

RED-HOT SHOOTING SPARKS DYERSBURG

SWEEP OF CROCKETT TEAMS



Above: During halftime of the boys game, senior Hannah Johnson was presented with a basketball from Coach Kayla Irvin, honoring the scoring of her 1,000th career point in a game last week. (Photo by Ron Barry)

By Ron Barry

Sometimes, all you can do is tip your cap and move on.

Dyersburg's basketball teams visited Alamo Tuesday night and promptly showed both Crockett County squads exactly why they're still unbeaten in the district.

Dyersburg's girls - raining threes seemingly from Gadsden, Maury City, and Friendship - shot the lights out of Bill Emerson Memorial Gymnasium in dismantling the Lady Cavaliers 75-45 in the opener.

In the nightcap, the Trojans stifled Crockett's boys 60-24 with a more direct attack at the basket and a defense that didn't allow a single Cav to tally more than four points in the entire contest, nor the team to reach double digits in any of the four quarters.

With the sweep, both Dyersburg teams are now 5-0 in district play. The girls are 19-3 overall and the guys check in at 16-6. Crockett's girls fell to 15-7 (2-3 in the district) and the boys slipped to 2-20 (and 0-5).

Coach Kayla Irvin's girls were shelled early and often as Dyersburg drilled six threes in the opening period to take a 26-10 lead. The Lady Cavaliers gamely fought back to within 29-21 when Jordyn Maddox nailed a triple from the right wing with 4:52 remaining in the half.

But the Lady Trojans quickly ripped off the next eight points and behind a 16-point effort by Kayleigh Strayhorn, held a 42-25 advantage at the intermission. It would only get larger from that point on, as the visitors netted four more threes in the 23-13 run they made in the third stanza.

Paired with a Tuesday night win by South Gibson over Dyer County, the loss dropped the Lady Cavs back into third place in the district standings. Crockett could still climb back into second if it wins its remaining district games and South Gibson suffers at least one additional defeat.

Hannah Johnson - honored after the game for reaching the career 1,000-point barrier in a game last week - was the lone Crockett girl to reach double figures against Dyersburg, scoring 15. Sarah Cherry added nine, Amaria Walker eight, and Maddox and Karlee Castellaw four apiece.

Dyersburg's balanced attack found Strayhorn with 20, Chelby Jordan with 18, Joya Crawford with 17, and Kathleen Harrell with 12. The Lady Trojans connected on 13 three-pointers.

The boys' game was never close as Dyersburg went up 18-6 after one quarter and then held the Cavs to a single basket in the second, building a 29-8 halftime lead. Crockett only tallied eight points in each of the third and fourth quarters as the Trojans coasted away.

Antuan Hobson, Dre Walker, and Kevin Pledge were the Cavs' leading scorers with only four points each. The entire squad made only six field goals in the contest. Ace Mahaffey paced Dyersburg with 15, one more than Thadd Hill.

Crockett returns to action Friday night in a doubleheader at Obion County Central in Troy, with the girls' game beginning at 6:00. Both Cavalier teams will also hit the road Saturday for a make-up twin bill at Milan, with the boys' duel starting at 4:30 and the girls' encounter to follow.

Tuesday, Jan. 30 at Alamo

CC Girls (45): Chloe Adkisson 0 0-0 0, Karlee Castellaw 1 2-2 4, Sarah Cherry 4 0-0 9, Gabby Bursey 0 0-0 0, Lanyah Cathey 0 0-0 0, Charity Greenhill 1 0-0 3, Jordyn Maddox 1 1-2 4, Hannah Johnson 7 1-3 15, Keeton Holyfield 0 0-0 0, Halle Holyfield 0 0-0 0, Jayden Maddox 1 0-2 2, Amaria Walker 3 2-2 8, **Team 18 6-11 45. 3-Ptrs:** Greenhill 1, Jor. Maddox 1, Cherry 1. **Record: 15-7 (2-3 district).**

