

Lady Indians shock Bayside, Excel in area tournament

■ Southern Choctaw, winners of four of their last six, comes out of loser's bracket to finish third in 2A Area 3 tournament

By Colin Merritt
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GILBERTOWN — The Southern Choctaw Lady Indians softball team salvaged a two-win season with a third place finish in the Class AA Area 3 tournament in Leroy. Even though the third place finish wasn't good enough to advance to the state playoffs, the two wins over Excel and Bayside give the Indians - winners of four of their last six games - hope for the future after a 5-13 season.



Haley Adams

After dropping the opening game 16-1 to host and one-seed Leroy on Thursday, the fifth-seeded Indians refused to go quietly, rallying to beat Bayside in an elimination game that afternoon before besting Excel on Friday morning of the double-elimination event. The Indians were then knocked out of the tournament by Flomaton, 9-0, in the semi-final game.

In the 12-2 win over Bayside and the 4-2 victory over Excel, seventh grader Taylor Phillips earned both wins as the starting pitcher. In the Bayside game, Phillips had 11 strikeouts in four innings before giving way to classmate Haley Adams, who pitched the last two

innings with three strikeouts. Phillips then added eighth strikeouts in the Indians win over Excel. In the Bayside win, Laneka Bonner and Haley Adams were both 4-for-4 at the plate, while Torria Bonner was 3-for-4. In the Excel victory, Adams had another big day, going 2-for-4 at the plate, while making numerous great plays on defense at third base. Laneka Bonner was 3-for-3 for the Indians and Torria Bonner was 1-for-3. Malia Simms had three RBI for the Indians on two base hits.

Despite finishing with a losing record and missing the playoffs, head coach Charles Chaney was ecstatic over his team's two wins in the area tournament, coupled with wins over Aliceville and Marengo in the last week of the regular season.

"We really came together in the last week of the season," Chaney boasted of his team that finished with four wins in their last six games after starting 1-11. "This is something to build on. We got a look at the future over the weekend, and it's bright."

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South Choctaw would send senior ace Trystan Mosley back to the mound in the important game, while Cornerstone countered with freshman Chelsey Dunnaway. Mosley was coming off a spectacular day-one in which she struck out 23 batters while allowing

just five hits. Dunnaway had also sparked Friday, picking up her team's lone win with a shutout of Abbeville. (*Cornerstone actually had a bye in the first-round and ended up having to play just three games in tournament.*)

In the Saturday morning showdown, Cornerstone wasted little time, striking for a six-run first inning on four hits, two walks, and a

From the Dirt Track with Marcus

Boland's Second to One

■ Mike Boland takes second place behind Frank Ingram in the \$3,000 Stormpay.com National Touring event in Whynot on Saturday night

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WHYNOT, MS. — It was another great night of racing at Whynot Motorsports Park. Frank Ingram of Woodstock, GA, drove his Universal Concrete Rocket to victory on Saturday night in the 50 lap \$3000 to the winner StormPay.com Dirt Late Model Series National Touring event at Whynot Motorsports Park. Ingram exchanged the lead three times with Wiley Williams of Stonewall, MS. Williams finished the race in seventh place.

"It was important to keep the my momentum of running the track full throttle late in the race through lap traffic, as Mike Boland (of Cuba, AL.) was closing in during the last few laps," said Ingram.

Boland finished second in the Ware Construction Trak Star, and third went to Jay Blair of Angie, LA. in the Parish Disposal Mastersbilt. Blair moved into third spot in the StormPay.com Dirt Late Model Series National point standing. But Gilbertown driver Terry Mosley finished in fourth place in his Mid Star Timber Rocket and was also the Rookie of the Race.

Mosley finished ahead of fifth place finisher and defending StormPay.com Dirt Late Model Series National Champion David Gentry of Lewisburg, TN, in his Dixon Plumbing Mastersbilt. Another local driver (Chris Jimerson) was there, but had fuel issues and did not make the fea-



photo by Phillip Coleman - Custom Creations
Mike Boland of Cuba, Alabama finished second in the \$3,000 Stormpay.com National Touring event on Saturday night in Whynot.

ture race. One other driver with local connection (Talbert Goldman) finished 14th. Goldman was the victim of a few wrecks that he was not a fault.

There were 37 entries, but only 24 could make the field. There were three lead changes, five cautions with one being a red flag meaning the field was stopped. Terry Mosley of Gilbertown was the "Rookie of the Race." The winner of the race received \$3000 dollars in winnings, second place Mike Boland of Cuba received \$1250 dollars, both third place Blair and fourth place Terry Mosley of Gilbertown won \$1100 dollars each.

