

Baseball— District, Region

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The baseball Dragons breezed through the district tournament last week.

They eliminated Caverna 21-0 in the semi-final game. Green County had earned the number one seed in the tournament and faced the four seed, Caverna, who did not win a game this season.

Green County put the game out of reach in the first inning by scoring nine runs. In the second inning, the Dragons erupted for 12 more runs and after Caverna failed to score in the top of the third inning, Green County had themselves an opening round win because of the mercy rule.

Despite scoring 21 runs, the Dragons had no home runs in the game, just solid base-hitting and several walks with no strikeouts.

Kellen Whitlow had two doubles. Jacob Keith, Blayde Milby and Isaac Young had a double each.

Casen Murray picked up the win for the Dragons. He pitched two innings, giving up just one hit.

Jackson Johnson and Jacob Keith finished out the third inning giving up no hits.

The win moved the Dragons into the finals of the tournament and ensured their berth in the 5th Region Tournament at Bardstown.

In the finals, the Dragons continued their run-scoring by defeating Hart County, 11-1 in five innings.

Hayden Blakeman hit a two-run blast over the left field fence

in the fourth inning. Jacob Keith added a triple and a double while Bryson Edwards connected for a double.

Kellen Whitlow pitched four innings for the Dragons, earning the win. Caden Scantland picked up the save, as he entered the game as a relief pitcher. He gave up no hits and struck out two of the three batters he faced.

This was the first time since 2014 that Green County's baseball team had won the district tournament.

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The first round result of the 5th Region Baseball Tournament was certainly not what the Dragons were hoping to gain.

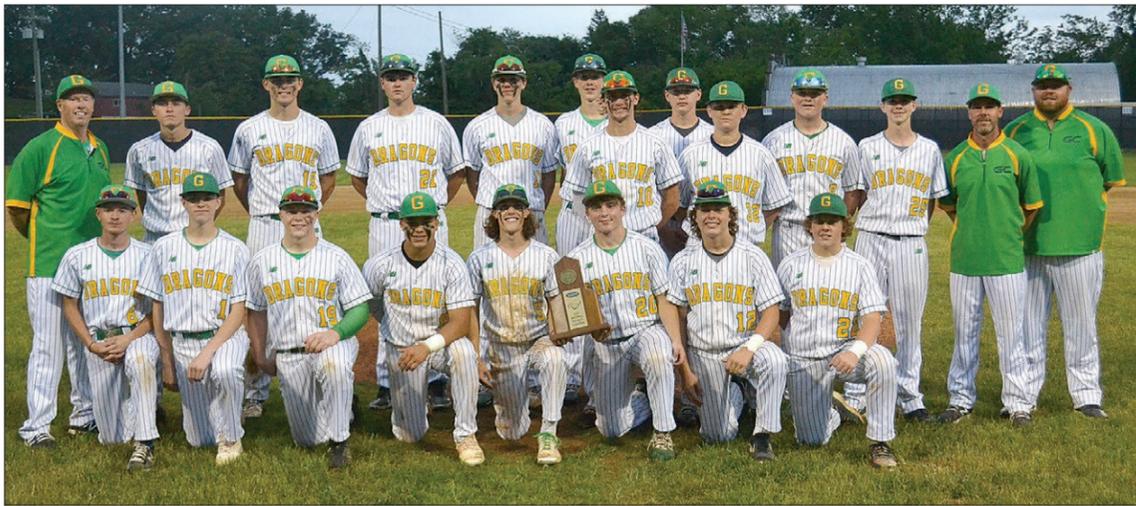
The Dragons dug themselves a 12-0 deficit heading into the bottom of the third inning and despite a good comeback, they could not overcome the early Taylor County lead.

The Cardinals scored three runs in the top of the first inning and added nine more runs in the third inning. Taylor County sent 14 batters to the plate in that inning, picking up seven hits with three batters walking and one being hit by a pitch.

Green County scored their first run in the bottom of the third inning when Isaac Young scored on a line drive by Blayde Milby.

The fourth inning was three up and three down for Taylor County and Green County then mounted a comeback.

With two outs in the



Green County High School's baseball team won the 18th District last week by beating Caverna, 21-1, in the semi-finals and then defeated Hart County, 11-1, in the finals. This was the first time the Dragons have won the District since 2014. They were runners-up in 2019, 2018, 2016 and 2015. There was no high school baseball in 2020.

bottom of the fourth inning, the next four batters walked, forcing in a run as Jackson Johnson scored and Gunner Bush was credited with an RBI.

Jacob Keith scored on a wild pitch as Young advanced to third and Gunner Bush moved to second base.

Milby, who already had one RBI, hit a dinger over the center field fence, picking up three more RBIs and cutting into the Taylor County lead.

Taylor added an insurance run in their half of the sixth inning, making the score 13-6.

