

Engineers & Lady Engineers win two over Powell County

The Estill County Engineers and the Lady Engineers each matched earlier losses to Powell County on Friday night at Estill with 5-point wins, 49-44 for the boys and 43-38 for the girls.

Senior Joe Benton scored 24 points in the victory over the Pirates including 5-11 three-point attempts.

Lady Engineers senior Meagan Bellamy continues to lead Estill's girls and put in 15 points over the Lady Pirates.

Powell's boys came into the contest with a new coach, Blake Williams, after veteran

coach David Fraley abruptly resigned after coaching about 45 years, including a previous stint at Powell County where he led the Pirates to the State in the 1970's and at Pulaski County where his team not only played in the State but won it all in 1986.

The Pirates held an early lead in the game but Estill had pushed it out to a 6-point advantage late in the second, 16-10, and were ahead again by six after senior Logan Napier put in a shot from under the basket to go up 23-17. But Powell dropped a three in the final seconds to cut the

lead to three, 23-20.

The Engineers continued to stay ahead in the second half while leading again by as much as six points, 38-32 at the end of three.

The Pirates stayed close in the second half and had plenty of opportunities to go ahead but could not hit well from the free-throw stripe.

Trailing 46-44, Powell had a chance to go ahead but threw an air ball which was rebounded by Dyllan Long who was fouled.

The Pirates had the ball at 5.2 seconds, trailing 49-44, but lost it and Estill let time run out.

This was Estill's second straight win but only the fourth of the season, now 4-11 for the young team.

Estill earlier won 61-47 over Owsley County behind 17 points from Benton. Freshman Landon Napier put in 15 and senior Logan Napier added 11 against the Owls. Landon also had 8 against Powell County.

The Engineers play 9-9 Montgomery at home on Tuesday night and then take on Lee County and Breathitt.

Lady Engineers

The Lady Engineers improved to 7-10 with the Powell County win after losing earlier last week to Madison Southern, 63-53, and to Owsley County's Lady Owls by 3, 53-50.

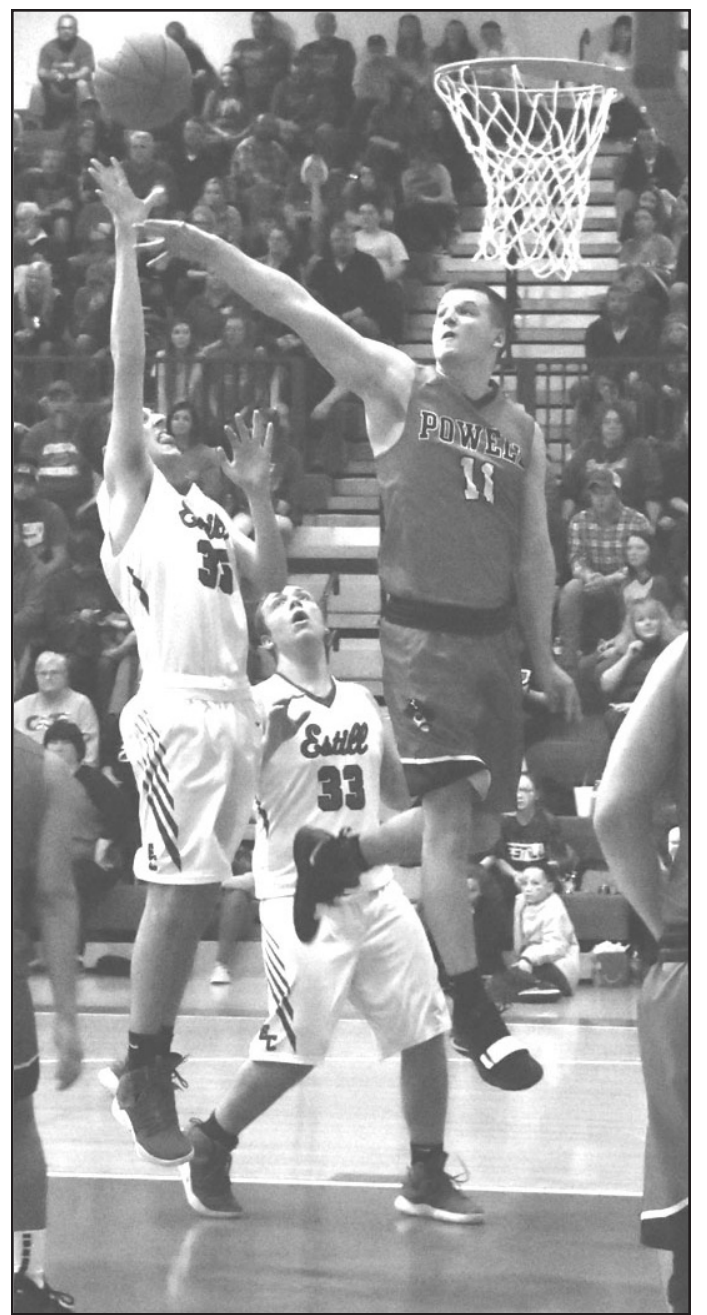
Bellamy scored 30 points against Southern including 5/10 hits from three-point range. Freshman Mia Hale added ten.

