

Cougars fall short to Mustangs in overtime heartbreaker

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Friday night the Logan County Cougars football team made the long road trip to Paducah to take on the McCracken County Mustangs, a Class 6A playoff team from last season. Last year when these two teams met, the Cougars came away with a 33-16 win at home. After another hard-fought battle this time around, the Cougars found themselves on the wrong side of the scoreboard in an overtime loss to the Mustangs, falling 44-43.

After the Mustangs put the first points on the board, the Cougars responded quickly as senior Elijah Sells broke free for a 44-yard touch-down run. The two teams traded touchdowns with Christian Helle and JB McTire picking up two more scores on the ground to give the Cougars the lead going into the half. McTire had a productive day in all three phases for the Cougars. On offense, McTire had 52 yards rushing with two touchdowns, four catches for 41 yards, and a pass completion of 39 yards. Defensively, McTire had 10 tackles with one and a half for a loss, while notching three punts with two landing inside the Mustangs' 20-yard line.

Two more key play-makers for the Cougars offense were Ty'Sean Thomeczek at the receiver spot and Lane Bush at the running back spot. Thomeczek led the Cougars with five catches for 68 yards and a two-point conversion in the first half. As for Bush, he added another rushing touch-down after having two in



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Cougars' quarterback Luke Rogers makes the throw on the move against Grayson County in the first 7-on-7 matchup earlier in the season.

their season-opener, finishing the night with 17 carries for 92 yards. On defense Carson Carlock and Kenton Holloway were the two names to watch. Carlock had 12 tackles, with two for a loss and a forced fumble. Holloway led with 15 tackles, one and a half for a loss and an interception.

Talking with Head Coach Todd Adler, he pointed to the team's undisciplined play leading to their loss. "We did not handle adversity well at all. We have to be more disciplined. Playing on the road against good competition being undisciplined will get you beat every time. We had them on the ropes in the fourth quarter; instead of putting them away, we let being undisciplined get us beat. There were moments in the game that were good and we will be better because of it but we have to stay focused and play for four quarters."

Adversity struck for the Cougars facing a tough opponent on the road, with penalties and ejections of two key players and some untimely turnovers. Adler

wanted to see how his team responded to adversity going into this game and expressed what he saw. "The biggest take-away from the game is I

wanted to see how we answered the phone when adversity called. I think we answered the phone a few times but other times we let the call go to voicemail.

We will use this as a stepping stone and hopefully learn from it. We have a talented group of guys; we just can't let frustration and lack of focus get us off our game plan and the way we want to play the game."

Looking at tomorrow night's matchup, the Cougars will host the annual "Clash of the Cats" against inner-city rival the Russellville Panthers. As the two schools within the community gather to watch the two teams battle against one another, Adler is adamant the energy will be the same: "The Clash will always have great energy. Most of the community is in one place watching the best sport there is. It's always a great atmosphere and environment. I wouldn't expect anything less this year."

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LEGAL NOTICE

MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE OF THE LOGAN CIRCUIT COURT, the Master Commissioner will sell at public auction the real property in the following actions on **Monday, September 14, 2026, about the hour of 1:30 p.m., on the steps of the Logan County Court of Justice Building, Russellville, Kentucky, 42276.** Said property shall be sold to collect the amounts due in the court judgments.

A. The purchasers will be required to pay the full purchase price or a minimum of ten percent (10%) down the day of sale and post bond on the remainder with the balance due in thirty (30) days. Said bond will bear interest at the judgment rate per annum upon the unpaid balance from the date of sale until paid in full.

The Master Commissioner will retain a lien on the property sold to secure the sale price. **If the purchaser does not pay cash in full the day of the sale, he/she will be required to post bond and provide sufficient surety thereon at the sale. Please contact the Master Commissioner's office prior to the sale with questions regarding approved surety at (270) 717-1110.**

B. The property is sold subject to the following: a) State, county, city, and school taxes payable for the entire year of 2026 and all taxes due thereafter; b) easements, restrictions, and covenants of record; c) assessments for public improvements levied against the property; d) any facts which an inspection or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

C. The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any and all right, title, and interest of the parties to this action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon except such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the defendants.

D. It is further provided that when the property sold includes insurable improvements, the successful bidder at the sale, at bidder's own expense, shall carry fire and extended coverage insurance on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, to the extent of the court appraised value of said improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Master Commissioner of the Logan Circuit Court, or to the Plaintiff. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereof, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to effect said insurance and furnish the policy or evidence thereof to the Master Commissioner of the Logan Circuit Court if she so desires, and the premium thereon, or proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser at purchaser's costs.

Sale No. 1: Kentucky Housing Corporation v. Jaymar Richardson, Ashley Richardson, and the United States of America Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; pending in Logan Circuit Court Civil Action No. 26-CI-00124. **101 Ghan Smith Road, Russellville, KY 42276**
Tax Map Number: 082-00-00-096-05
NOTE: SUCCESSFUL BIDDER TO PAY 2026 AD VALOREM TAXES
Submitted this 20th day of August, 2026.

/s/ Ami L. Brooks
AMI L. BROOKS, MASTER COMMISSIONER

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing was this 20th day of August, 2026, mailed by U.S. Mail, faxed, e-mailed, or hand delivered to the following:

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Master Commissioner, Logan Circuit Court



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NOTICE

On or about August 31, 2026, East Logan Water District will file an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission to adjust its monthly rates for water service. East Logan Water District is making this application to comply with the Kentucky Public Service Commission's Order of January 7, 2026, in Case No. 2025-00265. East Logan Water District's application will be filed pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076. Under those procedures, the proposed rates may not be placed into effect until the Kentucky Public Service Commission has issued an order approving the proposed rates or six (6) months from the date of the filing of the application, whichever occurs first.

