

# FIELD EVENT HISTORY MADE AT CCHS TRACK; BASEBALL, SOFTBALL GRAB WINS (MARCH 12 RECAP)



**Above:** Addie Davidson becomes the first CCHS pole vaulter to officially clear a height with this jump Thursday on her way to a victory in the event. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Crockett County track & field coach Julie Nass knew that Thursday would be historic for Cavalier athletics, with the public unveiling of the brand new facility for the sport.

She just didn't know HOW historic it would turn out to be. Debuting the facility with a slimmed-down, four-team, field-event-only meet, Nass watched 20 individual personal records set among her athletes alone and 53 overall during the event, in which Crockett won the girls division handily and the boys division by a single point.

Highlighting the day for the hosts was junior Addie Davidson, who won the pole vault and triple jump competitions and also placed second in the high jump. She made history as the first CCHS pole vaulter to officially clear a height and went on to boost her mark to 7-0 (seven feet), a leap good enough to place her within the Top 50 in the state of Tennessee.

Davidson duplicated the Top 50 feat in the triple jump, zooming 31 feet, 7 inches for a new personal best. Her high jump of 4 feet, 2 inches was also a PR (personal record). Altogether, Davidson accounted for 27 of Crockett's 91 team points.

She wasn't the only Lady Cavalier to shine. Sophomore Julia Finley won the discus throw with a personal-best toss of 69-5.50 and followed it up with a third-place finish in the shot put. She then moved down to the pole vault area and cleared 6 feet, another Tennessee TOP 50 accomplishment.

Avery Thornton posted a trio of third-place finishes in the pole vault, long jump, and triple jump, setting PRs in the first two. All three Crockett pole vaulters – by clearing a height Thursday – earned berths in the season-ending West Sectional Meet, with an opportunity to move on to the State Championships.

On the boys side, Titus Luten and the Thomas twins were the main point producers. Luten cleared 9 feet in the pole vault for a Tennessee Top 50 mark. Khalan Thomas (7 feet) took second and Khilan Thomas (6 feet) third as the Cavaliers swept the event.

Luten placed second in the high jump. Khilan and Khalan were third and fifth in the long jump, with teammate Aaron Morgan tying for the fifth-place spot. Morgan tied for third in the triple jump and had personal bests in both of his events.

"All in all, I'd call the first-ever home track & field event a huge success," Nass said. "Visiting coaches were very complimentary of our facility and parent volunteers who officiated events. We had a ton of PRs too. There's just something about having a home field advantage. I can't wait for us to be able to host even bigger events in the future."

The new facility is not yet wired for electricity or lights, so hosting a full slate of track & field events will have to wait until next season at the earliest.

Complete results of Thursday's historic debut:

**GIRLS TEAM SCORES:** (1) Crockett County 91; (2) Dyer County 47; (3) Milan 38; (4) South Gibson County 8.

## GIRLS EVENTS

Discus: (1) Julia Finley, Crockett 69-5.50 [PR]; (2) Libby Dunlap, Milan 66-8; (3) Izabella Fryberger, Milan 64-5 [PR]; (4) Addison Allen, Milan 61-10 [PR]; (5) Rylee Taylor, Dyer Co 52-1.50; (6) Hannah Wede, Crockett 50-9 [PR]; (7) Gracie Ledford, Dyer Co 46-10 [PR].

Shot Put: (1) Aaliyah Stephens, Milan 28-10.75 [PR]; (2) Jada Reed, SGC 27-7.75 [PR]; (3) Julia Finley, Crockett 25-8.50; (4) Rylee Taylor, Dyer Co 23-9.50 [PR]; (5) Libby Dunlap, Milan 22-1.25; (6) Izabella Fryberger, Milan 21-11.75 [PR]; (7) Addison Allen, Milan 18-5.

High Jump: (1) Na'Zyia Lemons, Dyer Co 4-4; (T-2) Addie Davidson, Crockett 4-2 [PR]; (T-2) Claire Evans, Crockett 4-2 [PR].

