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took their first lead of the game over Middle Georgia with about 2 minutes remaining in the quarter after Sidney Seagroves sunk a three-pointer for their first lead of the game.

Shooting for the women improved to 46 percent in the second quarter to give Coastal Georgia a 34-33 lead at halftime.

Daneshia Murray scored the first two baskets of the third quarter for the Mariners to extend the lead to five points. Middle Georgia narrowed the lead to 44-43 midway into the third quarter before the Mariners went on an 8-point run to extend the lead to 56-47 at the end of the quarter.



Bobby Haven/The Brunswick News
College of Coastal Georgia's Whitney Roberts looks to pass during Wednesday's game against Middle Georgia State.

The fourth quarter was led by freshman guard Sol-run Gisladottir, who shot 5-8 from beyond the 3-point line for the game for 19 points. She also grabbed four rebounds. Murray added another 14 points for the Mariners and pulled down 11

rebounds.

The Knights were led by Dexshalyn Polite who scored 24 points in the losing effort.

The win improves the Lady Mariners record to 2-1. The Lady Knights record drops to 2-3 for the season.

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he was excited to have Hogan joining the program.

"Thomas has been committed for a long time and was someone that we identified early on that could help our program," Malloy said. "I know that he will continue to improve and be ready to compete once he gets here next fall."

For Hogan, it was Malloy and assistant coach Kyle Ellis that convinced him to pick the Rebels and stay with his commitment.

"I know Coach Malloy and Coach Ellis will make me the best version of myself I can be and help me reach my goals of playing on the PGA Tour," Hogan said.

Hogan showed the potential he has during the summer. He won his age group and finished second overall at the Future Masters in Dothan, Ala., won his first-ever Golden Isles Invitational and also qualified for the U.S. Amateur.

Hogan said he's feeling pretty good about his game heading into a RSM Classic pre-qualifier today at Brunswick Country Club. Frederica coach Tom Willis said Hogan separates himself from the pack with his chipping, putting and his maturity.

"His short game is as good as I've ever seen," Willis said. "He's got great touch with his hands. A lot of it is time spent working on the course, but he's got a natural gift of good hands that you don't see everyone have. He may be the best putter we've ever had. He's made a lot of big putts for us."

All of those attributes were on display a couple of years ago at the state tournament when the Knights trailed late in the tournament. Hogan nearly chipped in a shot from off the green, leaving it about an inch short. The Knights would go on to capture the

state championship, a run that now includes 10 straight state titles.

"He loves pressure situations," Willis said.

KAYLA ROWELL

Kayla Rowell tried her hand at a variety of sports. The one that stuck was softball.

"I just fell in love with softball," Rowell said. "That's the one that stood out."

Rowell wrapped up her recruitment when she signed her letter to Georgia Southwestern State. Making the commitment official relieved a lot of stress for the senior.

"It takes all the weight off of my shoulders," Kayla said. "I can say that I've signed my letter of intent and that's where I'm going next year. It's very rewarding."

The Americus school's coaches and campus, along with Rowell's familiarity with the players helped her make her decision.

"I loved the coaches and the campus," Rowell said. "I actually know some of the girls that are going to be there. I've played with them before, and I like them a lot."

The Hurricanes have recruited Rowell to be a catcher, but she said she may also play some first base. Rowell was a standout for the Lady Pirates this season hitting .429 for the season with 17 RBIs and 10 runs scored. Brunswick coach Brian Crawford also said Rowell was a key leader for the team.

When it comes to what she'll remember most about playing at Brunswick, Rowell focused her attention on her teammates and her coach.

"My teammates, that's what really stood out," Rowell said. "They were always supportive. They were always good teammates. Coaching was also wonderful. (Crawford) did a lot for me. He wasn't just focused on winning. He was focused on getting everyone better as a player."

TURNER JAMIESON

Jamieson left Frederica Academy to head to Florida's

renowned IMG Academy right around the time coach Greg Roberts was going from Frederica to Glynn Academy. It's only appropriate that as Roberts returns for his second stint at Frederica, that he would have Jamieson to coach again.

"We're coming back at the same time," Roberts said. "He's going to spend a lot of time for us in the outfield," Roberts said. "He's an exceptional outfielder. He runs well. He hits very well. He's going to pitch some too."

While Roberts plans to play Jamieson in the outfield, he said the senior could play a variety of spots because of his versatility.

Merrimack is hoping to take advantage of that versatility too. Jamieson said the school was looking at him as both an outfielder and a pitcher.

"I'm working on getting more consistent on the mound and at the plate, and making the routine plays in the outfield," Jamieson said.

On the mound, Jamieson described himself as a contact pitcher.

"I'm a pitcher that doesn't strike out a lot of guys, just mainly keeps the pitch counts low, keeps the defense moving — that's my game," Jamieson said.

Merrimack was the first school to offer Jamieson and when the offers didn't roll in over the summer, he decided to go with the NCAA Division II school located in North Andover, Mass.

There will be a climate adjustment when he travels north.

"It's just going to a little cold, but I'll get used to it," Jamieson said.

But before he journeys north, Jamieson has one goal in mind for his senior season.

"I want to win a state championship," Jamieson said. "That's one of the reasons why I came to Frederica. I want to make history and it would be a great way to end a high school career."

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The SEC doesn't have a runner ranked among the top 20 nationally.

Chubb leads Georgia with 867 yards and nine touchdowns while Sony Michel isn't far behind with 710 yards and the same number of TDs.

Michel echoed Scarborough's win-first sentiment, saying when a team's winning players are not worried about how many yards they have.

"Me personally, and I think I can speak for the rest of the backs on this team, we're not really into the personal accolades," he said. "Those type of things just come."

Alabama's Harris is averaging an eye-opening 8.1 yards per carry with nine touchdowns. His 90 carries in nine games is far below the 151 Love has produced in eight outings.

Hurts is a dangerous playmaker and leader of the

league's highest scoring offense but isn't even among the SEC's top 10 passers in yards per game. Fromm is — barely, at No. 10.

"The two teams that have the profile to have a Heisman winner on their team have logjams at their glory spots, the running back position," CBS analyst Rick Neuheisel said. "Both have three or four guys. Georgia, heck they play five guys."

"And the quarterbacks have not been asked to do it because they've been so efficient in the running game."

No. 10 Auburn's Johnson is the carries the biggest load among the SEC's top teams, especially with Kamryn Pettway out with a fractured shoulder blade. Johnson has missed two games but still leads the SEC with a 124-yard average per game and 15 touchdowns.

He's also got high-profile games against the Bulldogs and Tide to perhaps put himself into the Heisman conversation and has averaged 26 carries over the past five games.

"I don't mind it. Obviously, hit-wise and number-wise, it's definitely hard," Johnson said. "But as long as I'm still walking, I'll keep doing it. Guys at Georgia and Alabama, they split carries and it helps preserve them during the season, but you know, we had a running back go down and things change."

Alabama plays at No. 18 Mississippi State Saturday night, and Georgia awaits the Western Division winner in the SEC title game.

Tennessee linebacker Quarte Sapp has faced both the Tide and Bulldogs. He has a pick for who the best player he saw on those teams.

"I would probably say Hurts," Sapp said. "He really shocked me how he carried himself. He was laidback the whole game, never really seen anybody like that."

Mississippi State coach Dan Mullen's team is tasked with trying to stop Hurts and Alabama's other playmakers, including Harris and Scarborough.

"You have to stop all of them," Mullen said.

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