

# Marching Engineers win 1st Place in AAA at Bourbon County

The Estill County Marching Engineers opened their 2019 season on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Paris with a first place finish in AAA and an impressive 4th place overall finish behind three higher-class bands!

The 2019 Marching Engineers traveled to Bourbon County on Saturday to compete in their first contest of the season. After an impressive showing, the band won Best Music in the Class, Best Overall Effect,

and FIRST PLACE in Class AAA, beating Rowan, East Jessamine, Pulaski, and Garrard.

"This was a great performance for the first time out," said director Jason Bowles. "The show is nowhere near complete and more will be added each week as we move forward."

The Marching Engineers also finished 4th overall, Saturday, in finals competition behind 5A Lafayette, 4A Anderson, and 4A Harrison.

Estill fans got their first glimpse of the Marching Engineers in the spring when they held their highly anticipated 2019 Show Reveal, and hundreds of excited fans cheered the band on during halftime of last Friday's football game at Hoover Niece Field.

The show title for this season is "THE CROSSING", which will start with a departure on a journey through the chaos of life, "Crossing" into the reflective stages of the afterlife, the

uncertainty of what is to come, and eventually reaching a final destination of peaceful contentment.

It seems so fitting, as Engineers, to use a TRAIN as the metaphor to convey this storyline. The show includes giant train box cars, railroad tracks, tunnels, and the conductor's ticking pocket watch. There are musical effects throughout the show that will resemble a train whistle (like the fight song intro), along with bells, crossing

sounds, and the metallic clinking and clanking of a train racing down the tracks.

Bowles said "this was a great opportunity to get rid of the early season jitters so we can now focus on major improvements in the upcoming week."

The Band's next performance will be at Madison Southern's Eagle Classic this coming Saturday, September 14th. Preliminary performance time is 3:30 p.m.

# Engineers fall short 40-36 to Letcher County Central

The Estill County Engineers played to a nearly full house on Friday night in the inaugural "Robbie Wiseman Classic" but came up short on scoring, 40-36, to Letcher County Central.

The Engineers' senior running back Justin Stamper had a great game last week in the 36-14 win over Powell County and was 4th in the state in Class 3A on rushing yards with 183 in 29 carries, including one touchdown.

But the LCC defense apparently "zeroed in" on Stamper on every play and he was nearly stopped short, getting only 30 yards in the game despite his usual tough play.

Sophomore quarterback Ty

Niece picked it up with 169 rushing yards including one touchdown. Niece also had 84 yards passing.

Another sophomore, Jonathan Short, rushed for 104 yards and scored three touchdowns. He also got one interception. His first score cut the lead to 7-12. Micah Swim also scored a touchdown on a pass reception and added two extra points.

Coben Clem got two extra points and kicker Caleb Sommerville made two PAT's.

"We played really hard Friday night," said head coach Jordan Marcum. "We had a ton of fight and we battled 'til the end. We were just one stop

short of winning the game, but I am so proud of how we played. Granted we have a lot of things to work on, we were far from perfect, but as I tell my kids everyday, go 100 MPH and the effort will make up for mistakes.

"I had to debate on the last drive whether or not to let them score on the last drive to give us enough time to drive back down the field and score. I decided to play defense and make a huge stop on the goal line. We caused a fumble on 3rd down and whether or not the referees made the right call or not, we had plenty of other opportunities to win the game. We had several 3rd down op-

portunities to stop them and keep them from driving on that last possession."

Short and Stamper led the team on defense with eight tackles each.

"We will bounce back and learn from our mistakes this week," added Marcum, "as we play a really good team in Breathitt County and hopefully come back better than before."

The Breathitt County Bobcats were one of the top contenders in 3A competition for several years but this year were moved into the lower 2A class where they have completely dominated all comers for a 3-0 early season record.

The Bobcats dropped Jenkins 39-8, beat 5A South Laurel 43-8 and this past week stopped Magoffin County, 55-6. Estill plays at Breathitt.

"The 'Letcher County Central' game in itself was so exciting and provided a great atmosphere," added Marcum. "Our kids really fed off of the environment that was created from having a large crowd. I hope that Robby Wiseman would have been proud of our kids effort as we tried to embody how he would have played on Friday nights. Thank you to all of Robby Wiseman's friends and family for coming out to honor a great man and athlete."

# Estill Girls and Boys Soccer on a roll

Estill County's boys and girls soccer teams are on a roll, with 10-3 and 10-1--1 records midway through the season.

Coaches James Ryan Sutter for the boys and Emily M. Walton for the girls, have done an excellent job getting Estill's programs moving again.

Sutter had assisted with the boys for several years before moving into the head coaching position.

Walton was an Estill County star soccer player and was one of the best players ever in the Lady Engineers program.

The boys are 10-3 overall, 6-0 in the district and 7-0 in the region, having lost only to Bryan

Station, Marion County and Madison Central. On Monday night they beat the Wolfe County Wolves, 6-0, for the second time, and previously won over Letcher County Central.

Dustin Beeler was listed last week as one of the best in the state with 11 goals for the season. Matthew Woolery was listed as 10th in number of assists. Goalkeeper Willis Cole was #6 in complete game shutouts with five.

The Engineers boys soccer team will be playing Model at Richmond on Wednesday and will face Bath County next Tuesay at home.

Estill's girls are 10-1-1 with 3-0 district and 5-0 region records. They lost

only to Richmond Model and tied Belfry 3-3.

Goalkeeper Gracie Rucker was listed high in the state listing for the number of saves with 67. She was also tied with several others for number of shutouts with three.

Jenna Stone was one of the state's leaders, listed 14th with nine goals. Kaela Hatton was 28th in

assists with seven.

The Estill Lady Engineers soccer team traveled to Perry County Central in Hazard on Tuesday night and will play the Paris Lady Greyhounds away on Saturday. They will be facing off against Menifee County next Wednesday night at home.

Good luck, Engineers and Lady Engineers.

# KY 1057 in Powell County to be closed Thursday, Sept. 19

JACKSON, KY – Drivers who use KY 1057 at the upper end of Hardwicks Creek in Powell County will have to find an alternate route on Thursday, Sept. 19. The road will be closed between mile markers 8-9 for replacement of a drainage pipe. Work will begin at 8:30 a.m. and should be completed by 3:30 p.m. The road will be closed to all through traffic while work is ongoing. The project location is near Hoods Cemetery, approximately one-half mile from the foot of the mountain. No marked detour will be posted. Drivers will need to find an alternate route. Motorists can use KY 213 and the Mountain Parkway to bypass the closure.

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