

SEVERAL CROCKETT TRACKSTERS QUALIFY FOR WEST SECTIONALS; ERRORS DOOM SOFTBALL TEAM



Above: Avery Thornton won the 800-Meter Run and helped two Crockett relay teams to second-place finishes in the Union City Rotary Relays meet Friday night. (Photo by Ron Barry)

By Ron Barry

Coach Julie Nass and the continuing saga of her rising track and field program – despite not having a track or field to call its own – reached another milestone in the final regular season meet of the year at the Union City Rotary Relays Friday night when every single girl on the Crockett County team qualified for sectionals in at least one event.

Additionally, two members of the boys team – Laithon Bonds and Lane Foster – have also qualified to represent the Cavaliers at sectionals.

In some of the more notable performances from Friday's meet: Leah Moore tied the school record in the high jump, clearing 4'8" to match the previous mark held by teammate Joy Evans; Bonds won the 300-meter hurdles, breaking his own previous school record; Avery Thornton won the girls 800-meter run in a Crockett sweep, as Evans took second and Avery's sister Casey was third; two of the girls relay teams – the 4x800 (Avery Thornton, Joy Evans, Casey Thornton, and Claire Evans) and the 4x400 (Avery Thornton, Kristin Lewis, Casey Thornton, and Addie Davidson) – finished second in the meet, earning medals; and Davidson earned third place in the girls 300-meter hurdles.

The 4x400 race was especially notable for Crockett as Davidson – who had never even run it before – took the place of an ill Claire Evans, giving up her own personal 200-meter race in order to help the team medal in the relay. Each athlete is limited to four events maximum in a meet, so she sacrificed her individual race for the team accomplishment.

Nass was extremely proud of all the athletes who competed, but had special words for the two relay teams.

"Honestly, we would have won the 4x800 race if Claire hadn't been sick," she said. "She was toughing it out in that one. Those Evans kids are mentally tough! But it was apparent she wasn't at 100%, so we thought Addie would be the best option for the 4x400 and she stepped up for sure."

Both Evans sisters will be competing in the pentathlon sectionals Tuesday. Joy will be looking to return to the state meet after qualifying a year ago; Claire will be competing for the first time.

Results from the Union City Rotary Relays:

Boys 100-Meter Dash – Bonds was 15th, DK Woods was 36th, Antuan Hobson was 45th;

Boys 400-Meter Dash – Logan Muschkat was 15th, John Christopher was 20th;

Boys 800-Meter Run – Christopher was 25th;

Boys 1600-Meter Run – Jacob Wede was 6th;

Boys 3200-Meter Run – Foster was 8th; Aidan Klonowski was 9th;

Boys 300-Meter Hurdles – Bonds was 1st; **Boys Triple Jump** – Bonds was 7th, Christopher was 13th; **Boys Shot Put** – Josh Simmons was 25th;

Girls 100-Meter Dash – Moore was 23rd;

Girls 200-Meter Dash – Moore was 25th, Lewis was 27th;

Girls 400-Meter Dash – Lewis was 4th, Avery Thornton was 9th; **Girls 800-Meter Run** – Avery Thornton was 1st, Joy Evans was 2nd, Casey Thornton was 3rd; **Girls 1600-Meter Run** – Leyla Silva was 6th, Olivia Mann was 10th, Harmony Walker was 11th;

Girls 3200-Meter Run – Leyla Silva was 5th, Mann was 6th, Walker was 7th; **Girls 300-Meter Hurdles** – Davidson was 3rd;

Girls 4x200 Relay – Crockett County was 6th;

Girls 4x400 Relay – Crockett County was 2nd;

Girls 4x800 Relay – Crockett County was 2nd;

Girls High Jump – Moore was 2nd; **Girls Triple Jump** – Davidson was 4th, Casey Thornton was 5th.

Following are the athletes who have been competing in track and field for Crockett this season:

GIRLS – Claire Evans, Joy Evans, Casey Thornton, Avery Thornton, Leyla Silva, Miley Silva, Kristin Lewis, Leah Moore, Harmony Walker, Olivia Mann, Addie Davidson;

BOYS – Aidan Klonowski, Lane Foster, Noah Mayfield, Jacob Wede, Logan Muschkat, John Christopher, Laithon Bonds, Dre Walker, DK Woods, Josh Simmons, Antuan Hobson.

THURSDAY SOFTBALL: Crockett's Lady Cavs made an astonishing 10 errors, leading to eight unearned runs, in dropping a 9-2 decision to Lexington Thursday night in Alamo.

Crockett's defensive lapses allowed the Lady Tigers to score at least one run in every inning except the sixth. Meanwhile, the Lady Cavs managed just five total hits off Lexington pitching, with leadoff batter Piper White collecting two of them. Kinleigh Lamb and Lynden Cole hit doubles for Crockett, and Destiny Foster had a single and also drew two walks.

The Lady Cavs are scheduled to play at Munford Monday evening. Crockett's record is now 18-11-1.



Above: Leah Moore cleared a height of 4'8" to tie the CCHS record for the high jump, placing second overall and qualifying for a sectionals berth. (Photo by Ron Barry)