



The offensive line helped the GCHS offense rack up 517 yards Friday night against 5A West Jessamine. The Dragons rolled to a 41-7 victory.



Jullian Seymour scored a touchdown against West Jessamine. He is averaging close to 100 yards per contest this year as the Dragons currently have a 3-1 record.

Dragons win 41-7

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The high school football team rebounded from last week's loss to Hart County by soundly defeating West Jessamine 41-7 Friday night in Nicholasville.

The Dragon defense set the tempo of the game when they held West Jessamine to three plays and a punt on their first possession.

"West Jessamine was big everywhere," Head Football Coach Colt Phelps said. "They had been in the weight room a lot, but we didn't back down from them."

The Dragon offense was ready for their turn as well. After three consecutive first downs and just three and a half minutes later, Kelson McKinney punched the ball into the end zone for the first of his two touchdowns.

"We made so many mistakes last week that it was easy to get down on ourselves," Phelps said. "We had to get back to the basics and do what we do well."

After the two teams swapped possessions once, West Jessamine prepared to punt again but Jake Bishop blocked the punt and Green County took over on the Colts' 13-yard line.

After moving the ball to the eight-yard line, quarterback Houston Hodges faked the handoff and ran the ball into the end zone. McKinney completed the two-point conversion and the Dragons led 14-0 still in the first quarter.

West Jessamine retaliated with their only touchdown of the night on a 10-yard TD pass with 11:08 to go in the second quarter. The PAT made the score 14-7.

Green County wasted little time in scoring again when Gage Bale scored a touchdown. Bishop's PAT was good, and the Dragons led 21-7.

"The offense worked as a unit this week," Phelps said. "They were not playing as individuals. It was not just the offensive line but the whole team worked so much better in combination with each other."

The Dragons threatened again in the second quarter when they prevented West Jessamine from converting on fourth down and Green County took over on their own 19-yard line.

Big runs by McKinney and Jullian Seymour moved the ball to the Colts' 13-yard line, but the rally ended there, and the half ended with Green on top 21-7.

"We had a short memory Friday night," Phelps said. "We didn't let our mistakes compound by focusing on them but instead we moved on."

The third quarter was just swapping possession until Seymour scored with 33 seconds left in the period. That made the score 27-7 in favor of the Dragons.

The fourth quarter was all Green County as they added two more touchdowns.

McKinney scored on a 52-yard TD run and Massiah Shively added the two-point conversion.

Shively added a touchdown of his own with just over three minutes left in the game to give Green County the final 41-7 margin.

As a team, Green County racked up an incredible 517 yards, the most of any game so far this season.

Hodges threw the ball 16 times, completing nine of the passes for 130 yards. He scattered the passes to five different receivers. McKinney had two receptions for 34 yards. Caleb Scott had one reception for 32 yards. Seymour caught one pass for 30 yards. Bishop had three receptions for 22 yards and Austin Squires had one re-



Kelson McKinney crossed the goal line for a TD Friday night. McKinney has six rushing touchdowns so far this season.

ception for 12 yards.

For their rushing yards, the Dragons accumulated 387 yards. McKinney and Seymour both went over the century mark with 131 and 130 yards respectively. Shively carried the ball eight times for 48 yards. Bale also carried the ball eight times for 34 yards. Hodges kept the ball for 24 yards and Darius Anderson carried the ball for 20 yards.

Defensively, the Dragons held West Jessamine to 194 total yards. They were led by McKinney and Seymour with seven tackles each. Bishop and Shively added six tackles each. Koltyn Milby, Justin Hessig and Squires had four tackles. Andrew Houk added three take-downs.

Ashtin Guenter, Cole Kessler, Carson Scott, Weston Wright along with Bale and Anderson were credited with one tackle.

Guenter, Hessig, Milby, and Shively each had one tackle for a loss. Bale and Milby each hustled for a sack of the Colts' quarterback.

Green County takes on LaRue County Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. at Dragon Stadium.

Game 5-- LaRue County: Welcome home, Dragons

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After opening the season with four straight away games, Green County is at home Thursday night against LaRue County.

Green County is 3-1, after their 41-7 whipping of West Jessamine Friday night. LaRue County enters the game at 0-4, having lost to Glasgow (35-0), Hart County (28-8), Adair County (13-0) and Taylor County (27-16).

"If you were to look across the state at teams that are 0-4 right now, LaRue would be at the top of all those teams," said Green County Head Football Coach Colt Phelps. "They are better than a lot of teams that have wins already. I know they are struggling offensively right now but they've had some injuries. The challenge for us is to figure out what they are going to do against us."

The Hawks' leading rusher is also their quarterback. Con-

lee Crossno averages about 92 yards on the ground per game and he also throws for 57 yards per game. In addition, Crossno is their leading tackler. He is one of eight seniors on their squad. This is the fifth straight game in which the Dragons have faced a school that plays in a larger class. The only 2A teams that Green County plays this year are the district opponents—Clinton County, Metcalfe County and Monroe County. Green County and LaRue County have a rich rivalry between their sports teams, but it's been a while since they played each other in football. LaRue County owns a 17-7 advantage over the Dragons through the years. The two teams have not faced each other since 2016 when LaRue won 48-20 in a home game for them. Prior to that game, the Dragons won the previous five games in a row.

That is in sharp

contrast to how the series began. Starting in 1962, LaRue won the first seven games and ten of the first 11 games.

"We are big rivals with LaRue in other sports," Phelps said. "That makes us hungry. We know we have to show up, ready to play every game."

The game Thursday night is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. but there's lots of activities going on prior to the game.

The Green County Little Football League has a Green vs. Gold game for players in the 3rd and 4th grades that begins at 5:00 p.m. at Dragon Stadium.

A free tailgate party, sponsored by the school system and the Greensburg Rotary Club, begins at 5:00 p.m. at the Area Technology Center.

Also that evening, GCHS will host the annual Cow Days cross country meet and the Middle School girls' basketball team takes on Casey County in a home game.



Massiah Shively rushed for 48 yards and a touchdown and a two point conversion Friday night in the away game at West Jessamine.

A Look at GCHS Football			
Opponent	Last weekend	Record	Next Weekend
Garrard County	Lost 7-0 to Bullitt Central	0-3	At Somerset
John Hardin	Beat Iroquois 60-0	1-2	Harrison County
Hart County	Beat Green County 27-12	3-0	At Elizabethtown
West Jessamine	Beat Harrison County 58-42	2-1	Green County
LaRue County	Lost to Adair County 13-0	0-3	Taylor County
Barren County	Beat Warren East 7-6	3-0	At Monroe County
Clinton County	Beat McCreary Central 20-18	1-2	Jenkins
Monroe County	Lost to Glasgow 28-0	1-2	Barren County
Metcalfe County	Lots to Campbellsville 36-0	1-2	Nelson County
Taylor County	Beat Elizabethtown 42-13	2-1	At LaRue County
Green County	Lost to Hart County 27-12	2-1	At West Jessamine