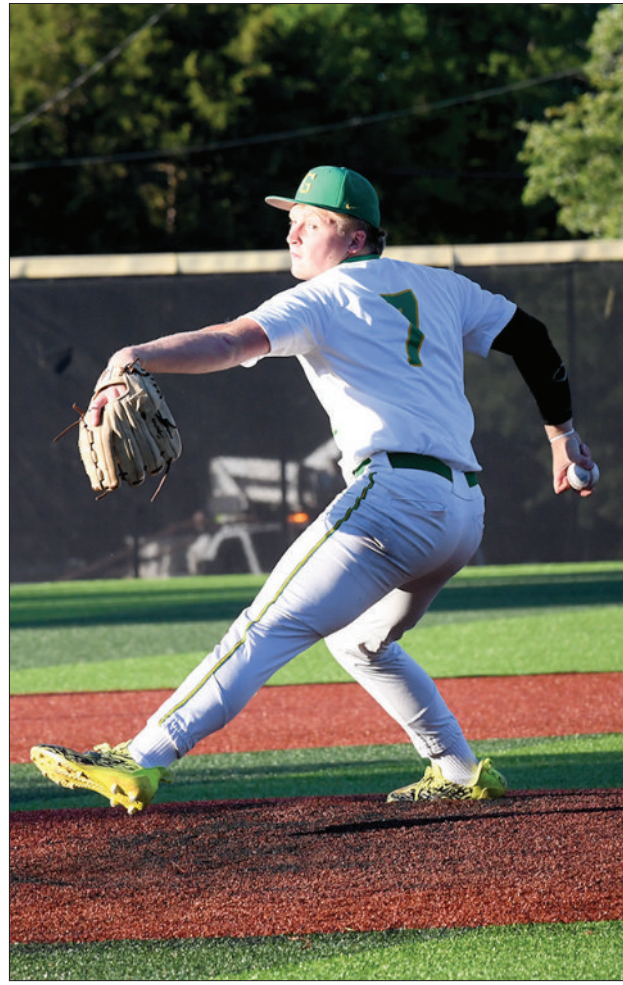
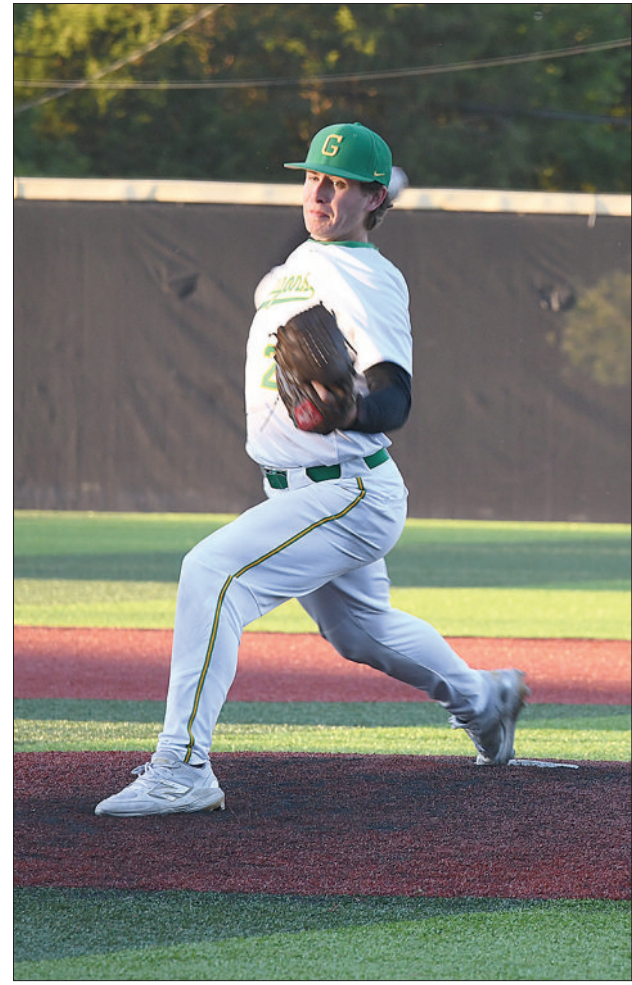


Ty Bonta, who has moved from the outfield to catching, waits for the pitch against Clinton County last week.



Drew Squires was the starting pitcher against Clinton County last week, before moving back to his shortstop position. He struck out four batter in two innings against the Bulldogs.



Larson Matney came on in relief Thursday night, pitching five innings while giving up one run and striking out three.

Dragons win First Round of District Tournament

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The Dragons, the number two seed in the 18th District Tournament, took care of business Monday night, defeating Hart County 4-0 to advance to last night's finals as well as next week's region tournament at Lindsey Wilson University. Grif Thomas pitched a complete game for the Dragons, giving up just three hits in the shutout.

Drew Squires led the way offensively, with a three-run home run in the bottom of the third inning.

Prior to the district tournament this week, the Dragons finished the regular season with a 19-13 record. The win in the district gave them that much sought-after 20 win season.

Green County's baseball team went 1-2 last week as the regular season came to a close. The Dragons dropped games to Russell County and Clinton County before ending the season with an explosive win over Monroe County.

Last Tuesday, Green County lost 4-3 at Russell County. Two weeks earlier, the Dragons had won 13-3 but this game was quite different.

