

Estill Engineers are 56th District Champions

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The Estill County Engineers Basketball Team would secure back-to-back District Titles on Friday night with a 64-45 throttling of rival Powell County.

After a first round cake walk against winless Lee County, the Engineers would try their hand at beating a team three times in one year. No easy task considering it's a longstanding rivalry game.

Estill would come out firing in the first quarter and try to make an early statement as the Engineer's leader Caleb Bonny would connect on his first three shots of the game, all three pointers, and with the Doty twins swatting shots from every angle, the Engineers would hold an early 12-7 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Pirates would not back down and after putting together a 12-6 run and a one point lead, Coach Bentley would call time out to settle down his squad.

Estill would right "their" ship and put up a 6-0 run of their own to take a 24-19 lead to the locker room at the halfway point.

Bonny would have 15 at the half with the Dotys chipping in for nine points.

The Engineers would need to concentrate on defensive rebounding in the second half as Powell County had numerous second chances in the first half.

The Estill squad would come out of the locker room in the second half with defense on their mind and senior Kevin Richardson was a thorn in Powell's side the entire third quarter.

The Engineers would extend their lead to ten points halfway through the third stanza and prompt a TO from Powell County as they felt this one slipping away.

Estill would outscore Powell 15-5 in the third quarter and push their lead to fifteen points. T

he fourth quarter would be much of the same as Estill continued to pile it on with Joe Benton adding eight points in the final frame as Estill would pull away to another 56th Dis-

trict title by the final score of 64-45.

Estill County put together one of the best defensive displays that I have witnessed this year. If they continue their defensive intensity in this fashion, a 14th Region Title could be staring them in the face.

The Engineers would be led in scoring by Tournament MVP Caleb Bonny who rang the bell for 27 points on the night.

Joe Benton would continue his steady play and put 10 points on the board in the second half.

Andrew Doty would put in 15 points and his brother, Lane, would toss in six of his own; but their defense around the rim was stellar on this night.

Kevin Richardson would add 4 points for the night and Jerry O'Hair would fail to score, but their defense would lead the way for the Engineers.

Dylon Long and Landon Napier would add single free throws in the fourth quarter to round out the scoring.

All Tournament Team: Caleb Bonny (MVP), Andrew Doty, Kevin Richardson. Defensive Player of the Game: J.T. O'Hair.

The Estill County Engineers will put away their trophy and keep their eye on the coveted prize; a 14th Region Title and a trip to the Sweet Sixteen.

Estill will open their first round action on Wednesday, February 28th (tonight) @ 8:00 p.m. as they take on Wolfe County for a third time this year.

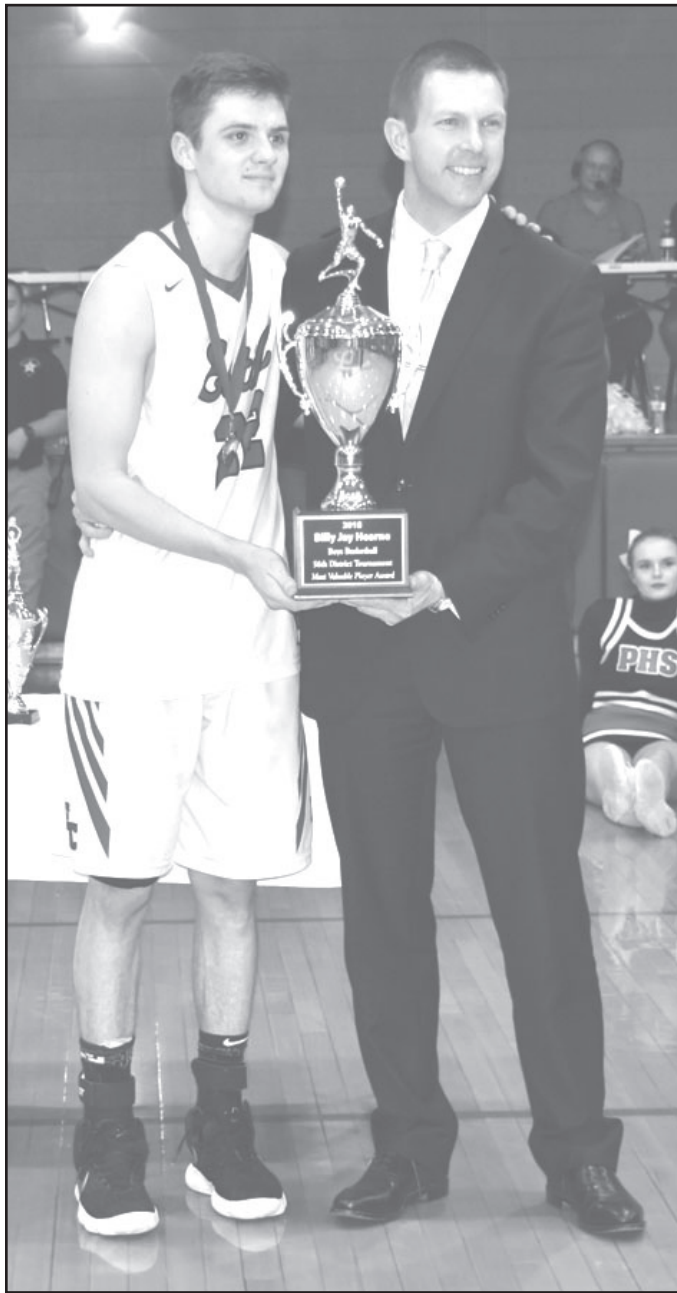
Estill would come out on top in the two prior contests.

All action will take place at Perry County Central High School. Quarterfinal action will take place on Monday, February 5 while the championship game will be on Tuesday, February 6.

