

SCA take two of three in Demopolis



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SCA's Jacob Sullivan pokes a ball through the hole between third and shortstop during one of the Rebels' two wins at the Demopolis Tournament. Sullivan was 4-for-9 in the event with a double and two RBI.

■ South Choctaw best Coosa Valley and Cornerstone Christian before falling to Shelby at Demopolis Tourney

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DEMOPOLIS — The South Choctaw boys baseball team fared well against their Class 1A competition at the Demopolis Invitational Tournament over the weekend. The Rebels (3-8) beat Cornerstone 6-5 in the tournament opener, then outlast Coosa Valley 5-2, before finally falling 10-1 to Shelby in the finale.

In the win over Cornerstone, the Rebels held a 6-1 lead after three thanks to a four-run third sparked by two walks and three straight singles from Matt Etheridge, Tyler Fulcher and Trey Waddell. Despite a four-run Cornerstone rally in the fourth, starting pitcher Wade Chadwick held on for the win after throwing five innings of six-hit ball with seven strikeouts. Jacob Sullivan

was 2-for-3 at the plate for the Rebels, while Matt Etheridge picked up two singles and scored two runs. Matt Phillips added a hit for South Choctaw.

In their next game, a 5-2 defeat of last year's Class 2A runner-up Coosa Valley, the Rebels took a 4-1 lead in the third on two base hits and four errors. Starting pitcher Jacob Sullivan would make the lead hold up with five innings of work, allowing just six hits, one walk and two strikeouts. Sullivan also chipped in at the plate for South Choctaw with a 2-for-3 performance that included a two-run single in the decisive third inning. Matt Phillips also had a run scoring double in the third and Trent Gibson finished 2-for-3 with two singles.

In the final game, the Rebels fell 10-1 to Shelby with starting pitcher Trent Gibson on the mound. Trailing just 3-1, the Rebels would commit five errors in the third inning, allowing Shelby to post six runs and take control of the game.

South Choctaw will play next on April 2nd at home against West Alabama Prep in Toxey.



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SCA's Cierra Giles (above) runs the bases after an inside-the-park homer in the Rebels 15-run first inning against Coosa Valley. In the three games, Giles was 3-for-7 at the plate with a run and two RBI. Here's how some of the other Rebels fared in the event: Payton Hanna 3-for-9 four runs scored, Arielle Campbell 6-for-7 with a triple and five runs scored, Jessie Chadwick 3-for-6 four RBI and three runs, Koen Lindsey collected two hits in seven at-bats.

Lady Indians jammed by Fruitdale Pirates

■ Indians pitchers record 13 strikeouts, but walks, errors and stolen bases fuel 12-4 defeat