Pole Vault: (1) Addie Davidson, Crockett 7-0 [PR, TN Top 50]; (2) Julia Finley, Crockett 6-0 [PR, TN Top 50]; (3) Avery Thornton, Crockett 5-0 [PR].

Long Jump: (1) Na'Zyia Lemons, Dyer Co 14-8 [PR]; (2) Marniya Lanier, Dyer Co 14-2.50 [PR]; (3) Avery Thornton, Crockett 14-1 [PR]; (4) Ruth Gourley, Crockett 13-0.50 [PR]; (5) Marley Thornton, Crockett 12-1; (6) Claire Evans, Crockett 11-4.50.

Triple Jump: (1) Addie Davidson, Crockett 31-7 [PR, TN Top 50]; (2) Gracie Ledford, Dyer Co 28-0 [TN Top 50]; (3) Avery Thornton, Crockett 27-2.

**BOYS TEAM SCORES:** (1) Crockett County 64.50; (2) South Gibson County 63.50; (T-3) Milan 41; (T-3) Dyer County 41.

### BOYS EVENTS

Discus: (1) Brady Whittington, SGC 131-1 [PR, TN Top 50]; (2) James Graves, SGC 115-6; (3) Kyle Ladd, Dyer Co 90-7 [PR]; (4) Tre Hunt, Milan 83-7 [PR]; (5) Sebastian Garduno, Crockett 83-6; (6) Ittai Fry, Crockett 82-7 [PR]; (7) Kamari Cason, Crockett 75-3.50 [PR]; (8) Kameron Williamson, Milan 75-2 [PR]; (9) Noah Coker, Dyer Co 73-9 [PR]; (10) Oakley Joiner, Dyer Co 72-6.50 [PR]; (11) Asher Britt, Milan 72-5 [PR]; (12) Jacoby Wilkes, Milan 65-11 [PR]; (13) Korben Ward, SGC 63-3 [PR].

Shot Put: (1) Brady Whittington, SGC 40-10.75 [PR]; (2) Channing Myers, Dyer Co 37-2.25 [PR]; (3) Noah Coker, Dyer Co 36-6.50 [PR]; (4) Lawson Simmons, SGC 34-10; (5) Kyle Ladd, Dyer Co 34-4.50; (6) Jacoby Wilkes, Milan 33-2.75 [PR]; (7) James Graves, SGC 33-0; (8) Carson Bridger, Crockett 30-11.50 [PR]; (9) Sebastian Garduno, Crockett 30-1.50 [PR]; (10) Grant Smallwood, Crockett 30-1.25; (11) Colton Simmons, SGC 30-0.50 [PR]; (12) Kameron Williamson, Milan 29-4.50 [PR].

High Jump: (1) Triston Sebourn, Dyer Co 6-0 [PR, TN Top 25]; (2) Titus Luten, Crockett 5-6; (3) Alexander Dye, Dyer Co 5-4 [PR]; (4) Drey Scott, SGC 5-2; (T-5) Josiah Vonner, SGC 5-0 [PR]; (T-5) Kellan Hall, Milan 5-0 [PR].

Pole Vault: (1) Titus Luten, Crockett 9-0 [PR, TN Top 50]; (2) Khalan Thomas, Crockett 7-0 [PR]; (3) Khilan Thomas, Crockett 6-0 [PR].

Long Jump: (1) Kellan Hall, Milan 19-5 [PR]; (2) Drey Scott, SGC 19-1; (3) Khilan Thomas, Crockett 18-3; (4) Cameron Phillips, Milan 17-10.50 [PR]; (T-5) Khalan Thomas, Crockett 17-0; (T-5) Aaron Morgan, Crockett 17-0 [PR]; (7) Josiah Vonner, SGC 16-10 [PR]; (8) Josiah Pollard, Dyer Co 15-2 [PR]; (9) Devin Chatman, Milan 14-6.

