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Sophomore Bobby Wahl celebrates after sliding home to score the game-winning run in Sunday's 7-6 win. In Friday night's 3-0 win, Wahl limited Florida to two hits in eight shutout innings while striking out six batters.

BY DAVID COLLIER

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Sunday's bottom of the ninth started at 3:41 p.m. Because of travel rules, no inning could start after 3:45 p.m. No. 16 Ole Miss was tied 6-6 with No. 1 Florida in the rubber game of the series. Sophomore catcher Will Allen singled to right-center with one out, and none other than sophomore right-handed pitcher Bobby

Wahl, who pitched masterfully in Friday night's win, came out of the dugout to pinch run for Allen.

"I didn't have my spikes or my jersey on," Wahl said. "I didn't think I was going to get any action today. Coach asked for the fastest pitcher and a couple of guys said me. It was actually supposed to be Mike (Mayers), but he pitched today. So I was next in line."

With Wahl standing on first, sophomore right fielder Preston Overbey hit a single up the middle and Wahl rounded second and slid safely into third base to set up a dramatic series finale finish.

Overbey scooted to second on the throw the third base, so Florida elected to intentionally walk senior designated hitter Zach Kirksey to set up a double play.

The bases were loaded and Wahl was the winning run standing just 90 feet away at third with freshman outfielder Senguez Golson at the plate.

"I settled down before I got in the (batter's) box," Golson said. "I told myself that they are going to feel as much pressure as me. I've just got to put the ball in play somewhere, and hopefully, they'll toss it around and make a mistake."

And that is exactly what Golson and the Gators did. With a 1-2 count, Golson got a piece of a ball that slowly rolled its way to-

ward first base. Wahl was charging home as right fielder Preston Tucker, who was playing as Florida's fifth infielder on the play, gloved the ball and threw home, but the throw got away from catcher Mike Zunino as Wahl scored the game-winning run.

The Rebels (20-8, 5-4 SEC) had defeated the top-ranked Gators (24-4, 6-3 SEC) 7-6 to win the

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Campus day of service brings community together

BY KATHRYN WINTER

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More than 3,000 students volunteered Saturday morning to serve the Oxford community with the Ole Miss Big Event.

Several projects took place at unique places in the community that students may not have known were there, like the Oxford Community Gar-

The garden is run by Tiffany Bensen and is located on the corner of University Avenue and Bramlett Street. Ole Miss students helped improve the garden by weeding, planting and digging.

"There's a lot of work we could do ourselves, but since it is a community garden and because it serves the community, we like to give the students an opportunity to come out and

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Thousands of students gather Saturday morning in the Tad C. Smith Coliseum before the Big Event.



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BY JOSH CLARK @dm_toons



Do you 'highline?'



BY ANGELA **ROGALSKI** abbeangela @gmail.com

How does balancing on an inch-wide length of nylon rope, suspended some 200 feet above a bunch of granite boulders in a rugged patch of desert known as the "Hall of Horrors," with the ultimate goal of walking to the other side, grab you? Well, luckily, the tether attached to your waist will do it should you happen to lose your concentration, your balance or possibly your lunch, and fall over the side.

This is a picture painted in the L.A. Times of a group of young men who actually enjoy the sport called "highlining." On a bright, sunny California day, they gathered together on top of a huge group of rugged boulders in Joshua Tree to sharpen their skills and practice the extreme sport of

highlining.

Different from a tightrope, the walkers don't use a pole to maintain their balance. The article said they use instead measured breaths, intense concentration and slow yoga-like movements to keep their footing and suppress the instinctual fear of falling, all while the skinny, nylon line wobbles and sways in all directions.

I don't think so; 200 feet is a long way to fall and the blood-inducing, jagged tips of those rocks below just don't incite me to prove my ungracefulness. Not even the fact that most (key word here, most) of the sport enthusiasts wear a leash around their waists should they let a bird or maybe a 747 passing by distract them and fall over the

The balancing act just doesn't seem all that conducive to relaxing, as is its intent. Like bungee jumping, trusting a tethering device around my waist as I plunge hundreds of feet over a cliff, bridge or as the case may be, off a tiny sliver of fishing line, just doesn't appeal to me.

