

Estill Middle Soccer Enjoys Spring Schedule With 10-0, 6-3-2, and 2-0 Records

Estill County's middle school teams don't always get as much recognition as the high school teams, but this year's soccer teams have done very well.

The middle school played in the field behind Estill Springs Elementary in previous years; since getting to use the high school's football field in the fall was nearly impossible with high school football, band and soccer competing for field time. But, the Estill Springs field was not available to use this year because of construction.

However, area soccer teams this year switched from a fall schedule to a spring schedule which freed up a previously crowded field at the high school for use by the middle school.

The middle school Engineers and Lady Engineers also got new coaches. Candie McMaine, Andrew Hutton and Ryan Sutter took over the middle school coaching duties after being highly successful with the high school teams in previous years.

The teams did not compete in a conference or district this year but played area teams at large. Coach McMaine said she tried to schedule games with teams that Estill could be competitive with. Some of their opponents included Paris, Meniffee County, and two Perry County teams.

Both the boys and girls teams have been very competitive this. The Engineers boys team finished the season with 10 wins and no losses. The Lady Engineers won six, lost two and tied three times. Estill also played two co-ed games and won both.

"We are extremely proud of what these teams have been able to accomplish this season," said McMaine. "This is a talented group of hard working kids that have a ton of potential. Everyone should be excited about this program and what we've been able to do in a year's time, thanks in big part to this 8th grade class. We hope to build off of this and continue to grow our program."



Estill Lady Engineers soccer player Ana Mattingly (#23) gets wedged in between two Paris players in a recent middle school game. In the left background is #25 for the Lady Engineers, Sarah Baker.



Estill County Middle School Engineer Caleb Somerville gets away from his opponent to kick the first goal in a big soccer win over Paris.

ECMS Lady Engineers End Season Undefeated

The Estill County Middle School 8th grade fastpitch softball Lady Engineers ended a phenomenal 2018 season undefeated with a record of 19-0, and two league titles.

Estill won both the regular season championship in the Commonwealth Athletic Conference and beat a tough Foley teams, 6-3, to claim the tournament championship as well.

Estill got wins over Clark, Powell, Rockcastle, and several Madison County teams.

The 8th grade included Katie Johnson, Neesa West, Lauren Farmer, Henlee Hunter, and Emma Winkle; along with 7th graders Rylee Friend, Jessie Tuttle, and Maci Muncie, and Vana Newton, a 6th grader.

Two more 8th graders, Mia Hale and Mariah Riddell played only for the high school team.

The ECMS 7th grade also

did well and finished with a 12-3 record with one tied game. They won the conference in regular season and were the Commonwealth Athletic Conference tournament runner-up.

Players are Friend, Piper Samples, Tuttle, Summer Bosman, and Muncie.

Sixth graders included Kylah Covey, Vana Newton, Lexi Muncie, Hannah Peters, Aaliyah Rogers, and Carlie Plowman.

Fifth graders Madi Rose and Marlo Puckett also played.

"This is a great group of kids who are ready to continue the winning tradition that Estill County softball is known for!" said Coach Shayla Carroll. "You will never meet another group of girls with as much love for their sport and one another."

The ECMS Lady Patriots are also coached by Lynn West and Lorre Collins.



Estill County Middle School Lady Engineer Lauren Farmer pitches to Foley during the championship of the Commonwealth Athletic Conference. At third base is Neesa West who ended the game with a caught foul ball.



Junior Elizabeth Hardy heads for third base against the Lady Owls



Estill senior Lindsey Wood looks to round third base in 56th District action