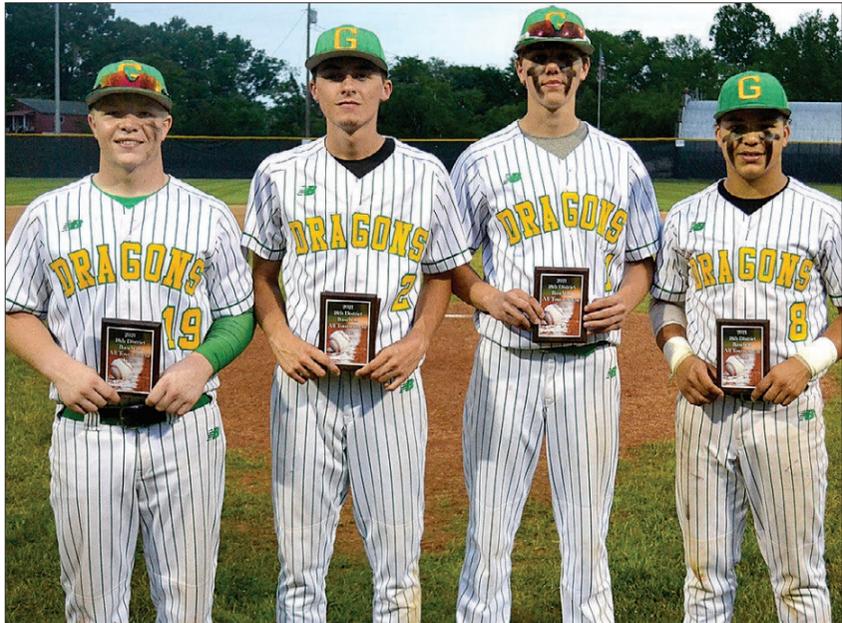
In the bottom half of the inning, Green County threatened again as Milby picked up his fifth RBI of the game, scoring Keith on a sacrifice fly.

Kellen Whitlow followed that up with a sacrifice fly which scored Young, making the score 13-8.

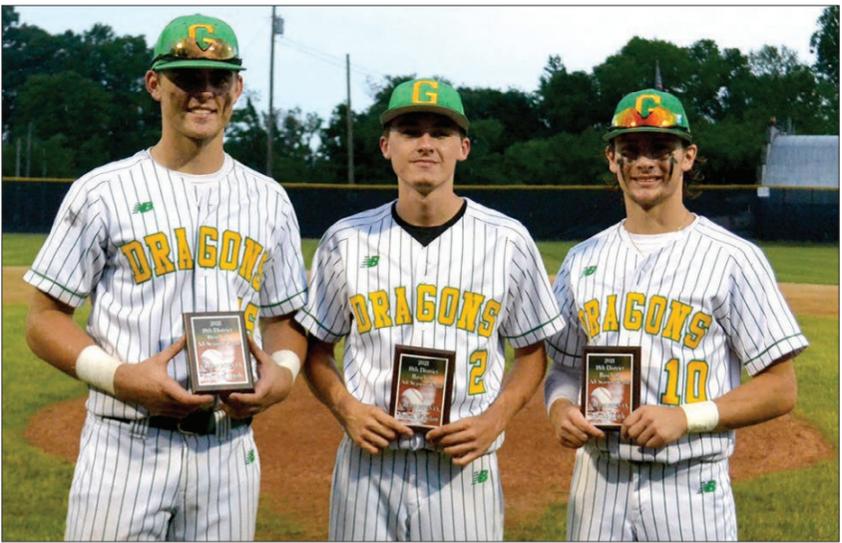
Taylor scored one in the seventh inning and the Dragons lost 14-8.

Almost the entire pitching staff saw some action as Kellen Whitlow, Casen Murray, Johnson and Caden Scantland all saw action.

Green County winds up at 24-8, having had a remarkable season.



Blayde Milby, Kellen Whitlow, Hayden Blakeman and Isaac Young were named to the 18th District All Tournament team this year.



Gunner Bush, Kellen Whitlow and Jacob Keith were honored as members of the 18th District All Season Team last week after winning the district championship. Bush and Whitlow are seniors. Keith is a junior at GCHS.