Call me archaic, but I believe I can find the center of my life, as one highliner describes the basis for the trendy sport, in a much safer way, such as with both my feet planted firmly on the ground as I come to grips with the reality that I wasn't meant to fly, with the exception of having a nice, big airplane carrying me.

The highlines are stretched cross the death-defying location of your choice, anchored securely on Twitter @abbeangel.

with bolts embedded in granite, after which they are ready for use; personally, I think cement would be the better choice. No testing first by sending your spouse or mate over, just an inherent trust that all is well with the world.

Ain't happening. "Death Wish" was a series of movies with Charles Bronson (for those of you born after 1982, think Hunger Games without the plot), not a sport chosen by man or woman to participate in. There are much safer and more enjoyable mental and physical fitness endeavors to indulge in.

A rousing game of Words With Friends comes to mind.

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Op-Ed: thoughts on birth control

BY ISSAC LICHLYTER Special to The DM

During the recent controversy surrounding insurance coverage for contraceptives, many proponents of the mandate maintained that the government should not cave to pressure from religious groups requesting an exemption. Pulling out the classic argument that religion is fine as long as it remains outside of the public sphere, supporters of the mandate argued that the Catholic Church specifically should not be allowed to force its beliefs on others. Other opponents of an exemption approached the issue from a more pragmatic standpoint, which looked at the logical ramifications of the decision. For example, if the government grants this exception to Catholics, what is going to stop other employers from claiming that their religious beliefs prohibit them from offering other types of insurance coverage or even insurance coverage all together? While I believe these arguments are being made earnestly and in good faith, I find that they lack persuasion due to the fact that they miss the key point in the debate: employers are the ones being forced to provide and pay for birth control.

Let me say that again: employers are being forced by the U.S. government to provide insurance coverage for contraceptives. This may seem like an irrelevant detail, but in fact it forms the crux of the argument in favor of a religious exemption. Setting aside the broader philosophical position of the Catholic Church, at no point in the recent discussion have relevant religious groups — Catholic or otherwise — demanded that the U.S. government prohibit women's access to contracen-

tion. Not once. If a religious exception for employers is granted, women would still be free to purchase insurance on their own, which covers contraception, purchasing contraception out-of-pocket or moving to an employer who is willing to cover contraception. Religious organizations and employers are not trying to force their beliefs on the general public. Instead, they are asking that certain portions of society and the government stop trying to force their belief that contraception must be provided by every employer on the church. The vitriolic debate surrounding this issue has naturally muddled the issue, but the ultimate question at stake is nothing less than whether the government can force religious organizations and individuals to violate their deepest held principles.

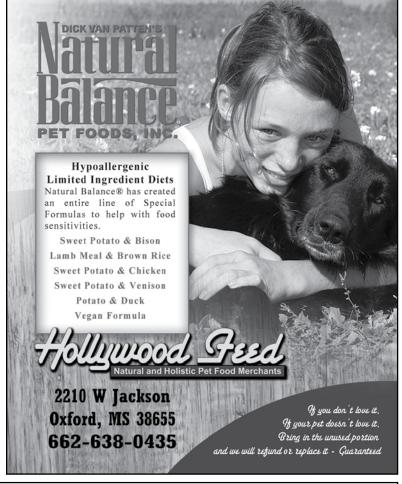
the website "Big Think" used examples like a Jehovah's Witness' refusal to provide insurance for transfusions or a Muslim employer only providing insurance if male and female patients are treated by doctors of the same sex. In both cases, while I vehemently disagree with these particular religious beliefs, I would still defend an employer's right to live by them. Please understand that I would strenuously oppose legislation which prohibits public access to either of those services, but the issue at hand is not whether people should have access to those services, but rather whether employers should have to pay for them. Requests for a religious exemption should certainly be subject to some scrutiny to ensure that they are the result of genuinely held beliefs, but I fail to see ate impetus for avoiding civic obligations.

