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Wildcats load up on new signees

POPLARVILLE Pearl River Community College signed ?? high school standouts to grant-in-aid football scholarships for the 2006 season on National Signing Day.

The signees (listed alphabetically by high school) include:

BAY HIGH SCHOOL

Kyle Hughes, offensive lineman;

Teddy Morris, offensive lineman

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

Charvo Lampton, offensive line-

man

EAST MARION HIGH

Desi Chisolm, defensive back

FORREST COUNTY A.H.S.

Nathaniel Jenkins, offensive

lineman; Chris Lett, running back;

Anthony Shaw, offensive lineman

HANCOCK COUNTY HIGH

Colin Miller, offensive lineman

HATTIESBURG HIGH

Malcolm Keys, defensive line-

man; Jonathan Kirksey, running

back; Chris Reed, wide receiver-

defensive back; Josh Wiley, defen-

sive back

LUMBERTON HIGH SCHOOL

Todd Adams, linebacker;

Benjamin Sullivan, linebacker

MERIDIAN HIGH SCHOOL

T.J. Harper, offensive Lineman;

Jamie Hill, defensive back; Philip

Sullivan, punter

MOSS POINT HIGH SCHOOL

Brad Bingham, placekicker

NORTH FORREST HIGH

Ray Chisolm, athlete

OAK GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

Eric Tate, defensive lineman

PEARL RIVER CENTRAL

Marvis Burkett, defensive back;

Perry Nixon Jr., wide receiver;

Jacob Whitehead, offensive-defen-

sive lineman

PETAL HIGH SCHOOL

Joseph Farris, offensive lineman;

Jeff Gatlin, offensive lineman;

Devin McNair, defensive back;

Jimmie O'Neal, defensive lineman;

Justin Tisdale, linebacker

PICAYUNE HIGH SCHOOL

Brent Acker, linebacker

POPLARVILLE HIGH

Darius Hart, defensive lineman

PRENTISS HIGH SCHOOL

RodRekious Rankin, linebacker

PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTIAN

HIGH SCHOOL

Alex Ford, defensive lineman

PROVINE HIGH SCHOOL

(JACKSON)

Terrance Handy, defensive back

RIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL

Aaron Williams, defensive line-

man

ST. STANISLAUS PREP

Lance Cuevas, quarterback

OUT-OF-STATERS

B.F. TERRY HIGH SCHOOL

(Rosenberg, TX)

Darnell Jackson, wide receiver



Fifteen Wildcats sign

Fifteen members of Pearl River Community College's 2005 MACJC state championship football squad are headed to senior colleges.

Here, listed by school, are the signees:

CLARK ATLANTA (Atlanta):

Scotty Dunn, 5-foot-11, 295-pound

offensive lineman from Picayune

High; Gabe Fairman, 5-foot-11, 195-

pound running back from Petal.

JACKSON STATE: Jimmy

Oliver, 6-foot, 185-pound quar-

terback from East Marion.

LOUISIANA TECH: Chris

Lowery, 6-foot-2, 210-pound line-

backer from Petal; Marquis

McBeath, 5-foot-11, 225-pound line-

backer from Moss Point; Ben

McGilton, 6-foot-3, 245-pound

defensive end from Pearl River

Central; and Shalamar Walker, 6-

foot, 180-pound defensive back

from East Marion.

NICHOLLS STATE (Thibo-

daux, La.): Mike McClendon, 5-

foot-10, 185-pound running back

from Quitman.

NORTH ALABAMA: Kyle

Sellers, 5-foot-11, 170-pound wide

receiver-quarterback from Oak

Grove High.

SHAW UNIVERSITY (Raleigh,

NC): Charles Brown, 6-foot-3, 235-

pound defensive back from

Jacksonville, Fla.

SOUTH FLORIDA: Frank Harry,

6-foot-4, 290-pound defensive

lineman from Angie, La.

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA:

George Leverette, 5-foot-10, 210-

pound linebacker from West

Marion; Vince Strickland, 6-foot-1,

230-pound defensive end from

Hattiesburg High.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN: Ryan

Sefton, 6-foot-6, 290-pound

offensive lineman from Harrison

Central.

WEBBER INTERNATIONAL

(Babson Park, Fla.): David Tate, 6-

foot-4, 230-pound linebacker from

Madison Central.



Wildcats win South Division men's championship

DECATUR - Pearl River's Wildcats clinched the MACJC South Division crown and a No. 1 seed in the state tournament with a re-sounding 102-96 overtime victory over East Central last week.

