

BASEBALL, SOCCER TEAMS OPEN SEASONS WITH ROAD WINS

By Ron Barry

The spring sport season officially opened on Thursday for two Crockett County High School teams, and both jumped off to positive starts by scoring victories away from their home turf.

Coach Brent Fronabarger's baseball team broke a 3-3 tie with a pair of runs in the top of the sixth inning to eventually edge host Bolivar Central 5-4, while Coach Stan Jamscek's soccer squad journeyed to Lexington and took down the host Tigers 2-1.

In the baseball contest, Brady Fronabarger's two-run single in the top of the sixth broke the 3-3 deadlock, and strong relief pitching from Carter Winders made it stand up as the Cavaliers initiated their season with the triumph.

With two outs in the top of the sixth, Blaine Nichols singled to left and moved around to third on an ensuing single by pinch-hitter Sam Proctor, who delivered the hit despite a 0-and-2 count. Fronabarger, who finished the game 3-for-3 at the plate, then lined his tie-breaking single to left.

Bolivar scored an unearned run in the bottom of the frame - all four of its tallies were unearned in the duel - but Winders finished off four innings of one-hit relief to secure the Cav triumph.

Winders and Fronabarger, who threw the first three frames as the starter, combined to yield just one hit and struck out 10, seven of them by Winders.



Before the sixth inning, Winders had driven in two runs of his own, the first on an opening-frame double and the second on a third-inning single. Bolivar took a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the third on a hit batsman and three Crockett errors, but the visitors turned a double play to escape further damage.

The Cavs immediately tied it back up in the fourth when Grayson Lambert beat out a bunt to third, took second when John Vasquez was hit by a pitch, and scored on Landon Wicker's single to right.

Crockett outhit Bolivar 10-1 in the contest, with Fronabarger collecting three, Winders two, and Nichols, Proctor, Lambert, Wicker, and Joseph Gould each adding one. Next up for the Cavs is another road trip, this one to Munford next Tuesday for a 4:00 p.m. tilt.

In soccer, Cavalier sophomore sensation Christopher Cerda scored both goals and goalkeeper Avery Hurst turned away six Lexington shots as Crockett nipped the host Tigers 2-1 in an extremely physical match.

Luke Carter assisted on one of Cerda's goals for the Cavs, who now prepare to face Munford in Crockett's home opener next Tuesday evening.

Coach David Barker's softball team kicks off its season Friday with a 5:00 p.m. game at Ripley before traveling to McNairy Central Monday for a 5:30 contest. The Lady Cavs will open their home season Tuesday at 5:00 against Scotts Hill.