

# Lady Dragons look past early adversity

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The Lady Dragons are prepped and ready for their 2019 season. They have returned to the field after a big 2018 season, 18th District Champions and Fifth Region Runner-Up behind Central Hardin, a powerhouse team that advanced all the way to KHSAA State Semi-Finals. The team returned for 2019 without third baseman Ivy Hedgespeth or short-stop Hannah Judd. The ex-

plosive hitters, quick-glove duo advanced their softball careers and are currently playing softball for Campbellsville University. ACE pitcher Abigail Keltner returns to the mound for one final high school season. She knows she has to lead the team from the mound and as a vocal leader. Keltner has been out with sickness, but was released yesterday to play. Katlyn Milby and Tatum Caulk will also be in the pitching rota-

tion. Destiny Poynter and Lexi Beard join Keltner as seniors. Sadly, Beard suffered a leg injury last season, an injury that despite high accolades from her physical therapist, has forced her into early retirement. “Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is stronger,” Beard said. “When I got hurt last year I became angry and wanted to give up, but when I began to

realize others looked up to me, that made me stronger in myself and faith.” “You have to keep faith and believe in God’s plan for you and keep your head up and even on your worst days believe that there is someone somewhere that has it even worse.” Sickness and injury has plagued the team early on, but they are not going to be discouraged. Haley Judd was recently cleared to return to sports after

she suffered a ligament injury on her ankle during basketball season. The sophomore, who has started on varsity since her seventh grade year, has faith in her team. “This year is definitely going to be tough— at first we have had every diversity already that a team could face,” said Judd. “Even with the adversity, we’re ready and we’ll play together and work as hard not matter what.” The Lady Dragons took the field in their

home opener Monday evening against Metcalfe County and yesterday evening they hosted Warren East. March 21 they will host Marion County with first pitch being thrown at 5 p.m. CST.

**2019 GCHS Softball Roster**

**Seniors**  
Lexi Beard-OF  
Abigail Keltner-P, INF  
Grace Patterson-OF  
Destiny Poynter-INF, OF

**Juniors**  
Kiley McCubbinsC, OF

**Sophomores**  
Hailee Corbin-INF  
Madi Corbin-OF, P  
Tabitha Dial-OF  
Haley Judd-C, OF  
Katlyn Milby-INF, P  
Mikka Thompson-OF

**Freshmen**  
Elizabeth Brown-OF  
Tanlee Hudgins-C, INF  
Summer Scott-INF

Head Coach: Jeff Wright  
Assistants: Kyle Milby,  
Jana Edwards

# Dragons have strong pitching

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Green County Dragons have worked through the winter months preparing for the 2019 season. The Dragons team returned to the diamond after a 2018 regular season record of 13-11. In post-season play the shut-out Hart County in the first round of 18th District play 10-0 and finished at District Runner-Up behind the 5th Region Champions LaRue County. A number of players got their first taste of varsity play during last season. This season, the Dragons return a number of experienced players including seniors Brody Bush, Jacob Scott and Dennis Rose. Bush, along with his sophomore brother Gunner Bush, and sophomore Jackson Johnson were named to the KHSBCA Pre-season All Region team for the Fifth Region.

unruffled even with Andrew Mosby graduating and Michael Givens being accepted and transferring to Gatton Academy. Long-time head coach Rick Davis has high expectations and is looking forward to the season. “I am excited about this squad,” said Coach Davis. “Lots of pitching depth and defense should be strong. We have got quite a bit of experience back.” One of the returning pitchers is southpaw Braeden Sluder. “It is a whole other world on the mound, a home most people don’t have,” said Sluder. “The game revolves around the pitcher, it is a place I love to be and look forward to a great season.” The Dragons home-opener is tomorrow afternoon, 4:30 p.m. CST against CEC Louisville. Their regular season opened on the road March 18 in

Washington County and March 19 in Met-

calfe County against the Hornets.