American military history also provides an instructive example of how the government can balance societal obligations with religious beliefs without falling down the slippery slope on either side. Until the mid 1970s, the U.S. military utilized a draft to ensure an adequate supply of manpower, and military service was considered perhaps the highest form of civic duty. However, this societal responsibility conflicted with the deeply held pacifistic principles of many Americans. As a result, the government created the possibility of a draft exemption for conscientious objectors — individuals who genuinely believed that war was immoral. While this system has not provided perfect protection for individuals' freedom of conscience,

it is vastly preferable to simply ordering citizens to serve anyway or imprisoning them for acting in accordance with their principles. Furthermore, it demonstrates that the government has the means to promote societal goals while still respecting the moral beliefs of its citizens.

And that, to me, is the bottom line: whenever the government can respect individual religious beliefs without infringing on the rights of society as a whole, it has a responsibility to do so. Much like the conscientious objectors, churches and religious employers are not demanding that the government adopt their personal beliefs. Both groups simply ask to be allowed to practice their religious beliefs without interference by the government. And that, in my opinion, is the true American dream.







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participate in what we are doing here and get involved in gardening," Bensen said.

The garden is part of the Oxford Park Commission and is city land. The city of Oxford assists in maintaining the garden, and people in the community can pick a plot to garden and maintain.

Bensen said many students have never actually done any weeding or planting before.

"We want students to know what it feels like to garden and give them the opportunity to come out and learn," she said.

Kristin Volker, public relations and marketing coordinator, said she wanted to get involved with the Big Event because it's a service project that's bigger than just one person.

"It's really getting the community and the university to tie together so that we're not just the Ole Miss family," she said. "We're the Oxford-Ole Miss family."

Another Big Event project helped at the home of Hank Ducey, administrative coordinator for the Ole Miss School

of Engineering.

"I work the yard pretty much every day, but I cannot handle a chainsaw myself," she said. "I love the kids and I love to be involved so I thought the Big Event would be a great way to get help."

Ducey cooked sausage and biscuits for the volunteers who hauled branches and limbs for the city to pick up.

Another Ole Miss professor wanted the cut-up oak and hickory trees for firewood so volunteers loaded the pieces of wood into a trailer for him to pickup later in the day.

Diego Garcia, a public policy leadership and French sophomore, was one of the volunteers hauling wood. The Madrid, Spain native volunteered for the Big Event because he wanted to better the image of the Greek community at Ole Miss.

"There are many stereotypes about the Greek community, and we want to show that we really care about our community," Garcia said. "I volunteered today with the Interfraternity Council Executives."

The Big Event's director, senior public policy leadership major Cortez Moss, said the day was very successful.

"We started planning this

last April," he said. "My team and I have worked very hard. We changed lives today."

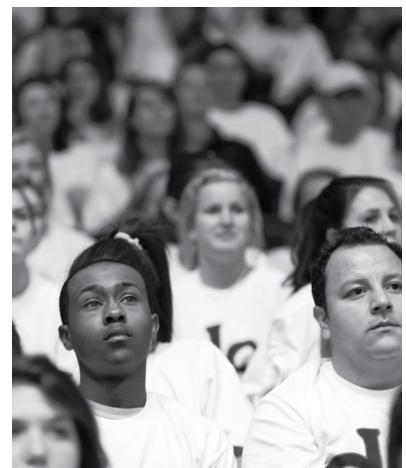
Some of the other Big Event projects included Habitat for Humanity, More than a Meal, Azalea Gardens, various local churches, the Boys and Girls Club of Oxford and the public library.

"We accomplished two goals today, the first being changing perception about Ole Miss students," Moss said. "We care about the surrounding community and not just our school. The second is that we made an impact for both the people in need and the privileged areas."

The Big Event is not a university-sponsored event and this was only its second year in Oxford. There were 287 projects and 3,006 volunteers, more than doubling last year's 1,100 volunteers.