The senior Bellamy also led against the Lady Owls with 15 points. Hale added 12 and senior Kiely Flynn put in 9.

Against the Lady Pirates, Bellamy hit three 3-point shots and led with 15. Hale had 12 points and 8th grader Haley Angel added nine.

The Lady Engineers could improve their record with a game on Tuesday night at Lexington Catholic (4-11) and at 6-11 Lee County in a double-header with the boys on Friday.

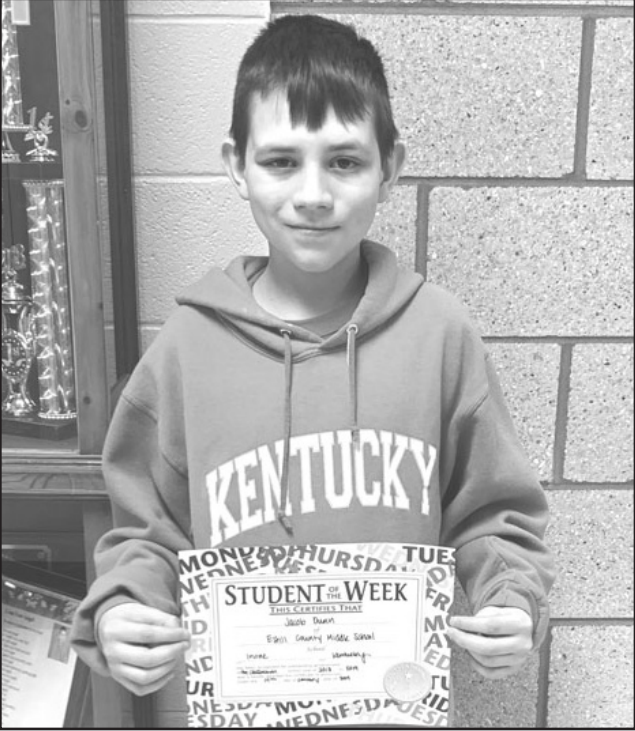
Estill will find it tough on Saturday against 13-4 Harrison County. The Engineers follow Harrison with a district matchup at Owsley County followed by a game with the Berea Pirates who are 16-4 while playing one senior and 23 7-10th graders.



AT RIGHT: Senior Logan Napier (#35) shoots as Dyllan Long (#33) waits for a rebound. BELOW: From left in white, 8th grader Haley Angel, junior Mary Robinson, and senior Meagan Bellamy.



Estill County Middle School Student of the Week



The Estill County Middle School Youth Services Center Student of the Week is Jacob Dunn. He is the son of Deloris Dunn, is currently in the 6th grade, and enjoys playing games. Students receiving this recognition are nominated by staff members at the Estill County Middle School for exemplary behavior, attitude, and/or citizenship.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Hardy

Wanderings from the Woods & Water

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What Brand Are You Wearing?

I have been watching a lot of internet cattle sales lately. I like keeping up with prices around the country. One thing that catches my eye is the branded cattle. There are all kinds of different looking brands. I looked up the registered brands in Kentucky. I found 34 pages of brands.

I don't see many brands on Kentucky cattle even though Kentucky farmers have registered thousands of brands. I can see the plus of branding your cattle. It makes them hard to steal and easy to identify. If they get out it would be easy for a neighbor to identify who the cattle belong to.

All the different cattle brands got me to thinking about how every person carries a brand. Take me for example I have a Kentucky Cattlemen Association license plate on the front of my truck. I usually wear camo clothing. So, people know without asking, I raise cattle and hunt. We all carry a brand even though we don't even realize it. What is the brand you are wearing?

Galatians 6:17

"From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus."

In this scripture Paul was explaining how his was branded for Christ. He had scars and wounds from persecution because he stood strong for Christ. He truly wore the brand of the cross.

I think about all the brands I wear that people see. I have the brands of a husband, father, son, hunter, farmer, and probably a couple dozen more. The one brand I hope that shines over all the others is that I am branded for Christ. Do people know I belong to Jesus without having to ask? Is my brand easily seen?

At the end of the day, the only brand that will matter is the Cross brand. The only way to the Father is through the Son Jesus Christ. All the other stuff is meaningless without Jesus. If wear the brand of the Cross make sure people can see it. Don't hide it. The world is full of people who need the brand.

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



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