

Dragons prepare for season

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Last season for the Dragons was a heartbreaker. With a 72-79 loss to Hart County in the first round of 18th District play, a broken arm for Bobby Landis in the middle of the season and five seniors who were playing their last season of high school ball.

The final season record showed 10-18 but what it didn't reflect was the effort the team put on the hardwood and gym throughout the last season.

For this year, the loss

of five seniors could make the 2019-2020 season look as one of a year of re-build however the Dragons have an advantage at the basket, with three players over 6'5" who have been putting in time at the gym to build strength.

Senior Braeden Sluder is one of the vertical powerhouses that will be starting this season.

"Even though we lost five good seniors, we still have to keep the same integrity and play even harder," said Sluder. "We have almost all new starters on the floor this year, with new start-

ers, comes a different game play."

Gunner Bush, junior, is the lone returning starter who dominated the boards last season.

While the team is young and inexperienced with depth in the field, they have speed on their side and play to capitalize that on the inside while continuing to work on their extended range.

The quickness on the outside and their strength on the inside should make for a locked down defense.

Senior Bryce Blakeman has continued to de-

velop over the years as a player. This summer his focus was strength and footwork.

"I am looking forward to the upcoming season and I am ready to start playing," said Blakeman. "We have been practicing and lifting since July and feel like we have gotten stronger. We hope to be a lot more physical this year."

The Dragons join the Lady Dragons in Barren County Tuesday evening for their first official game of the season. Tip-off against the Trojans will follow the Lady Dragons' game.

2019-20 Dragon Basketball Roster

| | |
|-----------------|----|
| Bryce Blakeman | 12 |
| Braeden Sluder | 12 |
| Keaton Perkins | 12 |
| Jackson Johnson | 11 |
| Gunner Bush | 11 |
| Kellen Whitlow | 11 |
| Zach Ferguson | 10 |
| Blake Houchens | 10 |
| Bryant Mitchell | 10 |
| Darian Mitchell | 10 |
| Briley Sharpe | 10 |
| Logan Slinker | 9 |
| Bryson Edwards | 9 |

Lady Dragons' first game is Dec. 3

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Green County High School's basketball season is about to begin. As leftovers from Thanksgiving are cleaned from the fridge, the Lady Dragons will travel to Barren County on Dec. 3 for their annual season opener against the Barren County Trojanettes.

The Lady Dragons are returning with a deep roster full of experience for the 2019-2020 season.

The Lady Dragons only lost one starter last year, Gracie Parrott, along with one player in rotation,

Grace Patterson.

With the exit of two players, the team welcomed back Madi Corbin, junior, who took a year off last season.

Junior Haley Judd is excited to have Corbin back on the team.

"Madi coming back can only help our team, with her ball experience and overall ability," said Judd. "Her personality is one of a kind. I'm excited for this as we will only continue to get better."

Kylie Jackson, another returning junior, is returning to the court with a shooting range that is con-

tinuing to expand.

Katlyn Milby will be bringing her strength and ability to finish to the court for this season.

Three Lady Dragons will be playing their final season for Green County as they begin their senior year season. Maci Russell, Kinley McCubbins and Gracie Thompson are looking forward to this season with big goals and focused minds.

Russell has enjoyed the past seasons with her team and is looking forward to playing this year.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the success we have during this season," said

Russell. "I am so thankful to spend my final season with this group of girls, they are hard working, team orientated, and hard workers."

While last season ended abruptly with a disappointing 57-62 loss to Hart County in the first round of the District Tournament the season ended with a 14-15 overall record.

Now the Lady Dragons will be hitting the hardwood with new goals and fresh mindsets for the 2019-2020 season.

The official tip-off is 6:00 p.m. CST Tuesday evening in Barren County's gym.

2019-20 Lady Dragon Basketball Roster

| | |
|-----------------|----|
| Kiley McCubbins | 12 |
| Macie Russell | 12 |
| Gracie Thompson | 12 |
| Madi Corbin | 11 |
| Kylie Jackson | 11 |
| Haley Judd | 11 |
| Katlyn Milby | 11 |
| Tanlee Hudgins | 10 |
| Kate Judd | 10 |
| Emma Renfrow | 10 |
| Summer Scott | 10 |
| Catie Church | 10 |

GCMS Basketball



Photos by Angelina Alcott

Rylee Sluder breaks down on defense. The GCMS Dragons host Metcalfe County Hornets December 2.



-The eighth grade Dragon basketball squad remains undefeated this season. Thursday evening they picked up a 43-27 win over the Hart County Raiders in Hart County. Monday evening, November 25 they dominated the Adair County Indians 73-45. Logan Patterson prepares to go in after a missed free throw.



-Finding an opening Eli Bishop dribbles and goes in for a lay-up.

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Tie-breaker determines Loy winner in basketball contest

Four entrants tied for the top spot in last week's basketball contest, sending the prize-winner determination to the tiebreaker rules.

Each missed four games.

Allen Loy is the winner by predict-

ing UK to win by 21 points over Mount St. Mary's/ UK won 82-62.

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 and mark "Basketball Contest" on envelope.

Crossword Puzzle

CLUES ACROSS

- Vital part of a lock
- Adherent of Zoroastrianism
- European river
- Nonprofit public health group
- Make law
- Three-banded armadillo
- Monetary unit
- Sandwich-like dishes
- Sicilian city
- Finger millet
- Of she
- Bullfighting maneuvers
- Lawyers
- A place to relax
- Often said after "Hee"
- Supervises flying
- Cheer of approval
- Something spiders twirl
- Aggressive dog
- Long-legged gazelle
- Mogul emperor
- Baltic peninsula
- Fencing sword
- A reward (archaic)
- Pigeon sound
- Type of groove
- Inquire too closely
- Nine Inch Nails' debut (abbr.)
- An often unwelcome guest
- Something you can draw
- Songs to one's lover
- Eastern Cairo mosque
- A partner to cheese
- Absorption unit
- A type of sandwich
- Herbaceous plant
- Chinese temple classification
- Native person of central Volga
- Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- Some take them up
- South American nation
- Threaten persistently
- Morningwear

CLUES DOWN

- German courtesy title
- Samoan capital
- A type of carpet
- Upper bract of grass
- Al Bundy's wife
- In a careless way
- More uncommon
- Expressing contempt
- Belonging to a thing
- Adventure stories
- Copycats

- Farewell
- Greek mythological builder
- Colorless, volatile liquid
- Monetary unit of Burma
- Bar bill
- Body part
- Mischievous child
- Popular card game
- Building occupied by monks
- Spiritual leader
- Independent ruler
- He wrote about the Gold Rush
- Bundle of banknotes
- Corporate honcho
- Touch softly
- Made by oneself
- Satisfies
- Subcompact Toyota crossover
- Cool!
- Popular vegetable
- Flower cluster
- Transylvanian city
- Robert and Stephen are two
- Philippine island
- Canadian law enforcers
- Wings
- He played Perry Mason
- Ballpoint pen
- Metrical foot
- It has nostrils
- Confederate soldier
- Take in solid food

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