

# No Fun: Lady Saints drop back-to-back games to Jackson and Marengo on PlayDay in Butler

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BUTLER — Winners of seven in a row, the Patrician Academy Lady Saints looked to continue their stretch of good play on Saturday at their impromptu PlayDay Tournament in Butler. Instead, back-to-back losses to Jackson and Marengo, teams the Saints had recently beaten, handed eighth-ranked Patrician their third and fourth defeats of the season.

"I'm not disappointed that we lost, I'm disappointed in the way we lost," Saints head coach Wendell Barr explained after his team dropped both games at PlayDay, an event put together by Barr at the last minute after the West Alabama

Invitational, scheduled for the same weekend in Demopolis, was cancelled. "We made errors on routine plays in the infield and the outfield. We let singles turn into extra base hits."

The Saints (11-4) beat Jackson in Jackson 9-2 on Tuesday, but dropped their PlayDay opener to the Aggies 10-5. Then in the next game they fell 4-2 to Marengo, a team they had handled in the first week of the season. Both losses were time-limit shortened games, making the Saints' errors even more costly.

In the opening loss to Jackson, Patrician committed two errors in the Aggies four-run fifth, a spurt that iced the game and negated a Patrician three-run rally in their last at-bat. And in the

defeat against Marengo, the Saints allowed five walks and committed two errors in the Longhorns' four-run third. It would be the only inning Marengo plated a run.

The decisive innings doomed the Saints and sent a message, according to Barr, that the competition is improving.

"The teams around here have gotten a lot better," Barr contended, singling out Jackson and Marengo especially. "We can't just wait for teams to fall apart anymore. We have to make them earn what they get, and we have to start scoring some runs with our bats."

Patrician will get a chance to get back on the winning track this Thursday, March 22nd when they host Wilcox in Butler.

## Patrician Jackson 9 2

Kylie Lewis threw a complete game one-hitter in the Saints 9-2 win over Jackson Academy in Jackson on Tuesday. Lewis struck out four batters and walked only three, running her record to 4-1.

Kylie was also the catalyst at the plate, finishing 3-for-5 with an RBI and two runs scored. Her RBI double in the second keyed a six-run inning that put Patrician up for good. The win improved Patrician to 11-2.

Doodle Caudle and Shayna Jimerson went 2-for-4 against Jackson. Jimerson scored a run and hit an RBI triple in the Saints big second inning. Allie Roach, Anna Lewis and Codi Stafford each added a hit in the win.

## Jackson Patrician 10 5

Shayna Jimerson (7-2) couldn't make it out of the fourth inning after giving up eight hits and six runs as the Saints fell to the Eagles in the opener of the PlayDay Tournament in Butler on Saturday morning.

Jimerson, who leads the Saints in most pitching categories including wins,

ERA and strikeouts (58), looked mortal for the first time all season, giving up four runs in the third on three hard-hit singles and two doubles.

Kylie Lewis led the Saints at the plate with a 2-for-3 effort that netted two runs. Doodle Caudle had one hit with two RBI and two runs scored. While Allie Roach and Anna Lewis each had run scoring singles.

The loss dropped Patrician to 11-3.