Come out and support the Estill County Engineers!!!! GO BIG BLUE!!!

Congratulations, Estill coach Jon B. Bentley on being named 14th Region "Coach of the Year"

This is Bentley's 8th season as coach of the Estill County Engineers.



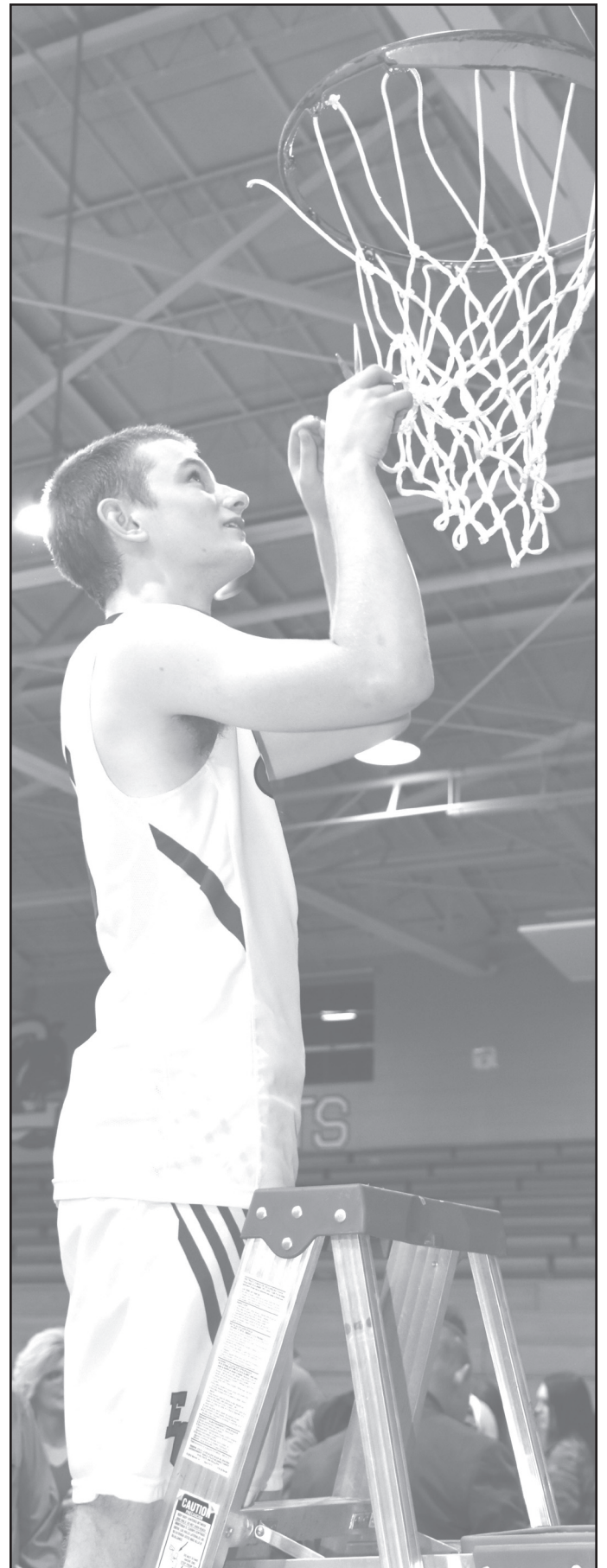
Estill County Engineers senior guard Caleb Bonny receives the 2018 56th District Billy Jay Hearne Most Valuable Player Award from Hondo Hearne. The Hearne family has presented this award for many years in memory of Hondo Hearne's brother, Billy Jay Hearne, who was a standout player for the Powell County Pirates before his tragic death.



Estill County Engineers junior forward Jerry "JT" O'Hair receives the 2018 56th District Most Valuable Defensive Player Award at the end of the 56th District Tournament.

ATTENTION ALL CANDIDATES

The Estill County Animal Shelter is making T-shirts to raise money for the Animal Shelter, and you can be a sponsor. The cost is \$25.00 for your name only or \$50.00 for your name and the position that you are running. We need all info by March 1st. Please contact Tommy Mullen at the Estill County Animal Shelter at (606) 723-3587.



Estill senior Kevin Richardson cuts down the nets following Estill's win over the Powell County Pirates for the championship of the 56th District Tournament.

2018 Kiwanis Park Baseball/Softball Sign-ups

Sign-Up Dates

Saturday, Feb. 24 10am - 1pm
 Sunday, Feb. 25 1pm - 3pm
 Saturday, March 3 10am - 1pm
 Sunday, March 4 1pm - 3pm
 Monday, March 5 6pm - 8pm

Baseball & Softball Leagues

Boys/Girls Tee-Ball		Ages 4-5
Girls	Coach Pitch	Ages 6-8
Girls	Player Pitch	Ages 9-10
Girls	Player Pitch	Ages 11-12
Boys	Coach Pitch	Ages 6-8
Boys	Player Pitch	Ages 9-10
Boys	Player Pitch	Ages 11-12

*****ANYONE interested in COACHING*****
Needs to come to one of the Sign-ups!
Boys age is determined by what age he will be on or before April 30, 2018
Girls age is determined by what age she was on December 31, 2017

LOCATION:
Estill County High School Gym Lobby



COST \$60.00 per child

Payment is due when you come to sign up. Everyone must sign up at one of the designated times. **We will not take sign-ups over the phone!** Parents must come and sign their child's form

Please remember * March 5th *** is the last day to sign up**

Attention Veterans

The Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the **Estill County Public Library**, 246 Main Street in Irvine, on Thursday, March 1st and normally the first Thursday of each month. The hours are 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Veterans and their dependants will receive assistance filing for Federal and State veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free within Kentucky, 1-866-376-0308, to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.