

Need to Know....

SEC BASEBALL

EASTERN DIVISION			
	Overall	SEC	GB
Florida	20-15	8-4	--
Vanderbilt	29-5	7-5	1.0
So. Carolina	26-7	7-5	1.0
Tennessee	20-13	6-6	2.0
Kentucky	25-6-1	5-6-1	2.5
Georgia	11-21	4-8	4.0
WESTERN DIVISION			
	Overall	SEC	GB
Arkansas	25-10	8-4	--
Ole Miss	24-10	7-5	1.0
Mississippi St.	21-8	7-5	1.0
Alabama	20-14	5-7	3.0
LSU	18-15-1	4-7-1	3.5
Auburn	23-12	3-9	5.0

as of 4.9.07

Did You Know?

- **Auburn** took 2-of-3 from LSU in Baton Rouge to pull within five games of front running Arkansas.
- **Alabama** shocked top-ranked Vanderbilt 5-3 after first baseman Casey Weathers stole home in the top of the tenth inning to give the Tide the lead.
- **South Carolina's** Travis Jones has been named SEC Baseball Player of the Week, **Miss. State's** Justin Pigott has been named Pitcher of the Week, and **Auburn's** Taylor Thompson has been named Freshman of the Week. USC's Jones was also named the Louisville Slugger National Player of the Week for his 9-for-12 series against Florida in which he hit five homers with 11 RBI.

Did You Know?

- **Southern Choctaw's** softball team fell to 1-10 after an ugly 17-0 loss to Excel in Gilbertown on Monday. The Indians don't play again until April 24th when they host Choctaw County.
- The **CCHS Lady Tigers** (5-10) don't play again until April 16th when they host Thomasville in Butler.
- The **South Choctaw Lady Rebels** are still in the mist of a nearly three-week layoff. The Rebels, who haven't played a game since March 24th, had a game on Tuesday (4/10) against Central Christian cancelled due to rain. Their next scheduled contest is Monday, April 16th at Faith Academy in Mobile.
- Senior lead-off hitter **Kylie Lewis** leads the eighth-ranked **Patrician Lady Saints** with a .581 batting average. The next closest on the team is **Doodle Caudle** with a .363 average.

Did You Know?

- The **Atlanta Braves** are off to a 6-1 start after taking 2-of-3 from the New York Mets over the weekend in Atlanta. The fast start has the Braves in first place, one-half-game ahead of the Mets and the Marlins, in the NL East.
- Atlanta's **Mike Hampton** will miss the entire 2007 season after having surgery to repair a torn tendon in his left elbow on Tuesday. Hampton, who will make \$29.5 million this year and next, hasn't pitched in a game since August of 2005.
- The Braves started a three-game series against the woeful Washington Nationals (1-6) on Tuesday. Tim Hudson will get the start in the opener, followed by Chuck James on Wednesday and Mark Redman on Thursday. The Florida Marlins (5-2) will then play the Braves over the weekend starting Friday.

• **West Alabama's** baseball team is ranked 16th in the nation thanks to Gilbertown's **Rob Dahlberg**, who is now ninth in the Gulf South Conference in batting (.386) after going 10-for-20 last week.

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Saturday night at the races

By Marcus Gates
The Choctaw Sun

This past Saturday was a regular night of racing at Whynot Motorsports Park in Whynot, MS. The weather was cold and some places called off their races, but not at Whynot.

There were several drivers from Choctaw County in action at Whynot and some faired better than others.

In the Street Stock - Feature race, 14 year-old Eric Mazingo from Butler (2006 Whynot Motorsports Park Rookie of the Year) finished a strong third. After starting in ninth place, he was able to work his way up to third place, but slipped back to fifth after a four car wreck that took three cars out of competition. The race was stopped until the wrecked cars were cleared off the track.

Eric Mazingo was able to gather himself and move back into third place after the restart of the race. His father Frank Mazingo, also of Butler, did not have a good night, finishing 24th after getting tangled up with a few other cars on the track.

