

Blaydes, Brockman receive honors

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Green County High School Girls Basketball Coach Chris Blaydes has been named Coach of the Year in the 5th Region by the Basketball Coaches Association and Scout Brockman has been named as a member of the All-Region Team.

At the end of the regular season, the Lady Dragons have a record of 21-8. This year's squad has one senior, no juniors, four sophomores, six

freshmen and one 8th grader. Only four players have played every game this year as the team has battled injuries and conflicting educational schedules. Several of the players had virtually no varsity experience prior to this year.

Blaydes shares this honor with Jared McCurry of John Hardin High School. The two coaches received the same number of votes.

Brockman is a sophomore at Green County High School and is the only player

from the 18th District that is named to the All-Region Team.

This season, Brockman is averaging a double-double in scoring and rebounding. She scores 18 points per game and rebounds just over 10 missed shots per game. Last week, she became the leading rebounder in GCHS girls' basketball history.

Her numbers have increased every year that she has been playing varsity basketball. Although just a sophomore, she is in her fourth year of playing

varsity. Last year, she averaged 12.2 ppg and 8.4 rebounds. When she was an 8th grader at GCMS, she scored 7.6 points per game and pulled down 6.2 rebounds per contest. As a 7th grader, she averaged 6.5 points and 2.3 rebounds per game.

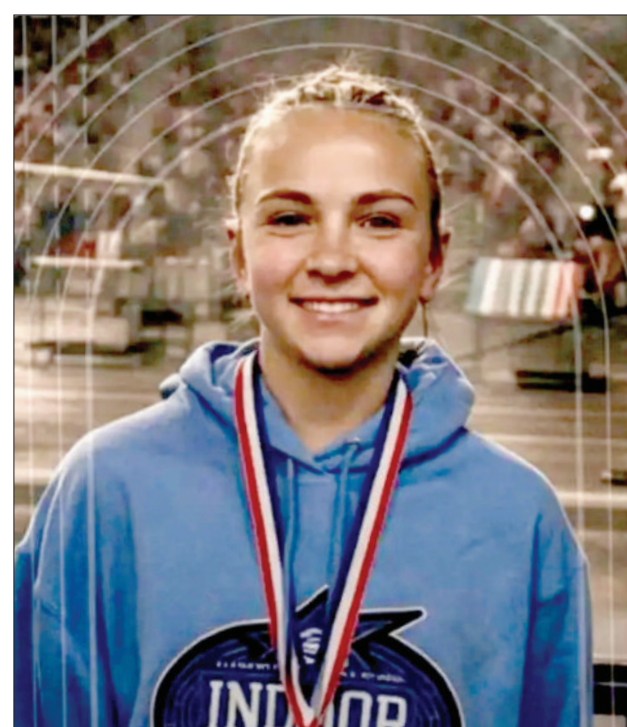
Other members of the team nearby include Karsyn Smith from Campbellville, Kinzee Akin from Adair County and Kennedy Deener, from Taylor County, who was named Player of the Year in the 5th Region.

Anderson, Sharpe win Middle School Track & Field State titles



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Tyren Anderson won state titles in the high jump and long jump at the KTCCCA Middle School Indoor Track & Field State Championships. He also placed second in the triple jump and third in the 400m dash.



Hallie Sharpe tied for first place in the pole vault event, competing in the KTCCCA Middle School Indoor Track & Field State Championships held February 21 at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center in Louisville.

Houchens awarded Kids World Record

A young resident of Greensburg has achieved an extraordinary feat by recording for the longest time doing jumping jacks in the Girls' 7-9 year old Division. Ellison Houchens completed this remarkable achievement on February 9, 2026, with a time of 10 minutes and 48 seconds.

This achievement not only highlights Ellison's dedication and perseverance but also brings pride to the local community of Greensburg. Her accomplishment serves as an inspiration to other young residents, showcasing the potential for greatness within the community.

Ellison enjoys a variety of sports, including basketball,



Ellison Houchens

softball, swimming, and running cross country. She dreams of becoming an engineer and hopes to

run in the Olympics one day, reflecting her ambitious spirit and diverse interests. "Kids World Records

now reaches young achievers in 63 countries, making it one of the fastest-growing global platforms celebrating children's achievements," said Emile Hoffman, CEO of Kids World Records. "We recently released our 2026 edition - the sixth book published by our company - and we're thrilled to welcome Ellison into the expanding KWR family. This attempt will be featured in our 2027 edition, and we hope it will inspire even more kids around the world to dream big and break records."