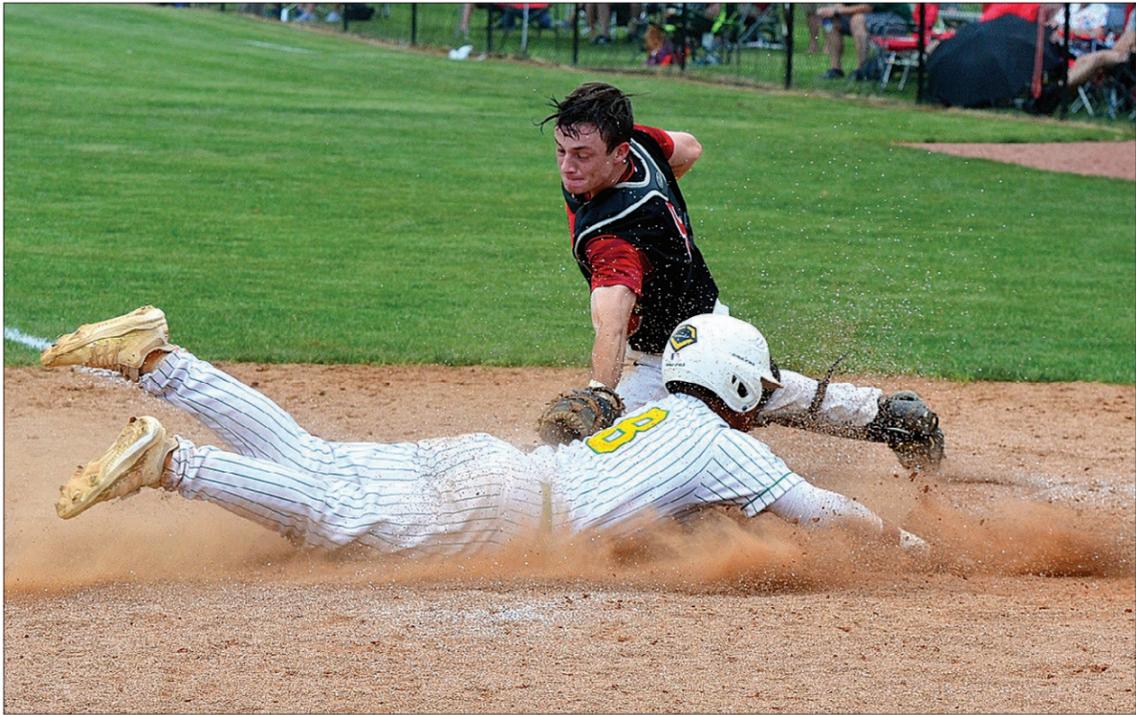
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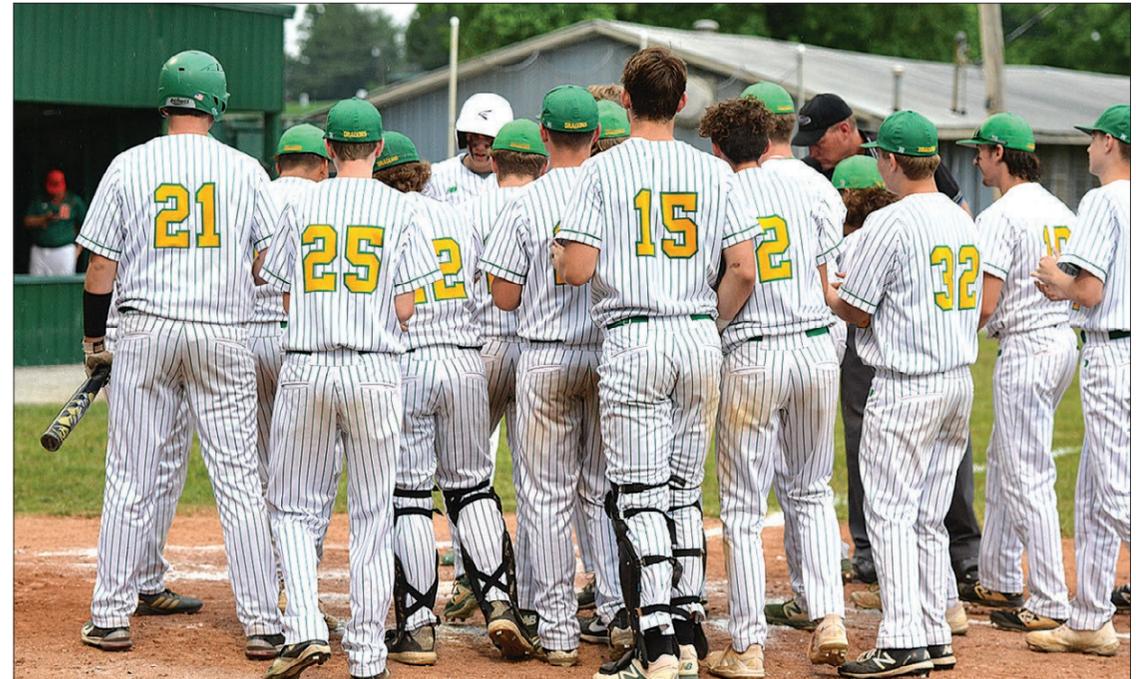
Blayde Milby was named to the 5th Region All Tournament team following the game on Saturday. Milby had two hits and five RBIs in three at bats against Taylor.



Caden Scantland was the final Dragon pitcher Saturday. He gave up three hits and two runs in his three innings pitched.



Isaac Young slides safely into home against Taylor County. Young scored three times in the loss.



Hayden Blakeman is greeted at home plate after hitting a home run against Hart County.