Triple Jump: (1) Drey Scott, SGC 40-3 [TN Top 25]; (2) Cameron Phillips, Milan 37-6 [PR, TN Top 50]; (T-3) Aaron Morgan, Crockett 34-4 [PR]; (T-3) Jalen Tyson, Milan 34-4 [PR]; (5) Jeremiah Grant, Crockett 28-3 [PR].

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER:** In a match so completely dominated by CCMS that the ball only crossed midfield if the Cavs passed it back to their defenders, Crockett crushed Trenton Rosenwald 9-0 without allowing a single shot on goal.

Crockett's scoring: Damian Marquez at the 29:23 mark (assist by Caleb Ferguson), the 19:31 mark (assist by Aaron Haliburton), and the 17:17 mark; Ferguson at 26:58, 24:04, and 18:28 (assist by Jose Aguirre); Lucas Morales at 13:41 (assist Ferguson); Antony Mena at 8:48 (assist Ferguson); and Jaaziel Perez at 3:35. Morales had two other shots blocked on great saves by the Rosenwald goalkeeper before he finally got one past him.

**THURSDAY BASEBALL:** Callan Willis belted a bases-loaded double, plating all three baserunners, to highlight an eight-run first inning and lead the Cavalier diamonders to an 11-1 romp over visiting McKenzie.

The smash to left-center was the second double of the inning for Willis, who led off the Crockett first with one as well. Catcher Carter Winders matched his three-RBI night by slugging a solo homer in the second and a two-run single in the fifth which ended the game due to the mercy rule.

Mason Ray went the distance to claim the pitching victory for the Cavs, surviving a shaky first frame but then settling in nicely for the remainder. Ray struck out five, walked just one, and the only run he yielded was unearned.

Karson Kail, recently cleared from concussion protocol, made his season debut in the designated hitter spot and, after drawing a walk in his first trip to the plate, singled in his next appearance. Willis scored three times for the winners (now 4-2) and has reached base in seven of his last eight at-bats.

Crockett travels to Huntingdon for a 6:35 game Friday evening.

**THURSDAY SOFTBALL:** Wesley Thornton's second-inning, opposite-field home run to right provided the decisive run as the unbeaten Lady Cavaliers squeaked past Collierville 5-4 in the opening pool game of the Sarah Beth Whitehead Memorial Tournament at the Jackson Sportsplex.

Crockett tallied four times in the first frame. Thornton drew a walk, stole second, and scored when Nataly Amador reached on an error. Kiyra Liggins drew a walk and Madison Stitts hit a ground ball that was misplayed by the first baseman, allowing two more runs to race home. Syesha Torres singled home the final run after another error and a walk to Macie Teel.

Thornton's leadoff homer in the second made it 5-0, but Collierville struck for four of their own in the top of the third. Two walks and two singles quickly made it 5-2 and chased starter Anna Stallings in favor of reliever Emilee Chandler. Another walk and a double made it 5-4, but Chandler then recorded a strikeout and popout to end the uprising. The time limit for the tournament contest ran out while Crockett was batting in the bottom of the third.

Thornton's homer and the single by Torres were Crockett's only hits, but the Lady Cavs improved to 4-0. They take on Peabody Friday night at 6:00 at the Sportsplex in their next pool game. Bracket play will take place on Saturday in Jackson.