The second big feature race of the night was the Street Stock Class. Butler's Eric Mazingo won the third Heat Race and his first heat race win of the season.

Butler's Frank Mazingo won the first Heat race and his second week in a row doing so. Frank Mazingo started the feature race on the Pole, but soon got shuffled back to fifth and at the midway point something let go in his transmission and sent him to the infield for the remaining part of the race.

However Eric Mazingo started third and was able to maintain that spot for most of the race, but in the last five laps slipped to fifth and that was where he finished.

If you remember he dropped something in his transmission last week after the hot lap session. Others in the race from Choctaw County were Blake Ratcliff finishing in 10th place, Alex Skinner finishing in 15th place, Frank Mazingo finishing in 17th place, and Paul Jacobs did not make the

feature and finished 20th. Eric Mazingo held onto third place in points with 265 total points, Mel Dosier of Thomasville may be in eighth with 150 in points and Frank Mazingo may have moved into ninth in points with 145 total points. Others with points are Blake Ratcliff with 125 points, and Alex Skinner with 95 points, and Paul Jacobs with 75 points.

This coming Saturday night May 12th, there will be a Street Stock feature race with a \$1000 dollars to the winner. Gates will open before 6 p.m., Hot Laps start at 6 p.m., and racing starts at 7 p.m. Get your racing photos from Phillip Coleman at the track or go to customcreations@hughes.net. Get your weekly racing update from The Choctaw Sun or checkout full racing schedule on whynotmotorsportspark.com.

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South Choctaw's all-tournament selections were (l-r) Maranda Hallman-freshman/catcher, Arielle Campbell-senior/shortstop, and Trystan Mosley-senior/pitcher. The tournament MVP in Class A was Cornerstone Christian's Chelsey Dunnaway. The freshman pitcher won all three of her team's games, including two over South Choctaw in which she surrendered only three hits.

Chargers in relief during the Rebels' earlier loss to Cornerstone that morning. In the appearance Lindsey looked like she had Cornerstone's number.

However, the junior didn't have it in this one, getting hit for three runs in the first inning before coming out in the third during a six-run Cornerstone rally that effectively ended the game.

The commanding 9-0 lead in the fourth inning was all Cornerstone's Dunnaway would need as she iced her tournament MVP award with a one-hit shutout in the 14-0 victory. Kate Dahlberg

picked up SCA's lone hit.

The Rebels finished second the AISA Class A state tournament after winning three games and losing two over the weekend. South Choctaw placed three players on the all-tournament team - senior's Trystan Mosley and Arielle Campbell, and freshman Maranda Hallman.

Mosley had a great tournament on the mound, picking up all three Rebel wins with over thirty strikeouts. Campbell shined on defense at her shortstop position and was absolutely sizzling at the plate where she was 8-

for-15 (.533). Freshman catcher Maranda Hallman made the team after starting all five games behind the plate and collecting three hits. Besides playing wonderful defense, Hallman had one of the Rebels' more memorable tournament moments when she hustled around the bases and turned a groundball to second base into a run after two errors in the Rebels opening game of the tournament.

After a Class AA runner-up in 2005, the Rebels missed the playoffs last year before this season's 13-13 record and Class A runner-up.

South Choctaw Tournament Tally	
Arielle Campbell senior-shortstop-All-Tournament 8-for-15 (.533) 2doubles, 1 home run, 7 RBI	Jessie Chadwick senior-designated hitter 4-for-14 (.285), 5 RBI, 3 runs
Trystan Mosley senior-pitcher-All-Tournament 3-1 record, 32 strikeouts • 2 hits, run, RBI	Kate Dahlberg senior-first base triple, 2 doubles, 6 runs, 5 RBI
Maranda Hallman freshman-catcher-All-Tournament 4 hits, 4 runs, 3 RBI	Ila Stokley - 2 hits, run, RBI junior-third base Koen Lindsey - 2 hits, 2 runs junior-pitcher-center field Payton Hanna - 2 hits, 2 runs 8th Grade-right field
The Rebels were 3-2 in Montgomery: Game 1/SCA 2-Open Door 0, Game 2/SCA 6-Ashland 1, Game 3/SCA 1-Cornerstone 6, Game 4/SCA 12-Open Door 3, Game 5/SCA 0-Cornerstone 14	