

McGill-Toolen girls count on senior leaders

Six seniors each have at least four years on team

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The McGill-Toolen softball team will feature an experienced roster this season, which head coach Brian Callaway hopes will translate into more victories and more success for the Yellow Jackets this season.

The heavy portion of experience will come from the six seniors on the roster this season, most of whom will be expected to fill key roles for the Yellow Jackets. The list may be trimmed to five, based on a recent injury suffered by Indya Davis. Her availability for the season won't be determined until a later date.

The five seniors who are ready to begin the year include Caroline Eliot (pitcher), Corinne Stein (shortstop), Lindsey Mecom (second base), Alexis Riley (catcher) and Lauren Harvison (outfield).

"I've got six seniors this year that have been on the team at least four years, so they have grown up playing McGill softball," Callaway said. "So I look to them to be the leaders for us this year."

Each of the seniors brings playing experience to the lineup and will be counted on to provide leadership, but also the hits and runs the Yellow Jackets need if they are going to produce more than the 11 victories they collected a season ago.

"We have experience," Callaway said. "They have really come around the past couple of years and I'm really looking forward to seeing what they can do this year."

It won't only be members of the senior class Callaway will count on this season. Sophomore pitcher Bailee Welsh will also play a key role in the circle for the Yellow Jackets. She is committed to play at Texas State following her prep career.

"She'll handle a lot of the pitching



Lindsey Mecom, right, is among the seniors who "have grown up playing McGill softball," said coach Brian Callaway. Mecom is pictured with Lurleen B. Wallace head softball coach Tiffany Taylor, after the Yellow Jacket second baseman signed a scholarship to play college ball for the Saints after she graduates from McGill.

for us, along with Caroline," Callaway said, noting when Welsh is pitching Eliot will play third base, and when Eliot is in the circle Welsh will be at third base.

As for the strength of his team, Callaway said it's the "all-around play"

this year's team provides that stands out most to him.

"I feel good about the group," he said. "The area (competition) is going to be tough, but I think we'll be more competitive this season than we have been in past years."