

# STALLINGS, THORNTON POWER 4-0 LADY CAVALIER SOFTBALL WIN OVER SODDY DAISY



**Above:** Freshman infielder Wesley Thornton had two hits and drove in two runs to spark the offense in the 4-0 triumph over Soddy Daisy. (Photo by Ron Barry)

As it turned out, it would be the only tally the Lady Cavs would need, as junior stalwart Anna Stallings shut down the Lady Trojans 4-0 to help Coach Baron Jimmerson's club conclude their Spring Break trip with a 4-2 record against some of the best competition in the Midsouth.

Stallings yielded just four hits and pitched around an uncharacteristic four walks to keep Soddy Daisy off the scoreboard, striking out four as Crockett improved its season record to 12-4. It also helped erase the sting of the Lady Cavs' earlier morning loss to Dunlap (IL), a matchup in which Crockett managed just two hits while giving up 14.

But the resilient softballers showed their ability once again to bounce back from a thumping. Thornton singled to lead off the third inning against Soddy Daisy and eventually came around to score the game's second run after a walk to Madison Stitts, a sacrifice bunt by Sadie Hoover, and a groundout by freshman catcher Macie Teel, providing an insurance tally for Stallings.

Crockett added another run in the fifth when Piper White singled, took second on a Carter groundout, and raced home on another single by Thornton to make it 3-0. The Lady Cavs added their final tally in the sixth when Piper Smith, who had walked to start the frame, churned home on a bases-loaded wild pitch.



**Right:** Senior outfielder Hannah Carter stole two bases after getting hit by a pitch in the first inning and then scored on a groundout to give Crockett the only run it would need in a 4-0 win over Soddy Daisy. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Thornton collected two of Crockett's five hits in the contest, while Smith was 1-for-1 with a couple of bases on balls.

The offense wasn't quite in gear in the day's 8:00 a.m. first game. Dunlap jumped to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first and never looked back, piling up 14 hits against Crockett pitchers Emmalynn Medlin and Syesha Torres. Sutton Centoni was the star for the Illinois school, throwing six innings of one-hit ball while striking out 10 and also belting a two-run double.

Crockett's lone run came in the fifth when Stitts singled, moved to second when Hoover walked, and then came around to score on two passed balls. Smith joined Stitts as the only Lady Cavs with hits in the game.

Jimmerson's club now turns its attention back to local opponents when it hosts Chester County Monday at 5:00 and then travels to Halls Thursday for a 5:30 encounter.



**Above:** Crockett junior hurler Anna Stallings tossed another shutout Saturday, stopping Soddy Daisy 4-0 in the Southern Warrior Classic in Murfreesboro. (Photo by Ron Barry)