

Lady Dragon Softball opens season 1-1 last week

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Green County High School's varsity softball team lost their season open to Russell County, 15-3 last week but ended the week with a 3-2 victory over Adair County. Both games were at American Legion Park.

Last year, the Lady Dragons' batting average was .299 and Head Coach Jeff Wright said that stat needed to improve by several points in order for the team to be successful. Despite hitting .320 in the game against Russell County, they just couldn't score runs.

In the game with Adair County on Saturday, the Lady Dragons hit just .208 but scored enough runs to take home their first win of the season.

Russell County 15 Green County 3

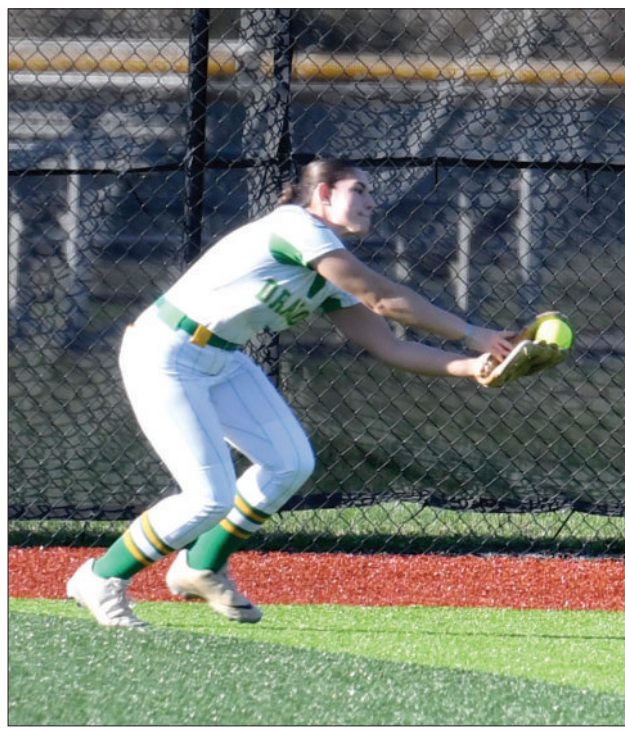
The Lady Lakers jumped out to a quick start, scoring three runs in the top half of the first inning. They added two more runs in each of the next three innings as Green County struggled to score and also committed six errors in the game.

Russell County saved their most explosive inning for the fifth inning when they scored five runs.

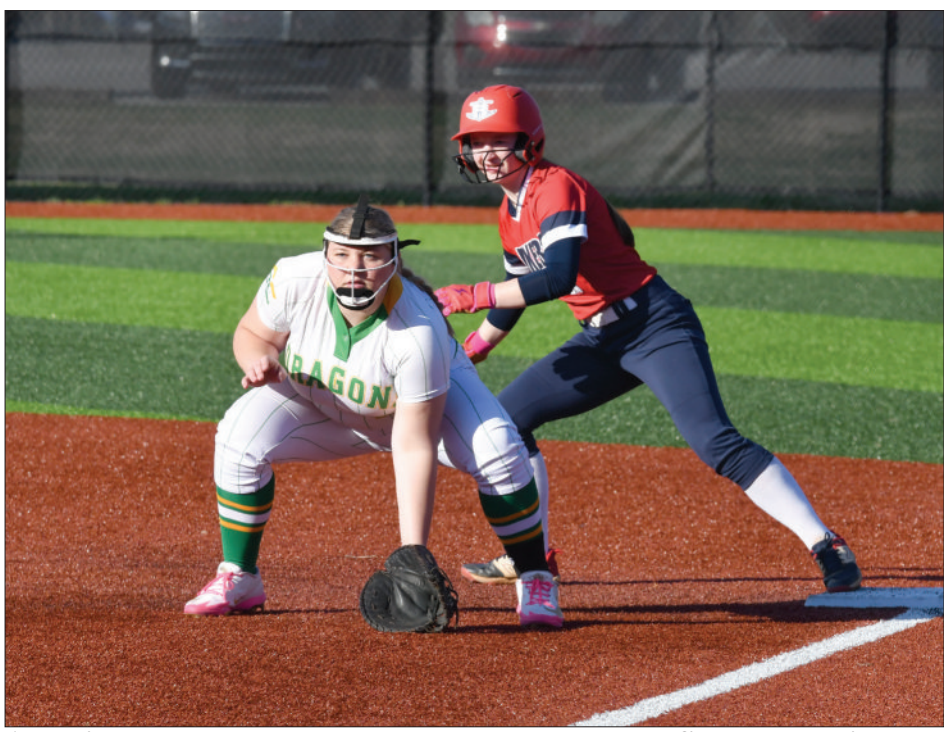
The Lady Dragons scored all three of their runs in the bottom of the second inning.

