

## CROCKETT SOFTBALLERS FACE CHESTER COUNTY AT 10 A.M. AT JACKSON SPORTSPLEX SATURDAY



**Above:** Emmalynn Medlin prepares to fire a pitch in the midst of her one-hit shutout win over the Lady Golden Tide. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Crockett County won its Friday night pool play game in the Sarah Beth Whitehead Memorial Tournament at the Jackson Sportsplex, blanking Peabody 12-0 to become one of four teams without a defeat heading into bracket play Saturday.

Coach Baron Jimmerson's Lady Cavaliers earned the fourth seed of the 14 teams remaining and will face Chester County (#13 seed) Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the first round of single-elimination bracket play. If Crockett wins that matchup, it will play again at 1:00 p.m. against the winner of Brighton (#5 seed) and South Gibson (#12).

The Lady Cavs are on the same side of the bracket as #1 seed Lexington, which didn't yield a single run in winning both its pool games. The teams could meet in a 2:45 p.m. semifinal if both keep winning Saturday. The tournament championship is set for a 4:30 p.m. start. Adamsville (#2 seed) and Bruceton (#3 seed) are the unbeaten teams on the other side of the bracket.

Crockett dominated Peabody Friday night as sophomore Emmalynn Medlin twirled a one-hit shutout over the three-inning contest, striking out two and walking only one. No Trenton baserunner ever reached third base.

Offensively, Jimmerson's club broke open a 1-0 game by scoring 11 times in the top of the third. Nataly Amador – the only Lady Cav with two hits in the duel – and Medlin each drove in two runs for Crockett. Wesley Thornton hammered a run-scoring double for the winners' lone extra-base hit.

Crockett received six walks in the game and took advantage of five Peabody errors, in addition to stealing six bases. Gabby Burse and Fallon Beard swiped two apiece. Beard, Amador, and Kiyra Liggins each scored two runs. Piper Smith, Syesha Torres, Maddie Haynes, and Burse also had hits for the winners, who are now 5-0 on the season.

**BASEBALL:** Coach Brad Smith's Cavaliers jumped to a 7-0 lead through four-and-a-half innings and then hung on for dear life over the final three frames for homestanding Huntingdon, edging the Mustangs 8-6 Friday night to improve to 5-2 for the year.

Cav starting pitcher Nash Kilburn had limited Huntingdon to a single unearned run through his four-and-two-thirds innings of work, with Rylan Redding getting the final out in the fifth as Crockett held a 7-1 advantage. But after the Cavs added a tally in the top of the sixth on a sacrifice fly by Karson Kail, the hosts jumped on Crockett reliever Callan Willis for five runs over the last two innings, combining five hits with four bases on balls and a hit batsman.

With the tying runs in scoring position with one out in the seventh, however, Willis got the second out on a foul pop to first baseman Brady Fronabarger and then closed the game on a groundout to Fronabarger.

Willis offset the shaky relief with his offense in the second inning, drilling a two-run homer after Sam Proctor was hit by a pitch with two outs. The blast – the third of the season for Willis – pushed Crockett up 3-0 at the time.

Aiden Austin followed a double by Fronabarger with a run-scoring single in the third to make it 4-0, and Crockett added three more tallies in the fifth. Carter Winders singled and stole second, scoring on another single by Austin. After a walk to Kail and a Mason Ray hit loaded the bases, Proctor was hit by a pitch to force in a run and Willis followed with a sacrifice fly to plate another.

Winders had three hits and Willis three RBIs to key the Cav offense. Austin's two run-scoring singles joined Fronabarger's two hits. Kilburn added a double and Kail and George Randall also had hits. Willis drew two of the five walks worked by Crockett batters.

Crockett will host Chester County Monday night at 6:30 in its next outing, seeking revenge for a 4-1 loss in the season opener.

**SOCCER:** Camden Martin, Angel Garcia, Aiden Markgraf, and Chris Cerda all scored second-half goals as Crockett County defeated Lakeland Prep 4-0 Friday night in Alamo. The victory evens the Cavaliers' record across the board at 2-2-2 (two wins, two losses, two ties).

