

Dragons are 14-7 after last week

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Green County's baseball team was busy last week with four games, including two district games. Monday started with a win over Washington County. Tuesday saw a home loss to LaRue County. Thursday, the Dragons traveled to Hart County where they beat the Raiders. The week ended with a loss at Barren County. The Dragons are 4-1 in the 18th District race, with one more game at LaRue County to determine the seeding for the district tournament.

Green County 10 Washington Co. 3

The Dragons jumped out to an early lead, thanks to Andrew Houk's three-run home run in the bottom of the first inning. That home run tied the career home run record at Green County High School. As of last week, Houk had eight home runs this season. As a junior, he hit nine round-trippers. He collected seven as a sophomore and hit three homers as a freshman.

Keelan Curry scored later in the inning from third base when Reece Mitchell flied out to left field.

Drew Squires picked up his sixth homer of the season in the bottom of the second inning. Carter Allen scored on the play after he had singled to begin the inning.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Curry hit a sacrifice fly to

center field that scored Cash Jones as well as Squires. Houk added another run when he scored from third when Carter Allen was hit by a pitch. The Dragons' final run of the inning, and the game, was scored by Jaxson Robertson when he advanced to home on a wild pitch.

Washington County scored one run in the second inning and added two in the fifth. This was the second win over the Commanders by Green County this season.

LaRue County 9 Green County 2

Green County only had three hits in this contest. All of the hits were doubles by Hou, Matney and Mitchell.

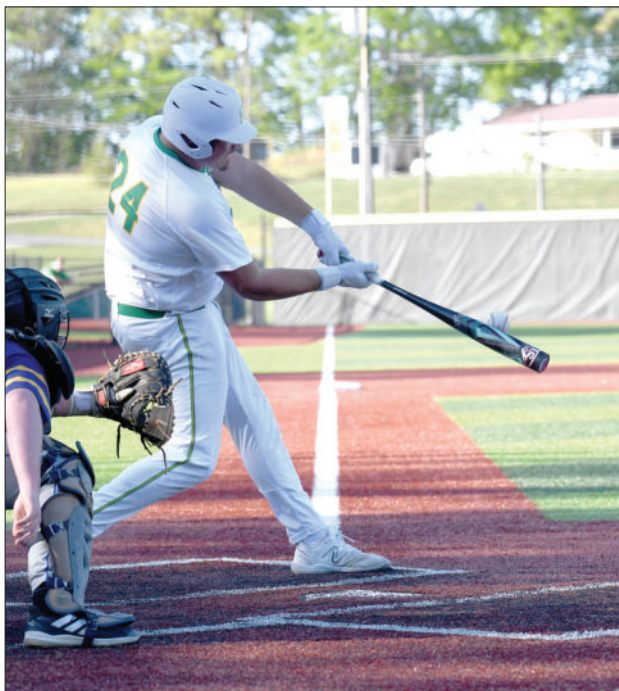
All of the Dragons' scoring came in the bottom of the third inning. Mitchell doubled to begin the inning. An error allowed Allen to reach first and Mitchell advanced to third.

Matney's double made the score 8-2 in favor of LaRue County as Mitchell and Allen both scored with no outs. The rally ended there, however, for the Dragons.

LaRue scored early and often. The Hawks scored two in the first and one in the second. They had a huge inning in the third, scoring five runs and then added another run in the fourth.

Green County 6 Hart County 1

In this game, the Dragons got off to another quick start, scoring one run in the first



Andrew Houk homered in the bottom of the first inning against Washington County last week. The home run was the 27th of his career, tying the home run record held by Mike Jones and Yogi Milby.

inning before adding four in the second inning. Green County added one more run in the top of the seventh inning. The Raiders' only run in the game came in the bottom of the first.

Matney was hit by a pitch to begin the game. He stole second base and when Jones doubled, Matney scored from second base.

To begin the second inning, Curry reached base on an infield single. He advanced to third base on an error and then scored on a sacrifice by Mitchell.

Grif Thomas singled, followed by walks to Allen and Matney which loaded the bases. Braxton Judd entered the game as a courtesy runner for Allen. Thomas and Judd scored on a single by Jones, making the score 5-1.