Each volunteer receives a T-shirt, breakfast and lunch. Many organizations had teams that worked together and others were placed ran-

"We would love for more students to volunteer; we want it to grow and keep getting bigger," Moss said. "We had so many volunteers and not enough projects. I think people in the community feel



PHILLIP WALLER | The Daily Mississipp

A crowd listening to the speakers at the Tad C. Smith Coliseum Saturday morning before the Big Event.

bad for putting us to work, but we want to do it. We don't want to better the campus; we want to do more work offcampus."

Moss said they raised \$15,800 to cover the costs of

the day.

"Today was extremely successful; there were long lines for registration, but we moved fast," he said. "The impact we made in the community was the main goal of today."

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City of Oxford, university interested in switching to alternative fuel

BY GABRIELLA WELCH gawelch@olemiss.edu

With gas prices rising, many wonder if any steps are being taken toward alternative fuel, including Oxford residents.

The Office of Sustainability at the University of Mississippi is in huge favor of implementing the usage of alternative fuel sources in university maintenance vehicles.

Anne McCauley, the project coordinator in the Office of Sustainability, said she is hoping to bring back a similar program that was used at Ole Miss a few years ago.

"All of our landscape equipment was run on a biodiesel that was actually generated by a faculty member in his lab," McCauley said. "He was knowledgeable on how to create it, so he would take used cooking grease from the cafeteria and turn it into a fuel that would power the equipment."

The faculty member did not have the time needed to continue to produce the fuel, however, so the program stopped.

The city of Oxford is also interested in integrating the usage of alternative fuels. Mayor Pat Patterson said he is not currently working on anything specific regarding this goal, but he is definitely interested in experimenting.

"We are certainly interested in saving costs and gas is going through the roof," Patterson said. "We are looking at some possibilities of propane use in some of our vehicles and at the possibilities of using electric vehicles."

The city would need to experiment with the new fuel before



A University Police Department police car sits outside the Residential College. University and city officials are exploring ways to use alternate fuels in their vehicles.

for some of our police cars; we're a little worried about performance there," Patterson said.

Even though there are issues that come along with using propane as fuel, Patterson remains hopeful that the city will find something that works.

The city is getting closer to finding a method of generating fuel that will be more cost efficient and safer for the environment, and hopefully when that happens, it will also begin to affect the univer-

McCauley said the biodiesel made from used cooking grease smoothly.

"The director of living services has said that he actually preferred that fuel source because it runs cleaner, so he had fewer maintenance issues on his equipment during that time that he was using it."

Even though the system is not used anymore, McCauley said she's hoping to find an alternative fuel source to be used again. She said she believes if the city of Oxford begins doing this, it will help motivate the university.

"It will be very interesting to see if the city does switch to that; maybe we can see what source they're

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LEFT TOP: UM Big Event Assistant Director for Operations Sam Harris shovels dirt in the Royals Oaks subdivision off Highway 6. LEFT BOTTOM: A Big Event volunteer organizes books at Della Davidson Elementary School library. RIGHT TOP: Students pick up trash along Highway 6 as part of the UM Big Event. RIGHT MIDDLE: A Big Event volunteer places colored paper on a column in the Della Davidson Elementary School library off Sisk Avenue behind the Oxford Conference Center. RIGHT BOTTOM: Big Event staff members, including Troy Jackson and ASB Chief of Staff Caleb Herod, spread mulch in Royal Oaks subdivision.









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Ole Miss Track and Field dominates home meet



Junior Isiah Young

BY MATT SIGLER mcsigler@olemiss.edu

The No. 21 nationally-ranked Ole Miss track and field team dominated the competition all day Saturday at the Ole Miss Invitational. The Rebels took first place in 12 different events on the day and also set two new school records.

"We had a great day today," head coach Joe Walker said. "The weather was good, everything went like we wanted it to go, so it was a wonderful day for us. We like running at home and we defend our turf really well."

The highlight of the meet was junior All-American Isiah Young setting a school record and the Ole Miss Track and Field Complex record in the 200 meters with a time of 20.49. That time pushed Young past Tony Dees' 28-year school record as well as eclipsed three-time world champion Tyson Gay's former facility record.

