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No ricin found in home of Mississippi suspect



THOMAS GRANING | The Daily Mississippian

A van transports Paul Kevin Curtis to a court appointment Friday. Curtis is suspected of sending letters containing ricin to President Barack Obama and U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker.

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — Investigators haven't found any ricin in the house of a Mississippi man accused of mailing poisoned letters to President Barack Obama, a U.S. senator and a local judge, according to testimony Monday from an FBI agent.

Agent Brandon Grant said that a search of Paul Kevin Curtis' vehicle and house in Corinth, Miss., on Friday did not turn up ricin, ingredients for the poison, or devices used to make it. A search of Curtis' computers has found no evidence so far that he researched making ricin.

Defense lawyers for Curtis say investigators' failure to find any ricin means the government should release their client. That lack of physical evidence could loom large as a detention and preliminary hearing continues Tuesday morning. U.S. Magistrate Judge J. Allan Alexander ended the hearing after lunch Monday, citing a personal schedule conflict.

Through his lawyer, Curtis has denied involvement in letters sent to Obama, Mississippi Republican Sen. Roger Wicker, and a Lee County, Miss., judge. The first of the letters was found April 15.

"There was no apparent ricin, castor beans or any material there that could be used for the manufacturing,

like a blender or something," Grant testified. He speculated that Curtis could have thrown away the processor. Grant said computer technicians are now doing a "deep dive" on the suspect's computers after initially finding no "dirty words" indicating Curtis had searched for information on ricin.

Christi McCoy, who is leading the defense for Curtis, said the government doesn't have probable cause to hold her client and his history of problems related to bipolar disorder are not enough to keep him in jail.

"The searches are concluded, not one single shred of evidence was found to indicate Kevin could have done this," McCoy told reporters after the hearing.

She questioned why Curtis would have signed the letters "I am KC and I approve this message," a phrase he had used on his Facebook page, and then thrown away a processor used to grind castor beans. And she said that in any event, Curtis is not enough of an imminent danger or flight risk to justify holding him without bail.

"If they continue to demand his incarceration, it's basically bad faith," McCoy said. "Now, surely they are satisfied that there is no im-

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UM MEDICAL CENTER DOCTOR NOMINATED TO EDUCATION COMMITTEE



COURTESY UM COMMUNICATIONS

LouAnn Woodward
BY JEREMY K. COLEMAN
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Dr. LouAnn Woodward, vice dean and associate vice chancellor for health affairs at The University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, has been chosen to serve on the Liaison Committee for Medical Education.

Woodward is the first person from the university to serve on the board.

Woodward said being selected to be on the committee is an achievement, as she is seeking to practice medicine in the future. She is currently working in the academic end

of the medical field.

"For someone whose career has been spent in academic medicine, I am honored to serve on the LCME since it impacts medical education across the United States and Canada," Woodward said.

The authority for medical education programs, the LCME accredits medical education programs leading to M.D. degrees in the United States and Canada and is sponsored by the American Medical Association.

Woodward was nominated to be a committee member by Dr. James Keeton.

Keeton, the dean of the

School of Medicine, said Woodward had unique characteristics that stood out to him.

"Dr. Woodward has a rare combination of expertise and empathy," Keeton said. "She takes a personal interest in the success of each and every student on our campus."

Freshman nursing major Tiara Turner stated that Woodward's accomplishment influences and inspires her in her path to a medical education.

"I feel confident knowing Dr. Woodward will ensure I receive all of the necessary skills required to meet accreditation standards on my journey to a nursing career," Turner said. "It will ensure my success."

Woodward hopes to help the state of Mississippi through her appointment to the LCME.

"This appointment could aid in positioning (Mississippi) as a national model for addressing medical need," Woodward said. "This represents a great opportunity to continue moving the profession of medicine forward."

STAFF REPORT

Romney's chief strategist to address students today

Stuart Stevens, a Mississippi native who served as Mitt Romney's chief advisor during the 2012 presidential campaign, will address students tonight at the Overby Center for Southern Journalism and Politics at 6 p.m.

Stevens is expected to speak on the state of American politics and the challenges of the 2012 campaign alongside addressing the future of the Republican Party and previous experience in the George W. Bush campaigns of 2000 and 2004.

