

# Patrician loses ranked battle

■ AISA's No.5 team, Marion, topples third-ranked Lady Saints, 56-45, to take control of area

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MARION — Patrician's varsity dropped both games in a key area match-up to Marion School in Perry County on Friday night. The boys fell 51-43, while the girls lost 56-45 in a crucial 2A Area West battle that now has the Lady Saints in second place.

Despite jumping out to an early 14-6 lead, The Lady Saints (17-2, 2-1) would trail at halftime 28-22 after turnovers and missed shots allowed Marion back in the game.

The Saints then fell behind 40-27 after the third, but closed to within four, 48-44, with just two minutes left in the contest.

However, a critical blocking foul was called on the ensuing possession - one in which most Patrician faithful thought was a charge - and Marion was able to hit their free throws down the stretch to hold on for the important win.

"They were really physical," commented Saints' head coach Wendell Barr of the 11-0 Marion Lady Panthers, who moved into first place ahead of Patrician in area play with the victory. "They pushed us away from the basket and made us take shots we didn't want. But we really didn't play that bad, we played with confidence and that's important."

Confidence wasn't the problem, shooting was. The Lady Saints showed plenty of gumption by jumping out to the early lead over the undefeated Lady Panthers on their home court, but they were ultimately undone by a dreadful 11-of-63 shooting performance (17%).

In the loss, Kylie Lewis led Patrician with nine points, while Anna Lewis scored eight and Codi Stafford had seven. Stephanie Caudle and Savanna Smith each added six for the Saints.

"We missed a lot of easy baskets," finished Barr. "If we are going to beat teams like Marion, we have to make those easy ones."

The Saints will get one more shot at Marion when the Panthers come to Butler on January 19th.

In the boys game, Patrician (1-14, 0-3) hung tough against a solid Marion



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PA's Nancy Dasis (#32) fouls a Lady Panther in Marion on Friday night. Dasis scored five in the loss that dropped PA to 17-2 and 2-1 in area.

sqaud that entered the game as the area leader. The Saints trailed just 8-4 after one, but fell behind 28-12 at halftime. The second half was won by Patrician 31-23, but it wasn't enough to overtake Marion in their 51-43 win.

Neal Cook was the Saints' leading point producer on the night with 15. Thomas Crawford hit for 10, while Jake Lill and Will McBride each added six.

Patrician will host Southern Academy on Tuesday (1/16) and then rematch Marion in Butler on Friday (1/19).



