

# CCMS BASKETBALLERS SPLIT TWIN BILLS WITH UNION CITY AND MARTIN



**Above:** A key to the last two wins by the Lady Cavs has been the play of their defense, as illustrated by this Jentry Maddox block against Dyersburg. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

## By Ron Barry

In basketball, sometimes the path to victory becomes clearer after you've played half of the game.

That was certainly the case Thursday night in Alamo when Crockett County Middle School's girls – after struggling to gain only a 15-13 advantage by the intermission – cranked up the defense and shifted the offensive load to usual leading scorer Jentry Maddox on their way to a decisive 38-18 triumph over visiting Union City.

Coach Jamar Turner's Lady Cavaliers didn't allow Union City a single field goal in the final half, limiting the Lady Tornadoes to only five free throws over the third and fourth quarters. Meanwhile, Maddox – who didn't have a field goal herself in the first half for Crockett – drilled in 15 second-half points as CCMS outscored the visitors 23-5.

Maddox finished with 18 points overall. Ruth Gourley and Addie Whitby each added six points to the Crockett attack as Turner's club evened its season record at 3-3.

In the second game of Thursday night's doubleheader, Crockett's boys dropped a 51-39 decision to the Tornadoes. Union City jumped to a 32-14 halftime lead, but by the fourth quarter, Coach Tyler Gadlen's Cavs had a couple of chances to cut the margin to just four points before the visitors pulled away again. Jeremiah Young led the hosts with 13 points, backed by Chris Vance with 10.

Monday night in Alamo, the CCMS teams split again, this time with Martin Middle School as the foe. The girls held Martin scoreless in the opening quarter while struggling to a 12-8 halftime edge, but got six-point second-half contributions from Maddox and Khylee Cobb to emerge with a 33-16 win.

Maddox finished with 10 points, while Cobb netted eight points and pulled down 11 rebounds for Crockett. Whitby also scored eight points for the Lady Cavs, who posted the victory without making a three-pointer and hitting just three of their 10 free throws. But their defense held Martin in single figures for the last three periods apiece after the first-quarter shutout.

In Monday's nightcap, Crockett's boys fell to Martin 44-35, again the victims of a slow start. The Cavs won the second half 20-17, but were down 27-15 at the intermission.

Colin Haskins poured in 20 points to pace Martin. Will Dodds tallied 13 to lead Crockett, with Young adding nine and Brody Haley five. Both CCMS teams now have 4-3 records.

### GIRLS- NOVEMBER 7 GAME

**Crockett (38)** – Maddox 18, Gourley 6, Whitby 6, Cobb 4, Lillian Ray 2, Leforgee 1, Kelley 1, Bailey 0, Scruggs 0, Kyndall Savage 0, Reagen McCoy 0, Till Holyfield 0, TEAM 14 FG, 8-15 FT. 3-Pointers: Maddox 2. Record: 3-3.

**Union City (18)** – Aubril Ross 8, Sophie Palmer 4, McKinley Dean 4, Amberly Morgan 2, TEAM 3 FG, 12-27 FT. 3-Pointers: None.



### BOYS- NOVEMBER 7 GAME

**Crockett (39)** – Young 13, Vance 10, Haley 5, Dodds 4, Porter 4, McCurry 3, Summar 0, Carcamo 0, Easten Stephens 0, TEAM 16 FG, 1-6 FT. 3-Pointers: Young 2, Vance 2, Haley 1, McCurry 1. Record: 4-2.

**Union City (51)** – Zaven Thompson 20, Preston Creswell 13, Brayden Marshall 8, Aiden Lewis 6, Kaden Robinson 4, BJ Boyd 0, TEAM 21 FG, 7-17 FT. 3-Pointers: Creswell 1, Marshall 1.

### GIRLS- NOVEMBER 11 GAME

**Crockett (33)** – Maddox 10, Cobb 8, Whitby 8, Gourley 2, Scruggs 2, Kelley 2, Leforgee 1, Bailey 0, Ray 0, McCoy 0, Holyfield 0, Jayda Frye 0, TEAM 15 FG, 3-10 FT. 3-Pointers: None. Record: 4-3.

**Martin (16)** – Maggie King 8, Makayla Harris 3, Emma Rhodes 2, Kenlynn Matte 2, Na'Kyah Brown 1, TEAM 7 FG, 2-6 FT. 3-Pointers: None.

### BOYS- NOVEMBER 11 GAME

**Crockett (35)** – Dodds 13, Young 9, Haley 5, Vance 4, McCurry 4, Porter 0, Summar 0, Carcamo 0, Jacob McGowan 0, TEAM 13 FG, 8-20 FT. 3-Pointers: Haley 1. Record: 4-3.

**Martin (44)** – Colin Haskins 20, Armani Clay 10, Kingston McClure 6, Charlie Sutherland 4, Wesley Hatter 2, Grayson Allen 2, TEAM 18 FG, 5-7 FT. 3-Pointers: Haskins 2, Clay 1.

**Left:** Khylee Cobb netted eight points and pulled down 11 rebounds to spark Crockett past Martin Middle School Monday night. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

**Below:** Caroline Scruggs hustles to save a ball from going out of bounds. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