Senior public policy major Evan Kirkham served in the financial organization of the Romney campaign and believes that the event presents

a unique opportunity to learn from reflections offered by Stevens concerning the 2012 campaign.

"Working on the Romney campaign was an incredibly unique, unpredictable and rewarding experience," Kirkham said. "I learned that the mission of a campaign is not just to rack up votes, but to activate voters."

Kirkham believes that his experience working on the Romney campaign was worth the time invested.

"American voter turnout represents an alarmingly low percent of the population and if you consider how many of those citizens afford additional time, it is

easy to see how scarce activism is," Kirkham said. "The motto for any campaign team should be 'win the day.'"

Amy Mark, associate professor and head of instruction for the J.D. Williams Library, said the event should be an eye-opener for students of all political backgrounds.

"Students can learn about the complexities of how the media represents candidates," Mark said. "People need to see that campaign advisors are politicians, too, and learn to watch and comprehend how these advisors portray their candidate's narration on American democracy."

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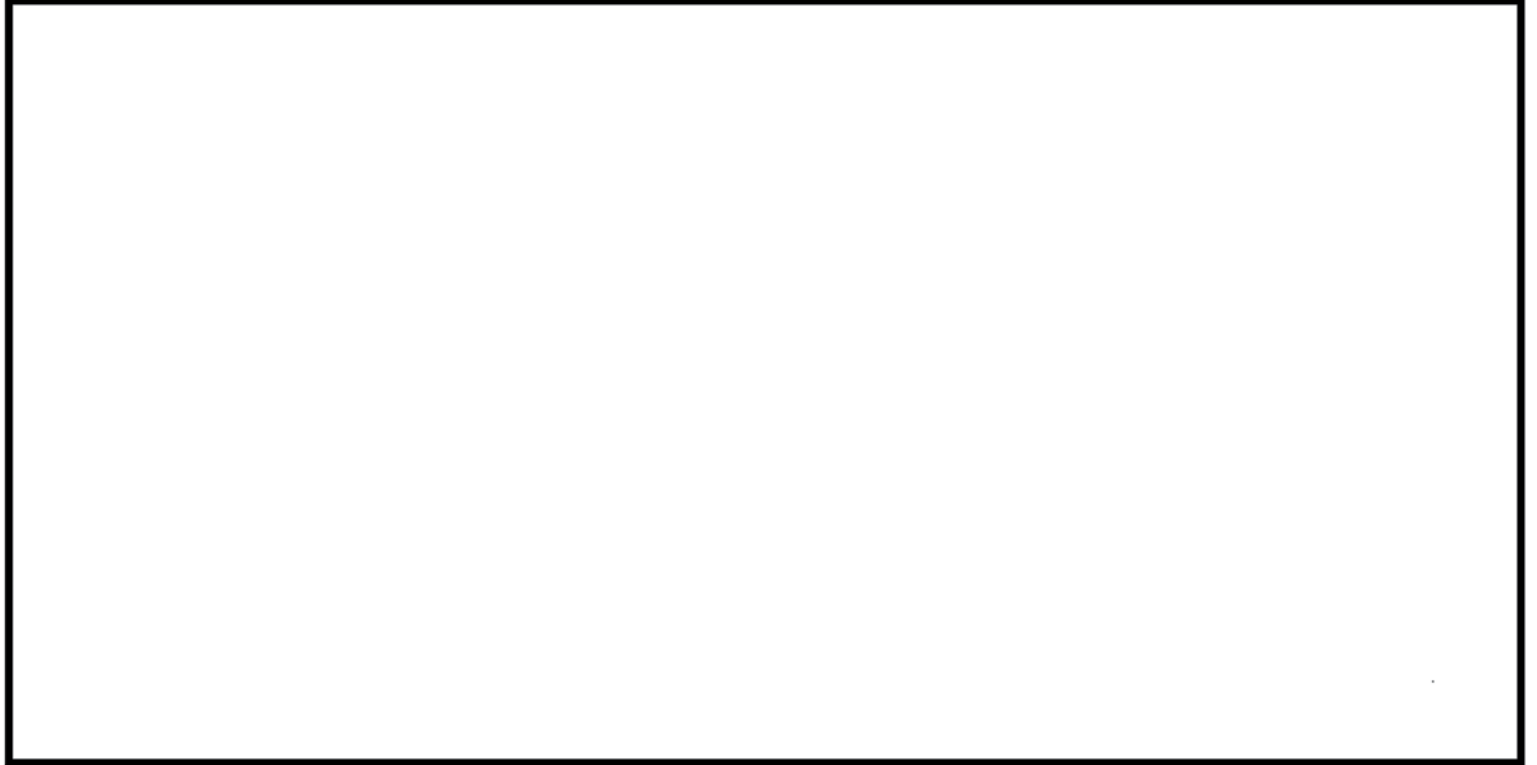
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A deeper understanding



