



Lady Cats
Varsity

The 2020 Greene County High School varsity softball team is made up of (Front, L-R) Breeze Jordan, Kat Garrett, Olivia Eubanks, Desitiny Eubanks, Kayla Mazzocchi, Jalon Walley, Kamryn Helton, (Middle) Gracie Walley, Lisa Johnson, Tiana Caver, Hayley McCordle, Brooklyn Lee, AnnaHenderson, , Charlee Meadows, Kayton Welford (Back) Breanna Walley, Charleigh Stewart, Britton Dunnam, Gen Walley, Taylor Brewer, Hannah Hillman and Maryah Moulds.

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Lady Cats have weapons to produce big innings

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GCHS softball has top offensive producers back for 2020 season

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GCHS averaged just under seven runs per game season last year and found ways to push runners across for wins in tight, low-scoring games as well. They lost less than 10 percent of that run production to graduation and expect to be able to put some big innings together in 2020.

They showed glimpses of that ability in the pre-season jamboree, but were kept off balance in their official opener against D'Iberville. While one game isn't a good sample size for what the Cats can expect this year, finding consistency at the plate will be a big focus for Coach Tyler Barham moving forward.

"I think we had started to turn the corner offensively, which showed (in the jamboree) with the older girls producing," Barham said. "But we took a step backwards against D'Iberville and need to keep working hard to fix that

"I think we are pretty solid in the pitching circle and defensively. "We don't have to score a ton of runs because of that, but would like to find ways to put together some big innings."

"But, in those games where we don't do that, if we can scratch out 2-3 runs we should be in every game."

If Barham can get his top three returners from a year ago going, the Lady Cats should be able to produce runs. Senior Kayla Mazzocchi, junior Kat

Garrett and sophomore CharLee Meadows each hit above .400 last season and accounted for a large portion of the teams' run production.

Meadows led the way with a breakout freshman campaign that saw her hit for a .433 average and lead the team in RBIs and extra base hits. She led the team with 29 hits, including two homers, eight doubles and four triples. She was also second on the squad in runs scored with 23 to her credit.

Garrett, who led the team with a .444 average, committed to play for Jones College in the offseason and hopes to draw even more attention with a standout junior campaign. She led the team with 26 runs scored and 11 stolen bases, while finishing third in RBIs with 17 on the year. An All-Region honoree the past two seasons, she was named the

team's co-captain this year and Barham says she has really grown into a leader on the team.

"I look for Kat to be the team leader in runs scored and RBIs," Barham said. "She sets the tone and gets us going offensively. Her speed is a real edge and puts a lot of pressure on opposing defenses."

"CharLee plays like an upper-classmen. She has great athleticism and instincts and I expect her to be a big producer at the top of the order for us."

Mazzocchi came on strong as a junior, hitting for a .429 average and finishing second on the team with 24 hits. She signed to play softball with Meridian Community College in the offseason and is starting the season as the team's lead-off hitter.

"Kayla has worked very hard and we are counting on her to

be a catalyst for us at the top of the order," Barham added.

Another big bat in the lineup will be junior catcher Tiana Caver. She had a nice sophomore campaign, hitting for a .323 average with 20 hits and 11 RBIs, which helped spur the attention of collegiate coaches. She showed glimpses of power last year and looked really strong in the jamborees with a home run and a double.

"Tiana is one of the girls we are counting on in the middle of the lineup," Barham said. "She swung it well opening day and has the ability to really be a top producer for us."

Junior Hannah Hillman has come on strong in the offseason, according to coaches, and along with senior Destiny

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There are **PLAYERS** of the Game

PLAYERS of the Week

BUT, You Will Always be the **PLAYER** of My Heart

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Charleigh Stewart

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