

Patrician gives one away

■ Saints blow 7-0 lead in fourth-straight loss to Clarke Prep

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GROVE HILL — On Monday, it appeared that Patrician would break their losing streak dating back to last season's semi-final loss against the Clarke Prep Gators. The Saints led 7-0 in the fourth and were getting a near flawless pitching performance from Lance Gibson.

Then the wheels came off. Patrician (6-3) leaked two runs in the fourth when Clarke Prep put together three singles, but still led comfortably at 7-2. In the fifth, the Gators would strike for four more runs on three hits, including a triple, and two costly Patrician errors to close the gap to 7-6.

With the game now up for grabs, Clarke Prep pounded out four more hits in the sixth to plate four more runs. Patrician committed one error in the decisive inning that put the Gators up for good at 10-7. The Saints would plate a run in their last at-bat, but an inning-ending double-play would kill the rally and game.

Lance Gibson took the loss after six innings of work. Gibson, who had allowed just one-hit through the game's first three innings, allowed nine hits total to go with three strikeouts and no walks.

Gibson also had a good day at the plate going 2-for-4, as did Clay Goodwin. Barry Meeks picked up two hits in three at-bats. Dallas Anderson and B.J. Bonner added a hit apiece for the Saints.

Despite the disappointing loss, Patrician turned around on Tuesday and dismantled Jackson Academy on the road to the tune of 14-0. Meeks picked up the win on the mound with four innings of two-hit ball complete with eight strikeouts and four walks. Leading 3-0, Patrician broke the game open with a seven-run third keyed by a Meeks' two-run homer. He finished 3-for-4.

Lance Gibson was a perfect 4-for-4 with a triple and Tony Randolph finished 2-for-3 with a triple. Clay Goodwin, Brandon Meeks and B.J. Bonner all had one hit apiece.

Patrician will play Jackson and Taylor Road in the Playday in Butler Tournament this weekend at Zack Rogers Park starting at 10 a.m.



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PA's Lance Gibson continues his torrid streak on the mound and at the plate. Despite being saddled with the loss in the Clarke Prep game, Gibson threw all seven innings, allowing just nine hits and no walks. In PA's last two games, Gibson is 6-for-8 with two doubles and a triple.

Philon and Johnson nominated for Bryant-Jordan scholarship

GILBERTOWN — Phillip Philon and Terrell Johnson of Southern Choctaw High School were recently nominated to enter the Alabama High School Athletic Association Bryant-Jordan Competition.

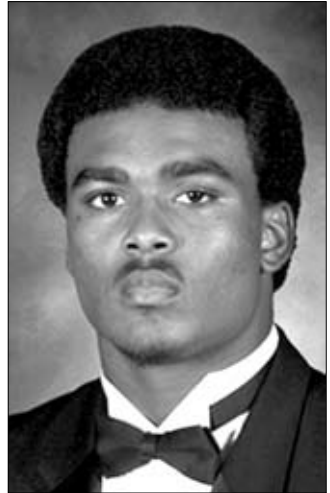
The Bryant-Jordan Competition is an athletic recognition program that recognizes outstanding students that prosper on and off the field. The competition is separated into two contests, Outstanding Scholar-Athlete competition and Student-Athlete Achievement competition.

The Outstanding Scholar-Athlete competition is used to recognize athletes that are exceptionally talented in the classroom and on the field, while the Student-Athlete Achievement competition is used to recognize talented athletes that have overcome some adversity or societal barrier of some sort.

Philon of Silas, was nominated to participate in the Outstanding Scholar-Athlete competition by Southern Choctaw High School. He was nominated for his scholastic efforts and leadership skills. He par-



Phillip Philon



Terrell Johnson

ticipates in his school's National Honor Society and Beta Club, where he serves as president.

He is also president of the Student Government Association and JROTC Battalion Commander.

Philon has played basketball for two years and was named a UCA All-star and All-superior Mascot at the University of Alabama last year. In the competition, he was announced 2A, Area 5 Outstanding Scholar-Athlete.

Johnson was nominated to participate in

the Student-Athlete Achievement competition by SCHS. He was nominated for his hard-work and diligence shown on and off the field.

Johnson has played football for six years and has served as captain of the Indians' team for two years. He was recently nominated for the 2A Lineman of the Year Award and was chosen to the 2A First All-state Team.

Johnson is ranked in the top ten of his senior class, and is an active member of his school's Beta Club.

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