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In 1903, W.E.B. DuBois coined the phrase "double consciousness" in his book *The Souls of Black Folk*. DuBois defined double consciousness as "[a feeling of] two-ness—an American, a Negro; two souls, two thoughts, two unreconciled strivings...two warring ideas in one dark body whose dogged strength alone keeps it from being torn asunder."

Although this profound thought emerged over one hundred years ago, the concept remains as prevalent in modern society. DuBois's first recognition of his blackness occurred after a young white girl refused to take his gift at a school event. My first experience of realizing I was "different" because of my skin color happened when I was 8.

"Tim, what are you doing?"

Black people are supposed to vote for democrats."

I remember it like it was yesterday. I remember how odd hearing those words made me feel. I remember the first time my friend made it painfully clear that I was black and different from everyone else in our friend circle. My third grade class held a mock election of the 2000 Presidential election featuring then Governor George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore. I remember all of us writing our choice for President on a piece of paper and standing with the people that had the same choice. My piece of paper read "George W. Bush."

At the time I was not cognizant of the national politics, political parties, or anything of the sort. I simply wrote George W. Bush on my sheet of paper because all of my friends did that. But when I walked over to my group of friends, something happened. My friend seemed puzzled that I wrote George W. Bush, a Republi-

can, as my vote for President.

Then he said, "Tim, what are you doing? Black people are supposed to vote for democrats."

All of a sudden it hit me, like rogue wave in the ocean. I was black, and therefore to him I was "supposed" to do certain things. However, I must say I do not think that he expressed those particular sentiments with malicious intent. On the contrary, I do believe he was simply regurgitating some of the ideas that his parents discussed at home.

Though we were both young, his words left a memory in my mind I will never forget.

Why is this anecdotal experience important? I think that as our campus is striving for continued racial reconciliation, we have to do the difficult work of trying to understand those that are different from ourselves. Imagine walking in a classroom and sitting down to find out that you were the only person that looks like you. Imagine this not happen-

ing sparingly, but regularly and more important expectedly. How would that make you feel?

Upon walking in a classroom, it is immediately reinforced that you are different. This is what DuBois spoke on when he wrote about "double consciousness." This is what African American students on our campus have to deal with daily. I ask that students really reflect on this as we end this semester and aim to start anew in August.

When we seek to understand cultures or experiences of other people, we limit the opportunities for insensitive outburst that stem from ignorance.

Keep in mind the wise words of Albert Einstein, "Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding."

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MEMBER NEWSPAPER

First annual wheelchair basketball tournament a huge success



COURTESY JODI GILLES

Members of the championship-winning team in the first annual Rollin' Rebels Wheelchair Basketball Tournament in the Turner Center last week. Eight teams competed in the tournament, which was formed to bring light to Disability Awareness Month.

BY CURRIE MCKINLEY
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The University of Mississippi held its first ever Rollin' Rebels Wheelchair Basketball Tournament in the Turner Center last week.

Eight teams of five to 10 volunteers – most of whom were able-bodied students who before last week had never played a wheelchair sport – competed for the opportunity to call themselves champions in Ole Miss wheelchair basketball.

“The wheelchair basketball tournament was probably the most fun I’ve ever had from a university-sponsored event,” said Jodi Gilles, junior exercise science major and member of the championship-winning team. “It was such a blast. I’d do it again in a heartbeat.”

Intended to be the athletic centerpiece of Disability Awareness Month, the tournament

Jasmine Townsend.”

Townsend, the owner of the wheelchairs that made the tournament possible, was glad for her chairs to be raising the awareness she intended them to raise.

