

Eagles Baseball, continued from 2C

2020 GOLDTHWAITE SOFTBALL PRESEASON ROSTER	
Name	Position, Class
Athena Vanderlaan	OF, SO
Bayleigh Hicks	RF, SR
Britni Roberts,	3RD, FR
Dakota Sutherland	P, SR
Jadyn Deweese	OF, JR
Jaycie Chapman	OF, FR
Jenna Fincher	2ND, FR
Jessica Horton	P, SR
Jessica Vanegas	RF, SO
Kelly Ables	CF, JR
Macy Seward	2ND, SR
Maggie Tupin	SS, SO
Makayla Miles	LF SS, FR
Mia Herrera	1ST 3RD, SO
Reagan Switzer	C, SO

Head Coach – Rylee Jones
 Assistant Coach – Alex Biddle
 Volunteer Coach - Rylee Jones
 Managers: Amaya Cabrera, Karamie Gilbert, Lanna Gore

Miles 9-7. The 2019 Eagles were good enough to play the district leaders close, but couldn't pull out a win.

Schovajsa has two solid cornerstones to build around in seniors Rance House and Isaac Chavez. House was voted the 2019 Utility Player of the Year in District 7-2A after playing catcher, pitcher and in the infield. House batted .289 last year with 10 doubles in 12 district games. As a pitcher, House posted a 3.41 earned run average with 25 strikeouts in 26 innings. He also led the Eagles' defense with 56 put-outs in the field.

Chavez, a first-team all-district infielder last year, is slated to catch and play second base this year. Chavez batted .290 with eight runs batted in during district last year. He also had 43 put-outs, which was second on the team.

Jackson Patrick was voted second-team all-district at shortstop last year as a

freshman. He batted .303 with 10 hits, eight walks and eight runs scored during district. Patrick will also pitch some this year, Schovajsa said.

Senior Jaxon Wootton, junior Jett Jay Johnson, and sophomores Cason Guthrie and Mitchel Hopper made honorable mention all-district last season. Wootton, who could pitch, play first base or the outfield, batted .250 last year. Guthrie, a first baseman and outfielder, scored nine runs and had eight hits in district last year. Hopper, a catcher and outfielder, batted .257 with nine runs scored in district last year. Johnson, an outfielder, batted .320 in district last year.

Sophomores Kody Roberts, a third baseman, and Mitchel Hopper, a catcher and outfielder, are both returning starters. Seth Gardner, another sophomore, could also see time at second base and in the outfield.

The Eagles will have two players who couldn't play last year because they were recovering from football injuries. Senior Nick Jones will pitch some and "could play anywhere in the field," Schovajsa said. Sophomore Dusty Partin, who also was on the mend last season, is slated to play centerfield this season.

Weldon Krause and Jordan Simon, two seniors who weren't on the roster last year, also figure to see time in the outfield.

"Being new here and just getting to know the kids as baseball players, I'm not real definite on team expectations right now," Schovajsa said. "But making the playoffs is always a goal."

To do that, the Eagles must finish ahead of one of last year's 2A playoff teams -- De Leon, Winters, Cross Plains or Miles. De Leon is the defending district champion with an 11-1 record last year, but

the Bearcats' fortunes this year will depend a lot on the health of pitcher Lane Powledge.

Winters, last year's district runner-up at 9-3, returns several key players, including all its pitchers and infielders. Cross Plains, the No. 3 playoff seed last year at 8-4, and Miles (also 8-4) figure to be tough to knock from playoff contention.

2020 Goldthwaite Eagles Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 25	Baird	5
March 3	at Hamilton	5
March 3-7	at Eula Tournament	TBA
March 10	at San Saba	5
March 13	Santa Anna	5
March 17	at Cross Plains	5
March 20	Hico	5
March 24	at May	5
March 27	at Gorman	5
March 31	DeLeon	5
April 3	San Saba	5
April 7	at Santa Anna	5
April 10	Cross Plains	1
April 14	at Hico	5
April 17	May	5
April 21	Gorman (Senior Night)	5
April 24	at DeLeon	5

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Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 28	Moody (doubleheader)	4:30 p.m.
March 3	at Early	4:30 p.m.
March 5-7	Valley Mills Tournament	TBA
March 10	at Miles-x	4:30 p.m.
March 17	at Cross Plains-x	4:30 p.m.
March 20	Mason	4:30 p.m.
March 24	at May-x	4:30 p.m.
March 27	at Gorman-x	4:30 p.m.
March 31	De Leon-x	4:30 p.m.
April 3	Miles-x	4:30 p.m.
April 7	at Winters-x	4:30 p.m.
April 10	Cross Plains-x	1 p.m.
April 17	May-x	4:30 p.m.
April 21	Gorman-x	4:30 p.m.
April 24	at De Leon-x	4:30 p.m.
April 28	Winters-x	4:30 p.m.

x-District 7-2A games

Subject to Change. Goldthwaite plans to play JV games, but there is no set schedule yet.

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