

## City Slickers

■ Choctaw County baseball team beats LeFlore, but falls to Daphne in Mobile double-header



Bryan Winston

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MOBILE — On Saturday morning, the Choctaw County Tigers loaded up the bus and traveled to Mobile, Alabama. No, not for Spring Break, but for some big time baseball competition against some 'big city' teams.

The Class 3A Tigers made the more than two-hour bus trip from Butler to face Class 6A LeFlore and Daphne in a round-robin tournament.

The Tigers, who lost 11-0 to Sweetwater on Thursday, took a 20-1 thumping after stepping off the bus in the opener against Daphne, then rallied to top tourney host LeFlore 10-8 before returning home.

All in all, Choctaw County coach Bill McFarland wasn't thrilled with his team's performance on the road trip, especially defensively.

"We could have played much better," McFarland admitted.

"We certainly didn't play to our potential against Daphne, but they did have a superior team. We helped them out though with nine errors, so we didn't put up much of a fight either."

Daphne, who won the tournament, is ranked in the top ten in Class 6A with an 17-3 record.

According to McFarland, errors have actually become a major problem.

In their last three games, the Tigers have committed 19 errors, including nine in the Daphne loss and seven against Sweetwater.

"When you make that many mistakes, you can't expect to win," McFarland added matter-of-factly.

Choctaw County (7-4), who played Francis Marion in Butler after presstime on Tuesday, doesn't take the field again until Saturday (3/31) when they travel to Wilcox Central for a double-header starting at 1 p.m.

Here's a re-cap of last week's games:

**Sweetwater** 11  
**Choctaw County** 0

Starting pitcher Arsenio Dubose worked four strong innings, striking out six and allowing only five earned runs, but still took the loss after seven Tiger errors led to the 11-0 beating.

The Tigers collected three hits, two singles from Ronnie Reed and Laferris Williams and a double off the bat of Ricky Bush.

**Daphne** 20  
**Choctaw County** 1

The Tigers defense committed nine errors in this ugly loss to powerhouse Daphne (17-3) on Saturday in the opening game of a round-robin tournament held at LeFlore High School.

Jamarcus Blakely took the loss after allowing 16 hits and 13 earned runs in four innings of work. Ricky Bush picked up Choctaw County's lone hit and run, scoring on a wild-pitch after reaching base with a single.

**Choctaw County** 10  
**LeFlore** 8

Jarron Drummond helped the Tigers salvage a game in Mobile, throwing a complete game five-hitter with 13 strikeouts to outlast tournament host LeFlore.

Drummond, who walked just four batters and was charged with only two earned runs in the victory, also had an RBI double in four at-bats.

Trevor Cameron blasted a two-run homer for the Tigers, while Bryan Winston added a triple and two stolen bases. Second baseman Leferris Williams, who had an RBI and a stolen base, was singled out by coaches for his effort defensively in the win.

## Saints pound Wilcox twice

■ Patrician beats Wilcox 6-3 in suspended contest, then 14-3

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BUTLER — Patrician made short work of the Wilcox Wildcats in the completion of a suspended game Friday afternoon in Butler. After picking up the important area win, the Saints plastered the Wildcats 14-3 in the next game to improve to 8-4 on the season.

After breaking the 3-3 tie with a three-run seventh inning to pick up the win in a game that was started March 9th in Camden but suspended due to darkness, Patrician got a two-run first inning homer and a perfect 3-for-3 performance at the plate in their game two victory over Wilcox.

The suspended game was won when the Saints started the inning with two walks and an RBI single from Lance Gibson. They plated two more runs thanks to singles from B.J. Bonner and Dallas Anderson.

In game two, Barry Meeks crushed his sixth homer of the year in the first inning and added a two-run triple in the fourth to help starting pitcher Lance Gibson earn



Choctaw Sun photo by Marcus Gates

Patrician's Lance Gibson applies the tag to a Wilcox runner during the Saints 14-3 dismantling of the Wildcats in Butler on Friday. In the two wins, Gibson combined to go 5-for-7 at the plate with five runs and six RBI.

the win after throwing four innings of one-hit ball with nine strikeouts and no walks. Gibson was also a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate with three singles and three runs.

