LADY CAVALIER SOFTBALLERS FINISH NORTHWEST ALABAMA BASH WITH 2-1-1 RECORD



Above: Madison Stitts singled in the tying run to salvage a 4-4 deadlock with Athens (AL) in Crockett's final pool play game Saturday morning. (Photo by Ron Barry)

The second day of the Northwest Alabama Bash Softball Tournament did not go as smoothly for the Crockett County Lady Cavaliers as the first.

Crockett won its first two pool games Friday night in Florence, but had to battle from behind to salvage a tie in its final pool game Saturday morning before dropping its opening-round bracket play game in the afternoon.

Madison Stitts followed a leadoff double by Kiyra Liggins and a sacrifice bunt by Haley Leforgee with a pop fly single to left field, bringing in the tying run with two outs in the bottom of the fifth to give the Lady Cavs a 4-4 deadlock with Athens in the Saturday morning pool game.

In the opener of bracket play, an infield error opened the floodgates for a five-run first inning, and Hazel Green never looked back in defeating Crockett 6-1. All five of the first-frame runs were unearned, although the Lady Trojans managed to bunch five singles with a walk and a sacrifice fly after the error opened the door for the uprising to continue.

The Lady Cavs' only run of the contest came in the bottom of the first when a Hazel Green fielding miscue allowed the score. Coach Baron Jimmerson's club managed just five hits – all singles – in the matchup, and no Crockett player managed to reach base twice as Hazel Green's Summer Nelson effectively shut down the Lady Cav offense.

Nelson's effort offset a nice four-inning relief stint by Crockett's Maddie Haynes, who allowed just one additional run and only three hits.

In the tie with Athens, Stitts collected two hits and Liggins and Fallon Beaird each smacked a double. Piper Smith knocked in a run with a base hit and also stole a base for Crockett.

Jimmerson's squad – now 24-5-1 on the season – turns its attention back to regular-season district play, hosting first-place Dyer County Tuesday evening at 5:00.



Above: Fallon Beaird doubled and scored a run in the Lady Cavs' 4-4 tie with Athens in Florence, Alabama. (Photo by Ron Barry)