

# SCHOOL/SPORTS NEWS

## Lady Bulldogs finish regular season with win over Echols County, 6-4

Lanier County traveled to Statenville on Friday for the last regular season game against Echols County.

Neither team could get a hit in the first three innings. Aniston Gano got the first hit of the game in the top of the fourth, but to no avail, the Lady Bulldogs remained scoreless.

Echols took the lead scoring one run in the bottom of the fourth scoring one run. Ramzi James drew a walk to lead off the top of the fifth, Kendrick Fender came in to run for James. Jessie Throneberry laid down a sac bunt to move Fender to second. Fender moved to third. Mallory Newbern got the game-tying RBI after hitting a ground ball to the first baseman. Fender scored. Echols responded in the bottom of the fifth scoring two runs to go up 3-1.

It was time to do something in the top of the sixth. Hailey Stiebler started things off with a leadoff double to right field. Aniston Gano followed up with a double to left that scored Stiebler. Mallory Burton came in to run for Gano.

Jacklyn Kenbeek followed them with a double of her own and scored Burton to tie the game again. Ramzi James hit a single to center field. Kenbeek moved to third and James went to second on the throw.

So with the game tied at three, Mallory Newbern grounded out to second to score Kenbeek and put the Lady Bulldogs ahead. Gano was able to control the batters in the bottom of the sixth, three up and three down.

The Lady Bulldogs needed some insurance in the seventh with the the Lady Cats batting last. Anzlie Brogdon started the top of the seventh with a double to left field. With one out, Hailey Stiebler hit a triple to left field to score Brogdon. Gano hit a ground ball to short, but scored Stiebler. That put Lanier up 6-3, and that would be enough. Echols was able to score one run in the bottom of the seventh after Hill had a lead off double, but that was it for a final score of 6-4 Lanier.

Aniston Gano pitched for Lanier. She went seven innings, allowing four runs on five hits and striking out 10.

Lanier had 10 hits in the game. Aniston Gano had two hits and two RBIs. Hailey Stiebler had two hits and one RBI. Anzlie Brogdon had two hits. Jacklyn Kenbeek had one hit and one RBI. Gracie Brunel, Ramzi James and Cassidy Newsome each had one hit.

The Lady Bulldogs will be at home on Friday to face the 12-12 Lincoln County in the first round of the playoffs. If the Lady Bulldogs take the first series, they will travel to Milledgeville to play the GMC girls, who are 16-7.

"The kids have become more disciplined to hit the ball the opposite way," Coach Brunel said. The girls have been spending more time on hitting." He also said, "We have to keep going to battle. One of our main phrases – 'What does it take? All we got.'"

The Lady Bulldogs go in as the third place team in the region, not necessarily what we wanted but still a very successful season at 18-3 with a 13-3 Region 2A record. Get out and support the Lady Bulldogs on Friday.