For more details on Ellison's achievement, visit: <https://www.kidsworldrecords.com/records/63c465e0-43db-4dc2-b70f-b7ef0d46341c>

Archery finishes third at State

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The Green County High School Archery Team competed in the All "A" Classic State Tournament Saturday, February 21, at the West Kentucky Archery Complex in Madisonville.

The GCHS team placed third overall with 3,279 points. Prestonsburg High was first with 3,335 and Bethlehem High, second, scoring 3,300.

Green County individual scores: Drew Judd 281, Hunter Pierce 280, Brody Price 278, Reming-

ton Ray 277, Brayden Rayburn 277, Daniel Manning 276, Kylie Turcotte 275, Kayden Stearman 271, Caleb Rayburn 269, Samantha Wilhoit 267, Maddie Underwood 267, and Kari Warren 261.

The overall top archer in the tourna-

ment was Wes Goff, of Bethlehem High School, shooting a score of 295.

"The Green County Archery team shot amazing! I am very proud of how well each archer performed at the All "A" tournament," said Coach Chris Penick.

GCHS Wrestling Dragons compete at region

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The Green County High School Boys' Wrestling Team competed in the KHSAA Region 7 Wrestling Tournament Saturday, February 21, at Boyle County High School.

Three Dragon wrestlers automatically qualified to compete in the upcoming state tournament due to their regional finish in their respective weight classes. They were Prestyn Walls, Ayden Hall, and Ryder Sadler.

Joel Diaz will serve as an alternate in his weight class.

The KHSAA State Wrestling Tournament is scheduled for February 26-28 at the Alltech Arena in Lexington.

Dragon results by weight class: 120 - Prestyn Walls - Champ. Round 1 - defeated Dylan Withers, Rus-



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Three Green County wrestlers automatically qualified to compete in the KHSAA State Wrestling Tournament scheduled for February 26-28 at the Alltech Arena in Lexington. They are, from left, Prestyn Walls, Ryder Sadler, and Ayden Hall. Joel Diaz will serve as an alternate in his weight class.

sell County, by fall; Quarterfinal - defeated Lucas Parriman, McCreey Central, by fall; Semifinal - defeated Renzo Watts, Madison Central, by fall; Cons. Semi - defeated Ely

Bonds, Southwestern, by technical fall (TF 17-2); 3rd Place Match - defeated Larriuce Felipe, Whitley County, by decision (Dec 6-4); 132 - Ayden Hall - Champ. Round 1 - defeated Ace

Osmun, Taylor County, by fall; Quarterfinal - defeated Brayden Taylor, Adair County, by technical fall (TF 22-3); Semifinal - defeated by Cullen White, Boyle County, by fall;

Cons. Semi - defeated Brenden Little, Wayne County, by fall; 3rd Place Match - defeated Elijah McDermott, Pineville, by technical fall (TF 21-6); 138 - Joel Diaz - Champ. Round 1 - defeated Brayden Stephens., Whitley County, by fall; Quarterfinal - defeated Berkley Overberg, Madison Central, by decision (Dec 19-15); Semifinal - defeated by Bain Kurtz, Boyle County, by fall; Cons. Semi - defeated by Elijah Adams, Taylor County, by decision (Dec 5-4); 5th Place Match - defeated Braylan Penington, Madison Southern, by fall; 144 - Tristin Davis - Champ. Round 1 - defeated by Caleb Bonham, Madison Southern, by decision (Dec 11-9); Cons. Round 1 - defeated Adrian Zinati, Adair County, by fall; Cons. Round 2 - defeated by Noah Metz, McCreey Central, by decision (Dec 21-16);

150 - Brendan Martin - Champ. Round 1 - defeated by Alex Craven, Madison Southern, by fall; Cons. Round 1 - defeated by Gavin Kozak, Somerset, by fall; 157 - Jackson Reynolds - Champ. Round 1 - defeated Cristian Gomez-Peterson, Danville, by fall; Quarterfinal - defeated by James Williams, Taylor County, by fall; Cons. Round 2 - defeated Jackson Patrick, Corbin, by fall; Cons. Round 3 - defeated Chase Brockman, Bell County, by fall; Cons. Semi - defeated by Isac Perez, Whitley County, by fall; 5th Place Match - defeated by Nate Stephens, McCreey Central, by fall; 165 - Bryce Brockman - Champ. Round 1 - defeated Justin Hill, Whitley County, by fall; Quarterfinal - defeated by Ian Tucker, Wayne County, by fall; Cons.

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