

PRAYERS WILL CONTINUE FOR LEXINGTON PITCHER INJURED VS. CROCKETT FRIDAY NIGHT



Above: Laithon Bonds and Addie Davidson both recorded hurdles victories in Thursday's track & field meet at a cold and windy USJ in Jackson. (Photo by Julie Nass)

Please continue to pray for this young man that he may experience complete healing. We extend our appreciation to CCHS trainer Carah-Beth Beck and athletic director Duke Kail, in addition to Crockett's local EMS team, for their quick and careful response to the situation.

The game itself was played to a "run rule" conclusion through four-and-a-half innings, with the Cavaliers posting a 10-0 victory to improve their record to 5-2.

Carter Winders hit a three-run homer in the opening frame for Crockett and also pitched four innings of one-hit, nine-strikeout ball. Callan Willis added a solo homer and a two-run double to open and close a seven-run, second-inning rally for the Cavs.

Coach Austin Taylor's club will host Obion County Monday at 4:30 and then travel to Troy for a 4:30 rematch on Tuesday as district play begins.

SOFTBALL: McCall Sims is one of the most accomplished high school athletes in West Tennessee history.

At Westview in Martin, Sims is a four-time Tennessee state champion. She's claimed three in basketball for the Lady Chargers, eclipsing 1,500 career points in the process – and that's not even her best sport.

Bound for the University of Tennessee this coming fall, Sims also has a state title in softball – the sport she'll continue playing in Knoxville. And in case her Lady Vol signing needed any further validation, Sims struck out 17 batters Friday in a 3-1 triumph over Crockett County.

Sims allowed just four hits, two walks, and one run in her seven-inning stint, and needed every bit of her excellence for West view to prevail as the Lady Cavaliers' Anna Stallings nearly matched her pitch for pitch. Stallings struck out 12 in six frames, allowed just five hits, two walks, and two earned runs, as West view scratched out its narrow win.

Unfortunately for Crockett, the Lady Chargers bunched four of their hits into the bottom of the fifth, scoring twice to break a 1-1 deadlock and provide the final margin of victory. Sarah Byars and Maddie Gray delivered the run-scoring singles in the rally.

Crockett's run came in the third when Piper White smacked a one-out double to left, stole third, and came home on a fielder's choice grounder to short by Hannah Carter. White also singled in the fifth and stole second and third, but was stranded there by the third out.

Wesley Thornton and Sadie Hoover had the only other hits against Sims. Carter and Macie Teel reached via walks for the Lady Cavs, who fell to 6-2 on the season.

Coach Baron Jimmerson's squad will host Lexington Monday at 5:30 in its next outing before traveling to Jackson South Side for a 5:00 matchup Tuesday.

TRACK AND FIELD: Working out the kinks in a new timing system delayed the official results until nearly midnight Friday, but Crockett County's track teams turned in outstanding performances in a cold and windy meet held Thursday evening at University School of Jackson.

By Ron Barry

Sometimes in sports, the scoreboard takes a back seat to life itself.

Sometimes, that means lessons to be learned. Other times, it means perspective to be gained.

But ALL the time, it should mean a respect for your opponent, especially when an injury is involved. Unfortunately, such was the case Friday night in Alamo, in the first inning of the baseball game between Crockett County and Lexington, when a line drive hit back through the box struck Tiger pitcher Jayce Wadley in the face. He was taken by ambulance to Jackson-Madison County General Hospital, with plans to transport him later Friday night to Vanderbilt.

According to reports from his father Kevin, Jayce suffered some orbital fractures and some internal bleeding. Crockett County High School principal Jerrod Shelton spoke after the game to Lexington principal Brandon Rainey and received a somewhat positive update around 11 p.m.

Coach Julie Nass's girls placed second (topped only by Dickson County) and the boys finished third (behind Dickson County and South Gibson) on a night when several Crockett athletes turned in excellent showings despite the weather conditions. Fourteen schools earned points in the boys competition and eleven schools did so in the girls portion of the meet.

"We had several first places and good team scores for both groups," Nass said. "Our star of the night was Laithon Bonds, who scored 36 points overall - first in the triple jump and 300-meter hurdles, second in the 200-meter run, and second as part of our 4x100 relay (running with Dre Walker, DK Woods, and Deuce Greenhill). That 4x100 was very close, but we didn't run in the same heat as Dickson. It makes me wonder if we had been racing them if the boys would have pulled out a first."

Nass also was very complimentary of the efforts of Julia Finley (the shot put winner), Addie Davidson (first in the 300-meter hurdles), and Aidan Klonowski (with a personal record in the 1600-meter run).

