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Gas prices continue to rise across the nation

BY LEE HARRIS
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The average price of gasoline nationwide is up to \$3.92 per gallon of regular unleaded. It was \$3.76 just a month ago.

Despite being much lower than the national average, Mississippi's average price of \$3.76 is also on the rise.

In the midst of the election season, gasoline prices have been widely discussed. The issue of Iran's nuclear program and the instability of the Middle East has created some uncertainty in the market. University of Mississippi economics professor Mark Van Boening said none of these events, however, seem to sufficiently explain the recent rise in prices.

"To be perfectly honest, I don't really have a very good answer for you," Van Boening said. "There's been some uncertainty there, but it doesn't seem like the uncertainty warrants the increase."

Traditionally, it is supply and demand that drive the trading price of a barrel of oil, which ultimately determines gas prices. According to MasterCard's spending report, demand has started to fall, which should ease the upward pressure on prices.

With production costs largely unchanged, Van Boening pointed to the precarious situation in the Middle East as the likely cause of the increase. However, Van Boening said the magnitude of the increase is surprising considering that the Iranian situation has not had any recent developments.

"The crisis hasn't gotten any worse with Iran in the past few months," Van Boening said. "The Saudis said they would increase their input during the boycott of Iranian oil by the U.S. and Europe. So it's hard to find an economic explanation for prices to be continually rising for the past couple of months."

Another possible factor for the rise in prices is the resurgence of the capital markets. As the economy begins to expand, increased production has historically led to higher demand for oil and its derivatives. This could also start to drive up demand and costs.

Regardless of why gas prices are rising, Ole Miss students are beginning to take notice. Anne McCauley is the project coordinator for the campus office of sustainability, which helps coordinate many alternative transportation alternative in coordina-

tion with the university and Oxford.

"We have definitely seen growth," McCauley said. "I can't pinpoint it to the rise in gas prices. I think there are many reasons. But this year we've seen a tremendous interest in all the alternative programs."

A problem with alternatives including bikes, rental cars and the bus system is that they are limited to students who live close to campus or near a bus route. In response to this, some students are moving closer to campus to be able to take advantage of these options.

"I'm living in a house that's a mile from the square, so I basically have to drive everywhere," said Jordan Henry, an English major from Madison. "I'm going to live closer to campus next year so I can ride a bike or walk so I don't have to pay as much money for gas."

Regardless of whether the situation in the middle east finds any resolution in the near future, Americans can expect gas prices to continue to rise. Costly additives added to fuel to reduce summertime pollution and increased travel during the summer months usually lead to higher fuel costs.



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Mississippi Court of Appeals to visit Ole Miss campus

BY FRANCES ALLISON
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The Mississippi Court of Appeals will visit the University of Mississippi School of Law on April 18 with its "Court on the Road" program, which will provide students the opportunity to witness two oral arguments.

"The program is a teaching tool for students," said Beverly Kraft, public information officer for the Administrative Office of Courts. "It gives them an opportunity to see the court at work."

The Court of Appeals periodically travels to schools around the state, typically Ole Miss, Mississippi State University, the University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi College School of Law, in order to give the general public an opportunity to view the court in session.

The court first appeared on a college campus in 1996 and became an event in 2005.



Students study at the Ole Miss Law Library. Students will get a chance to see two Mississippi Court of Appeals oral arguments on April 18.

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Two cases will be heard this year: Barry Lemax Melton v. State of Mississippi and Michael Eugene Davis v. State of Mississippi.

"Students from the Criminal Appeals Clinic under the supervision of Professor Phil Broadhead represent the individuals appealing their convictions,"

Kraft said.

A panel of three Appeals Court judges will be available after the cases to talk about the procedures.

The court will convene at the Robert C. Khayat Law Center in Moot Court One. Appellate cases are also available online for viewing.