Dyersburg (75): Kayleigh Strayhorn 7 1-2 20, Kathleen Harrell 4 0-0 12, Chelby Jordan 6 3-4 18, Netala Dixon 1 0-0 2, Dakayla Holder 0 1-2 1, Lily Kate Jones 0 0-0 0, Kaliyah Lewis 0 0-0 0, Aeria Quinn 0 0-0 0, Joya Crawford 6 3-4 17, Kalli Maclin 2 2-4 6, Elizabeth Lemons 0 0-0 0, Jada Howard 0 0-2 0, Jasmine Jordan 0 0-0 0, **Team 26 10-18 75. 3-Ptrs:** Strayhorn 5, Harrell 4, Jordan 2, Crawford 2. **Record: 19-3 (5-0 district).**

CC Boys (24): Grayson Lambert 0 0-2 0, Antuan Hobson 1 1-2 4, Jayden Frye 0 0-0 0, Rhett Butler 0 0-0 0, Preston Lambert 1 0-1 2, Lane Simmons 0 1-2 1, Amaron Hobson 0 0-0 0, Davian Green 0 0-0 0, Dre Walker 2 0-0 4, Kevin Pledge 0 4-4 4, Demo Pickens 0 0-0 0, Zay Jones 0 1-2 1, Cade Freeman 1 0-0 2, Baker Jones 0 0-0 0, Karsen Burgess 1 0-0 2, Corey Savage 0 2-4 2, DK Woods 0 0-0 0, Ben Burgess 0 2-4 2, **Team 6 11-21 24. 3-Ptrs:** An. Hobson 1. **Record: 2-20 (0-5 district).**

Dyersburg (60): Jace Ward 1 0-0 2, Ace Mahaffey 6 2-3 15, AJ Higgins 1 1-1 3, Justin Sawyer 2 0-0 4, Travon Smiles 0 0-0 0, Thadd Hill 5 0-0 14, Jeffery Cobb 4 0-0 8, Will Short 0 0-0 0, Mikey McLin 1 0-0 2, Jayce Ellerbrook 1 0-0 3, Breyden Turnage 4 1-2 9, **Team 25 4-6 60. 3-Ptrs:** Hill 4, Mahaffey 1, Ellerbrook 1. **Record: 16-6 (5-0 district).**



Above: Crockett's Hannah Johnson completely packs this shot attempt by Dyersburg's Netaia Dixon, one of the few Lady Trojan firings that didn't hit its target. The Lady Cavs' Jayden Maddox (22) is ready to grab the potential carom. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

Below: Junior guard Karlee Castellaw (2) zooms around Dyersburg's Joya Crawford and managed to sneak a layup through the lane traffic for two of her four points. (Photo by Ashley Owens)



Below: Sarah Cherry, defended by Dyersburg's marvelous Joya Crawford (24), looks for an open cutter during Tuesday night's game. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Amaria Walker works for inside position to score a bucket in first-quarter action against Dyersburg Tuesday night. Walker netted eight points in the contest. (Photo by Ashley Owens)



Above: Before the game, Charity Greenhill wore a warm-up top to honor her late friend Macy Barrentine, who passed away late in 2023. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Right: Crockett senior Jayden Maddox looks for a pass recipient beyond the Dyersburg defense in Tuesday night's district duel. (Photo by Ashley Owens)



Above: Freshman Jordyn Maddox, who was actually sitting on this loose ball for a second, now wrestles for possession of it with Dyersburg's Kayleigh Strayhorn. (Photo by Ashley Owens)



Above: Crockett's Gabby Bursey (4) races past Dyersburg's Netaia Dixon (13) on a fast break opportunity in Tuesday night's game. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

Below: Antuan Hobson (1) fights for control of a loose ball with two Dyersburg players while Lane Simmons (11, left) and Amarion Hobson (12, right) prepare to dive in if necessary. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Baker Jones got a start as Crockett held Senior Night in Tuesday's contest with Dyersburg. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Crockett's Preston Lambert (right) had his hands full trying to muscle in the lane area against the Trojans' 6-7 center Breyden Turnage. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Dre Walker (23) drives against Dyersburg's Mikey McLin (24) as he looks to make space for a decent shot. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Davian Green was another senior to get a starting berth in the Dyersburg battle. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Right: Kevin Pledge came off the bench to hit all four of his free throw attempts in Crockett's duel with Dyersburg Tuesday night. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Crockett's Ben Burgess (33) drives around Dyersburg's Jayce Ellerbrook (32) in the final period of last night's game with the Trojans. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Right: Gracie Gaines is all smiles as the Crockett cheerleaders entertain the crowd during a timeout. (Photo by Ron Barry)