“The whole intent of buying the wheelchairs was to have wheelchair events going on at the university and to have them be involved in intramural.”

Senior liberal arts major Jacob Hickman enjoyed the sport despite his initial concerns and questions.

“I didn’t know what to expect when my friend asked me to sign up,” Hickman said. “But as soon as we started playing I realized, ‘This is so much fun.’ We’ve all talked about how we’d love to get sports wheelchairs and play all the time.”

Reycraft and Townsend would like wheelchair basketball to be not only a yearly event, but also a seasonal intramural sport and constant reminder of the vitality of which the disabled are capable.

“I’d love for wheelchair basketball to be a real intramural sport,” Gilles said. “It’s not fair that the disabled students can’t really participate in regular intramural sports. This would allow everyone to have something they can play together.”

ment was the result of a collaboration between Stacey Reycraft, director of Student Disability Services, and Jasmine Townsend, assistant professor in the department of exercise science.

“I think that this is really important, especially given the horrible things that happened in Boston and given how many victims had to undergo amputations,” Townsend said. “All of those people can still live fulfilling lives and participate in sports in an adaptive way.”

Reycraft, who had been interested in the project since its inception last spring, is grateful that the tournament finally became a reality.

“I didn’t think it was going to happen at all this year until I got in contact with

in U.S. District Court in Oxford, Miss. More witnesses besides Grant are expected Tuesday.

Federal investigators believe the letters were mailed by Curtis, an Elvis impersonator who family members say suffers from bipolar disorder. He wore an orange jumpsuit from the Lafayette County Detention Center in court Monday, and was quiet and attentive, sometimes whispering to McCoy.

Grant testified Monday that processing codes printed on the letter indicated they had been mailed from Tupelo, and that investigators were still trying to figure out from the codes exactly where they had been mailed from.

Grant testified Friday that authorities tried to track down the sender of the letters by using a list of Wicker’s constituents with the initials KC, the same initials in the letters. Grant said the list was whittled from thousands to about 100 when investigators isolated the ones who lived in an area that would have a Memphis, Tenn., postmark, which includes many places in north Mississippi. He said Wicker’s staff recognized Curtis as someone who had written the senator before.

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mediate threat from Kevin Curtis, and we want him released.”

McCoy said in court that someone may have framed Curtis, suggesting that a former business associate of Curtis’ brother, a man with whom Curtis had an extended exchange of angry emails, may have set him up.

Still, Grant testified that authorities believe that they have the right suspect.

“Given the right mindset and the Internet and the acquisition of material, other people could be involved. However, given information right now, we believe we have the right individual,” he said.

Grant said lab analysis shows the poison is a crude form that could have been created by grinding castor beans in a food processor or coffee grinder.

“That would be a low-tech way of doing it. You’re just blending up the beans to get the ricin that’s on the inside on the outside,” Grant testified.