BY JOSH CLARK
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A 'Yankee's' Perspective: Why I love Ole Miss, Mississippi, and the South

BY SEAN HIGGINS
Columnist

I am not your typical Ole Miss student. I was born and raised in South Dakota, a state I will always be proud of and will always call home. So technically, I'm not a Yankee, but I decided to use it in the headline because that's the label that is often thrown upon me. However, I could not be more thankful for the warm embrace that I received at Ole Miss, and I wanted to use this column to share my appreciation for this great university, state and student body.

I decided to come south for college when I was shoveling my driveway on a cold January day. I was tired of the sub-zero temperatures, icy roads, multiple feet of snow and the biting cold 30-40 mph winds during the miserable winter months. Not only was I ready for a change in weather, but I desired a new cultural experience, as well.

One of my favorite parts of college has been the culture at Ole Miss, in Mississippi and in the South.

Those outside of the South sometimes have a jaded view of Mississippi and this region – and I have to admit, I was part of the problem before I visited

campus. I only judged Mississippi on its past, and my ignorance almost led me to overlook what became the best decision I've made in my life. I have found, as Mississippians probably know, that those who are most critical of Mississippi have probably never been here.

South Dakota and Mississippi might as well be in two different worlds. Aside from being 16 hours away, the traditions, customs and cultures are completely unlike.

For example, South Dakota is over 85 percent white, and my hometown Brookings, is over 95 percent white. The first time I met an African American was in seventh grade. Therefore the diversity here at Ole Miss is both refreshing and enlightening. After growing up in such a homogeneous community, it's refreshing to experience diversity.

The diversity at this university has also been enlightening; becoming friends with individuals possessing a vast variety of backgrounds has been a learning experience a classroom could not provide. I have learned so much from Mississippi culture and have

grown in many ways I wouldn't have had I chosen to attend another university.

Many of the customs and traditions in the South were also very new to me. In South Dakota, people are not addressed by "sir" or "ma'am." I have also never in my life addressed my father as "sir" or my mother as "ma'am." In most cases, adults other than one's parents are referred to by their first name, unless introduced otherwise. It isn't that we're rude in the North; these mannerisms just aren't part of our culture. The South has also taught me to smile at all passersby, to hug frequently and to hold doors open for strangers.

But my favorite aspect of Ole Miss and Mississippi has been the friendliness and generosity of the students of this university and residents of this state. By far the nicest people I've met in my life have been from Mississippi or other Southern states. Although I came from 16 hours away, I was not treated as an outsider, or any differently than a Mississippian would treat his or her own – Southern hospitality is the real deal, and I cannot put into words how

much I appreciate the warm embrace.

One of the first people I met on campus was our Dean of Students, Sparky Reardon, who went out of his way to make sure I felt at home here at Ole Miss. We're so lucky to have administrators who take the time to develop personal relationships with their students and get to know them on a first-name basis.

Just as our school's promotional motto states, I have truly "experienced amazing" at Ole Miss. Some people may think going to school so far away from home would be hard – but due to the welcoming student body and faculty, transitioning to Ole Miss was incredibly easy.

No, I will never learn to like sweet tea or fried okra. And yes, I still have an accent I get teased for on a daily basis. But even as a South Dakotan, I could not be more proud to be a Rebel, and I will always have pride in saying that I once lived in Mississippi.

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Lambda Sigma raises money for AIDS

BY ADAM GANUCHEAU
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The second annual Aid-for-AIDS dinner raised \$1,900 for the resurrection AIDS Haven, an orphanage for children affected by HIV/AIDS in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

On Wednesday, Feb. 29, the Lambda Sigma Society, an academically competitive sophomore service organization, held the event, sponsored by the Lott Leadership Institute. Preparation for the project began with each Lambda Sigma member selling at least five tickets at \$10 each for the benefit dinner, catered by B's Barbecue.

Then members of Lambda Sigma signed up for different shifts to set up the dinner and clean up. After this project, a group sent by the Lott Leadership Institute delivered the check to the administrators of the orphanage during spring break.

"This was a great opportu-

nity for our members to come together and raise money for an organization that is dear to many students at Ole Miss," said Kay Kay Derossette, community service chairman of Lambda Sigma.

