

INCREDIBLE BASEBALL INNING HIGHLIGHTS TUESDAY

CROCKETT SPORTS EXPLOITS



Above: Braulio Marquez contributed three assists to the Crockett offense Tuesday in a 6-3 soccer victory over visiting Lexington. (Photo by Ron Barry)

By Ron Barry

Entering the top of the third inning Tuesday in Trenton – following two frames in which things looked like they may be going sideways for the Crockett County baseball team – new head coach Austin Taylor calmly gathered his troops in front of the dugout and told them if they’ll just keep their heads in the game, things will be all right.

Seventeen batters later – and yes, all in the same inning – things were indeed all right for the Cavaliers.

Mixing a boatload of Peabody miscues with some timely hits, Crockett racked up 13 runs in that third inning and coasted from there to a 15-3 win over the Golden Tide, highlighting a Tuesday CCHS sports schedule that also included victories by the soccer and softball teams.

Coach Joey Soriano’s kickers downed visiting Lexington 6-3, while Coach Baron Jimmerson’s Lady Cav diamonds slipped past Munford 7-5. The boys and girls tennis teams both lost matches at Lexington.

BASEBALL: Crockett began Tuesday’s contest in a dubious manner, ending their opening time at-bat with a baserunner being called out for leaving second base too soon on a long fly ball. Peabody then answered in the bottom of the frame by scoring three runs on a series of soft hits that found holes, sandwiched around a couple of walks.

The Cavs got a run back in the second on a walk and three Golden Tide errors – a sign of things to come if Crockett batters just put the ball in play.

And that they did in the third. Sam Proctor got things started by hustling out of the box on a ground ball to short and beating the throw after it had been bobbed by the shortstop. After he stole second, Brady Fronabarger hit a grounder to short with the same result: an error, followed by a stolen base. Carter Winders walked to load the bases.

Amazingly, the next six Crockett hitters would bat with the bases full – just with a different set of runners each time. Grayson Lambert lined a run-scoring single to center to cut the margin to 3-2, and George Randall walked to force in the tying run. Reed Ingram smacked a grounder to third which was booted, moving the Cavs in front 4-3.

Karson Kail then ripped a liner to center for another RBI single, and Preston Lambert followed with a run-scoring single to left, pushing the Crockett lead to 6-3. A Callan Willis sacrifice fly upped it to 7-3, finally unloading the bases – but only until Proctor, batting for the second time in the frame, was hit by a pitch to fill them up again.

Fronabarger was also hit by a pitch, and now it was 8-3. Winders flied to left, but the outfielder misplayed the ball and failed to catch it; 9-3, Cavs. Grayson Lambert was hit by a pitch, forcing in a run to make it 10-3.

Randall then blasted a fly ball down the wide-open right field line for a double, plating two more tallies to make it 12-3. Ingram then became the fourth batter in the frame to be hit by a pitch, reloading the sacks for Kail, who exactly duplicated his previous at-bat by sending another screaming liner into center field for a run-scoring hit and a 13-3 edge.

Preston Lambert brought home the final run of the rally with a sacrifice fly to right, and suddenly the 3-1 Crockett deficit had turned into a 14-3 Cav landslide.

Jameson Bushart relieved Crockett starter Callan Willis at that point, since the rally had taken so long Willis would have stiffened up. Bushart put up two scoreless frames, Grayson Lambert drove in Garet Rawson with a sac fly in the fourth, and the Cavs had their third win of the Gibson County Tournament. Grayson Lambert and Randall had three RBIs apiece, while Kail was 2-for-2 with a walk and two runs driven home. Preston Lambert also had two RBIs for the Cavs, who will host Jackson South Side at 5 p.m. Wednesday in Alamo.

SOCCER: Soriano’s Cavs – despite a defensive backfield full of tired legs from three games over the weekend at the Arlington Ambush – displayed the resiliency he was hoping for in a 6-3 triumph over talented Lexington.

“The purpose of playing in Arlington was to face some adversity early in the season,” Soriano said, and his squad was shut out three straight times by state-ranked teams there. “The boys learned from that experience. It’s good to get humbled in sports sometimes, if you can bounce back in the right way. Our guys could have hung their heads and quit, but they didn’t. I’m very proud of them, because we faced some adversity tonight too, but we handled it a lot better.”

