

LADY CAV SOCCER EDGED BY WESTVIEW 2-1; VOLLEYBALLERS FALL TO DYER COUNTY



Above: Lady Cav goalkeeper Amaria Walker leaps high to pluck a potential Westview goal out of the top right corner of the net. Walker made 15 saves to help keep the match close, but the Lady Chargers prevailed 2-1. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Crockett's Jordyn Maddox (13) and Keeton Holyfield (14) try to best to toss a block at Dyer County's Rylee Key (20), but the 6-2 middle hitter's size gave her the edge all night Tuesday. (Photo by Ron Barry)

By Ron Barry

In a rare occurrence this fall, neither of the Crockett County High School sports teams in action Tuesday night managed to sneak into the victory column.

Westview slipped past the Lady Cavalier soccer squad 2-1 at Cavalier Stadium despite an outstanding effort by Crockett goaltender Amaria Walker, who helped manage to keep the margin to one goal in a match in which the visiting Lady Chargers completely dominated possession of the ball.

Across the way in Bill Emerson Gymnasium, Dyer County continued its recent domination of District 13-AA volleyball by sweeping the Lady Cavs 3-0.

SOCCER: Westview kept the ball on the Crockett goal side of the field for close to 80% of the time and pounded 17 shots at the Lady Cav net, with Walker stopping 15 of them in every imaginable way. But the visitors split the defense once in each half to post the triumph, handing Crockett just its third defeat of the season.

"Westview is highly talented," Coach Carli Branson said. "We hustled all night and pushed through, but we couldn't seem to maintain possession. We take away a lot of lessons learned from tonight and apply those lessons into practice as preparation for the upcoming district tournament."

The Lady Chargers scored first in the contest and rarely allowed Crockett to advance the ball past midfield, but late in the first half – with just 2:18 to play – Braniya Green poked a shot in off a Nyah Cathey assist to deadlock it at 1-1. The second period was almost total domination by Westview, but Walker kept making amazing saves until the visitors punched one in with 18 minutes remaining.

VOLLEYBALL: Dyer County – a TSSAA State Tournament team last season, as was Crockett – returned the nucleus of that club this fall, while Coach Andrew Laman's Lady Cavs are breaking in a lot of youth into the rotation this year. The Lady Choctaws' advantages were evident Tuesday night as All-Stater Teagan Reed and 6-2 junior middle hitter Rylee Kee highlighted an attack that featured kill after kill.

Dyer County is now 9-0 in district play and 27-7 overall. Crockett is 21-9 overall and 8-2 in the district, good for second place.

Kee absolutely dominated play in the middle when she was on the floor, taking full advantage of her height. Reed – who is listed at 5-5 but could probably jump over Kee if she tried – powered Dyer County's outside hitting attack. The Lady Cavs were playing without starting libero Piper White, who suffered a recent severe ankle sprain.

Crockett will face Covington next.

REGION GOLF TOURNAMENT: Crockett had one competitor in the boys' field and one in the girls' Monday at the Humboldt Golf & Country Club, and although both played well, neither advanced to the state tournament level.

On the girls' side, Lady Cav Rachel Crossnoe shot an 89 – improving her score from the previous year by 16 strokes – to finish ninth in a field of 27 players. However, only the winning team and the individuals with the next three best scores (not on the winning team) move forward.

In the boys' competition, Crockett sophomore Jack Shaver shot a solid 77 for the 18 holes, but would have needed a 74 to move onto the state. Shaver placed 11th out of 40 participants.



Above: Lydia Waddey clears a ball out of the Crockett goal area in Tuesday's match with Westview as teammates Kendra Juarez (11) and Chayse Lewis (5) provide backup. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Stephanie Joyner (8) and Hannah Carter (6) try to cut off the path of another Westview attack in second-half action Tuesday night. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below: A very common sight Tuesday night at Cavalier Stadium was Crockett defender Dani Rios (15) delivering yet another goal kick after a Westview attack went out of bounds. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Lydia Waddey tries to drive the ball upfield so that Crockett can mount an offensive attack against the Lady Chargers. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Crockett freshman Alivia Hale (9) tries to break up a Westview pass as Lady Cav teammates Stephanie Joyner (8), Dani Rios (15), and Kendra Juarez (11) form the next line of defense. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Westview had the ball in front of Crockett's goal most of the match. Here, Lady Cav defenders Hannah Carter (6), Claire Nichols (25), Kendra Juarez (11), and Chayse Lewis (5) attempt to keep Amaria Walker from being the only one who can prevent a score. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Defender Hannah Carter (6) had her hands full trying to keep tabs on Westview's talented strikers. (Photo by Ron Barry)





Above: Avery Thornton momentarily splits the Westview defense to stage a rush near midfield. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Rebecca Waddey maneuvers for some operating space as teammate Stephanie Joyner tries to determine which way the ball is going to head if she's successful. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Stephanie Joyner works her way past a sliding Lady Charger to initiate a Crockett attack near midfield Tuesday night. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Right: Braniya Green scored the lone Lady Cav goal in Tuesday night's 2-1 defeat to Westview in Cavalier Stadium, on an assist from Nyah Cathey. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below: Crockett's Nyah Cathey (4) attempts to block a Lady Charger pass out of the air. Cathey assisted on the lone Lady Cav goal in Tuesday's loss. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Kate Davis (19) fights for a possession near the sideline as Hannah Carter (6) sets up a support line of defense behind her. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Right: Crockett's Rachel Crossnoe placed ninth out of 27 competitors in the girls' division of the Region Golf Tournament at Humboldt Monday, shooting an 89 -- a 16-stroke improvement over her score from the 2023 event. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Cav sophomore Jack Shaver carded a 77 in the Region event, good for 11th of 40 in the boys' division. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below: Crockett's Katherine West checks the scoreboard as the Lady Cavs try to claw their way back into contention in Set 2 of Tuesday night's loss to Dyer County. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Kate Davis (19) fights for a possession near the sideline as Hannah Carter (6) sets up a support line of defense behind her. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Left: Dee Cole casts a joking glance at Dyer County's All-Stater Teagan Reed (left) after Cole was able to slip a rare slam past the Lady Choctaw front line Tuesday night. Congratulating Cole are (from left) Madi Collins (16), Wesley Thornton, Sadie Hoover, Halle Holyfield (30), and Katherine West (3). As Cole turned back around toward her own team, ... (Photo by Ron Barry)

Above: Thornton and Hoover are even more enthusiastic about her accomplishment. (Photo by Ron Barry)