

# Lady Dragons stay perfect in district play

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The Lady Dragons started and ended their week with a win. As the season has progressed, they have found their team rhythm.

**Green Co. (84) vs. Nelson Co. (75)  
Jan. 22**  
The Lady Dragons

put on a shooting exhibition for the crowd in their opponent's gym Jan. 22. They made seven threes, four players scored in double digits, two in the 20s. Senior Gracie Parrott led the team with 25 points; Kylie Jackson had 24; Katelyn Milby, 13; Gracie Thompson, 10; Kiley McCubbins, 3; Tanlee Hudgins, 3; and Grace

Patterson, 3. Milby led the team with 7 rebounds.

**Green Co. (56) vs. Hart Co. (34)  
Jan. 25**

After a series of postponed games against Hart County, the Lady Dragons finally were able to matchup against their district foe, Lady Raiders, on their home court Fri-

day. The Lady Dragons dominated the backboard, with 45 team rebounds, which allowed for a number of second chance shots. Milby has continued to become more of a force on the inside and led the team with 14 rebounds. Her attack under the basket sent her to the free throw line for 6 shots, making 5. Par-

rott had 11 rebounds and finished with 11 points for a double-double. Jackson led the scoring with 16 points, Thompson and McCubbins each had 7. Emma Renfrow hit her first varsity career three-pointer. Hudgins scored 2 and Patterson, 1.

A number of Lady Dragons snagged rebounds. Jack-

son pulled down 5; Hudgins had 4; Thompson, 3; McCubbins, 3; Summer Scott, 2; Kate Judd, 1; and Macie Russell, 1.

The Lady Dragons ventured to Hart County yesterday for another game against the Lady Raiders.

They host district rival LaRue County Friday at home for homecoming.

## GCMS Volleyball



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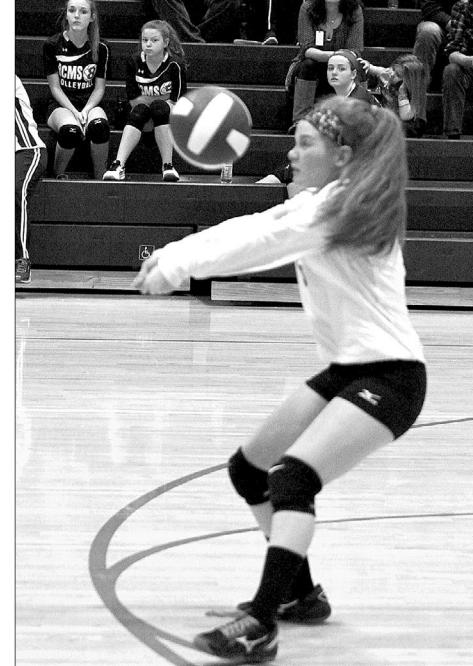
A wild hit ball doesn't break the focus of eighth grader Cierra Owens. The Lady Dragons host the Lady Raiders of Hart County January 31.



Seventh grader Chloe Simpson serves back-to-back aces against Russell County January 22. The defense and offense for the Lady Dragon middle school teams led to a sweep for the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade teams.



Blair Corbin sets the ball for a teammate.



Libero Chloe Smith scoots up on a short serve.

## Moran wins Jan. 23 contest

Ricky Moran is the winner of the January 23 basketball contest. He missed eight of the qualifying games.

He wins a free buffet from Creekside Restaurant, Phillips Lanes Restaurant and Bowl-

ing certificate, a McDonald's value meal and a Lee's Famous Recipe dinner.

He may call the *Record-Herald* at 932-4381 to arrange for pick-up of the prizes.

## Free throw shooting winners

A shootout will be held for four individuals who tied for free-throw shooting contest bragging rights.

Erik Edwards, Cheslee Gray, Blake Judd and Kade Fulkerson each shot 17 of 20 free throws.

The shootout will be held Feb. 5 during the Green vs. Adair game.



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## What Can Investors Learn From "Big Game" Teams?

In February, TV stations the world over will broadcast the most-watched U.S. football game of the year. But sports fans aren't the only ones viewing this "big game," held in Atlanta this year. The two teams competing are watched closely by the teams that *didn't* qualify. That's because these teams can learn a lot from the contenders. In fact, "big game" teams can teach some valuable lessons to many groups and individuals — including investors.

What investment insights can you gain from observing these teams? Here are a few to consider:

- *A good "offense" is important.* "Big game" teams usually have the ability to score a lot of points. They can run the ball, pass the ball and move up the field quickly. As an investor, you also need to constantly seek gains — in other words, you need an "offense" in the form of an investment portfolio capable of producing long-term growth. Consequently, you will need a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks and stock-based mutual funds, in your holdings. Yes, these types of investments carry risk, including the potential loss of principal. But you can help reduce your risk level by holding investments for the long term — giving them time to possibly overcome the short-term drops that will inevitably occur — and by diversifying your overall portfolio with other types of investments, such as bonds and government securities, that will likely not fluctuate in value as much as stocks.

- *A strong "defense" is essential.* In addition to having good offenses, "big game" teams are also typically strong on defense. They may give up yardage, and going



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against a strong offense, they will also give up points, but they still often stop their opponents from making the big, game-breaking plays. As someone with financial goals, such as protecting your family's lifestyle and helping send your children to college, you, too, have much to defend — and one of the best defensive moves you can make is to maintain adequate life insurance. Also, to protect your own financial independence — and to defend against the possibility of becoming a burden to your adult children — you may want to explore

insurance, which can help pay for the extraordinarily high costs of an extended nursing home stay.

- *The ability to adjust a strategy is essential.* If a "big game" team is trailing, it very well might decide to switch its game strategy — perhaps they tried to keep the ball on the ground but fell behind, requiring them to throw more passes to catch up. You also will need to evaluate your progress toward your goals to determine if you may need to adjust your strategy. To illustrate: If your current portfolio is not providing you with the returns you need to retire comfortably, you may well need to adjust your investment mix to provide more growth potential, but within the context of your risk tolerance and time horizon.

The "big game" is the culmination of a season of hard work by two teams that have achieved the highest level of success. And by applying the lessons you've learned from these teams, you can help contribute to your own success.

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## Basketball Contest Rules

To enter the contest, contestants may use either this page or an identical page obtained at no charge at the Record-Herald office, 102 West Court Street, Greensburg. You do not have to purchase a paper or anything else to be eligible to win. Only one entry per person. Contestants must circle their winning teams on the page. Should contestants get the same number of games correct, the tie will be broken by the tie-breaker. All entries must be MAILED to the Greensburg Record-Herald, P.O. Box 130, Greensburg, KY 42743. All entries must have an automated postmark no later than FRIDAY, 5 p.m., of this week. To be eligible for the Grand Prize and bonus, an entry must be received by Saturday morning. **Mark all envelopes BASKETBALL CONTEST. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED IN PERSON** at any participating stores or at the Record-Herald. The grand prize will be awarded when a contestant picks the winners of 26 different games. For each week that no one wins, the amount will increase by \$25.

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