



Carson Jarvis is among the hard-throwing pitchers for Citronelle, with a fastball that tops 80 mph.

CITRONELLE: Wildcats counting on fastballers

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team once that season is complete. JaMarcus Robinson and BroDerius Frink, both seniors, will join seniors Carson Jarvis and Casten Reed at the leadership end of the roster.

Redding said Reed, Robinson, Ray Hernandez and Andrew Harrison will make up the starting rotation. Reed is the hardest thrower of the lot, with a fastball in the mid-80s, with Robinson able to hit the low 80s and Jarvis also a low 80s pitcher. In Class 5A ball, Redding said, players often are going to see hard stuff in the 70s, so "hitting the 80s will get you some wins."

Some of the position players have already been determined, but there are several vying for first base. Roy Hernandez will get much of the catching duties, although Brian Orso should get some turns behind the plate.

At second base, Frink and D.J. Malone are possibilities. Ray Hernandez will be the primary shortstop, but on days that he is pitching, look for Andre Weaver at short.

Third base will be Jarvis, and there is a long list of infielders who may get a chance at the hot corner.

Outfield will be a combination of Robinson, Reed, Weaver and Orso, and Robinson, as the fastest member of the team, will make an ideal leadoff man. Redding also noted Aaron Peoples as another fast player.

While the Wildcats have speed, power is something they could use some more of, Redding said. Citronelle's home diamond, with spacious outfields, is a product of the wind. On a day when the breeze is off the Gulf, it's in the hitter's face.

A nice north wind, Redding said, on a little cooler day, is going to be more friendly to hitters, especially to lefthanders. "A lefthander who pulls the ball with the help of the wind is going to be able to get it out of here," Redding said.

Citronelle opens at home Feb. 18 against Vigor.

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