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Collegians

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Former Wildcat and JCJC Bobcat Jordan Chapman parlayed two seasons in Ellisville to an opportunity to continue his education at Troy University. Chapman earned a spot on the NJCAA All-Region 23 Team and to the All-MACJC Team following his sophomore season at Jones, where he anchored the line and was rated as the No. 9 JUCO guard in the country by 247 Sports.

Chapman transferred to Troy in the spring and participated in spring practice where he caught the eye of the coaching staff. That continued as fall preparations got underway.

"We still need to settle on who is going to be our left guard and right tackle," Troy head coach Chip Lindsey said. "Jordan Chapman has looked really good at times and he's also being pushed at times. We have a lot of good competition going for those positions, which is what you want to see."

Another former Wildcat playing ball outside the state is 2020 graduate Jacob Mitchell. An injury early in the season derailed Mitchell's senior season, but he landed on his feet and on scholarship at Taylor University where he is listed as a freshman quarterback. Taylor, a NAIA school, has postponed its season until the spring, which should work out well for his parents as they should get to follow the action of both their sons (Noah is Jacob's older brother).



Noah Mitchell
Pearl River CC



Hayden West
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Eli Erkhart
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Jacob Mitchell
Taylor University



Josh Bolton
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Wildcat Coaching staff ...

The GCHS football program underwent a big coaching change in the offseason as former head coach Mike King left to pursue an opportunity in the college ranks and defensive coordinator Jacob Aycock left to be closer to home and his young family and landed at rival Poplarville as the leader of the defense there.

But, the Wildcats landed two veteran coaches with the promotion of offensive coordinator Rotch Dungan to head coach and the addition of former Poplarville defensive coordinator Timmy Story. Principal Scott Bray has lauded the leadership of Dungan and his coaching staff in leading the program and its student athletes during a difficult time.

Assistant coach Brance Crane was elevated to offensive coordinator, while coach Kaelin Moore remains on the staff as the Cats' receivers coach. Former GCHS standout Garrett West is on staff and coaching linebackers, while 2020 Valedictorian and former GCHS lineman Cameron Dunnam is a volunteer assistant offensive line coach, working directly with Dungan on that position group.

Three new coaches have joined the staff. Veteran coach David Tadlock, who has years of experience coaching high school and collegiate football is with the program as defensive line coach. The former University of Memphis running back coaches that position group for GCHS, while Paul Gamil is on staff as the defensive secondary coach.

Shown (L-R) are Grayson, Tadlock, Crane, West, Dungan, Moore, Story, Gamil and Dunnam.

Another key part of the team for Dungan is the 3-member support staff of (Inset, L-R) Chico Jack, Jeffrey West and Lee Hill. The trio assists the coaching staff with a host of issues, including transportation, equipment and filming.



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