

# Lady Dragons win District

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It was a clean sweep for the Lady Dragons as the team shut-out both 18th District opponents in the District Tournament last week. The team batted in a total of 20 runs.

## Green Co. (10) vs. Caverna (0) May 21

Number one seed Lady Dragons opened up their district play against Caverna at host field LaRue County. Abigail Keltner dominated in the circle; the pitcher struck out seven, allowed only one hit, and walked zero.

Haley Judd opened up the offense for her team with a solo home run on a 2-1 count to

get the Lady Dragons on the score board first. Hudgins followed with a solo home run of her own. Katlyn Milby doubled and would run in to score on a single by Keltner. The fourth run of the inning was scored by Catie Church who was in as a courtesy runner for Keltner, after a single by Mikka Thompson.

Madi Corbin and Hudgins would each pick up an RBI in the bottom of the second inning and Katlyn Milby added two more runs to the score board with a two-run homer.

The Lady Dragons led going into the third inning 8-0.

Milby brushed off her personal accomplishments and chooses to focus on her



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The Lady Dragons won May 21 against Caverna and against LaRue County May 22. The Lady Dragons opened up Fifth Region play Monday in Central Hardin against Marion County. The winner will advance to the quarter-finals May 28.

teams'.

"If we play the way I know we can play, we are going to do big things in Region," said Milby. "The big opponent for us will be Central Hardin; we are going to have to hit

big and keep out mental mistakes to zero. We keep focusing on making routine plays and making the plays we are not supposed to be able to make."

Milby knows they have to play as a team

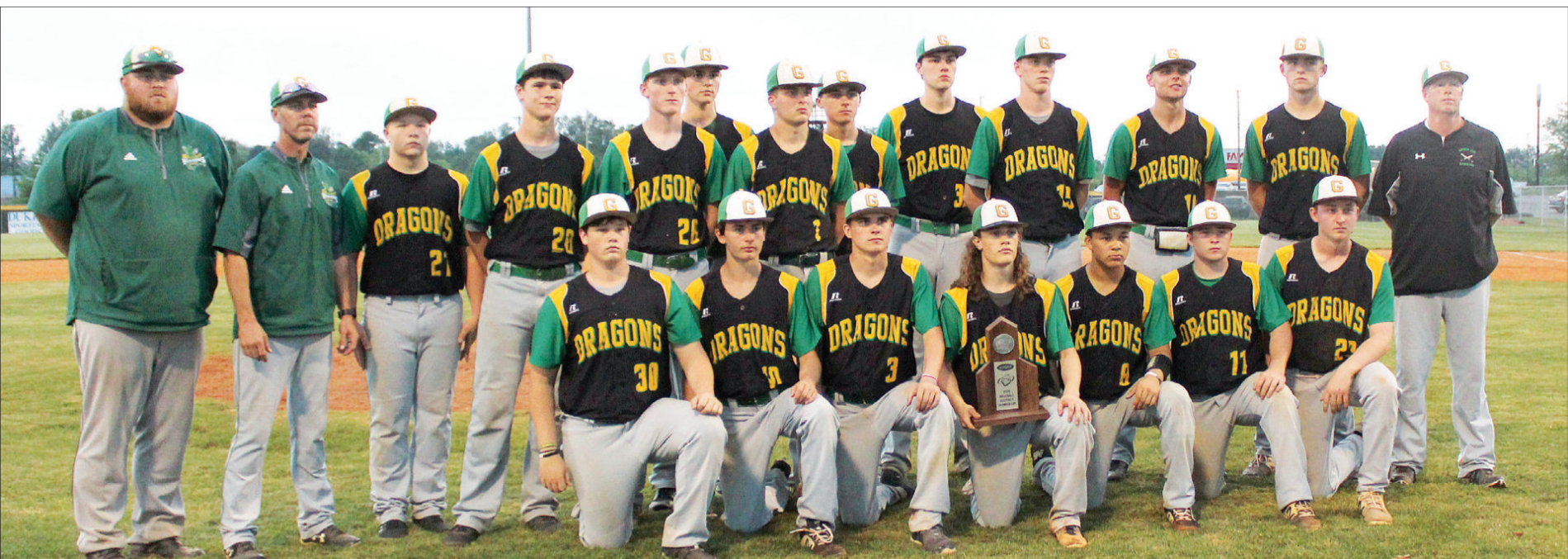
and do whatever it takes to win Region.

They scored one additional run in the bottom of the fourth off a sacrifice fly by Keltner and their final run in the bottom of the fifth inning from a hit by

middle school player Lily Beard.

The game ended with the Lady Dragons having run-ruled the Lady Colonels in the fifth inning.

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# Dragons win thriller in Region 5 opener

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## Green Co. (11) vs. Hart Co. (1) May 21

The 18th District tournament was underway in LaRue County May 21 in a first round Dragon game against the Hart County Raiders. Raiders were up to bat first and scored one run in the top of the first inning with one out recorded. A catch by Kellen Whitlow and strike-out by Brody Bush quickly ended the Raiders' offensive streak.

Dragons heated up their bats quickly and score three runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Dennis Rose tripled as lead off and stole home. Hits by Whitlow and Isaac Young sent two teammates across home.

Bryce Blakeman, who has played an important role in the Dragons' offensive success this season, is grateful for each game played with his teammates.

"I am glad I could contribute to the team this year and I am looking forward to making a run in region this year," said Blakeman. "I am enjoying the last few weeks with the seniors, they will be missed on and off the field next year and will be very hard to replace."

Brody Bush's pitching and the Dragons' defense shut-out the opponent after the first inning. Bush struck out a total of nine batters and kept the momentum going with a triple in the bottom of the second to score teammate Jacob Scott.

Singles by Whitlow, Jacob Scott and Jackson Johnson all picked up an RBI. Johnson continued to showcase his speed as he stole base after base until he scored a fourth run in the bottom of the third for a 8-1 Dragon lead.

Never losing momentum, Dennis Rose homered in the bottom of the fifth inning to give the Dragons a 9-1 lead. Both Bush brothers were walked and Briley Sharpe, Cole Edmonds entered the game as courtesy runners. Whitlow tripled, picked up two RBI's ended the game 11-1 by run-rule. Dragons advanced to the championship game.

## Green Co. (2) vs. LaRue Co. (6) May 22

On the Hawks' home field, the Dragons opened up the Championship game with

sophomore pitcher Johnson. Both teams went 0-0 in the first inning. The Hawks snuck in a run in the bottom of the second inning and the Dragons opened up the top of the third inning with two runs on the board. Scott and Edmonds both batted smart and each earned a walk. Scott scored on a single by Rose and Edmonds moved around the bases and scored after a pitch went awry. Dragons led 2-1 in the top of the third inning.

The Hawks flew back with two runs of their own to end the third inning. Hawks scored an additional run in the fourth and two in the fifth.

Rose stayed busy in the outfield and led the team on defense with four catches. Johnson recorded one strike-out. The Dragons fell in the Championship game 6-2.

The Dragons are prepared to enter the Fifth Region Tournament.

Whitlow knows his teammates are prepared for battle.

"Throughout the season and district all of the team would get the reps in that we needed for the game," said Whitlow. "For Region we are going in the game knowing we are a more solid team all around on the field whether it is batting or fielding."

Gunner Bush, Brody Bush and Rose were recognized and named to the 18th District All-Tournament team.



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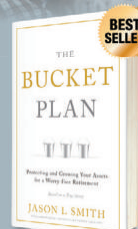
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