

LADY CAVS CHARGE INTO COVINGTON IN STONE-"COLED" MODE



Above: A beaming Lynden Cole displays the two mashed softballs she hit out of the Covington park Monday night as Crockett rocked the hosts 17-1. (Photo courtesy of Lady Cavalier Diamond Club)

Outfielder Sadie Hoover hammered a pair of doubles and two other hits in a 4-for-4 performance that led – hmmm, thought that surely would be the headline.

Oh, wait... THERE it is!

Senior catcher Lynden Cole clobbered a second-inning grand slam and added a three-run homer in the third frame for good measure, driving in seven of Crockett County's first nine runs, as the Lady Cavaliers traveled to Covington Monday night and completely unplugged the Lady Chargers 17-1.

All of the potential ledes above were true, and any one of them might have been the key factor in a "normal" softball game. But so dominant was Coach David Barker's squad over its hosts Monday that the first seven players mentioned have to wait for another day in the sun, because Cole's offensive heroics weren't going to take a back seat to anybody else on this particular evening as Crockett improved its season record to 15-6-1.

It was the second time this spring that Cole has belted two homers and collected seven RBIs in a game, and it was the third multi-bomb game of her career. The first came last year against Dyersburg, which will be the Lady Cavs' opponent tonight (Tuesday) as they step back into district play at Alamo.

The Dyersburg encounter is actually the first of two games the Lady Cavs will contest tonight. After the 5:00 duel with the Lady Trojans, Crockett will entertain Westview at 7:00.

The Lady Cavs, who endured a couple of rainouts in the past week, wasted no time asserting themselves against Covington pitcher Ashton McCommon. White drew a base on balls to begin the game, stole second and third on the next two pitches, and then waltzed home on Foster's double to left field. Hoover smashed a line-drive double to center later in the frame to make it 2-0, Crockett.

In the bottom of the first, Miller added to the hosts' frustration by snaring a liner up the middle and doubling a runner off first to squelch a Covington threat.

Maddox got the Lady Cav party started in the second with a base hit to right, followed by walks to Miller and White. After a fielder's choice groundout forced Maddox out at home plate, Cole deposited a 1-2 pitch somewhere deep into Tipton County beyond the center-field fence for the grand salami, and Crockett was in front 6-0.

Covington chipped away in the bottom of the inning with a run-scoring single by Kale Wheeler, but that's all the Lady Chargers would get for their efforts against Miller.

Meanwhile, the Lady Cavs kept applying the heat. Party-starter Maddox did it again with another leadoff single in the third, but two straight fielder's choice plays created two outs and still only one baserunner. But Foster patiently worked another walk from McCommon, bringing Cole to the batter's box. This time the count went to 2-and-2 before the Pensacola State-bound backstop launched another moonshot well beyond the center-field fence, increasing the margin to 9-1.

Crockett pounced on the Lady Chargers for eight more runs in the fourth, leading to the mercy rule being invoked after the hosts didn't score in the bottom of the stanza. Hoover and Solis each had two hits during the long uprising; Maddox ripped a two-run single; Foster pulled off a successful squeeze bunt for another tally; and reserve Lesley Morales produced an RBI double.

Barring any weather developments, Crockett will play at Houston High on Wednesday evening, host South Gibson Thursday, and visit Obion County Friday. The latter two are district contests.

By Ron Barry

Leadoff hitter Piper White walked twice, stole three bases, scored four runs, and drove in another as – wait a minute; let's start over.

Destiny Foster doubled and walked, knocked in two runs, and scored three herself as – whoops, jumped the gun again.

Madison Solis went 2-for-3 with a double, a run scored, and an RBI as – no, that won't quite do either.

Birthday girl Kinleigh Lamb had two hits and reached base all four times she batted as – well, that's not quite the place to begin.

Jayden Maddox was 3-for-3, drove home two runs, and tallied another to pace the – nope; also not it.

Senior Gracelyn Miller, who enjoyed her final high school prom Saturday night by being crowned "Queen," twirled a three-hitter and allowed just a single run to spark – man, this is getting ridiculous.



Left: Lady Cav junior outfielder Sadie Hoover went 4-for-4 -- including a two-hit inning when Crockett rallied for eight runs in the fourth -- in the 17-1 thrashing of Covington. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Crockett senior Lynden Cole -- pictured here with Coach David Barker just behind her -- put on another power display in Covington Monday evening, blasting two home runs and driving in seven in a 17-1 rout of the Lady Chargers. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Crockett senior Gracelyn Miller -- named the school's "Prom Queen" Saturday night -- limited Covington to three hits and a single run in the Lady Cav victory Monday evening. (Photo by Ron Barry)