"Isiah had a phenomenal day," Walker said. "He just destroyed two outstanding records. Tyson Gay is a big name in track and field — he had the facility record — and Tony Dees is another big name."

Junior All-American Ricky Robertson continued his success in the high jump, setting a facility record with a jump of 7-5, which improves his previous mark and national lead. He also took first in the triple jump with a mark of 53-01.75. As a team, the Rebels took first, second and third in that event.

"Ricky went 7-5 in the high jump and 7-4 was the lead in the nation," Walker said. "He also had a great attempt at 7-7, so he had a great day."

Senior Logan Waites also recorded a new school record in the 5,000 meters with a time of 16:48:64, which broke teammate Katie Breathitt's previous school record.

"We had an exceeding expec-

tation type day," Walker said. "Not only did we win a lot of events, but we ran some really big time times and jumped some really big jumps. It was just a super day. We, as coaches,

OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

No. 17 Rebels down LSU 6-1 to conclude road trip

SUNDAY: NO. 17 OLE MISS 6, NO. 35 LSU

BATON ROUGE,

- The No. 17 nationally-ranked Ole Miss women's tennis concluded a successful road trip with a 6-1 win over 35th-ranked LSU here Sunday at the Dub Robinson Tennis Stadium. With the win, the Rebels wrap up a 2-0 weekend and improve to 13-7 overall, 5-3 in the SEC.

The Rebels took the early 1-0 lead by winning at No. 1 and 2 doubles. LSU came out battling in singles, but Ole Miss was able to win in straight sets at No. 1 and hold off the Tigers in three sets at four and five to clinch the victory.

"We played well in doubles and then won some huge three-setters in singles. I am proud of the girls for stepping up because LSU pushed at a lot of positions," head coach Mark Beyers said. "It's great to go on the road and pick up two wins against two good teams. Now we turn our attention to a big match against Vanderbilt on Friday."

The senior duo of Kristi Boxx and Abby Guthrie, ranked No. 6 in the country, improved to 16-2 at No. 1 doubles, 7-1 in the SEC with an 8-4 win. Gabby Rangel and Erin Stephens clinched the point, winning 8-5 at No. 2 doubles.

Boxx, ranked No. 12 nationally, downed LSU's Whitney Wolf 6-4, 6-2 at No. 1 singles to put the Rebels ahead 2-0 and move to 6-1 in the SEC.

All the remaining matches went three sets, and the Rebels won four of them. Freshman Julia Jones rallied to beat Keri Frankenberger 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 at No. 4 to increase the lead to 3-0. Moments later Guthrie finished off her comeback against Ebie Wilson at No. 5, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 to clinch the victory. Jones is now 5-3 in the SEC, and Guthrie improved to 7-1.

Stephens won her match against Tiger Kaitlin Burns

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6-4, 3-6, 6-2 on court three, and sophomore Caroline Rhode-Moe defeated Olivia Howlett 5-7, 7-6(1), 1-0(5) on court two.

On Friday, the Rebels defeated Arkansas 6-1 and are now in sole possession of second place in the SEC West. With Vanderbilt's loss to Georgia on Sunday, that match becomes even bigger as they are now tied with the Rebels for third in the overall standings.

FRIDAY: NO. 17 OLE MISS 6, NO. 29 ARKAN-SAS 1

The No. 17 nationally-ranked Ole Miss women's tennis team picked up a crucial road win in the SEC Friday, without All-American Kristi Boxx in singles, taking out No. 29 Arkansas 6-1 to keep pace in the SEC Western Division. The Rebels travel to Baton Rouge, La., Sunday to face LSU at 1 p.m.



ONE MILE FROM CAMPUS

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three-game series. For the third time in four seasons, Ole Miss walked away with a series win against the nation's top team.

"Just a great baseball game," head coach Mike Bianco said. "Obviously, it was just a war. Both teams were fighting. I thought we got off to a great start offensively. We swung it terrific against a very good pitcher in (Jonathan) Crawford.

"It was like a heavy weight boxing match."