The Saints, who posted a five-spot in the second to take a commanding 9-0 lead in the 14-3 win,

got two hits from Tony Randolph and one each from B.J. Bonner, Dallas Anderson, Will McBride and Casey Landrum.

Patrician (8-4) will travel to play Lamar in Meridian on Friday, March 30th before returning home to face Clarke Prep on Monday, April 2nd.



Choctaw Sun photo by Dee Ann Campbell

SCHS junior Patrick Chapman was the tough-luck loser in the Indians' one-run loss to Fruitdale.

## Indians near Fruitdale, miles from Flomaton and Millry

■ Southern Choctaw gets nipped 8-7 versus Fruitdale, then walloped by Flomaton and Millry

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Last year, Southern Choctaw beat Fruitdale twice. The milestone wins broke a four-year losing streak and marked the Indians only victories that season. On Thursday at Zack Rogers Park in Butler, the Indians faced Fruitdale again, and again had a chance to break a losing streak.

Losers of sixteen-in-a-row dating back to last season, Southern Choctaw (0-10, 0-6) seemed poised to take advantage of Fruitdale once again, leading 6-5 in the fifth behind a strong outing from starting pitcher Patrick Chapman. However, the Indians leaked three late runs and couldn't regain the lead, falling 8-7 to the Pirates.

In the loss, Chapman threw a complete game, allowing 10 hits with two strikeouts and no walks. At the plate, Tori Adams, Crimson Lewis, Andrew Philon and Tyler Johnson each had two hits in three at-bats, while Chapman, Seth Doggett, Shaq Pearson and Gerald White all had one hit.

The Indians, who lost by the ten-run rule to Flomaton and Millry last week, will play area opponent Bayside Academy at Skinner Field in Toxey this Thursday (3/27) at 4 p.m. Then on Saturday (3/31), the Indians travel to Sweetwater for a 3 p.m. contest.

## \$1,000 Bass Tournament

GILBERTOWN -- On April 14th, the Gilbertown Bass Club, A&D Sporting Goods and McGraw-Webb Chevrolet will sponsor an open bass tournament at the Coffeetown Service Park above the Coffeetown Lock and Dam. The launch site will be Service Park Landing just off Highway 84.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$80 per boat, which includes the luncheon and launch fee. First place is **GUARANTEED \$1,000**. The tournament will begin at safe light and conclude at 3 p.m. For more information call Ben Etheridge at (251) 276-3449 or Mike Thorn at (251) 843-2668.

## Dahlberg named first team All-State



South Choctaw's senior guard Kate Dahlberg added to her list of postseason honors on Monday after being named a starter on the AISA All-State basketball team as selected by the Alabama Sports Writers Association.

Dahlberg, who was also selected 'Sun' Player of the Year and state tournament MVP, led the South Choctaw Lady Rebels to a 23-6 record and a Class 1A state championship. After graduation, Dahlberg, who says her playing days are over after high school, plans to attend the University of West Alabama.

Fellow senior Arielle Campbell was Honorable Mention.

Here's the rest of the AISA All-State girls' basketball squad:

**First Team**  
Alisha Nelson-Glenwood, Hannah Phillips-Kingwood, Kimberli Rutledge-Coosa Valley, **Kate Dahlberg-SCA**, Darnisha Lyles-Faith

**Second Team**  
Beth Forrer-Macon-East, Kianna Pickney-Glenwood, Keshara Moore-Warrior, Corrie Allen-Clarke Prep,

Karla Smith-Glen Iris Baptist

**Coach of the Year**  
Tim Mayse, Glenwood

**Player of the Year**  
Hannah Phillips, Kingwood

**Honorable Mention**  
Hillary Hughes-Edgewood, Caroline Phillips-Abbeville, Jennifer Pouncey-Fort Dale, **Arielle Campbell-SCA**, Ashton Salter-Monroe, Whitney Toole-Lakeside

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