| 2019 GCHS Baseball Schedule |                                 |      |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|------|
| March 21                    | vs. CEC Louisville              | 4:30 |
| March 22                    | @ Marion County                 | 5:00 |
| March 25                    | @ Clinton County                | 5:00 |
| March 26                    | vs. Taylor County               | 4:30 |
| March 28-30                 | Green County Wooden Bat Classic |      |
| April 1-5                   | Panama City Beach Bash          |      |
| April 8                     | vs. North Hardin                | 5:00 |
| April 9                     | @ Hart County                   | 5:00 |
| April 11                    | @ Caverna                       | 5:00 |
| April 12-13                 | All ‘A’ Region Home             | TBA  |
| April 15                    | vs. LaRue County                | 5:00 |
| April 16                    | vs. Washington County           | 5:00 |
| April 17                    | @ Monroe County                 | 5:00 |
| April 22                    | @ Russell County                | 5:00 |
| April 23                    | vs. Hart County                 | 5:00 |
| April 26                    | @ North Hardin                  | 5:00 |
| April 29                    | @ CEC Louisville                | 4:30 |
| April 30                    | OPEN                            |      |
| May 2                       | @ LaRue County                  | 5:00 |
| May 3                       | @ Nelson County                 | 5:00 |
| May 6                       | vs. Russell County              | 5:00 |
| May 7                       | @ Central Hardin                | 5:00 |
| May 9                       | vs. Caverna                     | 5:30 |
| May 10-11                   | Fayette County Invitational     | TBA  |
| May 13                      | OPEN                            |      |
| May 14                      | vs. Clinton County              | 5:00 |
| May 15                      | @ Taylor County                 | 4:30 |
| May 17                      | vs. Metcalfe County             | 5:00 |

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| March 21                    | vs. Marion County                    | 5:00 |
| March 23                    | All ‘A’ Region Home                  |      |
| March 25                    | vs. Caverna                          | 5:00 |
| March 26                    | vs. Elizabethtown                    | 6:00 |
| March 30                    | Butler @ Taylor (RR)                 | TBA  |
| April 8                     | vs. Caverna                          | 5:00 |
| April 9                     | @ North Hardin                       | 5:00 |
| April 12-13                 | Battle of the Border                 |      |
| April 15                    | @ LaRue County                       | 5:00 |
| April 17                    | @ Central Hardin                     | 5:30 |
| April 18                    | @ Hart County                        | 5:00 |
| April 22                    | vs. Hart County                      | 5:00 |
| April 23                    | vs. LaRue County                     | 5:00 |
| April 25                    | @ Campbellsville                     | 5:00 |
| April 26-27                 | All ‘A’ State @ Owensboro            | TBA  |
| April 30                    | @ Taylor County                      | 5:00 |
| May 2                       | vs. North Hardin                     | 5:00 |
| May 4                       | Tates Creek/East Jessamine           |      |
| May 6                       | @ Metcalfe County                    | 5:00 |
| May 7                       | @ Marion County                      | 5:00 |
| May 9                       | vs. Bethlehem                        | 6:00 |
| May 11                      | Southwestern Pulaski (RR)            | TBA  |
| May 13                      | @ Butler                             | 5:30 |
| May 16                      | vs. Campbellsville                   | 5:00 |
| May 18                      | Marshall County (RR)                 | TBA  |
| May 20-21                   | 18 <sup>th</sup> District Tournament | TBA  |
| May 27                      | 5 <sup>th</sup> Region Tournament    | TBA  |

Johnson recognizes the team’s chemistry and is excited for the season. “This year, our team goal is to win Region,” said Jackson Johnson. “We want to earn that chance to play at Whitaker Bank Field in the KHSAA State Tournament.” Johnson averages eight months of baseball play per year. The depth of the Dragons’ pitching was

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**Seniors**  
Brody Bush-P, OF  
Dennis Rose-INF, OF  
Jacob Scott-P, OF

**Juniors**  
Brice Blakeman-INF, P  
Cole Edmonds-C, INF, OF  
Braeden Sluder-OF, P

**Sophomores**  
Warren Biggs-C, OF  
Gunner Bush-C  
Jackson Johnson-INF, P  
Casen Murray-INF, P  
Kellen Whitlow-INF, OF, P

**Freshmen**  
Nathan Davis-OF  
Jacob Keith-OF, P  
Cade Kessler-OF, P  
Blayde Miby-INF, P  
Layke Pickett-INF  
Creighton Robertson-OF  
Briley Sharpe-C  
Isaac Young-INF

Head Coach: Rick Davis  
Assistants: Mike Daniels,  
Seth Jones

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