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## GEORGIA SERIES RETURNS TO SWAYZE



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The Ole Miss baseball team celebrates following their win against Arkansas State on Wednesday. The score was 10-3, securing the Rebels their 30th win of the 2018- season.

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## Police apprehend suspect in gas station shooting

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A shooting occurred this afternoon outside of an Oxford gas station just steps away from the Oxford Police Department.

The police department responded to a call at about 4 p.m. of shots fired at the Chevron gas station located at 725 Molly Barr Road, according to a press release.

“It was reported that two males were fighting and shots were fired as they left the area,” the OPD press release said. “Officers worked quickly to locate and apprehend the suspect as well as the weapon within minutes of the call.”

The Chevron station is only 0.2 miles away from the Oxford Police Department – approximately a three minute drive.

OPD tweeted a photo at 4:36 p.m. from the parking lot of Star Package liquor store captioned, “We currently have a possible suspect detained at this time.”

OPD declined to comment or provide further information about the shooting to The Daily Mississippian during a call on Thursday afternoon.

This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

MISSISSIPPI TODAY

## Gov. Bryant linked UM with scrutinized British data firm

ADAM GANUCHEAU

Gov. Phil Bryant used his friendships with Brexit leaders to help a data firm – whose business practices are being investigated in the United Kingdom – do business with the University of Mississippi.

Bryant’s office referred U.K.-based Eldon Insurance Services to the university’s business incubator Insight Park. Eldon, along with a firm called Big Data Dolphins, are owned by a British businessman named Arron Banks.

Banks, who bankrolled the campaign for the U.K. to leave

the European Union in 2016 (commonly referred to as “Brexit”), is being investigated by several British government agencies about his use of individuals’ data during that campaign. Connections also are being scrutinized between the group and Cambridge Analytica, the company that allegedly stole millions of Facebook users’ personal data to help influence the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign.

Cambridge Analytica whistleblower Brittany Kaiser testified before British Parliament this week that Banks’ insurance company Eldon Insur-

ance Services and his data firm Big Data Dolphins was working with “a data science team at the University of Mississippi” after Banks cut off data contract negotiations with Cambridge Analytica.

Kaiser claimed the University of Mississippi researchers could have held or processed U.K. citizens’ data outside of the country, a possible criminal offense.

University of Mississippi spokesman Ryan Whittington downplayed any connection this week, saying the university “has neither received nor analyzed any data from Big Data



PHOTO COURTESY: ARRON BANKS | TWITTER

(From left) Lord Michael Ashcroft, Gov. Phil Bryant, Andy Wigmore and Arron Banks pose on the field of Vaught-Hemingway Stadium before the Arkansas game on Oct. 28, 2017.

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## Failing infrastructure causes bridge closures



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Bridge stability is an important component of everyday safety routines among drivers and commuters, but survival in hopes of getting to and from work or school without falling through a bridge is now an apparent concern in Mississippi.

Currently, the daily agenda for most citizens in Mississippi is presumably unsafe, and taxpayer dollars have not been utilized properly to fulfill safe infrastructure practices until now.

Gov. Phil Bryant has now issued the long overdue emer-

gency closure of over 100 bridges throughout Mississippi, and they're all in dangerous shape.

Driving to and from the Mississippi Delta while growing up allowed me to see the dangers of poor maintenance quality in Mississippi. Crossing the Tallahatchie bridge was an experience in itself as the local town of Money, where the bridge was constructed, was already in considerable disrepair.

Since then, I developed a hindsight to government spending quality and have been extremely displeased with the state's varying transportation initiatives. The year is now 2018, and the recent announcement of over 100 bridge closures is far from ridiculous, to put it politely.

The recent closure of state bridges is inexcusable, as we now live in a modern era of technological advancement and rapid innovation. In my personal experience, I've seen well-built roads that were just as old crossing into Alabama from Fulton, Mississippi. Now

as far from being old, the Alabama bridges and roads were still properly maintained and well-supported even from a similarly poorly-funded state.

