

Dragon Baseball: Season begins this week

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Green County High School baseball kicks off this week and first-year Head Coach Brennen Milby is ready to get started.

The Dragons return several experienced players this year as the roster contains six seniors and five juniors, along with three sophomores, six freshmen and an eighth grader.

Milby, who has a year of head coaching experience at Hart County High School before serving as an assistant under Mike Daniels at Green County, knows it is an unrealistic goal, but his goal is to win every game this season.

"We know that winning every game just doesn't happen in baseball, but we will come into each game expecting to win," Milby said. "If that doesn't happen, we will assess what went wrong and learn

from it."

The Dragons will rely heavily on the upperclassmen this year to provide leadership.

"We want our experienced players to create a good environment and tone for everyone else," Milby said. "The seniors have done a really good job so far and the juniors are growing into their roles already."

Milby was quick to add that the team has a good group of younger players who are already challenging the others for playing time.

"They are pushing the older guys," Milby said. "They know they have to bring it every day in order to maintain their playing time."

The Dragons have joined forces to put together good seasons in the last few years.

With the exception of the 2020 Covid year when there were no games, the Dragons have advanced to the 5th Region Tournament

the last four years. They won the 18th District in 2021 and were the runner-up team in 2022, 2019 and 2018. Last year, the Dragons finished 17-14 and lost to Central Hardin in the first round of the region tournament.

"That doesn't add pressure to the team," Milby said, "but it shows the expectation that we will be playing our best ball at the end of the regular season and that's it where we belong."

Milby, who shined as a high school pitcher and signed with Ohio State to play college baseball before an injury sidelined his playing time, is joined by very capable assistants this year. Seth Jones, Matt Squires and Nick Przybylek are the assistant coaches.

Jones has served as an assistant coach for several years after graduating from Union College. Squires, like Jones, was a standout

player in high school at GCHS, is also a returning assistant. Przybylek, who is the pitching coach, served as the head baseball coach at Green County Middle School before moving up to the high school this year.

That experience is invaluable to the Dragons as they begin this year's campaign.

"Knowing what to expect at practices as well as in games and various situations helps us be prepared as soon as the season starts," Milby said.

The Dragons will focus a great deal on having plenty of pitchers this year.

"Being such a small school," Milby said, "we try to turn every player into a pitcher because you never know who might turn out to enjoy it and be good at it."

Milby said that seniors Bryson Edwards, Cade Kessler, Blayde Milby and junior Caden

Scantland and eighth grader Drew Squires form the core of their pitching rotation with several other players filling in as necessary.

Other seniors are essential to the play on the field this year.

"We expect big things from our catcher, Logan Slinker," Milby said. "He is the coach on the diamond. We also will need Zack Ferguson and Creighton Robertson to give us valuable innings on the field."

Milby said that they also have a couple of players who are healing from injuries and hope to have them back real soon.

The schedule, again this year, is a tough schedule.

"In the first week, we play Russell County at home," Milby said. They were in the state championship game last year. There is no time to waste for us."

Milby also mentioned Central Hardin

and Bowling Green as being some of the top teams on the schedule for this year.

The Dragons travel out of state during Spring Break to Panama City, Florida.

"During that trip, we will face some large schools including schools from Georgia and Ohio," Milby said.

While they are gone, they will face Marshall County and Ohio County, schools from Kentucky who have also made the trip South.

"We are very excited for the season to start," Milby said. "The players are chomping at the bit, and they are eager to get out on the field."

Weather permitting, Green County takes on Russell County tomorrow night at 5:30 at home. They were scheduled to play Allen County Monday in an away game, but it was cancelled. They are hosting Metcalfe County last night.

GCHS Tennis defeats Adair

Green County vs. Adair County
Thursday, March 9

Green County girls and boys defeated Adair County.