Skylar Gibson

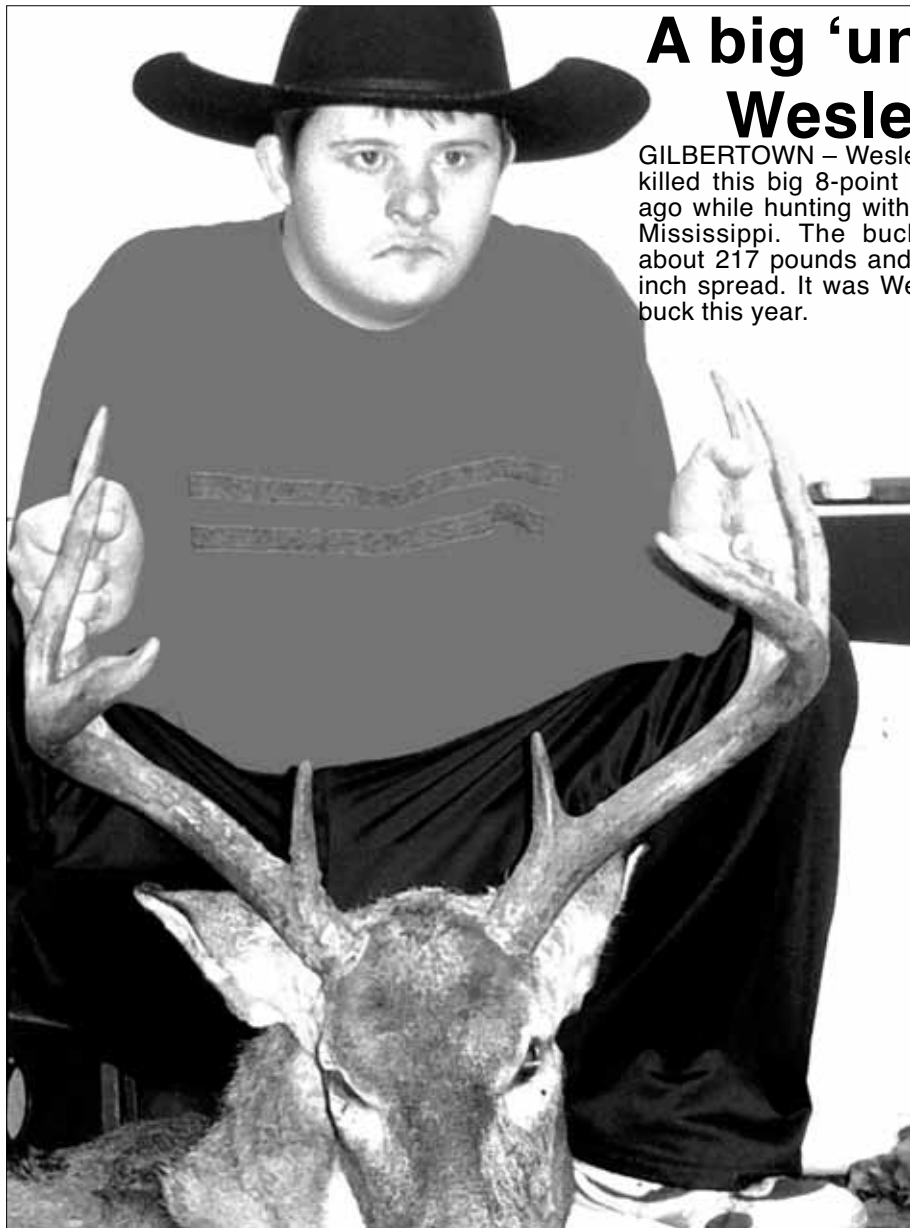
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# Indian's sweep Coffeeville, swept at R.C. Hatch

Southern Choctaw beat Coffeeville in all three games Thursday night in Gilbertown, then lost all three in ugly fashion at R.C.Hatch on Friday. Led by Jamison 'Juice' Stewart's 11 points and seven rebounds, along with 11 from Deshawn Gillum, the Indians waxed Coffeeville 59-37 to improve to 7-1. However, the Indians fell to 7-2 overall and 1-1 in area play on the following night with a 40-point loss at R.C. Hatch in Uniontown. The girls and the B-team also lost to Hatch by 30-point margins, just a night after beating Coffeeville. In the girls' 34-26 win over Coffeeville, Brittany White led the Indians with eight points and three steals, while Angelica Gibson hit for seven points, collected an impressive 12 rebounds, and made five steals. The B-team got 16 points from Shaud Causey and eight from Phillip Philon in their 43-37 win over Coffeeville. Both squads lost by 30 at R.C. Hatch.