In those regards, it seems our politicians need educational reform from federal governmental entities instead of aiding the top one percent of Mississippi residents. Lives are now at stake from the poor governmental spending practices arising from our public officials in Jackson who are seemingly ill-concerned with the important transportation needs and public assistance of their voters.

In a different light, bridges are indeed expensive. The mass mobilization of state construction workers along with the cooperation of the federal government raises state monetary concerns.

Closing over 100 bridges could have been handled in a more timely manner if the transportation sector had a well-grounded communication network and general knowledge of maintenance.

Instead, some public work-

ers and state officials have made semi-productive moves as reflected in the 2018 Senate infrastructure proposal. If the state doesn't correct its desynchronized state spending to the rest of the nation, we may soon be in a world of economic loss.

Mississippi either needs to learn from other states' transportation sectors or reform its own system entirely. Not to mention, the lack of a quality transportation sector in Mississippi is indeed reflective of its own sub-par education system. Maybe throwing money into the educational sector of the economy instead of providing incentives for local elites can also improve our safety. After all, I actually want to get to school and not fall through a bridge funded by the one percent taxpayer's dime.

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# 'The classroom is her stage'

## Ann Monroe receives Elsie M. Hood teaching award

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Assistant dean and associate professor of the School of Education Ann Monroe is this year's recipient of the Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher Award.

Monroe was given the award during UM's Honors Convocation on April 5. This award is given each year to one faculty member who goes above and beyond for his or her students and embodies the highest quality of teaching. Each year, the winner receives \$5,000 and a personal plaque and has his or her name engraved on a permanent plaque in the chancellor's office.

Monroe first started teaching in 1997 at Thrasher Elementary School in Signal Mountain, Tennessee. She began her career as a third-grade teacher and, according to her students, often shares stories about that period of her life.

What Monroe enjoys most about her job is teaching undergraduate students because she believes this enables her to make the biggest impact on K-12 classrooms. She said teaching young, pre-service teachers gives her the chance to make a positive impact on these students before they begin their teaching careers.

"I want them to think about the influence a teacher has and how to use that influence for good," Monroe said. "I want them to realize every child that graces their classroom door is important, brings something of value with them and is capable of learning and growing."

Her original plan was to

earn a master's degree and return back to her roots as an elementary school teacher. However, when her husband was given a fellowship to study the literature of William Faulkner at Ole Miss, Monroe went back to school full-time and earned a graduate degree. After teaching in the School of Education during her time as a graduate student, she became aware that she wanted to teach college students.

"It was the experience I had teaching in the School of Education as a graduate student that led me to know that college-level teaching was something I wanted to do," Monroe said. "I enjoyed sharing my experiences teaching elementary school with future teachers and began to realize the impact I could have on children by helping future teachers."

Senior secondary English education major Gabrielle Vogt, one of several students who nominated Monroe for this award, was a student in Monroe's EDCI 353 class.

According to Vogt, this class is vital for showing education majors how to create lesson plans and begin their observations of real classroom settings. Vogt said there is nothing typical about the way Monroe runs her classroom and that she puts on a performance during each lecture that is worthy of a standing ovation.

"In her nomination letter, I described sitting in her class as watching a Broadway performance, because to Dr. Monroe, the classroom is her stage. Despite her class being at 8 a.m., Dr. Monroe kept everyone



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Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter presents the 2018 Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award to Ann Monroe, assistant dean and associate professor of teacher education in the UM School of Education, during Honors Convocation ceremonies April 5 at the Ford Center.

awake with her stories about being a third-grade teacher," Vogt said. "There were many classes when I left in tears from laughing so hard."

Although Monroe's teaching style is fun-spirited and engaging, Vogt said Monroe still holds all of her students to high expectations.

"Dr. Monroe is not an 'easy' professor. She has high expectations, and you have to put in the work," Vogt said.

