

Engineers pick up win over Buckhorn, 68-53; Lady Engineers Win Over Owsley, 42-41

The Estill County Engineers picked up a big win, 68-53, on Monday night in Irvine against the Buckhorn Wildcats with sophomore Dyllon Long leading the way for Estill with 32 points.

Long was a force inside on both the defensive and offensive ends and put in 14 field goals along with 4 of 5 free throw attempts. Long was also the top Estill point getter last week against Owsley County with 16 in the 55-41 Estill district win.

Freshman Landon Napier scored 18 points against Buckhorn including six field goals and a perfect 6/6 free throw attempts.

Hot shooting junior Joe Benton continued adding to his career total with 15 and 4 of 5 free throws hit. Benton recently passed 1,000 points for his Estill career and had added 22 in an Estill loss to Bath County.

The Engineers started out slowly against the Wildcats but started to pull away in the

1st quarter to lead by 4, 14-10, at the buzzer. Estill pushed that to 14, 33-19, by halftime.

The second half was a little ragged on both ends of the court. Estill was bothered by a scrappy press by Buckhorn all the second half and the Wildcats didn't hit well despite getting a few threes.

The Engineers held on for a 16-point win over the regional opponent and improved to 7-14 for the season. They finished 5-1 in district standings but will be in second seed behind Powell County, also 5-1, because of the points of each of their wins. Owsley is third seed with a 2-4 district record and Lee County is last with 0-6.

Estill plays away at 7-13 Western Hills in Frankfort on Thursday and at 12-8 Letcher County Central on Saturday.

Estill Lady Engineers

Congratulations to Estill Lady Engineers senior Meagan Bellamy who surpassed 1,000 career points for Estill in a recent game. She scored 23 in a 42-41 win over Owsley County last week including 9/10 free throws. Freshman Mia Hale had 8 in that one and Kiely Flynn added five.

The Lady Engineers returned home from Berea on Monday night after taking a 62-51 loss to the Lady Pirates. This year's Berea girls team is 20-5 while playing only one senior and the remainder being sophomores or younger. They were eliminated in the quarter finals of the A-tournament last week.

Estill is now 8-14 including a 3-3 slate in the 56th District which ties them for second with Owsley County but the Lady Owls will be second seed based on points won by in the games split by the two. Powell County is 4-1 and is the top seed with 1-4 Lee County being the fourth seed.



Meagan Bellamy in a recent game



Sophomore Dyllon Long dominated under the basket against Buckhorn.



Freshman Landon Napier (#32) drives the basket against Buckhorn.



The Estill Engineers Pep Band keeps it lively at the game.



High-scoring Joe Benton goes up against Buckhorn at home on Monday night.



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