Ole Miss came out hot early as they built a 5-0 lead in the first two innings on three RBI by junior second baseman Alex Yarbrough, who was 4-for-5 on the day with a double and a triple, as well as an RBI each from senior first baseman Matt Snyder and Kirksey.

However, Florida battled back in a big way.

Sophomore right-hander Mayers had not given up a hit in the first three innings, but once the Gators got one, they got rolling.

The fourth inning saw Florida cut the deficit to 5-4. Sophomore Aaron Greenwood relieved Mayers, who lasted 3.2 innings giving up four runs on five hits with a walk.

Greenwood ate up outs for Ole Miss, but he did give up a run in the sixth that tied the game. In the seventh, Florida took their first lead of the game on a solo home run by Tucker off junior

left-hander Dylan Chavez, who replaced Greenwood.

The Rebels responded in the bottom half of the inning, however, with a run of their own on an RBI double from Snyder, who finished the game 2-for-5 with two RBI.

Brett Huber (1-1) ultimately got the win after pitching 2.0 innings of no-hit ball to set up the ninthinning dramatics.

"I think his effort kind of gets lost in all of it," Bianco said. "To come in with a tie score, which he hasn't done all year, and just really dominate the last two innings, really gave us a chance to win the game."

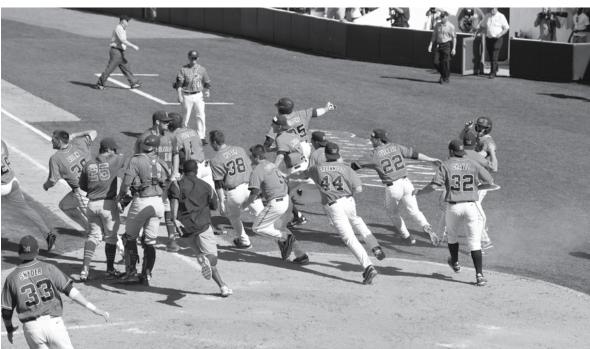
Bianco is glad to get the win heading into two consecutive weekends on the road at Kentucky and Georgia.

"What a big weekend for us," Bianco said. "One, (we came in) 3-3 in the league. Two, we're about to go on the road and play two top-25 teams. Three, we were playing a team that's on top of the conference, and on top of that, they're the No. 1 team in the country.

"The other thing that is yet to be determined is how much will this help us grow as a team. Do we use this to help elevate us and gain some confidence? A lot of these guys haven't played in this kind of atmosphere. It was big."

SATURDAY: No. 1 FLORI-DA 9, No. 16 OLE MISS 4

No. 1 Florida took the second game of the series against Ole Miss 9-4 on Saturday as a result of a six-run eighth inning.



ADDISON DENT | The Daily Mississippian

Ole Miss celebrates after freshman Senquez Golson's walk-off infield single to score sophomore Bobby Wahl in yesterday's 7-6 win.

"You've got to play all nine," Bianco said. "We played pretty well through seven. The truth of the matter is, we left a lot of opportunities out there. We had chances that if we got a hit here or there we could've extended the lead. But we didn't, and they made us pay."

Ole Miss held a 3-2 lead after five innings until the eighth on a two-run home run from sophomore catcher Will Allen in the fourth and go-ahead RBI single by Yarbrough in the fifth. Senior right-hander R.J. Hively's day was done after 5.1 innings of work. Hively gave up two runs on eight hits on the day while striking out eight batters. Chavez (3-1) came on in relief for Hively.

From there, the Rebels squandered a chance to score, leaving the bases loaded in the seventh.

Then Florida made them pay by doing what they do best score. In the eighth, the Gators sent 10 batters to the plate, including having the first seven batters reach base, and exploded for six runs off Chavez. The lefty went 1.2 innings giving up four runs on five hits.

"It just comes down to not making pitches," Chavez said. "They're a great club, and they capitalized on it. When you don't make pitches, it's a one-run game and your team needs you, it's going to be tough."

The Rebels came back in the bottom half of the inning to load the bases, but once again, they couldn't get the timely hit.

