

Estill Middle Wins 6th & 8th Grade 56th District Titles

The Estill County Middle School Engineers had a successful day on Saturday, winning two of three titles in the 4-team 56th District Tournament.

Early in the day, the 6th grade team, coached by Seth Horn picked up Estill's first tourney title.

The 8th grade Engineers won over the Powell County Pirates in their opener, then put away the Lee County Bobcats in the title game.

Estill completely overwhelmed the Bobcats and led by 20 points before Lee County finally picked up a single point with 17.3 seconds left in the 1st and trailed 20-1.

The Bobcats coach protested a lot in the first quarter and it seemed to have some effect as they started to score in the second. They put in a three that pulled them with in 5 but that was as close as they got before ending the half with a 29-21 Estill lead.

The Bobcats stayed in the fight in the third quarter but could not last to the end. Estill's Landon Napier was nearly unstoppable during the game and scored 29 points to lead Estill to a victory. He had earlier scored 20 against Powell County.

"The 56th District Tournament is, in my opinion, the most important tournament we play all year," said 8th grade coach Seth Martin. "In this tournament, we

play the teams these boys will be playing the rest of their school basketball careers.

"We first played our rival Powell County. It was a very hard-fought game and we were victorious and moved on to the District Championship against Lee County. In the championship, we played very hard. We started out strong and jumped out to a 20-1 lead in the first quarter. Unfortunately, we let up a little and Lee County came back on us and lowered our lead to 10 by the end of the first half.

After the half, we made our push to the title. Our defense really picked up and we shut them down. In the 4th quarter, we started pulling away from them and won the championship 54-36.

This win marked the 2nd title for this group of boys. They won the title in 2015 as 6th graders. After the game, Landon Napier was named the Offensive MVP and Ty Niece was named the Defensive MVP.

"As a coach, I was incredibly proud of these boys," said Martin. "They helped me win my 4th straight district title as a coach. I see a bright future for these boys if they stay together and keep working hard. I look forward to watching these boys play together for the next 4 years in high school."



2017 56th District Tournament 8th Grade Champion - Estill County Engineers

Left to right, front: Elliot Hardy, Tyler Hatton, Bryce Willis, Ty Niece, Jameson Miller, Gabe Hall-Manager. Back: Coach Seth Martin, Alec Arthur, Keaton Henry, Landyn Baskin, Noah Lutes, Lucas Flynn, Landon Napier, Johnathan Short. Not Pictured: Caden Stewart



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Left to right, front: Hayden Woolery, Casey Chaney, Rylan Brown, Koda Jones, Kyler Chaney. Back: Canyon Hix, Caden Arvin, Parker Maybrier, Peyton Riddell, Taylor Stewart, and Noah Freeman. Coached by Seth Horn. (Photo courtesy of Jeremy Stewart)

Lady Engineers Grab Upset Win Over Lady Owls

MIKE WISEMAN
Estill Tribune Sportswriter

The Estill County Lady Engineers grabbed a hard fought district win last Thursday as they hosted the Lady Owls from Owsley County. The one point victory would come for the Ladies when Mia Hale would toss a pass from half court to a wide open Savannah Brewer for an uncontested layup as time expired and a final score of 53-52. Only four Lady Engineers would score in the game with Senior Savannah Brewer leading the way with 19 points on the night but none bigger than the last two. Amy Brewer would

have a rough shooting night, but owned the boards as she grabbed 26 for the night to go along with her 11 points. Megan Bellamy would continue her consistency with 15 points and Kiely Flynn would scratch the scorebook with 8 points of her own.

The Lady Engineers would drop their next game to Pulaski County by the score of 56-53 and see their season record drop to 2-5. The Ladies will be back in action on Tuesday night as they go on the road to take on Letcher County Central in regional action. Come out and support the Lady Engineers!!! GO BIG BLUE!!!

Engineers Get First District Win, 84-55, over Owsley County Owls

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The Estill County Engineers picked up their first 56th District win last Thursday as they laid a good old fashioned butt whooping on Owsley County by the final score of 84-55. The Engineers would follow this game with a loss to a tough South Laurel team in the Bobby Keith Classic at Clay County. The Engineers would see their season record fall to 2-5. A disappointing start for the guys, but against

some tough competition that will season them for district and regional play.

The Engineers Basketball Team will travel to Wolfe County on Tuesday night for what is sure to be a tough regional game. They will then travel to Morehead to play in the Kentucky Bank Challenge with games against Boyd County on Friday night and Franklin County on Saturday. Good Luck Engineers! Come out and support the Big Blue!!!!

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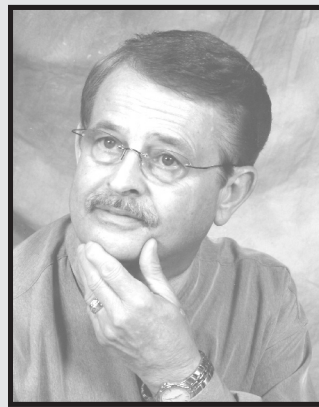
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