

APRIL MCDONALD LAZENBY

APRIL MCDONALD LAZENBY WAS BORN ON APRIL 28, 1972, TO EUGENE AND LINDA MCDONALD.

She attended junior high at Lupton and helped the Blue Devils achieve back-to-back county volleyball championships. April attended Carbon Hill High School where she lettered in volleyball, softball and basketball and graduated in 1990. In her freshman season for the Bulldogs, she was a member of the softball team that would go on to win four consecutive county champions. The following year, April was a starter on the volleyball team and was selected as the team's most improved player. She also started as the first baseman for the softball team that finished as the runner-up in the Conference and also at the 3A-4A State Championship. In her junior season as the middle hitter for one of the best volleyball teams in the history of Carbon Hill, the team won a state record 63 games. Also, April helped lead the team to first place finishes in the Area Conference and the 4A State championships. For her individual efforts, April was selected as the team's most dominant player, 4A All-State, and the State Tournament's Most Valuable Player. During the softball season, she again anchored first base as the team won the Conference and Section Tournaments to participate in the State Tournament. Her senior season was much of the same as the Bulldogs repeated as 4A Volleyball State Champions with the team going a perfect 12-0 at the State Tournament. April was again selected 4A All-State and was also selected as the team's most valuable player along with the Mattie Sue Hollingsworth Leadership Award. Her senior season of softball was almost as successful as the Bulldogs finished as the 4A state runner-up. Due to her outstanding leadership, April was again given the Hollingsworth Award for softball. Along with her athletic achievements, April also received several academic awards with one being the Army Reserve Presidential National Scholar - Athlete Award. With all of her athletic success, April accepted a scholarship to play volleyball at the University of Southern Mississippi. Her collegiate career was plagued with multiple injuries. She made the Metro Conference Commissioner's List for scholar athletes and the Dean's and President's lists of Southern Miss. After college, April remained in the Hattiesburg area and lives in Petal, MS, with her husband, Mark, and their two children, Jacob and Madi Shae.

