

Lady Dragons win two, lose one

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Last week, the Lady Dragons beat Glasgow and Casey County before falling to Nelson County. Green County is on the verge of yet another 20-win season as their record is 19-8 heading into the final week of regular season play.

Green County 71 Glasgow 55

This was the second meeting between these two teams as they had played each other just before Christmas at the Metcalfe Mania event in Edmonton. Green County won that game as well.

The Lady Dragons struggled early, having to adjust to playing without Molly Dixon and Bailee Willis. Willis had a class and Dixon fractured three bones in her foot during the Hart County game.

Glasgow jumped out to a 9-2 lead and maintained a lead until Chloe Fortner tied the game at 17 with 2:50 to go in the second quarter. She also gave the Lady Dragons a lead about eight seconds later and the Lady Dragons never trailed again.

The Lady Dragons hit 50% of their shots in the game, including going three of six from behind the three point line.

Clopton had a big game for the Lady Dragons, scoring 26 points, hitting 10 of 16 shots.

Scoring by quarters:
GC 6 20 25 20 71
G 14 7 16 18 55
Individual scoring:
Clopton 26, Scout Brockman 18, Fortner 12, Kylee Hargan 8, Brooklyn Jewell 7.

Rebounds:
Brockman 14, Fortner 13, Rebekaha Pruitt 5, Clopton 3, Jewell 2, Hargan 1.

Green County 54 Casey County 39

The Lady Dragons got off to a very rough start in this game, racking up 16 turnovers in just the first quarter. The turnovers, combined with an abysmal 0 for 10 shooting from beyond the arc during the game, put the Lady Dragons in a precarious situation for almost all the first half.

Clopton gave Green County the lead at

22-20 with about five minutes gone in the second quarter. This put the Lady Dragons over the top and did not trail again in the game. Casey County struggled with their shooting, hitting just 27% of their shots.

Scoring by quarters:
GC 9 19 14 12 54
CC 16 4 11 8 39
Individual scoring:
Brockman 28, Clopton 9, Fortner 7, Willis 6, Jewell 4.

Rebounds:
Brockman 16, Fortner 7, Hargan 5, Jewell 5, Clopton 2, Pruitt 2, Willis 2.

Nelson County 63 Green County 59

The Lady Dragons saw their six-game winning streak come to an end against the Lady Cards. Depth was again a problem for the

Lady Dragons as Willis was out because of illness.

Nelson County jumped out to a 7-0 lead before the Lady Dragons found their footing, even taking a three point lead with 1:24 to go in the first quarter.

During the first half, Green County hit more three-point baskets than two-point goals. At halftime, they had hit four three-point shots and three two-point goals to go along with five free throws.

With just over three minutes gone in the third period, Nelson County jumped out to a ten-point lead and Head Coach Chris Blaydes called a time out.

The Lady Dragons responded with an 11-0 run on three long range bombs by Hargan and a

two-point goal by Fortner. Unfortunately, the Lady Cards ended the quarter with a 9-0 run of their own.

Green County cut the lead to two very late in the quarter but Nelson County scored four points from the free throw line to secure the win.

Scoring by quarters:
GC 13 10 20 16 59
NC 15 12 24 12 63
Individual scoring:
Brockman 24, Hargan 18, Clopton 9, Fortner 5, Jewell 3.

Rebound stats are not available.

Green County winds up the regular season tomorrow night with a home game against a very tough team from Cumberland County. They are the second-highest rated team in the 4th Region. Game time is 5:30 p.m.



Rebekaha Pruitt's long wingspan makes it difficult for the Glasgow offense to shoot over her.



Kylee Hargan and Scout Brockman converge on the Glasgow player as she tries to get off a shot. Brockman scored 18 points and Hargan pitched in eight points to help Green County win 71-55.



Baylee Bishop drives past the Lady Rebel defense last week during the game against Casey County. JV team lost but varsity defeated Casey County 54-39.

Photos by Dale Curry



Chloe Fortner fires up a short jump shot against Glasgow. Green County won 71-55 to move to 18-7 on the year.



Isabella Clopton scored a team high 26 points for the Lady Dragons in their win over visiting Glasgow last week. That win meant the Lady Dragons have won 11 of their last 12 games.

Lady Dragons enter District Tournament as favorite

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The Lady Dragons kick off the 18th District Tournament Monday night against the host Lady Colonels at Caverna. Green County is the number one seed in the tournament while Caverna is the number four seed. Game time is at 6:00 p.m. CT.

Hart County and LaRue County tangle in the second game Monday night with the winners meeting for the championship on Friday at 6:00 p.m. The winner and runner-up advance to the 5th Region Tournament.

The Lady Dragons

own a 27-game win streak over Caverna. The last time Green County lost to the Lady Colonels was in January 2015.

Green County is the two-time defending 18th District champion. The last time they did not advance to the region tournament is 2022.

In scoring, the Lady Dragons are led by Scout Brockman who averages 17.7 points per game (ppg) through February 12. Chloe Fortner is the other Lady Dragon in double figures with 11.2 ppg. Both are sophomores at GCHS.

Another sophomore, Molly Dixon, is averaging 11.4 points

per contest but she sustained an injury in the Hart County game and is out for the season.

Not far behind Brockman and Fortner, is Isabella Clopton at 9.1 ppg. She has had two games lately in which she scored 26 points in each contest. Clopton is a freshman.

Kylee Hargan, Brooklyn Jewell and Bailee Willis are the other players who see a considerable amount of action during a game. Hargan and Jewell are freshmen, while Willis is the lone senior on the team.

Other players who add to the team are Baylee Bishop, Lydia

Corbin, Jaidyn Darnell, Parker Hodges and Rebekaha Pruitt. All of them, with the exception of Pruitt, are freshman. Pruitt is a sophomore.

Green County enters the tournament with a perfect 6-0 record against district foes. Caverna is 0-6 against the other three teams. The Lady Dragons won 89-38 and 78-18 in their two meetings with Caverna this year.

LaRue County has beaten Hart County two times already this season.

The Lady Dragons are coached by Chris Blaydes, David Fortner and Micah Spears.

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