

LADY CAV VB TEAM SWEEPS WESTVIEW; CCMS SOCCER NABS BIG WIN AT DYERSBURG



Above: ... Katherine West ... (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Dee Cole (15) was putting the hammer down early and often Thursday night, slamming this point past a Westview block attempt as teammates Khaki Hail (far left), Lakyn Forsythe (34), Jordan Maddox (13), and Maddie Collins (closest to the net) look on. (Photo by Ron Barry)

By Ron Barry

Even using a regular 10-girl rotation – and still substituting others frequently – Crockett County’s volleyball team had no trouble with Westview Thursday night, zipping past the Martin-based visitors 25-10, 25-11, and 25-11 for a three-set sweep.

Coach Andrew Laman’s Lady Cavaliers – now 8-2 for the season – were never seriously challenged after a long service run by Keeton Holyfield broke open a 10-8 first-set score to a 20-9 advantage. A collection of kills by Katherine West, Maddie Collins, Dee Cole, and Jordyn Maddox all figured into the scoring binge.

In the second set, Crockett jumped to leads of 8-1 and 14-4 before notching the 25-11 final. In the last set, a 9-6 Lady Cav margin ballooned quickly to 22-9 before the hosts finished the Lady Chargers off.

“We’re trending in the right direction,” Laman said after the contest. “Replacing that strong senior leadership that we had last season figured to be a test, but these girls are getting it done. We’ve got a big one with Dyersburg coming up after the Labor Day holiday, so we’ll get a practice in Monday night and then during the day Tuesday before the scheduled game.”

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER: CCMS knocked off Dyersburg for the first time since 2019 on Thursday night, posting a 2-0 triumph despite the usual substantial offensive attack from the host Lady Trojans.

“Dyersburg’s offense was shot-heavy, as always,” Coach Doug Wede said, “but our defense led the way to the shutout. This is a big win for our Middle School program.”

Kalynn Lewis and Kamilah Juarez netted goals for Crockett, which has suffered just one defeat thus far this season, and that by a single tally.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: Coach Kevin Ward’s Cavalier gridgers will be searching for a second consecutive win Friday night when they host the Ripley Tigers, 16-11 losers against Jackson South Side in their opener last week.

Crockett defeated Jackson North Side 36-34, keyed by a two-point conversion pass interception by Amariyon Hobson in the game’s final 80 seconds. Most of the Cavalier offense in that victory came from the 152 yards rushing achieved by DK Woods and return yardage on kickoffs and an interception by Demo Pickens, who also caught a touchdown pass from Ben Burgess.

The game is set for a 7 p.m. start at Cavalier Stadium.



Above: Crockett had its requisite collection of smiling players in the win over Westview, such as Brennan Morris ... (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: The first set was close for awhile until Keeton Holyfield went on a long service run that stretched the Crockett margin from 10-8 to 20-9, pretty much sealing the opening win. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Katherine West, known this season for stepping up her "kill" game, dove on the floor on this play to keep a ball up in the air for Sadie Hoover (1) to set to another player. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below: Crockett's Piper White was all smiles after that play, joking with teammates before the next serve. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: The next sequence shows the hustle the Lady Cavs exhibited Thursday night. Sadie Hoover dove on the floor to backhand this ball up into the air, keeping it alive ... (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Khaki Hail (20) receives directions from the coaching staff and points to where they want her to go after the ball is served -- "I got it!" she's saying, as Piper White listens. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below: ... so that Kylee Garrett (22) could then dive on the floor and keep it alive again, sending it toward the net for Crockett's left hitter, while Keeton Holyfield (14) moves to the center. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Right: ... Keeton Holyfield (left) and Ava Lee ... (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: ... Dee Cole ... (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Lily Riley reaches around Halle Holyfield and Brennan Morris to extend congratulations to another teammate as the Lady Cavs celebrate their eighth win. (photo by Ron Barry)

Below: ... and Wesley Thornton (23), who upon entering the game -- on her very first play -- went up for a block alongside Jordyn Maddox ... (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below: ... and promptly put it straight down on the Lady Chargers' side of the net to ignite her own smile as Maddox jokes with her. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below: Kalynn Lewis (25), congratulated here by Caleigh Howell (20) after a goal in a recent home game, netted a score for Coach Doug Wede's team Thursday night as well. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Caroline Scruggs has been a steady mainstay for the CCMS soccer team in the early part of their schedule. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Marley Thornton was part of the defensive backfield that kept Dyersburg scoreless and allowed CCMS to post a 2-0 soccer win Thursday evening, the first Lady Cav triumph over their host since 2019. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Left: Demo Pickens (tackling down low), Willie Walker (6), and Randle Perry (50), pictured here in the win over Jackson North Side, will have to be on their toes to counter the speed of the Ripley Tigers when Crockett has its home football opener Friday night at Cavalier Stadium. (Photo by Ron Barry)