

## Frigid Fun

■ Despite cold temperatures, Gilberttown youth leagues enjoy huge turnout on Opening Day



Little League Baseball and Dixie Softball kicked off their 2007 seasons on Saturday with Opening Day at the Gilberttown Sports Complex. The event featured nearly 20 youth baseball and softball games and was well attended, despite the cold temperatures.

"It amazes me at the amount of support for the kids," commented Dixie League President Chad Adams about the large turnout. "Everybody is getting involved and really making these leagues and this complex work. We hope to have a great season of youth sports and want everybody to continue to come out and enjoy watching the kids play ball."

Adams added that the league still needs umpires and scoreboard operators, as well as other volunteers. If you are interested, contact Chad Adams at (251) 843-5100.

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## Bush bombs Marion

■ Ricky Bush's two grand slams key CCHS's unbelievable 32-4 blowout of Francis Marion

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 The Choctaw Sun

BUTLER — Choctaw County pounded out an amazing 17 hits in a 32-4 shellacking of Francis Marion on Tuesday in Marion. The Tigers (8-12) hit three home runs in the onslaught, including two grand slams from senior Ricky Bush.

Bush had a 3-for-5 day at the plate with nine RBI thanks to a double and the two bases loaded homers. The shortstop led a Tiger attack that got three hits each from Ronnie Reed and Laferris Williams, and four hits from Anthony Johnson. Williams collected five RBI with his trio of hits, while Reed knocked in three runs. Johnson had four RBI on three singles and a homer. The other Tiger homer came off the bat of starting pitcher Arsenio Dubose, who picked up the win in the blowout with seven strikeouts and just five

hits allowed in five innings of work.

The Tigers couldn't keep the momentum going from the big win however, losing 7-2 in their next game to Greensboro. In the loss, Choctaw County committed six errors and collected just two hits. The defensive miscues and lack of offense didn't help starting pitcher Ricky Bush, who lasted just two inning after allowing seven hits.

Greensboro scored all seven runs in Bush's two innings, but because of the errors only two of them were earned. Jamarcus Blakley relieved Bush and went four innings while allowing only one hit with four strikeouts. Catcher Trevor Cameron hit a home run and had both RBI for the Tigers. Ronnie Reed had the other hit for Choctaw County.

The Tigers, who were scheduled to play Sumter in Butler after press time on Tuesday, will play next on Friday (4/13) at Sumter in York before heading to Livingston for a double-header on Saturday.



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Allie Roach steals third after getting on base with a double in the late innings against Jackson on Monday in Butler. Roach would later drive in the winning run with a single to lead Patrician to the 3-2 extra-inning win.

