

# FIRST-TIME GOAL SCORERS PROPEL SENIOR NIGHT GIRLS SOCCER VICTORY



**Above:** Lady Cav senior Dalia Aguirre (10) tries to work the ball into passing position for a teammate to get a decent shot. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Lydia Waddey punches in her first career goal on Senior Night as Crockett takes a 1-0 lead over Ripley. (Photo by Ron Barry)

## By Ron Barry

You don't see too many high school "Senior Night" celebrations held in August, so if you're really going to commit to the concept, you better bring the heat.

Trust me: There was NO lack of heat at Cavalier Stadium Thursday night.

The Lady Cavalier soccer team posted its second consecutive 4-0 shutout victory, this time over a shorthanded Ripley squad, and a highlight reel of the contest would begin with the fact that NONE of Crockett County's goal-scorers had ever done it before in a varsity game - yet all three were seniors.

Two of them have spent their previous seasons in the defensive backfield, so they really haven't had many chances to get involved in the offense. The third didn't even play soccer before - and this was only her second game.

Oh, and another senior - goaltender Amaria Walker - was also just playing in her second game. And now she has two clean sheets (shutouts) to kick off her newest sport experience.

All this occurred on a night when the starting time for the contest was postponed for an hour due to the local heat index. The TSSAA has specific guidelines for what schools can and cannot do regarding locations that approach or exceed a 105-degree reading.

But once the game began, Lydia Waddey - relishing her newfound opportunity to make an occasional rush at a net - rammed in a shot from short range when she outran a defender and the Ripley goalie to a loose ball and drilled it into the net for her first career goal. And just for good measure, she added another one in the second half.

Not too long thereafter, senior Chayse Lewis steered a perfect lead pass into the middle of the box just as a charging Lanyah Cathey crashed the scene and nailed it into the netting for a 2-0 Crockett advantage. Cathey, a member of the Lady Cav basketball team, was playing just the second soccer game of her life.

In the second half, another Crockett senior whose previous play has been assigned to the defensive end of the field got on the scoreboard for the first time. Adalee Doyle made the boot, and Coach Carli Branson's kickers are off to a 2-0 start.

Lewis, Cathey, Waddey, and Stephanie Joyner all collected assists, and Walker only had to make two saves on the Lady Cav goal to keep Ripley scoreless.

Next week's games - both home affairs, vs. Augustine (Tuesday) and Huntingdon (Thursday) - should be tougher tests for Crockett and give Branson and assistants Joey Soriano and Jennie Agee a better idea of where the Lady Cavs stand as competitors.

**OTHER SPORT NUGGETS:** It's Football Jamboree time in Dyersburg. Crockett will face Brighton in the second of four matchups scheduled Friday night at the Star Physical Therapy / West Tennessee Bone & Joint Clinic Jamboree at Sawyer Stadium. Unless delayed by the heat index, the event is set to begin at 6:00...

The CCMS girls soccer team continued its winning ways Tuesday evening with a 4-0 triumph over Milan Middle School. Caroline Scruggs scored twice for Coach Doug Wede's Lady Cavs, who also received a goal apiece from Caleigh Howell and Kalynn Lewis. "The goalie for Milan was solid, but gave up enough space for us to continue to shoot," Wede said. Crockett managed 23 shots on goal, "while our defense was again solid, keeping the game pushed to the Milan side of the field for most of the game."



**Left:** Lanyah Cathey (left), celebrating with Lydia Waddey (12) and Stephanie Joyner, was next on the scoreboard for Crockett ... (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Right:** ... after taking a perfect centering pass from Chayse Lewis (5) for the assist. (Photo by Ron Barry)

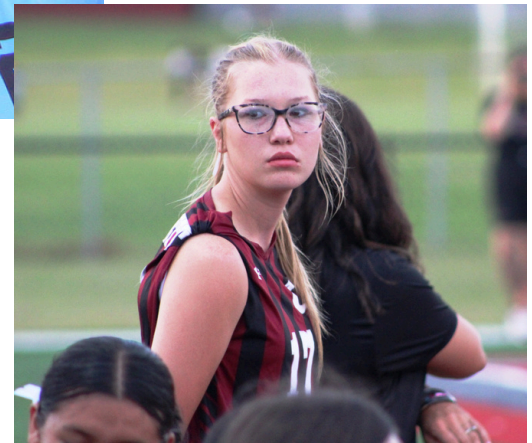


**Above:** Somebody's probably going down after this collision, but it wasn't Crockett senior Carley Lampley (23), who kept the ball pushing toward the net. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** Crockett goaltender Amaria Walker has now played only two games in her entire life -- and posted clean sheets (shutouts) in both. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Lady Cav senior Adalee Doyle, usually lined up in the defensive backfield, also managed to tally a goal for the victorious hosts Thursday night. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Right:** One of the unsung heroes of any sport team is the student manager; but Crockett honored Tatiana Garduno -- escorted here by her family -- along with all the other seniors Thursday night. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Crockett coaches Carli Branson and Joey Soriano joke with Lydia Wadley as she takes a break from the intense heat during Thursday night's win. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Ripley offensive players could barely go anywhere before they were greeted by Crockett defensive standout Dani Rios, here getting ready to swipe the ball and send it the other way. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** Rebecca Wadley (7) gains control of the ball and prepares to pass out to a wing for better spacing in search of a shot. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** The first half ended with Crockett's Stephanie Joyner (8) trying to get off this shot while colliding with a Ripley defender, but the goalie was able to handle it. (Photo by Ron Barry)

