

Engineers' Historic Season Ends at Rupp

Estill falls to Corbin 50-40 in first round of Sweet 16 Tournament

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The Estill County Engineers basketball season came to an end last Wednesday as they dropped their matchup with Corbin, 50-40, in the opening session of the Sweet Sixteen.

The Engineers and their faithful fans, 3000 strong, would flood Rupp Arena with their BLUE and WHITE to try and add another chapter to this story-book season. Taking a quote from Caddyshack, this team was definitely a "Cinderella story" as they took their first ever Regional title and appearance in the State Tournament.

Estill would show a few jitters in the opening quarter as Corbin applied full court man-to-man pressure which resulted in five turnovers. But Estill would play their signature tough defense and keep the game tight at the end of one quarter by the score of 15-10.

With every Engineer contributing through the second quarter, brought life back to the crowd by outscoring Corbin 13-8. The Dotys blocking shots, Benton and Bonny draining "threes", Richardson and O'Hair with their steady play; things we have seen all year long to make Estill successful were taking place.

Estill still continued to give Corbin second and third shots but were holding their star, Andrew Taylor, to lower than normal numbers. The game would go to the half tied at 23.

At halftime, we were

brought to our feet as Estill Senior, Jakolbi Crowe, sank a half court shot to grab some scholarship money and some hope that today may be Estill's day.

Unfortunately, the Engineers would come out in the third quarter and face some tough physical defense from Corbin causing several turnovers resulting in easy Red-hound baskets.

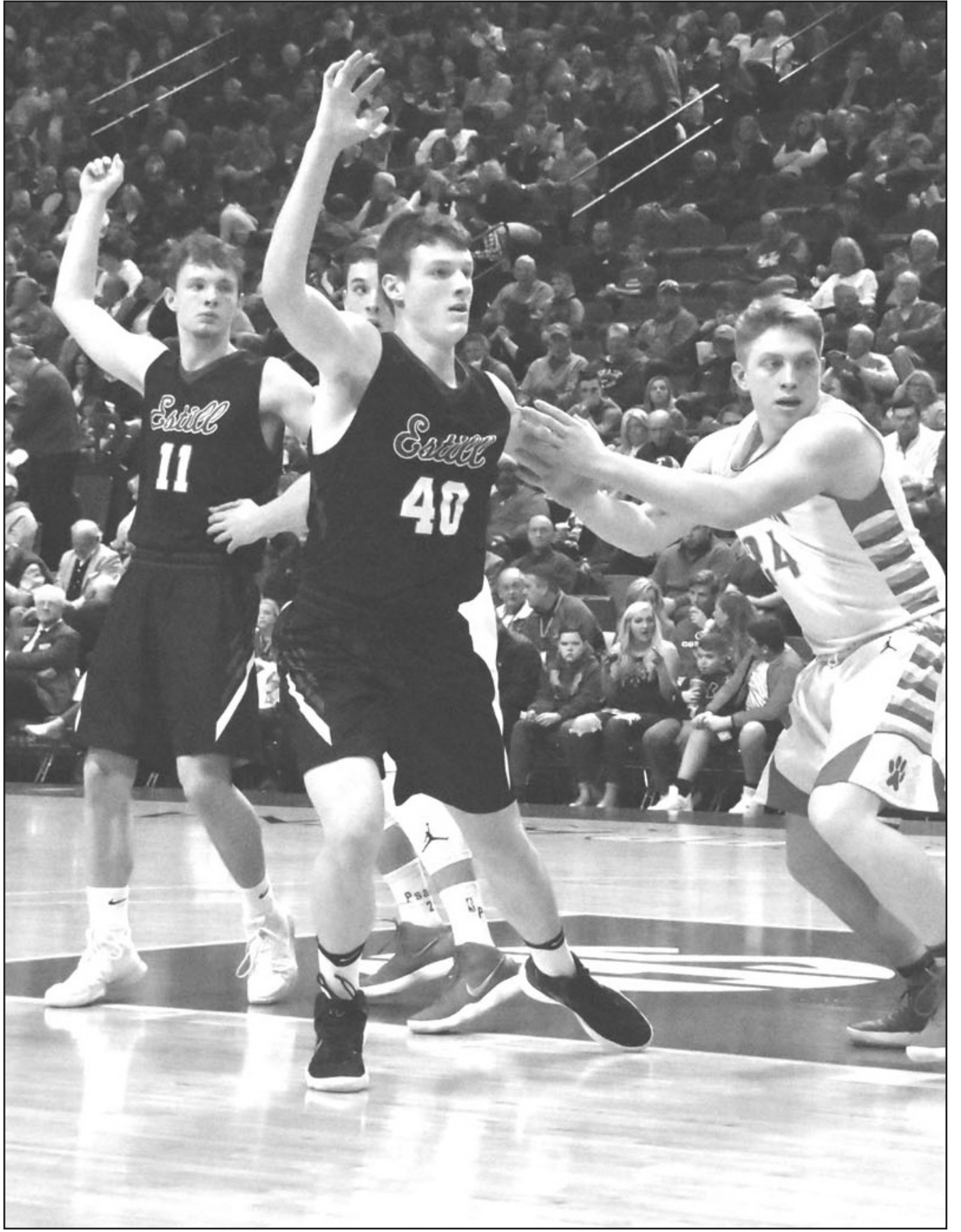
The Engineers would not go away and with some spirited play, they were able to cut the Corbin lead from eight points to 38-34 at the end of the third quarter.

The fourth quarter would do Estill in as they only managed to score six points with their final field goal coming with five minutes left. Turnovers and lack of defensive rebounding would be the reason for this loss and surely not the hustle and hard play as our Engineers gave all they had to try and grab this win. But nonetheless, the Engineers dream season would come to an end by the score of 50-40.

