

# Dragons win conference in tiebreaker

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Carter Smothers, our 5th and 6th finishers, came up big in this race, it really shows the competitiveness of these guys and we will need to compete at their maximum efforts for region and state to hopefully finish this season with another win or two.”

The Lady Dragons were led in the 5K run by Carlee Coffey, who finished fifth overall with a time of 23:07.28.

Also scoring were: 10. Brianna Purvis - 25:34.73, 12. Jewell Hines - 27:02.06, 13. Hadley Nunn - 29:07.90, and 15. Audree McKibben - 32:57.83.

Natalie Reynolds, of Taylor County, was the individual winner, clocking in at 21:16.34.

Green County placed second, scoring 47 points to Taylor County's 16.

Coffey made all-conference.

“Going into conference I had the dilemma of how I was going to split my team up so that we could have enough for our middle school team and also enough for the varsity squad. I also had to consider that all of my middle school girls would be running at the middle school state meet the following Saturday,” said Coach Karla Deaton.

“Carlee Coffey led the way for us and had her best race. Taylor County has a very good girls team, so we were focused on improving



Photos by Angelina Alcott

Green County Dragons middle and high school teams carried on the strong running tradition one more season with a Conference Championship. The varsity runners include: Carter Smother, Blake Bryant, Austin Purvis, Mason Stone, Zach Jewell, and Gage Cornett.

our times individually. Carlee was followed by Brianna Purvis who also ran her best time on our course, which according to all of our runners is the toughest one they run on during the season. Jewell Hines and Hadley Nunn were our third and fourth finishers and both are in middle school. Audree McKibben rounded out our team and was able to improve her time considerably from the previous meets, it was good to see her finishing strong. We are hoping to put it all together at region on Oct. 26 in Bowling Green.”

In the middle school boys' 2700 meter run, Jayden Marr led the way for the Dragons, finishing first overall with a time of 9:50.70.

Also scoring were:

2. Houston Hodges - 10:22.83, 3. Tanner Willis - 11:17.28, 4. Eli Bishop - 11:46.99, and 5. Keegan Zulager - 11:50.06.

Additional finishes included: 8. Jeff York - 12:14.29, 9. Layton Froggett - 12:30.91, 10. Aiden Ayala - 12:41.14, 16. Drew Judd - 13:38.77, 20. Mason McKibben - 14:10.10, 21. Shaemus Robertson - 14:17.43, and 23. Ezra Costello - 15:48.87.

Green County was the team winner, accumulating a perfect 15 points. Taylor County was second with 48.

Meredith Abell led the middle school Lady Dragons in the 2700 meter run, finishing first overall with a time of 11:38.44.

included: 2. Kendall Peer - 11:38.78, 4. Kally Corbin - 12:40.78, and 14. Reagan Phelps - 15:58.82.

Taylor County was the team winner with a perfect 15 points. Green County had no team score.

The varsity teams will compete in the Class A Region 2 meet Oct. 26 at Ephram White Park in Bowling Green.

Speaking about this year's season, Mason Stone said, “We have had a solid season

through injuries and life challenges, but in the end we all come out and run our hearts out. Looking toward region, we believe we can run and come out with a regional championship. Every day I give the guys advice on getting better and always keeping their heads up. We are a team and have to be there for each other no matter what. I wouldn't want my senior year to be with any other group of guys. Dragons for life!”



Eighth grader Houston Hodges finishes second overall in the middle school conference race. Jayden Marr won the middle school boys conference race. Both Houston and Marr's season has been prolonged as they join the varsity squad for region this Saturday at Warren East's course.

# Marr runs strong at state

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Green County's Jayden Marr turned in an outstanding performance at the KTCCCA Middle School Cross Country State Championships Saturday in Lexington.

Marr led the Dragons, finishing 13th overall with a time of 14:15.23 and was an individual medalist.

Also scoring were: 70. Houston Hodges - 15:28.11, 182. Tanner Willis - 16:41.98, 350. Jeff York - 18:24.37, and 357. Eli Bishop - 18:36.59.

Additional individual results included: 376. Keegan Zulager - 18:57.71 and 379. Layton Froggett - 18:59.22.

Cooper Wasson, of Campbell Middle, was the individual winner with a time of 13:20.18.

Green County placed 24th with 746 points. North Oldham

Middle won with 77. There were 508 runners and 59 full teams in the 4K run.

“The middle school boys traveled to Masterson Station Park in Lexington to compete in the state event. We performed well considering the difficulties that come with running in a race with over 500 individuals in tight quarters throughout the race,” said Coach Erik Edwards.

“Jayden Marr came away with an impressive 13th place finish overall. Houston Hodges ran a strong race finishing in the top 70. Tanner Willis and Eli Bishop ran third and fourth on the team and finished off their middle school careers with a great showing. Keegan Zulager, Jeff York and Layton Froggett rounded out a terrific season as well, a season in which all of these young men dedicated themselves to

a very difficult sport and for that I want to thank each and every one of them. With kids like this, we can expect more success in XC at GCHS going forward.”

For the Lady Dragons, Meredith Abell led the team, finishing 53rd overall with a time of 16:55.51.

Also scoring were: 105. Kendall Peer - 18:04.66, 171. Jewell Hines - 19:18.65, 191. Kally Corbin - 19:29.61, and 329. Hadley Nunn - 23:08.44.

Reagan Phelps placed 367th with a time of 26:04.81.

Makenzie McMain, of Camp Ernst, was the individual winner with a time of 15:05.88.

Green County placed 23rd, scoring 625 points. North Oldham Middle won with 57.

There were 395 runners and 39 full teams in the 4K run.

“With

approximately 400 runners in the state meet, it was difficult to discern how well we were doing. Meredith was our first runner to cross the finish line with a 53rd place finish. Kendall was next, followed this time by Jewell Hines, who had one of her best runs, which was exciting for us. Kally Corbin, Hadley Nunn and Reagan Phelps finished out the pack,” said Coach Karla Deaton.

“Five of these girls will be running in the high school regional competition on Saturday in Bowling Green. They have worked so hard and I just hope we can finish strong. Much has been asked of them at such a young age and they haven't backed down one time. They are looking forward to the challenge.”



Photo courtesy of Karla Deaton

Jayden Marr was the top runner for the Dragons, finishing 13th overall with a time of 14:15.23.



Kally Corbin and Aiden Ayala leave everything on the course as they stay stride for stride down the final few meters before the finish.



Photo courtesy of Karla Deaton

Meredith Abell led the Lady Dragons, finishing 53rd overall in the 4K run.



Green County Lady Dragon Varsity team earned the Heartland conference Runner-Up trophy Thursday afternoon. Varsity runners include: Jewell Hines, Breanna Purvis, Carlee Coffey, Audrey McKibben, and Hadley Nunn. The team was led by Coffey who earned a spot on the All-Conference team.

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