"However, the reward is getting to spend a few hours in her classroom. Dr. Monroe truly gives her all, every class."

Vogt said there is no one more deserving of this honor.

"She left her third-grade classroom with a goal of inspiring future teachers to go out and inspire their own students," Vogt said. "Dr. Monroe has done just that with thousands of education majors here at Ole Miss. She has made

a remarkable difference in the lives of so many."

According to an Ole Miss news release, during the award presentation Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter said that what is most impressive about Monroe is how she has helped her students see the worth of "paying it forward" as a teacher by emphasizing the importance of teaching in the classroom and interacting with students.

### SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION

Kathryn Heather Harrison

B.A.ED. IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

*"The Impact of Social Wellness Integration on Fifth Grade Students' Positive Social Behaviors"*

Directed by Alicia Stapp

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### SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION

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B.G.S. IN GENERAL STUDIES

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### SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION

Marjorie Madeline Cox

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*"An Examination of Mississippi Teachers' Likelihood to Report Child Sexual Abuse and the Potential Effect on the Rates of Victim Disclosure"*

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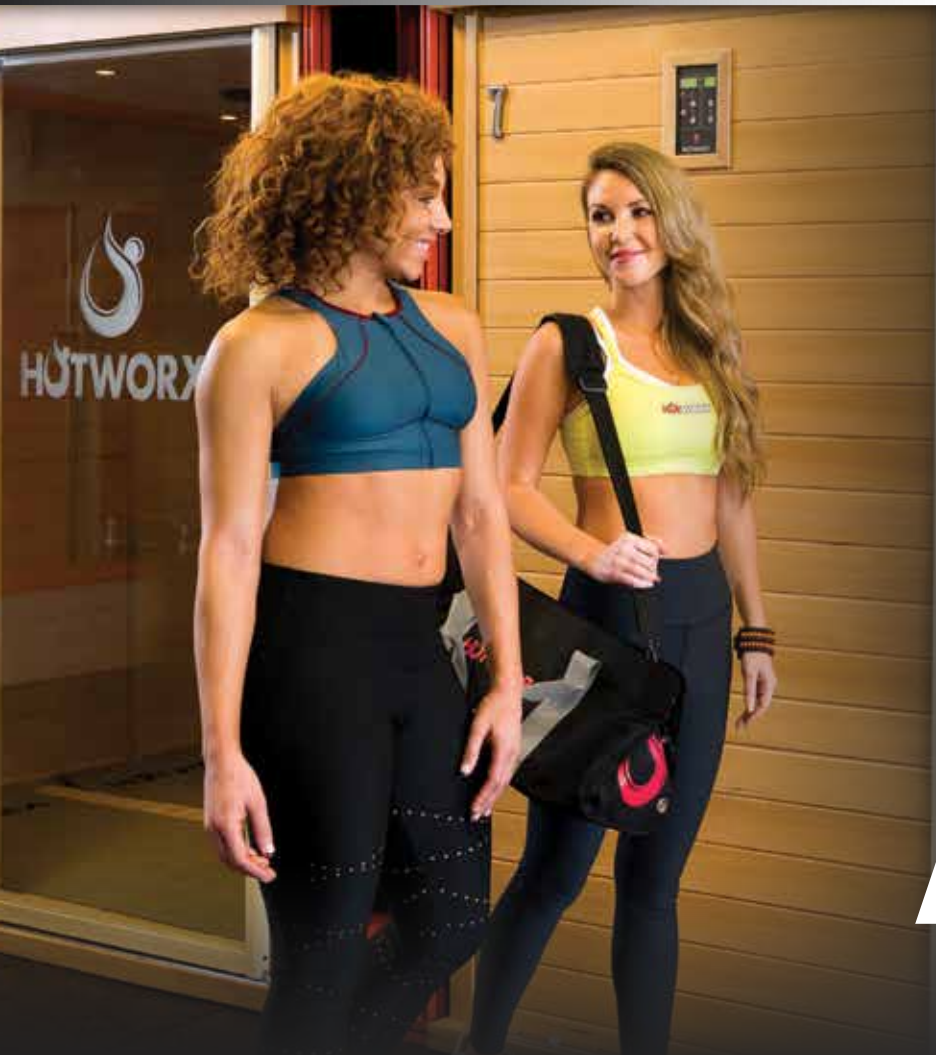
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But Whittington acknowledged that Eldon Insurance signed a lease agreement for space in the university's Insight Park, an incubator for businesses to access the university's academic and research resources, but said that the university had no “research or educational relationship” with the company.

