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Martin kills deer without use of his left arm

By Dee Ann Campbell
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PASCAGOULA, Miss. — When 14-year-old Matthew Martin killed his first deer, it was more than just an ordinary hunting success story. It showed the miraculous courage of a young boy who overcame difficult circumstances to make his hunting dreams come true.

At only 4 years of age, Matthew suffered a stroke and underwent open-heart surgery. The

stroke rendered him unable to use his left arm.

But as a young teenager, Matthew did not let his disability get in the way of his love for hunting. During a recent hunt with his grandfather Roy Martin, a close friend of Pennington resident Terry Long, Matthew killed his first buck using only one arm.

The deer weighed 175 pounds and had 8 points that measured 17 inches from tip to tip and 20 inches along the inside.

Congratulations, Matthew!

Too Sweet! Sweetpea slams Tigers past Sweetwater

■ Choctaw County gets dunks from Chris 'Sweetpea' Carter and Bryan Winston in road romp over Bulldogs

By Colin Merritt
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SWEETWATER — Choctaw County had very little trouble with Sweetwater on Friday night in a 70-46 dismantling of the Bulldogs. To give the victory a little 'bling', the Tigers got two spectacular dunks from Chris 'Sweetpea' Carter, as well as an end-of-half jam from Bryan Winston on a set-play that brought down the house.

As the first half clock went under two minutes — and the Tigers already holding a comfortable 20-point lead — Choctaw County appeared to be happy with the cushion and looked content to let the clock run out. Guard Harold Williams calmly held the ball, unchecked, as the clock ticked to under ten seconds. Then Williams made his move to the basket, which turned out to be a fake as he pulled up and tossed an alley-oop to slashing teammate Bryan Winston for a monster baseline dunk as the buzzer sounded.

"Sweetwater fell asleep on

us, but that was a set-play," claimed Tigers Head Coach Clinton Thomas of the dunk. "Harold is supposed to drive at seven seconds, Charles Ruffin is supposed to set a screen for (Bryan) Winston to dunk. Charles forgot the screen, but Bryan dunked anyway."

The jam was a fitting end to a first half that also saw senior Chris Carter throw down two thunderous dunks to help the Tigers take a 35-15 lead at the break. Carter would finish with a game-high 15 points, while Winston and Williams each added ten points in a game that saw ever Tiger get considerable playing time.

With the win, Choctaw County moves to 15-8 overall and will play out of the three-seed in the upcoming area tournament February 7th and 8th. The Tigers, who finished 3-3 in 3A Area 5, will play two-seed Greensboro in York in the first round. Top-seeded Sumter will play Francis Marion in the other first-round match-up. Both teams that make the final game will advance to the next round of the state tournament.

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Chris 'Sweetpea' Carter talks-the-talk after walking-the-walk with two first half dunks that helped the Tigers make quick work of Sweetwater on the road Friday night. Sweetpea was the game's high-scorer with 15 points in limited action. CCHS next plays Livingston on the road Tuesday (1/30) before returning home to face Southern Choctaw (2/2) on Friday in Butler.



Austin Taylor

B-team Tigers roll

Phillip Evans and LaKeith Brown led the Choctaw County B-team to a 43-22 victory on Friday night in Sweetwater. Evans led the team in scoring with 15 points, while Brown added 12 with seven rebounds and five steals.

Deandre O'Field finished with seven points and Austin Taylor had four and six boards for Choctaw County.

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Registration dates
Sat., Feb. 3rd
Sat., Feb. 10th
Sat., Feb. 17th
8 a.m. — noon each day

\$40.00 registration fee per player
All players must bring copy of birth certificate
(Boys must bring proof of insurance)

BOYS ages 5-12 (age as of May 1, 2007)
GIRLS ages 4-15 (age as of May 1, 2007)

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