

CROCKETT ATHLETES IN ALL-STAR GAMES; SUMMER CAMPS ANNOUNCED



Above: Chris Cerda, showing his masterful ball-control skills, will play in the Rising Stars Game Friday evening. (Photo by Ron Barry)

By Ron Barry

The end of a school year does not mean the end of activities associated with school.

Therefore – beginning this week and continuing through the summer months – Crockett County students have a number of opportunities to participate in various endeavors.

The first two events are specialized All-Star Games, and CCHS will be proud to contribute two players to a softball game Thursday night and four players to soccer games scheduled for Friday evening.

On Thursday at 6 p.m., the West Tennessee High School All-Star Softball Game at the Jackson Sportsplex will feature two recently graduated Lady Cavaliers: catcher Lynden Cole and second baseman Kinleigh Lamb. Both Crockett players will be on the team coached by Adamsville's Heather Hall and will be joined by players from Huntingdon, Riverside, South Gibson, Jackson South Side, TCA, Ripley, and West Carroll.

Cole completed her senior season by being named All-District Hitter of the Year after batting .465 with 11 home runs and 54 RBIs in Crockett's 33-game season. She compiled an other-worldly OPS (on-base percentage + slugging percentage) of 1.476 and was also one of the best defensive backstops in the state.

Lamb, who batted right behind Cole in the order most of the season, hit .417, drove in 31 runs, was on base in more than half of her at-bats, and struck out just six times in 115 plate appearances. She was also named Crockett's Defensive Player of the Year, making several diving stabs and saving a multitude of runs for Lady Cav pitchers. Both Lamb and Cole were also standout performers on Crockett's volleyball team which earned a State Tournament berth.

On Friday evening, Cavalier Stadium will be the site for the West Tennessee All-Star Soccer Organization's two games, the Rising Star match at 5:30 and the All-Star match at 7:00. Crockett will have two players in each contest.

In the Rising Star game, Chris Cerda and Braulio Marquez – two of the Cavs' dazzling sophomores – will be on the home team. In the All-Star match – for seniors only – Crockett has Edgar Juarez on the Red Team and Eddy De La Rosa on the Blue Team.

Cerda finished the 2024 season with 24 goals in 15 assists in the Cavs' 18 games. Marquez netted nine goals and led the team in assists with 18. Juarez, Crockett's captain during the regular season, tallied 19 goals and collected 17 assists, while De La Rosa scored 11 times and assisted on four others.

Next week brings the first of a flood of summer camp activities to Crockett County when the Cavalier Football Camp begins a Monday-through-Wednesday run from 9-11 a.m. each day. Registration starts at 8:30 on Monday morning. The camp is for students entering the first through the sixth grades and costs \$50 per child; for children in the same household, two can attend for \$90 and three can attend for \$120.

Camp instruction is by Coach Kevin Ward and the current CCHS coaching staff and players, and will cover passing and receiving drills, speed and agility maneuvers, and blocking and running routes. Campers will receive feedback from coaches and players on their performances.

From June 10-14, the Arts Council of Crockett TN will be conducting the ACCT Drama Camp at Bells Theatre from 9-11:30 each morning for kindergarten through fifth grade students. There is a \$100 registration fee, with each additional child in a household costing \$25.

More information is available by calling Lauren Rice at 731-215-0876. Scholarships may be available. The Arts Council of Crockett TN Facebook page also contains additional information.

From July 9-11 (Tuesday through Thursday) in the CCHS auxiliary gymnasium, Crockett will host a Cheer Camp from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each of those days. The camp is for upcoming Pre-K through sixth grade students and will cost \$40 per child, with registration on July 9 at 10:30. Campers should wear black shorts, a white T-shirt, and have their hair pulled up, as well as providing their own labeled water bottle.

Cheer Camp will feature instruction by current Cavalier cheerleaders and coaches. More information is available by emailing ellary.brewster@crockettccavs.net.

From July 15-17, the auxiliary gym will be the site of the Lady Cavs Basketball Camp from 9-11 each morning. Cost is \$50 per child and is for rising first through seventh grade girls. Registration is set for July 15 at 8:30 a.m.

Instruction will be by Coach Kayla Irvin and "the coolest kids I know" – her players. The camp will feature skills stations – ball handling, shooting, passing, defense, rebounding, screening, moving without the ball, etc. – as well as fun competitive games.



Above: Lynden Cole guns a runner down at third base with a powerful throw. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Kinleigh Lamb listens to directions from Coach David Barker during an early-season game. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Right: Braulio Marquez, Crockett's team leader in assists, will be playing in the Rising Stars Game Friday evening. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Captain Edgar Juarez, after an outstanding senior season, will play in the All-Star Game at 7 p.m. Friday. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Eddy De La Rosa will cap off his senior season with an appearance in the All-Star Game in Cavalier Stadium Friday night. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Left: The first sports camp of the summer begins Monday with the Cavalier Football Camp, which will teach -- among other things -- how to gang tackle an opponent while wearing sequentially-numbered jerseys, as Crockett players did on this play in the 2023 season. (Photo by Ron Barry)