Engineers Defeat Frankfort 33-19, Defense Scores Twice

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The Estill County Engineers Football Team would take their record to 2-1 on the season with a hard fought win against Frankfort on Friday night at Hoover Niece Field. Two defensive scores and a special teams TD would help the Engineers pull this one out as they battled the yellow hankie all night to the tune of 15 penalties for 171 yards. The right arm of Frankfort's QB would also be a thorn in the side to Estill's Defense as he connected on three TD passes.

Estill would get the scoring started early when Dawson Bingham scampered 53 yards on a punt return behind a beautiful set up "wall" and would go untouched for six. Frankfort would even the score later in the first quarter with a 50 yard passing touchdown that looked like a sure interception but would tip off the Estill defenders hands right into a waitng Frankfort receivers grasp.

Bogged down by eight penalties in the first half, Estill's offense would finally break through in the second quarter as Blake Franscisco would rumble to pay dirt from 21 yards out and set the halftime score at 13-6.

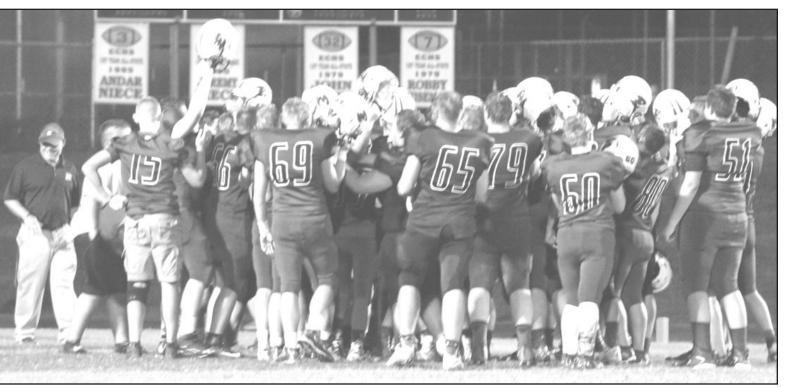
Late in the third quarter, the Estill defense would give up a 45 yard passing TD from the Frankfort squad to even the score at 13. The Engineers would put the ball on the turf near midfield as the third quarter ended and the game momentum seemed to change to visitors sideline. But on the first play of the fourth quarter, the Frankfort QB was stripped of the ball and Dylan Evans would pick up the loose pigskin and return it 57 yards for a defensive score. The momentum swing was back in Estill's favor until the Frankfort QB once again torched the "D" with a 46 yard TD pass and the game pressure was on. The Estill offense would respond though and put together a beautiful drive that ended with Logan Beckler scoring on a 11 yard TD run and give Estill a narrow 25-19 lead. Frankfort would not lay down and continued to drive on the Engineers, but a botched snap would be scooped up and returned by Blake Francisco 60 yards for an Engineer TD and an Estill victory by the final of 33-19.

The Estill County Engineers will travel to Lexington this Friday night to take on Lexington Christian Academy. Travel BIG to Lexington and cheer on this team. GO BIG BLUE!!!!!

Offensive Stats:

L. Beckler- 14 att 146 yds 1 TD, D. Bingham- 21 att 87 yds, 53 yd Punt Return TD, B. Franscisco- 11 att 53 yds 1 TD. **Defensive Stats:**

D. Bingham- 13 tkl, A. Salyer- 11 tkl, B. Franscisco- 11 tkl, 60 yd Fumble Rec. TD, T. Ohair- 4 tkl, 1 sack, C. Harrison- 3 tkl, 1 sack, D. Evans- 5 tkl, 57 yd Fumble Rec.



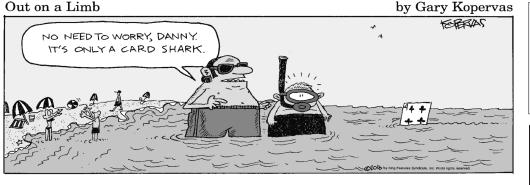
The Engineers celebrated after a big win against Frankfort on Friday night



sack, D. Evans- 5 tkl, 57 yd Fumble Rec. The Estill County JV Engineers travelled to Lexington Christian Academy on Monday night. The Engineers played a

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tough game against the Eagles and suffered their second loss of the season with a final score of 43-30.



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