The Cavs were in a 1-1 tie past the midway point of the first half after Lexington had matched a Daniel Grajeda goal for the Cavs. But Brandon Carcamo punched in a corner kick from Braulio Marquez to make it 2-1 Crockett before Chris Cerda gave the hosts a 3-1 halftime edge by successfully converting a penalty kick after Marquez had been fouled in the box.

In the second half, Aiden Markgraf extended Crockett's margin to 4-1 with a goal, only to have Lexington answer with a quick pair of scores on breakaways to provide the adversity Soriano was talking about.

The Cavs responded with two goals booted from heavy traffic situations, the first from Luke Carter and the second by Cerda, to cement the 6-3 final. Marquez finished the night with three assists as Crockett improved to 2-3.

The Cavs have added a Friday night game to the schedule this week, facing McNairy Central at 6:00.

SOFTBALL: Senior outfield buddies Sadie Hoover and Hannah Carter combined to go 6-for-6 with four stolen bases to spark Crockett past Munford 7-5 Tuesday night.

Hoover was 4-for-4 and scored twice, including the go-ahead run in the second inning on a Piper White single, one of three hits by the Texas A&M-bound senior shortstop. Carter hit a two-run triple to cap a four-tally uprising in the third, which gave Lady Cav starter Anna Stallings a 6-1 advantage at the time.

Stallings, who left the mound after six innings with a 7-3 lead, came back in to record the game's final out after Munford staged a late rally when the hosts committed two fielding errors and tossed a wild pitch.

Piper Smith had a run-scoring hit for Crockett and Stallings and Maddie Haynes also drove in runs. The Lady Cavs are now 2-0 and will next play at the Jackson Sportsplex in the annual Sarah Beth Whitehead Tournament, where they'll face South Fulton Thursday night at 7:30.

TENNIS: Lexington handed the Crockett squads a pair of defeats Tuesday, by a 4-2 count in boys action and a 6-2 decision in girls play.

Results in boys singles: Charles Lewis (L) defeated Jack Sanders (CC) 8-0; Nathan Roach (L) def. Jett Johnson (CC) 8-3; Ty Ferguson (L) def. Lance Yearwood (CC) 8-1; Cason Reynolds (CC) def. Christian Krypciack 8-6.

In boys doubles: Lewis & Roach (L) def. Sanders & Johnson (CC) 8-1; Ferguson & Krypciack (L) def. Yearwood & Reynolds (CC) 8-3.

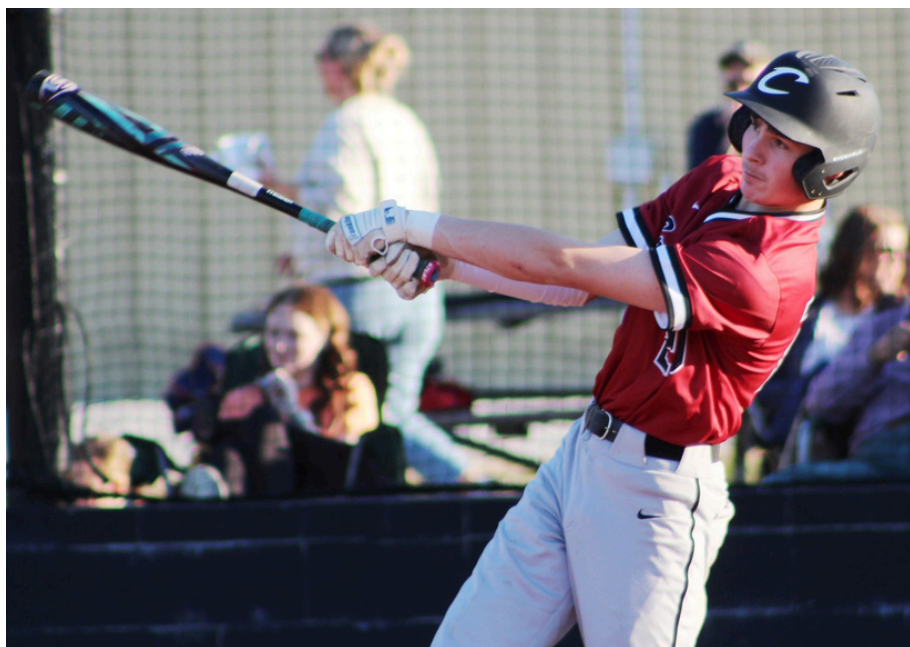
In girls singles: Kylie Tart (L) def. Izzy Yearwood (CC) 8-3; Miley Silva (CC) def. Allison Scott (L) 8-4; Cara Roach (L) def. Blakelynn Edwards (CC) 8-1; Enzly Newsom (L) def. Lily Maddox (CC) 8-3; Brooklyn Trosper (L) def. Olivia Mann (CC) 8-2; Cacie Jo McNeil (CC) def. Arabella Pinkston (L) 8-3.