The detention and preliminary hearing began Friday

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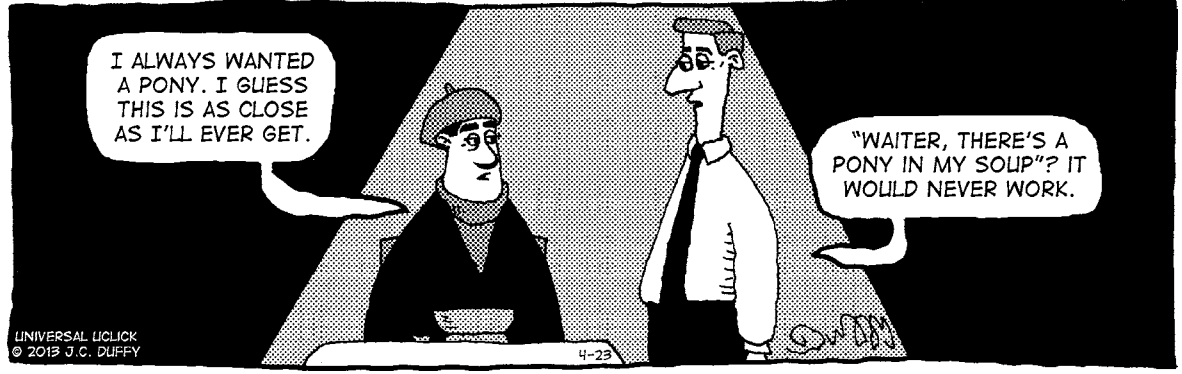
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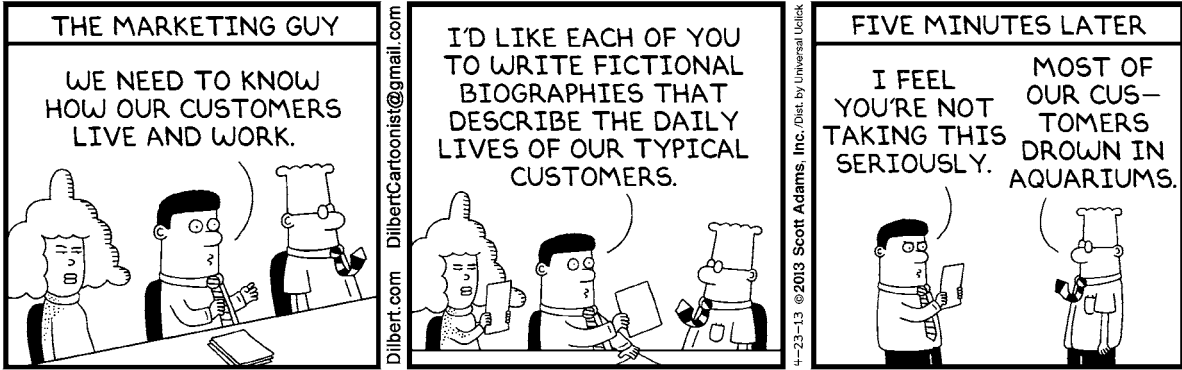
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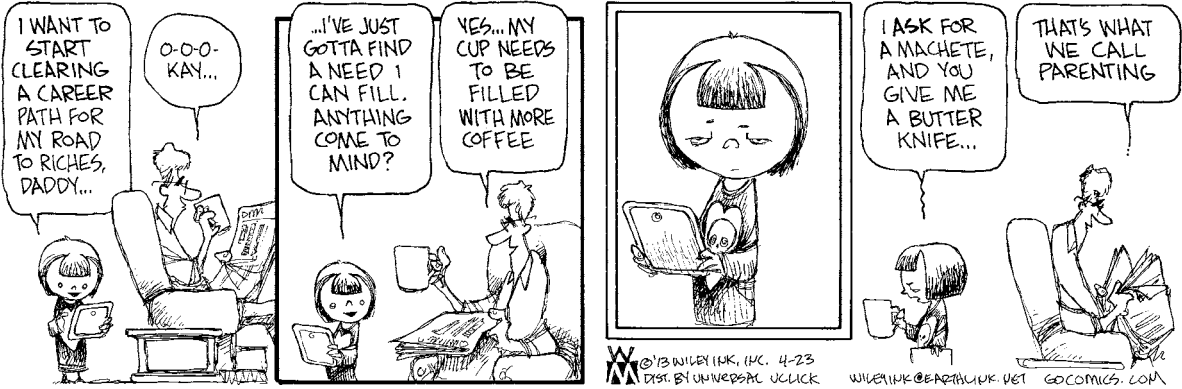
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Murphy Holloway hopes to make an NBA or NFL roster next season



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Murphy Holloway dunks the ball during the NCAA tournament.

BY TYLER BISCHOFF
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Murphy Holloway, the all-time leading rebounder in Ole Miss basketball history, has sparked some interest from NFL teams recently. According to Holloway, eight to 10 NFL teams have contacted him. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Baltimore Ravens have already held a workout with Holloway, and the Philadelphia Eagles are coming this week.

"I've goofed around with (football) forever," Holloway said. "I just felt like we had something special with this basketball season, so I didn't want to risk it by trying to play football this year. It worked out well for (the basketball team), and I still have

this opportunity to play basketball or football."

NFL teams have interest in Holloway as a tight end, a position that other former basketball players have excelled at in the NFL.

Antonio Gates of the San Diego Chargers played two seasons at Kent State. Jimmy Graham of the New Orleans Saints played college basketball at Miami, then played one season as a tight end for the Hurricanes. Tony Gonzalez, the all-time leader for receptions and receiving yards by a tight end, played basketball and football at California.

