

Defense

ting her defense do the work for her,” Barham said. “Erin is more of a power pitcher who looks forward to striking batters out.

“Knight, much like Erin, is a high-velocity pitcher who could end up with a lot of strikeouts. We feel having these three arms allows us to mix and match who we put in the circle and not over-work one pitcher.”

Even on the occasions when batters put the ball into play, they’re still going to have a hard time reaching base safely. The Lady Cats’ pitchers will receive support from an experienced group of fielders, all starting with senior standout shortstop CharLee Meadows.

Meadows had a big 2021, receiving All-Region honors and committing to play at the next level for Pearl River Community College. She occasionally plays third base as well, and has quite the knack for making a huge impact on games from either spot.

“CharLee is a grind-it-out type of player who brings a lot to the table,” Barham said. “She has a magnetic personality and is extremely gritty. She’s the type of player you want who always leaves the field with a dirty uniform. We’re so happy to have her.”

Just to Stewart’s left will be junior Jalon Walley at second base, and much like Stewart she has the ability to make plays from nearly anywhere in the infield whenever her number is called upon to do so. To the right at third base will be junior Breeze Jordan, who brings experience to the field gained through 19 games in the defensive lineup during her sophomore campaign.

First base will be covered by several different Lady Cats, depending on who takes the mound to pitch. Brewer brings the most experience to the position, while Stewart and Erin Meadows have also proven to be reliable starters whenever Brewer is called upon in the pitching circle. Replacing last year’s senior catcher Tiana Caver will be eighth-grader Kambrie Lawrence, who was selected to the All-Region squad as a seventh-grader and hopes to



Photo by Garnett Colburn / George County Times

Senior CharLee Meadows is shown making a sliding grab and tag during opening day action at George County. The Pearl River Community College signee is part of an experienced and talented infield for GCHS this season.

have an even larger impact for the Lady Cats during the seasons to come.

“Kambrie is young but solid defensively with a very high softball IQ,” Barham said. “She’s also solid at third base or in the outfield. We’re definitely expecting big things from her.”

Erin Meadows returns with experience to bring to the center field position, having played in 21 games as an eighth-grader and posting a .923 fielding percentage. She’ll see several different teammates to her right and left this season, the most experienced being junior Ciara Spiers, sophomore Baleigh Keys and eighth-grader Lilly Rau who each had opportunities to show off their playmaking abilities during their time in the outfield last season.

“There’s good competition for those outfield spots,” Barham said. “Meadows brings experience to the group and cov-

ers a lot of ground in the outfield with her speed. Ciara, Baleigh and Lilly have also been impressive when they’ve had the

chance to get out there. We’re fortunate to have a lot of options. A lot of it will just depend on who is swinging the bat the best.”

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Char Leigh

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