



THE 2020 GOLDTHWAITE BASEBALL TEAM: Back Row: Jordan Simon, Rance House, Jaxon Wooton, Cason Guthrie, Mitchel Hopper, Jett Johnson, Garren Higginbotham, “Front” Back Row: Jackson Patrick, Adrean Martinez, Kyler Shelton, Logan Brown, JD Valdez, “Kneeling” Row: Seth Gardner, Dusty Partin, Kody Roberts, Caleb Avants, Joaquin Castorena, Front Row: Saul Vaquera, Aries Vanderlaan, Hayden Fletcher, Austin Senger, Wezlee Wilkey.

Eagle baseball hopes to benefit from last year’s growing pains

By Mike Lee
Eagle Contributor

Can lessons from a hard rebuilding season in 2019 pay off for the Goldthwaite baseball team as the Eagles start this season with new head coach Matthew Schovajsa?

We’ll find out within the next couple of months as Goldthwaite faces another tough challenge in District 7-2A. The Eagles return all their starters from last year, when they fielded a young team and finished 7-11 overall and 4-8 in district. The Eagles went 0-8 against De Leon, Winters, Cross Plains and Miles -- the other Class 2A teams in the 2A/1A combo district. The Eagles missed the playoffs for just the second time since restarting baseball in 2007.

Schovajsa will be Goldthwaite’s third head coach in four years, following Jess Seward the last two seasons and Tim Spradley from 2007-2017.

“I’m excited. The kids are excited,” said Schovajsa, a former all-state shortstop at Crosbyton entering his first season as a head baseball coach. “Being new here, it helps having almost everybody back from last year.”

Although the Eagles didn’t beat any other 2A team in district last year, they were close in a lot of the losses. Goldthwaite lost to district champion De Leon 4-2, to runner-up Winters 5-4, to third-place Cross Plains 9-6, and to fourth-place

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| 2019 District 7-2A Baseball Final Standings | | |
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| Team | Dist. | Overall |
| 2A-De Leon | 11-1 | 15-7 |
| 2A-Winters | 9-3 | 13-5 |
| 2A-Crss Plains | 8-4 | 9-7 |
| 2A-Miles | 8-4 | 13-13 |
| 2A-G’waite | 4-8 | 7-11 |
| 1A-Gorman | 1-11 | 7-13 |
| 1A-May | 1-11 | 1-13 |
| Note: Class 2A playoff qualifiers were De Leon, Winters, Cross Plains and Miles. Gorman and May both made the Class 1A playoffs. | | |

| 2020 Goldthwaite Eagles Baseball Roster | |
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| Name | Position, Class |
| Rance House | P, C, INF - SR |
| Isaac Chavez | C, INF - SR |
| Jaxon Wootton | 1B, P, OF - SR |
| Nick Jones | P, INF, OF - SR |
| Jordan Simon | OF - SR |
| Weldon Krause | OF - SR |
| JD Valdez | OF, INF - SR |
| Jett Jay Johnson | OF - JR |
| Aries Vanderlaan | INF, OF - JR |
| Mitchel Hopper | C, OF - SO |
| Cason Guthrie | 1B, OF, P - SO |
| Jackson Patrick | INF, P - SO |
| Kody Roberts | INF, C - SO |
| Dusty Partin | OF - SO |
| Seth Gardner | OF, INF - SO |
| Adrean Martinez | OF - SO |
| Kyler Shelton | OF - SO |
| Saul Vaquera | OF - SO |
| Jessy Anzua | OF, INF - SO |
| Caleb Avants | INF, OF - FR |
| Logan Brown | INF, OF - FR |
| Joaquin Castorena | INF, OF - FR |
| Hayden Fletcher | INF, OF - FR |
| Austin Senger | INF, OF - FR |
| Ridge Stegemoller | INF, OF - FR |
| Wezlee Wilkey | INF, OF - FR |
| Coaches - Head Coach, Matthew Schovajsa; Assistant Coach, Klark Ashmore | |

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