# **Estill 8th Wins Conference Tourney**

high expectations after last year's 7th grade finished runner up in the tough Common-Rockcastle County and the Madison Coun-

But, most would hardly have expected both the 7th and 8th grade teams to have me," says head coach Shayla Carroll. "If done as well as they have.

The season is winding down with just a handful of games left but the 7th grade has already won their conference and were runner-up in the tournament. They are presently 11-2 including the tournament loss.

The bats have been hot for both teams, and the 8th grade is still rolling with a 15-0 record after winning a tough league championship over Foley last week in Richmond,

Estill's 8th came into the game as the regular season champion and were undefeated with many teams not even scoring against them, but Foley came in as a formidable opponent for the Lady Engineers.

Neither team scored in the first two innings although both threatened, but Foley took the lead 2-0 in the third inning. Estill got their chance and tied the game 2-2 then as we strive to continue the ECHS 14th rebrought in another run to lead 3-2.

Foley tied in the 5th, 3-3, but Estill picked up three runs in the 5th to take the Middle School Lady Engineers!

The Estill County Lady Engineers 7th lead for good, 6-3. Foley threatened in the and 8th grade fastpitch softball teams had 6th but Estill stopped them for the championship win.

The 8th grade team went to 14-0 with wealth Athletic Conference, playing against the Foley win. They secured the regular season conference championship as well as the conference championship

> "These girls never cease to amaze anything, this season has showcased the growth our players have made, on and off the field.

"When the game did not start off how we had planned, the girls were faced with a choice . . . either back down or step up.

"They definitely stepped up, proving how they won the right to be playing for a championship. I never once doubted their abilities, but I knew they had to be mentally ready to step it up a notch. As we always tell them... hitting is contagious! Once their bats got hot, their enthusiasm and attitudes were unstoppable!"

"I could brag all day," she adds. "They are not only phenomenal athletes, but wonderful students. They represent our school and community well. They are definitely a group to be watching in the coming years gion tradition!"

Congratulations and good luck, Estill



Estill 8th grade Lady Engineers Neesa West, Emma Winkle, Henlee Hunter, Katie Johnson and Lauren Farmer show off their championship trophy after winning the Commonwealth Athletic Conference tourney and regular season.

# **Lady Engineers Stay Hot With Six Straight**

#### **MIKE WISEMAN Tribune Sportswriter**

The Estill County Lady Engineers saw their season record jump to 13-5 after victories in a row. Two of last week's wins would be ish the Lady Kats. against District foes giving L. Wood-3-3, 2B, 4 RBI, teams not only in this area District Tournament.

### Estill 11 Lincoln Co. 8

eight run second inning in this slugfest to pull out the hits for the game.

2-4, RBI, S. Wiseman-1-3, trict game. 3 RBI, K. Riddell-2-3, HR,

dy- 2-4, RBI, A. Sparks- 1- 2 RBI, M. Hale- 1-1, 3 RBI, 3. K. Covey-7IP, 13H, 8R, T. Duechle-1-2, L. Isfort-6ER, 1BB, 9K.

### Estill 17. Lee Co. 0

The Lady Engineers 0ER, 2BB, 6K. adding three wins over the would make quick work in past week and a total of six this one as they would only schedule is about to get a take four innings to demol- lot tougher this week as

Estill yet another undefeat- S. Wiseman- 3-4, RBI, H. ed season in District play Adams- 1-1, M. Hale- 2-3, County on Tuesday night at and the top seed in the 56th 2 RBI, L. Isfort-2-4, 3 RBI, home with action starting at E. Hardy- 1-4, A. Sparks-1-2, 2 RBI . K . Covey- 4IP, will see the Ladies take to The Ladies would use an 2 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 8 K.

## Estill 15 Owsley Co. 0

win . Estill would total 15 quicker work over the Lady angle (vs. Rowan Co., vs Owls with Covey tossing a . Lawerence Co.), 5/14 @ L. Wood-3-4, K. Covey- no hitter in Estill's final Dis- Montgomery Co., 5/15 vs

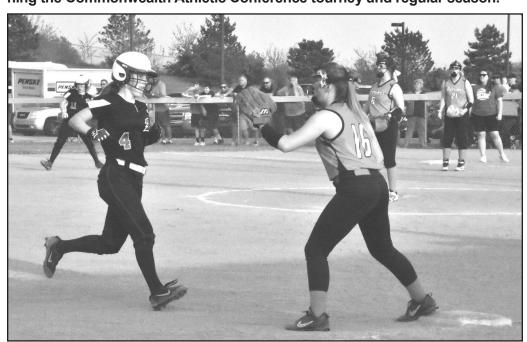
4 RBI, M. Hale- 3-3, T. RBI, K. Covey- 1-2, 2B, Engineers Softball Team!!! Duechle- 1-3, RBI, E. Har- RBI, S. Wiseman- 3-3, 2B, GO BIG BLUE!!!

1-3, RBI, A . Sparks- 2-3, RBI . K . Covey- 3 IP, 0 H,

The Lady Engineers they take on some top rated

Estill will take on Boyle 6pm. The rest of the week the road; 5-8 @ Garrard Co

., 5/10 @ East Jessamine, Estill would make even 5/11 @ Rowan County Tri-Lafayette at Home . Come L. Wood- 1-2, HR, 2 out and support the Lady



ABOVE: Henlee Hunter heads for 3rd base during Estill's championship game over Foley on Thursday in Richmond

BELOW: Third base Neesa West goes after a foul ball that could closeout the game for Estill.

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