

CAVS SOCCER OPENS HUNTINGDON TOURNEY WITH WIN; BASEBALL DOWNS HALLS 12-4



Above: Callan Willis hit one of the five Crockett doubles in an eight-run rally that broke the game open in its 12-4 win over Halls on Friday. (Photo by Ron Barry)

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Crockett County's soccer team will play two games Saturday in the Huntingdon High School Keeper Club Tournament after opening play in the event Friday night with a resounding 5-0 shutout of McEwen.

Coach Stan Jamscek's squad will duel Munford at noon and Jackson North Side at 3:00 at Huntingdon. Also participating in tournament action Saturday is the Lady Cavalier softball team, which will face host Lexington at 11:00 a.m. before playing afternoon games against Waverly (2 p.m.) and Huntingdon (3:30 p.m.).

But the soccer team wasn't the only Crockett sports outfit picking up a victory Friday. Coach Brent Fronabarger's baseballers traveled to Halls and knocked off the Tigers 12-4 when six different Cavaliers hit doubles, with five of them coming in an eight-run third-inning rally that blew the game open.

SOCCER: Crockett moved to 4-0 in the early season as Luke Carter netted four goals and Christopher Cerda one. Four different Cavs contributed assists: Edgar Juarez had two and Braulio Marquez, Eddy De La Rosa, and Cerda each collected one.

In their four victories this season, the Cavs have outscored their opponents 20-3, with the last two wins coming by shutouts. Seven different Crockett players have scored goals, and seven different players have recorded assists. The totals thus far:

GOALS - Carter 9, Cerda 3, Juarez 3, Marquez 2, Angel Garcia 1, De La Rosa 1, Leo Arreola 1;

ASSISTS - Juarez 5, Garcia 3, De La Rosa 3, Marquez 2, Carter 2, Cerda 1, Noah Mayfield 1.

BASEBALL: The Cavs improved to 8-6 for the season, largely by "doubling" their fun in a power-filled third-frame uprising.

In a scoreless game entering the top of the third, Crockett's Mason Ray led off with a double to right and promptly scored when Blaine Nichols ripped a double to left. Following walks to Reed Ingram and Brady Fronabarger, Carter Winders laced a two-run double to right. After a sacrifice fly to left by Joseph Gould made it 4-0, Callan Willis belted yet another double to right to score Winders.

It didn't stop there. Grayson Lambert smacked a line-drive double to right, plating Willis to push the margin to 6-0. After a walk to Landon Wicker, Ray brought another run home with an infield single. Nichols then drew another base on balls to set up a sacrifice fly by Ingram for the final tally of the rally.

Halls managed to claw back to an 8-3 deficit in the fourth, but Crockett struck again in the top of the fifth. Wicker led off with a single and Ray drew a walk, with both runners advancing on an ensuing wild pitch. After a strikeout, Ingram was hit by a pitch to load the bases and Fronabarger delivered a sacrifice fly. Gould later drew a bases-loaded walk to push the margin to 10-3.

Crockett's final two runs came in the sixth when Wicker and Nichols, who had both walked, crossed the plate on eventual wild pitches. Halls pitchers walked 11 Cav hitters in the contest, hit two others, and tossed six wild pitches.

Cav hurlers had much better control of the strike zone. Winner Tyler Rathbun went six innings, scattering eight hits and issuing just one walk while striking out five. Preston Lambert threw the seventh, yielding an unearned run.

Ray and Grayson Lambert had two hits apiece for Crockett, with Gould and Winders contributing two RBIs each.

The Cavs get back into district play Monday, journeying to Dyersburg for a 4:30 game before hosting the Trojans in a rematch Tuesday at 4:30.



Above: Braulio Marquez (21), flanked here by teammates Diego Marquez (11) and Ossi Sanchez (12) during a 9-0 romp over Jackson South Side Thursday, added an assist Friday in the win over McEwen. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Right: Luke Carter netted four more goals Friday, bringing his season total to nine, as Crockett bested McEwen 5-0 in Huntingdon in its first game of the HHS Keeper Club Tournament. (Photo by Ron Barry)