

DISJOINTED CCHS GAME ENDS IN 1-1 TIE; MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL ROLLS



Above: Lydia Waddey fought through a leg injury to continue playing vigorously throughout the second half, joking after the game, "If it ain't broke, I'm okay." (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Crockett goaltender Amaria Walker (in yellow) steps over sliding teammate Cristal Martinez (1) to snatch an Augustine corner kick. Other defenders pictured are Dani Rios (15), Stephanie Joyner (right front), and Chayse Lewis (right rear). (Photo by Ron Barry)

By Ron Barry

"Imagine no possessions - I wonder if you can..." - John Lennon

It didn't have to be imagined Tuesday evening at Cavalier Stadium, where it was on full display as Crockett County High School's girls soccer team managed a 1-1 draw with visiting Augustine School.

"We didn't possess the ball very well, and neither did they," Lady Cavalier Coach Carli Branson said. "The ball was just kind of pinballing around the field the whole game. Neither team seemed to establish any kind of rhythm, and at least for us, that means we didn't communicate well with each other."

While that aspect of the game was disappointing for Crockett, the team once again played fairly solidly defensively, with its only lapse coming on an early first-half corner kick by the Lady Knights that somehow trickled through the sea of bodies in front of Lady Cav goaltender Amaria Walker and then eluded her grasp as it took a spinning bounce. It was the first goal allowed by Crockett's defense in three games - but it was the last one for the day.

Walker made seven saves after that, at least three of which came on dives onto the ball when Augustine players managed to create a breakaway situation or otherwise slid past Crockett's back line. Walker made another nifty kick save with her left foot on a hard shot to the right corner midway through the second half to keep Augustine's point total singular.

Meanwhile, Lady Cav Braniya Green evened up the score when she took a perfect assist pass from Rebecca Waddey and steered it just inside the back left post, putting just enough height on it to sail above the Lady Knight goalie.

"We didn't know anything about Augustine prior to the game," Branson said, "but they have several good athletes. We were fortunate to hold them to one goal, especially without communicating with each other like we need to. We have some young players, and maybe they don't feel confident enough yet to talk out loud and holler to each other, but that's something we definitely will be working on."

The Lady Cavs are now 2-0-1 and will host Huntingdon Thursday at 5:30, barring a forecasted heat index situation.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL: Coach Duke Kail's diamonders improved to 4-2 for the season by spanking Gibson County Middle School 12-0, needing just three innings to complete the "mercy rule" rout.

Reagan McCoy held the Lady Pioneers without a hit over the three frames after her teammates scored seven runs in the first, three more in the second, and the final two in the third. Three Lady Cavs - Haley Leforgee, Lily Cole, and Jentry Maddox - drove in two runs apiece for the victors, with Cole, Maddox, and Emilee Chandler notching two hits each and Ariana Mosier scoring three times herself.

Mosier and Leforgee collected doubles in the 12-hit attack for CCMS, which now hosts South Gibson County Middle School on Thursday at 5:00, if the heat index allows play.



Above: Lady Cav defender Claire Nichols takes a swat in the face from the long ponytail of an Augustine player while trying to stop a rush in Tuesday's 1-1 draw. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Cristal Martinez (1) eludes a sliding Augustine defender to control the ball in Tuesday's 1-1 tie with the Lady Knights. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Braniya Green (9) celebrates scoring Crockett's only goal of the game with Dani Rios (15) and Avery Thornton (13) while a couple of Lady Knight defenders try to figure out how she slipped past them. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Right: Crockett's Chloe Campbell (24) tries to knock the ball away from an Augustine player as Avery Thornton (13) arrives to help out. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Left: There's going to be a sprint to the ball between a Lady Knight player and Crockett's determined Rebecca Waddey (right), who recorded an assist on the lone Lady Cav goal Tuesday. (Photo by Ron Barry)





Left: Lady Cav defender Claire Nichols (25) thwarted this Augustine attack by clearing the ball away from the goal as Hannah Carter (far left), Amaria Walker (20), Emme Grace Martin (in front of Walker), Cristal Martinez (1), and Dani Rios (back right) prepare to help out. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Right: Emme Grace Martin (3) eyes the Augustine goal while racing to the ball in an attempt to push it forward to Crockett's Stephanie Joyner in the first half of Tuesday's 1-1 draw. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Left: In an all-out sprint, Crockett's Nyah Cathey (15) and Stephanie Joyner attempt to outgun a couple of Lady Knights for control of the ball. (Photo by Ron Barry)