Neither team scored again until the top of the seventh inning. Allen singled to begin the game and Matney was again hit by a pitch. A sacrifice by Jones allowed Allen to move to third. He scored when Squires hit a sacrifice fly to center field.

That ended the scoring for both teams in the game.

Barren County 8 Green County 5

This was a strange game as the Dragons only had four hits in the game but received 13 walks.

Barren County opened up a 5-0 lead before the Dragons got on the scoreboard in the top of the fifth inning. Mitchell walked to lead off the inning.

Another walk to Thomas advanced Mitchell to second. A walk to Matney loaded the bases and Jones grounded into a fielder's choice to score Mitchell.

Barren added three more runs in their half of the fifth inning to make the score 8-1.

Curry singled to begin the inning but with two outs in the top of the sixth inning, Thomas singled and a walk to Allen loaded the bases. Matney's walk scored a run. This was followed by three more walks to Jones, Squires and Houk, scoring three more runs to make the final score 8-5.

Hitting stats for the week:

Allen—3 of 7, Curry—3 of 10, Mitchell—2 of 8, Jones—3 of 14, Houk—2 of 10, Matney—2 of 12, Thomas—2 of 12, Squires—1 of 9, Robertson—1 of 12, Tatum Durrett—0 of 1.

Extra base hits: Home runs—Houk, Squires

Doubles—Mitchell (2), Houk, Jones, Matney.

Pitching stats from last week:

Durrett—7 innings, 6 hits, 3 runs, 4 walks, 4 strikeouts;

Curry—6 innings, 4 hits, 0 runs, 2 walks, 8 strikeouts;

Squires—4.2 innings, 9 hits, 8 runs, 3 walks, 4 strikeouts;

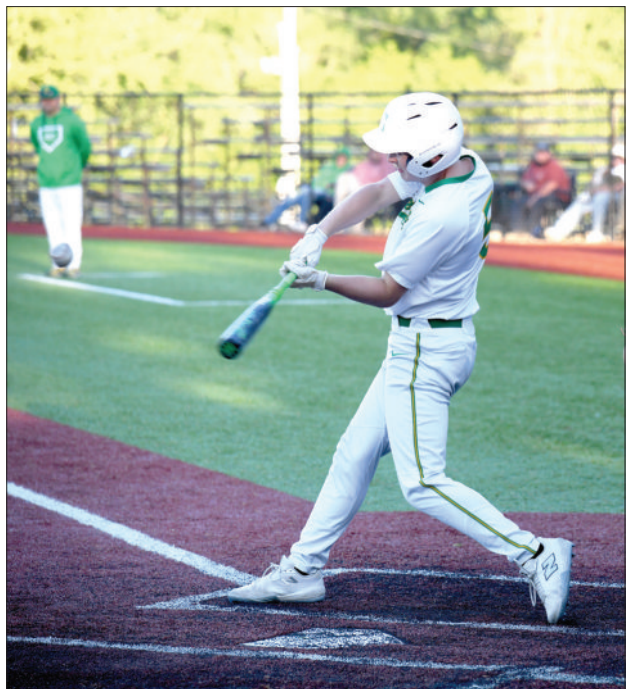
Houk—3.1 innings, 0 hits, 1 run, 4 walks, 3 strikeouts;

Thomas—3 innings, 1 hit, 1 run, 4 walks, 4 strikeouts;

Matney—2 innings, 3 hits, 2 runs, 1 walk, 0 strikeouts;



Larson Matney made an outstanding catch in deep center field against Barren County but when he landed on the outfield fence the ball dropped over the fence resulting in a Barren County homerun.



Jaxson Robertson, a freshman at GCHS, went one for three at the plate against Washington County last week. He also scored a run in the Dragons' 10-3 win over the Commanders.



Cash Jones slides into home to put the Dragons up 8-1 in the fourth inning over Washington County.

Photos by Dale Curry

Jones—1 inning, 3 hits, 6 runs, 3 walks, 1 strikeout.

The Dragons have two home games this weekend. They play Adair County on Friday night at 5:00 p.m. and then take on Boyle County at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.

GCMS Baseball



Brody Ferguson connects at the plate during Thursday night's game against the Hawks.



Brooks DeSimone delivers an RBI hit for the Dragons during Thursday's game against LaRue.



Khy Dunn pitches for the GCMS Dragons during Thursday night's game against the LaRue County Hawks.

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