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Upcoming Dates in April

Monday Vs. Anderson Co.	06
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Inconsistency Overshadows Bobcats' Talent



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As the first month of the season comes to a close, the 'Cats find themselves struggling to hit their stride. The Lady Bobcats are currently 3-7 through ten games. However, the squad has a big week coming up as it will play eight games in six days.

If the weather cooperates, the Lady Bobcats could turn it all around in the coming week.

A 3-7 record is deceiving as the team has played well at times and against quality opponents. The team outfit Anderson County in the season opener with 11 hits, only to fall to the Mavericks 6-3. Rain forced the Bobcats to trek to Seymour, TN to play an overpowering King's Academy squad in which they fell to the state championship caliber program 12-0. The ladies earned their first "W" with a victory in the home-opener against Oneida only to face another very talented team the following night, Gibbs, losing 10-0. After throttling Clinton 18-5, the Lady Bobcats returned home the following night and couldn't find their rhythm, losing to the Powell Panthers 20-7. After the showdown with Karns was postponed due to rain, the Red and Black

took out its frustration on Sevier Co. at home with a 24-4 shellacking of the Smoky Bears. When the Halls Red Devils visited Fountain City Ballpark last week, the 'Cats played them tough for five innings before losing the handle in the sixth, losing 16-3. Still ailing from the previous night, the team traveled to Oak Ridge anticipating a much-needed victory only to be disappointed when the Wildcats enjoyed a late offensive surge to down the Bobcats 7-6 in front of their home crowd. Last Thursday, the Lady Bobcats traveled to Dandridge to battle Jefferson Co. A hard-fought game was soured by a couple of bad breaks that led to a 7-4 Patriots victory.

Fielding errors have plagued the Bobcats in many of the games played thus far. This is evidenced by some of the eye-popping final scores. In several games, the Bobcats' bats have started out strong only to be negated by errors on the defensive end. In the circle, Dakota Sise (Senior) and Jordan "Jo Jo" Brown (Freshman) have put in quality innings night after night. However, the Red and Black Attack struggles to put it all together each night.

The coaching staff has challenged the six seniors on the club to band together and will the team to victory. The promise of a special year was high at the (cont'd)

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beginning of the season; that promise remains true to this point in the season. The squad is made up of players that have so much potential. A couple of seniors will continue their softball careers at the college level, including Jordan Hansard who will sign to play for Roane State next week. Others, underclassmen, show signs of having what it takes to continue their careers as well once they graduate.

Until then, the Bobcats have the rest of the season to complete. The team has been challenged to put all the winning elements together in a game and to do it

on a consistent, nightly basis. If you would like to come out and support the Bobcats, there are still many more games to be played. Regular season games wrap up at the end of April and are followed by the district tournament. Those that cannot make it out to the ballpark are invited to follow all the games on GameChanger©. Just wait for the tweet from @TheOrangeBobcat before each game.

Go Lady Bobcats!

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Brook Owen

Senior , #3

Utility

Plans After High School:
Study Psychology and play softball in college

A Dream I Have:
To serve in the U.S. Marine Corps

Favorite TV Show:
Criminal Minds and CSI: Miami

One Person I'd Want to Spend the Day With:
Rihanna

Favorite Movies: The Fifth Quarter and American Sniper



Bailee Compton

Senior, #4

First Base

Plans After High School:
Go to college and earn a business degree and then go to beauty school

Favorite High School Memory:
Beating nationally-ranked Halls in softball last year

Favorite Movie:
The Sandlot

Thing I'm Most Thankful For:
My sister

A Dream I Have:
To own a Jeep Sahara