Senior Ava Hickerson doubled to begin the inning and then scored when Kylee Hargan singled to right field.

With Marley Davis, a courtesy runner for the catcher Hayden Garrett, on second base and Hayli Milby on first, Carrington Jewell singled to load



Carrington Jewell makes a spectacular catch in center field against Russell County at American Legion Park.



Ava Hickerson holds the Lady Laker base runner at first base during last week's action against Russell County.

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With two errors, MacKenzie Johnson hit to the shortstop, who fumbled the ball, which allowed Davis and Milby to score. That was all the scoring for the Lady Dragons.

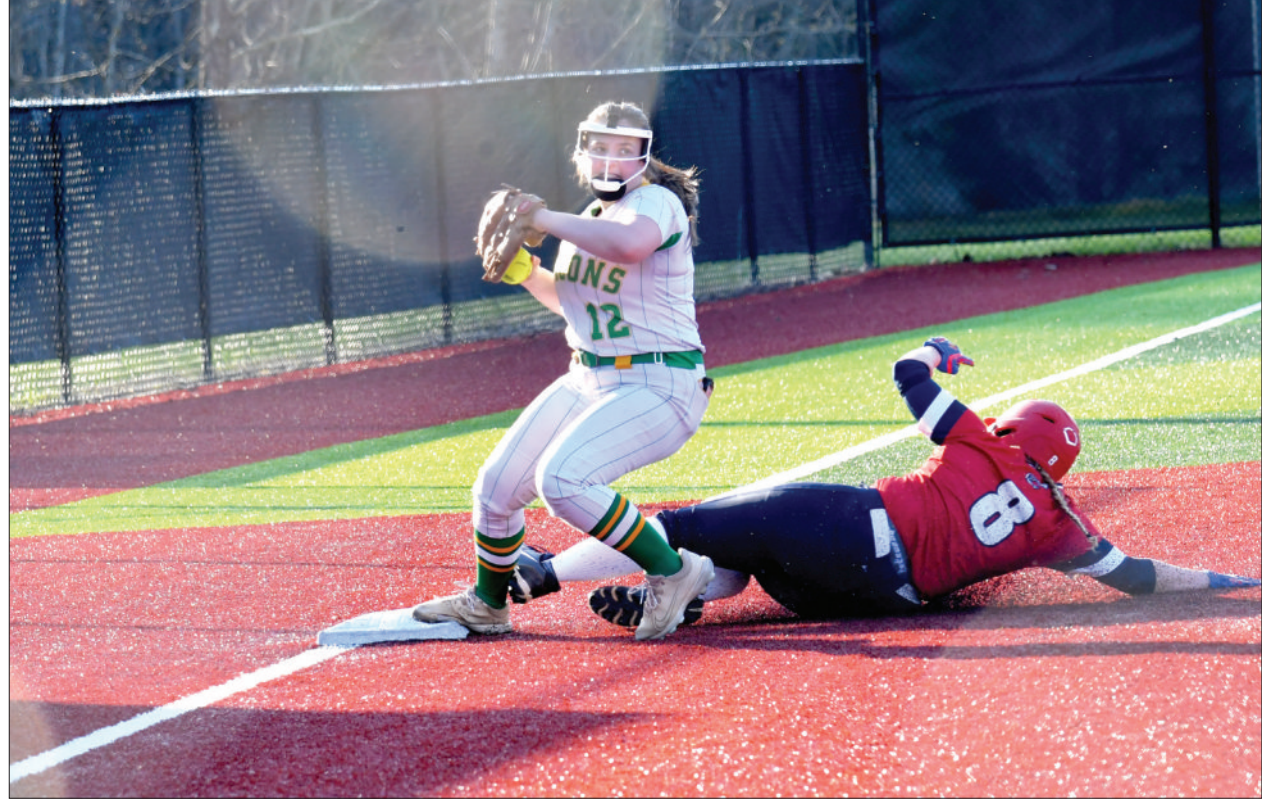
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The Lady Dragons scored a run in each of the first two innings. In the first inning, after she hit a double, Milby scored when Johnson hit a sacrifice fly to left field.

In the second inning, with two outs, Garrett picked up her first varsity home run with a solo shot to left field.

Adair tied the game in the fifth inning but the Lady Dragons picked up their third run in the bottom of the sixth inning. Hazel Sharpe led off the inning with a single and then with two outs, she scored the go-ahead run when Hargan reached base on an error.

The game ended when Adair stranded a runner on third base in the seventh inning.



MacKenzie Johnson steps on the bag at third base before the runner arrives and then throws to first base to attempt a double play.