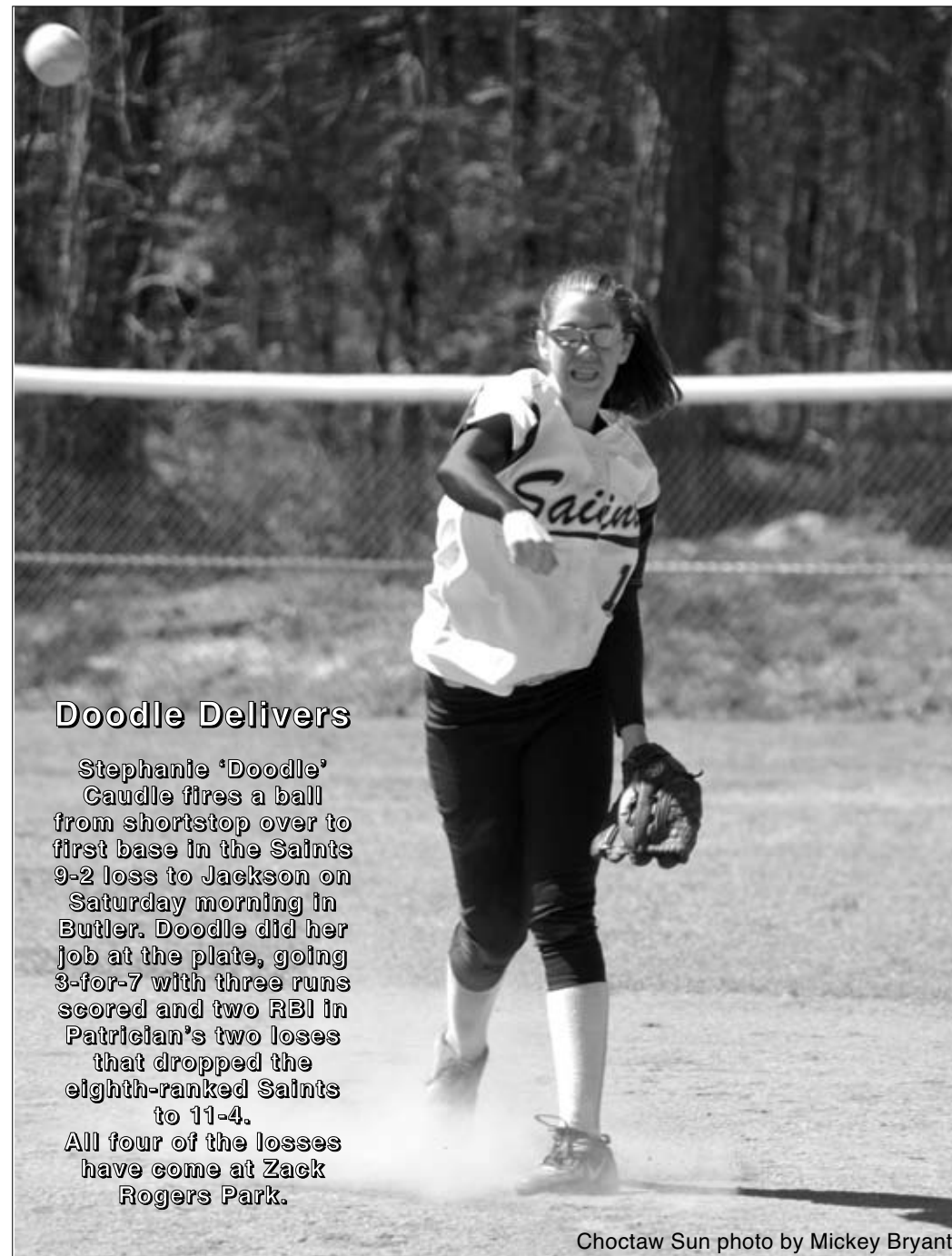
## Marengo Patrician 4 2

Game two for the Saints was no fun. Marengo's pitching stifled the Saints' bats, while multiple walks and a costly error led to another big inning that doomed Patrician in the loss.

Marengo plated the game's first four runs in the third after four walks and an error set the stage for a run scoring base hit.

The Saints would rally for two in the fourth with an RBI hit from Tori Walters, but it wasn't enough in the time-shortened loss that dropped Patrician to 11-4.

Kylie Lewis (4-2) took the defeat despite allowing just three hits through five innings.



### Doodle Delivers

Stephanie 'Doodle' Caudle fires a ball from shortstop over to first base in the Saints 9-2 loss to Jackson on Saturday morning in Butler. Doodle did her job at the plate, going 3-for-7 with three runs scored and two RBI in Patrician's two losses that dropped the eighth-ranked Saints to 11-4. All four of the losses have come at Zack Rogers Park.

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