

Need to Know....

SEC BASEBALL

EASTERN DIVISION

	Overall	SEC	GB
Vanderbilt	35-8	12-6	--
So. Carolina	31-10	10-8	2.0
Florida	23-20	10-8	2.0
Kentucky	27-12-1	7-10-1	4.5
Tennessee	22-17	6-10	5.0
Georgia	14-26	6-12	6.0

WESTERN DIVISION

Arkansas	32-11	13-5	--
Mississippi St.	25-10	9-7	3.0
Ole Miss	27-15	10-8	3.0
LSU	23-18-1	8-9-1	4.5
Alabama	23-18	8-10	5.0
Auburn	27-16	6-12	7.0

as of 4.16.07

Did You Know?

- Top-ranked Vanderbilt swept Tennessee to move two games ahead of fifth-ranked South Carolina in the East Division.
- **Auburn** took 2-of-3 from **Alabama** over the weekend. However, both squads are scrapping to make the SEC tournament, which only takes the top eight teams. If the tourney started today, Alabama would be in, but not Auburn.
- West front-runner **Arkansas** took two from **Georgia** over the weekend to grow their Western Division lead to three games over second place **Mississippi State**.
- This weekend's schedule: Alabama at South Carolina, Arkansas at Auburn, Florida at Vandy, Georgia at Kentucky, Tennessee at LSU and Miss. State at Ole Miss.

Did You Know?

- **Millry's** baseball team traveled to face South Lamar after press time on Tuesday in the first-round of the state playoffs.
- The **Choctaw County Lady Tigers** (5-15) lost 16-2 to Aliceville on Monday in Butler. The contest was significant because the playoff-bound Area 5 Tigers could match-up with Area 3 Aliceville in the first-round. But first, the Tigers will play Greensboro in a 2-out-of-3 series on Tuesday, May 8th to see who wins the area title and who is runner-up. The location of the series will be determined this Friday by the winner of the Greensboro-Choctaw County game in Greensboro.
- The **Patrician Lady Saints** improved to 25-7 on the year with convincing wins over Southern (10-0), South Choctaw (8-1) and Marion (23-0). The Saints, who have won nine of their last ten contests, played Marengo after press time on Tuesday in Butler to see who would win the regular season area title. If Patrician beats the Longhorns, then they are the champs, however, if Marengo wins then their will be a one-game playoff to determine the area winner. Regardless of the outcomes of either game, both teams are already in the state tournament which is scheduled for May 4th and 5th in Montgomery.
- The **Southern Choctaw Lady Indians** (1-10) look to pick up their second win of the year when they travel to Butler to face Choctaw County on Friday (4/24). It will be the Indians, who lost to the Tigers once already this season, first game since April 9th.

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Lady Saints take third at JV State

■ After first-game breakdown, Patrician battles out of loser's bracket to finish third at junior varsity state tournament

By Colin Merritt
The Choctaw Sun

MONTGOMERY — Patrician's junior varsity softball team was on the way to an easy win against host Macon-East in the opener of the state tournament in Montgomery on Friday. However, a last at-bat rally by Macon-East spoiled the win and sent Patrician into the loser's bracket. Undaunted, the Saints would battle to win three-straight games on Saturday to finish third behind champion Marengo and runner-up Macon-East in the two-day, double-elimination tournament.

Leading 3-0 in the sixth inning behind a 12-strikeout performance from starting pitcher Kate Christopher, Patrician faltered when Macon-East woke up with a lead-off single followed by a costly error, a walk, and an RBI double to tie the game. Now in the eighth, Macon would get a two-run homer to take their first lead of the game, 5-3. Patrician scored once in the bottom of the eighth, but it wasn't enough as the Saints fell 5-4. Harley Glass had two hits and Tori Walters, LeNoir Lewis, Kate Christopher and Megan Weekley each had one.

On Saturday morning the Saints met South Montgomery in what would be their first of four games on the day. Luckily, South Montgomery was no match for Patrician and starting pitcher Lauren Bonner, who threw five innings of two hit ball with eight strikeouts in the 13-1 blowout. Tori Walters, Kameron Cook and Megan Weekley each had two hits, while Harley Glass, Miranda Luker and Kate Christopher added one hit apiece. Next Patrician took on a



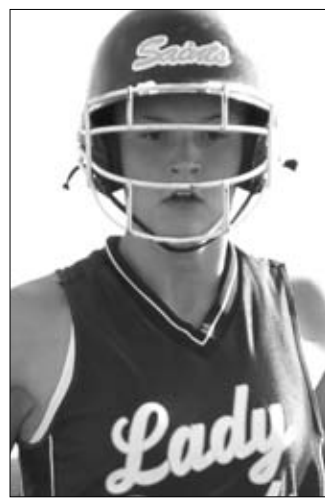
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Kate Christopher

scrappy Lowndes Academy squad. The Saints prevailed 5-3 behind a five-inning, two-hit effort from Kate Christopher and one perfect inning of relief from Lauren Bonner. Christopher, who picked up the win, also had a single, while Bonner, who got the save, collected two hits. Tori Walters also had two hits for Patrician, while Harley Glass, LeNoir Lewis and Miranda Luker had one. In the third game of the day Patrician would beat Hooper

But having to battle out of the loser's bracket was a real challenge and we came up just short. We actually had the tying run at the plate in the final game after trailing 7-1. I'm absolutely thrilled with the effort that the girls put forth. We really battled."