"The students that visited the orphanage inspired our organization with the stories they had about the children in the orphanage. The stories of these children inspired us to continue the event."

Lambda Sigma members plan to help next year's members continue this project and expect it to become more successful in the years to come.

According to its website, the society is "dedicated to the purpose of fostering leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and the spirit of service among college students, and to promoting the interests of the college or university in every possible way."

Applications to join Lambda Sigma are now available for incoming sophomores with a 3.35 GPA or higher.

news briefs

OLE MISS STUDENT JOURNALISTS WIN BIG AT ASSOCIATED PRESS AWARDS

The Louisiana-Mississippi Associated Press Managing Editors announced the winners of its annual writing, photo and digital contests for news stories, editorials, photos, graphics and headlines published during 2011 on Saturday in New Orleans.

The contest was judged by AP member newspaper editors in Alabama, and the event was open to Louisiana and Mississippi AP member newspapers.

In the college newspaper division, Austin Miller won the first place award for sports writing; Cain Madden won the second place award for news writing; Austin McAfee won the second place award for photography.



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Business freshman Macauley Popson dresses in an Easter Bunny suit to entertain children at last week's Easter egg hunt at the Ole Miss day care center.

sports briefs

OLE MISS FINISHES THIRD IN BANKCORPSOUTH REBEL INTERCOLLEGIATE — Senior Natalie Gleadall earns third place

ROBERTSON'S WORLD-BEST HIGH JUMP LEADS REBELS AT FLORIDA RELAYS — Kendricks wins pole vault, women's distance medley relay team sets school record

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UM v FLA 9-1

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Rebels complete weekend sweep with Senior Day shutout



Senior Kristi Boxx

BY CAIN MADDEN
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The No. 16 Ole Miss women's tennis team (15-7, 7-3 SEC) pushed past Senior Day distractions to sweep Kentucky (8-12, 1-9 SEC) 7-0 Sunday at the Palmer/Salloum Tennis Center/Galtney Courts.

Entering this Saturday's regular season finale at Mississippi State, the Rebels are tied with Vanderbilt for fourth in Southeastern Conference standings, but hold the tiebreaker by virtue of this past Friday's 5-2 win against the Commodores.

"It is one of those things where I am excited for our seniors to have that day, but at the same time there is a little bit of extra that goes on, maybe as far as nerves and things like that," head coach Mark Beyers said. "I thought we handed that well."

Follow the festivities for seniors Kristi Boxx, Abby Guthrie and Gabby Rangel, which included

balloons, signs and even a flash mob, the Rebels swept the doubles matches. Rangel and freshman Erin Stephens won 8-1 at No. 2 doubles, and freshmen Iris Verboven and Julia Jones won 8-2 at No. 3 to clinch the doubles point. Boxx and Guthrie, ranked No. 6 in the nation, completed the sweep with an 8-3 win at No. 1 for their 18th win of the season.

On Senior Day, it was only fitting that the two seniors playing singles got off the court first. Guthrie won 6-2, 6-1 at No. 5 singles, and Boxx followed with a 6-2, 6-2 win at No. 1. 12th-ranked Boxx is 8-1 in Southeastern Conference play and recorded her 200th combined win in singles and doubles.

"It was fun. I didn't know how I was going to feel, with it being senior day or whatever, but I didn't really think about it," Boxx said. "But now, it is setting in, this is my last home regular season match, so it is sad."

Sophomore Vivian Vlaar clinched the match with a 6-2, 6-2

win at No. 6. Sophomore Caroline Rohde-Moe won 6-4, 6-0 at No. 2, Jones won 6-3, 6-2 at No. 4 and Stephens won 7-6(4), 6-4 at No. 3 to complete the sweep.

"It was awesome for us to come out and win 7-0, and it was not even close in most spots," Boxx said. "To do this on Senior Day just made it that much more special. I am excited and proud of the girls."

No. 16 Ole Miss 5, No. 23 Vanderbilt 2

The No. 16 Rebels took one step closer toward a top four seed in the Southeastern Conference tournament as well as possibly hosting an NCAA Regional with a 5-2 victory against No. 23 Vanderbilt Friday at the Palmer/Salloum Tennis Center/Galtney Courts.

