

Estill boys and girls soccer teams win 14th Region titles

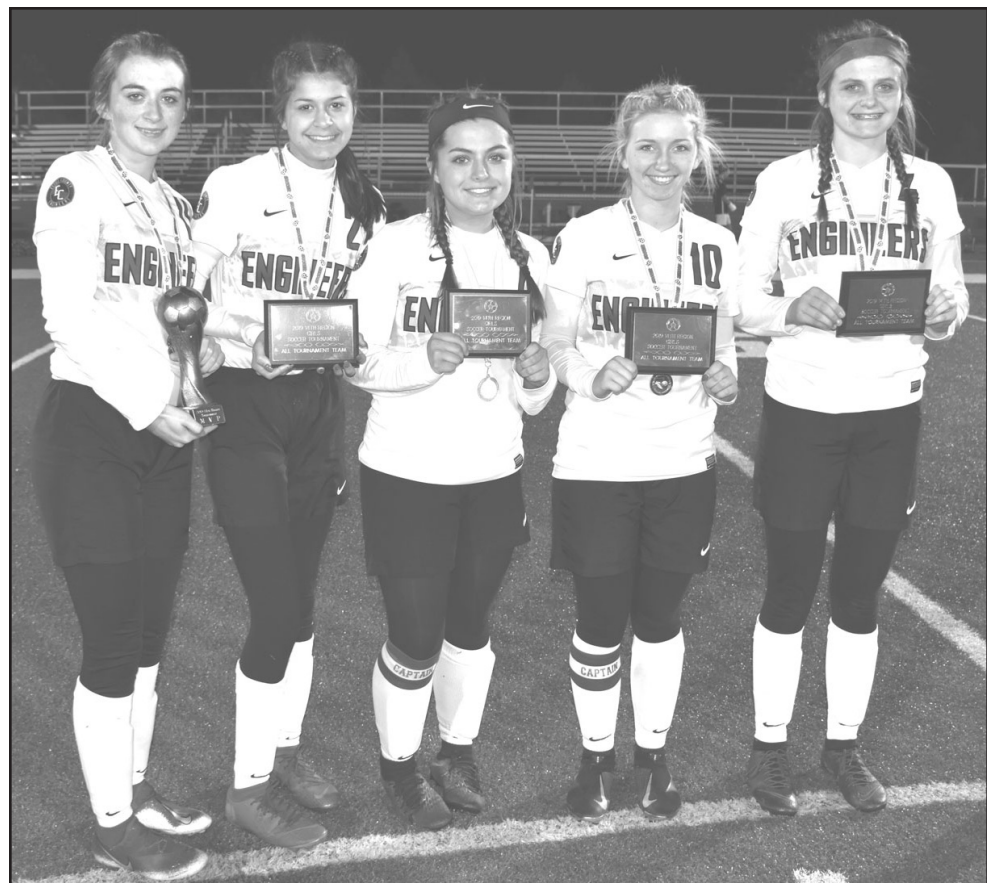
After both the Estill County Engineers boys and Lady Engineers girls soccer teams won their respective 54th District championships, they travelled to Hazard defeat the Bulldogs in semi-finals; then last Thursday took on the boys and girls Perry County Central teams for the 14th Region championships. Estill's girls won 1-0 in a shootout and the Engineers boys picked up a 2-0

shutout win over the Commodores.

The win puts them in the semi-state tournament where after a rain-delay and a new site, they were playing on Tuesday, October 22nd at Frederick Douglass High School in Lexington, both Estill teams playing against Prestonsburg. Although the game is hosted by the 14th Region, the site had to be moved because of

tougher field restrictions at each level of post-season competition.

Prestonsburg's teams are winners of the 15th Region. Their girls team is 20-2 and the boys are 18-2. Estill's Engineers are coached by Ryan Sutter and are 18-6-1 while the Lady Engineers are coached by Emily Walton and are 15-3-4.



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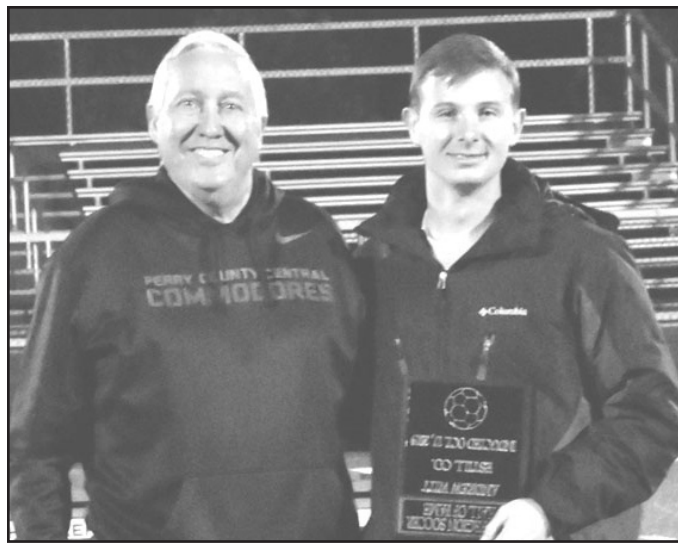
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Matthew Woolery (MVP), River Conley, Ethan Isaacs, Dustin Beeler, Chase Muncie.

