



Photo by Russell Turner - Herald Editor

Go Get em' Wildcats

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Up-and-Coming Wildcats

The future appears bright for GCHS baseball. Several underclassmen are making big contributions on the Wildcat varsity team this year and will be even more experienced and talented in future seasons. And, there is a strong group of up-and-coming players, including four eighth graders, who have their sights set on big things themselves as they gain experience this season on the Wildcat freshman team. They are (Kneeling, L-R) Colton Stringer, Cameron Kelly, Roman Pierce, James Arnold, Izayah Jordan, Peyton Errington, (Standing) Brycen Johnson, Cole Helton, Tye Miller, Brayden Bufkin, Maddax McDonald and Kemper Williams. Landon Green is not pictured.

GCHS Freshmen Team 2021 Schedule

March 4 vs Richton	March 29 vs Petal
March 8 @ Wayne Co.	April 5 @ Poplarville
March 22 vs Forrest Co. AHS	April 8 vs Poplarville
March 25 @ Forrest Co. AHS	April 15 vs Laurel

All Dates are Double Headers beginning at 5 pm

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Brayden BUFKIN



Collegians

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and two home runs.

A classmate of Moore's, Garrett West has found his way back onto the baseball field as a freshman for Southeast Baptist College in Laurel. The *Herald* reached out to SBC for additional information but did not hear back from school officials prior to publication. West said he was enjoying being an every day player for the school and being a part of its inaugural baseball team.

Kole Kittrell, a member of the GCHS Class of 2017, rode a 2-year sting at Gulf Coast Community College to an opportunity at Delta State where he is in his second year with the Statesmen. He made eight relief appearances for Delta State before last season was halted by the pandemic.

He had nine strikeouts to his credit through 7.1 innings at the time and did not allow a run in five of his eight relief appearances. He has seen limited action in the Statesmen's first six games, but is expected to be an important piece of the DSU pitching staff as the season progresses.

Mary Grace Turner, who was a classmate of Kittrell's at GCHS, had a stellar junior college career at Pearl River Community College and is in her second season at William Carey University. Turner, a junior at WCU in terms of college eligibility, recently completed her bachelor's degree and has started graduate school. She is having similar success on the softball field for the Crusaders.

Turner was the final

Southern States Conference Player of the Week in 2020 and the first selection for the award for the 2021 season after going 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles against Southeastern and 3-for-4 with three runs, a homer and two RBIs in two games v. No. 25 Webber International (Fla.). On the season, Turner is batting at a .433 clip with seven doubles, a homer, and 10 RBIs. She leads her team in those categories and in total hits.

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