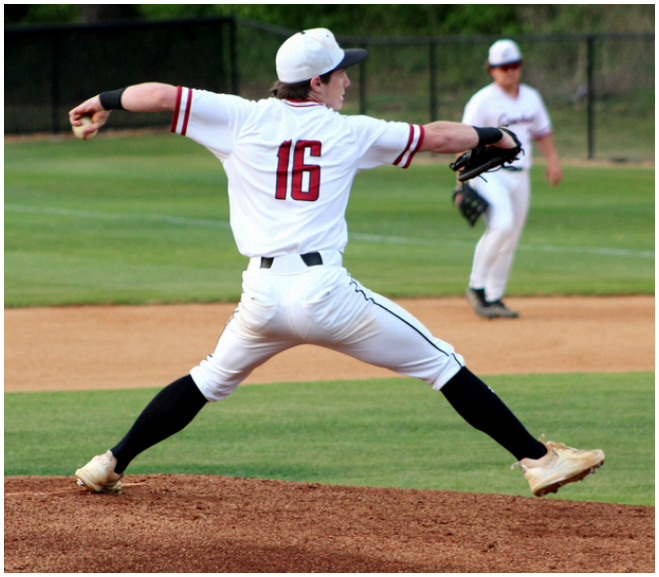
BASEBALL TEAM TAMES LEXINGTON TIGERS 10-0 FOR 22ND CONSECUTIVE VICTORY



Above: Nash Kilburn picked up his seventh win with three scoreless innings and also collected three hits against Lexington Thursday night. (Photo by Ron Barry)

For a few weeks now, Crockett County's baseball team has relied on a flood of runs in an inning or two to put their opponents away.

Thursday night, the Cavaliers had to employ a drip, drip, drip mentality in taking down Lexington 10-0 for their incredible 22nd win.

Crockett scored in every inning but one, but in small numbers – two in the first and fifth, and one in each of the second-through-fourth frames – before finally mounting a three-run rally in the seventh. It was largely unfamiliar territory for a club that has routinely hung large crooked numbers on the scoreboard against virtually every foe it's faced this spring.

And because it took longer than usual to open up the gap, Coach Brad Smith stayed with his two top pitchers this season, Nash Kilburn and Carter Winders. Kilburn went the first three stanzas, yielding two hits and striking out four. Winders took over for the final four innings, giving up just one safety and fanning six in earning his first save of the season with the lengthy relief stint.

Kilburn and Winders provided most of Crockett's offense in the road triumph as well, with each collecting three hits. Winders, Aiden Austin, and George Randall drove in two runs apiece, while Kilburn, Callan Willis, and Brady Fronabarger each scored twice. Fronabarger's streak of 21 consecutive plate appearances without being retired was snapped in his first at-bat when he popped out to second base, but after that he drew two walks and slapped a double.

Crockett jumped to a 2-0 lead in the opening inning when Willis walked, Kilburn singled, Winders was hit by a pitch, Willis scored on a passed ball, Landry Fronabarger walked, and Austin walked, forcing in the second tally. Lexington pitchers issued 10 walks to Cav hitters during the contest.

In the second with two outs, Winders followed another pair of walks with a run-scoring single to right. Smith's crew added another single run in the third on two more walks, a sacrifice bunt from Mason Ray, and a groundout by Sam Proctor.

Austin's sacrifice fly after singles by Brady Fronabarger and Winders plated another single tally in the fourth for a 5-0 Crockett advantage. A Kilburn RBI single followed a single by Ray and a double by Willis in the fifth, and an ensuing groundout made it 7-0.The Cavs pushed the margin to 10-0 in the seventh with Winders scorching a run-scoring double and Randall chasing two tallies home with his second single.

The combined shutout by Kilburn and Winders helps set both hurlers up for next week's big district showdown with South Gibson on Monday and Tuesday nights. Before that, however, the Cavs hit the road Friday night to play a 7:00 matchup at Lakeland Prep.



Above: Carter Winders smashed three more hits, drove in two runs -- he now has 55 this season -- and closed out Thursday's game with a four-inning scoreless save. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below: George Randall ripped a two-run single to cap Crockett's three-run, seventh-inning rally as the Cavs improved to a staggering 25-2 on the season. (Photo by Ron Barry)