

Bottoms up!

■ Bottom of Rebels' line-up spurs seven-run rally, then plates winning run in crucial area victory over Central Christian

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TOXEY — South Choctaw (8-10, 4-0) used a seven-run sixth inning - started by hits from the bottom of the batting order - to come back from a 7-2 deficit and beat Central Christian 9-7 in Toxey on Thursday. South Choctaw's seventh, eighth and ninth batters weren't done either. With the game now tied at 7 in the bottom of the seventh, Tyler Fulcher, Trey Waddell and Wade Chadwick - the Rebels' 7th, 8th and 9th batters - put together three straight singles to win the crucial area game in Toxey on Friday, keeping the Rebels atop the Class 1A West Area with a perfect 4-0 mark.

In all, the trio was 6-for-9 in the win. Fulcher was 3-for-4, while Waddell went 2-for-3 and Chad-

wick added one hit in two at-bats, including the game-winner. Jacob Sullivan, who picked up the win with two innings of work on the mound, had a big RBI double in the Rebels' sixth inning rally.

On Friday, the Rebels went to Demopolis and quickly dispatched of West Alabama Prep 19-8 after hitting four inside-the-park home runs. Sullivan went 3-for-5 in the win with two of the homers, Matt Phillips went 4-for-5 with a home run and Billy Jack Boyte added two hits, one of which was an inside-the-park homer.

On Monday, the Rebels traveled to Mobile to face Class 3A Faith Academy. South Choctaw battled the bigger Rams, but had to return home with the 7-3 loss despite getting a two-hit game from Derek Conner and singles from Tyler Fulcher, Matt Etheridge and Jacob Sullivan.

South Choctaw will host Sumter in a critical area game after press time on Tuesday in Toxey. The Rebels then host rival Patrician Academy in Toxey on Thursday (4/19).



Wade Chadwick



Jessica Rogers

Jessica Rogers shines in Tigers loss to Thomasville
BUTLER -- Even though the Choctaw County Lady Tigers (5-14) lost 11-1 to Thomasville (20-9) on Monday, senior center fielder Jessica Rogers (*photo*) still had an awesome game. Rogers scored the Tigers' lone run, collected two hits and made three spectacular catches in the outfield. CCHS's next game is April 23rd at home against Aliceville.

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Lady Saints wrap up area title

■ Patrician beats Marion and Marengo to ensure top-seed in upcoming playoffs

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BUTLER — Patrician Academy, runner-up in Class 2A for the last two seasons, moved one step closer to returning to the title series when they beat Marengo and Marion this week, staying a perfect 3-0 in West Area play and locking down the top-seed in the upcoming playoffs.

The sixth-ranked Saints (22-7) made short work of both area foes, beating Marengo in Linden handily 8-3 on Tuesday before blasting Marion 20-0 on the road.

Shayna Jimerson (12-2) picked up the win in the Marengo game after seven

innings of one-hit ball with eight strikeouts and four walks. The Saints took a 5-1 lead in the second after four walks and an error, then iced the game with three more runs in the third thanks to RBI singles from Kylie Lewis and Doodle Caudle. Amber Dobbins added an RBI single for Patrician in the win, while Allie Roach, Codi Stafford, Anna Lewis and Tori Walters each had singles.

In the 20-0 demolishing of Marion, Kylie Lewis worked two perfect innings with six strikeouts before being relieved by younger sister Lenoir, who struck out three of the four batters she faced. The Saints scored seven runs on six straight hits in the first inning and then plated nine more runs in the third.

Patrician will play Southern after press time on Tuesday in Butler, then travel to Toxey to face South Choctaw on Thursday (4/19) before hosting Marion on Monday.

Playoff Picture

Who's In

Choctaw County Lady Tigers

The Lady Tigers (5-14, 1-0) are actually on the inside track to win their two-team area. Only Greensboro and CCHS field a team in 3A Area 5, so both teams are already into the post-season. Since CCHS has beaten Greensboro once, with their next meeting coming up next Friday (4/27), they are the favorite to win the area.

Choctaw County Baseball

The Tigers (10-12, 3-3) took second in 3A Area 5 behind champ Greensboro and will now travel to face the winner in Area 3 (Headland or Geneva) when the first-round starts on Tuesday, April 24th.

South Choctaw Lady Rebels

The Rebels have been in the playoffs since day one of the season thanks to an area that features just them and Central Christian. The Rebels beat Central 16-0 in the first meeting and will face them again Friday (4/20). If SCA wins that game they are area champs and take the top-seed into the playoffs. The AISA girls' playoffs starts Friday, May 4th.

South Choctaw Baseball

The Rebels are 4-0 in area and in the lead over Sumter (3-1) by one-game for the West Area title. South Choctaw played Sumter on Tuesday after press time. If the Rebels win, they are area champs and take a top-seed into the playoffs. If they lose, a one-game playoff will likely take place against Sumter, with the winner taking the area and the loser being runner-up. Either way, it looks as if the Rebels are in the AISA first-round, which starts Friday, April 27th.

Patrician Lady Saints

This two-time state runner-up has a lock on their area race with a perfect 3-0 record with just two area games left. The Saints (22-7) will have to beat Marengo one more time, however, to ensure the top-seed. The Lady Longhorns come to Butler on Tuesday (4/24) to settle the area championship, but it appears both Marengo and PA will make the playoffs regardless.

Who's Not

Southern Choctaw Baseball and Softball

With just one win between the two, neither squad sniffed a post-season berth. Maybe next year things will finally turn around for these long-suffering programs.

Who's on the Bubble

Patrician Academy Baseball

Believe it or not, this perennial post-season team is in danger of not even making the playoffs. If the Saints (13-7, 1-2) lost to Southern after press time on Tuesday, then things are almost impossible for them to get into the post-season. Even with a win over Southern (2-1), the Saints would likely still need to beat area leader Marengo (3-0) when they come to Butler on April 24th to make the playoffs.

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