

CROCKETT GIRLS OPEN REGION 7-AAA TOURNAMENT PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT

By Ron Barry

Survive and advance - it's that time of year.

High school basketball regional tournaments get underway Friday night in West Tennessee, and the Crockett County Lady Cavaliers (20-8) will be in the thick of the hunt for a West Sectional berth that offers an opportunity to go to the TSSAA State Championships.

Coach Kayla Irvin's Lady Cavs, the #2 seed from District 13, begin Region 7-AAA play Friday night with a 7:00 home game against Haywood, the #3 seed from District 14. It's one of eight games on the tournament slate that will decide which squads square off in the two March 2 West Sectionals. The winners of those duels go to the State.

All 16 teams playing Friday night are in the same boat: each needs two wins to gain a berth in a Sectional. The opening round of both the Region 7-AAA and the Region 8-AAA events are played at the home court of the higher seed. After that, the Region 7 survivors head to Fayette-Ware and the Region 8 clubs move on to Millington for the semifinals and finals.

In the West Sectionals, the Region 7 champion will face the Region 8 runner-up on the home court of the Region 7 winner. The Region 8 champ will host the Region 7 runner-up.

Following is the full slate of matchups in both region tournaments.



Above: Crockett County's Lady Cavaliers finished as runner-up in the District 13-AAA Tournament and will host Haywood Friday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Region 7-AAA event. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

REGION 7-AAA TOURNAMENT

Friday, February 23 (All Games 7 p.m.)

Gm 1: Bolton (D14 #4) at Dyersburg (D13 #1)

Gm 2: Obion County (D13 #3) at Bolivar Central (D14 #2)

Gm 3: South Gibson (D13 #4) at Fayette-Ware (D14 #1)

Gm 4: Haywood (D14 #3) at Crockett County (D13 #2)

Monday, February 26 (Times TBD)

Gm 5: Winner Gm 1 vs. Winner Gm 2 (at Fayette-Ware)

Gm 6: Winner Gm 3 vs. Winner Gm 4 (at Fayette-Ware)

Wednesday, February 28 (7 p.m.)

Gm 7: Championship - Winner Gm 5 vs. Winner Gm 6 (at Fayette-Ware)

REGION 8-AAA TOURNAMENT

Friday, February 23 (All Games 7 p.m.)

Gm 1: Kirby (D16 #4) at Millington (D15 #1)

Gm 2: Brighton (D15 #3) at Melrose (D16 #2)

Gm 3: Munford (D15 #4) at Ridgeway (D16 #1)

Gm 4: Hamilton (D16 #3) at Covington (D15 #2)

Monday, February 26

Gm 5 (6 p.m.) - Winner Gm 1 vs. Winner Gm 2 (at Millington)

Gm 6 (7:30 p.m.) - Winner Gm 3 vs. Winner Gm 4 (at Millington)

Thursday, February 29 (6 p.m.)

Gm 7: Championship - Winner Gm 5 vs. Winner Gm 6 (at Millington)

WEST SECTIONALS

Saturday, March 2 (7 p.m.)

Region 8 R-Up at Region 7 Champion
Region 7 R-Up at Region 8 Champion
(These two winners earn berths in the State)



Left: Senior Hannah Johnson is the Lady Cavs' leading scorer for the season. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Far Left: Senior Sarah Cherry runs the offense for Crockett as the team's point guard. (Photo by Ron Barry)