

SIX CROCKETT SPORT TEAMS SECURE TUESDAY TRIUMPHS



Above: The expression on the face of Brennan Morris reflects the back-and-forth nature of the volleyball match with Dyersburg. Momentum shifts were numerous, but Morris and her teammates hung on for the win. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Dee Cole's blistering kill here with the score tied at 22-all in the third set provided the momentum Crockett needed to pull out a 3-1 match win over visiting Dyersburg Tuesday. (Photo by Ron Barry)

By Ron Barry

The Labor Day holiday long weekend may be over, but the Crockett County sport teams put in some serious work Tuesday evening.

No less than six Cavalier squads were in action – and all six chalked up victories. Here's the rundown...

CCHS VOLLEYBALL: It's always a war when Crockett and Dyersburg meet on the court, and this one was no exception. The Lady Cavs cruised through most of Set 1, jumping to leads of 8-2, 14-7, and 20-9 before posting a 25-18 win. Dyersburg reversed the tone in Set 2, claiming it 25-17 and serving notice that it wasn't going down easily.

But when Coach Andrew Laman's club roared out in Set 3 to a 10-1 advantage, it appeared to have righted the ship for the home folks. The Lady Trojans whittled it to 13-10 and then 20-19 before actually taking a 21-20 edge. Crockett clawed back to win the next two points, but the visitors tied it again at 22-all.

The turning point came on a set down the left side to the Lady Cavs' Dee Cole, who blasted a screeching kill between a Dyersburg double-block and swung the momentum back Crockett's way.

The hosts held on to win 25-23 and then took the match by triumphing in the fourth set 25-21.

Now 9-2, the Lady Cavs will travel to Ripley Thursday evening for their next contest.

CCHS SOCCER: Crockett's road trip to Haywood turned into a showcase for the Waddey sisters.

Senior Lydia and sophomore Rebecca Waddey each recorded a hat trick (three goals apiece) as Coach Carli Branson's Lady Cavs hammered their hosts 6-1. Rebecca even assisted on one of Lydia's goals, and Braniya Green contributed two assists in the win. Chloe Campbell, Carley Lampley, and Elany Miguel all collected additional assists, and goalie Amaria Walker made three saves.

"I'm proud of these girls," Branson said. "We gave them four days off to rest. They did have to run each day, and every single player logged more than six miles. Today they showed up and put in solid work, and each player had quality minutes. So thankful to see player development and teamwork."

Crockett is now 4-1 and will host Dyer County next Monday in a big district matchup.

CCHS GOLF: While Tuesday's opponent – Jackson North Side – didn't field the requisite number of players to post an official team score in Crockett's win, the most encouraging news for the Cavs of Coach Chris Eubanks was the tight bunching of their own scores at the Crockett Golf & Country Club.

Sophomore Jack Shaver was low medalist with a 40, but right behind him were a pair of freshmen – George Randall and Max Woods – with scores of 42. And those were just one shot better than the fourth score, a 43 by junior soccer star Luke Carter. In fact, even a fifth Cav player – Tritt Moore, with a 47 – bested the low score posted by North Side. Riley Young's 50 was tops for the visitors.

On the girls side, Crockett's Rachel Crossnoe shot a 48 and Adalynn Dunn a 62. Both Crockett teams travel to Pine Tree Country Club Thursday in Lexington to do battle with the Tiger squads.

CCMS SOCCER: Coach Doug Wede's Lady Cavaliers continue to show the progress in the middle school program, soundly defeating Martin 5-0 Tuesday. The Lady Chargers topped Crockett 4-0 when the two teams met last season, but this rematch was no contest as the hosts netted a flurry of goals in the opening half.

Sixth grader Kalynn Lewis continued to shine this season, collecting a pair of goals. Ruth Gourley, who dished out two assists in the match, also scored a goal, and Olivia Barger and Caroline Scruggs also got into the scoring column.

"Our defensive players were essential in maintaining the shutout," Wede said after noting that Martin did not even record a single shot on goal in the encounter. "We had excellent passing and teamwork in this one."

CCMS SOFTBALL: Trailing 3-1 entering the final inning of regulation play – and then down to their final out, still a run behind – Coach Duke Kail's Lady Cavs came roaring back to force an extra inning and then punched up a three-spot in the seventh to record a 6-3 win at Milan.

Haley Leforgee led off the sixth for Crockett by drawing a walk and then stole second, taking third on an ensuing groundout. Emilee Chandler singled her home to cut Milan's lead to 3-2, and Chandler moved to second on a passed ball. But following a strikeout, Khylee Cobb delivered a two-out RBI single to tie things up at 3-3.

