



# DCHS Athletics Newsletter

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## Return to Sports

Wolverine Fans,

On June 8, GHSA approved for high school athletes and coaches to return to sports and get back to work. It began with training only, with no sports specific equipment. GHSA made adjustments almost weekly as they monitored the state. We put an infectious disease plan in place, as we continue to monitor our athletes and coaches on a daily basis through daily temperature checks, while educating them on symptoms.

Our athletes have been training hard, preparing for what they hope will be a successful season. Amidst all the fears from a worldwide pandemic, we hope our kids are blessed with a full season of athletics. However, one thing we want to clearly communicate, as leaders we have to ensure the safety of our children, first and foremost. We will submit to the governing authorities and obey the recommendations they make for our state. For our fans, we will do our best to make the experience as safe as possible for you. I am sure there will be adjustments as data will surely change from month to month. As Dr. Harris has stated, the only thing that seems constant now is change. Please pray for us as we do our best to navigate through these trying times and make the best decisions for kids. As always, be present, be positive, be LOUD, and last but not least, GO WOLVERINES!!!!



James H. Fahrney, Jr.  
Principal



Brent Cooper  
Athletic Director

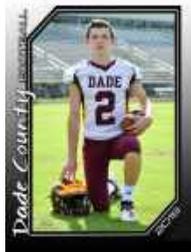


# Wolverine Football 2020 Season Preview

Coach Jeff Poston, who has put Dade County Wrestling on the map, begins his tenure as head football coach this Fall. "Hard work, commitment to yourself and your team, and accountability are key ingredients for success", says Coach Poston. "I'm looking forward to seeing these kids benefit from the sweat they've poured during the offseason and summer workouts."

The Wolverines return 7 offensive starters and 6 defensive starters. Senior Makinley Everett returns as the signal caller for Dade County. Other key starters for the Wolverines include Sr. Cooper McGarey, Sr. Bailey Floyd, Jr. Cody Williams and Jr. Isaac Pangle. Jr. Austin Sorrelle and Soph. Zeke Wheeler have both matured physically in the weight room and will be expected to become key contributors. Sophomore David Cole has grown a foot, catching anything that comes close to him. The Wolverines also welcome two athletic newcomers, Brodie Swader and Cayden Cooper, who are expected to compete for playing time as juniors in the program.

Coach Poston states, "We will be heading into the season with a very solid group of returning players. If we can find some depth, we should be able to make some strides this season in the right direction."





## Lady Wolverines Softball 2020 Season Preview

Coach Stephen Graham is anxious to get his Lady Wolverines back out of the field this Fall. The Lady Wolverine Softball team is looking to build upon a very successful 2019 campaign where they won seventeen games, with a 12-2 Region 7AA record.

Junior Kami Counts returns with confidence as the team's starting pitcher. Coach Graham states, "Kami has really worked hard this offseason in the weight room. I believe that the experience she gained last year coupled with her work ethic is a recipe for success. We'll be relying heavily on Kami, but we have some other pitchers in Sophomore Alyssa Wilson, and newcomer Kayleigh Warnock, who can definitely take some pressure off of Kami."

Offensively, the Lady Wolverines are stacked with both speed and power. Sophomore lead-off, Ali Thompson return from an All-State season her

freshman year. "It's great to have that kind of speed at the lead off in Ali. We have a few others that can fly in Kristen Fowler and Olivia Tierce." The Lady Wolverines definitely have girls that can get on base and make things happen. When asked about his team's offense, Graham smiled and said, "We can put pressure on opponents with our speed and we also have the big sticks behind them that can drive them in." The Lady Wolverines will rely on the big sticks of Stinnett, Crabtree and Massey to fill those RBI stats.

Defensively, the Lady Wolverines have a chance to special. Junior Emma Heard and Sophomore Kaitlyn Stinnet return as infield starters while Junior Kristen Fowler will be competing for time on the infield as well. The outfield may be one of the best the Lady Wolverines have had in a while. "Junior centerfielder Olivia Tierce is the quarterback of our outfield", says Graham. "She can really go get it."





# Lady Wolverines Volleyball 2020 Season Preview

"This is the most depth we have had at DCCHS. The experience these girls are getting from playing at the middle school is only making our high school team that much more competitive. We've got great leadership with our senior class and some younger girls that we are expecting to give us some quality playing time this year. We are excited about the group of girls we have this year." - Coach Morris

## COACH RHONDA BRADFORD

"Iron sharpens iron! We have depth this year and that forces players to work hard and push each other daily. We are very optimistic this will be another great season.



## COACH CARRIE MORRIS



# KEY RETURNERS

Senior Bailey Davis  
RIGHT SIDE HITTER

Senior Jordan Roden  
MIDDLE HITTER

Senior Mikayla Walker  
OUTSIDE/MIDDLEHITTER

Senior Freedom Cole  
OUTSIDE HITTER

Sophomore Delaynee Davis  
DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST

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# Cheer 2020 Seniors



Jade  
Moreland



Becca  
Taylor



Madison  
Allen



Natalie  
Martin



Ashton  
Cadorette



"The DCCHS Competition Cheerleaders, with the help of upper classmen leadership, plan on returning to the spotlight when they hit the competition mat this fall. Everyone on the competition floor this year has multiple tumbling skills, increasing our difficulty in tumbling to match that of our stunting in the past few years. The incoming DCCHS class of 2024 plan to build on the success of their record breaking 8th grade season, while the returning cheerleaders have been working hard to get back to the GHSA Sweet Sixteen finish from the 2018/19 season. The season will start in mid-September and conclude at the GHSA State Championships in mid-November. Go Wolverines!"- Head Coach Josh Hurst

I am beyond excited! The amount of skill we will have on the sideline is unmatched and rivaled only by the spirit with which they cheer on the Wolverines. I am already so proud of the encouragement and leadership I have seen within this squad, I cannot wait to see the impact these cheerleaders have on the school.

