GREENE COUNTY WINTER SPORTS SPOTLIGHT



Photo by Russell Turner / Herald Editor

GCHS freshman midfielder Aubrynn Shepherd is shown gaining possession of the ball during a co-ed scrimmage against the boys' JV team last week. Also shown are seventh grader Trey Valentine and GCHS senior Daniel Zehner, who was serving as an on-field coach for the JV team during the practice.



over duties at forward. Moody scored two goals last season, but will be expected to build on those numbers this season. Junior Chloe Strickland and freshman Aubrynn Shepherd will step into the vital centermid positions.

Strickland had a solid sophomore year and was second on the sqaud with four goals a year ago. She has started to pick up a lot of interest from collegiate coaches and has 21 goals and 14 assists to her credit since seventh grade. Despite being in just her first year in high school, Shepherd has plenty of experience with 22 games as a junior high player over the past two years. Thus far in 2018, Strickland has two goals and two assists for the Lady Cats.

"Along with Tylee, we expect Chloe and Aubrynn to help us control the speed of play and help build our attack," Maxwell said.

Senior Dariyel Johnson and her younger sister, eighth grader Lisa Johnson, will help with the Lady Cats scoring options, profar as the Lady Cats have given up just two goals through three games, with just one of those coming when McDonald was in the net.

"I am very excited to be back because I have missed soccer very much," McDonald said. "I hope to be the best keep that I can possibly be and help my team have a great season."

"I was a little anxious in the first tournament games, but now that the season has started I feel very confident. Part of that is because I have so much faith in our defense. I have an unstoppable back line in front of me and I trust them."

The Lady Cats will get a lot of other underclassmen involved this year as role players to provide depth. They will also gain a lot of experience during junior varsity competition. Seventh grader Bailey Csaszar is one of those players and wrapped up the Lady Cats' offensive effort against Wesson by earning her first career goal.

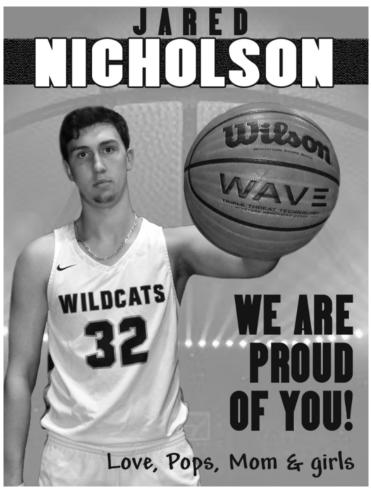
GCHS was back in action at home on Tuesday, but the



GCHS head women's coach Janna Sullivan Maxwell is shown giving instructions to her team during a break in practice last week.

Shown (at right) is junior defender Jaden Ham pushing the ball upfield during the 1-1 draw against Resurrection last week. Ham, who transferred into GCHS this year and has been a welcome addition to the team, took the ball the length of the field on this play.





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viding attacking potential from the outside mid-fielder positions. Dariyel had two assists in the win over Kosciusko, while Lisa showed her upside potential with a breakout, 3-goal, 1assist effort versus Wesson.

On the backside, juniors Zaria Crumpton and Laykin Beech provide defensive experience and overall leadership. Junior transfer Jaden Ham and returning sophomore Annsley Franks will provide help defensively as the outside backs.

Maxwell hopes to get a boost defensively with the return of Anna McDonald, who is back for her senior season as the Lady Cats' goal keeper after two years off the pitch. Maxwell calls McDonald a 'true keeper', which is something she says GCHS has been without over the past few years.

The addition has been good so to a region championship."

results versus Gautier were not available at press time. They travel to Wayne County this Thursday and host George County after coming back from Thanksgiving break for a final tune-up before getting into region play against Vancleave and Poplarville the first week of December.

Senior Dariyel Johnson said the team has a lot of confidence and is looking forward to making a run at getting back in the postseason this year.

"Nothing is more exciting than trusting in your team's ability," Johnson said, referring to her teammates' belief in one another. "I truly believe we have what it takes to go far this year."

"We definitely have something to prove. We've actually all decided on a common goal for the season and that is making it to a region championship."

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