

# Engineers play at Rockcastle in playoffs

The Estill County Engineers will be traveling to Mount Vernon this coming Friday night, to take on the Rockcastle Rockets in KHSAA playoffs.

The Engineers finished a third seed after losing to first-place Bell County and to Rockcastle which ended up in second. Estill is 5-5 and 3-2 in the district.

Estill had a good chance at a win last Friday night at Hoover Niece Field, playing against Bethlehem, a tough 1A school but couldn't convert extra points and lost 20-18.

The Engineers matched up very well with the Bardstown private school and trailed at half-time by only 1, 7-6. Both teams scored two touchdowns in the second half but Bardstown managed to get two extra points in the game which made the difference.

Senior Justin Stamper was tagged quickly on nearly ever carry and gained only 44 yards rushing for the night.

Quarterback Ty Niece passed once for a touchdown and scored one TD on a keeper. Niece's pass went junior Coben Clem who was contested for the ball but broke loose and ran in for a touchdown.

Sophomore Jonathon Short also scored with a rushing touchdown.

Freshman Braeden Waddle was again tops on defense for Estill with 17 tackles including five solo. Eli Haskell had ten tackles with four solo.

It was also an emotional night with senior and parents being honored prior to the game with

this possibly being the 2020 graduates' last time to play on this field.

Nine Estill seniors and their parents were honored prior to the game along with cheerleaders and marching band. Those pictures will be in next week's Estill County Tribune.

"Our seniors is a special group," said head coach Jordan Marcum. "They have played together since they were in flag football. Since I came in day one, this group has sold themselves out to what I have been preaching and trying to get them to understand. I know it's tough when they have played for one guy for 3 out of the 4 years and then a new guy steps in and changes everything they have ever known, and I applaud them for their efforts to conform to my way of doing things."

"That is a huge life lesson as they step out into the real world; that things can change, your boss can change, your job can change, the world is always changing, but you have to be able to step up, be a man and accept those changes and take the next step in their life."

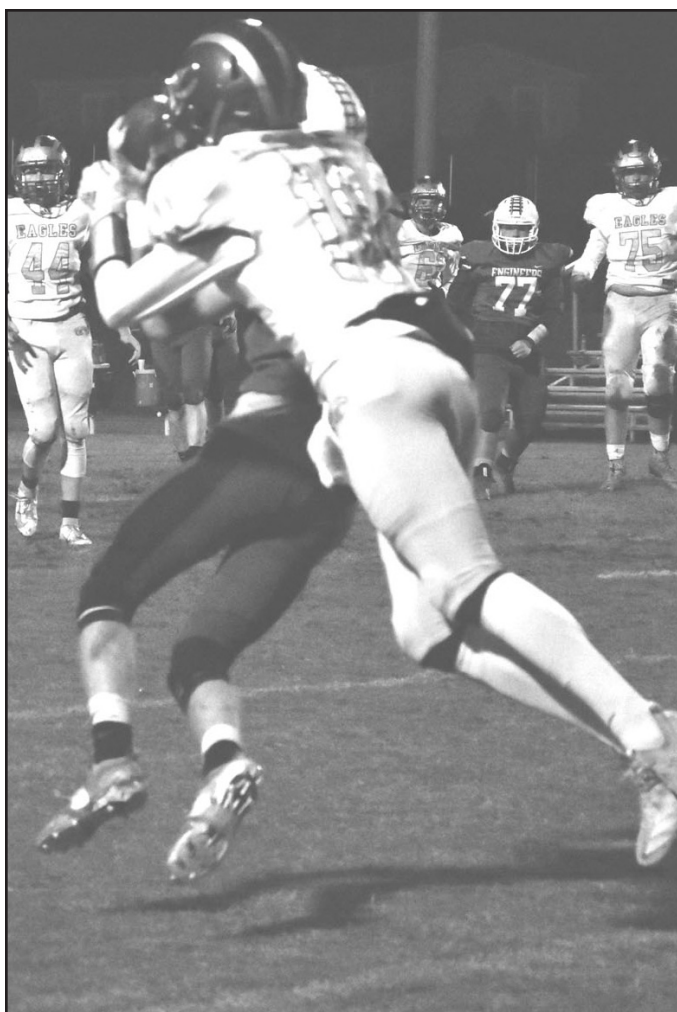
Good luck, seniors. KHSAA has used sister districts for playoffs for several years but this year opted to play in the same district. Top seed Bell is matched against #4 Garrard and second and third, Rockcastle and Estill, are matched up. Winners play the following week.

Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Rockcastle County High School in Mt. Vernon.