Two other drivers from Choctaw County, Chris Jimerson and Phillip Stanley, had contrasting nights also. Chris Jimerson, driving number 18J in the Strom Pay LM - Feature, finished with a close third place. He started in sixth and was able to move into third, but had to



Choctaw Sun photo by Marcus Gates

Butler's Eric Mazingo takes a turn at Whynot Motorsports Park on Saturday night. Mazingo, still just 14 years-old, placed 3rd in the Street Stock race. Eric's father, Frank, finished 24th in the event. Fellow Choctaw Countians Chris Jimerson and Phillip Stanley took 3rd and 15th respectively in the StormPay race, while Ronald Geatchez finished 7th in the Four-Cylinder race.

battle the third place car of Larry Murphy most of the race to keep his position.

The second driver, Phillip Stanley, from Choctaw County driving in the same class started the night off bad. In the hot laps session, Stanley almost lost his left front wheel because the lug nuts were not tight and after repairs were made was able to complete the feature race and finish 15th after starting 14th.

In the 4 Cylinder - Feature, Choctaw's Ronald Geatches started seventh and finished seventh.

There will be Regular Races again this Saturday night April 14, 2007 at Whynot Motorsports Park. Races start at 7 p.m. and hot laps at 6 p.m. and the gates open before that.

If you know of other race car drivers from Choctaw County or any of the surrounding areas that races at Whynot Motorsports Park and would like to be apart of The Choctaw Sun Sports, please email us at choctawsun@millry.net or fax it to us at 251-843-3233. Put it to the attention of Marcus Gates, Sports Writer.

\$1,000 Bass Tournament this Saturday

GILBERTOWN -- On April 14th, the Gilbertown Bass Club, A&D Sporting Goods and McGraw-Webb Chevrolet will sponsor an open bass tournament at the Coffeerville Service Park above the Coffeerville 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 lunger pot 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.

SAINTS from 1B

Shayna Jimerson finished 2-for-3, including a two-run single in the Saints' three-run first inning. Doodle Caudle, Amber Dobbins, Allie Roach, Tori Walters, Codi Stafford and Meagan Busby all had one hit for Patrician, who moved to 18-7 with the win.

Patrician Escambia 14 0

The hot-hitting Saints (19-7) returned home on Thursday for another ten-run win. This time it was pitcher Shayna Jimerson (12-2) who was the beneficiary of the Saints' hot bats that plated four runs in the first inning and then five in both the second and third.

Anna Lewis led the Saints at the plate with a 3-for-3 game that included a three-run homer in the first that easily sailed over the center field fence.

The blast was all Jimerson would need to cruise to her 12th victory of the year while dominating the ten batters she faced with eight strikeouts. Codi Stafford pitched two inning in relief with two strikeouts and one walk.

Kalyn Hall had two hits and two RBI for the Saints, while Brittany Lewis and Doodle Caudle each added singles. Doodle also scored three runs.

Patrician Faith 2 8

Six errors cost Patrician a chance at beating Faith Academy on the road in Mobile on Friday. The Saints (19-8) built a 2-0 lead after two innings thanks to an RBI single from Shayna Jimerson in the first and a run scoring triple from Kylie Lewis in the second.

Lewis, who finished the game 2-for-4 at the plate, was the starting pitcher and pitched well enough to win, but was foiled by two costly errors in Faith's four-run third inning. Lewis went four innings with six strikeouts, no walks and just four hits, before being relieved in the fifth by Jimerson, who watched four more runs score on three more errors.

Jimerson, who allowed two hits and two walks in two innings of work, was 2-for-4 at the plate, while Amber Dobbins, Anna Lewis, Kalyn Hall and Codi Stafford had the Saints other hits in the loss.

Patrician Jackson 3 2

On Monday in Butler, Allie Roach saved the day for starting pitcher Kylie Lewis. After throwing eight great innings of three-hit ball with 11 strikeouts, Lewis appeared headed for an exruciating loss after an error allowed Jackson to push across the go-ahead run in the top of the eighth.

