

MONDAY SPORTS WIN FOR SOCCER, SOFTBALL, AND TENNIS TEAMS; JUAREZ, LAMB PLAY STARRING ROLES



Above: Izzy Yearwood posted a victory in the #1 singles slot for Crockett Monday as the Lady Cavs' tennis team downed North Side 6-1. (Photo by Susie Randall)

By Ron Barry

Four Crockett sports teams claimed victories Monday, while a fourth fell in a close district battle.

The soccer team destroyed Obion County 9-1; the softball squad pulled off a comeback 7-6 conquest of Houston; and both the boys' and girls' tennis crews downed Jackson North Side. South Gibson scored twice in the bottom of the sixth inning to edge the Cavalier baseball team 5-3.

SOCCER: The oncoming train known as the CCHS soccer team flattened another foe Monday night when the Cavs completely steamrolled Obion County for their tenth win without a loss this season. The triumph also boosted the club's district record to 3-0 as the hosts celebrated Senior Night.

Edgar Juarez scored three goals and assisted on two others to pace Coach Stan Jamscek's squad, which tallied three goals in the match's first 15 minutes and coasted from there.

Juarez netted the fourth, seventh, and eighth goals for the winners after Eddy De La Rosa tallied the game's first two scores, the first on a pass from Braulio Marquez just seven minutes into the contest and the second on a deflection from the Rebel goalie's save of a teammate's shot.

Luke Carter popped in the first of his three goals on a cross pass from Christopher Cerda, who contributed three assists to the rout. Juarez made it 4-0 on another perfect pass from Cerda, and Marquez boosted the margin to 5-0 when he took the ball all the way in from the left side and blasted it past the Obion goalkeeper.

In the second half, Carter scored again on De La Rosa's assist and Cerda set up Juarez for a 7-0 edge. Juarez got the hat trick on a penalty kick following a Rebel foul in the box to make it 8-0. After an Obion goal, Carter finished the Crockett scoring by heading in a perfectly executed corner kick from Marquez.

Following the victory, Crockett held a special ceremony honoring Jose De La Rosa, a former player who lost his left earlier this year.

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

GOALS – Luke Carter 19, Christopher Cerda 11, Edgar Juarez 10, Eddy De La Rosa 6, Braulio Marquez 4, Angel Garcia 3, Leo Arreola 2, Jathen Young 1;

ASSISTS – Edgar Juarez 12, Braulio Marquez 7, Christopher Cerda 6, Luke Carter 5, Angel Garcia 4, Eddy De La Rosa 4, Adrian Calderon 1, Santiago Santos 1, Eduardo Galvez 1, Noah Mayfield 1.

The Cavs will host Ripley Tuesday evening at Cavalier Stadium.

SOFTBALL: Senior Night will always be a special memory for Crockett second baseman Kinleigh Lamb.

Lamb's third hit of the night – driving in her third run of the game – capped a four-run rally in the bottom of the sixth and led the Lady Cavs to the comeback win over powerful Houston of Germantown.

Coach David Barker's crew entered the bottom of the sixth trailing 6-3, but freshman Gabby Bursey led off with a double to right. After a line-drive out, pinch-hitter Madison Solis reached on an infield error after Bursey had stolen third and scored on a passed ball to make it 6-4. Tink Willis entered to run for Solis, and Piper White sacrificed her to second. With two outs, right fielder Destiny Foster pulled a double to right field, scoring Willis with two outs to cut the deficit to 6-5.

Senior catcher Lynden Cole then tied it up with a hard ground ball up the middle for a single and took second on the throw home. On a 3-and-1 count, Lamb lined a single to center to plate Cole and put the Lady Cavs in front.

With the tying and go-ahead runs on second and third with only one out in the top of the seventh, Crockett reliever Anna Stallings struck out Houston's Zoe Marsh and then induced a groundout to first baseman Jayden Maddox to end the cliffhanger.

Barker started an all-senior lineup for the Senior Night affair, with Lamb playing shortstop for the first time all season and Makenna Tibbs getting the start in the pitcher's circle. She threw two scoreless frames before giving way to Gracelyn Miller, who began the duel at second base and then pitched the middle three innings, allowing two earned runs. Four more tallied due to seven Crockett errors, which made the comeback triumph even more remarkable.

Stallings hurled the final two stanzas for the Lady Cavs, yielding just one hit and striking out two to pick up the triumph. Lamb also singled in a run in the first after Cole's two-out fly ball to left field was dropped for a two-base error and singled in another tally in the third after Destiny Foster was hit by a pitch and Cole singled her to third. Miller drove in a run with a sacrifice fly in the fourth for the third Lady Cav run.

The win improved Crockett's overall record to 17-10-1 as the team moves back into district play Tuesday, hosting Dyer County.

TENNIS: The boys' team used wins from its two doubles duos to offset a 3-2 deficit in singles play and down North Side 4-3, while the girls' unit won four of five singles matches and both of its doubles to take down the Jackson squad 6-1.