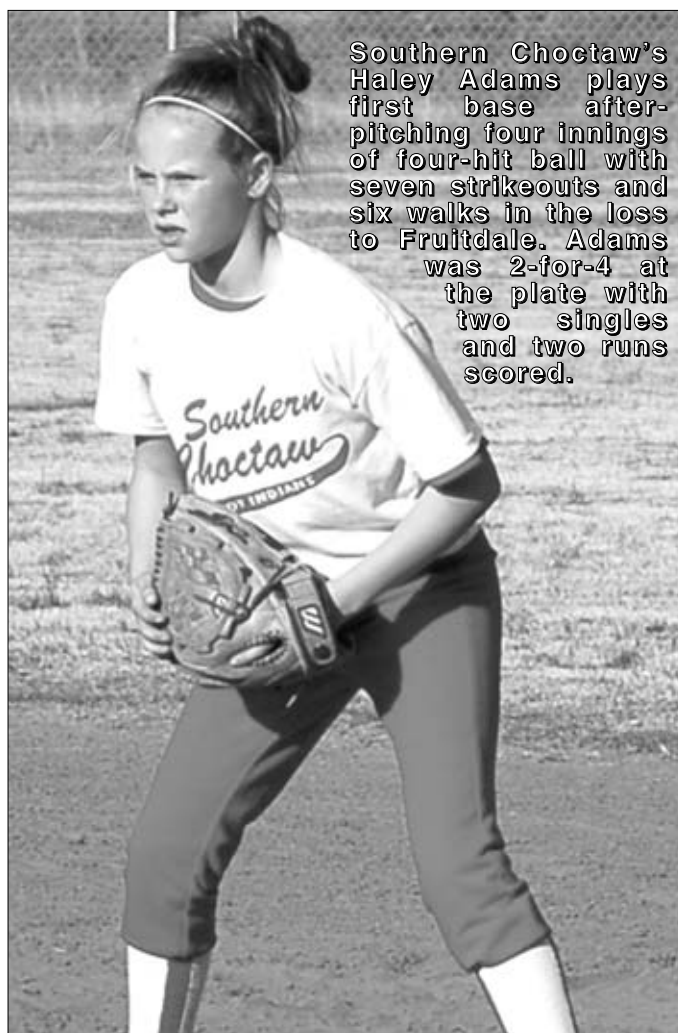
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GILBERTOWN — Southern Choctaw took a 1-0 first inning lead against Fruitdale at the Gilbertown Sports Complex on Thursday. The lead was short-lived, however, as the Indians, who had just won their first game in over two seasons last week with a 14-3 defeat of Marengo, suffered through a rash of walks, stolen bases and errors to fall to the Lady Pirates 12-4.

After holding Fruitdale scoreless with three straight strikeouts in the top of the first, starting pitcher Haley Adams led off the Indians' half of the first with a single. Second batter Shaneice Goines followed with another base hit, putting Adams in scoring position. Then, after a flyout by Jessica Giles, Laneka Bonner brought Adams home on an infield error.

Fruitdale would strike back in the top of the second with a four-spot thanks to two base hits, two walks and an amazing eight stolen bases. The Indians would not recover from the big inning, allowing Fruitdale to score two more in the third and three more in both the sixth and seventh. In all, the Indians allowed 13 stolen bases, walked 11 batters and committed three errors. Pitchers Haley Adams and Taylor Phillips, who gave up just nine total hits to the Lady Pirates, combined to strikeout 13 Fruitdale batters.

The Indians (1-6, 0-1) dropped their opening area contest 7-1 to the Leroy Bears in Gilbertown in their next game on Tuesday. They will play again this Friday (3/30) at Fruitdale at 4 p.m.



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Southern Choctaw's Haley Adams plays first base after pitching four innings of four-hit ball with seven strikeouts and six walks in the loss to Fruitdale. Adams was 2-for-4 at the plate with two singles and two runs scored.

Rebels win Two

■ Lady Rebels impress with wins over Coosa Valley and Shelby in Demopolis Tournament that featured bevy of in-class competition

DEMOPOLIS -- The Class 1A South Choctaw Rebels improved to 6-9 with two wins and a loss at the Demopolis Tournament that featured plenty of in-class competition.

In the opening contest against Shelby, South Choctaw held a 2-0 lead heading into the game's final inning. Shelby would finally get to Rebels starting pitcher Koen Lindsey in their last at-bat, loading the bases on three straight walks and then taking the 4-2 lead after a three-run triple. Trystan Mosley entered in relief after the hit and induced a ground ball to end the inning.

In their last at-bat, Jessie Chadwick would tie the game again with a two-run double that plated Payton Hanna and

Arielle Campbell, who had reached with back-to-back singles. Then, with the game knotted at 4-4, Ila Stokley drove in Chadwick with the game winning run with a base hit that rolled to the fence. Mosley, who pitched to just one batter, picked up the win.

The exciting victory fueled the Rebels in their next game, a 17-1 spanking of Coosa Valley in which South Choctaw posted an unbelievable 15 first inning runs.

The girls could not keep the momentum, however, losing 8-1 to Cornerstone in the third and final game.

South Choctaw doesn't play again until Monday, April 9th when they face Clarke Prep at home in Toxey.

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