PRCC grabbed the division title after previously-No. 1 Co-Lin lost 80-69 to Jones and Southwest Mississippi picked up its only division win of the season with an 80-76 decision over Hinds in a tie-breaker scenario.

"I didn't see how we would be able to do it (win division) after losing to Co-Lin Monday (81-78), but things fell our way," said PRCC coach Richard Mathis. "But that's a primary goal you set when you start the season and it's always good to win it."

Colorado State signee Alton Robinson of Hattiesburg High pumped in a career-high 42 points in the regular-season finale.

The Wildcats improved to 16-9 and 10-4.

The Lady Wildcats wrapped up their season with a 76-52 loss to the Lady Warriors, finishing the year at 5-20 overall and 4-10 in the division.

In the men's game, Pearl River led 43-38 at the intermission and held an 86-82 lead in the final seconds of regulation. But the Warriors picked up a foul and sank a free throw and a trey at the buzzer to tie it up at 86-86 and send things into overtime.

PRCC outscored ECCC 16-10 in the OT.

Jeremy Holder of Lumberton High sank a huge three pointer in overtime, while Mathis touted Patton Stanley of Wayne Academy as "the difference" in the game.

"Patton ran our plays, dished off to open people, and handled the ball extremely well against their press," Mathis said. "He was the

difference in our winning it...particularly during the overtime period."

Besides Robinson's scoring effort, which included four treys, Wesley Jones of Beatrice, Ala., scored 29 points and hauled in 13 rebounds; while Holder had 13, Jamar Flowers of White Castle, La., eight; Marquez Singleton of Bay High four, and Darius Acker of St. Stanislaus, Stanley (six rebounds), and Chasen Uptain of Poplarville, two each.

Pearl River was 39 of 50 (78 percent) at the foul line, while ECCC was 18 of 30 (60 percent).

In the women's game, East Central led 41-26 at the intermission, then outscored the Lady Wildcats 35-26 in the second half to take the 24-point victory.

LaTerrica Booth of Bassfield led PRCC with a game-high 16 points (six rebounds),

while Angela Miller of Penbroke, Ga., and Dee Robertson of North Forrest (eight rebounds) added eight each. Brittany Blackston of Hattiesburg High scored seven, Ziena Husband of Petal and Shannon Primos of Forrest County AHS, four each; Ashley Jones of Florence and Tanesha Stokes of East Marion, two each; and Calla Daggins of Mereaux, La., one.

