

# VB TEAM TOPS DYERSBURG IN MARATHON MATCH



Above: Katherine West.



Above L to R: Sarah Cherry, Bailey Ann Whitby, & Joy Evans.

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Playing in front of a raucous road crowd against a talented Dyersburg squad, Crockett County's volleyball team captured a huge district win by claiming the tiebreaker set Thursday night for a 3-2 triumph over the Lady Trojans.

Coach Bobby Rawson's Lady Cavaliers outlasted their hosts after a long night of back-and-forth lead changes, extended rallies, and momentum shifts, improving to 2-0 in district play and 9-2 overall for the season heading into a weekend tournament in Oxford, Mississippi.

"Our girls played with grit, hustle, and determination to clinch this victory," said assistant coach Hope Owens. "They played their hearts out, surviving all the lead and momentum changes. The solid leadership from seniors Bailey Ann Whitby and Sarah Cherry helped the whole team remain steady during the tiebreaker set."

Owens pointed to several key factors in achieving the win. She lauded the hustle from the defensive back row, which helped keep the ball in play, especially citing several dives onto the ground by Deonna Cole to keep points alive.

Huge blocks by Joy Evans shut the Dyersburg offense down.

Offensively for Crockett, during the 15-point tiebreaker set, Katherine West was three-for-three on attacks to help secure the outcome in the Lady Cavs' favor.

"I'm so proud to be one of their coaches," Owens said. "They kept their team goals in mind all through a thrilling match. We're excited to continue our high level of play all weekend in the Oxford tournament."



Above: Deonna Cole