

# Marching Engineers at Indy

The Marching Engineers will be traveling to Indianapolis, Indiana to compete in Bands of America Grand Nationals this Thursday, November 14, 2019. They will be going up against bands from coast to coast while representing our community on the national scene.

The Marching Engineers competed in the KMEA State Marching Band Championships two weeks ago in Bowling Green. The band first performed in State Semifinals at Warren Central High School with the other 15 bands who advanced from Quarterfinals. After an extremely courageous performance through

high winds, the band learned that they had the overall highest score of the 16 bands in Semifinals. This again earned them a spot in State Finals (the final four) which were held Saturday evening at WKU. Estill's finals performance was simply stunning. All of the countless hours of hard work finally paid off with a nearly flawless run, and a standing ovation from the entire stadium. By the narrowest of margins, the band was awarded 2nd place with a score of 88.9. Rival Adair County was named State Champions with a score of 89.0. This was Estill's 6th State Finals appearance.

# The Bands of America Grand National Championships

Lucas Stadium -- Indianapolis, Indiana  
November 14-16, 2019

**SCHEDULE (as of 11/7/19)**  
**Thursday, November 14**

- 9:15 a.m. – Tipton H.S., IN
- 9:30 a.m. – Wilmington H.S., OH
- 9:45 a.m. – Mount Pleasant H.S., MI
- 10:00 a.m. – Hamilton H.S., OH
- 10:15 a.m. – East Central H.S., IN
- 10:30 a.m. – Columbus North H.S., IN
- 10:45 a.m. – Estill County H.S., KY
- 11:00 a.m. – Plymouth-Canton Ed. Park, MI
- 11:15 a.m. – Christian Academy of Louisville, KY
- 11:30 a.m. – Bellbrook H.S., OH

# Engineers are eliminated from playoffs

The Estill County Engineers had high expectations this season under new football coach Jordan Marcum but the Engineers were never able to achieve wins in a few valuable games.

Estill was able to win over three district teams, Garrard County, McCreary Central and Jackson County but could not get past the big two in the district, Rockcastle County and Bell County.

The Engineers fell by only five earlier, 18-13, in a regular season game against the Rockets and hoped to get past Rockcastle in the playoff contest last Friday night at Mount Vernon, but the Rockets were just too tough and Estill fell 50-14 and was eliminated from competition.

"Since the first time we played Rockcastle, we were

certain that if we made it back to them we would beat them," said Marcum.

"I think the push to make it there was almost too much of a strain for us to actually play the game. Like when you are really excited about watching a movie for the first time; you were really excited about seeing it and then you watch it and it just wasn't what you thought it was going to be. That is what some of the kids' mind sets were for this game. They got satisfied to get to the game and didn't put an emphasis on winning it."

Sophomore quarterback Ty Niece passed for 138 yards and one touchdown to Micah Swim and Niece kept the ball for a rushing touchdown and led Estill with 97 of the Engineers' 145 yards rushing. Senior Justin Stamper was able

to pick up 46 yards rushing.

Defensively, freshman Braeden Waddle continued to lead Estill with six tackles including five solo. Others with multiple tackles included Lucas Puckett, Coben Clem, Jonothan Short, Eli Haskell and Jordan Miller.

Marcum said, "We had a lot of mental breakdowns in some key areas and that ultimately got us beat. But this is 'year one' of the new era of Estill County football and we have to learn and get better from the mistakes and set our eyes on the future."

The loss ended their career in Estill football for the Engineers seniors. Many Engineers faithful hoped for another chance at Bell County.

Estill's seniors ended their career with a 15-28 four-year record including 10-22 under

retired coach Mike Jones and 5-6 this year under Marcum.

Rockcastle, 8-3, will be at Bell County on Friday night after the Cats shutout Garrard County 44-0 to advance with an 11-0 record.

"We are losing a great bunch of young men in this senior class," comment Marcum. "I am grateful for the time I have spent with them and to learn from them. I wish I had another year with them to see their growth and development in the way we are doing things now. It would have helped for sure. I am proud of this bunch and the things they accomplished this year. The foundation has been laid, now it is time to start building."

He continued, "This year had a lot of ups and downs in the way of wins and losses. We had 3 games that were

decided by a total of less than 11 points. Games that could have went either way for us by 1 play in each game. That would have made a huge difference in how our year would have went. We didn't end our season how we wanted, on a 3 game losing streak and beat in the 1st round of the playoffs but the learning experience as a staff, myself, the young guys, by far outweighs wins and losses. We will come back better than ever."

"I want to thank the Engineer family for their support," added Marcum. "Everyone from alumni, students, businesses, churches, parents, administration, maintenance, custodial staff and Mr. Saylor, board members and the rest of the board of education.

Go Big E! #allaboard"

# Estill County Engineers Football Seniors



#52 Wyatt Francisco



#60 Eli Haskell



#78 Calaab Jones



#2 Jordan Miller



#64 Dylan Officer



#71 Lucas Puckett



#21 Justin Stamper



#14 Micah Swim



#9 Ethan Webb