The match was a tale of two halves. Lakeland Prep dominated the first half action but couldn't get the ball past Crockett goalkeepers Noah Mayfield (who had to leave the game after being kneed in the back of the head while making a diving save) and Allan Marquez. Even after also losing left back Marlon Garcia to a bloody lip, the Cavs kept the game scoreless until intermission.

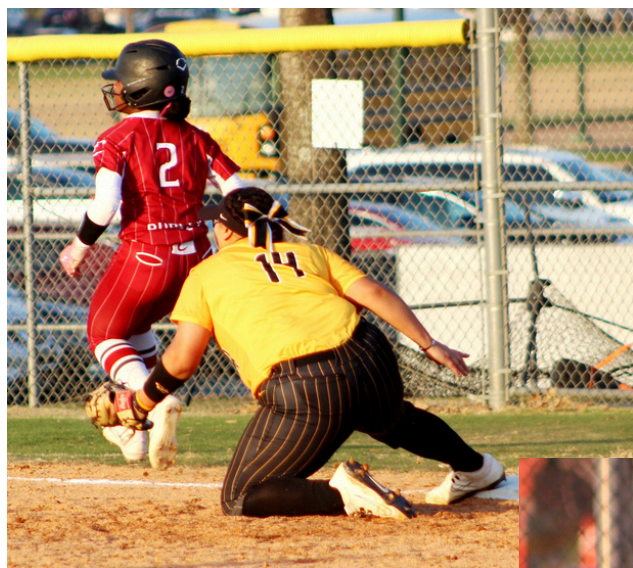
Things reversed in the second half. Midway through, Martin broke the deadlock on an assist from Garcia, who followed with his own goal minutes later. Markgraf connected for the third goal and Cerda drilled in a left-footed kick to close out the scoring.

Crockett will next face Westview from Martin at 6:30 on Thursday.



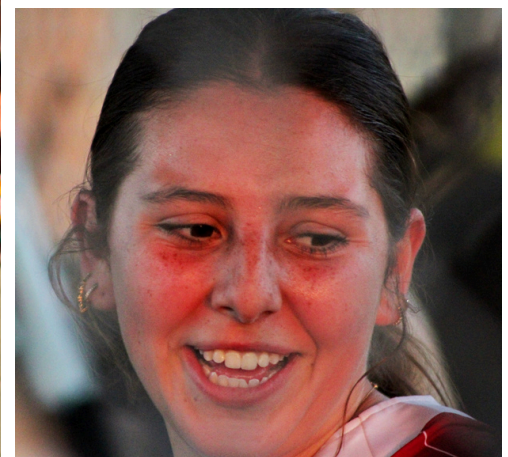
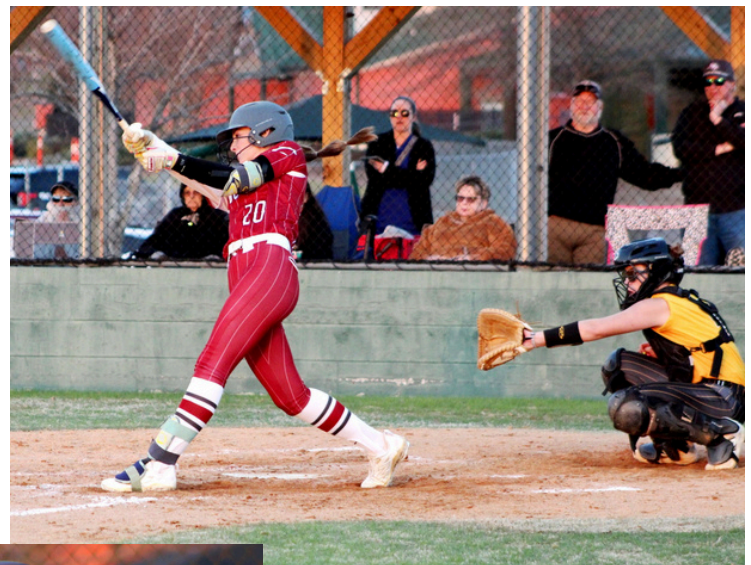
**Above:** Fallon Beaird gets her arm stepped on and a mouthful of dirt, but successfully steals third base on this play in the 12-0 romp over Peabody. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Wesley Thornton smashed Crockett's lone extra-base hit with this swing, generating a run-scoring double to the left-center fence. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** When Gabby Bursey gets the ball on the ground as a batter, this is the likely result: another infield hit as she easily beats the throw to first. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Right:** Nataly Amador had two hits, scored two runs, and drove in two more for the 5-0 Lady Cavaliers. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Syesha Torres shares a laugh in the dugout as she and her teammates are at the tail-end of an 11-run rally in the third inning. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Maddie Haynes races for third after contributing a hit to the 11-run uprising. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** Piper Smith lined a solid single to left field in the second inning for the Lady Cavs and also drew a walk in her next at-bat. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Madison Stitts ripped a hard line drive to the shortstop on this swing, but drew walks in her other two plate appearances. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Fallon Beaird coyly looks around after successfully stealing second base, prior to the steal of third on which she had her arm stepped on. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Below:** Aiden Austin had two run-scoring singles in Crockett's baseball win over Huntingdon. (Photo by Ron Barry)

