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Wildcat Cheerleaders ...

The 2017 Greene County High School Cheer Squad is primed and ready for Friday night football and for their own competition season later this year. The 2017 Wildcat Cheerleaders are (Back row, L-R) Madison Pipkins, Tori Moulds, Peyton Rounsaville, Imani Moody, Kirsten Garrard, Madison Hathorn, Holly Skaggs, Bethany Duckworth, Chloe Turner, SaVannah Howard, (Front row, L-R) Gracie Box, Tylee McCann, Molly Eubanks, Graceanne Walters, Hannah Brazell, Kourtney McDonald, Kinley Thornton, Kalyn Dial, Hallie Meadows and Dariyel Johnson. Seniors on the squad are Dial, Skaggs, Rounsaville, Thornton, Moulds, Meadows and Howard. The cheerleaders are coached by Misti Rounsaville and Leah Burch.

► Defense

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8.5 tackles thus far. He also has a forced fumble and a fumble recovery to his credit and came up with a big interception against George County.

Junior Isaac Byrd is a strong defender that can play multiple positions on defense, including the strong side line-backer. He had 4.5 stops against West Lauderdale and two more against the Rebels, playing on and behind the defensive line.

Sophomore Jaheim Cooper is also expected to see a good bit of playing time this year. Cooper impressed coaches with his attendance and work ethic this summer and can play either the middle or strong-side spots for the Cats. Like McDonald, Cooper will see time along the defensive front and in the line-backing corps. Junior Santez Campbell will provide depth at linebacker and see also playing time for Aycock.

The defensive front has also been solid for the Wildcats and is one of the deeper position groups on the team. Anchoring the line are returning lettermen Blake Daughdrill and Garrett Hicks. At 6-3, 280 pounds, Daughdrill has the size and strength to be a dominating force on the inside for GCHS. He still has work to do with technique, but as a junior with a full season of varsity play already under his belt, Daughdrill seems primed to

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Jacob Aycock
*GCHS Defensive Coordinator
talking about the play of his
defensive secondary*

have a big season for the Wildcats. He had 7.5 tackles in the opener and stepped up against George County with another dominating performance that included five tackles.

Down the line at defensive end is Hicks, the only senior among the regulars in the group. Hicks has a nice combination of size and athleticism to his credit as well and has been solid as a run defender and pass rusher so far.

Sophomore Hunter McLeod and junior Drake Walley have been productive too, combining for 12.5 tackles through two games. Sophomore Josh Bolton, along with Byrd and Cooper, round out the deep defensive line.

One of the big question marks coming into the season, according to Aycock, was whether the defensive backs could tackle in space and also come up for run support. Through the first two weeks the answer has been ‘yes’.

“So far those guys have stepped up to the challenge,”

Aycock said. “We want to attack the football every play and they have done just that and forced six turnovers in our first two games.”

“We play a good Vancleave team this week and for us to be successful our secondary has to be involved in stopping the run game.”

Senior Anthony Blakely is the starting free safety. Blakely is long, rangy and fast and had seven tackles and an interception against West Lauderdale. He followed that up with four tackles and two fumble recoveries against George County.

The starting strong safety is junior Alex Magee, who has nine tackles thus far.

The starting cornerbacks are junior Que Washam and senior Demeeko Lockhart. Freshman Deandre Grice is showing progress and adding depth, while junior Santez Campbell can play cornerback and strong safety when called upon.

Senior Tagg Creech can also play multiple positions on defense and will be called upon regularly for support. Coaches hope his interception late in the game to seal the win over George County is the first of many big plays for Creech this season.

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