Now trailing 2-1, Patrician rallied to tie the

3-on-3 hoops tourney starts April 19th

Joshua Victory Assembly, will be holding a Spring Break Shoot Out for 3-on-3 teams at Hage-wood Parker, Hwy 114 Pennington, AL on April 19,20,21 from 2-4pm. For Boys and Girls ages 12-18. Signup days are April 1-18.

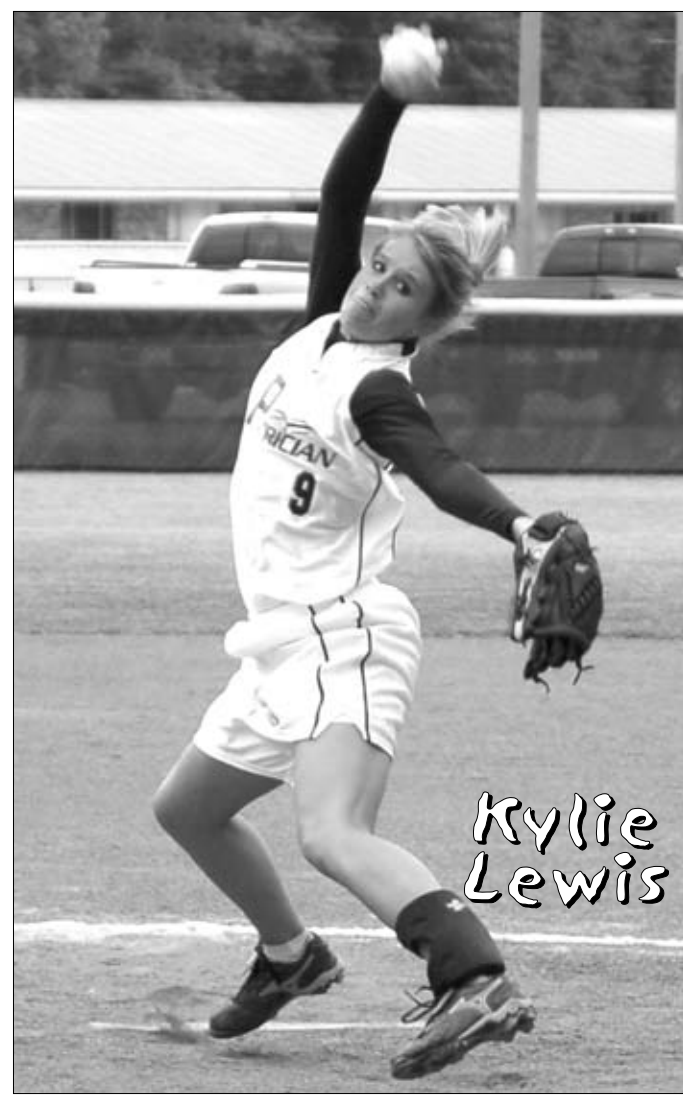
There will be a non-refundable entry fee of \$10 per team. For more information contact Pastor Thomas Jackson at 205-654-2254

'Ledgens Game' at SCHS this Saturday

Former players, along with other aging hoopsters, from SCHS and CCHS will play three charity games at the SCHS Gym on Saturday, April 14th at 5 p.m.

Admission is \$5 and all proceeds will go to the SCHS girls' basketball program and the CCHS boys' team.

Interested in playing, refereeing or volunteering? Contact Gwen Foster at (251) 843-2050.



Kylie Lewis

game when Doodle Caudle put down a sacrifice bunt that plated Tori Walters. Then with two outs and Kylie Lewis representing the winning run on third base, Allie Roach slapped a single into right field to win the game in dramatic fashion for Patrician.

Roach was 3-for-4 with a double and the game winning single, while Codi Stafford went 2-for-3 with one run.

Patrician played Marengo on the road after press time on Tuesday. On Friday (4/13) the Lady Saints will travel to play Marion and then return home next Tuesday (4/17) to host Southern. All three games are important area contest for the Saints, who are 2-0 in area play. The top two teams between PA, Southern and Marengo will make the playoffs.

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