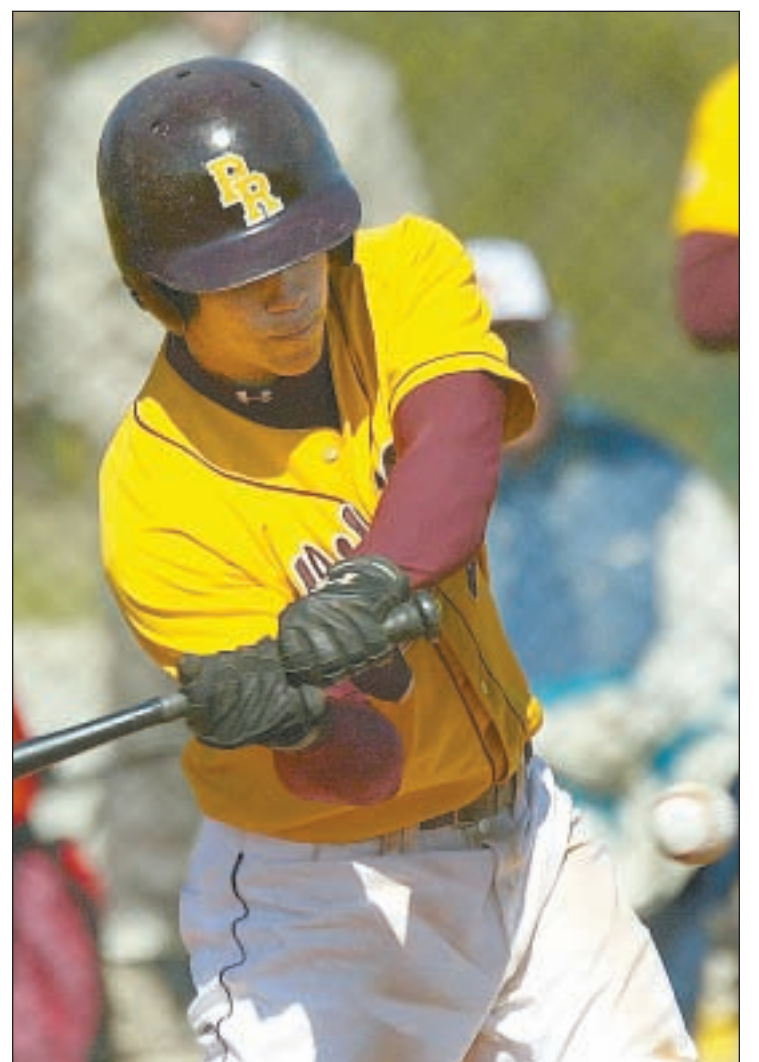
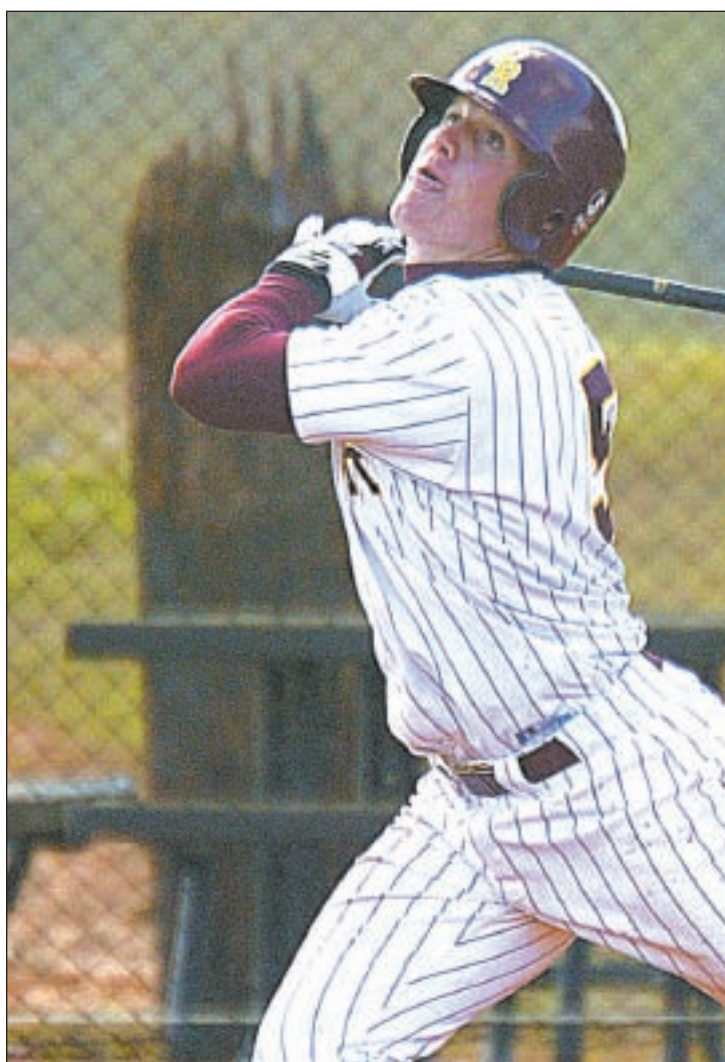
Pearl River was 17 of 23 (74 percent) at the foul line, while East Central was 23 of 32 (72 percent).

A Wildcat victory over Coahoma Monday in the state tournament would shove PRCC into the men's semi-finals Wednesday at 3 p.m. against Monday's winner of the Holmes (North No. 2) and Mississippi Gulf Coast (South No. 3) game. The men's championship game is set for 8 p.m. Thursday.



Lady Wildcat basketball star Dee Robertson of North Forrest moves the ball up the court.

The 2006 baseball season heats up at PRCC



The PRCC baseball team recently split a home doubleheader against Okaloosa-Walton Junior College from Niceville, Fla. Each team won by identical 3-1 scores. The Wildcats are off to a 5-3 start under first-year head coach Jamie McMahon. Leading the way for

the Wildcats thus far this season are, from left, freshman pitcher-infielder Heath Stevens of Picayune, sophomore outfielder Grant Hogue of Oak Grove, and freshman infielder Jeremy Green of Purvis. The Wildcats opened the season by winning three of four

games at home against Bossier (La.) Parrish. The Wildcats have a busy March. South Division play begins March 21 at home against Co-Lin, followed by a home doubleheader March 29 against Gulf Coast. Both doubleheaders begin at 4 p.m.

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