

LADY CAVS USED BALANCED ATTACK TO DOWN FAYETTE-WARE; BOYS SLIP TO 0-2



Above: Dre Walker (23) puts up a little jump hook over Fayette-Ware's Devaurius Chearis in Saturday's contest.



Above: Lady Cav junior Karlee Castellaw looks for an open teammate in Saturday's win. Castellaw drilled two three-pointers and scored 11 against Fayette-Ware.



Above: Jayden Maddox (22) pushes Crockett up by 20 points, eluding Fayette-Ware's Leah Yates.

By Ron Barry

It's hard to stop an attack when you're not sure from where the shots are coming.

That's true in law enforcement, wars, TV westerns, and... basketball.

Crockett County's Lady Cavaliers, who won their opening game of the season Friday night by pounding the ball inside more often than not, switched gears a bit Saturday against Fayette-Ware and spread the scoring opportunities around a little more in taking down the Lady Wildcats 69-52.

Five different players reached double figures for an elated Coach Kayla Irvin, who continued to praise her scrappy squad from top to bottom following the afternoon victory.

"The girls did a great job sharing the ball and finding their teammates," Irvin said. "They really exhibited poise to get the ball inside during Fayette-Ware's runs. That opened up our perimeter game and led to some big threes in the second half."

While those kind words applied to those Lady Cavs who were on the floor at the time, Irvin didn't stop there.

"The energy from our bench was amazing from start to finish. I love watching these girls improve and understand their mistakes. Body language is so huge in sports and life, and they are so receptive to correction and build each other up. We can't wait to play again Tuesday."

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Cherry and Castellaw nailed threes in the third quarter as the Crockett edge grew to 55-35. But when Fayette-Ware began to trim its deficit in the final stanza, the Lady Cavs went back inside to Amaria Walker, who notched eight of her 12 points down the stretch.

For the game, Johnson scored 16 and Walker 12 for Crockett. Cherry and Castellaw added 11 each, Jayden Maddox 10, Jordyn Maddox seven, and Charity Greenhill two. That balance offset the two-pronged Lady Wildcat offense, which saw Ke'Miyah Buggs and Markala Terry tally 21 points apiece. Fayette-Ware dropped to 1-1 for the season.

The boys game that followed was a mismatch in the other direction. Fayette-Ware's talented squad led 58-32 through three quarters on the way to a 64-43 final, holding Coach Rick Rudesill's Cavs to only single-digit scorers.

Lane Simmons, who netted 22 points against Millington Friday night, was limited to eight by the Wildcats, yet still led all Crockett scorers. Dre Walker and Preston Lambert managed seven each, Grayson Lambert five, and Antuan Hobson, Corey Savage, and Kevin Pledge three apiece for the Cavs, who slipped to 0-2 for the year.

Jeremiah Hayes connected for 20 points to top Fayette-Ware, now 2-0. Tacarien Freeman was the only other Wildcat in double figures, scoring 11 on the strength of three treys.

Both Crockett teams hit the road to Selmer Tuesday night to duel McNairy Central. The girls tip off at 6:00, followed by the boys contest.



Above: Zay Jones splits the Fayette-Ware defense to charge in for a lay-up in Saturday's loss to the Wildcats

Saturday, Nov. 18 at Alamo

CC Girls (69): Karlee Castellaw 4 1-2 11, Sarah Cherry 4 0-0 11, Gabby Bursey 0 0-0 0, Charity Greenhill 1 0-0 2, Jordyn Maddox 3 0-0 7, Hannah Johnson 7 2-2 16, Keeton Holyfield 0 0-0 0, Halle Holyfield 0 0-0 0, Jayden Maddox 5 0-0 10, Amaria Walker 5 2-4 12, **Team 29 5-8 69. 3-Ptrs:** Cherry 3, Castellaw 2, Jordyn Maddox 1. **Record: 2-0.**

Fayette-Ware (52): Buggs 9 0-2 21, Terry 9 3-6 21, Robertson 1 2-2 4, Jones 2 0-0 4, Yates 0 1-2 1, Butler 0 1-2 1, **Team 21 7-14 52. 3-Ptrs:** Buggs 3. **Record: 1-1.**

CC Boys (43): Grayson Lambert 2 0-0 5, Antuan Hobson 1 1-2 3, Jayden Frye 0 0-0 0, Rhett Butler 0 0-0 0, Preston Lambert 3 0-0 7, Lane Simmons 3 0-0 8, Amarion Hobson 0 0-0 0, Baker Jones 0 0-0 0, Davian Green 1 0-1 2, Karsen Burgess 0 1-4 1, Corey Savage 0 3-4 3, Dre Walker 3 0-0 7, Kevin Pledge 1 1-4 3, Xavier Jones 1 0-0 2, Dakylan Woods 1 0-0 2, Ben Burgess 0 0-0 0, **Team 16 6-15 43. 3-Ptrs:** Simmons 2, Walker 1, G. Lambert 1, P. Lambert 1. **Record: 0-2.**

Fayette-Ware (64): Bryant 1 1-2 3, Ransom 1 0-0 2, Melena 0 0-0 0, Jones Jr 2 1-2 7, Hampton 4 0-0 8, Lowe 3 0-2 6, Stevens 2 0-1 4, Chearis 1 1-4 3, Hayes 9 2-2 20, Freeman 4 0-0 11, Kone 0 0-0 0, Walker 0 0-0 0, **Team 27 5-13 64. 3-Ptrs:** Freeman 3, Jones Jr 2. **Record: 2-0.**



Above: Sarah Cherry leaps in to take the ball away from Fayette-Ware's Markala Terry as Charity Greenhill waits to help out.

Below: Crockett senior Hannah Johnson (14) goes high to split three defenders and nail this jumper in Saturday's win over Fayette-Ware.



Above: Amaria Walker (25) looks like she's going through airport security before she can get this shot up against Fayette-Ware's "handy" defense.



Above: The kind of effort that has had Coach Kayla Irvin heaping praise on her girls is displayed here as Halle Holyfield goes to the floor to wrestle a ball away from Fayette-Ware's Auziyah Robertson.



Left: Crockett's Corey Savage (22) tries to make a move toward the basket as Grayson Lambert (00) rolls after setting a pick.



Above: Antuan Hobson looks for an opening between two Fayette-Ware defenders in the boys game.



Above: Jordyn Maddox (13) finds a cutting Hannah Johnson to pick up an assist in Saturday's win over Fayette-Ware.