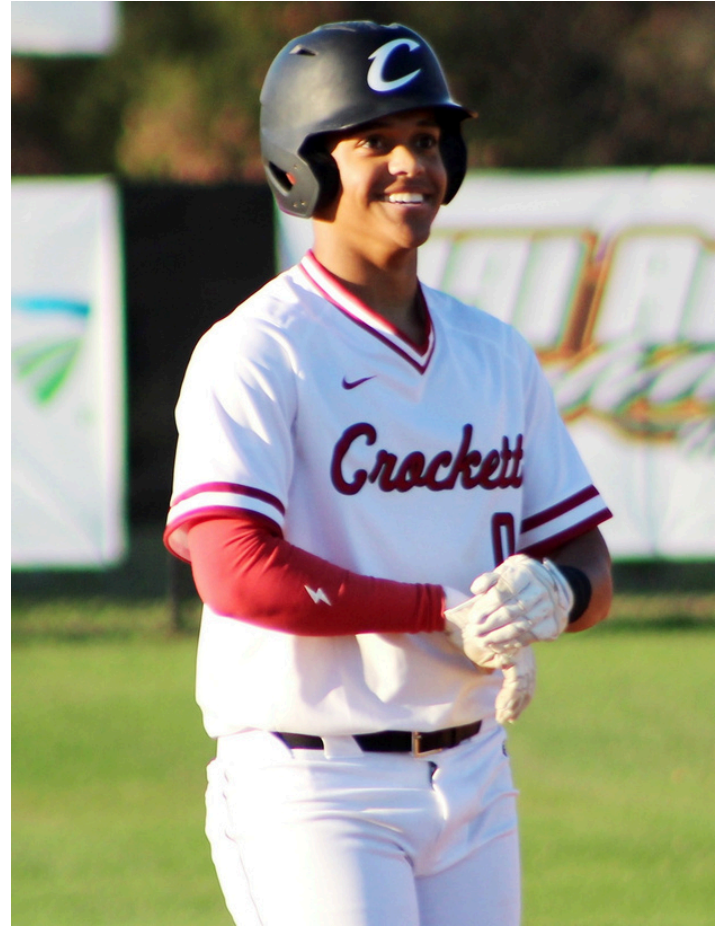


**Above:** Emilee Chandler, watching Emmalynn Medlin deliver a pitch here, entered the game at first base after driving in a run during the 11-tally rally. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Senior catcher Carter Winders had three more hits as Crockett improved to 5-2 on the year. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Callan Willis belted his third home run of the season to aid the Cavalier offense. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Goaltender Allan Marquez (along with Noah Mayfield, prior to his injury) kept Lakeland Prep out of the net as Crockett soccer posted a 4-0 win. (Photo by Robin Waddey)