

Preview: 18th District Tournament

Dragons face Hart County

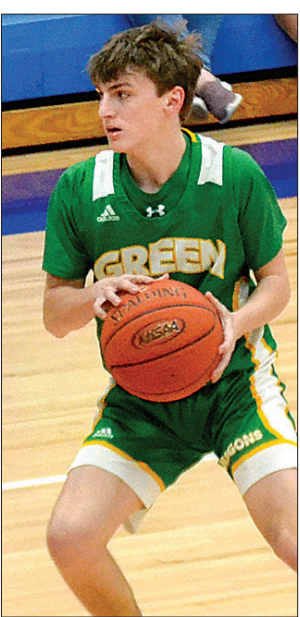
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The 18th District Tournament gets underway this week at LaRue County High School. Green County plays Hart County tonight and LaRue County played Caverna last night.

Green County, at 11-6 on the year, enters the tournament as the number two seed. They lost to the number one seed, LaRue County, last week, 61-40. That game was very close until the fourth quarter as the Dragons only trailed by three at half-time. Both teams are rated in the top twenty teams in the state in the number of points they give up per game. LaRue is ninth in the state, giving up just 49.6 points per game.



Kellen Whitlow hits this shot against LaRue County. Whitlow finished the game with a team high 13 points.



Zack Ferguson handles the ball against LaRue County last week. The Dragons ended the regular season with a loss to LaRue.

Loy wins prizes in contests

The Loy family wins all the prizes in the March 3 and March 10 basketball contests.

The Loy family wins a Lincoln Jamboree ticket for both a show and meal, a buffet from Creekside, a Phillips Lane gift certificate and a dinner from Lee's Famous Recipe, for each week of the contest won.

Green County is number 19, giving up 51.4 points per game. The game against LaRue was the Dragons' lowest score of the season. During the season, Green County defeated Hart County and Caverna, the other two teams in the district. The Dragons picked up a 30 point win over Caverna fairly early in the season, winning 66-36. On March 4, Green County defeated Hart County in a home game, 64-55.

LaRue County enters the tournament at 16-2 and is rated the third best team in the region behind Elizabethtown and John Hardin. LaRue played Caverna last night and the Colonels have struggled, winning just four games this season.

Green County is led offensively by three

players who score in double figures. Seniors Gunner Bush at 15.9 points per game and Kellen Whitlow at 13.9 points per game lead the team with freshman Hayden Blakeman scoring 12.9 points per contest.

Bush also leads the Dragons with 8.1 rebounds per game, followed by Blakeman's six rebounds per contest.

Kelson McKinney is the leader free throw shooter for the team, hitting 75% of his shots. Jackson Johnson connects on 73.2% of his foul shots.

Hart County has two players who average double points. Devin Roten scores almost 15 points per game and Ethan Devore picks up just over 11 points a game.

Green County has

struggled in post-season play lately. The last two years the Dragons were coached by Peter DiStefano and they lost to Hart County both years in the first round of the tournament. Current Head Coach Keith Young coached the Dragons for six years, 2014-2018, before returning for this season. The Dragons last won the 18th District Tournament in 2014 and finished as runner up in 2015 and 2016.

LaRue County has dominated the tournament recently, winning the last four district trophies.



Senior Gunner Bush was announced as one of the players named to the Fifth Region Coaches Boys All-Region team. Bush also surpassed a career 1,000 points and 500 rebounds this basketball season.

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