



Lance Gibson

Choctaw Sun 2007 Baseball/Softball Players of the Year

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Senior • Patrician

By far the best stat sheet in the county, this senior led the 20-9 Saints both on the mound and at the plate. As the team's ace pitcher, Gibson really carried the load, picking up more than half the squad's wins. More impressive than his pitching, however, is his *out-of-this-world* numbers at the plate. The senior finished the year with an amazing .671 batting average with three homers, three triples, ten doubles and 52 runs scored in 103 at-bats. But wait, there's more. Gibson only struck out once all year - *that's right, once!* - and, as one voter so eloquently put it, "Lance is great, everybody knows it!"

Also receiving votes: Barry Meeks (36), Jacob Sullivan (24), Clay Goodwin (7), B.J. Bonner (4), Arsenio Dubose (3)

Kylie Lewis

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This multi-purpose threat picks up the Player of the Year award for the second season in a row, a first for the honor. Lewis actually improved on a super junior season with an even better senior year. The pitcher/center fielder led the team in seven offensive categories, including batting average (.557), hits (54), doubles (10), triples (5), walks (21), runs (42), and steals (6). She also led her 27-9 Saints with 119 strikeouts and an ERA of 1.86 as one of the team's top pitchers. As one voter explained, "She's simply the best, just look at the numbers."

Also receiving votes: Shayna Jimerson (44), Trystan Mosley (31), Jaleesa McNealy (8), Kia Bryant (4)



Kylie Lewis

Lady Tigers give it away at Greensboro

■ After winning the first game, CCHS drops next two and settles for runner-up in 3A Area 5 tournament behind Greensboro

EUTAW — Everything was perfect. Choctaw County had gambled in the opener of their best-of-three area tournament series with host Greensboro and went with the inexperienced Tiara Tuck on the mound, hoping to save ace Jaleesa McNeely for the game-two clincher.

The gamble paid off initially after Tuck pitched a complete game with seven strikeouts in the Tigers' exciting 10-9 opening game victory. The table was now set for McNeely to come in and close the door on an area title. However, five errors committed by the Tigers in the top of the first led to



Kia Bryant

six Greensboro runs and set the tone for a disappointing 8-7 loss that sent the series into a decisive game-three.

In the final contest, the Tigers gave up six runs in the first three innings due to more infield errors and were not able to recover in the 7-5 loss.

With the defeat, Choctaw County took a two-seed into the first-round of the Class AAA state tournament. The first-round got underway on Tuesday after presstime when the Tigers traveled to face West Blocton in a best-of-three series.

Arrington earns cheerleading scholarship

SILAS — South Choctaw Academy senior Randi Arrington has received a cheerleading scholarship from a prestigious Mississippi college.

A member of the Rebel cheerleading squad for several years, Randi has accepted a scholarship to attend Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, Miss., where she will join an elite cheerleading squad that has earned national recognition.

This year, the PRCC squad took top honors at Mississippi's annual UCA Cheer Championship and went on to finish 7th at the College National Championships in Orlando, Florida competing alongside more than 150 squads from colleges and universities throughout the country.



Submitted photo
Randi Arrington, new Pearl River Community College cheerleader.

Last year, the squad brought home a 4th place finish in the national competition.

In order to be a member of the squad, cheerleaders must show proficiency in stunts and tumbling, as well as cheer and

dance technique. Randi will be joining the PRCC squad when fall classes begin in August.

As a member of the SCA Rebels cheerleading squad, she received honors for her abilities,

including being named UCA and AISA All-Star during AISA cheer competition at Huntingdon College in Montgomery last summer. Randi is the daughter of Tab and Debbie Arrington of Silas.

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The run by Lowndes not only gave them the 5-4 lead, but killed all of the momentum that the Saints had built during their exciting comeback.

Now a bit dejected, Jimerson would exit the game in the sixth after surrendering a couple of hits in a row. Lowndes would take advantage of her absence and plate five more runs to claim the easy 10-4 win. The loss dropped the Saints into the loser's bracket where they would meet Marengo to see who would keep their title hopes alive and advance to day-two.

In the elimination game against Marengo on Friday night, which was the third game of the day for both teams, Patrician could muster only five hits as they fell 12-1 to the Longhorns, a team they had beaten three times during the season. The disappointing loss was due to a six-run fourth that broke open a scoreless tie, and a six-run sixth that turned a 6-1 game into a 12-1 thumping. Kylie Lewis picked up the loss after going six innings and had one of the Saints hits. Harley Glass, Anna Lewis, Codi Stafford and Kalyn Hall added the other hits for Patrician, who wrapped up their season with a 27-11 record.



Anna Lewis

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