“No research or educational relationship has been es-

tablished with either of these companies and the space is not occupied,” Whittington told Mississippi Today. “Any proposed research agreement between UM and an external entity is always carefully vetted by the university to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and policies.”

Details of Banks' ties to the university were first reported by Magnolia State Live.

Kaiser testified before British Parliament this week about Cambridge Analytica's involvement with Leave.EU, the Brexit campaign group Banks co-founded in 2015. Kaiser said she worked with Banks and his associate, Andy Wigmore, to

develop parallel proposals for Leave.EU, the U.K. Independence Party and Banks' insurance firm Eldon Insurance.

Kaiser said that she saw campaign staffers using individuals' personal data from Eldon Insurance and accused the organization of potentially misusing personal data for political gain. News outlets across the U.K. have reported that use of data would violate the nation's Data Protection Act, though Banks this week denied the overlap of data usage.

“If the personal data of U.K. citizens who just wanted to buy car insurance was used by GoSkippy and Eldon Insurance for political

purposes, as may have been the case, people clearly did not opt-in for their data to be used in this way by Leave.EU,” Kaiser said this week.

Leave.EU attacked Kaiser's evidence as “a confused litany of lies and allegations” and said that Eldon Insurance did not share data with anyone, according to a Guardian report. “No data has been sent to Mississippi. The unit is still in the planning stage, it employs no one and is not operational,” the group said.

In an interview earlier this year, Wigmore said University of Mississippi data scientists would help develop the Big Data Dolphins model, saying they

“met the faculty because they knew the state governor, who they had, in turn, met through their ‘Brexit journey which led them to Trump.’”

The university confirmed on Wednesday that Bryant facilitated the relationship between Banks and the university. Whittington, the Ole Miss spokesman, said, “The governor's office referred Eldon Insurance Services (Banks' company) to the university's research park as a possible economic development project.”

A spokesman for Bryant, Knox Graham, told Mississippi Today that “upon learning that Eldon Insurance was planning to begin a new research effort at the University of Scotland, Gov. Bryant suggested to Eldon leadership they should look into doing research at a Mississippi university. Ultimately, Eldon was connected with the University of Mississippi.”

“Gov. Bryant has full confidence in the University of Mississippi to make any decisions regarding their relationship with Eldon Insurance,” Graham said in an emailed statement.

Graham noted that “Gov. Bryant has been in London this week for the Commonwealth Business Forum focusing on economic development efforts for the State of Mississippi.” On the Paul Gallo radio show on Wednesday Bryant noted that he facilitated a deal that brought “an insurance business” to Oxford.

“It's an amazing opportunity for Mississippi in an environment looking forward to Brexit and the trade opportunity it will give the United States,” Bryant said. “You bring your business to Mississippi — we already have our first one coming to Oxford, we'll talk about that later. It's an insurance business.”

Bryant has deep ties with the major players involved, as chronicled in Banks' 2017 book called “The Bad Boys of Brexit” and reported by Mississippi Today.

The governor and Brexit leader Nigel Farage struck up a friendship after a chance meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, for the 2016 Republican National Convention. The peculiar relationship led to the governor introducing Farage with then-presidential candidate Donald Trump in Jackson in 2016.

