

# THORNTON MADDOX SPUR CCMS MISMATCH; HUMBOLDT'S CHAMPION SPARKLES



**Above:** Wesley Thornton smoked Humboldt for 14 first-quarter points, including four treys, to pace the Lady Cavs to a 48-5 triumph over the Lady Vikings.



**Above:** George Randall (11) and Chance Johnson defend a pass in an earlier game with Union City. Randall made a three-pointer in every quarter to pace Crockett with 14 points last night.

**Right:** Sydney Smith posted a double-figure game, netting 11 points to help the Lady Cavalier cause.



## By Ron Barry

In a closer game, it would have been nice to see how hot Crockett's Wesley Thornton could have stayed.

CCMS's forward came blazing out of the gate with a 14-point first quarter that included four threes, but after the host team finished the period with a 24-0 advantage over Humboldt, that pretty much ended the evening for Thornton as Coach Jamar Turner substituted freely after that.

Even so, Crockett posted a lopsided 48-5 win (its third straight) over the Lady Vikings to improve their season record to 7-8.

In the boys game that followed, it WAS close all the way, giving Humboldt's outstanding Jalen Champion more time to shine. His sparkling 33-point performance boosted the Vikings past Crockett 55-49 despite Coach Tyler Gadlen's squad battling all the way to the wire.

Thornton and Jentry Maddox - who had all nine of her points in the first quarter - put the girls game out of reach almost immediately. Sydney Smith netted seven of her 11 points in the second period to make sure the Crockett engine continued to purr.

Haley Leforgee added four, Ruth Gourley three, and Lola Bailey, Londyn Bray, and Reagan McCoy two apiece as the Lady Cavs - who held Humboldt scoreless in both the first and third stanzas - rolled to the triumph.

Humboldt's Champion lived up to his name in the boys contest, scoring nine points in each of three quarters and six in the other as the Vikings built a 39-30 lead after three periods and then withstood a Crockett rally in the fourth. Max Woods scored eight of his 12 points in the final quarter as Crockett outscored Humboldt 19-16, but the hosts could never catch the visitors on the scoreboard.

George Randall - who made a three-pointer in every period - paced the Cavaliers with 14, supported by Woods with 12, Carson Webb with eight, Carter Wren with five, and Cason Reynolds with four. Jakauri Jeanes backed Champion with seven points for Humboldt.

Both CCMS teams host Gibson County Thursday night, with the girls tipping off at 6:00.

High school basketball resumes tonight in Alamo as Crockett hosts Gibson County at 6:00, with the girls game featuring one of West Tennessee's top matchups as the Lady Cavs (6-1) face the unbeaten (11-0) Lady Pioneers.

### Monday, Dec. 12 at Alamo

**CC Girls (48):** Wesley Thornton 14, Sydney Smith 11, Jentry Maddox 9, Haley Leforgee 4, Ruth Gourley 3, Lola Bailey 2, Londyn Bray 2, Reagan McCoy 2, Skyleigh Qualls 1, Callie Freeman 0, Jersey Wells 0, Blakelyn Edwards 0, Emilee Chandler 0, Jaydah Frye 0, Charlee Lewis 0, Marley Thornton 0, Lillian Ray 0, **18 FG, 7 3-P, 5-9 FT. 3-Ptrs:** Thornton 4, Smith 2, Maddox 1. **Record: 7-8.**

**Humboldt (5):** Jakiya Montgomery 3, Kiara Cole 2, Yana Rinkins 0, Teyha Mount 0, Samora Harrington 0, ZhaKiah Young 0, Kennedy Taylor 0, Natilynn Nichols 0, **2 FG, 1 3-P, 0-2 FT. 3-Ptrs:** Montgomery 1.

**CC Boys (49):** George Randall 14, Max Woods 12, Carson Webb 8, Carter Wren 5, Cason Reynolds 4, Will Dodds 3, Jameson Bushart 2, DJ Forrest 1, Jeremiah Young 0, Brody Haley 0, Daniel Morgan 0, Jett Johnson 0, Chance Johnson 0, Trevor Willis 0, Davis Porter 0, **16 FG, 5 3-P, 12-19 FT. 3-Ptrs:** Randall 4, Wren 1. **Record: 5-10.**

**Humboldt (55):** Jalen Champion 33, Jakauri Jeanes 7, Nizier Johnson 6, DeMarrion Westbrook 6, Zakius Whiteside 3, DeAndre Emerson 0, Jaylon Hampton 0, DeZarrion Hubbard 0, **22 FG, 1 3-P, 10-18 FT. 3-Ptrs:** Champion 1.