**Above:** Minutes later, Titus Luten won the boys event with this sensational vault over a 9-foot bar height. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Avery Thornton lands in the sunlit sand as she sets a personal record in the triple jump competition, placing third. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Below:** Wesley Thornton blasted a second-inning home run that turned out to be the difference as the Crockett softballers edge Collierville 5-4. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Callan Willis watches his bases-clearing double sail toward the outfield fence, driving home three more runs in the Crockett first-inning rally. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Crockett sophomore Julia Finley winds up in preparation for her discus throw ... (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Right:** ... and then unleashes a personal-best toss that won the competition Thursday. (Photo by Ron Barry)





**Above:** Khalan Thomas easily cleared the bar on this vault Thursday, earning a trip top the West Sectional at the end of the season. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Julia Finley showed her versatility by sailing over this pole vault height. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** Addie Davidson set another personal record as she won Thursday's triple jump. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Titus Luten took second in the high jump in the boys division. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Right:** Thursday's highlight athlete for Crockett was Addie Davidson, scoring 27 of the Lady Cavs' 91 points in Thursday's historic first-ever CCHS-hosted meet. (Photo by Ron Barry)





**Above:** Carter Winders acknowledges the fans in the left-field box seats after crushing his third home run of the young season Thursday. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** Left fielder Sam Proctor made a full-extension diving catch of a hard-tailing line drive to prevent a McKenzie rally. (Photo by Ron Barry)



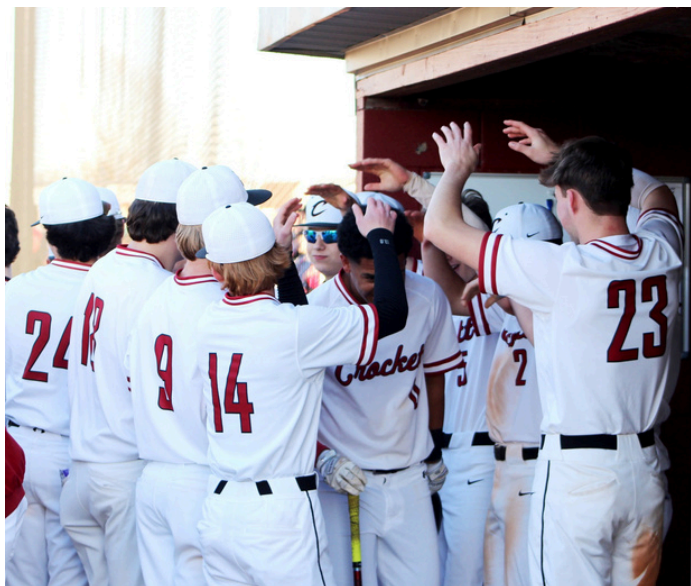
**Below:** After escaping first-inning trouble, Cav starting pitcher Mason Ray was largely unscathed the rest of the way. (Photo by Ron Barry)



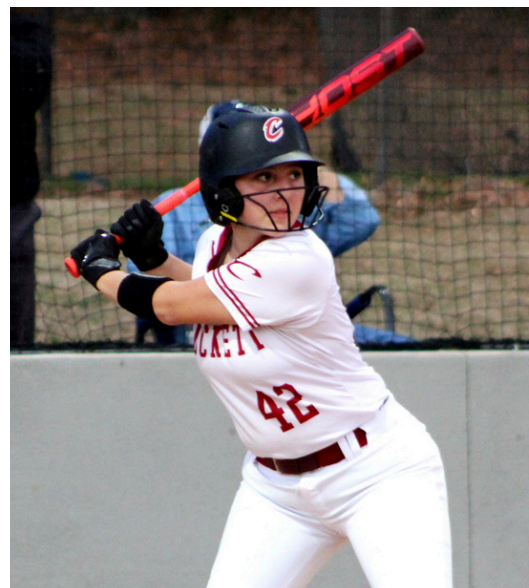
**Left:** Smart baserunning by Davis Porter (2) allowed him to score when this McKenzie pitched eluded the catcher. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** In the late afternoon sun, Karson Kail's first swing of the season resulted in a base hit. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** After hitting two doubles, scoring twice, and driving in three runs -- all in the first inning -- Callan Willis gets a royal greeting in the dugout. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Right:** Sysha Torres collected one of the two hits Crockett managed Thursday, but the Lady Cavs still slipped past Collierville. (Photo by Ron Barry)