

MADDOX DRIVES IN 6 AS SOFTBALLERS DRILL COVINGTON; BASEBALL TEAM FALLS TO CHOCTAWS



Above: Crockett senior first baseman Jayden Maddox rips the first of her two three-run doubles Monday night, driving in six runs as the Lady Cavs drilled Covington 15-0. (Photo by Ron Barry)

By Ron Barry

A bases-loaded double that clears the sacks is always a thrill for a player.

And Crockett County's Jayden Maddox enjoyed it so much in the first inning that she did it again in the third Monday night, driving in six runs as the Lady Cavaliers' softball team routed Covington 15-0 in Alamo.

Crockett's baseball squad was not as fortunate on the adjoining field, dropping an 8-0 district decision to talented Dyer County.

The softball win was the fifth shutout victory of the season for Coach David Barker's squad and pitcher Anna Stallings, the steady sophomore who allowed just one hit and a walk over four innings and struck out four as the Lady Cavs improved their spring mark to 11-4 overall.

Crockett scored in all four frames in which it batted, with a five-run rally in the first and a seven-run outburst in the third doing the majority of the damage. Maddox highlighted each of those explosions with her bases-clearing doubles.

But there was plenty more offense going on as well. Outfielder Brooklyn Haynes went 3-for-3 with a walk, scored three times, and drove in two runs. Second baseman Kinleigh Lamb smacked a single and double, drew a base on balls, scored twice, and knocked in a couple. Destiny Foster was on base in all four of her plate appearances, drawing three walks, hitting a double, and tallying twice.

Lynden Cole added a double, two walks, a sacrifice fly, and a run scored. Top-of-the-lineup speedsters Piper White and Hannah Carter combined to score five of the Lady Cavs' runs and drew three of the bases on balls issued by Covington pitching as well as stealing three bases.

Consecutive doubles by Lamb, Haynes, and Foster produced the two runs in the fourth inning that finally ended the lopsided contest.

Barring a weather postponement, the Lady Cavs are scheduled to play Scotts Hill Tuesday.

BASEBALL: Dyer County broke Crockett's four-game winning streak by jumping on the Cavaliers for six runs in the second inning, and the hosts never recovered in their 8-0 defeat.

Choctaw pitcher Trey Tarkington stymied the Cavs, scattering three hits and four walks by striking out nine over six frames. Talon Messer finished up with a clean seventh inning.

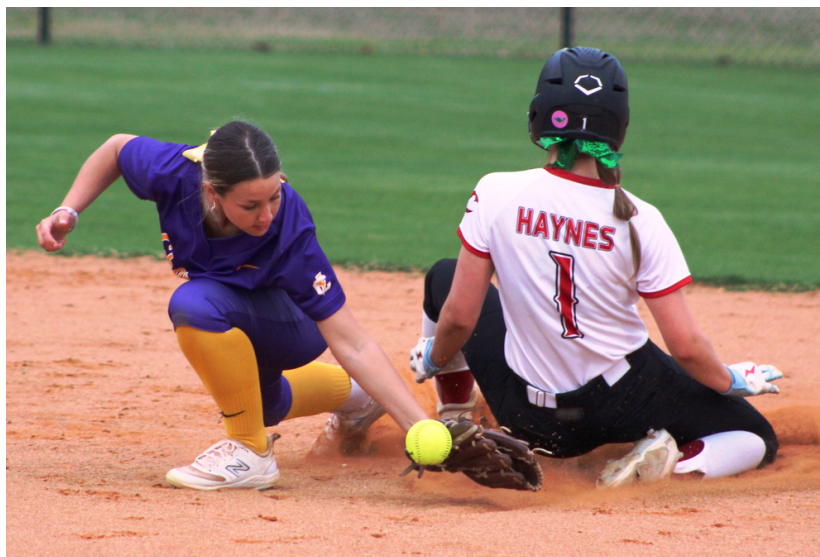
Messer knocked in two runs with a triple and Tarkington also collected a pair of RBIs against Crockett starter Carter Winders. Three of the seven runs scored against Winders were unearned, as errors continue to plague the 6-5 Cavaliers' defense. They committed three more Monday.

