

BASEBALLERS CRUSH DYERSBURG; SOFTBALLERS POUND SOUTH GIBSON; HARRIS SIGNS WITH KCU



Above: First baseman Brady Fronabarger knocked in five runs in Crockett's romp over Dyersburg. (Photo by Ron Barry)

There's nothing more comforting to a starting pitcher on the road than being given a nine-run cushion before he even takes the mound.

That's what Crockett County's Nash Kilburn enjoyed Monday night at Dyersburg as teammate Brady Fronabarger drove in four runs with two first-inning hits in a nine-tally uprising that gave the Cavaliers – still riding that ridiculous winning streak – all they needed in a run-rule 12-2 triumph over the host Trojans.

The win – Crockett's sixteenth straight in improving to 19-2 on the season – highlighted a big Cavalier sports day that also saw the Lady Cav softballers smoke South Gibson County 15-2 in Medina and Cav football lineman Brooks Harris sign a grant-in-aid to continue his playing career at Kentucky Christian University.

BASEBALL: When Kilburn (now 5-0 with a 2.20 ERA) is on the hill, the Cavs know it usually won't take too many runs to put the opponents in a significant bind. That was certainly the case in Monday's district victory at Dyersburg as Coach Brad Smith's club sent 12 guys to the plate in the top of the first, with Fronabarger's two-run single and a two-RBI double being the big blows.

Callan Willis also had a single and double in the rally, and Mason Ray contributed a two-run single. Landry Fronabarger and Willis also drove in tallies with hits, and Kilburn coasted from there in the pitching department, scattering five hits and striking out seven.

Brady Fronabarger ended up with a 3-for-4 day with five runs batted in. Willis had two hits and scored three times; Ray was 2-for-3 and scored twice; and Landry Fronabarger collected two safeties as well.

The two teams meet again Tuesday night in Alamo as regular season district play continues.

Crockett was coming off a 4-1 win over Carlisle County (KY) Friday that gave the Cavaliers the championship of the L. H. Ladd Memorial Classic in Union City when Saturday's play was canceled by rain. Freshman Rylan Redding gave up just four hits over five innings and George Randall picked up the two-inning save as the Cavs won their third straight game of the event. Carter Winders was 2-for-2 and joined Landry Fronabarger with RBIs. The decisive run came in the fifth frame when Brady Fronabarger belted a two-out double and raced home on a Winders single.

SOFTBALL: A two-run homer by Wesley Thornton in the second inning provided the decisive runs and then the entire Lady Cav lineup exploded after that, scoring six times in the third frame and five more times in the fifth in gaining the run-rule victory over South Gibson to improve to 18-4 on the season.

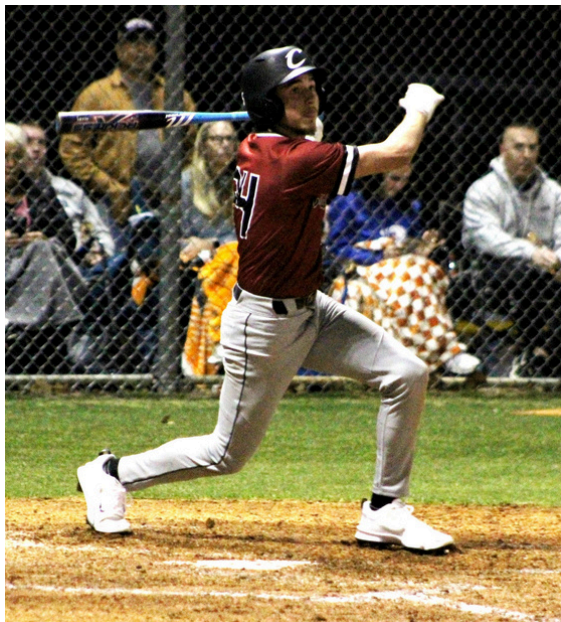
Coach Baron Jimmerson's squad pounded out 10 hits and took advantage of seven walks and four Lady Hornet errors in cruising to the lopsided district triumph. Thornton added a single and a walk to her team-leading fifth home run, while Haley Leforgee and Emilee Chandler each drove in three runs and Gabby Burse was 2-for-4 and scored three tallies. Macie Teel knocked in a pair of runs with a double for the winners.

Emmalynn Medlin was the winning pitcher, going all five frames for Crockett without yielding an earned run.

Crockett hosts the Halls Lady Tigers at 5:30 Tuesday evening.

FOOTBALL: Cavalier coaches say that Brooks Harris showed consistent and significant improvement over his senior season, a major factor in the lineman's opportunity to begin a collegiate career at Kentucky Christian University, an NAIA school in Grayson, Kentucky.

Harris will be joining a team that has a potent passing attack that averaged more than 300 yards a game through the air and rolled up 33 points per contest. The Knights went 4-6 and defeated an NCAA Division II team for only the second time in school history. KCU competes in both the River States Conference and the Appalachian Athletic Conference. Grayson is located in the mountains of eastern Kentucky and is 27 miles east of Huntington, West Virginia.



Left: The powerful swing of sophomore Wesley Thornton propelled another two-run homer for the Lady Cavaliers, her fifth of the season to go with a .620 batting average. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Harris signs his grant-in-aid with Kentucky Christian University. (Photo by Beth Williams)

Above: Mason Ray had two hits, including a big two-run single in the opening frame. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Brooks Harris (73) leads running back DK Woods (32) through the next line of North Side tacklers in a game from the fall of 2025. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Brooks Harris with the Crockett assistant coaches who guided him through his senior season. (Photo by Beth Williams)

Left: The official announcement graphic from the Brooks Harris signing.