East Logan Water District proposes the following rates for water service:

CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES										Change (\$)	Change (%)	
Current Rates					Proposed Rates							
5/8" x 3/4" Meter												
First	2,000	\$	21.77	Minimum Bill	First	2,000	\$	24.32	Minimum Bill	\$	2.55	11.71%
Next	2,000		0.01033	per gallon	Next	2,000		0.01154	per gallon	\$	0.00121	11.71%
Next	2,000		0.00990	per gallon	Next	2,000		0.01106	per gallon	\$	0.00116	11.72%
Next	4,000		0.00868	per gallon	Next	4,000		0.00970	per gallon	\$	0.00102	11.75%
Over	10,000		0.00628	per gallon	Over	10,000		0.00701	per gallon	\$	0.00073	11.62%
1" Meter												
First	4,000	\$	42.43	Minimum Bill	First	4,000		47.40	Minimum Bill	\$	4.97	11.70%
Next	2,000		0.00990	per gallon	Next	2,000		0.01106	per gallon	\$	0.00116	11.72%
Next	4,000		0.00868	per gallon	Next	4,000		0.00970	per gallon	\$	0.00102	11.75%
Over	10,000		0.00628	per gallon	Over	10,000		0.00701	per gallon	\$	0.00073	11.62%
1-1/2" Meter												
First	6,000	\$	62.23	Minimum Bill	First	6,000		69.51	Minimum Bill	\$	7.28	11.70%
Next	4,000		0.00868	per gallon	Next	4,000		0.00970	per gallon	\$	0.00102	11.75%
Over	10,000		0.00628	per gallon	Over	10,000		0.00701	per gallon	\$	0.00073	11.62%
2" Meter												
First	10,000	\$	96.95	Minimum Bill	First	10,000		108.30	Minimum Bill	\$	11.35	11.70%
Over	10,000		0.00628	per gallon	Over	10,000		0.00701	per gallon	\$	0.00073	11.62%
3" Meter												
First	30,000	\$	222.55	Minimum Bill	First	30,000		248.59	Minimum Bill	\$	26.04	11.70%
Over	30,000		0.00628	per gallon	Over	30,000		0.00701	per gallon	\$	0.00073	11.62%
4" Meter												
First	50,000	\$	348.15	Minimum Bill	First	50,000		388.89	Minimum Bill	\$	40.74	11.70%
Over	50,000		0.00628	per gallon	Over	50,000		0.00701	per gallon	\$	0.00073	11.62%
6" Meter												
First	100,000	\$	662.15	Minimum Bill	First	100,000		739.64	Minimum Bill	\$	77.49	11.70%
Over	100,000		0.00628	per gallon	Over	100,000		0.00701	per gallon	\$	0.00073	11.62%
8" Meter												
First	150,000	\$	976.15	Minimum Bill	First	150,000		1,090.39	Minimum Bill	\$	114.24	11.70%
Over	150,000		0.00628	per gallon	Over	150,000		0.00701	per gallon	\$	0.00073	11.62%
Trailer Park												
First	36,000		\$391.86	Minimum Bill	First	36,000		437.72	Minimum Bill	\$	45.86	11.70%
Next	36,000		0.01033	per gallon	Next	36,000		0.01154	per gallon	\$	0.00121	11.71%
Next	36,000		0.00990	per gallon	Next	36,000		0.01106	per gallon	\$	0.00116	11.72%
Next	72,000		0.00868	per gallon	Next	72,000		0.00970	per gallon	\$	0.00102	11.75%
Over	180,000		0.00628	per gallon	Over	180,000		0.00701	per gallon	\$	0.00073	11.62%
Leak Adjustment												
All			0.00338	per gallon	All			0.00378	per gallon	\$	0.00040	11.83%

If the Public Service Commission approves the proposed water rate, the increase in a customer's monthly bill will be:

Customer	Average Usage (gals)	Monthly Bill at Current Rates	Monthly Bill at Proposed Rates	Monthly Bill Increase (%)	\$ Increase
5/8" x 3/4" meter	4,231	\$ 44.72	\$ 49.95	11.71%	\$ 5.24
1" meter	23,468	\$ 181.53	\$ 202.73	11.68%	\$ 21.20
1-1/2" meter	17	\$ 62.23	\$ 69.51	11.70%	\$ 7.28
2" meter	186,991	\$ 1,208.45	\$ 1,349.00	11.63%	\$ 140.55
3" meter	-	\$ 222.55	\$ 248.59	11.70%	\$ 26.04
4" meter	1,128,146	\$ 7,118.91	\$ 7,946.70	11.63%	\$ 827.79
6" meter	-	\$ 662.15	\$ 739.64	11.70%	\$ 77.49
8" meter	-	\$ 976.15	\$ 1,090.39	11.70%	\$ 114.24
Trailer Park	87,792	\$ 920.08	\$ 1,027.81	11.71%	\$ 107.74
Leak Adjustment		0.00338	0.00	11.83%	\$ 0.00040

The Kentucky Public Service Commission has established Case No. 2026-00228 to review East Logan Water District's application. Any person may examine this application at East Logan Water District's office, 333 South Franklin Street, Russellville, Kentucky 42276, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or at the Kentucky Public Service Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Public Service Commission's Web site at <https://psc.ky.gov/Case/ViewCaseFilings/2026-00228>. Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Kentucky Public Service Commission through the Commission's Web Site at <https://psc.ky.gov/Case/SearchCasesPublicComments> or by e-mail to psc@d.ky.gov or by mail to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by East Logan Water District. However, the Kentucky Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates. Such action may result in rates for consumers other than the rates in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Kentucky Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the person's status and interest. If the Kentucky Public Service Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of notice, it may take final action on the proposed rates.

East Logan Water District