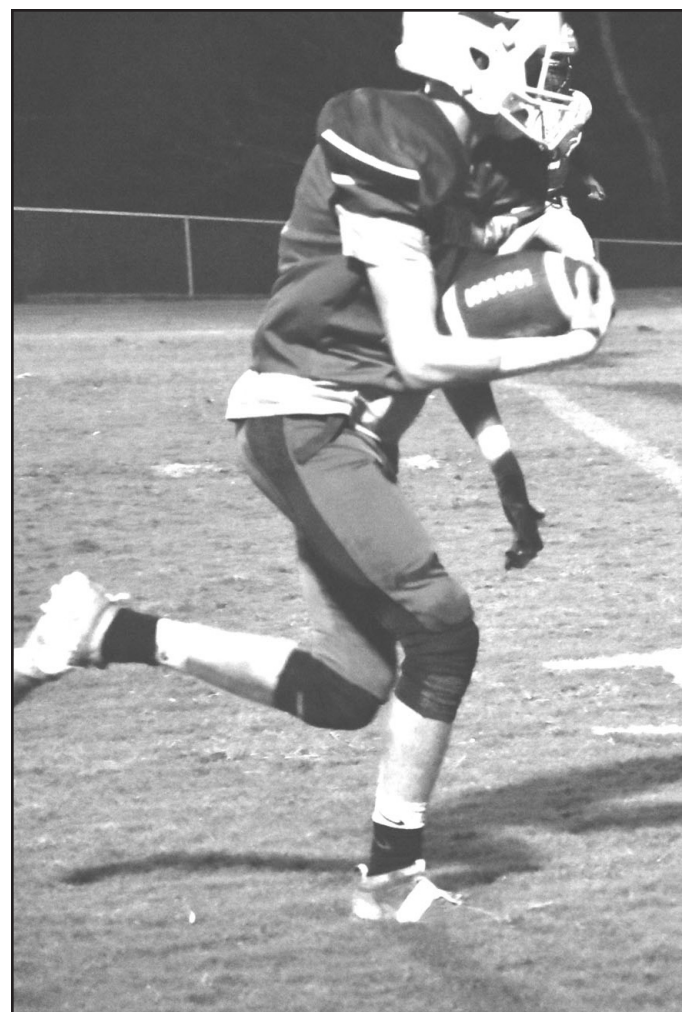
Go, Estill Engineers!



Estill Engineers senior running back Justin Stamper (#21) looks for an opening



Estill Engineers junior running back Coben Clem pulls down a contested pass from Ty Niece.



Clem wrestles away and runs for the endzone for one of Estill's three touchdowns.



Estill County High School's anglers were fishing on Saturday, November 2, 2019 in the Battle of the Bluegrass Bass Fishing Tournament on Green River Lake, hosted by Campbellsville University where they finished 12th and 24th. The team of Landon Canter and Dean Tucker (left photo) finished 12th with 4.48 lbs. Brandon Vanderpool and Lucas Puckett finished 24th with 2.29 lbs. Coach Chris Osborne said that "with over a 100 boats today the weigh in showed tough on these anglers." (Estill Bass Team photo)

Bell County	Nov 8 7:30 PM at Bell County	
Garrard County		Nov 15 at highest remaining district seed
Rockcastle County	Nov 8 7:30 PM at Rockcastle County	
Estill County		
Fleming County	Nov 8 7:30 PM at Fleming County	
Pendleton County		Nov 15 at highest remaining district seed
Mason County	Nov 8 7:30 PM at Mason County	
Powell County		

## Former Estill coach to be inducted into KHSAA Hall of Fame



Bart Rison

Former Estill County basketball coach and Montgomery County basketball and softball coach Bart Rison is among a dozen members that the Kentucky High School Athletic Association will induct into its Class of 2020 of the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame presented by Roberts Insurance on Saturday, May 30, 2020, at the Embassy Suites Lexington. This year's 12-member class will be the 33rd inducted into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame, and consists of former high school coaches, athletes, officials, administrators, and contributors. The Class of 2020 will also be recognized during the semifinals of the 2020 Whitaker Bank/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16®. The induction of the 12-member Class of 2020 will bring the total number of honorees in the Hall of Fame to 491.

BART RISON (Coach & Official / Montgomery County) – Bart Rison amassed nearly 900 wins across 40 seasons as a head coach in boys' basketball and softball, totaling 20 district and eight regional championships. As a basketball coach, Rison compiled a 505-269 overall record, with 12 District titles, five Regional runner-up finishes and one Regional Championship, which was the first-ever for Montgomery County. The Indians put together 13 20-win seasons under Rison's watch and made the school's first appearance in the Boys' Sweet 16® in 1995 following a 99-92 victory over Mason County in the 10th Region Championship game. Montgomery County advanced to the quarterfinals of the Sweet 16® with a 78-71 overtime victory against Paintsville before falling to eventual state runner-up Pleasure

Ridge Park. A two-time KABC 10th Region Coach of the Year (1995 and 2002), Rison got his start in coaching at Estill County in 1981 where he went 81-59 across five seasons before moving on to Montgomery County. On the softball diamond, Rison guided Montgomery County to 387 wins against 137 losses across 14 seasons, with eight District titles and seven Region Championships and was a finalist for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year award in 2016. A highly regarded official, Rison began umpiring baseball games in 1983. He is a member of numerous Hall of Fames including the Kentucky HS Baseball Coaches Association (as an umpire), 10th Region Basketball Coaches Association, NHSACA, KY Fast Pitch and the Central Kentucky Umpire Association.