

Greene County Wildcats
VOLLEYBALL
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#17 SOPHOMORE



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HARLI
PHILLIPS
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GC
KENDELL
SMITH
#22 SOPHOMORE



GC
BALEE
WILSON
#28 SOPHOMORE



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EMILEE
PEARCE
#35 SOPHOMORE




Photo by Russell Turner - Herald Editor

Coach Laurie Wyatt is shown demonstrating technique at practice this past Monday. Wyatt used Monday to go over situations that caused her team some problems in the preseason scrimmages on Saturday at Pass Christian.

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believe that it has helped. It is a huge blessing that I have been able to be with most of the players since the beginning, so they understand my personality, what makes me tick, what likes and dislikes I have. So they are able to set the standard for the younger and new players. And same goes for them. I know what makes them tick, I feel I have a good idea of what motivates them, and I know their strengths and weaknesses."

Growing program now boasts 30 players on varsity, JV and freshman teams

With 30 players in grades 9-12 this season, enthusiasm for the sport is not a problem. The 30-player roster includes 10 freshmen, which speaks well for the future. However, finding ways to replace four key players lost to graduation in May is going to be one of the biggest obstacles for success this season.

Thankfully, Wyatt's squad has a solid group of returning players and a lot more experience to draw on than the previous two seasons. And, Wyatt is particularly excited about her senior group, which she says brings a lot to the table, both on and off the court.

"We have many girls who are very distinguished in many different areas and some play multiple sports," Wyatt said. "I believe the extracurricular activities and leadership groups they are a part of have helped developed them into the type of leaders they are."

"They know when to speak up and also how to lead by example. They are definitely a very strong group who has a lot of integrity and pride in what they do and who they represent."

Wyatt is also expecting great leadership from assistant coaches Dale Kimble and Anna Lauren Prentiss. Kimble has made his mark on high school basketball in the state with over 600 career

wins, but also made his mark on GCHS volleyball as one of its biggest supporters the past two seasons. His addition to the staff has been a natural boost.

"Coach Kimble came to me back in the spring before I was ever officially approached about the job and he told me that if I was offered the job, he would love to be my assistant," Wyatt said. "I was very thankful for his willingness and it was a great fit since he drove us to our games


last year which allowed the girls to already be familiar with him. I don't think he and (Kimble's wife) Mrs. Ramona missed a match last year."

Prentiss has head-coaching experience herself as the former leader of the GCHS softball program. She and Wyatt have a strong relationship outside the school and when the opportunity to add another assistant presented itself, her name was at the top of the list for Wyatt.

"When we decided to make a 9th grade squad, Coach Bray mentioned that I might need another assistant," Wyatt added. "My first person to think of was Anna Lauren Prentiss. I am so grateful for her and her willingness to come alongside with us. She brings so much to the table, having been a coach and being a natural leader and competitor."

"I am truly blessed with the best assistants. I will forever be indebted to them."

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