"Julia is a freshman, and winning shot in her first-ever meet makes me excited for her long, bright career ahead," Nass said. "Addie completely dominated the 300H. And Aiden is trying to break five minutes in the mile and came so close, getting a huge PR for him."

The team scoring was still the highlight of the evening for Nass, whose team will still be training without an official track until the current one under construction is finished for the next school year.

"Overall, taking second and third as a team is what I'm most proud of," she said. "We scored in almost every event and all those top eight places added up." In track and field, a first place is worth 10 points; second, 8; third, 6; and then from 5 points to 1 for the next five spots.

All those earning points for Crockett County on Thursday:

Boys 100 Meters: Deuce Greenhill, 3rd (11.98); DK Woods, 8th (12.20).

Boys 200 Meters: Laithon Bonds, 2nd (24.42).

Boys 800 Meters: Aidan Klonowski, 5th (2:24.22).

Boys 1600 Meters: Klonowski, 5th (5:05.37).

Boys 300 Hurdles: Bonds, 1st (43.60).

Boys 4x100 Relay: Crockett, 2nd (46.08).

Boys 4x200 Relay: Crockett, 3rd (1:37.84).

Boys 4x400 Relay: Crockett, 2nd (4:42.98).

Boys Long Jump: Greenhill, 3rd (19'-5 3/4").

Boys Triple Jump: Bonds, 1st (40'-6 3/4").

Boys Discus: Avery Hurst, 8th (86'-1").

Girls 200 Meters: Madi Collins, 7th (30.83).

Girls 800 Meters: Claire Evans, 3rd (2:55.52).

Girls 1600 Meters: Alivia Hale, 5th (6:39.48); Avery Thornton, 8th (6:46.76).

Girls 100 Hurdles: Katherine West, 4th (22.38).

Girls 300 Hurdles: Addie Davidson, 1st (56.70).

Girls 4x100 Relay: Crockett, 7th (1:00.43).

Girls 4x200 Relay: Crockett, 5th (2:08.88).

Girls 4x400 Relay: Crockett, 2nd (5:03.63).

Girls 4x800 Relay: Crockett, 3rd (12:00.53).

Girls High Jump: West, 3rd (3'-10").

Girls Long Jump: Evans, 6th (12'-7 1/2").

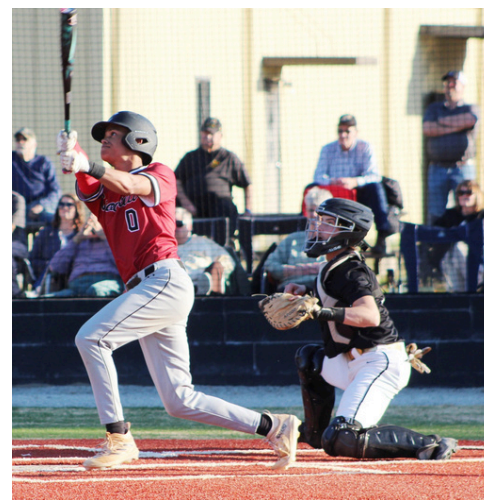
Girls Triple Jump: Davidson, 3rd (29'-3"); Thornton, 4th (26'-6").

Girls Shot Put: Julia Finley, 1st (26'-10").

Girls Discus: Finley, 7th (47'-3").

Boys Team Scores: (1) Dickson Co 85; (2) South Gibson 76; (3) Crockett Co 74; (4) Fayette-Ware 73; (5) TCA 59; (6) Henry Co 53; (7) Huntingdon 50; (8) Chester Co 49; (9) USJ 40; (10) Hardin Co 24; (11) Madison Academic 11; (12) McNairy Central 7; (T-13) JCS & Bolivar Central 4.

Girls Team Scores: (1) Dickson Co 128; (2) Crockett Co 84; (3) USJ 82; (4) Chester Co 81; (5) Hendry Co 74.5; (6) TCA 56; (7) Hardin Co 34; (8) South Gibson 20; (9) McNairy Central 17.5; (T-10) Fayette-Ware & Augustine School 3.



Above: Callan Willis hit both a solo homer and a two-run double in the second inning Friday to highlight a seven-run rally, but joins all Cavalier fans in praying for injured Lexington pitcher Jayce Wadley. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Anna Stallings struck out 12 batters in six innings and just about matched Westview's McCall Sims pitch for pitch Friday, but the Lady Chargers eked out a 3-1 win. (Photo by Ron Barry)