- Coach Molly Rogers



"We are so excited about the upcoming cheerleading season. We have an amazing group of ladies who are already working hard to improve their skills. The leadership on our squad this year is phenomenal and I can't wait to see what the season holds. I am so proud of our DCCHS Cheerleaders!"

- Coach Becky Goff

# DCHS Cross Country 2020 Season Preview

Let me be honest, the last thing I personally want to do is go outside and run several miles in 90 degree temps. I admire a group of athletes that look forward to doing just that. The DCHS Cross Country team has been training since GHSA allowed athletes and coaches to return to sports on June 8.

When asked about the work ethic of his team, Coach Philip Bell was very complimentary of several leaders that he currently has on the 2020 roster. "Senior Noah Hodges is someone every student should try to emulate. He has outstanding character and is a leader on and off the athletic field", says Bell. Noah was selected as the NWGA Regional Positive Athlete Award for 2019-2020.

Coach Bell adds, "We have high expectations for Noah and hope that others will follow his lead."

The cross country team has a few other athletes that have made a name for themselves. Junior Andy Breeden has made tremendous strides since his freshman year. Newcomer, Anna Ballard, left quite a legacy at DMS. She completed her middle school cross country career with 3 straight NGAC Championships. We are looking forward to watching these student-athletes give it all they've got on the cross country course!





**Parents,**

**Please be on the lookout for several important forms from your student-athlete for the 2020-2021 season. We need you to please read, sign and return promptly. I have also added a copy of our new DCS physical form.**

- Parent Expectations Form**
- Concussion Awareness Form**
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest Form**
- Drug Testing Consent Form**
- DCS Physical Form (This is the NEW physical form that must be used for your child to participate. Keep this copy for your records until your child's physical expires.)**



## DCHS - August Athletic Calendar - 2020

### AUGUST

8 - Varsity Softball	at Ridgeland (DH)	12:00 pm
10 - Varsity Softball	at Christian Heritage	5:30 pm
12 - Varsity Softball	at Lafayette	5:30 pm
12 - JV Softball	at Lafayette	6:45 pm
13 - Varsity Volleyball	at Ringgold	5:00 pm
14 - Varsity Softball	at Heritage Point Park (Tournament)	TBA
15 - Varsity Volleyball	at LFO (Tournament)	TBA
17 - Varsity Softball	Christian Heritage (HOME)	5:30 pm
18 - Varsity Softball	at <i>Fannin County</i>	4:30 pm
18 - JV Softball	at <i>Fannin County</i>	5:45 pm
18 - Varsity Volleyball	SE Whitfield (HOME)	5:00 pm
20 - Varsity Softball	at Trion	5:30 pm
20 - JV Softball	at Trion	6:45 pm
20 - Varsity Volleyball	at Ridgeland	6:00 pm
20 - Varsity Volleyball	vs. Sonoraville at Ridgeland HS	7:00 pm
21 - Varsity Football	at SE Whitfield (Scrimmage)	7:30 pm
24 - Varsity Softball	at Gordon Lee	5:00 pm
24 - JV Softball	at Gordon Lee	6:15 pm
24 - Varsity Volleyball	Lookout Valley (HOME)	5:00 pm
24 - Varsity Volleyball	Pisgah (HOME)	7:00 pm
25 - Varsity Softball	at <i>Model</i>	5:00 pm
25 - Varsity Volleyball	at North Jackson	5:30 pm
25 - Varsity Volleyball	vs. Richard Hardy at North Jackson HS	6:30 pm
27 - Varsity Volleyball	at Armuchee	5:00 pm
27 - Varsity Volleyball	vs. Pepperell at Armuchee HS	6:00 pm
27 - Varsity Softball	<i>Gordon Central</i> (HOME)	5:30 pm
28 - Varsity Football	at Ringgold (Scrimmage)	7:30 pm
31 - Varsity Softball	LFO (HOME)	5:30 pm



**We would like to extend a mighty Wolverine ROAR to the following Super Fans! We appreciate your attendance to our athletic events, as well as your positive attitude that you bring each and everyday. For that, we would like to offer you FREE PASSES to any HOME athletic event for the 2020 - 2021 school year!**



**LEFT: Cheryl Hodges, with her son Noah, a DCHS cross country and track athlete. Thank you for all the sports pictures you take and share with others on social media!**

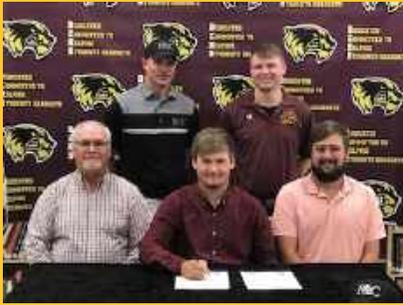


**RIGHT: Larry and Mary Moore, anytime softball and girls basketball are playing, you'll see these two supporting their granddaughter and all other female athletes!**



# GOOD LUCK TO THESE FORMER WOLVERINES!

Aydin Norman - Golf,  
Bryan College



Dakota Johnson - Wrestling,  
St. Andrews  
University



Lane Wilson - Wrestling,  
St. Andrews  
University



Ian Howell- Wrestling,  
University of Jamestown



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