

Almuni returns as Hart County coach

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Brennen Milby, a former standout baseball player at Green County High School, was honored prior to the first game of the Wooden Bat Classic this weekend.

Milby is now the head coach at Hart County High School and that was the first opponent for Green County on Friday afternoon.

“It was really odd to walk on to that field,” Milby said, “I was used to going to the home dugout on the first base side and this time we were in the visitor’s dugout.”

This is Milby’s second year at Hart County but because Covid canceled all the baseball games last year, this is his first year to actually get to coach.

His young team with only one senior is 1-3 on the year but Milby takes it all in stride.

“The best part of my job is spending time with the team,” Milby said, “and seeing them improve and gain confidence and learn to believe in themselves and so far we are seeing a lot of improvement.”

While Milby was a starting pitcher in his time at Green County High School and his stats are impressive.

Milby had 34 career wins as a Dragon with ten shutouts and seven no hitters. Milby had three shutouts in each of the 2010 and 2012 seasons.

But surprisingly, it



Photo by Dale Curry

Brennen Milby, head baseball coach at Hart County High School but a Green County High School graduate, was presented with his framed baseball jersey prior to the kickoff of the Wooden Bat Classic at American Legion Park this weekend.

is not a pitching moment that stands out as his best memory of being a Dragon.

“Whenever I think about being a Dragon, I remember hitting a walk-off homerun in the Wooden Bat Classic against Adair County and we were in extra innings.”

After graduation from Green County High School, Milby signed with Ohio State to play baseball. Unfortunately, after two seasons, Milby had to have rotator cuff surgery and his recovery did not allow him to play baseball for the Buckeyes again. He transferred to Western Kentucky University

where he earned his undergraduate degree.

“I knew I wanted to coach for a long time,” Milby said, “so it was exciting to come back to Dragon Stadium as a coach.”

Milby also knows that several people have been influential in his coaching life.

“My mom, obviously, had a lot to do my coaching,” he said. “I can remember when I was young and we’d be going home after a softball game and she would talk about what she could have done differently but she was so successful as a high school softball coach, there wasn’t a lot of things

she should have done differently.”

Milby is also grateful to high school coaches who helped along the way.

“Coach Rick David and Mike Daniels and Josh Bennett and Kellen Lobb all played a part in my life as a player and becoming a coach,” Milby said. “I’m appreciative of all the people who have helped.”

Green County is scheduled to play Milby and the Hart County Raiders in two more regular season games this year with the possibility of meeting them in the 18th District Tournament at some point.



Casen Murray gave up just five hits against Adair County, but the Indians won 2-1 in the Wooden Bat Classic at American Legion Park.



Jackson Johnson scores the lone Green County run following a walk to Logan Slinker with the bases loaded to force the run for the Dragons. Green County lost 2-1 to Adair.



Nathan Davis is called out at home plate despite a terrific slide to avoid the tag. Green County won the game 10-1.



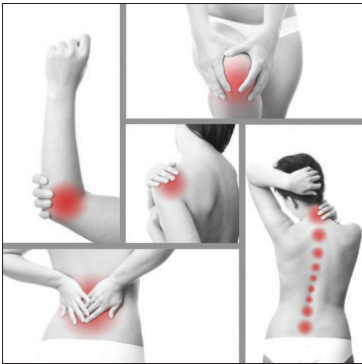
Hayden Blakeman tags out the runner after a wide throw at first base.

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Blayde Milby slides into third base beating the throw from the Indian left fielder.

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