

Dragons defeat Central Hardin

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The Green County boys' basketball team only had one game last week but they made the most of it, beating 17th District foe, Central Hardin, 63-56. The Dragons have now won three in a row after also beating Hart County and LKY.

These two schools don't play each other every year, but in the last 25 years, Green County has only won five games against the Bruins, while losing 19. Several years, they've played each other twice in a season.

Continuing their juggled starting lineup of Paxton Bloyd, Demetrius Hancock, Deacon James, Braxton Judd, and Kai Wade, the Dragons got off to a very quick start and never trailed in the game even though Central Hardin cut the lead to three late in the fourth quarter.

Four of the starters scored in the first quarter as the Dragons had a balanced, energetic, offensive attack. Uthay Laws and Caleb Corbin came off the bench, adding even another offensive punch.

The Dragons built on the first quarter

lead and went into the locker room at halftime with a 19-point lead.

Central Hardin, however, regrouped during halftime, and scored first in the third quarter, the only quarter they did that.

A couple of minutes into the period, Central Hardin went on a 14-0 run that cut the Dragon lead to just five points.

During the fourth quarter, the Dragons scored 16 points but nine of those points came on free throws,

including their last seven points of the game.

With 47.8 seconds remaining, Central Hardin cut the lead to just three, at 57-54. But Bloyd and Wade combined for six made free throws to seal the win.

This third consecutive win gives the Dragons an 8-14 record for the year.

Scoring by quarters:
GC 19 16 12 16 63
CH 8 8 26 14 56
Individual scoring:
Bloyd 22, James 10,

Corbin 9, Laws 7, Judd 6, Hancock 5, Wade 4.

Rebounds:
Bloyd 10, Judd 6, Hancock 3, James 3, Corbin 2, Laws 1.

The Dragons have two more games this week. They host Cumberland County tomorrow night in a girl/boy doubleheader. Friday night, they travel to Harrodsburg to take on the Mercer County Titans. The 18th District Tournament begins next week at Caverna High School.



Demetrius Hancock scored five points in the Dragons' 63-56 win over Central Hardin. Hancock is a sophomore at GCHS.



Deacon James gets the block on a Central Hardin shot last week. James scored 10 points as the Dragons moved to an 8-14 season record.



Uthay Laws, on a fast break, sails in for two points for the Dragons in their win over Central Hardin.



Cramps and injuries always play a part in any sport. Brayden Davenport works on Paxton Bloyd to help get a cramp out of his leg. Bloyd soon returned to the game.



Caleb Corbin splits the Central Hardin defense in last week's home game for the Dragons. Corbin scored nine points in the win.

Dragons play LaRue County in District Tournament

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The 18th District Tournament begins next week at Caverna and Green County takes on the Hawks on Thursday night, February 26 at 6:00 p.m. CT.

Green County comes into the tournament as the number three seed, because of their recent win over Hart County. LaRue is the number two seed.

The top seed, Caverna, plays Hart County Tuesday night in the other semifinal game.

Green and LaRue have played two times already this year and the Hawks won both games. The first game, at LaRue County, was very close before the home team won 70-61. The second game, at Green County, was not as close as the Dragons struggled to score, hitting just 30% of their shots, including going two for 19 from beyond the arc. LaRue won that game 73-44.

The Dragons are the defending 18th District champions. Last year, they beat Hart County in the semifinals and then defeated Caverna in the championship. Caverna had

upset LaRue in the other semifinal game. Green went on to beat Taylor County in the first round of the 5th Region Tournament before losing to North Hardin in overtime in the semifinal round.

The Dragons are led in scoring by Uthay Laws and Paxton Bloyd. Laws, a senior, scores a little over 16 points per game and Bloyd, a sophomore, scores almost 13 ppg. The other Dragons in

double figures include Kai Wade, a senior, and Deacon James, a junior. Wade hits for 12 ppg and James for 11. Bloyd and Braxton Judd, a freshman, lead the team in rebounding, as each averages just over four rebounds per game. James and Massiah Shively, a senior, pull down three or more rebounds per game.

Over the last ten years, the Dragons have struggled against

LaRue, winning just three games while losing 16.

The two teams that win their first round game advance to the 5th Region Tournament at Green County High School.

There's an old adage that says it is very difficult for a team to beat another team three times in a season. Green County fans are hoping that holds true in the district tournament.

SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

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3	5	8	4	9	2	6	7	1
6	1	7	5	8	3	9	2	4
2	9	4	7	6	1	8	5	3

ANSWER:

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