

# LADY CAVALIER SOFTBALL TEAM RESURRECTS TO AN EASTER WEEKEND CHAMPIONSHIP



## Game 4: Crockett 9, Waterloo 0

Senior outfielder Hannah Carter, moved to the leadoff spot in the batting order, responded with a 4-for-4 effort, scoring twice and stealing two bases. Hoover, White, and Gabby Bursey each collected two hits, and Thornton got the scoring parade started with a three-run triple in the third inning. Anna Stallings pitched four frames of one-hit ball to gain the victory, with Syessa Torres completing the shutout with two innings of relief.

## Game 5: Crockett 10, Columbia Central 1

Bursey went 3-for-3 with two RBIs, White ripped a triple, and Thornton, Carter, and Smith contributed two hits apiece to the Crockett attack. Medlin went the first four frames to gain the win, with Torres throwing the final scoreless inning. Hoover drove in two runs for the winners.

## Game 6: Crockett 6, Russellville 2

Thornton was 2-for-2 with a walk, including a run-scoring double in the first and a two-run single in the second. Haynes added an RBI single, Hoover bunted in another tally, and Stitts knocked in the final run with a groundout. Carter and Haynes joined Thornton with two hits apiece and Stallings went the five-inning distance to record the pitching triumph that pushed the Lady Cavs into the Silver championship game.

## Game 7: Crockett 12, Colbert Heights 2

White singled, went to second and third on wild pitches, and scored on a two-out single by Stitts to give Crockett a 1-0 lead in the opening frame of the title game. Jimmerson's squad then put the contest completely out of reach with an 11-run uprising in the second. After Smith singled and eventually came around to score on a bunt by Solis, Thornton slammed a two-run double, Haynes a run-scoring single, and Macie Teel drew a bases-loaded walk to force in another tally. Solis singled in two more to make it 8-0, Bursey doubled in an additional pair, and a passed ball and a hit batsman brought in the final two. Medlin picked up the pitching victory with four solid innings.

Crockett will try to ride the momentum from Saturday into Tuesday's big district rematch with Dyer County in Alamo at 5 p.m.

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It's only appropriate that if you're going to resurrect from the dead, you do it on Easter weekend.

And while nobody in Crockett County pretends to equate what happened Saturday in Florence, Alabama as the equivalent of providing a way for the salvation of the world, it was a pretty amazing feat nonetheless.

The Lady Cavalier softball team journeyed to Florence to play in the Northwest Alabama Bash Tournament, a third-year event that brings together schools from various parts of Tennessee and the host state. Pool play began on Friday night, and Crockett promptly lost its first two games, 8-1 to Lawrence County and 8-0 to Athens, the defending 6A Alabama state champions.

The losses dropped Coach Baron Jimmerson's club into the Silver Bracket of the event, and his girls could have easily hung their heads, get defeated once again Saturday, and head home earlier than they may have anticipated. Their hopes for a robust showing at the prestigious event were all but dead.

But perhaps stirred by a remembrance of another improbable event some 2,000 years ago, this group of Lady Cavs regrouped, rebounded, and, well, resurrected. Crockett won five straight games Saturday to miraculously captured the Silver Bracket Championship of the Bash, never allowing an opponent more than two runs during the amazing day.

The run to the Silver title boosted Crockett's season record to 23-7.

A recap of each Lady Cav game from the Bash, from the first through the seventh...

## Game 1: Lawrence County 8, Crockett 1

The Red Devils hung a four-spot on the Lady Cavs in both the first and third innings, and that was pretty much it for the contest. Crockett managed just five hits, two by Piper White. Wesley Thornton had a fourth-inning double, and scored the Lady Cavs' lone tally on a single to center by Madison Stitts.

## Game 2: Athens 8, Crockett 0

The Lady Cavs managed just two hits in this one, a double by White and a single by Thornton. Athens received home runs from Lily Lowery and Paisley Howell, and pitcher Camry Townsend struck out three in her shutout performance.

## Game 3: Crockett 9, Wilson 1

Lady Cav catcher Madison Solis doubled home a run in the fourth and then cleared the sacks with a bases-loaded double in the fifth, igniting Crockett's day-long run of success. Sadie Hoover, Piper Smith, and Maddie Haynes joined Solis with two hits apiece and freshman hurler Emmalynn Medlin picked up the win, limiting Wilson to one unearned run and just four hits.