

Millry and Southern Choctaw split

■ Millry girls beat Southern Choctaw for second time this season, while Indians' boys return the favor with another win over Wildcats



Millry's Sydney Goldman (#23, center) fights for the loose ball with Southern Choctaw's Jekita Moody and Kawaya Johnson. Tasha Hurd (#14, left) led the Wildcats in the victory with a game-high 26 points.

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GILBERTOWN — The Millry Lady Wildcats used a 14-4 fourth period advantage to beat Southern Choctaw, 46-42, for the second time this season. The win ran Millry's record to 9-7 and guaranteed them a winning record for the first time in 11 years.

The Southern Choctaw boys also used a big fourth period - outscoring Millry 24-4 - to beat the Wildcats 67-40 for the second time this year.

In the girls game, Tasha Hurd led Millry with an impressive 26 points, while Faith Whigham scored nine.

The boys game featured a 17-point night from senior Skylar Gibson. Gibson, who scored six in the runaway fourth, led the way for the Indians, while Marty Frost added 12, David Kirksey hit for

nine with six boards, and Lorenzo Scruggs had seven points and eight rebounds.

"We had a great fourth period," admitted Indians' Head Coach Charles Chaney of the final period where his team outscored Millry by 20. "It was senior night, so I guess those guys wanted to go out with a bang." Southern Choctaw senior Tyrus Miller scored all five of his points in the fourth.

Millry was led by Anthony Sullivan with 12 points, Kendrick Gray with ten and Nehemiah Henry with seven.

Southern Choctaw will wrap up their regular season with road games against Choctaw County on Friday (2/2) and then Marengo on Saturday (2/3).

The Millry girls will head for the 1A Area 1 tournament in McIntosh on February 5th to face Fruitdale at 5 p.m. (Ben Johnston contributed to this article.)



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In Southern Choctaw's 67-40 win over Millry on Tuesday night in Gilbertown, senior forward Skylar Gibson (#14) led all scorers with 17 points. The victory improved the Indians' A-team to 14-4 on the year as they head for their regular season finale against Choctaw County this Friday night in Butler. Anthony Sullivan (#10, above) led Millry with 12 points.

Kate and Campbell

■ South Choctaw beats Sumter and Marengo thanks to huge games from senior super-duo Kate Dahlberg and Arielle Campbell as they prepare to enter area tournament with top-seed

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TOXEY — The South Choctaw girls got two great performances from their senior duo of Kate Dahlberg and Arielle Campbell in their season-ending wins over Sumter and Marengo.

In the 61-35 win over Sumter on Friday night, Campbell led the Rebels with 21 points - 14 of which came in the Rebels dominate 21-11 second period that broke the game open.

Dahlberg scored 21 in the win and junior Koen Lindsey hit for 10 points.

Dahlberg and Campbell continued to thrive on Monday night when the Rebels whipped Marengo 69-34 in Toxey.

Dahlberg tallied a career-high 31 points in the victory, while Campbell chipped in with 18. Junior Cierra Giles was next with five points in the Rebel blowout.

The wins wrapped up the Rebels' regular season with an impressive 19-6 record as they prepare to host the area tournament. The top-seeded Rebels will face West Alabama Prep in Toxey on Thursday (2/1) at 7:30 p.m. after presstime. If they win, they will play in the championship game Friday (2/2) at 6 p.m. against the winner of the Sumter/Central Christian game.

The J.V. girls dropped their final game of the season, 31-17, to Marengo despite nine points from Payton Hanna and four from Whitley Hearn.



Kate Dahlberg

Arielle Campbell



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Patrician waxes Wayne

■ Boys and girls wrap up regular season with wins over Wayne as area tournament starts Friday

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BUTLER — The Patrician boys picked up their third win of the season with a 61-47 pounding of Wayne Academy. The Lady Saints also beat Wayne, picking up their 23rd win of the season, with a 46-28 victory on Monday night in Butler.

In the boys game, Patrician raced out to a 34-18 halftime lead and never looked back. Senior Jake Lill led the way with 18 points, with Neal Cook and Will McBride each adding 12. Thomas Crawford scored 10 for the Saints in the win.

In the girls game, junior Jessie Boykin hit 12 points and gathered six rebound to help Patrician to a 29-5 halftime advantage on their way to the easy 18-point win. Fellow junior Stephanie Caudle added 10 points and six boards, while Anna Lewis and Shayna Jimerson each had eight. Savanna Smith chipped in with seven

points in the Patrician victory. The Lady Saints will now travel to Marion on Friday (2/2) to face Southern in the first-round of the area tournament. The top-seeded Saints will play at 3:00 p.m. The winner of the game will advance to the area final on Saturday (2/3) at 10 a.m.

The Patrician boys will also travel to Marion for the area tournament where they will meet top-seeded Marion in the first-round on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The winner will advance to the championship game on Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

Tigers tumble at Livingston

LIVINGSTON — Choctaw County lost all three games at Livingston on Tuesday night.

The A-team fell 65-64 despite a 22-point effort from senior Chris 'Sweetpea' Carter. The Tigers missed 21 free throws in the loss, a stat that had Head Coach Clinton Thomas fuming.

"That's pitiful," spouted Thomas of his team's performance at the charity

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stripe. "We won't win another game if we miss that many free throws. It really concerns me, especially with the area tournament coming up." The girls and the B-team both lost by double-digits to Livingston.

Choctaw County will finish their regular season with a home game against Southern Choctaw on Friday (2/2) night in Butler.