

## THORNTON, STALLINGS SPARK LADY CAV SOFTBALLERS; WINDERS, KILBURN PACE BASEBALLERS



**Above:** Crockett shortstop had another big night against Obion County Central, with a single, double, and two-run homer; she's now batting .615 with four homers in 13 games, with an OPS (on-base + slugging) of a mind-blowing 2.160. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Wesley Thornton slugged a single, double, and two-run homer to back the two-hit shutout pitching of Anna Stallings as Crockett County's Lady Cavaliers blanked Obion County Central 9-0 in Troy Tuesday evening, extending the team's season-opening softball win streak to 13.

Over on the baseball field, senior catcher Carter Winders smacked a run-scoring single and a three-run homer and Nash Kilburn added a single and triple, scored three times, and drove in two as Crockett pounded the Rebels 16-0 for its fifth consecutive victory by the mercy rule.

Down the road in Dyersburg, Crockett's track & field team – somewhat limited by a roster affected by the school's spring break – competed in a meet at Sawyers Stadium. While some photos will be featured here, full results will not be official until the event's timing crew posts them sometime Friday.

**SOFTBALL:** Coach Baron Jimmerson's squad opened its regular-season district play with a resounding bang against Obion, with sophomore shortstop Thornton providing most of the thunder. She led off the game with a sharp single to left, stole second, and scored on a Kiyra Liggins single to right. Additional singles by Gabby Bursey and Emmalynn Medlin produced a second tally.

In the second, Madison Stitts reached on an error and Macie Teel picked up her first hit of the season with a line single to left. With courtesy runner Fallon Beard in for catcher Teel, Stitts scored on a passed ball before Thornton crushed a home run over the right-field fence to make it 5-0.

In the third, Haley Leforgee singled and raced home on a double by Stitts. Teel then plated Stitts with her second hit of the contest. The lead then grew to 8-0 when Beard, again running for Teel, raced home on a line-drive double to left by Thornton. The Lady Cavs produced their final tally in the fourth on an error, another hit by Medlin, and a sacrifice fly by Leforgee.

Meanwhile, senior Stallings was never in trouble in the circle for Crockett, yielding just two hits and a walk, striking out six, and improving her season record to 7-0 with the shutout.

Medlin joined Thornton with three hits and Teel and Bursey had two each. Thornton, Bursey, Stitts and Beard scored twice apiece, and Liggins had a couple of stolen bases.

The 13-0 Lady Cavs will next play on Friday in Murfreesboro in the 2026 Southern Warrior Classic, facing the Kankakee (IL) Kays at 10:00 a.m.

**BASEBALL:** Coach Brad Smith's red-hot Cavaliers had another big first inning, scoring five times, in run-ruling Obion for the second straight night to improve their season record to 10-2.

A Callan Willis single, a fly ball error, and a hit batsman loaded the bases for Aiden Austin, who hit the first of his two sacrifice flies for the first run of the contest. Another Rebel error sent the second tally home, and Karson Kail doubled in the next one. When Mason Ray singled in another, it was 5-0.

Crockett added a run in the second when Kilburn walked, Brady Fronabarger was hit by a pitch, each runner stole a base, and Austin hit a ground ball to chase Kilburn home.

Fronabarger and Winders hit RBI singles in the third, and Austin's second sac fly made it 9-0. Pinch-hitter Landry Fronabarger drilled a two-run single to make it 11-0. Winders belted his three-run homer in the fourth after hits by Willis and Kilburn to put the Cavs up by two touchdowns.

The final two runs came in the fifth when Kilburn followed a Rylan Redding single and a hit batsman with a triple to right field.

All that offense supported shutout pitching by Ray (three innings), Redding (one), and Willis (one). Obion managed just three hits. No Crockett pitcher walked anybody, and they combined for five strikeouts.

The Cavs next play Thursday in the Phil Clark Memorial Classic at USA Stadium in Millington at noon against Andrew (IL) High School. Crockett will also play there Friday at 10 a.m. against Maine East (IL) High School and Saturday at 1 p.m. against Collinsville High School.

**Right:** Anna Stallings improved her record to 7-0 by hurling a two-hit shutout against the Lady Rebels. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Carter Winders slammed another home run and drove in four as Crockett won its fifth straight game by the mercy rule Tuesday at Obion. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Nash Kilburn ripped a triple and a single, scored three runs, and drove in two as the Cavaliers improved to 10-2 on the season. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Aaron Morgan is becoming more and more important to the Cav track & field program as he continues to learn and improve in the triple jump, the 110-meter hurdles, and the 300-meter hurdles. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Right:** There is a lot of waiting at track & field meets. While waiting on a relay, Marley Thornton is joking around with (from left) Alivia Hale, sister Avery Thornton (behind Hale), and Addie Davidson at Dyersburg's meet Tuesday. (Photo by Ron Barry)

