

## Great Kate

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BIRMINGHAM — Senior Kate Dahlberg carried the load for the Lady Rebels as they beat Cornerstone and Shelby during an extended weekend in Birmingham. The Rebels spent Friday night in Birmingham to help ease some of the traveling burden on players and supporters.

**SCA**  
**59**

**C.C.S**  
**28**

Regardless of the accommodations, guard Kate Dahlberg was unstoppable during the two-game road trip. The well-rounded senior first scored 22 points with six assist, four rebounds and four steals in the Rebels' 59-28 win over Cornerstone on Friday night, before posting 23 points with seven steals and four rebounds Saturday night in the 50-26

victory over Shelby.

In the two wins, fellow senior Arielle Campbell chipped in with a combined 18 points and 14 rebounds for the Rebels, who didn't lose a quarter all weekend

■ Thanks to back-to-back 20-points games from Kate Dahlberg, Lady Rebels beat Cornerstone and Shelby to secure top-seed in upcoming area tournament

while holding both teams under 30 points.

In the Cornerstone game, juniors Koen Lindsey and Cortney Mozingo each scored six points for South Choctaw.

In the Shelby game, senior Randi Arrington had six for the Rebels.

**SCA**  
**50**

**Shelby**  
**26**

The wins improved South Choctaw to 15-6 overall and kept them perfect in area and region play.

That undefeated region mark is good enough to earn the Rebels top-seed in the upcoming area tournament and a spot in the first-round of the state tournament, regardless of the area tournament outcome.

South Choctaw will host West Alabama Prep on Tuesday (1/23) in Toxey and then travel to play Sumter (1/26) on Friday.

Although she didn't do it with her eyes closed, senior Kate Dahlberg (photo) did make it look easy in Birmingham over the weekend, scoring a combined 45 points with 11 steals, eight rebounds and eight assist in the Rebels' two victories.



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The 2006-07 State Invitational Champion Patrician Academy Lady Saints junior varsity: (l-r) Assistant Coach Tara Armistead, Tyler Armistead (water girl), Brooke Sims, Megan Hendley, Lauren Bonner, Kameron Cook, Scarlett Adams, Harley Glass, Lenoir Lewis, Shelby Williams, Tori Walters, Head Coach Wendell Barr (with grandson Barr Armistead on his shoulders), Rhyann Davis, Victoria Jackson and Erin Jimerson. Williams and Walters were named to the all-tournament team.

# PERFECT

Patrician Lady Saints junior varsity cap perfect 15-0 season with title at State Invitational

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CAMDEN — The future looks bright for Patrician's girls' basketball program.

The Lady Saints junior varsity took home the title at the State Invitational Tournament this Saturday in Camden with wins over Sparta and Lakeside to wrap up an undefeated season that saw them dominate their competition all year-long.

Winning at this level, according to head coach Wendell Barr, is usually a good sign for a program.

"There is certainly a collation between junior high success and varsity success," claimed Barr, who is in his sixth year leading the girls' program at Patrician. "That's why we work so hard on the junior varsity level to help ensure success down the road."

In 2001, the J.V. girls finished second at the Invitational and then went on to win the state tournament as seniors in 2006. This year's junior class won the tournament back in 2002, now the upperclassmen are major contributors at the varsity level for this year's 20-2 fifth-ranked Lady Saints.

Barr says that this J.V. squad is one of the most cohesive units he's ever coached, and that their success

has come from their unity and unselfish play.

"This team is really close," continued Barr. "We might not have the most talented team, but this squad is so unselfish and just knows how to win. It's personnel for these girls."

Coach Barr says this squad even remembers games they lost when they were seventh graders, and has sought revenge this year over those particular teams.

"When they beat Marengo this year they came back in locker room and said, 'That's what they get for beating us two years ago, remember coach?' I didn't remember, but they sure did," Barr finished with a chuckle.

His revenge-oriented squad was all business this Saturday in Camden as they got past Sparta in their opener and then outlasted Lakeside for the championship.

In the win over Sparta, the Saints initially had trouble with the full-court-press as they turned the ball over numerous times and trailed 20-16 at halftime. The second half was more pressure defense by Sparta, forcing the Saints into more turnovers and sending the game to the fourth with Patrician trailing 27-22.

In the fourth, the Saints would finally break the

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**PA**  
**29**

**Sparta**  
**27**

**PA**  
**43**

**Lakeside**  
**37**

## Rebels beat Shelby

BIRMINGHAM — It might not soothe the most savage Rebel fan, but the South Choctaw boys basketball team beat Shelby in basketball to get a little payback from losing the football title to the Raiders back in November.

**SCA**  
**42**

**Shelby**  
**29**

South Choctaw used a 16-9 third period advantage to turn a halftime tie into a easy 42-29 victory.

The win offered some solace to the Rebels as they avenged their 26-22 loss to Shelby in the football state championship game.

Leading South Choctaw in the win was Tyler Fulcher with 15 points, Trent Gibson with nine and Matt Etheridge with eight.

Fulcher also led the Rebels in their Friday night game against Cornerstone with 14 points. However, it wasn't enough as the Rebels fell 61-27 in Birmingham.

The split left SCA with a 7-13 overall record as they prepare for games against West Alabama Prep in Toxey on Tuesday (1/22) and at Sumter Academy on Friday (1/26).



Stephanie 'Doodle' Caudle drives to the basket for two of her 19 points in PA's 48-36 win in their rematch with Marion in Butler Friday night.

Choctaw Sun photo by Marcus Gates

## Lady Saints avenge loss to Marion

■ Fifth-ranked Patrician never trailed in important area victory over No. 3 Panthers

**PA**  
**48**

**Marion**  
**36**

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BUTLER — With their 48-36 victory over Marion in Butler on Friday night, the Patrician Academy Lady Saints moved into a first place tie in AISA West Region 1 with the Marion Lady Panthers. Maybe more importantly, PA gained confidence with the victory by avenging one of their two losses on the season.

"I thought our players were mentally ready to play," head coach Wendell Barr said of his Saints, who exacted retribution from an earlier 56-45 loss at Marion. "We made a few changes to match with their size and quickness. We really executed our plan pretty good and jumped out to a big lead."

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