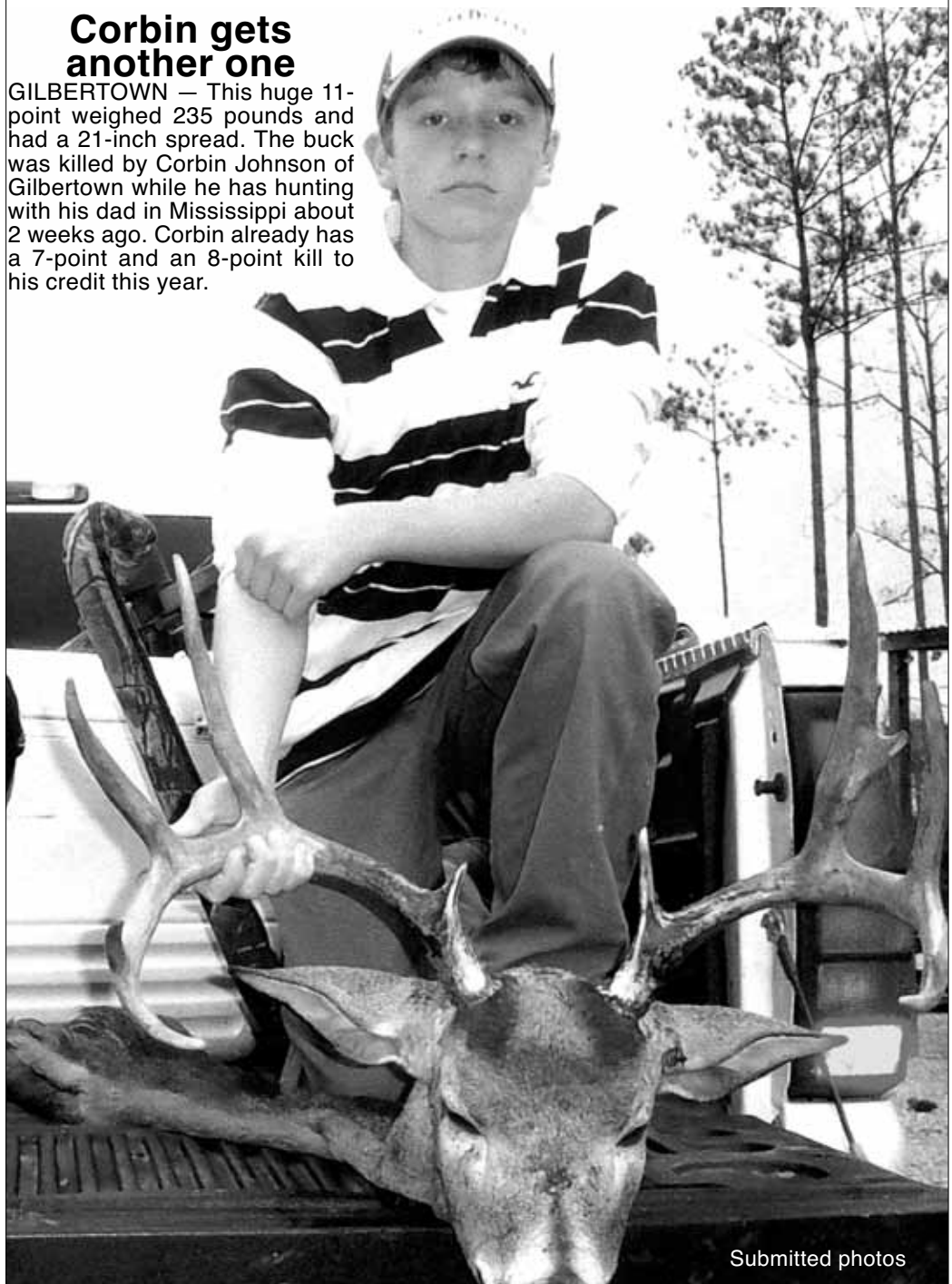
# A big 'un for Wesley

GILBERTOWN — Wesley Johnson killed this big 8-point two weeks ago while hunting with his dad in Mississippi. The buck weighed about 217 pounds and had a 17-inch spread. It was Wesley's first buck this year.



