

Dragons need support now more than ever

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R-H SPORTS

Green Co. (6) vs. Taylor Co. (29) Sept. 11

The long awaited Dragon football season kicked off in Taylor County Friday evening after the season and practices were delayed, limited, and cancelled a number of times due to COVID-19.

Green County Dragons stepped on the field against the back-to-back 2018 and 2019 Region Champions.

Taylor County entered the end zone first, Zack Ferguson followed with a touchdown. The Dragons' point after attempt fizzled and the Cards led, 7-6.

The lead stayed divided by one point until the second half.

Taylor County's Wes Oliverrushed 191 yards and scored three of the Cards touchdowns.

Second year quarterback Zack Ferguson acknowledged that his team made mistakes during their first game, as expected, but he has full trust in his guys.

"Going into the Taylor County game, everyone seemed to think we would get blown out of the water," said Ferguson. "I didn't think we would, but we were all nervous. After the first touchdown, the momentum changed a lot."

Ferguson mentioned the Dragons being unable to convert plays twice when the ball rested inside the 30 yard line and they missed the opportunity to take the lead a number of times. The mistakes made were learned from.

Ferguson was 1 for 5 on passing for a total of 17 yards

and one interception.

The Dragon offense rushed for 114 total yards. Blake Houchens led the team with 47 yards on 14 carries, Noah Grey-24 yards on 7 carries, Ferguson-29 yards on 9 carries, Kelson McKinney-2 yards on 1 carry, and Jullian Seymour-12 yards on one carry.

The team is young.

Jack Hessig, senior is one of the leaders on the line. He holds steady, the anchor among freshmen players.

"This is my last year playing football," said Hessig. "Being a senior lineman, success for me isn't overcoming the challenges put in front of me, but being able to help the younger guys that play beside me overcome theirs."

Hessig finished the game with 3 tackles and one sack.

The Dragons' versatility on the field shined on defense.

Grey led the team with 10 tackles, three for loss of yards.

Additional Dragons who stopped advancement of the Cards offense included: Ferguson-3 tackles, McKinney-7 tackles, Nathan Davis-9 tackles, one for loss yardage, Houchens-7 tackles and a fumble recovery, Jake Stone-2 tackles, Harley Montgomery-4 tackles, Seymour-5 tackles, Tayvion Mitchell-1 tackle, Koltyn Milby-2 tackles and one sack, and Carson Scott-1 tackle.

Friday Night Lights will be inside Dragon Stadium Friday, Sept. 18.

COVID-19 cancelled Cow Days, but not the traditional rival game between the Dragons and Campbellsville Eagles.

Kick-off is sched-



The Dragon defense put some big hits on Taylor County Friday night during the first game of the season.



Kelson McKinney, a freshman running back, picks up good yardage against Taylor County. The Dragons lost their opener, 29-6, Friday night.

uled for 8 p.m. CST. The team misses their fans.

"We wish the community could come to every game and show their support," said Ferguson. "West still need them, more now than ever."



Zack Ferguson scored the Dragons' only touchdown Friday night on this long run against the Cardinals. Green County trailed 7-6 at halftime but lost the game 29-6.

ability this season."

Friday the 2021 football, band, and cheerleading seniors will be honored during Senior Night Celebration prior to kick-off. Football

players: Jack Hessig, Dillon Poynter, Jacob Riggs, Noah Grey, Elliot Owens, Jake Stone; Cheerleaders: Anna An-

derson, Alasya Durrett, Lacey Gentry; Band members: Annabelle Adams, Olivia Creason, Serenity Greer, and Haley McCubbins will be recognized alongside their parent/guardian.

Voucher holders planning to attend Friday's game are required to wear a mask upon entry.



Blake Houchens looks for blockers as he moves the ball downfield against the Cardinals Friday night in Campbellsville.



Assistant Coach Kyle Milby talks with freshman Hayden Knoy before sending him in the game against Taylor County Friday night.

Green County Dragon Football 2020 Roster

Name	Grade	Position
Noah Grey	12	RB, DL, LB
Jack Hessig	12	OL, DL
Elliot Owens	12	OL, DL
Dillon Poynter	12	OL, DL
Jacob Riggs	12	OL, DL
Jake Stone	12	
James Burns	11	
Wesley Burton	11	OL, DL
Nathan Davis	11	RB, TE, LB
Weston Dixon	11	
Zack Ferguson	11	QB, DB
Connor Hardesty	11	
Josh Higgins	11	RB, DB
Blake Houchens	11	RB, DB
Tristan Jackson	11	
Case Kessler	11	
Blake Loyall	11	
Blayne Milby	11	RB, WR, DE, LB
Bryant Mitchell	11	WR, DB
Tayvion Mitchell	11	WR, DB
Harley Montgomery	11	RB, LB, P
Layke Pickett	11	OL, DL
Jaden Pierce	11	WR, DB
Jared Stilts	11	OL, DL
Wade Teets	11	
Lindon White	11	OL, DL
Ronnie Hall	10	
James Wright	10	
Jake Bishop	9	Head Coach: Jeremy Whitlow
Braeden Dile	9	
Hayden Knoy	9	Assistant Coaches:
Austin McCandless	9	
Kelson McKinney	9	Jacob Davis,
Koltyn Milby	9	Josh Judd,
Andy Money	9	Kyle Milby,
Carson Scott	9	Richie French,
Jullian Seymour	9	Tyler Stephens

A Look at GCHS Football and their Opponents

Team	Record	Avg. Off	Avg. Def	Last Weekend's Results	This Weekend
Taylor County	1-0	20	6	Beat Green County 29-6	At Mercer County
Campbellsville	0-1	13	21	Lost to LaRue County 21-13	At Green County
Monroe County	0-1	6	27	Lost to Barren County 27-6	At Clinton County
Clinton County	1-0	48	14	Beat Berea 48-14	Monroe County
Thomas Nelson	0-1	6	26	Lost to Grayson County 26-6	At Elizabethtown
Edmonson Co.	0-1	14	26	Lost to Hancock County 26-14	Metcalfe County
Metcalfe Co.	1-0	22	19	Beat Adair County 22-19	At Edmonson County
Clay County	1-0	35	20	Beat Lynn Camp 35-20	Leslie County
Hart County	0-1	32	34	Lost to Butler County 34-32	Glasgow
Green County	0-1	6	20	Lost to Taylor County 26-6	Campbellsville