

Dragons defeat Metcalfe in OT, fall to Clay County

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Green Co. (14) vs. Metcalfe Co. (6)
Oct. 25

High school football in Green County has expanded into more than just the game; community, brotherhood, family, dedication, and commitment all fall under this sport's umbrella.

The Dragons had yet to win a game during the current season, but the effort never ceased and drive to go that extra yard still well intact.

On October 25 the Dragons and their fans traveled to Metcalfe County to face-off against the Hornets. They returned home victorious, a 14-6 win over the Hornets, but a story unraveled as the clock ticked down, determination, resilience, Dragon Pride.

Head Coach Jeremy Whitlow looks beyond his first career win as a head coach.

"We knew going in it would be a tough game," Whitlow said. "Our guys never quit. They have tons of heart and they are going to be remembered for that."

"We don't have an undefeated record, but our effort and drive are undefeated."

The Dragons scored first after a 35-yard rush by Noah Grey into the end-zone in the second quarter and led 6-0 for the majority of the game. The Hornets scored to tie the game 6-6. The Dragons spoiled their extra point attempt and as the buzzer sounded to end the game; it marked another achievement for the Dragons, they held off the Hornets from additional touchdowns and headed to overtime.

The Dragon defense wasn't fazed by the wet, cold, and muddy conditions. They barreled through the Hornet line and forced a total of 10 stops, which included two forced fumbles and two interceptions.

Josh Higgins capitalized on his punts

each time, pushing the offensive start for the Hornets back each time.

Grey came up big in overtime, a silky pass by Zack Ferguson caught in the end-zone by Grey for his second touchdown of the evening.

With key blocks from the line Grey crossed into the end-zone for the two-point conversion.

The win for the Dragons was secured after an interception by Cole Edmonds. Dragons won, 14-6.

"We have come together more every week," Whitlow said. "And when you have had a season that's less than perfect, sometimes that's not the case. But not for our guys... their effort has been there day in and day out. They have never quit and continue to push each other, and that Friday was our night. I think it speaks volumes about the character our guys. I wouldn't trade them for anyone."

Blake Houchens and Grey led the team defensively with 14 tackles each, Nathan Davis-9, and Cole Edmonds-7. Grey also rushed 12 times, a total of 74 yards, Jason Ferrari-9 rushes, a total of 42 yards, and Houchens-7 rushes-43 yards.

Green County is currently ranked top 10 rushing in Class AA.

With a win on the board, the Dragons returned to the road Friday evening, November 1 and made the long trip to Clay County.

Green Co. (8) vs. Clay County (22)
Nov. 1

Jerry Coward, retired longtime coach a football and teacher in the schools spoke with the football team during their team dinner Friday before they left for their game. Coward offered words of wisdom including the importance of always pushing forward and never giving up.

After listening to Coach Cowherd's heartfelt talk, the

Dragons traveled to Clay County where they faced-off against the 6-3 Tigers.

As the season progressed, the team's confidence and trust followed... in each other and in themselves.

Grey bodied downfield after a smooth hand-off and tactical blocks from the line; touchdown Green County and successful two-point conversion. The Tigers returned fire and tied the game 8-8; both teams pushed forward, but the defense pushed back and the score remained tied until the third quarter.

As conditions continued to deteriorate, Clay County weaseled into the end-zone for two additional touchdowns and one two-point conversion.

The Dragons fell 22-8.

The Dragons continued to shine from many aspects; they out-rushed the Tigers 207-146. Houchens, Davis, Jaiden Pierce, Jack Hessig all rushed in and helped with two sacks, and multiple Dragons who double up on offense and defense made positive impacts.

Sophomores shined on defense, Houchens with 12 tackles and Harley Montgomery-10 tackles to lead the defense. Senior Taybren Manners covered lots of green and earned 8 tackles, Ferguson-4, Keaton Perkins-3 and a fumble recovery, Blayde Milby-2, Davis-8, Tayvion Mitchell-3, Pierce-2, Higgins-3, Grey-6, Cole Kessler-4, Hessig-2, Elliot Owens-1, Edmonds-1, and Jonas Abbott-1.

The team has their motivation and goals set for the week as they prepare for the Class AA KHSAA Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl this Friday. The team is scheduled to play the 4-6 Edmonson County Wildcats, at Edmonson County, game-time 7 p.m. CST.

The winner advances to the second round and will play the winner of the Monroe County/Clinton County game.

Band earns 2nd in Class

NATHAN WILLOUGHBY
SPECIAL TO THE R-H

The Marching Dragons had a successful day of competition Saturday when they performed at Butler Traditional High School in Louisville.