Lady Cav pitcher Reagen McCoy escaped a two-runner jam in the bottom of the sixth to send the contest to an additional frame. Marissa Hazelwood was placed on second base to begin the "overtime," and after she stole third base, Caroline Neal and McCoy each bunted for singles to load the bases as Hazelwood held third.

After a force play at home plate on a ground ball, Leforgee put Crockett ahead with a run-scoring single, and then Kendall Savage did the same to make it 5-3. A fielder's choice grounder by Chandler brought the sixth run home.

McCoy set Milan down in order in the bottom of the seventh to improve Crockett's season record to 7-3. McCoy went the distance, allowing just two hits and one earned run while striking out seven. Savage, Chandler, Cobb, and Neal all had two hits for the Lady Cavs, with Chandler knocking in two runs and scoring two herself.

Crockett will play at Huntingdon on Thursday.

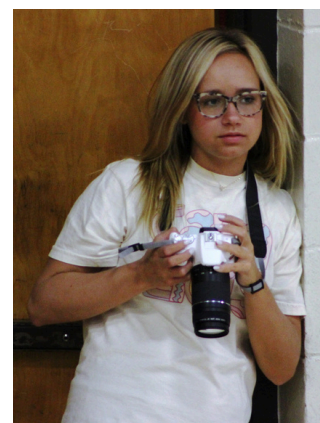
CCMS FOOTBALL: The middle school Cavs improved to 4-0 under first-year Coach Jerry Williams, outlasting Trenton 40-22 on the road in a shootout.



Above: Lady Cavalier middle hitter Keeton Holyfield made several key plays for Crockett during the four-set battle with Dyersburg. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Crockett's Katherine West (left) and Madi Collins (16) go high for a block attempt against a Lady Trojan slam, and West managed to get a hand on it and push it down for a Lady Cavalier point. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Doing her part to photograph some of the action for her news gathering class was Lady Cav basketball manager Kinlee Walker. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Crockett's Kylee Garrett (22) tries to squeeze a touch shot over a double-block attempt by the Dyersburg front line. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Madi Collins joins a huddle with her teammates after putting away a point for the Lady Cavs. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: The speed and intensity of this match shows in this photo as Crockett libero Piper White tries to corral this blistering kill shot from a Lady Trojan hitter. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: The Lady Cavs head for their bench after winning the first set relatively easily, but knowing the test is coming. From left are Dee Cole, Piper White (glancing at the scoreboard), Brennan Morris (11), Keeton Holyfield, and Jordyn Maddox (13). (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: But in the end, there was too much of THIS from Dee Cole throughout the match, and Dyersburg could not counter often enough. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Senior Lydia Waddey (12) scored three goals for her first varsity hat trick in a 6-1 win over Haywood Tuesday ... (Photo by Robin Waddey)



Above: ... and her younger sister, sophomore Rebecca Waddey (7, pictured here in a game against Covington), matched her three goals and assisted on one of Lydia's. (Photo by Robin Waddey)

Below: Chloe Campbell (24) heads a ball near the Crockett sideline in the Covington game, in front of the Lady Cav coaching staff (Carli Branson, Jennie Agee, and Joey Soriano) and some of her teammates (Nyah Cathey, Carley Lampley, and Chayse Lewis). (Photo by Robin Waddey)





Above: Sophomore Jack Shaver belts a drive Tuesday in Crockett's golf win over North Side, in which Shaver was low medalist with a nine-hole score of 40. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Freshman George Randall was right on Jack Shaver's heels, shooting a 42 as Crockett tightly bunched its scores Tuesday. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: CCMS sixth-grader Kalynn Lewis continued her astounding play with two more goals Tuesday as the Lady Cavs knocked off Martin 5-0. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Another Crockett freshman, Max Woods, here lofting a short pitch onto the green, also carded a 42 for the Cavaliers Tuesday. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Ruth Gourley (3) scored a Crockett goal and assisted on two others, including this pass directed toward ... (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below:... Olivia Barger (4), who drilled it into the net to give the Lady Cavs a 3-0 advantage at the time. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Kendall Savage contributed a run-scoring single in the three-run, seventh-inning uprising to help CCMS defeat Milan in softball 6-3 Tuesday. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Left: Haley Leforgee broke the 3-3 seventh-inning tie with a base hit for Coach Duke Kail's 7-3 Lady Cavs. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Right: Was it a good sports day for Crockett County? Will Dodds (5), quarterback for the 4-0 CCMS footballers, thinks so after leading his club past Trenton 40-22. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Emilee Chandler had two hits, two RBIs, and two runs scored for Crockett against Milan. (Photo by Ron Barry)