

Greene County Wildcats  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
Juniors

# Experience a plus as Lady Cats kick off 2019 campaign

*GCHS has some big shoes to fill, but lots of returning players*

By **RUSSELL TURNER**  
Herald Editor

GCHS will look to replace five prominent seniors and four of its top producers from a year ago.

A cast of seven seniors and six juniors is a good start, but first-year coach Laurie Wyatt will also have to call on some underclassmen to play key roles if GCHS is going to make a play for a playoff spot or possibly a championship in revamped Region 7-4A.

There is still plenty of time for adjustments, but as GCHS gets the 2019 campaign underway, starters are expected to be seniors Olivia Eubanks, Taylor McLeod and Kayla Mazzocchi, along with sophomore Balee Wilson and juniors Tiana Caver and Gerrin Shaw.

Eubanks was the only non-senior to be named captain on the team a year ago. Wyatt likes her athletic ability and knowledge of the game, but thinks her biggest contribution could be her role as a team leader.

“Olivia is a very strong leader on and off the court,” Wyatt said. “She knows when to speak up and always has something positive and constructive to say.”

“She is a very strong back row player for us. With her experience as libero last year, she will bring the most experience to help the other back row players this year.”

McLeod, Mazzocchi and newcomer Diamond Singleton are seniors Wyatt is counting on to make big impacts early on. Hannah Brockway is another, but her participation has been limited thus far due to an injury.

“Taylor McLeod is a strong front row player,” Wyatt said. “With Jaycee Walley graduating this past year, Taylor has filled that spot as a big presence on the front row. With her height and aggressiveness she will definitely have a big role this year.”

“Kayla Mazzocchi is another strong front row player for us. She can play all over the court, but having her in the front row to use her athleticism and her grit to go after any ball is something that I hope other players see and desire to want to be. She has the potential to be a very good front row hitter.”

Brockway, Wyatt says, is an

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Coach Dale Kimble looks on as senior Taylor McLeod goes up to spike a ball at the net. McLeod's size and athleticism should give the Lady Cats a physical presence at the net this year. Senior Kayla Mazzocchi (shown inset, left) is one of the more experienced players on the squad.



**GC**  
MOLLY  
**EUBANKS**  
#3 JUNIOR

**GC**  
EDEE  
**HAVARD**  
#5 JUNIOR

**GC**  
GERRIN  
**SHAW**  
#11 JUNIOR

**GC**  
TIANA  
**CAVER**  
#12 JUNIOR

**GC**  
MADISON  
**PIPKINS**  
#18 JUNIOR

**GC**  
MAKAYLA  
**WHISENHUNT**  
#33 JUNIOR

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