

CROCKETT FRESHMAN ALIVIA HALE MEDALS AT REGIONAL CROSS-COUNTRY MEET



Above: Alivia Hale, here running in Crockett's own invitational race earlier this season, was an All-Region medalist with her 20th-place finish at Martin Tuesday. (Photo by Ron Barry)

By Ron Barry

Squeezing in just under the wire, Crockett County freshman Alivia Hale made her first Region 7A-AA cross-country race a meet to remember.

Hale was the lone member of either the girls or boys teams to earn a regional medal in the 5K race held at the Martin Soccer Complex Tuesday afternoon, grabbing 20th place with a time of 23:17.34. Hale just edged teammate Avery Thornton, who was 21st at 23:18.05. The Top 20 individuals earn medals and the All-Region distinction.

As a team, Crockett's girls finished sixth and the boys twelfth, so neither squad will advance to next week's TSSAA State Championships in Hendersonville. Only the top four teams and the next five individuals who are not on qualifying teams gain a berth to the State.

Hale's regional race capped a season in which the freshman - who's also a member of the Lady Cavalier soccer team - showed steady improvement. She has consistently been Crockett's usual third-place finisher for the squad, but this was the first race in which she outran both Thornton and Claire Evans.

"Our region was stacked this year," said Coach Julie Nass. "The meets throughout the season often had only about 20-40 points separating six or seven teams, and we'd finished everywhere from third to eighth. So we knew that this was going to be a difficult road to try to get back to State."

The girls race signaled a future challenge to perpetual region champion Obion County that there may be a new sheriff in town soon. McKenzie finished second to the Lady Rebels in the team competition but placed three freshmen in the top 16 runners. McKenzie's top five racers will return next season, while Obion will be losing two seniors to graduation.

Crockett's top finisher in the boys race was Lane Foster, who was 39th with a time of 19:14.28. The Cavalier boys had several injuries and illnesses to fight through this year, and lost top runner Angel Garcia, who decided to concentrate on soccer this season.

Girls 5K Regional

Individuals: (1) Bella Lamb, Chester Co 20:30.31; (2) Alaina Uselton*, Westview 20:52.71; (3) Abigail Wallace, McKenzie 21:32.86; (4) Autumn Haywood, McKenzie 21:53.56; (5) Bryleen Patrick, Obion Co 21:55.89; (6) Klicey Campbell, Obion Co; (7) Quinn Kelley*, Huntingdon; (Madison Holder*, Hollow Rock-Bruceton; (9) Ainsley Sadler*, Union City; (10) Bailey Warthington*, Dresden; (11) Lily Pash, Dresden; (12) Ainsley Beard, Union City; (13) Emery Lee, Obion Co; (14) Millie Davis, Lexington; (15) Halle Trevathan, Westview; (16) Bella Sass, McKenzie; (17) Hanna Cherry, Chester Co; (18) Kayedence Christopher, Camden; (19) Hannah Clark, Obion Co; (20) Alivia Hale, Crockett Co 23:17.34; (21) Avery Thornton, Crockett Co 23:18.05; (26) Claire Evans, Crockett Co 23:49.96; (59) Ashley Boone, Crockett Co 27:44.29; (61) Olivia Mann, Crockett Co 28:26.74; (68) Harmony Walker, Crockett Co 30:08.74. TOTAL RACERS: 74.

Teams: (1) Obion County* 44; (2) McKenzie* 88; (3) Chester County* 92; (4) Camden Central* 111; (5) Lexington 119; (6) Crockett County 131; (7) Hardin County 137; (Huntingdon 160.

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Boys 5K Regional

Individuals: (1) Jack Mantoosh*, Westview 16:07.61; (2) Jonathan Lewis*, South Gibson Co 16:42.69; (3) Blaine Todd, Huntingdon 16:44.17; (4) Woodrow McKinnis*, Union City 16:47.52; (5) Pete Douglas, Camden 16:57.65; (6) Shawn Simpson, Huntingdon; (7) Zach Bassham*, Lexington; (Clark French*, Dyer Co; (9) Cael Mathis, Greenfield; (10) Rushdon Howell, Union City; (11) Deegan Arant, Greenfield; (12) Caleb Santosh, Madison Academic; (13) Jon Graves, South Gibson Co; (14) Silas McManus, Chester Co; (15) Adam Zukowski, Lexington; (16) Carson Brownlow-Rend, Dresden; (17) Brooks Johnson, Chester Co; (18) Harrison Kayal, Madison Academic; (19) Matthew Arnold, Camden; (20) Logan Baker, Madison Academic; (39) Lane Foster, Crockett Co 19:14.28; (68) Uriel Diaz, Crockett Co 20:32.97; (71) Hutsen Stephens, Crockett Co 20:53.66; (75) Aidan Klonowski, Crockett Co 21:11.73; (80) Zaul Sanchez, Crockett Co 21:28.41; (84) Leck Lucky, Crockett Co 21:51.74; (99) Mase Utley, Crockett Co 23:57.34. TOTAL RACERS: 111.

Teams: (T-1) Madison Academic* 94; (T-1) Huntingdon* 94; (3) Camden Central* 107; (4) Chester County* 120; (5) South Gibson 144; (6) Lexington 151; (7) Union City 195; (Dresden 206; (9) Hardin County 214; (10) Obion County 225; (11) Westview 281; (12) Crockett County 304; (13) Dyer County 320; (14) McKenzie 369; (15) Milan 380.

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Above: Alivia Hale, Crockett's lone medalist at the Region 7A-AA race this season. (Photo by Ron Barry)