The band placed second in their class, while also winning best color guard.

The Marching Dragons also placed fourth out of all 10 Class A bands competing at the competition, with color guard placing second and percussion placing third. The band was up against 20 other programs from Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio and was able to finish in 14th overall, while the percussion section was able to finish 11th overall and color guard 8th.

"We were only two spots from advancing to finals and considering the level of competition that we were up against, we were extremely happy with our results," Director Willoughby said, "It was the coldest performance we have done all season and despite the cold wearing on us quite a bit, the students were still able to execute very well and were rewarded for their efforts with a great outcome at a very difficult competition."

The band will travel to Simon Kenton High School in Independence this Saturday for their final competition of the season.

They will compete against 26 other Class A bands for a spot inside the top 10 and a chance to perform again in Midstates Class A Finals that evening.

Midstates is based solely on band size and features schools from all across Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio.

Last season, the Marching Dragons finished one point short of Finals, finishing in 11th place overall, and are looking to make



The band travels this weekend to Simon Kenton for their final competition of the season. They are also scheduled to perform during the Veteran's Day program this Friday.



Photos by Angelina Alcott

It was a good day for the Marching Dragons Saturday. The band placed second in the 1A division and color guard was awarded overall honors. Justin Machen and his band members hard work and dedication continues to pay off.



Jamie Curry pulls equipment into the trailer.

that leap into Finals competition this season.

"They have really surprised me this season with their determination and level of poise they possess at each performance,"

Willoughby said. "If we can keep our energy level high in the cooler temperature this Saturday, I look for a great result and end to this very successful season for us."

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Tie-breaker determines winner in football contest

Three people, Kevin Nunn, Mel Shuffett and Grady Shuffett, all missed only two games in the Oct. 30 football contest

The tie-breakers determined Grady

Shuffett the winner.

He wins two Green River Live tickets to the Heart of Kentucky Band, a buffet from Creekside Restaurant, a Phillips Lane gift certificate and a dinner from

Lee's Famous Recipe.

He may call the Record-Herald office to arrange for prize pickup.

*Please include a return address on all entries.

A Look at Green County High School Football and their Opponents

Team	Record	Avg. Off	Avg. Def	Last Weekend's Results	This Weekend
Holy Cross	8-2	32	17	Beat Walton-Verona 41-21	Fort Knox
Russell County	6-4	32	26	Beat LaRue County 34-28	At Franklin-Simpson
Hart County	3-7	21	36	Lost to Grayson County 34-0	Season's over
Taylor County	8-2	35	16	Beat Bourbon County 33-17	Casey County
Campbellsville	6-4	35	23	Lost to Country Day 38-6	At Bethlehem
Monroe County	5-5	22	29	Lost to Allen County 49-32	Clinton County
Clinton County	6-3	24	13	Beat Jackson County 51-20	At Monroe County
Edmonson Co.	4-6	24	23	Lost to Barren County 44-21	Green County
Metcalfe Co.	1-9	12	28	Lost to Atherton 20-12	Season's over
Clay County	7-3	29	20	Beat Green County 22-8	At Harlan County
Green County	1-9	13	35	Lost to Clay County 22-8	At Edmonson County

Green County Sheriff Tax Bill Due Dates

County Taxpayers Notice

The 2019 county tax bills have been sent out and payments are now being received. If you do not receive your bill in the next 10 days please contact the County Sheriff's office.

When mailing in your payment please include your copy of the tax bill or put the bill number on your check. If you wish a paid receipt returned to you, please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope. For quicker service when paying in the office have your tax bill with you and your check made out to the Green County Sheriff, this will cut down on the long lines and speed up service for everyone.

The collection dates are listed below:

- 2% Discount Nov. 1, 2019 - Nov. 30, 2019
- Face Amount Postmarked by Dec. 1, 2019 - Dec. 31, 2019
- 5% Penalty Postmarked by Jan. 2, 2020 - Jan. 31, 2020
- 21% Penalty after Feb. 1, 2020

Important Notice

Payments made during the 10% penalty period but prior to the sheriff's delinquent tax claim sale are subject to an additional 10% sheriff's fee. In addition to the 10% penalty, payments made after the delinquent tax claim sale are subject to a 20% county attorney's fee and a 10% County Clerk's fee.

If your mortgage company pays your property tax for you please send a copy of your tax bill to them as soon as you receive it in the mail, so they may pay the discount amount.

The Sheriff's office will be closed on these dates

- Veteran's DayNov. 11, 2019
- ThanksgivingNov. 28, 2019
- ChristmasDec. 25, 2019
- New Year'sJan. 1, 2020