Estill Marching Engineers are KMEA East Region Champions

This past Saturday the Marching Engineers made the short trip to Winchester to compete in the KMEA East Region Quarterfinals. This regional is not like the sports region which consists of the schools in the 14th. KMEA basically divides the state in half with all east bands in each class competing in the East Region Quarterfinal, and all west bands in each class competing in the West Region Quarterfinal. Eight bands from the east, and eight bands from the west advance to form the "sweet sixteen".

Estill performed in the last spot on the night and they did not disappoint. The band turned in a stellar performance which earned them their sixth East Regional Championship! Not only were the Marching Engineers named Regional Champions, they also received an overall score of 92, which is the highest total ever received in the history of the program.

This coming weekend the band will travel to Western Kentucky to compete in State Semifinals. Estill will perform at 1:45 at Warren Central High School. If the band advances as one of the top four from this group of sixteen, they will perform in State Finals Saturday night at WKU, and will be competing for the Governor's Cup and another state title.



Estill graduate Michael Andrew Witt, at right, was inducted into the 14th Region Soccer Hall of Fame last week in Hazard. Andrew is a 2014 graduate of ECHS where he played soccer for four years. "We started taking statistics my junior year," said Andrew. "And during those last two years I had 61 goals and 19 assists. We won our District and Region in Fall 2013 making the program's first ever State Tournament appearance in addition to winning the program's first ever District and Region championships." After graduation, he went to the University of the Cumberland on a scholarship to play with the varsity soccer program. He was there from 2014-2018 before graduating and coming to UK. He is now in his second year within the UK College of Medicine as part of the Rural Physician Leadership Program.



Former Estill County Lady Engineers soccer player Savannah Brewer was inducted into the 14th Region Soccer Hall of Fame last Thursday in Hazard. A 2017 Estill graduate, she played three years for the Lady Engineers and was a member of the 2015 team that won the 14th Region and played in the state tournament.

36-16 Estill win Garrard sets up showdown with Bell County

The Estill County Engineers football team picked up its fifth win with only three losses on Friday night and also won their homecoming game, 36-16, over Garrard County.

Estill controlled most of the first part of the game with sophomore quarterback Ty Niece picking up 121 yards passing to Dyllon Long, Noah Lutes and Coben Clem and Niece keeping the ball for 90 yards rushing for three touchdowns and 22 total points.

Senior running back Justin Stamper ran for 78 yards and picked up two TD's. He also got an interception with a 32 yard run. Eli Haskell and Jonothon Short also intercepted.

Freshman Braeden Waddle was the big name on defense

once again with 14 tackles including eight solo. Haskell had a dozen tackles.

"This was a huge win for our program," said Coach Jordan Marcum "This is showing that we are taking steps in the right direction. Our effort for about 3 and a half quarters was phenomenal. Against a good team you can't let up on the effort part of things or else they will creep back into the game, and we almost let them do that. We got a little lazy up front and quit doing our jobs and that allowed them to get a couple of scores. Our execution wasn't perfect which continues to give us something to work on."

Friday night sets up three showdowns for setting in post season in District 5 of 3A.

Both Jackson County and McCreary County Central are out of the running for a playoff bid but will play each other to see who's at the bottom of the cellar. Each team is 0-4 in the district, but the Generals have managed to win two non-district contests and are 2-6. The MCC Raiders are winless after eight games.

Of course, the big matchup will be between the Estill County Engineers and the Cats of Bell County at Hoover Niece Field in Irvine on Friday night.

"Garrard County's rushing attack was a relentless war all night but our guys were up to the challenge and we succeeded," commented coach Marcum. "I am hoping that this momentum will help carry us

through against Bell County, which is going to be our greatest challenge as far as physicality, speed, strength and athletic ability all the way around. I believe that we will be Bell's greatest challenge all year. We have slowly pieced together the right recipe for success with our kids and this week won't be any different."

Bell County has virtually ran away with nearly every opponent this year and is 8-0 and 4-0 to lead the district and the state in 3A. They only have to beat Estill to win the district outright.

The Engineers are a long-shot to beat Bell County but if they should, they could end up with a 3-way tie-breaker for first place with Bell and Rock-

castle County.

The Rockets are 5-3 and 3-1 as is Estill but they have a win over the Engineers to their advantage even if they lost to their big matchup with Garrard and Estill loses.

"The Bell County game obvious has a lot of implications as far as seeding in the playoffs go but for me it's personal," added coach Marcum. "That is where I am from. It will be emotional as I see friends who I played with in high school coaching against me, fans who I have known my whole life, and the head coach who helped me to fall in love with the game of football. A chance at the alma mater it is bittersweet, but hopefully it will be more sweet than bitter at the end of the night!"