

# WEEKEND SPORTS ROUNDUP #1: CCMS SEASONS BEGIN, CCHS SATURDAY JAMBOREES



**Above:** Hannah Carter (6) pushes toward the goal in a recent high school scrimmage game with Westview. (Photo by Robin Waddey)



**Above:** 2024 Crockett County Middle School Soccer Team.

## By Ron Barry

Two Crockett County Middle School teams began their official seasons and two Crockett County High School teams participated in Jamboree action Saturday as more bearable summer weather finally filtered through the region.

The CCMS girls soccer squad inaugurated their 2024 campaign with a 9-0 rout over the Fayette Lady Lions. Goal scorers were Kalynn Lewis, Olivia Barger, Caroline Scruggs, and Ruth Gourley on what Coach Doug Wede called “a perfect day for soccer.”

“The defense limited any action that worried our goalie,” Wede said, “but communication between the defensive group was key when pressure was put on that back line.”

CCMS plays three games this week, with an early-season test against McKenzie and two district games.

“District games in soccer are key for the regular season because only two of the five district teams can qualify for the end-of-season tournament,” Wede said.

Coach Duke Kail’s softball team also initiated its 2024 season with an appearance in the Milan Mania Tournament, in which they split four games.

The Lady Cavs opened the day facing the eventual tournament champion Henderson County North. The Lady Tigers used a seven-run fourth-inning outburst to provide the cushion in a 9-0 win, limiting Crockett to singles by Haley Leforgee and Caroline Neal.

Kail’s bunch regrouped to pound Trinity Christian Academy 10-3, scoring four times in the first frame and six more in the second. Jentry Maddox was 2-for-2 and scored a run; Leforgee belted a two-run triple; and Emilee Chandler, Ariana Mosier, Kylee Cobb, Reagan McCoy, and Neal all contributed hits.

McCoy then pitched a five-inning gem, allowing just four hits, as the Lady Cavs knocked off Henderson County North 4-2. Chandler had two hits and scored twice for Crockett, and Kendall Savage raced home with the deciding run after singling in the fifth and coming around when the center fielder made an error on an ensuing Chandler single.

Cobb and Mosier each had run-scoring hits for the winners, and Naudia Turner contributed the remaining safety.

The two squads ended up meeting again in Crockett’s fourth game of the day, and this time the Lady Tigers prevailed 6-2. The Lady Cavs’ runs came on a 2-RBI double by Mosier. Chandler had Crockett’s only other hit.

“It was kind of an up-and-down four games,” Kail said. “But we competed in the last game.”

In a high school cross-country jamboree at Union University Saturday featuring a star-studded field, Crockett County’s teams took eighth place in the girls standings and tenth in the boys as 322 total runners converged on the 2.2-mile route in Jackson.

Claire Evans finished 36th and Avery Thornton 37th – in almost identical times (16:33.15 and 16:33.88) – to pace the Lady Cavs of Coach Julie Nass in a race in which 28 schools were represented. Harmony Walker (18:55.60) placed 79th; Alivia Hale was 84th (19:16.91); Ashley Boone stood 92nd (19:55.54); Kate Davis came in 94th (19:57.97); and Leah Moore was 102nd (20:43.99).



Nass knew heading in that this would be a tough test early in the season, as the jamboree featured several Memphis teams. Collierville dominated the event, with its top five runners in second, third, fourth, fifth, and seventh place. Individual winner Kaley Byrd (13:18.80) led Bartlett to a second-place team finished, followed by Obion County, University High School, Dresden, TCA, Hutchison School, Crockett County, Hardin County, Memphis-Area Home Education Association, and McEwen.

On the boys side, Collierville was first again, followed by Madison Academic, University, Bartlett, Hardin County, South Gibson, Dresden, Obion County, Chester County, Crockett County, Westview – which featured individual champion Jack Mantooth, Memphis-Area Home, TCA, Fayette Academy, and Dyer County. The boys race had competitors from 27 different schools.

Aidan Klonowski was the top Cavalier finisher in 44th (13:40.09), followed by Lane Foster in 57th (14:01.69), Noah Mayfield in 87th (14:53.54), Zaul Sanchez in 94th (15:01.95), Hutson Stephens in 114th (15:27.63), Uriel Diaz in 115th (15:30.10), and Mase Utley in 149th (16:44.20).

Coach Carli Branson returned to the helm of the Crockett girls soccer team as the Lady Cavs played two games in the Dyersburg Jamboree Saturday. Crockett tied Brighton 1-1 when Rebecca Waddey scored on a penalty kick after Hannah Carter had been fouled in the box, and then the Lady Cavs dropped a 4-1 decision to Dyer County. Carter scored the lone Crockett goal on a header after a perfect free kick toward the back post by Dani Rios.

“We had an opportunity to really focus on areas of improvement and see where we are vs. where we need to be,” Branson said. “The girls left feeling a sense of urgency to get back to work and figure things out. This may be a year of rebuilding – but we have a group of girls who want to learn, grow, and become better.”

Sports events this week:

**MONDAY**

- FCA Golf Tournament at Jackson County Club
- MS Football vs. Milan
- MS Soccer vs. McKenzie

**TUESDAY**

- HS Soccer vs. South Side (Senior Night), 6:00
- MS Softball vs. Milan, 5:00
- MS Soccer vs. Milan, 6:00

**THURSDAY**

- HS Soccer vs. Ripley, 6:00
- MS Softball at USJ, 5:00
- MS Soccer at Obion County, 6:00

**FRIDAY**

- HS Football Jamboree at Dyersburg, 6:00 (Crockett is playing Brighton in the night’s second game)



**Above:** Sisters Lydia (left) and Rebecca Waddey team up to go for the ball in a recent high school scrimmage match with Westview. (Photo by Robin Waddey)



**Above:** Crockett's participants in the Union University Jamboree for Cross-Country Saturday.