In his book, Banks calls that first Mississippi trip “one of the most extraordinary political journeys in Farage's long career of extraordinary political journeys.”

Bryant has since hosted the Brexit leaders in Mississippi several times and has regularly appeared on Farage's radio show in London.

During an Ole Miss football game on Nov. 2, 2017, Bryant was in the stadium's luxury skyboxes with Banks, Wigmore and British billionaire Michael Ashcroft. Lord Ashcroft even fired off the on-field cannon used when Ole Miss scores a touchdown, according to his Twitter post.

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# UM Esports players compete at Rebel Rumble

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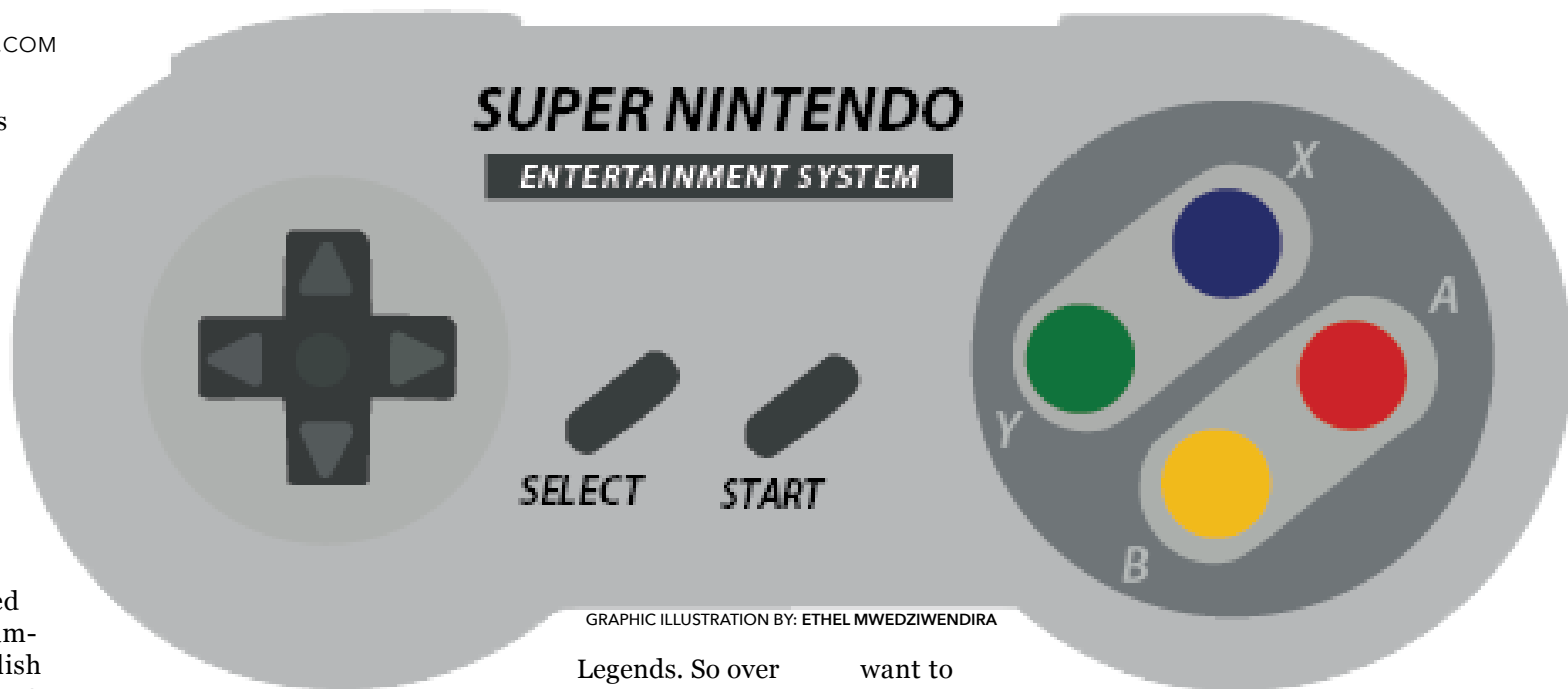
The Ole Miss Esports Club will host their second annual Rebel Rumble at noon tomorrow in suite B of the Jackson Avenue Center. The club, previously known as Ole Miss League of Legends Club, was started during the fall of 2016 by president Cray Pennison, who saw the need for an organization devoted to online gaming on campus. Pennison, an English major, said it was evident early on that demand for the club was even larger than believed.