# Corbin gets another one

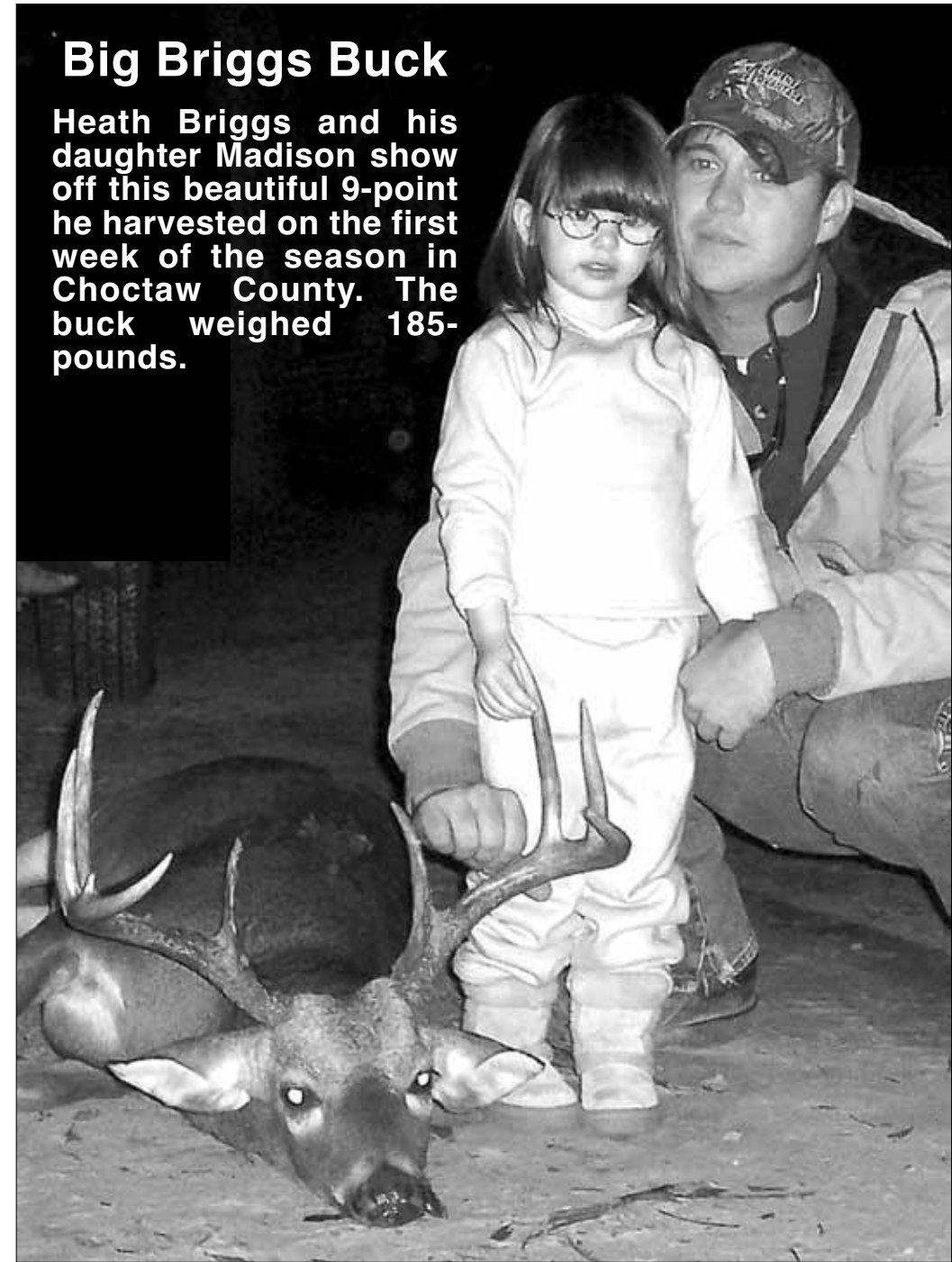
GILBERTOWN — This huge 11-point weighed 235 pounds and had a 21-inch spread. The buck was killed by Corbin Johnson of Gilbertown while he has hunting with his dad in Mississippi about 2 weeks ago. Corbin already has a 7-point and an 8-point kill to his credit this year.



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# Big Briggs Buck

Heath Briggs and his daughter Madison show off this beautiful 9-point he harvested on the first week of the season in Choctaw County. The buck weighed 185-pounds.



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