an early 13-0 lead.

Gallatin would counter with a touchdown run of their own late in the 2nd quarter and close the gap to 6 points.

Estill would have none of that though, and put together a beautiful 80 yard drive topped off with senior

Kendall Vaughn's first career touchdown as he darted in from four yards out.

Estill would take possession of the ball again and with just 33 seconds left in the first half, Logan Beckler would score from eight yards out to put the Engineers up 27-7 at the half.

After crowning of the queen at halftime, Estill would come out and put this one away as Bingham would score the third of his four touchdowns on the night on a seventeen yard scamper to paydirt.

Austin Salyer and Justin Stamper, the next Engineers up, would also score on touchdown runs and give Estill a 45-13 lead.

Gallatin would score some late "feel good" points after the game had been decided but this one would belong to the Engineers by the score of 53-23.

The second half would see quite a bit of action from the future Engineers as freshman and sophomore players took their turn and gained some game experience.

Senior Bingham would have the game of his career on his final Homecoming Night as he racked up 250 yards rushing on 17 carries and put the ball in the end-zone four times. He did not take time off on the other side of the ball as he managed to rack up 14 tackles to go along with an interception.



The Engineers stormed the field on Friday night ready to take on the Gallatin County Wildcats. The Engineers led the entire game and defeated the Wildcats with a final score of 53-23. (Estill Tribune photo by Cathy Dawes)

Junior Beckler would tote the ball 11 times for 85 yards and a score while adding 5 tackles.

Austin Salyer, 7 carries for 52 yards and a TD, and Justin Stamper, 6 carries for 34 yards and his first career TD, would take up some slack in the Estill backfield. Taylor O'Hair, 5 tackles,

and Chase Harrison, 5 tackles and a fumble recovery, would make their presence known on defense as well.

This Friday night, Est-Travis Donahue would

add 5 tackles of his own as would Jason Watkins who would also add a sack.

This Friday night, Est-Travis Donahue would

take on the Pirates of Powell County. Come on "Engineer Nation," travel BIG and let's sink that ship!! GO BIG BLUE!!!!



Dawson Bingham was tackled by a couple of Gallatin County Wildcats during the Homecoming game on Friday night. (Estill Tribune photo by Cathy Dawes)

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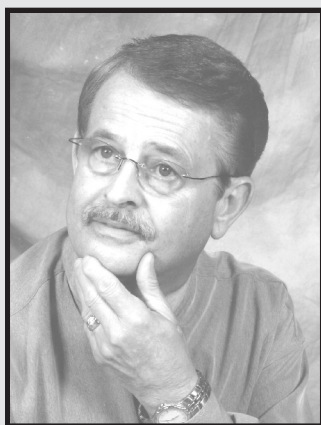
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