

# Lady Engineers pick up 5th win at Montgomery Classic

The Estill Lady Engineers looked to be even after the holidays with a win over Menifee County's Lady Kats in the Montgomery Holiday Classic. Estill had lost to Menifee earlier by only two points at home, 52-50, but the taller Menifee County team had different ideas and easily stopped the Estill girls, 62-44, in this one.

Menifee led by five early; then stretched their lead out to as much as 25 late in the third quarter before ending the match by a 16 win.

The Lady Kats senior forward Emma Hacker pretty much had her way against the Lady Engineers. She easily controlled the lane and proved her versatility by dribbling the ball nearly the length of the floor and scoring. She also connected from the 3-point range.

Estill had gone into the tournament 4-5 and looked to go in the plus column with a few wins in the three-day tournament but fell to Bryan Station by 10, 53-43, in their opener.

The Lady Engineers did see a bright spot in their second game of the tournament when freshman Mia Hale and senior Meagan Bellamy combined for 47 points to get the Estill win over homestanding Montgomery County. Bellamy led the team with 27 points. They were both named to the all-

tournament team.

Estill's Ladies will be in action away on Thursday, Saturday, and Monday, January 3, 5 & 7 with games at Nicholas County, a rematch with Montgomery, and Madison Southern before returning home for district play against Owsley and Powell on the 8th and 11th.

### Estill Engineers

The Estill County Engineers are still trying to pick up the pace. They have won only twice in 13 tries and were also in tournament action last week.

Although the Estill boys stayed close, they fell in three games in the Dan Swartz Classic at Bath County in Owingsville.

Estill fell to Lewis County, 82-59, homestanding Bath County, 70-59, and were much closer against Adair County, losing by only 7, 68-61.

Estill will be idle until next Tuesday when they take on district foe Owsley County in a double-header with the girls at home, followed by another double-header district game on the 11th at home against Powell County.

The Pirates are only 3-9 but all three wins have been over district teams Estill, Lee and Owsley, giving Powell the lead in the district regular season, 3-0.

Powell's 9-3 girls also lead the district, 2-0.



The Estill County Lady Engineers' 8th grade guard Haley Angel ran into some tall timber under the basket against the Menifee County Lady Kats senior forward Emma Hacker who dominated the floor with her height and showed she also had some strong ball handling ability.



Estill Lady Engineers seniors Meagan Bellamy (#4 at left) and Kiely Flynn try to hold the Menifee County Lady Kats offense during action on Sunday in the Montgomery Holiday Classic in Mt. Sterling. Estill had picked up a big win on Saturday over Montgomery County but fell to Menifee, 62-44.



Lady Engineers senior Meagan Bellamy and freshman Mia Hale were named to the all-tournament team at the Montgomery Holiday Classic. The duo combined for 47 points which matched the entire Montgomery County team in Estill's 61-47 victory. (Photo courtesy of Shaun Hale)

There will be a retirement reception for retiring Estill County Sheriff Gary Freeman at the Estill County Senior Citizens Center, 100 Golden Court in Irvine, on Saturday, January 5, 2019, from 1-3 p.m. Anyone who wishes to help Gary celebrate retirement after 20 years of service is invited to attend.

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