

Meet the 2020

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HIGH SCHOOL WILDCATS

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Defensive Back
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#17

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Defensive Back
SENIOR

#27

Zane
TURNER



Defensive Line
SENIOR

#40

Devon
MCCLELLAND



Defensive Back
SENIOR

#49

Anthony
LONDON



Offensive Line
SENIOR

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of character. Our kids deserve to have high character men coaching them.”

“These coaches have blended in with the present staff to form a very close group.”

Coaches and teachers have certainly earned their salaries with all the new challenges they’ve faced this year. But, the players have had a lot thrown at them too. Dungan said he is very proud of the way his team has responded and is excited they have a chance to get on the field and play the game.

“These kids are ready,” Dungan said. “They have been working hard and buying in to what we are doing and what we are asking of them through all of this.”

“Their attitude has been great, but they are ready to get this season started. They are ready to play.”

Rotch said while the delays and postponements caused by the pandemic have been frustrating, there has been a silver lining.

“We actually ended up with more time for workouts and summer practices and our kids never wavered,” Rotch said. “They kept working hard and pushing forward.”

“We averaged 75 kids per workout for 20 days, despite the restrictions and inconveniences, and had 34 players with perfect attendance for the summer program.”

That extra time shouldn’t be discounted either, as GCHS lost a whopping 17 seniors off last year’s team including the top producers on both sides of the ball. That’s a lot of production to replace, and while the cupboard wasn’t left bare for Rotch and his coaching staff, the overall experience level of the team is a concern headed into the season. That kink in the armor was on display on Friday in Lucedale when the Wildcats took on rival George County in a season-opening jamboree.

“Some of our younger guys need a little more work to be prepared and that was one of the few negatives from Friday night,” Dungan said. “There were a lot of positives during the game and the mistakes we

made are things we can fix.”

“We had nine guys over there as first-time starters on defense and while our technique could have been better at times, they competed hard. Offensively, we would have obviously liked to have converted on our opportunities in the red zone, but there were still a lot of things we can build on.”

Rotch and company now turn their attention to the Bulldogs from Perry Central, who will come to Wildcat Stadium this Friday for the regular season opener for both teams. The Bulldogs were a 2A playoff team a year ago and return a big group of seniors and nearly every major contributor on each side of the ball.

“They are a very athletic team and create some matchup issues,” Dungan said. “They have impressive skill guys and a lot of experience coming back.”

If the Wildcats can get a win over the Bulldogs, that would be a big boost with Quitman coming to town on Sept. 11. The Cats will then travel to Gautier to take on the Gators in their final non-region game of the regular season, enjoy a week off and then hop into the region schedule with a game at Sumrall on Oct. 2. Home games against Forrest County AHS (Oct. 9), Stone County (Oct. 16) and Poplarville (Oct. 23) will follow, before a road trip to Purvis on Oct. 30 to wrap up the regular season.

Sumrall and FCAHS finished last in the region last year with just a single win in region between them. But, both teams return a lot of starters and have big senior groups to lean on, which Dungan says makes them dangerous.

“Stone County will be stronger this year with a lot of players back,” Dungan added. “Poplarville is always solid and Purvis feels like they have a special group coming through.”

“We know we are going to face a tough schedule in our region. That’s just a given. We just need to focus on what we do and worry about making sure we are ready to play each week.”

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