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Reloaded Lady Cats not expecting any decline in run production



Junior Ciara Spiers is shown crossing the plate for a run in the Lady Cats’ 13-1 win over Gautier earlier this season. Spiers, who is a new addition to the program this season after transferring into the school district, was 2-for-3 at the plate in that game with two runs scored.

Despite losing 3 top producers to graduation, the Lady Cats feel good about their ability to put runs on the board

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The Lady Wildcats saw a ton of offensive production leave the program with last May’s graduation by Kat Garrett, Tiana Caver and Hannah Hillman. However, the 2022 batting lineup, looks well suited to be able to make up that lost production, or possibly even exceed it.

The trio of graduates accounted for just under 40 percent of the Lady Cats 138

runs driven in a year ago. But, they didn’t leave the cupboard bare at the GCHS softball field house.

Top upperclassmen like senior CharLee Meadows and juniors Breeze Jordan and Taylor Brewer are back. And, so are rising sophomores Baleigh Keys and Katie Helton, freshman Erin Meadows and eighth grade phenoms Kambrie Lawrence and Zamiah Knight. Toss in the arrival of junior Ciara Spiers, who transferred in from Poplarville in the off-season, and seventh grader Addie Tungett, and Coach Tyler Barham appears to have plenty of firepower to lean on this year.

“I feel like when we have everyone healthy and available to play that we have a lineup that is going to give opposing teams a lot of trouble,” Barham said. “Of course, nobody is going to just give it to us, but I think we definitely have a lot of

potential in our lineup.”

Barham is still tinkering with his lineup and has used several different ones through the first several games.

Knight and Spears appear set to lead the top of the

order. Knight led the team in plate appearances last year with 77 and finished with eight RBIs and 17 runs scored as a seventh grader. Stats available for four games this year, show Knight with a .455 batting average and four runs scored.

Spears’ posted a .378 average as a starter for the Lady Hornets last year. She is off to a good start in her first season

as a Lady Wildcats, hitting .600 thus far with three RBIs and an equal number of runs scored.

Taylor Brewer, CharLee Meadows and Breeze Jordan appear locked in for the middle of the batting order. Brewer drove in 12 runs as a

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