

# Irvine High Golden Eagles see Estill fall to Wolfe County

It was all about the Golden Eagles as Estill County Schools held an Irvine High Celebration on Monday December 17, 2018 at Estill County High School.

The stands were filled with the black and gold and even ballplayers, cheerleaders, and band members were decked out in the Irvine High School colors.

A large group of alumni from the school, which closed in 1971, were in attendance. Most attended a reception in the lunch room followed by recognition of Irvine High Alumni attending the game, as well as recognizing the 1948 Irvine High regional championship basketball team and the 2018 ECHS regional champions as well.

KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett was in attendance as well and spoke extensively about the importance of the Irvine High School to the community and the state.

Players from the 1947-48 11th Region champions were introduced as well as cheerleaders.

Players during that year were Guy Strong, Charlie Broaddus, Norman Christopher, Parker Bryant, Bucky Denny, Morton Flynn, Bally Baker, Benny Bob McPherson, Raymond Neikirk, and Paul Noland. Coach was Joe Ohr with manager Joe Hester.

Cheerleaders were Elizabeth Whitehead, Lois Lutes and Dorothy Newman.

One of the most known of the group, Guy Strong, was in attendance. He has coached basketball and football at numerous schools including: Madison High School, Male High School, Virginia Tech University,

Kentucky Wesleyan College where his team won a National Championship in Div. II in the 1965-66 season, Eastern Kentucky University, Oklahoma State University and George Rogers Clark High School. He has served as assistant principal and principal at George Rogers Clark.

After the recognition, fans got to see a ball game between Estill and Wolfe County with Estill players wearing the black and gold rather than their traditional blue, white and black.

Despite rousing cheers from the 'Black and Gold' faithful and some great music from the 'Eagles' band, the home team fell 71-53 to the Wolves.

The Engineers also lost last week to Powell County, 72-51 and are now 1-6. Estill was playing 2-7 Lee County on Tuesday night and will take on two tough teams, 4-2 West Carter and 5-2 George Rogers Clark on the 21st and 22nd, respectively.

The Lady Engineers took it on the chin at Powell County in the doubleheader as well, losing 52-30. They also played Pulaski County on Saturday and lost 80-46.

Estill's ladies were also playing Lee County (4-5) on Tuesday night in another double-header. Afterwards they will have a chance to regroup before participating in the Gateway Holiday Invitational in Mount Sterling at the end of the month.

The Lady Engineers have only two playing seniors and one junior and continue to hope for the winning ways of their younger players as middle school students to pick up the slack.

The Engineers also field a very young team.



Estill's band, cheerleaders and ballplayers all wore the black and gold of Irvine High School in an event to honor the school and its alumni. Irvine High closed in 1971 and merged into Estill Schools.



One of the three cheerleaders from the Irvine High Golden Eagles 1947-48 state tournament team was honored at Irvine High Night at the Estill County High School on Monday night. Cheerleaders were Elizabeth Whitehead, Lois Lutes, and Dorothy Newton. At center with baseball hat is player Guy Strong.



2017-2018 State Tournament Team The Estill County Engineers - 14th Region Champions



Alumni and friends of the former Irvine High School recalled the glory days of the Irvine Golden Eagles on Monday night in Irvine.

**With Our Thanks**  
Please accept a generous helping of our gratitude this holiday season.  
Serving you has been a real treat for us.  
**Merry Christmas!**

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