Kameron Cook and Tori Walters were named to the all-tournament team for the Lady Saints, who sport a 14-3 record with one game remaining against Marengo.



Tori Walters

Tournament Tally

Pitching

Lauren Bonner - 2 wins, 1 loss, 1 save, 14 innings, 15 K's, 13 hits, 1 walk

Kate Christopher - 1 win, 1 loss, 13 innings, 15 K's, 5 hits, 4 walks

Batting

Megan Weekley - .416 (5-for-12)

Tori Walters - .412 (7-for-17)

Harley Glass - .375 (6-for-16)

Third place Patrician played five games in all - Game 1: Macon-East 5-PA 4, Game 2: PA 13-So. Mont. 1, Game 3: PA 5-Lowndes 3, Game 4: PA 5-Hooper 1, Game 5: Macon-East 7-PA 5



Lauren Bonner

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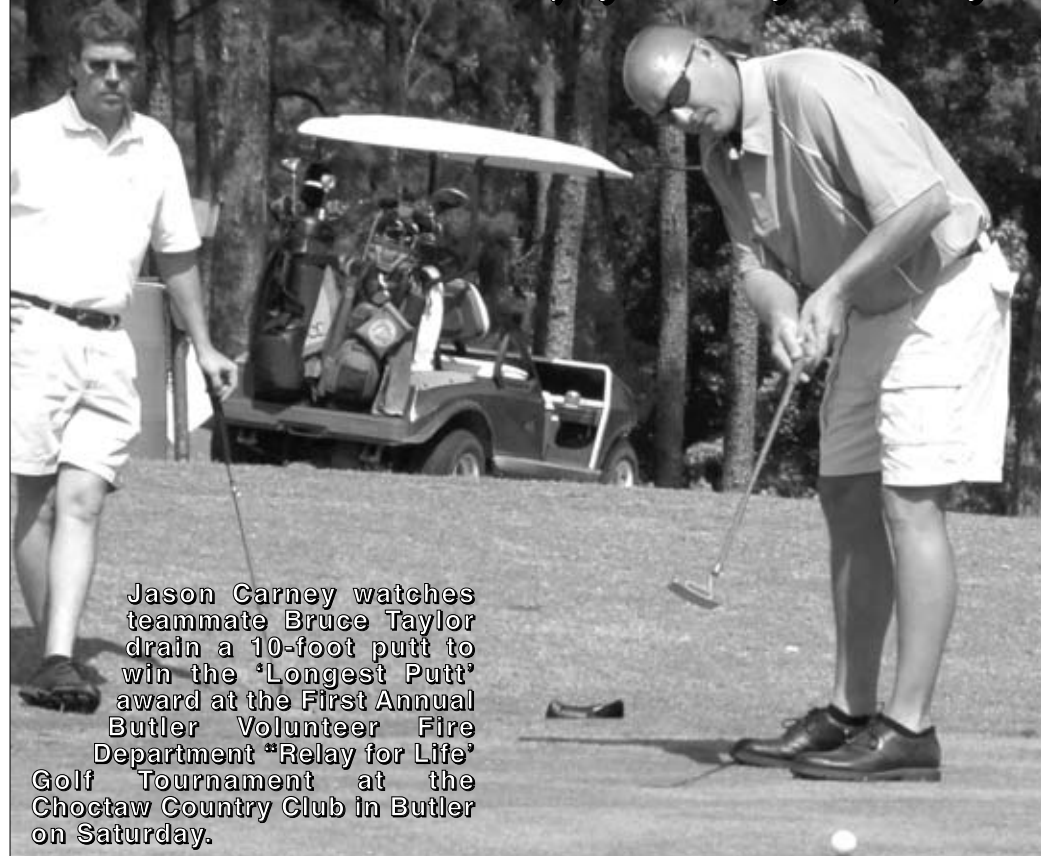
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Butler VFD "Relay for Life" Golf Tournament



Jason Carney watches teammate Bruce Taylor drain a 10-foot putt to win the 'Longest Putt' award at the First Annual Butler Volunteer Fire Department "Relay for Life" Golf Tournament at the Choctaw Country Club in Butler on Saturday.

The Butler VFD 1st Annual "Relay For Life" Golf Tournament Sponsored by Sunbelt Fire was a 'Big Success' according to Kim Edwards of the department.

"We did not have as many teams as we wanted, but we were able to raise more money than the goal we had set," said Edwards. "We had ten teams and 43 sponsors for the tournament."

"The Butler VFD would like to thank all of the sponsors and team members for their help and support, because this tournament would not have been a success without them," continued Edwards. "We would also like to thank the Choctaw Sun for their coverage of the event."

The first place team was Allen Rolison, Sage Davis, Duffy Smith, and Charles Davis, second place team was Don Norris, Bruce Herndon, Lyman Webb, and Justin Adams, third place team was Eric Taylor, Chris Gibson, Morgan Reynolds, and Gary Thomas.

The event was held on Saturday, April 21st at the Choctaw Country Club in Butler.

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