

Need to Know....

SEC BASEBALL

EASTERN DIVISION			
	Overall	SEC	GB
Vanderbilt	32-6	9-6	--
So. Carolina	28-8	9-6	--
Florida	20-19	8-7	1.0
Tennessee	20-14	6-7	2.0
Kentucky	26-9-1	6-8-1	2.5
Georgia	13-23	5-10	4.0
WESTERN DIVISION			
	Overall	SEC	GB
Arkansas	29-10	11-4	--
Mississippi St.	23-8	8-5	2.0
Ole Miss	25-13	8-7	3.0
Alabama	22-15	7-8	4.0
LSU	21-16-1	6-8-1	4.5
Auburn	25-14	4-11	7.0

as of 4.16.07

Did You Know?

• In a battle of division leaders, **Arkansas** swept **Florida**. The loss was the Gators' fifth-straight, handing the lead in the Eastern Division to **Vanderbilt** and **South Carolina**. For Arkansas, it was their fifth-straight win, padding their Western Division lead to two games over **Miss. State**, who jumped **Ole Miss** for second place.

• **Alabama** took 2-of-3 from **Georgia** in Tuscaloosa, but because of Arkansas' sweep of Florida, the Tide actually lost a game in the standings.

• **Florida's Matt LaPorta** is leading the SEC in batting average (.443), home runs (16), slugging percentage (.882), on-base percentage (.585), runs scored (47) and total bases (112).

Did You Know?

• Both **Millry's** baseball and softball teams are heading for the playoffs. The Lady 'Cats (21-5 and ranked third in Class 1A) will take a one-seed into the post-season after winning their 1A Area 1 race with a perfect 4-0 mark, while the boys enter the playoffs after a runner-up finish behind **Sweetwater**.

• The **South Choctaw Lady Rebels** beat Central Christian 16-0 to take the lead in AISA West Area. The Rebels (7-10) will face Central again on Friday (4/20) in Selma, a win will give the Rebels the area title. SCA will first play **Patrician** on Thursday (4/19) in Toxey.

• The **Southern Choctaw Lady Indians** (1-10) have four games left on their schedule; at Choctaw County (4/24), home against Clarke County (4/26) at Clarke County (4/30) and at Marengo (5/1). SCHS's lone win came against Marengo in their third game of the season.

• The **Indians** (0-15) baseball team wrapped up their season with losses against the Choctaw County junior varsity and Sweetwater.

DID YOU KNOW?

• The Legendary Paul W. "Bear" Bryant did a lot of great things as Head Football Coach of the Alabama Crimson Tide. But one of the last great things he did before he retired in 1982 was hire Sarah Patterson as women's head gymnastics coach in 1978. Coach Patterson is still in that position at Alabama today and has set records in her sport that actually rivals Bryant's records in football. We all know that football and gymnastics are different sports, but they both take hard work and dedication. Most people thought that the records Bryant set would be around forever, and some may be.

But Coach Patterson has come close to or equaled, and in some case actually passed Bryant's accomplishments.

For example, Bryant coached 38 years (1945-1982) and Patterson 29 years (1978-Present). Bryant's teams won six National Titles (1961, '64, '65, '73, '78, & '79) while Patterson's teams have won four (1988, '91, '96, & 2002). Bryant qualified for post-season play (Bowl Games) 25 consecutive years (1958-1982), Patterson has qualified for post-season play (NCAA Gymnastics Championships) 25 consecutive years (1982-2007). Bryant's record as a head coach is 323 wins, 85 losses, 17 ties. Patterson's is 358 wins, 77 losses, 4 ties.

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From the Dirt Track with Marcus

HOT CAR: Locally owned car finishes first at Whynot Motorsports Park

By Marcus Gates
The Choctaw Sun

WHYNOT, MS -- The Sun received a call on Friday evening to let us know of an Alabama - Mississippi connection at Whynot Motorsports Park in Whynot, MS. Terry Robinson that lives in Rock Springs is the owner of the number 07 Crate Late Model driven by Talbert Goldman of Meridian, MS.

This is their first full season of racing, working together as owner/driver team.

Currently Goldman is the track points leader at Whynot with 50 points, two more than second place Lucky Keeton. Also from Choctaw County are Chris Jimerson in third place, four points out of first, and Phillip Stanley in 12th place.

"This my second full season at Whynot as a car owner and my first season with Talbert Goldman as my driver," said Robinson. "We met last year and got together this year as a team. He is 21 years old and I see a bright future for him in racing."

Robinson retired from Georgia Pacific in 2000 and was looking for something to spend his time doing and discovered how much he liked this type of racing and then got involved.