The Gators added another one in the ninth and Snyder hit a home run for the Rebels in the ninth to end the scoring at 9-4.

FRIDAY: No. 16 OLE MISS 3, No. 1 FLORIDA 0

In typical Friday night fashion, Wahl and No. 16 Ole Miss beat the top-ranked Florida Gators at their own game 3-0 in the weekend series opener.

"I thought we played really

well," Bianco said. "Bobby was tremendous and continued to make pitches even when he fell behind. He just pitched a terrific game."

The first inning saw the Rebels jump on Florida starter Hudson Randall (3-1) right out of the gates, which were the only runs for the entire game between the two teams.

Junior left fielder Tanner Mathis got it started with a single up the middle. After Mathis was moved to second on a sacrifice bunt, junior second baseman Yarbrough drove him in on an RBI single to right field.

Immediately following Yarbrough's at-bat, Snyder hit his third home run of the season over the right field wall to give Ole Miss a 3-0 lead that it would never relinquish.

"It was unbelievable with the amount of energy we were able to have in that first inning," Snyder said. "I just wanted to fight and get a quality at-bat to try to get a guy in. (Randall) threw a pitch that I was able to stay back on and hit it out. We had a lot of energy and momentum after that."

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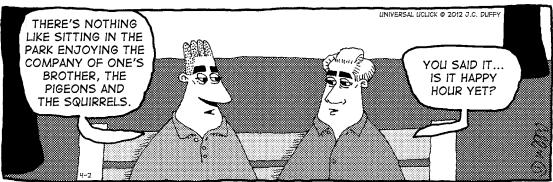






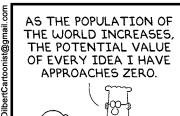
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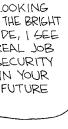


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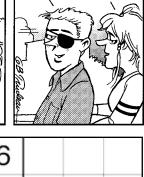
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No. 14 Rebel Netters sweep Arkansas and LSU at home

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SUNDAY: NO. 14 OLE MISS 5, NO. 27 LSU 2

The No. 14 Ole Miss men's tennis team completed their weekend sweep with an impressive 5-2 win against No. 27 LSU. With the win, the Rebels improve to 10-5 overall and 6-2 in the SEC.

"It is especially good to get a win over (LSU) when they have a good team," head coach Billy Chadwick said. "It was a great team effort that we had going from top to bottom. It was great to get the doubles point, and I felt we played really well in the first sets."

Ole Miss received exceptional play from the twins Marcel and Chris Thiemann to start things off in doubles with an 8-2 win at No. 2. Freshman William Kallberg and sophomore Johan Backstrom clinched the doubles point for the Rebels with an 8-5 win at No. 3. Freshman Nik Scholtz and junior Jonas Lutjen concluded doubles play with an 8-5 win at No. 1 to secure the sweep in doubles.

Ole Miss continued their dominant play in singles, where No. 36 nationally-ranked Marcel Thiemann won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2 singles to give the Rebels a 2-0 lead. Kallberg secured a

6-4, 6-1 win at No. 4 singles, followed by Backstrom with a 6-2, 6-3 win at No. 5 singles to clinch the victory for Ole Miss.

"I played a really good match today," Backstrom said. "It felt way better than Friday, and it felt good to be back on track with my game."

In the final three singles matches, Lutjen lost 1-6, 7-5, 2-6 at No. 3, junior Adrian Forberg Skogeng won 4-6, 6-3, 10-7 at No. 6 and Scholtz lost 3-6, 7-6, 8-10 at No. 1.

FRIDAY: NO. 14 OLE MISS 6, NO. 39 ARKANSAS

The No. 14 Ole Miss tennis team put away No. 39 Arkansas Friday afternoon.

"It was a very close match," Chadwick said. "The doubles was really competitive, and if you looked at the first sets, we were very fortunate to win a couple tiebreakers to get ahead in the first set. It was a tough team we played, and without a good effort from top to bottom, we would've come up short."

