

Engineers pick up a big win over Powell, 36-14

The Estill County Engineers began a new era in high school football on Friday night in Stanton with an impressive 36-14 win over arch-rival and former district-rival Powell County Pirates.

It was the first win for new Estill coach Jordan Marcum who has taken over the position held for many years by Mike Jones who had many impressive games and seasons during his stint at Estill.

Estill never trailed in the contest and gave a lot of hope to Engineers fans who had seen Big Blue fall to the Pirates for the past two years.

"I was proud of our kids and how they fought from beginning to end," said Marcum. "There wasn't a time in the game that I (thought) we weren't giving a 100% effort as a team and that is one of things we have stressed since day one, when I arrived here."

The Engineers were 11-8 against Powell County in recent years, but the Pirates had won three of the last four times they played. The two teams had also been district rivals for most of those years as well. But that all changed this year when the Pirates went northeast for district competition while the Engineers go southwest and south, very south. However, whether district rivals or not, Powell County is Estill's most competitive rival in nearly every sport played and especially football.

"I tried to emphasize that even though this is a rivalry game," commented Marcum, "we can't let that excitement sweep us up, but rather we need to focus on us and it's simply game #1 and we have something to prove to ourselves. It's a whole new offense and defensive philosophy, so we need to see it work and put it into action."

And putting it into action, means giving senior running back Justin Stamper the ball. He carried the ball 29 times to gain 183 yards rushing and one touchdown. Sophomore quarterback Tye Niece also picked up some of the load, rushing 13 times for 64 yards and three touchdowns. Another sophomore, running back Jonothon Short also carried the ball 3 times and gained 17 yards rushing.

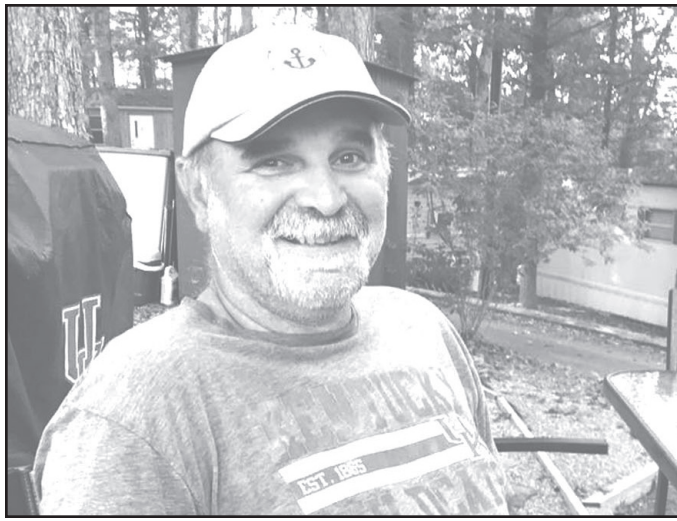
Defensively, Short and junior tight end and defensive end Dyllon Long led with six tackles. Senior fullback Ethan Webb had five, and four players had four each. Wyatt Francisco, a senior defensive end recovered one fumble for five net yards, and Webb had in interception run for 20 yards and a touchdown.

"The biggest take away from the game is not that we won, but that the kids have bought into what we have been preaching and they are taking huge steps in the right direction. I am proud of our guys and proud of our community for stepping up and coming to the game to cheer on the Engineers and hope to get the continued support!"

Estill County takes on Letcher County Central at home this coming Friday, September 6th in what is billed as the "Robbie Wiseman Memorial Classic" in memory of one of the greatest players to ever wear the Engineers blue and white. Known formally as Robert Lindbergh Wiseman II, "Robbie" passed away March 12, 2019 after an extended illness against another foe, ALS. Former coach Don Richardson called #7 Wiseman, "the Greatest Engineer Ever," and said he "was grateful to have been a part of that portion of your life." Get out and support the Engineers and honor Robbie this Friday night in Irvine.



The Estill County Engineers' sophomore quarterback Tye Niece carries the ball against the closing Powell County Pirates defense during Friday night's game at Stanton. (Estill Tribune photo by Cathy Dawes)



#7 Robbie Wiseman

KY 1057 in Powell County to be closed Wednesday, Sept. 11

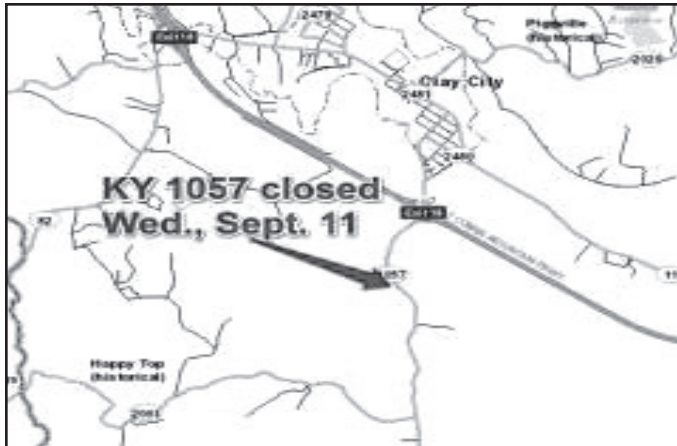
JACKSON, KY – Drivers who use KY 1057 south of Clay City in Powell County will have to find an alternate route on Wednesday, Sept. 11. The road will be closed at mile point 1.487 for replacement of a drainage pipe.

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 approximately one-half mile from the Mountain Parkway at Exit 18.

No marked detour will be posted. Drivers will need to find an alternate route. Motorists can use KY 2001 and KY 82 through Estill County to bypass the closure. Local routes are also available.

In case of inclement weather, the work will be postponed.



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