Ole Miss and Vanderbilt split the first two doubles matches, while the sixth-ranked duo of Boxx and Guthrie won 8-6 at No. 1 doubles to clinch the point.

"The doubles point I thought was very big," Beyers said. "We were able to win a close match at 1, and we won fairly easily at 3, but that was a really tough doubles point."

In singles, Vlaar was off the court first, winning 6-2, 6-0 at No. 6 singles. Guthrie, then, rallied to win 3-6, 6-1, 6-0 win at No. 5. Vanderbilt won at No. 2 singles, and Boxx clinched the match with a 7-5, 6-4 win at No. 1.

"I kind of lost focus and she changed her game up a little bit and started slicing every backhand, pretty much, and she got back to 5-4, but I held and was able to come out with the win," Boxx said.

Ole Miss dropped another point at No. 3, and Jones got the final point for the Rebels with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 win at No. 4.

"Vanderbilt is a very good team, and they are very well coached, very disciplined," Beyers said.

"At singles, we got a quick point at 6, and we were up in a lot of matches and it seemed like we were going to close it out quickly, but again, it just shows why Vanderbilt is ranked where they are."

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Looking back at Thursday morning's practice

BY BENNETT HIPPI
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Ole Miss held its second 5:30 a.m. practice of spring this past Thursday morning, during which the Rebel offense had arguably its best day.

For most of the spring, the defense under defensive coordinator Dave Wommack has consistently dominated the offense in team drills. That was not the case on Thursday, as the offense installed more of the playbook and used it to their advantage.

"Well, I don't know if turning the corner is the word, but we certainly challenged them," head coach Hugh Freeze said. "We're getting some more stuff in that helps us, some moving the pocket instead of standing in the pocket stationary. That helps us some because we have some athletic quarterbacks."

"I'll watch the film to see how the execution was, but I know we had some players make plays and

that was very encouraging."

Much of the Rebels success offensively came in the vertical passing game, as both junior Barry Brunetti and sophomore Bo Wallace found success throwing the ball down the field. Both threw for touchdowns during the team portion of practice.

"We're just now getting some of that in, where we feel we can get it protected," Freeze said. "We want to do that three times a quarter. It's kind of who we are, and we want to go vertical and see what happens. It was good to see some receivers make plays."

After shuffling the offensive line for this past Tuesday's practice by moving Pierce Burton down to second team, the line was back to normal on Thursday.

Freeze said that the installation of play-action helped the offensive line as much as anything, and that he saw improvement.

"I know that coach (Matt) Luke is working as hard as he can on it," Freeze said. "They definitely

looked better and played with a little more passion today."

Freeze sees Brassell as an NFL corner

Sophomore wide receiver/defensive back Nick Brassell practiced for the third time in a row after missing all of the previous practices due to academic issues. Brassell lined up at wide receiver during his first two practices, but worked at cornerback exclusively on Thursday. It's safe to say that Freeze liked what he saw from the Batesville native on defense Thursday.

"I think he's an NFL corner," Freeze said. "I do. I think he's a guy we need to have a package for offensively, but I just think he's so talented that that's where he needs to play. He's an NFL corner. I think he can play the position for a very long time."

Using a player on both sides of the ball is nothing new to Freeze, as he did it last year at Arkansas State.

"We did that with a kid at



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Junior quarterback Barry Brunetti

Arkansas State last year, Don Jones," he said. "He played our husky position, and we got him 4-5 touches a game."

While Brassell has been able to practice, his academic standing remains a work in progress. According to Freeze, "it's a day-to-

day thing" and will be evaluated again on Monday. The Rebels return to practice Tuesday and Thursday, which will not be open to the public, and will hold an open scrimmage in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium Saturday at 10 a.m.

