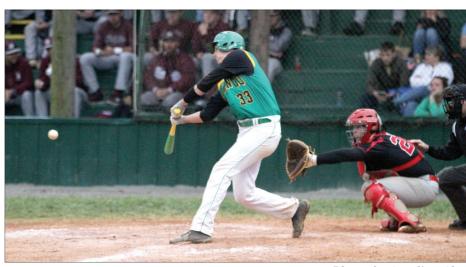


safety. The Dragons fell short, 7-10 in the opening game against CEC in the **Wooden Bat Classic.**



Photos by Angelina Alcott

Listening to first base coach Mike Daniels, Jackson Johnson dives back to Bryce Blakeman punishes his wooden bat with some big hits for the team Friday. The Dragons came from behind to take the lead against Wayne County before the opponent sealed a 14-15 win in the seventh inning.

Dragons host Wooden Bat Classic fundraiser

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Green Co. (19) vs. Clinton Co. (0) March 25

Senior Brody Bush had a dominant performance on the mound on Clinton County's field March 25. In the five inning game, Bush shut-out the Bulldogs, allowed only one hit and struck out 11 batters.

Lead-offbatterDennis Rose got the bats moving with a single and scored directly after a line-drive double by Kellen Whitlow. Gunner Bush singled to score Whitlow and Brody Bush singled to score courtesy runner, Briley Sharpe. Jacob Keith entered to run for Brody Bush and scored on a single by Braeden Sluder.

The bats simmered down until they reached their boiling point in the top of the fourth inning. A triple by Whitlow started the nine run scoring festival. The Dragons extended their lead

In the top of the fifth, Keith, Cade Kessler, Cole Edmonds, Casen Murray and Layke Pickett entered the batting line-up. Keith was walked, Kessler singled, Isaac Young hit a ground ball and advanced to third base after he capitalized on Clinton County errors; Keith scored when he stole home and Kessler scored on Young's hit. Murray and Pickett followed Young's lead to reach base on ground balls and Pickett scored the 19th and final run for the Dragons.

The Dragons added a fourth shut-out of the season to their books.

Green Co. (3) vs. Taylor Co. (5) March 26

Green County hosted the Taylor County Cardinals March 26. Dragon errors have been almost non-existent this season, but the Cards took advantage of an early error and scored a run in the top of the first inning. They scored two additional runs in the first inning and took an early 3-0 lead before Jackson Johnson would strike out the batter for the third out of the inning.

Offense for both teams was hard earned. Seven total innings had only eight total runs scored.

Brody Bush scored the only run in the top of the first for the Dragons on a hit by Cole Edmonds. Rose used his speed in the bottom of the third to move around the bases and score a second run for the Dragons. Bottom of the fourth,

Sharpe's gutsy move

would bring the Dragons within one run of the Cards after he stole home, 4-3. The Cards scored one last run in the top of the seventh to seal a 5-3 victory.

Johnson pitched the first three innings of the game, allowed seven hits, four runs, but struck out five and only walked one. Sluder entered to finish the game.

Green Co. (7) vs. **CEC** (10) March 29 The Dragons hosted

Gunner Bush's fast glove and a strong arm proves troublesome for many opponents. The tournament is a two-day fundraiser for the Dragons. Rain and bad weather have been known to plague the fundraiser, but this year the torrential rains held off until the final game. The fundraiser raised \$5,205 for the baseball team.

their annual Wooden Bat Classic over the weekend. This was the Dragons second match-up against the team out of Louisville. After a coin-flip CEC would take over the scoreboard as the home team.

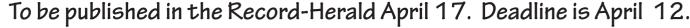
The offensive stats for the first two innings were symmetrical for the two teams; they each scored three runs in the first inning and two runs in the second.

Seniors Brody Bush and Jacob Scott showed out with their wooden bats in the top of the first; Bush started the game with a triple to score Keith and Bryce Blakeman and Scott a double that scored Bush.

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