

BATTLE OF THE SOCCER UNBEATENS IN DYERSBURG TONIGHT; ERRORS COST SOFTBALLERS AGAIN



Above: Brooklyn Haynes smashed a two-run double in the top of the fifth to tie Thursday night's game at 6-6, but Crockett fell to South Gibson due to five unearned runs. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Dependable Edgar Juarez stepped to the forefront against Dyer County, finding the net three times himself and assisting on another goal. Eddy De La Rosa, Christopher Cerda, and Leo Arreola all added a goal to their totals, while Jathen Young notched his first, becoming the eighth different Crockett player to get into the goal column this spring.

Adding to the team balance, Eduardo Galvez contributed his first assist, becoming the tenth Cav individual to have a pass converted to a goal by a teammate.

Crockett goaltenders Noah Mayfield (3) and Alan Marquez (4) combined to make seven saves in the triumph over Dyer County.

Through their eight victories this season, here are the statistical totals for Crockett players:

GOALS - Luke Carter 16, Christopher Cerda 8, Edgar Juarez 7, Eddy De La Rosa 4, Braulio Marquez 3, Angel Garcia 3, Leo Arreola 2, Jathen Young 1;

ASSISTS - Edgar Juarez 8, Angel Garcia 4, Braulio Marquez 4, Eddy De La Rosa 3, Christopher Cerda 3, Luke Carter 3, Adrian Calderon 1, Santiago Santos 1, Eduardo Galvez 1, Noah Mayfield 1.

Dyersburg is 8-0-1 for the season, having won its last five contests without allowing a goal. The tie was a 2-2 deadlock with Milan. The Trojans are already 2-0 in district games.

SOFTBALL: Five more errors - bringing their April total to 33 in 12 games played - made the difference again as Crockett's Lady Cavaliers dropped a 7-6 district decision to South Gibson at Medina Thursday evening.

Crockett has played just one errorless game this month, and it was on April 1st - so maybe it wasn't real. Since then, the Lady Cavs' inability to cleanly field balls hit in the infield has been killing them, and it did so again Thursday as five of the seven runs South Gibson scored were unearned.

The unfortunate defensive decline has taken some of the shine off the amazing offensive month being compiled by senior catcher Lynden Cole, who drilled her sixth home run of April on a three-run shot in the third inning that temporarily gave the visiting Lady Cavs a 4-3 advantage. For the month - again, in just 12 games - Cole is 16-for-31 (a .516 batting average) with six bombs, 10 extra-base hits, and an incredible 26 runs batted in.

Too many lately are coming in vain as Crockett continues to boot a significant number of grounders and fails to snare line drives hit right at somebody. The Lady Hornets scored their winning run in the bottom of the fifth after a two-out infield error opened the door, and subsequent singles by Lydia Hall and Sydney Scott brought home the tally.

Until then, Crockett had battled from behind twice in the duel with the biggest hits being Cole's three-run homer in the third and a two-run double by Brooklyn Haynes in the fifth that evened the score at 6-6.

The Lady Cavs jumped to a 1-0 edge in the first when Kinleigh Lamb followed a walk to Cole with an RBI double, plating courtesy runner Gabby Bursey. But two infield errors in the bottom of the frame allowed South Gibson to even the score at 1-1.

Another error and a walk set up Hall for a two-run single in the Lady Hornet second, giving them a 3-1 lead. Cole's third-inning homer reversed that, but two walks and - you guessed it - yet another infield miscue set up a two-run single by Kylie Ballentine in the bottom of the stanza. Cole and Haynes each had two hits and combined to drive in five of Crockett's six runs.

Coach David Barker's club - now 15-10-1 overall and 3-3 in district play - hope to get back on the right track tonight (Friday) with a road district battle at Obion County.

By Ron Barry

As of games played through Thursday night, there are only ten undefeated high school soccer teams in the state of Tennessee. Two of them will be meeting head-to-head tonight (Friday) at 6:00 p.m. when Dyersburg hosts the Crockett County Cavaliers.

Coach Stan Jamscek's Cav kickers improved their season record to 8-0 and picked up a win in their district opener Thursday evening while answering one of the questions their opponents may have been asking: If we keep Luke Carter from scoring, will that kill the Crockett offense?

Carter has posted a couple of four-goal games this season and had netted a total of 16 through the first seven games. But Dyer County managed to shut him out Thursday, so... how much did that cut into the Cav attack?

The answer: None. His teammates shredded the Choctaw goalkeeper for seven scores, with one of them assisted by Carter himself, on their way to a 7-3 rout.

Below: Lady Cav senior catcher Lynden Cole is having a month for the ages in April. Her three-run homer against South Gibson Thursday night was her sixth of the month in 12 games, and she's driven in 26 runs in those contests. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Crockett's Jathen Young -- shown here in a recent home game against South Side -- scored his first goal of the season against Dyer County Thursday night, becoming the eighth individual player to register a tally for the 8-0 Cavaliers. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Eddy De La Rosa (in black) contributed a goal to the Cavalier cause in the district opener against the Choctaws. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Left: Leo Arreola netted his second goal of the season in the 7-3 district win over Dyer County. (Photo by Ron Barry)