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An injury during the first half of the home game against Metcalfe County ended senior Noah Grey's season, but it never overshadowed his work ethic while on the field. Grey was named to the 2020 All District First Team for Class AA, District 3. The senior was a constant leader on both defense and offense. Once he recovers from his recent ACL repair and meniscus removal surgery, Grey plans to return to the weight room.

Dragons named to All-District

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R-H SPORTS

Green County High School's 2020 football season officially ended after their loss to Clinton County.

The team was limited due to injuries to multiple players throughout the season. Freshmen stepped into starter positions and two seniors stepped on the field in football jerseys for the first time ever.

Seniors Jackson Johnson and Nash Johnson suited up, ready to help as needed. Constant coaching and help from teammates both Johnsons ended their four game football career with touchdown.

The team and coaching staff welcomed the duo; head coach Jeremy Whitlow knew they each carried a competitive hunger.

"Jackson came on to the scene with a major competitive edge," Whitlow said. "He's been a kid that's always gotten into the mix in other sports and despite football being new, it wasn't any different as he locked in. He displayed an awesome toughness in making tackles from the secondary as well as maintaining great leverage in pass coverage. He was a great asset and addition to both sides of the ball."

Whitlow had similar positive comments about Nash Johnson. "Nash was a guy who brought a great work ethic and discipline from day one," Whitlow said. "He too, was a guy that was quick to jump right in and have a huge impact. He played major roles on both sides of the ball and displayed his skills as he got loose for a long score late in the year against Clay County. Great gain and asset to GCHS gridiron."

2020 All-District team for Class 2A, District 3 was released last week; six Dragons earned a spot on one of the All-District teams. Senior Jack Hessig, junior Nathan Davis, and freshmen Kelson McKinney and Jullian Seymour were named to the Class 2A, District 3 All-District second team.

Hessig led Class 2A with 8.5 total season sacks, the lifetime Dragon's determination and/or enjoyment of quarterback harassment also earned Hessig a sixth place ranking in total defensive sacks for the entire state.



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Junior Blake Houchens was recently named to the 2020 All District team for Class AA, District 3. Houchens missed one game due to injury but still led the team in rushing yards with a season total of 521. He scored the second most points for the Dragons with 30 and had the second most tackles on the team with 72.

Coach Whitlow appreciates the senior being versatile and a go-to guy in many ways. "He is a disciplined player that helps set the tone at practices, weight room and on the field. He appreciates the trade and details for getting it right; he leads those around him, takes pride in working hard, brings 110% no matter the day or situation," said Whitlow. "His efforts were felt on both sides of the ball with his blocking and with his efforts among the state's leaders in sacks."

Team mates: Davis (3), Blake Houchens (1), Noah Grey (4), Harley Montgomery (3), Cade Kessler (1), McKinney (2), Koltyn Milby (2), Weston Dixon (2), Elliot Owens (.5), and Blayde Milby (1) contributed this season with sacks and landed the Dragons in the top 25 Class 2A, second place overall.

One who has contributed as a junior and senior for a top finish is Elliot Owens. "When he's dialed in, he's a mack truck, and it's not even close. He's worked hard over the course of his high school career and has displayed a dominance at

his position that would rival any in our area," said Whitlow. "He has put in the time and effort, and has been huge for the offense's production over multiple seasons. He has been a part of blocking for many yards highlighting top 10 2A rushing in 2019."

Green County earned a top 25 slot in team rushing with 1568 total yards. The team averaged 196 yards per game; 17th in fumble recoveries with 5 forced fumbles and 3 recovered; and 21st in team interceptions. Team interceptions totaled 5: Zack Ferguson-2, Jackson Johnson-1, Jake Stone-1, and McKinney-1. Stone played in only six games due to injury was always ready to push the limits.

"Jake is another one of those guys," Coach Whitlow said. "You can count on him. He's a guy that brings his best effort day in and day out. Played through many issues and was on 'ready-alert' even when he probably shouldn't have been. Great toughness, and he made huge plays in the secondary throughout the season."

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Ready for basketball



Head coach Chris Blaydes works with senior Katlyn Milby on her jump shot. Both boys and girls seasons will forgo any preseason scrimmages and are scheduled to play in their first game of the season, a double-header against Casey County, Nov. 23. Schedules will appear in next week's Record-Herald.



Mia Blaydes completes a lay-up during a distanced team drill.

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After an undefeated eighth grade season Caselynn Brown joins the high school team in hopes of contributing and continuously improving her skill level.



Seniors Jackson Johnson and Gunner Bush warm up while socially distancing each day of practice. Both the Dragons and Lady Dragons will play Casey County Nov. 23 and Taylor County Nov. 24.



Kelson McKinney uses hand guard to improve his shooting form in warm-ups.

R. Loy wins again

Robert Loy and Mary Loy tied for Nov. 11 football contest prizes, each missing only 3 of the 18 games played. Robert won the tiebreaker.

Loy may contact the Record-Herald to arrange for prize pickup.

The Record-Herald Basketball Contest starts Nov. 25.