

Lady Dragon soccer team scrimmages at Warren East

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The Green County Lady Dragons Soccer Team is looking forward to their 2022 season as they look to continue to build on the success that was seen during the 2021 campaign. The Lady Dragons, coming off an 11-win season which included an in-season tournament championship in Russellville, Kentucky, brings in a combination of returning players and promising new additions to the program. The Lady Dragons traveled to Warren East Saturday for a preseason scrimmage which gave Coach Chris Lowe his first true opportunity to

see this year's team in action against an opposing team.

Senior goalkeeper, Olivia West is excited about this year's team, "I'm super excited for this year, with all the new players joining and showing their talents, and with this being my senior year I want to have the goal of at least 5 shutouts by the end of the season." West was ranked in the top 20 in saves during the 2021 season.

Sophomore Mia Blaydes, last season's scoring leader with 36 goals, agrees with West, "I am really looking forward to this season. We have really improved from last year and have so much potential. I be-

lieve that we can do great things this season."

The Lady Dragon soccer team boasts a full roster in its fourth season. Returning players include: Seniors: Lauren Davis, Kandance Fields, Olivia West, Amelia Creason, Sam Johnson, Abbi Janes, Alexa Garcia. Juniors: Kloe Jewell. Sophomores: Mia Blaydes, Trinity Nichols, Ashley Yates, Becca Stringer. Freshmen: Jaycee Keen and Jessa Sidebottom. 8th Graders: Marlee Ryan and Grace Hazelwood.

Several newcomers have joined the ranks this season, as well. Seniors: Gabby Vanarsdall. Juniors: Faith Coppola. Sophomores: Brylee Sullivan,

Kate Coppola, Kally Corbin, Kaydance Scott. Freshmen: Caleigh Harmon, Jordan Divens, Makyla Shively, Aubrey Whitlock. 7th Grader: Molly Blaydes.

Kandance Fields, who is a senior, said, "I'm super excited for this upcoming season and looking forward to seeing all the girls' hard work go into play. I'm also excited to watch this team, including myself, improve over time and continue to grow the soccer program at Green County."

The 2022 campaign kicks off Monday, August 8, as the Lady Dragons will travel to Allen County Scottsville to take on the Lady Patriots.

Lady Dragons: Volleyball at Bluegrass State Games in Lex

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The Green County Volleyball Team traveled to Lexington over the weekend to compete in the Bluegrass State Games. While not part of their official season, the Bluegrass State Games offer premier preseason competition to get the Lady Dragons ready for the upcoming year.

The Lady Dragons started off strong in pool play Friday night, defeating Bullitt Central in three sets before losing to Pikeville. In pool play on Saturday,

Green County won all three matches. Williamsburg fell victim to the Lady Dragons first, then Greenup County and finally Caldwell County.

Bracket play started on Sunday and GCVB looked strong against George Rogers Clark. Green County won all three sets against GRC. In the second round of bracket play, the Lady Dragons lost to Southwestern and was eliminated from action.

Green County's first regular season match will be at Clinton County August 16.

Dragon golfers relinquish 18th District Cup title to Hart

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The Green County High School Boys' Golf team failed to defend its 2021 18th District Cup title, being defeated in a preseason scrimmage at LaRue County Country Club July 20. The Dragon golfers shot 164 as a team and finished third behind champion Hart County, who carded a 155, and second place LaRue County, recording a 159.

Green County had won the cup in 2020 and 2021.

LaRue County has the most cup titles, winning in 2011, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.

The local Dragons also won the title in 2012.

Green County's top four individual scores were: Ayden Olson 37, Devin Day 40, Joey Henderson 43, and Drew Judd 45.

An additional individual score was River Jessie, who shot a 52.

The Dragon golfers opened their 2022 regular season campaign July 26, participating in the Central

Kentucky Shootout held at the Old Bridge Golf Club in Danville.

Ayden Olson led the way for the Dragons, shooting an 80.

Devin Day carded an 81.

Joey Henderson, Brennan Jewell, and Tanner Willis all recorded a 94.

As a team, Green County posted a score of 349.

Bethlehem High School was the tournament team winner, scoring a 294.

Spencer County finished second with a 311 and Louisville Trinity, third, at 315.

There were 19 full teams that participated in the shootout.

At the Bullitt East Invitational, held at the Tanglewood Golf Course in Taylorsville, July 29, the Dragons posted a score of 341.

Devin Day recorded the best score for Green County, shooting 78.

Also scoring for the Dragons were Ayden Olson with an 86, Joey Henderson, 88, and Brennan Jewell, 89.

Tanner Willis had an additional score of 90.

South Oldham was the tournament win-

ner, shooting a team score of 293; Spencer County finished second at 303.

Individual medalists for the tournament were Griffin Barke, of South Oldham, and Bradford Lacefield, of Woodford County, each with a 69.

Carson Childress, of LaRue County, carded a 72 for third place.

There were 20 full teams that participated in the tournament.

"When practice first started, we had a lot of new golfers

come out and play. With help from the veteran members of the team, we see improvement on a daily basis," said Coach Nick Przybylek.

"It has reflected well in tournament play as our team score has improved every time we step on the course. We've got a great group of guys and we look forward to competing against very reputable programs throughout the season."

The boys' golf team will play its first home match Aug. 8 against Washington County.

Sunset 5K

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Those who knew Givens know she loved to walk those roads during the early morning or late evening hours and often enjoyed the sunrise or sunset on her walks. She inspired others to do the same... to "seize the moment."

Givens was known to help others, even potential competitors; she wanted everyone to be at their best. When Kelly Kelsey started the volleyball program at Russell County in 2002, Givens stepped in to help (which is something she did for many area schools). Kelsey said, "when I started our volleyball program, she helped me so much! I always appreciated her no-nonsense, straightforward attitude."

Participants of any age can walk or run in Saturday's 5K. Winners will be announced in age divisions for walkers, runners, and teams. Participants may sign up at the event. The cost for adults is \$20 and students (including college students) will pay \$10. T-shirts will be available at the event, will they last, for \$20. All proceeds will go to Twisted Pink.

Even if you are not a walker or runner, you are welcome to come watch those who are and to fellowship with others who were impacted by Givens' life and story. Lynne's Legacy lives on. We are reminded of her with every Sunset.



Last year's Sunset 5K overall winner crossed the finish line as Green County Head T&F Coach Dan Knyo looked on.



Photo submitted

The Green County volleyball team always shows up for the Sunset 5K to honor Coach Lynne Givens.

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