Not often in a game, does one team outit the other team seven to two and still lose the game. But too many walks and errors helped Russell County take the win.

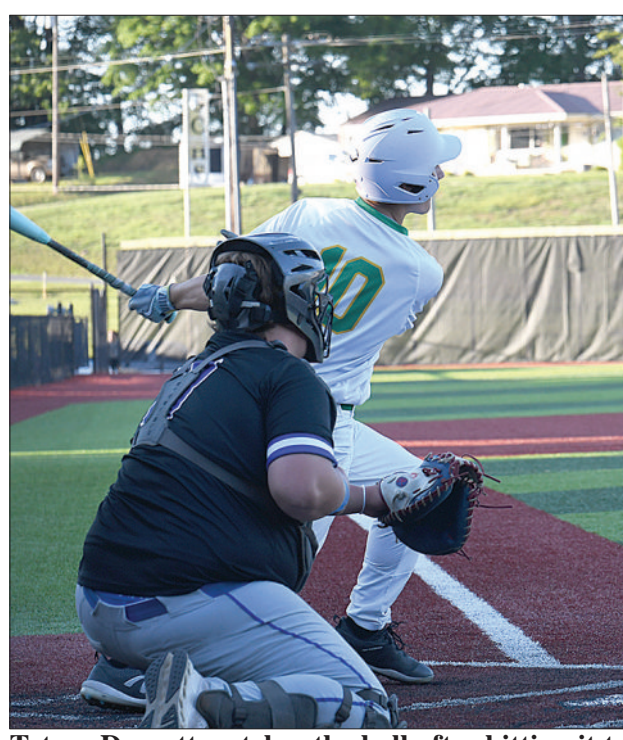
In the top of the third inning, Larson Matney scored on a line-drive single by Drew Squires. This run tied the score at one.

In the top of the fifth inning, Caleb Corbin, who was making his first appearance in a long time because of an eye injury, scored when Cash Jones hit into a fielder's choice. This made the score 4-2 in favor of Russell County after the Lakers had scored three runs in the bottom half of the fourth inning.

In the top of the seventh inning, Reece Mitchell, a pinch runner for Tatum Durrett, scored from third when Matney grounded into another fielder's choice, making the score 4-3 in favor of the Lakers.

The Dragons had no extra-base hits in the game.

Thursday night, the Dragons hosted Clinton County in the last regular season home game. Clinton County took the win 4-2 as the Dragon bats were quiet, collecting only



Tatum Durrett watches the ball after hitting it to the outfield in Thursday night's game against Clinton County.

four hits. Andrew Houk's double was the only extra-base hit for Green County.

Clinton County jumped out to a three to nothing lead in the first inning and Green County struggled to come back from that.

In the bottom of the third inning, Corbin started the inning with a single. He stole second and then scored on a single by Jones. Houk's double then scored Jones who had also stolen second base. This cut the lead to 3-2 after three innings.

Clinton County

added another run in the fourth inning and that was more than enough as the Dragons did not score again, despite leaving two runners on base in the sixth inning.

Even though the Dragons had struggled with their scoring in their first two games last week, Friday night they exploded for ten runs in the first inning against Monroe County in Tompkinsville.

Matney began the game by being hit by a pitch. He stole second base and then advanced to third on a

wild pitch. He scored when Corbin hit a single to left field.

Squires followed that with a double to center field that scored Corbin.

Houk hit his 11th home run of the year that also scored Squires. Walks to Cash Jones, Ty Bonta, and Grif Thomas followed.

After a fielder's choice gave the Dragons one out, Mitchell walked, forcing Braxton Judd to score. Judd was a courtesy runner for Bonta after he reached base.

After the lineup had batted around, Matney singled, scoring Thomas and Braylon Adkins, a courtesy runner for Durrett.

Squires doubled in his next at bat, a line drive to center field. That hit scored Mitchell and Matney.

This was followed by Houk's triple to right field and Squires crossed the plate to give the Dragons a 10-0 lead.

Monroe County scored their only two runs of the game in the bottom of the first inning but that was all their scoring for the game.

In the top of the third inning, Houk doubled to right field, scoring Corbin, who had hit a single. Jones

then doubled to advance Houk to third.

Monroe committed an error when Bonta hit a ground ball, letting him reach first base and Houk scored from third.

That wrapped up the scoring with Green County bringing home a 12-2 win to end the regular season.

Last week's hitting stats:

Houk—4 of 10, Bonta—2 of 6, Corbin—3 of 9, Jones—3 of 9, Squires—3 of 9, Matney—2 of 9, Keelan Curry—1 of 6, Thomas—1 of 6, Durrett—1 of 9, Mitchell—0 of 2

Extra base hits:

Doubles: Houk (2), Jones, Squires (2)

Triples: Houk

Home runs: Houk

Last week's pitching stats:

Matney—5 innings, 5 hits, 1 run, 0 walks, 3 strikeouts

Thomas—4.2 innings, 3 hits, 0 runs, 2 walks, 4 strikeouts

Jones—3.1 innings, 1 hit, 4 runs, 7 walks, 2 strikeouts

Durrett—3 innings, 3 hits, 2 runs, 0 walks, 1 strikeout

Squires—2 innings, 2 hits, 3 runs, 2 walks, 4 strikeouts

A complete wrap-up of the 18th District Tournament, along with photos, will be in next week

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