“As I got more people, it

became apparent that I would want to expand the club beyond just League of

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Legends. So over the winter break I went through the process of creating Ole Miss Esports and started making the proper arrangements to make it an official club on campus,” Pennison said. “Then in January of 2017, Ole Miss Esports was born, and the first meeting was held with less than 10 people showing up.”

That group of under 10 people has expanded considerably since Pennison’s first meeting back in January. The club now boasts approximately 100 active members. Pennison anticipates around 50 players and over 100 spectators will attend Rebel Rumble.

Saturday’s competition games include Super Smash Bros. for Wii U, Super Smash Bros. Melee, Street Fighter V, Tekken 7, Injustice 2 and Dragon Ball FighterZ. Other games such as Mario Kart will be available to the side for those not competing in the event.

“We are pretty unique in what we try to offer. We are both a community for gamers of all kinds who

want to join and make friends,” Pennison said. “Being able to seamlessly offer both a casual and competitive side to all of the games that fall under our umbrella is truly one of a kind on campus.”

Rebel Rumble is considered a tournament for amateurs, so beginners are welcomed. However, players will not be divided by skill level, which, according to Ole Miss Esports member Josh Caraway, means that practice is the key to success in the tournament.

Caraway is the leader of the weekly Ole Miss Esports meetings and a member of the planning committee for Rebel Rumble.

“Esports in their current form are very much akin to regular sports,” he said. “Top competitors devote countless hours to improving their craft and consistency, with many working alongside teammates to push their games to their competitive limits.

Caraway also believes that players must have an in-depth knowledge and

understanding of the game. He compares esports to football because both require an insight into how each play can be used against different competitors while still knowing when to implement their own strategies based on the situation.

The winners of some of the games will also receive a “pot bonus” in addition to the original winnings for further competition. With incentives such as these and events like Rebel Rumble, the Ole Miss Esports Club hopes to continue its growth and prevalence on campus.

“If interest in esports continues to rise globally, we may even work towards establishing esports-related scholarships, something that some schools around the country are already beginning to offer,” Caraway said.

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 with no repeats.

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# Rebel softball heads to El Paso for UTEP matchup

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Ole Miss softball (23-18) will travel to El Paso, Texas, this weekend to take on the University of Texas at El Paso (18-26) on Friday and Saturday.

Coming off a 7-0 shut-out against the University of Louisiana at Monroe on Wednesday night, the Rebels are looking to bring this momentum into the weekend. Ole Miss out-hit ULM 11-1; the one hit by ULM marked a season low in hits allowed for the Rebels.

Ole Miss has only played UTEP once before, back in 2011, and defeated the Miners 6-4. They hope to have the same success again in this season's matchup.

With players such as senior Elantra Cox, who scored her 142nd career run this past game, good for most in school history, the Rebels are feeling good. Cox had 34 runs her freshman year, 30 runs her sophomore year and 51 runs her junior year. There are only 12 games left in the regular season, but this weekend could be an opportunity for Cox to add to her 27 runs this season and potentially break last year's record.

Cox also extended her streak of safely reaching base to 11 games after Wednesday night's matchup. Accumulating 18 stolen bases throughout the course of the season, Cox is definitely a force to be reckoned with.

Right behind Cox in most



Ole Miss softball huddles up after the game against Arkansas on April 24th, 2016.