In girls doubles: Tart & Roach (L) def. Yearwood & Silva (CC) 8-3; Scott & Trosper (L) def. Edwards & Maddox (CC) 8-2.

Crockett hosts Chester County Thursday in its next match.



Above: Sadie Hoover went 4-for-4, scored twice, and stole two bases to lead the Lady Cavs past Munford 7-5 Tuesday night in softball action. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Crockett second baseman Karson Kail rips his second run-scoring single of a 13-run, third-inning uprising in the Cavs' 15-3 win at Trenton Tuesday. (Photo by Ron Barry)

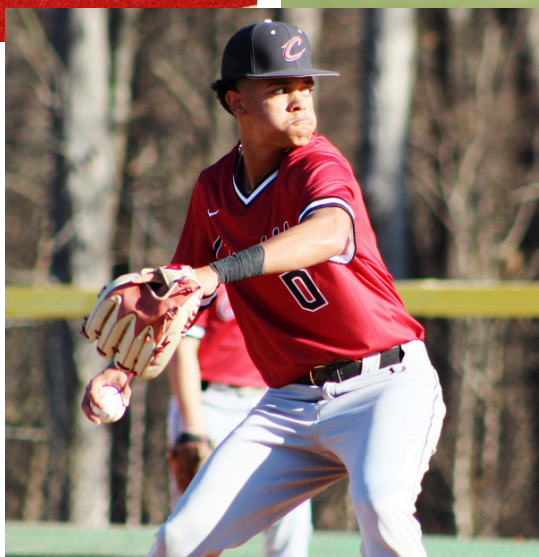


Above: Luke Carter gets knocked sprawling after a collision with the Lexington goaltender while the ball hovers between them without going into the net. Carter scored later in the second half, however. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Playing in a tricky wind Tuesday, Cav shortstop Carter Winders turned part-contortionist to make this play on a bases-loaded pop-up in Trenton. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Right: Crockett's Callan Willis delivers a determined fastball in the early innings of Tuesday's 15-3 triumph over Peabody in the Gibson County Tournament. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below: Freshman George Randall is all smiles -- and is taking some razzing from the bench -- after smacking a two-run double down the right-field line in Tuesday's 15-3 romp over Peabody in Trenton. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Right: Hannah Carter belted a key two-run triple to cap a four-run rally as Crockett topped Munford 7-5 Tuesday. Carter was 2-for-2 and stole two bases. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Crockett's players react after Chris Cerda (third Cav from the left) punched in a shot through heavy traffic for the final goal in a 6-3 win over Lexington. Celebrating (from left) are Mason Wood (7), Brandon Carcamo (14), Cerda, Santiago Santos (9), and Cam Martin (21). (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Max Utley (5) is a key cog in the Cavalier defensive backfield for the Crockett soccer team this season. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Santiago Santos battles with a Lexington player for control of the ball in Tuesday's 6-3 Cavalier soccer win over the visiting Tigers. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below: If Sam Proctor had not hustled out of the box on this grounder to short -- which was subsequently bobbled for an error -- he might not have ignited the 13-run rally that brought Crockett the victory Tuesday. (Photo by Ron Barry)

