



Robby Smith guards home plate for the 12U Dragons during Tuesday night's Cal Ripken Tournament game against Simpson County. Green County hosted this year's tournament at American Legion Park.



Preston Atwood, right fielder for the 12U Dragons, drives a pitch into the outfield for a stand-up double during Monday night's game.



Israel Shoopman pitches for the 12U Dragons during their first-round Cal Ripken Tournament game against Simpson County. Shoopman struck out three batters in an evenly matched contest, but the Dragons came up just short, falling 2-1 at American Legion Park.

12U All Star Action



Asher Stearman, shortstop for the 12U Dragons, throws to first base for an out during Monday night's game.



Axton Squires, first baseman for the 12U Dragons, races home to score after stealing his way around the bases.



Easton Squires of the 12U All-Star Dragons makes a catch in center field during the team's first-round Cal Ripken Tournament game against Simpson County.

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UK Sports: Cats to play Vandy, Tennessee, Ole Miss twice; Calipari to return to Rupp Arena next season

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KENTUCKY TODAY

Kentucky's South-eastern Conference basketball schedule was released on Thursday, and the Wildcats will play Mississippi, Tennessee and Vanderbilt twice this season. Kentucky will take on Ole Miss, Tennessee and Vanderbilt at home this season, along with Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, LSU, Texas A&M and South Carolina. The road encounters will include Ole Miss, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi State, Oklahoma and Texas.

owns a 165-79 record. The Wildcats swept Tennessee last season. KY. has won four in a row in Knoxville and has swept the Vols three of the past four seasons. Kentucky is 112-15 overall against Ole Miss and 159-51 against Vandy. Former UK coach John Calipari will return to Rupp Arena for the second time since leaving at the end of the 2023-24 season to take over at Arkansas. Calipari is 1-1 against Kentucky as the coach of the Razorbacks. Kentucky defeated Calipari's squad 85-77 last January in Fayetteville. Times, dates and tv designations for the encounters will be announced at a later date.



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