## Roach squashes Jackson in eighth

■ Patrician moves to 20-8 with wins over Southern, Escambia and Jackson

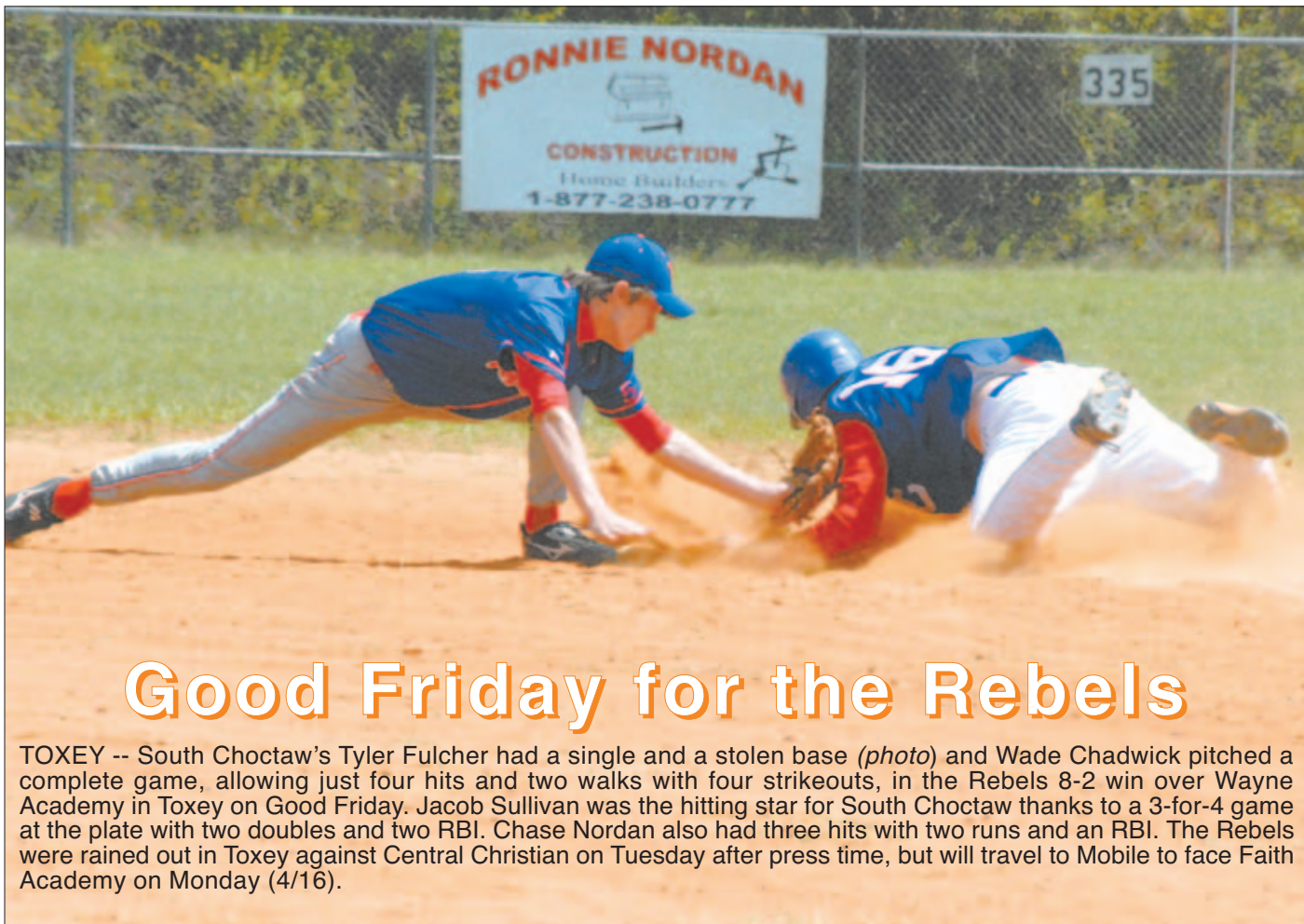
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BUTLER — Patrician got blowout wins over Southern and Escambia during a 4-1 week that moved the eighth-ranked Lady Saints to 20-8 on the year. During the winning week the Saints also picked up a thrilling 3-2 extra-inning victory over Jackson thanks to a game-winning hit by Allie Roach, as well as a disappointing 8-2 loss to Faith Academy in Mobile.

**Patrician** 16  
**Southern** 0

Kylie Lewis (7-3) went five strong innings with eight strikeouts to earn the win against Southern Academy in Greensboro on Tuesday. Lewis, who went 3-for-3 at the plate with three runs, got the easy victory thanks to an offense that exploded for a seven-run third inning that turned the game into a runaway.

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## Good Friday for the Rebels

TOXEY -- South Choctaw's Tyler Fulcher had a single and a stolen base (photo) and Wade Chadwick pitched a complete game, allowing just four hits and two walks with four strikeouts, in the Rebels 8-2 win over Wayne Academy in Toxey on Good Friday. Jacob Sullivan was the hitting star for South Choctaw thanks to a 3-for-4 game at the plate with two doubles and two RBI. Chase Nordan also had three hits with two runs and an RBI. The Rebels were rained out in Toxey against Central Christian on Tuesday after press time, but will travel to Mobile to face Faith Academy on Monday (4/16).

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