"When I was younger I drag raced cars and raced motorcycles but, I enjoy this much more," added Robinson. "Goldman is ahead of a lot of drivers in his knowledge of this kind of



Choctaw Sun Photo by Marcus Gates

The Crate Late Model number 07 owned by Terry Robinson of Rock Springs in Choctaw County and driven by Talbert Goldman of Meridian, MS. Winners of the StormPay Crate Late Model Feature Race at Whynot Motorsports Park on April 7, 2007.

racing and he is a pleasure to work with and have drive my car."

Goldman had a passion to race at a young age, he raced go carts from 8 to 11 years old. His father Mike Goldman owns Goldman Custom Cars and that is where Talbert works now. His mother Sherry is part of the business too.

"I love this type of racing and I have learned a lot in just two and a half years of crate late model racing and I do not know where I would be if it was not for the help and support of my parents, car owner Terry Robinson and Mike Boland. I basically just stepped into one of these type cars and started racing. My first year I flipped in one of these cars and broke my arm, but I have been doing okay every since then," said Goldman. "I use a Mike Boland's TRAK

STAR car chassis and Mike has help me a lot with my set-ups on the number 07 car and my father and Terry have been great help to. I enjoy racing for Robinson."

He led in points for half the 2006 season at Magnolia Speedway and Columbus Speedway both in MS, and finished third in the StormPay Western Region. His favorite tracks are Whynot Motorsports Park and Southern Speedway both in MS.

Robinson and Goldman hopes that everyone from Choctaw County and Meridian, MS, will come out and see them.

There are two drivers on the NASCAR Circuit that got their start on Mississippi Dirt Tracks and they Kenny Wallace and Ken Schrader.

Your next chance to watch some good dirt track racing will be this Saturday night, April 21,

2007 at Whynot Motorsports Park just across the Alabama-Mississippi line on Hwy 19 in Whynot, MS. at 7 p.m. gates open at 6 p.m. The rained races from March 31st and April 14th as well the regular scheduled event the MS. State Championship Challenge Series sponsored by StormPay.com.

StormPay Late Model Feature race results from April 7, 2007:

1. Talbert Goldman
2. Lucky Keeton
3. Chris Jimerson
4. Larry Murphy
5. Herman Reynolds
6. Wiley Williams
7. Roger Rolison
8. Jamey Smith
9. David James
10. Brock Busbea
11. Dustin Stewart
12. Danny Murray
13. Ryan Mosley
14. Brandon Keeton
15. Phillip Stanley

Dahlberg named Player of the Week



BIRMINGHAM -- The 16th-ranked University of West Alabama baseball team picked up two honors last week from the Gulf South Conference, as Rob Dahlberg was named GSC Eastern Division Player of the Week and Noel Baca garnered Pitcher of the Week accolades as announced by the conference office on Tuesday afternoon.

Dahlberg captured his second career award. Last season's East Division Freshman of the Year accounted for 13 runs this week, hitting .500 in 20 at bats. The Gilberttown, Ala. native was instrumental in

UWA's series victory at then-No. 18 West Florida, going a combined 7-for-11 with three RBIs and three runs as the Tigers took Friday's twin bill, 12-2 and 10-5, respectively.

Baca, an Albuquerque, N.M. native, nabbed his first time honor this season helping UWA sweep the East Division awards. The senior shutdown UWF in Friday's opener, tossing seven innings while scattering four hits, one run and a walk in the Tigers 12-2 victory. The right-hander fanned eight Argos, holding UWF to a .167 batting average.

The Tiger duo becomes the fifth GSC honors of recognition this season for UWA. Dahlberg becomes the second Player of the Week, joining Jake DeRoy, as Baca joins fellow hurlers R.J. Miller and Brandon Wheeler to garner the Pitcher of the Week laurels for the Tigers.

Dahlberg again got a leg up on the Player of the Week award over the weekend, going 4-for-4 with three home runs in the Tigers 16-0 win over Mars Hill.

Rob is the son of Bruce and Karen Dahlberg of Gilberttown.



Choctaw Sun photo by Dee Ann Campbell

CCHS Cheerleaders selected for 2007-08

BUTLER -- Choctaw County High School has selected the 2007-08 Tiger Cheerleaders. They are: (seated, left to right) Emonni Smith, captain; Chetrendra Ruffin, captain; (back) Kamille Horn, Shaquilla Jackson, Brittany Brown, Tatanaya Fluker, and (not pictured) Falencia Williams.

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Coach-pitch softball tournament in Meridian
MERIDIAN, Miss. -- A Girls' Softball Coach-Pitch (8-under) Tournament will be held May 5, at Bo Clark Park in Forest, Miss., just 40 minutes from Meridian off I-20 west.
The event is USSSA-sanctioned and the entry fee \$175. Balls will be furnished. The deadline to enter is April 30.
Call Rocky Higginbotham at 601-938-1754 or Richard Herring 601-573-2938 for more information.