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runs this season is junior Kylan Becker, who has 22 runs so far. The Miami native has performed well at the plate this season, leading the team with her .323 average, as she looks to improve this with the season winding down.

Other WRebel players to look out for this weekend include the sophomore pair of Kaylee Horton and Autumn Gillespie. Both went 2-for-2 at the plate Wednesday night against ULM, with Horton scoring two runs and Gillespie notching a triple and a double, good for a 2.50 slugging percentage for the game.

In addition to having a strong offense, the Rebels will also test UTEP with their pitching. Ole Miss has a 2.72 ERA and Kaitlin Lee leads the team in wins (13-8), starts (19), innings pitched (128.1) and strikeouts with 64.

The Miners, who are on a

four-game winning streak and have won seven of their past 10 games, are anxious to take on the Rebels with the hopes of continuing their winning streak. UTEP is going up against its second SEC opponent of the season; the Missouri Tigers were the first at the begin-

ning of the season, which ended up with a loss for UTEP.

After returning from the Lone Star state, the Rebels will take on Alcorn State at home in a double header on Tuesday, April 14 at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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# Rebels prepare for key series with No. 23 Georgia

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There is no respite for a baseball team in the SEC.

After dropping consecutive series to Mississippi State and Vanderbilt, the Rebels have another test this weekend. The No. 23 Georgia Bulldogs are coming to Oxford for an important tilt for both programs.

Conference play started off well for No. 11 Ole Miss. The team won two out of three games in each of its series against Tennessee, Texas A&M, and Arkansas. The offense has been strong from game one through game 38, but a problem that manifested against Vanderbilt and State is the pitching staff's effectiveness.

The Commodores and Bulldogs wracked up 40 runs in the six games against the Rebels. Ole Miss starters Ryan Rolison, Brady Feigl and James McArthur have been unable to consistently get deep into games, placing a lot of stress on the bullpen.

The visiting Bulldog team is coming to Oxford with a series loss to Kentucky fresh on its brain.

Georgia is 26-11 (9-6) on the season, sitting behind only Florida in the SEC East. The Rebels and Bulldogs match up similarly, as Georgia sits at a .280 team batting average, 3.50 earned run average and a .978 fielding percentage. Ole Miss comes out on top by a slim margin in all three categories, hitting .306 as a team, boasting a 3.40 team ERA and fielding at a clip of .980.

The matchup of starting



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Grae Kessinger bats against Arkansas State on Wednesday night. The final score was 10-3.

pitchers favors the Rebels. Friday's starter for the Bulldogs is senior right hander Chase Adkins. Adkins' record is 3-0 in nine appearances while giving up 15 runs to SEC opponents. He locks up with lefty Ryan Rolison who is coming off one of his best outings against Vanderbilt.

Georgia's freshman lefty Emerson Hancock gets the ball against Brady Feigl on Saturday. Hancock owns the best record (4-2) and ERA (3.78) of the Georgia starters. Ryan Webb (1-4) is slated to close things out on Sunday against James McArthur.

Offense has been the aspect of the game Coach Mike Bianco's team can rely on in a pinch, which is a stark contrast to last year. The important players in

the lineup are doing their part to produce runs.

Ryan Olenek extended his hit streak to 16 games, and has reached base in 18 straight after reaching against Arkansas State on Wednesday; his batting average also rose to .403. Six key contributors for the Rebels are hitting above a .300 average including Olenek, Grae Kessinger, Cole Zabowski, Thomas Dillard, Tyler Keenan and Chase Cockrell. Dillard busted a stretch without a homerun on Wednesday, giving him a total of eight on the year.

This weekend's matchup is the first time the two teams have played since Ole Miss toppled Georgia in the 2016 SEC tournament. All three games can be viewed on SEC Network +.



Ryan Olenek prepares to bat during the game against Arkansas State on Wednesday. Ole Miss secured their 30th win of the season.

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