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Green County High School's Lady Dragons earned the runner-up honors in the 18th District Tournament at LaRue County. GCHS lost to Hart County, 47-40.

## 5th Region Girls' tourney begins tonight

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All four of the girls' district tournaments in the 5th Region brought surprises last week.

Green County, who had defeated Hart County 70-35 in a home game just a little over two weeks ago, lost in the championship game to the Lady Raiders, 47-40.

In the 17th District, Central Hardin pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the season, defeating previously unbeaten Elizabethtown, 49-39.

Bethlehem, the winner of the All A Classic State Tournament this season, had lost their only contest with Bardstown so they entered the tournament as the second seed. Bethlehem avenged that loss by capturing the 19th District title, 58-39 over Bardstown.

And in the 20th District at Adair County, Campbellsville, who had defeated all three district opponents during the season, lost in the championship game to rival Taylor County, 46-38.

The winners and runners-up from each district advance to the 5th Region Tournament at Nelson County which tips off tonight.

Green County faces Taylor County tomorrow evening at 6 p.m. ET. This is the second consecutive year that these two teams have met in the first round of the region. Last year, Green County squeaked out a 53-52 win to advance to the semi-finals where they faced Bethlehem.

This year, the two teams have met twice with Green County winning both of the games. The Lady Dragons won by 18 at home and defeated Taylor by 10 in an away game.

Green County, 13-7, is led by Kylie Jackson's 17 points per game. Madi Corbin is next with just over ten points per contest. Corbin missed the district championship game because of illness.

Emma Howell is the Lady Dragons' leading rebounder, pulling down almost eight rebounds per game. Katlyn Milby averages almost 6 rebounds per game. Tanlee Hudgins is third in both categories with just over nine points and almost five rebounds per game.

The Lady Dragons had won eight games in a row before losing the district championship to Hart County.

Taylor County, 11-11, is led by Emma Maynard's 14.5 points per game, the only player in double fig-



Emma Howell, Tanlee Hudgins and Kylie Jackson were named to the 18th District All Tournament team following the district championship game Saturday night.

ures. The Lady Cardinals are 3-3 in their last six games.

Taylor County defeated Marion County and Campbellsville in the 20th District Tournament at Adair County.

The Lady Cardinals shoot a lot of three point shots, shooting 132 more three-pointers than Green County this season or about 5 more shots per game.

The other two teams in the lower bracket are Bethlehem and Elizabethtown, perhaps the two best teams in the region, who will face off tomorrow night in the second game.

E-town was 23-0 heading into the district championship game against Central Hardin, a team they had beaten by 22 back in February. Central Hardin handed the defending 5th Region champions their first loss of the season, 57-47.

Bethlehem is 22-4 and the Banshees had a great run during the All A Classic, winning the state championship and have now won 11 of their last 12 games.

Bethlehem won the 2019 5th Region tournament, defeating Elizabethtown in the championship game so these two teams have a big rivalry even though they have not played each other this year.

In the two games tonight, Hart County plays Bardstown and Central Hardin takes on Campbellsville in the second game.

Hart County, 12-5, is a district winner, stunning Green County in the finals of the 18th District.

The Lady Raiders have a trio of shooters who average in double figures. Dea Bradley, Haley Sturgeon and Kiley Adcock lead the team in scoring.

Bardstown, 19-6, has played a brutal schedule, taking on several out of region

teams including Marshall County, Bullitt East and Anderson County, teams who have lost just two games each during the Covid-shortened season.

Bardstown lost to Bethlehem in the finals of the district, 58-39, but had defeated Bethlehem by seven during the season.

In the other first round game tonight, Campbellsville, runner-up in the 20th District, takes on Central Hardin out of the 17th District.

Central Hardin, 14-6, has a five-game winning streak going but has not played Campbellsville during the regular season. Green County lost to Central

by five in overtime and split with Campbellsville this year.

Campbellsville, 14-9, has had an up and down year. They lost their first five games of the season before winning their next eight games. Toward the end of the regular season, the Lady Eagles beat Taylor County 53-15 but lost the district championship game 46-38.

Basketball fans who have been watching the NCAA tournament, know that anything can happen when it comes to tournament time. And certainly, the district tournaments in the 5th Region have proven that anything can happen on any given night.



Madi Corbin hit four three-point shots for the Lady Dragons in their 48-37 win over LaRue County in their first game in the district tournament at Hodgenville. The win avenged a mid-season loss to LaRue County.



Seniors Gunner Bush and Kellen Whitlow were named to the All 18th District Season team during the district tournament at LaRue County last week.



Hayden Blakeman, a freshman at Green County High School, received 18th District All Tournament Team honors following the game against Hart County.



Kyle Jackson is part of this year's 18th District All Season team. Madi Corbin is also part of the team but missed the game Saturday night because of illness.



Haley Judd scored five points against Hart County in the district championship game. The Lady Dragons led for almost all the first half but midway through the third quarter, Hart County rallied to take the lead and claim the title.



Jackson Johnson scores two of his points against Hart County last week in the district tournament. The Dragons lost 60-51, ending their season at 11-7.