After dropping four straight doubles points in SEC play, Chadwick decided to do a little shifting in the lineup. His strategy paid off with the Rebels taking two matches to clinch the point. Scholtz teamed with Lutjen at No. 1 doubles and recorded an 8-3 win. They im-

proved to 10-1 in dual matches and 1-1 at the No. 1 spot. The Rebels clinched the doubles points with an 8-6 victory at No. 3 doubles from Backstrom and Kallberg.

The Rebels' success continued into singles play where they won five of the six first sets. Senior

Marcel Thiemann recorded the next point for the Rebels, winning 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2 singles.

Scholtz, ranked No. 19 in the nation, increased the lead to 3-0 with a 6-3, 6-3 win at No. 1 singles. Moments after Scholtz's victory, 40th-ranked Lutjen clinched the match for Ole Miss

with a 7-6(2), 6-1 win at No. 3 singles.

The Razorbacks won at No. 4 singles, while Backstrom and Skogen won the final two matches for the Rebels at No. 5 and No. 6, respectively, in super tiebreakers to take the match 6-1



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Scrimmage recap: defense ahead of the offense

BY BENNETT HIPP jbhipp@olemiss.edu

Ole Miss held its first football scrimmage of the spring Friday afternoon in Vaught-Hemingway

Head coach Hugh Freeze admitted that his offense has a ways to go in terms of learning to play at this pace and style. The Rebel defense had the advantage for most of the scrimmage, taking advantage of some sloppy plays by the Ole Miss offense.

"I thought the defense dominated the first half, probably a little more, of the scrimmage," Freeze said. "Then we went into our tempo stuff, and it gave them some problems. I thought there were some really nice plays made by some of our offensive guys there at the end."

When asked about the defense, Freeze cited the coaching on that side of the ball as a big reason for the early success.

"I think they're doing a really good job," Freeze said. "I think coach Kiffin, coach Allen, coach Wommack and coach McGriff are rallying them, and they're playing well. They're understanding and taking coaching."

Much of the focus offensively was on the Ole Miss quarterbacks, and both junior Barry Brunetti and sophomore Bo Wallace continued to establish that they are the top two candidates for the position.

Brunetti brushed off an early interception and finished 7-of-10 passing for 80-yards and two touchdowns. Wallace, on the other hand, struggled early, but seemed more comfortable when the Rebels moved into their tempo, short passing game. He finished 9-of-18 passing for 62 yards and rushed for an additional 30 yards.

The other two quarterbacks, seniors Randall Mackey and Zack Stoudt, saw far less reps than Brunetti and Wallace. Mackey finished 2-of-4 passing for 12 yards and added 64 yards on the ground, including a long touchdown run. Stoudt finished 2-of-4 passing for 13 yards and an interception.

"We went live with the quarterbacks out of the pocket and there were some decent things done by Mackey, Brunetti and Wallace there at the end," Freeze said. "Really thought the offense finished strong once we got into some of our tempo stuff."

While Freeze noted that it would be impossible to truly rate the quarterbacks until he watched the tape, but that a couple of throws made by Brunetti stood out to the first-year head coach.

"I know that Brunetti threw two back shoulder throws that were as good as I've seen in long time and

Junior wide receiver Ja-Mes Logan catches a pass in Friday's scrimmage.

a really nice fade there in that first little end of session on the 30 (yard line)," he said. "He threw a really good ball there."

Part of the reason the offense struggled during the first part of the scrimmage was the constant pressure from the Ole Miss defensive line. While pleased with what he saw from the pass rush, Freeze said his offensive linemen have to be better.

"When you go to some fiveman protections or something, it seems like they were under duress pretty quick," he said. "It is so new to them and such a foreign thing to the offensive line in particular, to play like we're asking them to play at this pace."

All in all, Freeze knows that the installation of his style and tempo on both sides of the ball is just going to take time.

"I don't know that I'll ever feel like we're where I want us to be," he said. "I'm not disappointed in where we are, I wish we were further along, of course, but I'm not disappointed."

Junior running back Jeff Scott rushed for two touchdowns, and junior wide receivers Terrell Grant and Ja-Mes Logan both caught touchdown passes in the scrim-



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