Joseph Gould, Reed Ingram, and Mason Ray had the three Crockett hits, all singles. Callan Willis drew a pair of walks for the Cavs.

If weather allows, the schedule has a rematch between the two schools Tuesday in Newbern.

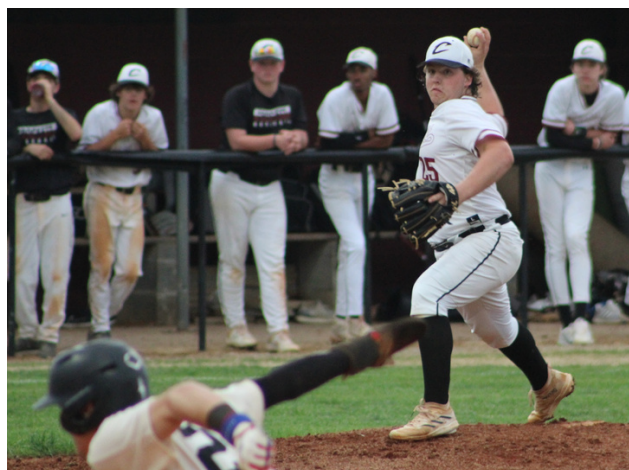
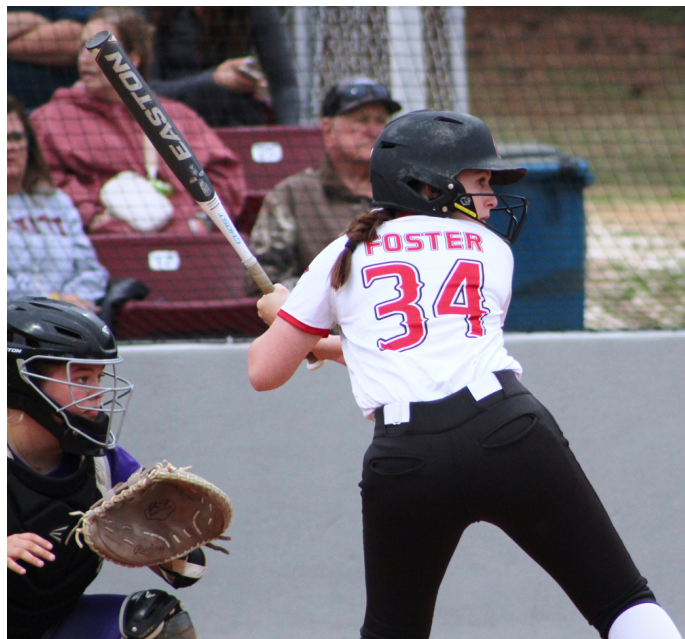


Above: Jayden Maddox cruises into second base as the Covington outfielders are still chasing down her bases-clearing double in the opening inning of Monday night's game. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Crockett's Brooklyn Haynes didn't get any style points on this slide into second - which drew a chuckle from Coach David Barker - but she made it in time to beat the tag from Covington's Kathryn Connell. Haynes went 3-for-3 for the Lady Cavs, scored three times, and drove in two. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Destiny Foster drew a base on balls in each of her first three plate appearances Monday night against Covington, but then ended the game by doubling home Crockett's fifteenth run. Foster scored twice herself in the rout. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Left: On the baseball side of the Crockett sports complex, Cavalier pitcher Carter Winders throws to first as a Dyer County runner dives back toward the bag to avoid a pickoff in Monday's game, won by the Choctaws 8-0. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below Left: Third baseman Joseph Gould -- making a catch of a wind-blown popup here -- was one of only three Cavs to manage a hit for Crockett. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Shortstop Reed Ingram had one of Crockett's safeties, his fifth straight game with at least one hit. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Left: Crockett outfielder Callan Willis drew two of the four walks issued by Dyer County starting pitcher Trey Tarkington, but was stranded on the bases both times. (Photo by Ron Barry)