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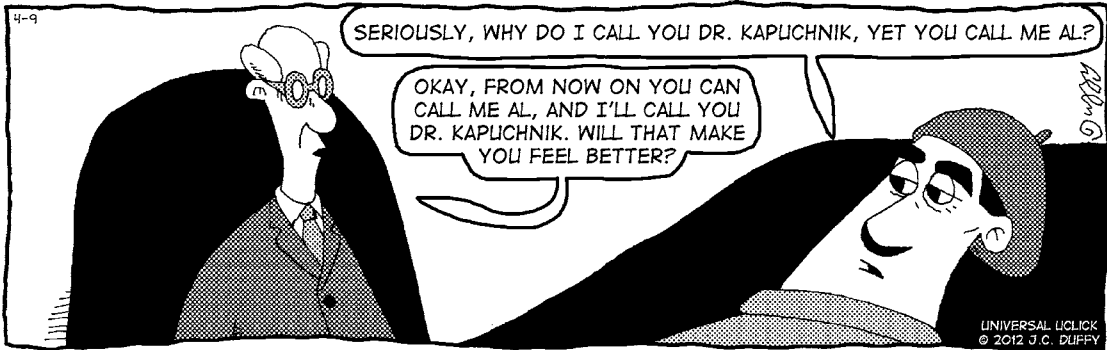
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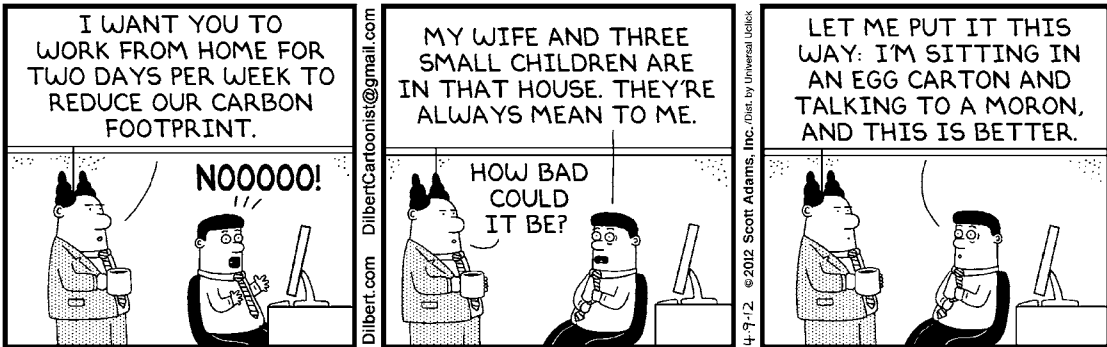
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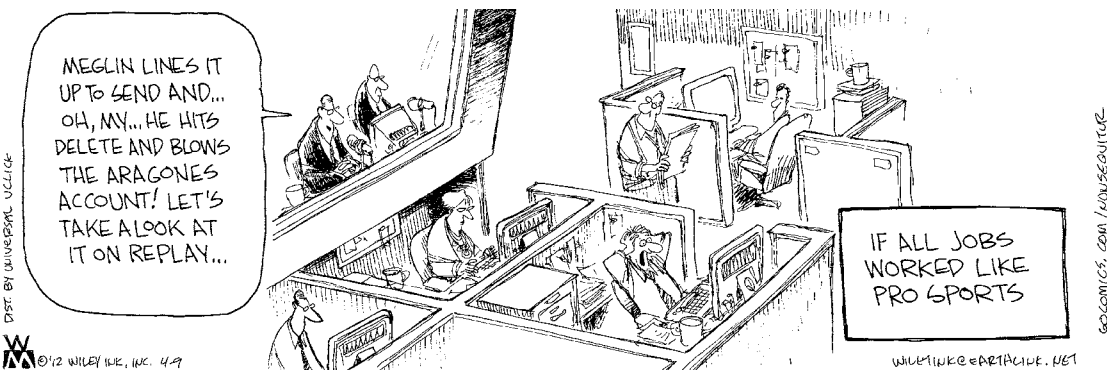
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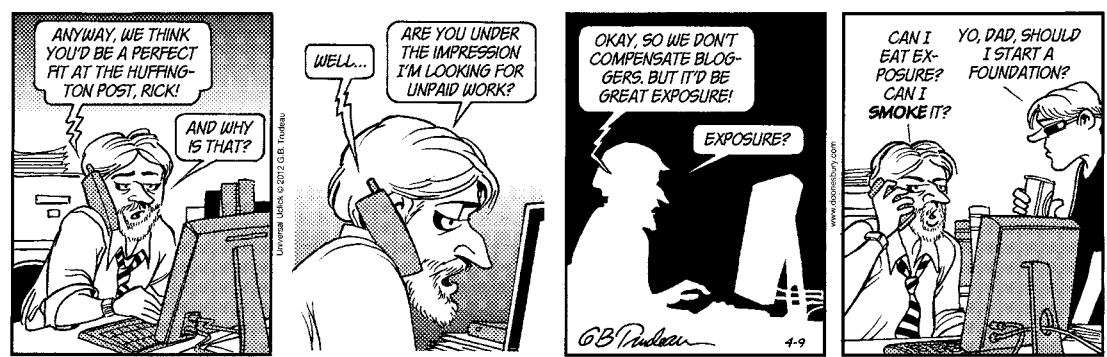
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OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

