

## Patrician takes two of three from Jackson



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Patrician's Dallas Anderson goes up and over at third base in the Saints 9-0 thumping of Jackson in the opener of the PlayDay double-header in Butler. Even though Anderson was called out, Neal Cook (right) still picked up his first win of the year on the mound, thanks to five innings of three-hit ball and a Barry Meeks three-run homer. The Saints (6-4) lost in game two, despite another bomb from Meeks (5), after Jackson pushed across a seventh inning run to break a 5-5 tie.

## ■ Saints pound Eagles 14-0 and 9-0, then lose inexplicably 6-5 on PlayDay in Butler

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BUTLER — After blanking Jackson twice in a row, Patrician laid an egg and lost 6-5 to the Eagles in the finale of the PlayDay Tournament in Butler on Saturday.

The Saints (6-4) beat Jackson 14-0 in Jackson on Thursday thanks to perfect games at the plate from Barry Meeks and Lance Gibson. Meeks, who picked up the win on the mound with five innings of two-hit ball and eight strikeouts, was 3-for-3 at the plate, while Gibson continued his torrid pace, going 4-for-4 with a double and triple. Tony Randolph was 2-for-2 with two runs, while Dallas Anderson, B.J. Bonner and Brandon Meeks added hits for the Saints in the win.

Patrician returned home on Saturday for the PlayDay Tournament that was supposed to feature four teams in a round-robin format. However, due to Spring Break cancellations from West Alabama and Taylor Road, only Patrician and Jackson participated in the event.

In the opener, Patrician had very little trouble after jumping out to a quick 7-0 lead thanks to a three-run homer from Barry Meeks. The first inning blast, which was Meeks' fourth, followed a lead-off single from Clay Goodwin and a walk from Lance Gibson. The Saints would plate four in the first and three more in the second on the way to the easy 9-0 win. Neal Cook (1-0) picked up the victory with five innings of three-hit ball.

In the next game of the double-header, Mikell Bonner got the start and got knocked



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Neal Cook

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## Lady Tigers win two, lose two

■ Choctaw County wallops Marengo and SCHS, falls to Sweetwater and Washington County

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BUTLER — Choctaw County (3-7) made short work of the Marengo Panthers on Tuesday in Butler during a 20-6 beating keyed by a nine-run first inning. The Lady Tigers couldn't hold the momentum, however, falling to Sweetwater in a close one on Thursday and then getting shutout at Washington County Friday.

Tiara Tuck picked up the victory in the Marengo game thanks to a Tiger offense that pounded out hit after hit. The offense was so potent that the Tigers took a commanding 9-0 lead in the game's very first inning en route to the 20-6 blowout. Kia Bryant finished 3-for-3 with three runs scores, while Jessica Rogers collected two hits and scored two runs. Jaleesa McNeely and Brianna Adams also scored three runs for the Tigers in the win.

On Thursday in Sweetwater, the Tigers lost a close 6-5 contest after leading 5-0 in the fourth. Sweetwater would rally with a run in the fifth and sixth, before posting a three-spot in the sixth, followed by the tying and winning runs in the bottom of the seventh. Telana Brown was the tough-luck loser despite pitching a good game with three strikeouts. In the Tigers five-run fourth, Nakita Brown plated three runs with a bases clearing double. Nakia Ezell had two hits and Jessica Rogers had one in the loss.

On Friday, Choctaw County got blanked by Washington County 6-0. The Tigers managed just five hits while striking out eleven times. Jaleesa McNeely took the loss in the game that featured two hits from Brianna Adams and a hit apiece from Brittany Anderson,



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CCHS's Jaleesa McNeely pitches in the second inning of the Tigers 6-0 loss at Washington County on Friday. McNeely, who took the loss against the Bulldogs, picked up a 12-8 win over Southern Choctaw in Toxey on Tuesday.

Courtney Walker and Nakia Ezell.

On Monday, Choctaw County beat Southern Choctaw 12-8 behind starter Telana Brown and reliever Jaleesa McNeely.

Choctaw County will travel to participate in the Tombigbee Classic this Friday and Saturday in Leroy.



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## Indians win!!

The Southern Choctaw Lady Indians (1-4) picked up their first win in over two seasons on Friday with a convincing 14-3 victory over Marengo. Taylor Phillips (*photo*) picked up the win by throwing seven innings of no-hit ball. Phillips, who is still just an eighth grader, struck out six, but also walked seven batters. The walks, coupled with two errors, accounted for the Marengo runs. The Indians couldn't keep the winning streak going, however, losing on Monday to in-county rival Choctaw County 12-8 in Toxey. The Indians remaining schedule is: 3/22 Fruitdale (home), 3/26 Leroy (home), 3/30 Fruitdale (away), 4/2 Leroy (away), 4/3 Aliceville (Toxey), 4/5 Excel (away), 4/9 Excel (home), 4/24 Choctaw County (away), 4/26 Clarke County (home), 4/30 Clarke County (away), 5/1 Marengo (away).



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