

#6 LCA Hands Engineers 2nd Loss of Season, 55-22

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The Estill County Engineers would travel to Lexington to take on the Eagles of Lexington Christian Academy and come back to Irvine with their second loss of the year. Estill would simply be outmatched by talent in this one as LCA would out gain Estill 559-274 in total yardage.

Estill would break out of the gate early when Blake Francisco would bust a 64 yard TD run up the middle on the third play from scrimmage and give the Engineers an early 7-0 lead. LCA would run their no-huddle offense and connect on a 42 yard TD pass to even the score. Estill would give the ball back with a 3 and out and after converting a 4th

and 23, the Eagles would score from three yards out and the rout was on.

The Engineers would manage to hold LCA to 26 points at half and find themselves with a chance only down nineteen. But with two consecutive TDs in the third quarter, LCA would extend their lead to 40-7.

With their pride at stake, the Engineers would score when after a long run from Logan Beckler, Fransisco would plunge in from 2 yards out for his second TD of the game.

Beckler would rip off a beautiful 40 yard run for six in the fourth quarter and after a couple of late scores, the Engineers would see their season record even at 2-2 with the loss, 55-22.

Estill may have suffered more than just a game loss

when Senior RB and LB Fransisco would exit the game late in the fourth quarter with a possible season ending leg injury. We all wish Blake the best and hope he can return this year. Next Engineer Up!

Offensive Stats: D. Bingham- 21 att 63 yds, L. Beckler- 17 att 113 yds 1 TD, B. Fransisco- 6 att 91 yds 2 TD, A. Salyer- 3 att 16 yds.

Defensive Stats: D. Bingham- 16 tkl, B. Fransisco- 7 tkl, C. Harrison- 5 tkl, 1 sack, A. Salyer- 8 tkl

Estill will play host to Gallatin County this Friday night at Hoover Niece Field with action beginning at 7:30. This will also be Homecoming 2016. So all you alumni come out and support this edition of the Estill County Engineers. GO BIG BLUE!!!!



The Estill County High School Jr. ROTC had their 3rd Annual Spartan Crucible on Saturday, September 10, 2016, with several teams from across the state participating. ECHS cadets registering at the "Dirk Challenge" included, left to right, J.D. Knopp, Megan Jones, Breanna Hall, Alexis Watterson and Tony Holder.

Ladies Soccer Still Winning; Boys & Volleyball Improving

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The Estill County Lady Engineers Volleyball Team's record now stands at 2-9. The Ladies will be on the road for most of the next week with the only home game being played on September 15 against Jackson City. They will travel to Lee County on September 13, Danville Tournament on September 17, Knott County Central on September 19 and Owsley County on September 20.

Come out and support Coach Carroll and the Lady Engineers.

Estill Boys Soccer

The Estill County Boys Soccer Team's record now stands at 2-6 with a stretch of four consecutive home games over the next two weeks.

They will host Wolfe County on September 14, Letcher County Central on September 17, Perry County Central on September 20, and Powell County on September 26. Four great chances to come out and support the Big Blue. Congrats to my nephew, Andrew Samples on scoring his first career goal earlier this week.

Estill Girls Soccer

The Estill County Lady Engineers Soccer Team continues with a fabulous season as their record stands at 7 wins and only 1 loss.

The Ladies Soccer Team will be in action on September 15 when they take on North Laurel in a road contest. The ladies will return to home action on September 17 when they host Letcher County Central in an 11:00 am start. They will also host Perry County Central on September 20 with a 6:00 pm start. Good luck Ladies and keep those "W's" coming.

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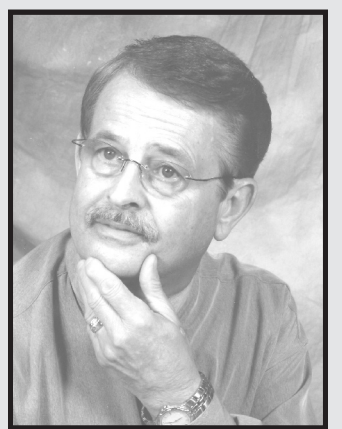
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