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■ Patrician uses strong second half to beat South Choctaw for the third time this season

By Colin Merritt  
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BUTLER — The Patrician Academy Lady Saints swept the season series against South Choctaw with a 49-45 win in Toxey on Monday night.

The unexpected sweep, according to Saints' coach Wendell Barr, is especially gratifying considering that the Rebels are packed with experienced seniors, while his squad is basically starting over after graduating all five starters from last year's state championship team.

"That was a tough ball game and a good win for us," Barr said following the win in which his Saints trailed the entire way until late in the fourth. "South Choctaw is a really good ball team and to beat them three times this season is an accomplishment for our girls."

After topping the Rebels 41-40 at home back in December, the Saints would win again, 49-38, in their next meeting with South Choctaw in Toxey during the SCA Holiday Tournament.

Although the sweep was sweet for the Saints, Barr said that he was more impressed at how his team rallied for the win after trailing the Rebels for most of the game.

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Patrician's Kylie Lewis (#12) drives past South Choctaw's Bridget Kwasniak (#25) while Nancy Dasis (#32) tries to set a pick. Lewis scored nine points and Dasis seven in the Saints' 49-45 victory over South Choctaw in Toxey on Monday. The Lady Saints picked up another win, 47-14, over Southern on Tuesday night in Butler thanks to 20 points and 10 boards from junior center Stephanie Caudle. Patrician host Marion this Friday night in Butler in an important area contest.



Photo by Barr's Photography

Bottom row l-r: Megan Hendley, Victoria Jackson, Erin Jimerson, Rhyann Davis, and Brooke Sims. Back row l-r: Harley Glass, Kameron Cook, LeNoir Lewis, Tori Walters, Lauren Bonner, Scarlet Adams, and Shelby Williams.

## J.V. Lady Saints earn top seed for State Invitational

Patrician enters tourney 13-0 with a first-round bye and faces winner of Lowndes/Sparta at 3 o'clock Saturday in Camden

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BUTLER — The undefeated Patrician Academy Lady Saints junior varsity were rewarded for their spectacular season with a No. 1 seed in the AISA State Invitational Tournament in Camden this Saturday.

The team carries a 13-0 record into the season finale after wrapping up their year with wins over South Choctaw, 40-26, and Southern earlier this week.

The top-seed Saints will vie for the tournament against two-seed Springwood, three-seed Lakeside, four-seed Lowndes, along with unseeded Jackson, Wilcox and Sparta. The invitation only tournament is comprised of the top seven teams with the best winning percentages in the AISA.

Last year the Lady Saints - who won this tourney in 2002 and finished second in 2001 - came in second place after dropping the final game to Marengo. This year Patrician will try to take the title behind a talented group of freshmen led by Tori Walters.

The team's leading scorer, Walters, is a tall post-player with a nice scoring touch around the basket. Walters, along with fellow freshman Harley



Tori Walters

Glass, Kameron Cook, Shelby Williams, Scarlet Adams and Lenoir Lewis, will team with 8th grader Lauren Bonner to round out the play-makers.

"Tori leads us in scoring, but all of these girls are critical to this team's success," Saints' head coach Wendell Barr said of his undefeated junior varsity squad that had only two close calls this year - a one-point win over Wilcox and a three-point victory over Southern. "We have a good group that really plays well together. If we continue our level of play, we have a good shot at winning this."

Glass handles the point, while Adams, Williams and Cook man the wings, with Walters in the middle under the basket. Lewis and Bonner are usually the first two off the bench.

The top-seeded Saints get a first-round bye and then play the winner of Lowndes/Sparta at 3 p.m. in Camden on Saturday, January 20th. If they win, they will play in the championship game at 6 p.m. that night against either Springwood, Jackson, Wilcox or Lakeside.

The Patrician boys missed the tournament by percentage points when their 8-4 final record wasn't good enough to earn an invitation.

In the boys tournament, Wilcox, Meadowview, Escambia, Lowndes, Marengo and top-seeded Southern all earned invites.

## Lady 'Cats claw Coffeeville

■ Resurgent Millry girls' basketball team moves to 5-6 with blasting of Lady Panthers

MILLRY — The Millry Lady Wildcats used a 17-point night from Tasha Hurd to top Coffeeville 56-34 and improve their record to 5-6 on the year.