No. 10 Diamond Rebels drop series to No. 1 Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky. – For the second game on the weekend, it was the team that got the big hit and not the most hits that won the contest as No. 10 Ole Miss (21-10, 6-6 SEC) fell to No. 1 Kentucky (30-3, 9-3 SEC) by a score of 8-3 on Sunday.

The Rebels out-hit the Wildcats 11-to-8 in the game, but left eight men stranded on the after-

noon, while Kentucky got the big hit in the sixth to take the lead for good on a grand slam from Cameron Flynn. Ole Miss led 2-1 heading into the bottom of the sixth.

R.J. Hively (3-2) suffered the loss for Ole Miss, allowing six runs on five hits with two walks and eight strikeouts in 5.0 innings of work.

Corey Littrell (5-0) picked up the win, holding the Rebels to two runs on nine hits with two walks and four strikeouts in 6.0 innings of work. Alex Phillips picked up his second save of the season, working the final 3.0 innings for the Wildcats and taking the mound with Ole Miss on top 2-1 to start the sixth inning.

“Today was similar to Friday



ADDISON DENT | The Daily Mississippian

Senior designated Matt Snyder went 2-for-3 with a pair of home runs, including a grand slam as part of an eight-run fifth inning in Saturday's 9-3 win against No. 1 Kentucky.

in that we were unable to get the big hit,” Ole Miss head coach Mike Bianco said. “Kentucky did that this weekend, that’s why they’re so good.

“Kentucky pitched well all weekend with the exception of the fifth inning on Friday,” Bianco continued. “We did as well, except for in the sixth inning today. There were just two really good teams going at it this weekend.”

Ole Miss will return to action on Tuesday, hosting Central Arkansas in a doubleheader that will begin at 3 p.m. at Oxford-University Stadium/Swayze Field.

SATURDAY: No. 10 Ole Miss 9, No. 1 Kentucky 3

Two-out hitting proved to be the difference for the Rebels on Saturday as No. 10 Ole Miss (21-9, 6-5 SEC) scored eight runs with two outs on the afternoon to defeat No. 1 Kentucky (29-3,

8-3 SEC) by a score of 9-3.

The loss snapped a 21-game home win streak for the Wildcats and evened the weekend series at a game each after Kentucky claimed the series opener 3-2 with an eighth-inning rally on Friday.

FRIDAY: No. 1 Kentucky 3, Ole Miss 2

It was a quirky game with missed opportunities on both sides, but the final bounce of the ball went the way of the home team on Friday night as No. 10 Ole Miss (20-9, 5-5 SEC) fell to No. 1 Kentucky (29-2, 8-2 SEC) by a score of 3-2 at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

Ole Miss out-hit the Wildcats handily, pounding out 14 hits to Kentucky’s seven. But the Rebels couldn’t get the timely hit and left 10 men stranded in the one-run loss. Ole Miss also had three men thrown out at the plate.

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