

Parrott, Patterson to be recognized at senior night

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As basketball season winds down, the Lady Dragons have one remaining regular season game. Tomorrow, the Lady Dragons host Thomas Nelson. The Lady Dragons will play the second game of boy/girl doubleheader. The seniors will be recognized from winter sports in between games.

Senior and two-year starter Gracie Parrott reflects on the past five years as a varsity member of the Lady Dragon basketball team.

"This basketball season has gone by way too fast. I am so sad it is going to be over in just a few short weeks," said Parrott. "This season has been difficult. In past years we have won 20 regular season games or more and we are around 12-14. We have all taken on new roles and practiced hard to improve."

Parrott and her teammates were not discouraged by losses, but motivated to work harder at practice. She hopes to end the season 14-14 and be the 18th District Champions.

**Green Co. (61) vs. Adair Co. (37)
Feb. 5**

The Lady Dragons controlled the second matchup of the season

against the Lady Indians from the tip-off. Junior Kiley McCubbins hit a career high five three-pointers during the home game. She finished the game with 22 points, an additional career high. McCubbins is a first-year starter for the varsity team and wasted no time taking advantage of each minute of playing time she earned. McCubbins finished with one rebound.

Sophomore Kylie Jackson has stayed consistent throughout the entire season as a well-rounded player and is the leading scorer for her team. She finished the game with 18 points and 6 rebounds.

Katlyn Milby scored 8 and was a top rebounder with 8 rebounds.

Other individual stats include: Gracie Parrott-5 points, 7 rebounds; Tanlee Hudgins-4 points, 9 rebounds; and Gracie Thompson-4 points. Grace Patterson and Macie Russell snagged a rebound a piece.

The Lady Dragons extended their lead early. Once the fourth quarter started, a number of varsity players subbed in for valuable playing time. Emma Renfrow, Summer Scott and Kate Judd each finished with a rebound.

The Lady Dragons defeated the Lady Indi-



Gracie Parrott dribbles in and scores for her team. Tomorrow Patterson and Parrott will be recognized during senior night. Recognition of seniors who compete in winter sports will take place in-between games. The Lady Dragons host Thomas Nelson and the Dragons host Washington County.

ans for the second time this season, 61-37.

**Green Co. (52) vs. Central Hardin (65)
Feb. 8**

It was a tough 65-52 loss Friday evening at home for Green County. It was an off night for the home team as they struggled with their shooting, hitting only 25 percent of their field goals. Central Hardin

outscored the home team in three-pointers.

Despite the loss, the Lady Dragons worked hard and their aggressive effort on offense showed as the team shot 43 free throws, making 30. Jackson is currently ranked 17th in the state by the KH-SAA with an 80.1% free throw shooting percentage. She finished with a total of 22 points.



Photos by Angelina Alcott

Grace Patterson brings the ball downcourt during a home game against Adair County February 5. The Lady Dragons walked away with a big 61-37 win. February 8, Central Hardin snuck past Green County 52-65.

Freshman Tanlee Hudgins, who has settled in comfortably in the rotation, scored 12 points and had 4 rebounds.

The Lady Dragons were out rebounded, 37-28. Milby led the team in rebounding with 8. She also scored 5 points. Others who scored include: Parrott-7, Thompson-3, and McCubbins-3. Parrott also was credited

with 6 rebounds, McCubbins-4, Patterson-1, and Jackson-4.

The 18th District Tournament is scheduled to begin February 19 at Hart County. The Lady Dragons will play Hart County in the first round. Game time is 5:30 p.m. CT. The winner will play in the championship game February 22 at 5:30 p.m. CT.

Seniors have unfinished business

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**Green Co. (75) vs. Adair Co. (61)
Feb. 5**

With change comes a period of adjustment and the Dragons have dealt with change this season— from a new head coach to losing one of their starters to injury. The team has demonstrated their maturity in the game as they continued to push forward and settle in as the season progressed.

The Dragons hosted Adair County Feb. 5 in the second season match-up against the Indians. The first game, Nov. 30, the Dragons lost 51-62 but flipped the tables when the Indians showed up on their court. The Indi-

ans led the game but Dragons stayed focused and took control.

Braeden Sluder's 6'4" stature pegged him as an inside player. Sluder has continued to extend his shooting range and the increase in points is evidence. Sluder drained four three-pointers, two field goals, and two free throws for a total of 18 points. He led the team on the boards with 7 rebounds.

District stand-out player Gunner Bush led the team with 20 points. Point guard Dennis Rose started using his speed to attack the basket and success showed with increase in scoring. Rose scored once again in double digits with 14. Brody Bush finished the game with 10 points, 2 rebounds,

Zyler Bardin-4 points, Hunter McCubbins-6 points, 6 rebounds, Kellen Whitlow-2 rebounds, and Jackson Johnson-2 points.

**Green Co. (43) vs. Central Hardin (63)
Feb. 8**

Limited scoring proved to be a deal-breaker for the Dragons during the Friday evening game at home against Central Hardin. The Dragons struggled from three-point land, 2-12.

It was a game of close effort; Dragons were out-rebounded by only 3. Free throws were minimum. Central Hardin shot a total of 7 and Green County 4.

The Bruins collapsed on the Dragons' inside game, limiting leading scorer Gunner Bush to 10 points and double teamed Rose to only 2 points. Other starters Bardin, Brody Bush and McCubbins each scored 9. Sluder hit two field goals for 4 points and led the team in rebounding with 6.

Bardin used his vertical jump to grab 3 rebounds, McCubbins-3, Gunner Bush-5, Brody Bush-4, and Bryce Blakeman-1.

The 20-point win margin for Central Hardin was not a reflection of effort by Green County. Senior Hunter McCubbins will use games like this one to re-group, analyze what to do in future games, and use it as a learning experience.

"We have unfinished business as a team because we're a better team than what our record shows," said McCubbins. "I feel we have something to prove to a couple of teams in the district."

Green Co. (63) vs. Somerset (75)

Feb. 9

The Dragons ended their three home game week against top-seeded 47th District team Somerset. Somerset squeezed past Green County 75-63.

Two Briar Jumpers scored 21 points a piece, three in double figures. Scoring was limited for the Dragons to the starters.

Gunner Bush led the team with 21 points and 9 rebounds, Rose-19, McCubbins-9, Bardin-8, and Brody Bush-6. The team who usually shoots a high percentage from the free throw line struggled and ended the game 9-18.

No Dragon is deterred, with the start of the 18th District Tournament on the horizon they have big plans. The seniors are prepared to lead the team in the tournament, and make one last mark in basketball.

Point-guard Rose is determined his team will not go down without a fight.

"We are going to be leaders," said Rose. "We are going to play hard and leave it all out there on the floor."

The Dragons have one more home game, tomorrow against Washington County. The boys game will be begin at 5:30 p.m. CT, prior to the girls' game.

Seniors McCubbins, Bardin, Rose, Brody Bush, and Bobby Landis will be recognized during senior night in-between games.

The 18th District Tournament will begin Feb. 20 for the Dragons in Hart County. The Dragons tip-off against Hart County Dragons at 7 p.m. CT. The winner of the game advances to the Championship game Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. CT.



Hunter McCubbins scores one of his two field goals February 5 during a home game against the Adair County Indians. Senior players McCubbins, Bardin, Bush, Rose and Landis will be recognized during senior night Feb. 14 before their home game against Washington County.



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Not today... A team effort on defense by Zyler Bardin and Gunner Bush results in a blocked shot. The Dragons relentless defense and four players scoring in double-digits led to an exciting 75-61 Green County win.



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