The Cats jumped out to a quick 19-3 first period lead and never looked back for their second win of the season over Coffeeville. Courtney Whigham scored 13 and Kristen Skinner added 11 for Millry.

"We are playing better right now," Head Coach Ronnie Hubbert said of his Lady Wildcats after winning for the third time in their last five games.

"We are being smarter with the ball and committing fewer turnovers. This marks the most wins we've had in a while, we are better, but we still have a long way to go to get where we want to be."

The win over Coffeeville improves Millry to 3-4 in area play, slotting them in the three-seed for the area tournament as of presstime.

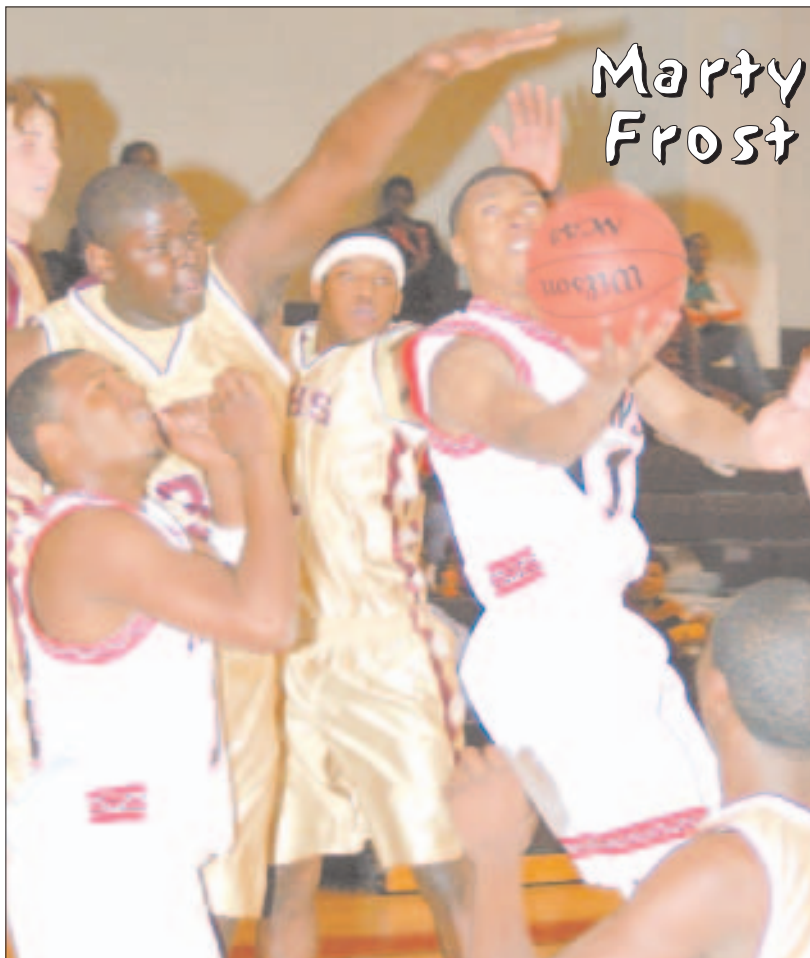
The Wildcats do not want to fall to the four-seed where they would meet top-seed and No. 1 ranked McIntosh.

The Lady Demons are undefeated (12-0) this season after winning the Class 1A state title last year.

The Millry boys fell, 62-57, to Coffeeville despite 14 points from Anthony Sullivan and 12 each from Taylor Owen and Ryan Taylor.

Millry will travel to play J.U. Blacksher on Saturday (1/20) before returning home to host Sweetwater on Monday (1/22).

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**56**  
**C.H.S.**  
**34**



Marty Frost

Choctaw Sun photo by Marcus Gates

## FROSTED

GILBERTOWN -- Southern Choctaw's boys' hoops team beat Washington County, 52-43, for the second time this season in Gilbertown on Thursday night. The win - thanks to 11 points from #11 Marty Frost (photo) - ran the Indians' overall record to 9-2 on the year. Gregory Turner added eight and Jamison Stewart hit six in the win. The Lady Indians and the B-team lost to the Bulldogs.