Holloway's size, 6-foot-7, 240 pounds, is the main reason NFL scouts think he can play tight

end.

Having not played organized football since his sophomore year in high school, Holloway acknowledged that he has work to do to make an NFL roster, but the biggest issue is blocking.

A potential basketball career isn't over for Holloway just yet, however. He is projected to go undrafted in the NBA Draft and would have to win a spot on an NBA roster in the summer. Playing professional basketball in Europe is an option, but it's something he would like to avoid.

The NFL Draft will begin Thursday and will run through Saturday. The NBA Draft will be held on June 27.

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DIAMOND REBS LOOK TO CONTINUE WINNING WAYS

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After a much needed South-eastern Conference series sweep this past weekend over Tennessee, the No. 18 Ole Miss Rebels will travel to Jonesboro, Ark., to take on non-conference foe Arkansas State. The Rebels (29-12, 10-8 SEC) and Red Wolves (22-18, 8-10 Sun Belt) met earlier this season with Ole Miss taking the 10-4 victory at home.

Although Ole Miss has won six consecutive SEC match-ups, the Rebels haven't won a mid-week, non-conference game since defeating the Red Wolves on March 27, dropping contests to Mississippi State, Memphis and Southern Miss during that timespan.

Sophomore right-hander Josh Laxer will get the start for Ole Miss. He also started the previous matchup with Arkansas State, going 4.2 innings and giving up two runs on three hits in a no decision. Entering today's game, Laxer is 2-0 on the season with a 2.06 ERA in nine appearances, six of which are starts. The Madison native has been a consistent arm in the midweek for head coach Mike Bianco, but he's also had command issues at times, issuing 18 walks and three hit batters to just 17 strikeouts in 35 innings.

Freshman right-hander Brady Bramlett will also likely see action in relief. Bramlett is 4-1 this season with a 3.27 ERA. Sophomore right-hander Hawtin Buchanan and freshman right-hander Jacob Waguespack con-

tinue to try to reach mid-season form after seeing limited action due to injuries.

The key for Ole Miss is going to be at the plate, as it has been all season. When the Rebels score three or more runs, they are 26-3; however, they have scored one or no runs in 11 games this season.

Offensively, Ole Miss holds the edge, hitting .272 as a team compared to a .263 clip for Arkansas State. Both the Rebels and Red Wolves are averaging 5.2 runs per game.

Ole Miss is led at the plate by junior catcher Stuart Turner, who is hitting a team-best .385. Turner leads the Rebels in hits (55), home runs (4), RBI (38) and on-base percentage (.450). The Rebels will also look to get production from junior shortstop Austin Anderson and sophomore center fielder Austin Bousfield, who are second and third on the team in hitting, respectively. Bousfield is 8-for-20 in the past five games.

At the plate for the Red Wolves, Ryan Emery and Ryan Roberts lead the way, hitting .321 and .320 respectively. Emery leads the team with 45 hits, while Claude Johnson, who's hitting .295, is a close second with



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Austin Bousfield runs to first after a hit against Vanderbilt.

44. Collin Massanelli and Logan Uxa will be the power providers, each with a team best three home runs.

In the two teams' earlier meeting this season, Ole Miss was led by Anderson, who was 2-for-4 with three RBI and sophomore first baseman Sikes Orvis, who went 3-for-4 with an RBI. For Arkansas State, Roberts and Johnson each recorded a hit and RBI.

First pitch for tonight's game

at Arkansas State is set for 6:30 p.m.

Wahl named SEC Co-Pitcher of the Week

Junior right-hander Bobby Wahl was named the South-eastern Conference Co-Pitcher of the Week on Monday by the league office following his complete-game shutout of Tennessee over the weekend.

The complete-game was the first of Wahl's career as he set the table for the Rebels to pick up a series sweep of the Volunteers. It was the third shutout of the season for the junior, who combined to post shutout wins over then No. 12 TCU to open the season and No. 22 Alabama a week earlier.

In the outing against Tennessee, Wahl allowed only three hits with two walks and struck out eight batters to move to 8-0 on the season.

The shutout was the eighth Wahl has been a part of in his career, including two as a freshman closer and three as a sophomore starter on the weekend.

Ole Miss Sports Information contributed to this report.

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