Hitting stats for these games:
Milby—3 of 6
H. Sharpe—3 of 6
Jewell—2 of 5
Hickerson—2 of 6
Garrett—1 of 5
Johnson—1 of 5
Hargan—1 of 6
Davis—0 of 0

Emma Eastes—0 of 2
Kylee Sharpe—0 of 2
Brooklyn Jewell—0 of 6

Pitching stats:
H. Sharpe—12 innings, 17 runs, 24 hits, 8 walks, 2 strikeouts
The Lady Drag-

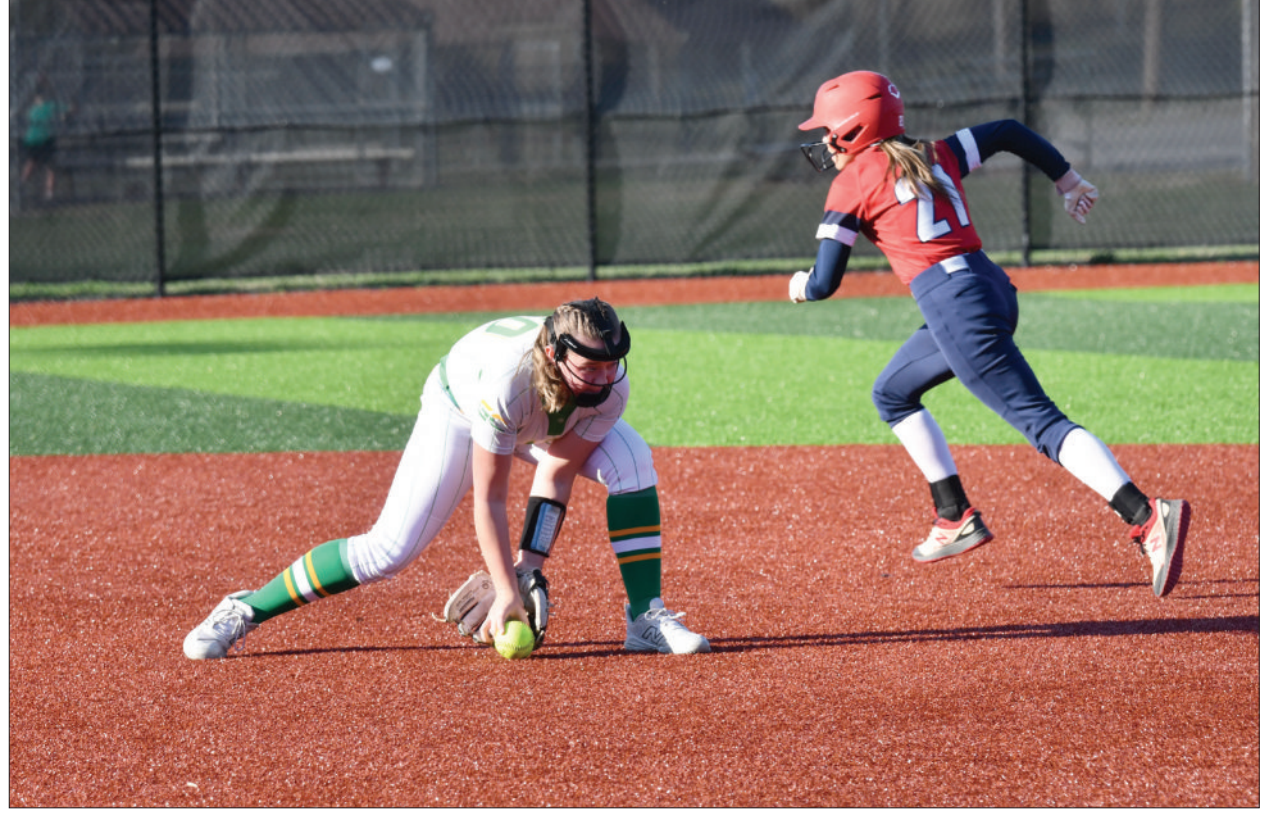
ons are scheduled to play at home tomorrow night and Friday night. Tomorrow's game is against Cumberland County. The Lady Panthers have a two-game winning streak over Green County.

Friday's game is against 18th District foe, Caverna. The Lady Dragons have not lost to Caverna since 2004.

Both games are scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m.



Kaylee Sharpe puts the bat on the ball against Russell County last week. Green County lost to the Lady Lakers 15-3.



Kylee Hargan scoops up the ground ball in last week's game with Russell County.

Photos by Dale Curry



Hazel Sharpe laces this pitch for a base hit against Russell County. Green County dropped the game 15-3 but rebounded Saturday to defeat Adair County 3-2.



Assistant Coach Madi Corbin talks with the infield during last week's contest against Russell County. Green County lost 15-3 against a tough Lady Lakers team.