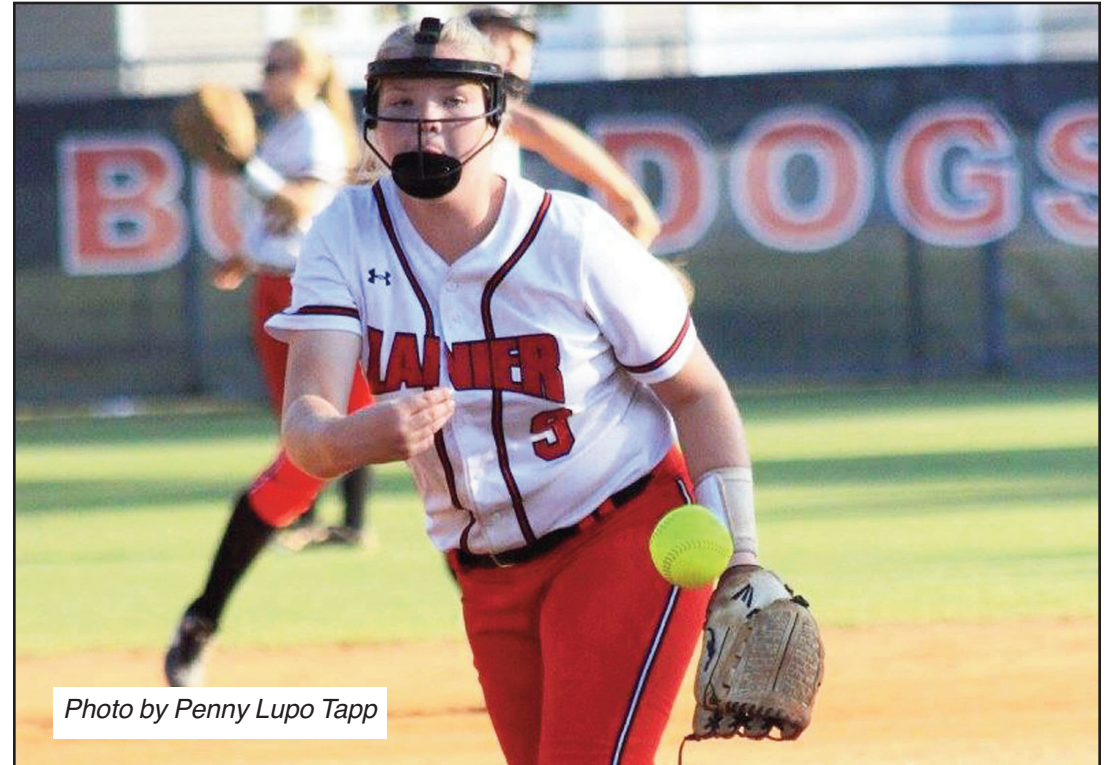


Photo by Penny Lupo Tapp

## Brunel led Lady Bulldogs with four hits in blowout win over Turner County 15-1

By Steven F. Meders

The Lanier County Lady Bulldogs softball team in the last week of regular season were looking to finish strong in Region 2A. They are looking for success in the 2017 State Playoffs. But you can't look ahead. You got to take care of business this week.

The Lanier girls seemed to be coming around on their hit-

ting. The Lady Dawgs had 16 hits in the game against Turner County. Gracie Brunel led Lanier with four hits and two RBIs. She had singles in the first and second innings, and two in the fourth innings. Hailey Stiebler had three hits and four RBIs. Aniston Gano had three hits and three RBIs. She had three singles. Mallory Newbern had three hits and

two RBIs. Anzlie Brogdon had two hits. Ramzi James had one hit and two RBIs. The Lady Bulldogs exploded in the fourth inning with 11 runs to finish off the Lady Rebels.

Ramzi James pitched for the Lady Bulldogs. She allowed one hit and one run over four innings, striking out two.

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To be eligible for assistance, practices must not be started until all of the following are met:

- an application for cost-share assistance has been filed

- the local FSA County Committee (COC) or its representative has conducted an onsite inspection of the damaged orchards

- the Agency responsible for technical assistance, has made a needs determi-

nation for required rehabilitation.

For more information about ECP, please contact the Lowndes County FSA office at 229.242.0575 or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/sc](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sc).

## REACH expands to 103 school districts

More than five hundred students became new REACH Georgia Scholars during Georgia's statewide signing week, which began October 2 and concluded

October 6. The REACH Georgia program now includes nearly 1,200 students in 103 school systems across the state. In celebration of these students, Governor Nathan Deal and First Lady Sandra Deal attended signing events in several counties around the state. Launched by Governor Deal in 2012, the REACH Georgia Scholarship Program is a needs-based mentorship and scholarship program designed to encourage students, starting in middle school, to persist in their educational pursuits. Students in the program are provided with the academic, social, and financial support needed to graduate from high school, access college, achieve postsecondary success and be prepared for the 21st century Georgia workforce.

"REACH signing week is a great way for us to celebrate the students that are signing REACH contracts and committing themselves to bettering their educational success," stated Governor Deal. "These students are our great state's future, and by seeing the dedication and determination they have for their education shows just how bright Georgia's future is."

As part of REACH signing week, each school system participating in the program sponsors a REACH signing ceremony, during which new REACH scholars sign con-

tracts to maintain a grade point average, uphold good attendance, and meet with academic coaches while remaining crime, drug, and behavior issue free. Parents and guardians also sign contracts signaling their support of their student's endeavors.

"We are very proud of the students and their supporters who joined the REACH program this week," stated Caylee Noggle, Interim President of the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC).

"Thanks to the support from Governor Deal and the General Assembly, REACH is allowing more Georgia students to pursue education beyond high school and be prepared for tomorrow's workforce."

For the 2017-2018 school year, REACH has a total of 103 school systems participating in the program and nearly 1,200 Scholars. If you are interested in becoming a mentor or would like to learn more about the REACH Program, please visit [www.reachga.org](http://www.reachga.org).

### About the REACH Georgia program

The REACH Georgia Program is a needs-based scholarship and mentorship program administered by the Georgia Student Finance Authority and is designed to assist academically promising students with the extra mentoring, academic coaching, and support they need to be successful in high school and to access and complete a postsecondary credential.

Upon high school graduation, eligible REACH Scholars receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Founded by Governor Deal in 2012, today the program serves more than 100 school systems and 1,200 students across Georgia, committing more than \$15 million in scholarships.

Additional information about REACH is available at [reachga.org](http://reachga.org) or 800.505.4732 (GSFC).

## A Day for Divas

Saturday, October 21

9 a.m.—12 p.m.

Cook Middle School Cafeteria

9 a.m.—Registration Begins

First 200 registrants receive a free swag bag and t-shirt; then enjoy our free health screenings, health and wellness vendors, refreshments, hand/arm massages, & door prizes

10 a.m.—Women's Wellness Presentation

Hear from Priscilla Greene, FNP-BC about the best ways to take care of YOU!

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