In the boys' match, North Side's Joseph Marshall outlasted Crockett's Baker Jones 8-5; the Cavs' Jack Sanders toppled North Side's Ian Lloyd 8-1; North Side's Dontrl Burton defeated Crockett's Lane Hamilton 8-4; and the hosts' Isiah Evans downed the Cavs' Conner Ellington 8-3 before forfeiting the fifth singles match to Crockett. With North Side also forfeiting the second doubles contest, the match came down to the #1 doubles encounter, and Crockett's Hayden Castillo and Adam Booker knocked off North Side's Lloyd and Evans 8-3 to clinch the triumph.

On the girls' side, Izzy Yearwood got Crockett off to a solid start with an 8-1 win over Azarria Conerly at #1 singles; Brennan Morris defeated North Side's Nakiya Addison 5-0 (retired); Crockett's Miley Silva blitzed Tiara Grimes 8-0; the Lady Cavs' Harmony Walker fell to Lakiya Forrest 8-2; and Crockett's Aracely Procopio blanked Khenzi Foulkes 8-0 to send the Lady Cavs into doubles play with a 4-1 lead.

Crockett's Ashley Boone and Casey Thornton routed North Side's Conerly and Forrest 8-0 at #1 doubles. Silva also recorded a doubles victory. The tennis teams return to the courts Wednesday for their next home match and Senior Night.

BASEBALL: After a three-run first-inning rally to open the game, Crockett's diamonders couldn't get on the scoreboard again as host South Gibson eventually pulled out the 5-3 victory.

Callan Willis belted a bases-loaded double with two outs to clear the sacks in the Cav first after Blaine Nichols was hit by a pitch, Reed Ingram singled, and Carter Winders drew a walk. But Coach Brent Fronabarger's squad only managed one hit the rest of the way off the Hornets' Cade Allen, who struck out 11 in going the distance.

Winders also threw a complete game for Crockett, but yielded seven hits and five earned runs in taking the loss. Tommy Baker and Brock Beasley each had two hits for South Gibson, with one of Baker's clearing the fence for a home run. Ingram had two of the Cavs' three safeties, with the Willis double being the other one. Crockett fell to 10-8 overall and will host South Gibson Tuesday afternoon in a district rematch.



Above: Hayden Castillo and Adam Booker teamed to win the key doubles match that gave the Crockett boys' tennis team a 4-3 win over Jackson North Side Monday. (Photo by Susie Randall)

Left: Ashley Boone and Casey Thornton recorded a win in the #1 doubles position for Crockett in the triumph over North Side in Jackson. (Photo by Susie Randall)



Left: Reed Ingram had two of the three Crockett hits, but South Gibson rallied in the bottom of the sixth to break a 3-3 deadlock and capture the district win. The teams will play a rematch Tuesday in Alamo. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Right: Callan Willis cleared the bases with a three-run double in the opening inning, but the Cavalier diamonders could find little offense after that in falling to South Gibson 5-3 in Medina Monday. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: One of the reasons Crockett's soccer team is 10-0 is because of the superb ballhandling of several of its players. Here Edgar Juarez seems to be completely surrounded by the Obion County defense ... (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Crockett's Eddy De La Rosa (2) also found his way through Rebel traffic and boots this shot in for his second goal of the night, giving the Cavs an early 2-0 lead. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below: ... only to wiggle his way through them -- still with the ball -- and now literally beginning to smile because he knows he's about to launch an open shot into the Rebel net. Juarez scored three goal and assisted on two others Monday night. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Christopher Cerda (10) -- with teammate Max Utley (5) trailing him -- races past an Obion defender as he prepares a crossing pass for Luke Carter, picking up his one of his three assists on the night. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Left: Crockett's Luke Carter (1) almost scored on this play barely seconds into the game, but the official ruled that the Obion goalkeeper had at least one hand on the ball when it was kicked, negating the goal. Carter, unperturbed, kept persevering and scored three goals later, bringing his season total to 19 in just 10 games. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: After Braulio Marquez (21) scored a Crockett goal, he and Angel Garcia (8) lined up some teammates in front of the Cavalier crowd ... (Photo by Ron Barry)

Right: ... and simulated a rowing crew going for the gold. Marquez also contributed two assists besides his goal. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: It was Senior Night at Crockett's softball game with Houston, so Coach David Barker found a creative way to get all of his seniors in the starting lineup, including moving Kinleigh Lamb to the shortstop position, where she deftly fielded this ball in the hole and threw a Lady Mustang runner out at third base to help keep the visitors scoreless in the first two innings. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Another part of Barker's creative starting lineup was Gracelyn Miller -- normally a pitcher -- opening at second base, and she promptly threw the first batter of the game out after fielding this ground ball. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Left: Destiny Foster got the start in right field and contributed a huge two-out, run-scoring double to keep the comeback rally going in the bottom of the sixth for the Lady Cavs. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Left: Makenna Tibbs got the starting pitching assignment, and tossed two scoreless inning s against the powerful team from Germantown. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Senior catcher Lynden Cole patiently waited on this pitch and drove a base hit to right field in the third inning to set up a game-tying hit by Kinleigh Lamb. Cole later singled in the run that tied the contest up in the bottom of the sixth. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Although she didn't make the smoothest of slides, senior Karly Pigue got the rare opportunity to steal a base after she had reached on an error in the second frame. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Left: But the game's hitting hero was Kinleigh Lamb, who smacked three run-scoring singles, including the eventual game-winner in the bottom of the sixth that broke a 6-6 deadlock. (Photo by Ron Barry)