Girls' Singles

Kameron Jackson (GC) vs. Sara Collins (AC) 8-0
Carlee Henderson (GC) vs. Creedence Wolfgang (AC) 8-0
Alexa Garcia (GC) vs. Maison Karnes (AC) 8-0
Ella Cate Bishop (GC) vs. Sierra Johnson (AC) 6-0 (rain)

Girls' Doubles

Blair Corbin/Addison Smith (GC) vs. Abby Bullock/Madeline Hardwick (AC) 8-2
Chloe Simpson/Lila Stone (GC) vs. Ada Gass/Caylin Coffman (AC) 8-0
Aubrey Scott/Abby Landis (GC) vs. Sophie Eaton/Angelina Firkins (AC) 3-0 (rain)

Boys' Singles

Trevor Davis (GC) vs. Brody Blair (AC) 8-3
Zachary Lobb (GC) vs. Joseph Kotter (AC) 8-1

Green County vs. Campbellsville
Friday, March 10

Green County girls defeated Campbellsville; boys tied.

Boys' Singles

Trevor Davis (GC) vs. Blake Settle (C) 6-7(3-7), 3-6
Zachary Lobb (GC) vs. Joseph Greer (C) 6-0, 7-5

Girls' Singles

Kameron Jackson (GC) vs. Lizzie Booe (C) 8-0
Carlee Henderson (GC) vs. Andrea Hansen (C) 8-0

Girls' Doubles

Blair Corbin/Addison Smith (GC) vs. Lizzie Booe/Andrea Hansen (C) 8-0



Green County High School senior Kameron Jackson practices her serve prior to her singles' match Thursday vs. Adair County. She was the 2022 Heartland Athletic Conference Girls' Singles Runner-up.



School senior Trevor Davis practices his serve prior to his singles' match Thursday vs. Adair County. He is a two-time Heartland Athletic Conference Boys' Singles winner.

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Lady Dragon Softball

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Green County High School's softball team is gearing up for another successful season this year under Head Coach Jeff Wright.

Two seniors are on this squad, and both are expected to play key roles for the squad. Tatum Caulk is a returning pitcher for the Lady Dragons and Catie Church is an outfielder for the team.

In a preseason coach's poll, the team is ranked 23rd in the state, but unfortunately behind 5th Region teams Central Hardin and Elizabethtown.

But in a poll of 5th Region coaches, the Lady Dragons are ranked fourth in the region, behind the number one team Bethlehem along with Central Hardin and Elizabethtown, who are tied for second.

Four Lady Dragons are ranked in the top 25 players in the 5th Region.

In addition to Caulk, three juniors on the

Lady Dragons team-- Lily Beard, Allie Burris and Bella Johnson—are all honored in the preseason poll.

In recent years, the Lady Dragons have been one of the most successful teams in the region, despite the size of the small school.

Last year, the team lost in the region semi-finals to Marion County. The year before, the team advanced to the semi-finals of the state tournament in Lexington.

2020 was a covid year with no games played.

In 2019 and 2018, the Lady Dragons lost in the region championship games and in 2017, the team lost in the region semi-finals. Under Wright, the Lady Dragons are 143-46, winning 76% of their games.

This year's schedule is yet another killer schedule.

In addition to the 5th Region teams, the Lady Dragons are scheduled, in regular

season games, to play Louisville Ballard (preseason # 1), South Warren, (preseason #3), Boyle County (preseason # 13) and Louisville Manual (preseason # 21).

April 7 and 8, the Lady Dragons are scheduled to participate in the Elizabethtown Pinkham Lincoln Classic against some of the more stellar teams in the state. Some of the other top teams in the Classic include #5 Henderson County, #6 Greenwood, and #10 Anderson County.

In addition to the two seniors on this year's team, there are four juniors, six sophomores, five freshmen and one seventh grader.

Because of such a tough schedule for the Lady Dragons, everyone on the team needs to bring their A game every day in order for Green County to live up to the expectations.

Serving as assistants to Wright this year are Kyle Milby and Brianna Przybylek.

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