

SLEEPWALKING LADY CAVS STILL GET PAST OBION; DISTRICT TOURNAMENT BEGINS THURSDAY



Above: Senior Piper White snares a hot shot at shortstop and prepares to gun the Obion runner down at first base. (Photo by Ron Barry)

By Ron Barry

Crockett County softball coach Baron Jimmerson might consider setting some alarm clocks around his field before Thursday's opening game of the District 13-AAA Tournament.

That's because several of his players seemed to be sleepwalking through their final regular season game Tuesday evening, even though they eventually defeated visiting Obion County Central 13-3 by the "mercy rule" in the sixth inning.

The first time these teams met earlier in the season, the Lady Cavaliers pounded the Lady Rebels 19-2. And after putting up a six-spot in the opening frame of the rematch, it looked like this one would end pretty quickly too.

It was Senior Night for Crockett as well, but the second inning took so long to play, there were probably several of the Lady Cav freshmen who were feeling like seniors before it was over.

After getting an out on her first pitch of the top of the second, Crockett starter Emmalynn Medlin began to have some control issues, walking the next two batters. Ball four of the second walk went all the way to the backstop, and when senior catcher Madison Solis hurriedly retrieved it and saw an Obion baserunner trotting slowly to second, she forgot the situation and threw down as if to nail a base stealer - but no middle infielder was covering the base, because it was ball four. The throw went sailing into center field, advancing the runners to second and third.

It was that kind of a day mentally for Crockett as a team; the Lady Cavs showed little of the focus they had displayed the night before in playing excellently in a 2-1 victory over South Gibson.

Fortunately for Jimmerson's club, a few of them eventually helped to chase the malaise away. Leadoff hitter Hannah Carter went 4-for-4 and was hit by a pitch, stole four bases, and scored three times. Chloe Adkisson, getting a Senior Night start in center field, went 3-for-3 with an additional walk, scored three times, and stole a couple of bases. Both Carter and Adkisson also drove in a run.

Piper White reached base four times (three walks) and Wesley Thornton collected five RBIs with a two-run triple, a sacrifice fly, and a bases-loaded groundout that somehow produced two more tallies due to the speed of Adkisson and Carter, who were on second and third.

Medlin contributed a two-run single in the first-inning uprising, and seniors Sadie Hoover and Lillie King each belted a double for the Lady Cavaliers, who improved their season record to 26-8.

It wasn't exactly the ideal way to prepare for the opening of the district tournament, and Jimmerson knows his troops will have to be a lot more ready to play Thursday than they were on Tuesday. The game was still 7-3 as it entered the fourth inning, and Jimmerson brought in his junior ace Anna Stallings to finish the contest - which she solidly did, hurling three shutout frames with only one hit allowed.

Thursday's game will be in Alamo at 5:30 (weather permitting). The remainder of the event will shift to Newbern at the home field of top-seeded Dyer County.

Crockett's baseball team will also open its district tournament play Thursday at 4:30 in Newbern against South Gibson.



Above: Lillie King played flawlessly at first base for Crockett as the Lady Cavs downed Obion County 13-3. (Photo by Ron Barry)



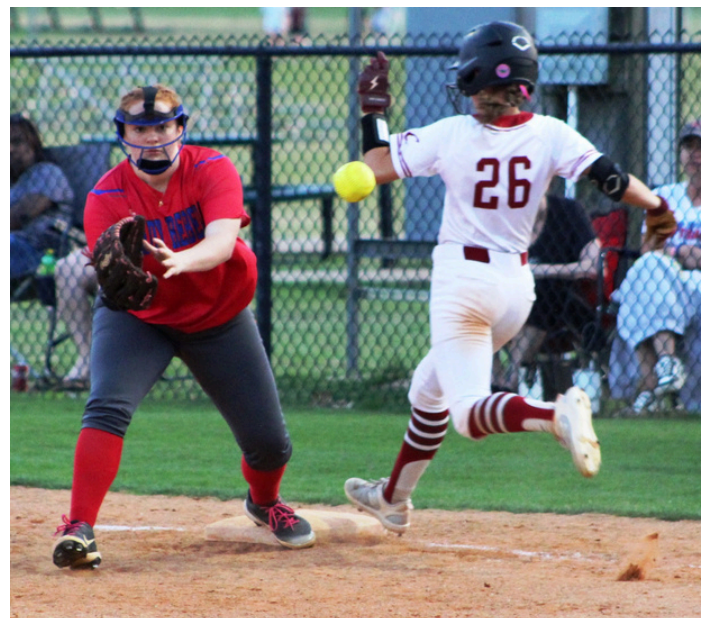
Left: Lillie King celebrated her Senior Night by smacking this double to right field, which... (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: ... produced a very big smile as she perched on second base. King started at first base for her last regular-season game as a Lady Cavalier. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Left: Also getting a Senior Night start was Chloe Adkisson, and when she can guide a ball on the ground like this one, ... (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: ... you're not going to throw her out at first base. Adkisson had three hits and a walk and scored three times. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Left: Freshman Wesley Thornton came up three times in this game with the bases loaded and drove in five runs, two of them on this first-inning triple -- when the bases weren't loaded. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Left: Senior outfielder Sadie Hoover slammed a double on this pitch, one of two hits she had in her final regular-season home game. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Piper Smith, getting Senior Night "off" as a starter, entered later as a pinch-runner and used her speed to score a run on an Obion passed ball. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Right: While she experienced some control problems with her pitching after a solid first frame, Emmalynn Medlin helped out the offense with this two-run single. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below: But the star of Senior Night 2025 for the Lady Cavs was left fielder Hannah Carter, who went 4-for-4, was hit by a pitch, stole four bases, and scored three runs. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Right: Junior ace Anna Stallings came into the game in the fourth and shut down the Lady Rebels on just one hit over the final three innings. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Crockett's Hannah Carter is going to be safe on this stolen base play, considering the throw is not even in sight yet. Carter swiped four bags on her Senior Night. (Photo by Ron Barry)