What an awesome experience for all Engineer fans, young and old, to watch and cheer for this team all the way to Lexington. Thanks Estill County Engineers for such a wonderful season. We are so proud of you!!!

Stats: A. Doty- 7 pts, 3 reb, 3 blocks; L. Doty- 6 pts, 3 reb, 3 blocks; J. Benton- 6 pts, 3 assists; K. Richardson- 7 pts; C.B onny- 14 pts J. O'Hair- 7 rebs.

Estill's all-time leading scorer Caleb Bonny ends his career with 2448 points.



Estill junior J.T. O'Hair #11 and senior center Andrew Doty #40 call for the ball during action in the Sweet 16.

**Wanderings
from the
Woods
& Water**

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Proof is in the Journey

Before I get started, I have figured out how to protect schools. What needs to be done is say, 'Jesus is coming to a school near you.' Then I'll bet there would be armed guards, snipers, tanks, and even the blue helmets from United Nations at every school. Before Jesus got kicked out of school there were no school shootings. Coincidence?

Is Big Foot Real? I have a hard time believing that Big Foot is real. I have been in a lot of woods and never saw any proof. I have had my trail cameras take thousands of pictures and not one pic of Big Foot. I just don't have no proof Big Foot is real.

I have been asked the same question about God. Is God Real? I can easily say YES HE IS REAL! I have the proof. The proof is in the journey. He has been with me my entire life journey. I will give a few examples.

There are so many examples and its hard to just pick a few. I will start with my kids. My wife and I wanted kids so badly. The doctors told us it may be hard getting pregnant. Well, a lot of folks went to praying and six kids later I

can say, YES, HE IS REAL! It would take an entire book to show how God has been with me through my career choices.

I bought a 16 foot stock trailer about 10 years ago. Don't know that I really needed it. I only had a few cows at the time. That same stock trailer has hauled millions of trees the past three years for my business. We would be lost without the trailer. Then there was a contractor I met years ago while working as an inspector. Years later he asked us to plant trees on a stream restoration and our business was born. I could go on and on how God has been with me through my career. YES HE IS REAL!

My son Joel this time last year was sick. He needed blood transfusions. A lot of people started praying and today he is better. YES HE IS REAL!

My entire life, God has put the right people in my life at the right time. HE has given me things right when I need it. I don't know if Big Foot is real but without a doubt I know God is REAL. The proof is in my journey.

Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation!

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Linemen work to restore power

It takes time and helping hands to restore power following a major storm. Last week's heavy snow left broken poles and downed power lines across the northern part of Jackson Energy's service area.

The storm hit early Monday morning and the final outages were repaired Thursday evening, according to a Jackson Energy spokesperson. The heavy wet snow left behind 10 broken poles, 555 outage sites and over 18,000 members without power.

"The storm was an example of not only cooperatives helping cooperatives," said Jackson Energy Chief Operations Officer Derrick Dean, "but also other companies and crews providing the assistance we needed to get the lines back up and power back on." Altogether, 29 additional crews - representing 114 workers - helped Jackson Energy restore power.

Companies assisting with the storm repair included Davis H. Elliott, Appalachian Electric Cooperative, Owen Electric Cooperative, Pennyrite Electric, Cumberland Valley Electric, W.A. Kendall & Co. and Phillips Tree Experts.

Member Service Representatives and extra dispatch staff were also

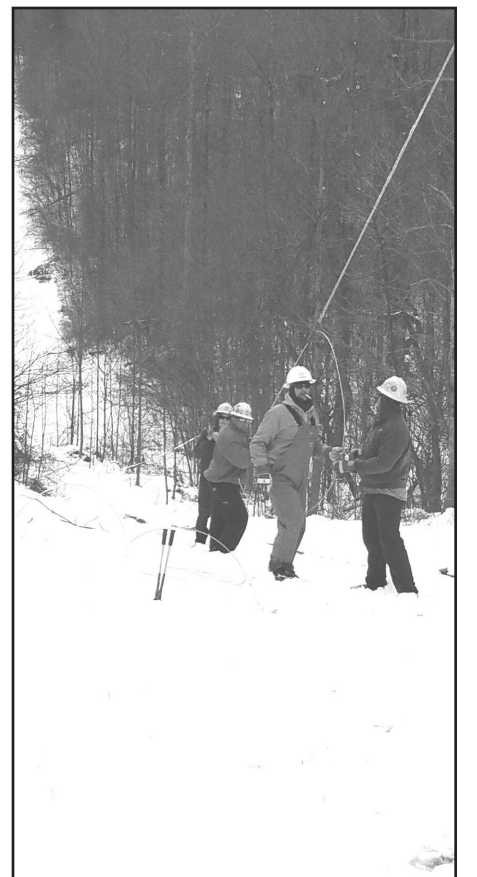
working around the clock answering member phone calls, contacting workers in the field and assisting operations supervisors throughout the restoration process.

"We want to thank our members for their patience as we worked to restore power," said Jackson Energy President & CEO Carol Wright. "Being without power is never easy and we always work to restore service as quickly and safely as possible." Wright also expressed her thanks to Calvary Baptist Church in Irvine for preparing meals for the line techs working during the extended outage. Estill, Lee, Jackson, Owsley and Rockcastle counties bore the brunt of the storm.

The snowstorm did hit in March and at least some Jackson Energy members had a touch of March Madness as the repairs wound down. Josh Williams posted on Facebook Thursday morning, "Don't forget, Kentucky plays tonight at 7, so it would be wonderful if the power was back on by then!!"

The last of the Estill County repairs ended in time for those members to catch the second half of the Kentucky ballgame.

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Jackson Energy Line Tech Brent Arvin works with crews from the Davis Elliott Company to restore power following last week's snowstorm.