

Dragon football forfeits 43-0 win over Caverna

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Instead of having a one win, two loss record this season, the Green County High School football Dragons now find themselves with a 1-3 record.

The team dropped the season opener played Aug. 17 at Campbellsville University to Washington County, 39-13.

The following week, Aug. 24, Caverna came to Dragon Stadium and the home team won handily, 43-0.

However, Green County will forfeit

that win to Caverna, because of a clerical error that permitted an ineligible student to play.

Tim Deaton, athletic director at GCHS, said the fault lies with him, and not with Hunter Jackson, the head coach, or the unnamed player.

"I had a list of names of students who did not attain the appropriate amount of credits to move to the next grade level. The student's name was on that list and I failed to notice it," Deaton said.

As soon as Deaton discovered the error,

which he said he heard about "through the grapevine," he reported it to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association in Lexington, the governing body for interscholastic athletics in Kentucky.

"It was my fault. The coach (Jackson) got the kid in the game because he didn't know the kid wasn't eligible," Deaton said. "I screwed up here because the coach didn't even know it."

Deaton said he spoke with KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett by phone and was told Green County would forfeit the game

due to the ineligible player.

The Record-Herald reached out to Tackett by email and received no response.

Deaton said he's owned the mistake, even to the point of addressing the team.

"I hate it. I addressed the team and I apologized for my mistake. This was totally a paperwork error on my part," he said. "If you play an ineligible player, you forfeit the game."

Berea game

The Aug. 31 game at Berea was suspended

in the first quarter due to threatening weather conditions.

Head coach Hunter Jackson said the teams waited until 11 p.m. EDT to suspend the game.

"We agreed to re-schedule and play the game the next day only to have Berea's athletic director say they could not secure officials (even though we had officials secured before we left Friday night). We then proposed to come back and play Sunday afternoon. Berea's AD declined, stating they had some coaches and a few play-

ers that would be out of town," Jackson said.

Deaton said Tackett told him KHSAA would issue a letter stating it was Green County's call, as efforts were made to play the game.

"We tried every way in the world to re-schedule and they just wouldn't so I say they forfeit," Deaton said.

The Dragons lost the Sept. 7 game at home to the Campbellsville Eagles, 41-6.

This Friday, at 7 p.m., Sept. 14, the team welcomes the 2-1 Knox Central Panthers to Dragon Stadium.

Homecoming game is Friday

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After last week's postponed and then cancelled game at Berea, the Dragons returned to their home field and hosted the 2-1 Campbellsville Eagles, who won, 41-6.

The Eagles were coming off of a 40-20 win over the Taylor County Cardinals.

Campbellsville scored early when they capitalized off an interception, long passes, and punt returns.

The Dragons found it tough to run the ball, posting 101 rushing yards on the night. Dennis Rose returned as quarterback and Nathan Ray returned to the running back position.

The Campbellsville defense didn't make it easy, sacking the quarterback eight times and recovering three fumbles along with an interception.

With a number of players unable to play, many underclassman got multiple minutes of playing time.

As the buzzer sounded to end the first half, the Eagles led 41-0.

During halftime the Dragons re-grouped and with just under 10 minutes remaining in the third quarter senior Bobby Landis ran in for a touchdown.

The momentum peaked and the Dragons locked down the Eagles end-zone. The Eagles failed to score in the second half, but the Dragons were unable to score any additional touchdowns.

The game ended with an Eagle win, 41-6.

Dragon Nation will return to their home stadium this Friday in hosting Knox Central. at 7 p.m.

The Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned during half-time.



Photos by Angelina Alcott

Quarterback Dennis Rose completes a pass.



Freshman Blake Houchens played big minutes during the varsity game Friday. Green County will host Knox Central Friday evening.



Thomas Stone and Blake Marples tag team an Eagle running back for a joint tackle. Despite turning up the heat on defense in the second half, the Dragons were unable to mount a comeback and lost 41-6.

Shuffett wins 9/5 contest

Donna Shuffett is the winner of the Sept. 5 football contest. She missed five of the qualifying games.

She wins a free buffet from Creekside Restaurant, Phillips Lanes & Restaurant certificate, a Longhunter's gift card and a Lee's Famous Recipe dinner.

A Look at GCHS Football and their Opponents						
Team	Record	Avg. Off	Avg. Def	Last Weekend's Results	This Weekend	
Washington Co	3-1	31	24	Beat Thomas Nelson 45-43	At Marion County	
Caverna	0-4	2	46	Lost to Hart County 57-0	At Clinton County	
Berea	0-3	6	46	Lost to Pineville 50-6	Paris	
Campbellsville	3-1	39	20	Beat Green County 41-6	Monroe County	
Knox Central	2-1	35	27	Beat Harlan County 41-8	At Green County	
Hart County	3-1	33	24	Beat Caverna 57-0	At Larue County	
Glasgow	4-0	34	4	Beat Allen Co. Scottsville 28-7	Warren East	
Metcalfe Co.	1-3	11	28	Beat Adair County 8-6	At Edmonson County	
Monroe Co.	1-3	17	32	Lost to Barren County 21-20	At Campbellsville	
Taylor County	3-1	41	12	Beat Larue County 39-0	At West Jessamine	
Green County	1-2	21	27	Lost to Campbellsville 41-6	Knox Co Central	

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