

Lady Dragons get wins, then quarantined

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The Lady Dragons started the week with a 45-53 loss on the road in Nelson County January 19. On January 22 Lady Dragons traveled to Caverna and dominated the last three quarters of play to win 68-26.

Green Co. (45) vs. Nelson Co. (53) Jan. 19

The Lady Dragons out-rebounded Nelson County's Lady Cards 20-19, but the Lady Cards out-scored the visiting team, 53-45 January 19. Nelson County's 7 made three-point shots to Green County's 4 made, pushed them ahead to seal the win.

Guard Madi Corbin never hesitated to challenge herself after leading scorer and

teammate Kylie Jackson was sidelined with a PCL level two tear. Senior Corbin led with 19 points, 4 rebounds; Emma Howell-11 points, 5 rebounds; Tanlee Hudgins-7 points, 4 rebounds; and Katlyn Milby 4 points, 5 rebounds.

Coming off the bench to score was eighth grader Grace Bale. The young Lady Dragon proved her accuracy and range around the arc early in the season and continued to contribute against Nelson County with 4 points.

Kate Judd and Haley Judd finished with one rebound a piece.

Green Co. (68) vs. Caverna (26) Jan. 22

Friday evening, the Lady Dragons stepped onto Caverna's hardwood for the first District

match-up of the season. A turn-over infested start for the Lady Dragons was quickly rectified and with versatile rotation, a solid lead formed. Bale set-up behind the three for quick kick-outs from teammates for three, three-point baskets and one field goal for 11 points.

Caselynn Brown, the quiet, quick-handed eighth grader, picked a number of Lady Colonel pockets for steals in the first half. Each steal transitioned into an assist or points for Brown, a total of 8 points and 1 rebound.

In the final quarter of play, Corbin solidified her ability to dribble coast to coast, once, twice, three times for 6 consecutive points. She finished the game with 13 points.

Every Lady Dragons contributed on offense

and/or defense. The close quarters and impending trap defense forced a number of Lady Colonel turnovers; the Lady Dragons happily transitioned to offense and capitalized to score.

The team finished with 26 steals. Hudgins finished with 9 points, 5 rebounds; Milby-9 points, 5 rebounds; Howell- 6 points, 5 rebounds; Kennedy Jackson-4 points, rebounds; Catie Church-4 points, 3 rebounds; Allie Burriss-2 points, 1 rebound, Summer Scott-2 points, 1 rebound; Mia Blaydes-1 rebounds; and Haley Judd-3 rebounds; and Kate Judd-2 rebounds.

As the team pulled farther away with each possession, at the end of the Lady Dragon bench, masked and clipboard in hand, sat senior Kylie Jackson.

"This injury is the last thing I'd hope for my senior season," said Jackson. "However, I'm not giving up hope. I'm doing absolutely everything I can to get back out there, and I intend to soon."

Prior to her injury, the senior had not missed a game in four years. She knows it will be tough,

but it will make her return that much better.

Covid-19's cancellation policy wreaked havoc on the Lady Dragons' schedule this week. As of press-time, the Lady Dragons will not play in the near future as they are quarantined after a Caverna player tested positive for Covid.



Caselynn Brown, an eighth grader, drains a shot against Caverna. Ten Lady Dragons scored as they demolished Caverna 68-26.



Haley Judd drives to the basket against Caverna Friday night. The Lady Dragons picked up the easy win 68-26.



Senior Emma Howell had 6 points and 5 rebounds against Caverna Friday. She added that to her 11 points and 5 rebounds against Nelson County last Tuesday.



Kate Judd blocks a Caverna basket Friday night.



Mia Blaydes is only an eighth grader, but is seeing varsity action this year. Lady Dragons rolled 68-26 against Caverna, breaking a three game losing streak.

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