

# THURSDAY ROUNDUP; GIRLS ROUT SOUTH GIBSON; CAV FOOTBALL REALIGNS IN 2025



**Above:** Addie Whitby, driving to the basket here, contributed six points Thursday night as Crockett County Middle School routed South Gibson 46-19. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

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Just a few weeks ago, Crockett County Middle School's Lady Cavalier basketball team netted a last-second free throw to force an overtime against South Gibson – only to lose in the extra period by two points.

Coach Jamar Turner's crew wasn't about to let that happen again Thursday night, especially after having been designated as the Lady Hornets' homecoming opponent in Medina.

After trailing 10-8 at the end of the first quarter, Crockett turned up its defensive intensity, blanking the hosts in the second period and limiting them to just nine second-half points in a dominant 46-19 rout that improved its overall record for the season to 5-3.

The Lady Cavs had not beaten South Gibson in a while, but executed a mixed defensive strategy of a 1-3-1 zone and a hustling man-to-man (girl-to-girl) keyed by players flying all over the court to apply pressure. The result was a lot of transition points as Crockett netted 30 second-half points and won the third quarter alone 17-3 to put the decision on ice.

Jentry Maddox, who concentrated on handling the ball for the Lady Cavs in the first half, scored 15 of her game-high 17 points in the second and drilled all 10 of her free throws to pace the winners' offense.

Khylee Cobb added nine points, Addie Whitby six, and Ruth Gourley five as Crockett posted its third consecutive triumph. No player tallied more than four points for South Gibson.

South Gibson's boys prevailed in the nightcap of Thursday's doubleheader, downing the Cavs 43-26. Crockett's teams will play two games apiece at Lake Road on Saturday, with the girls dueling at 10:00 and 12:40 and the boys competing at 11:20 and 2:00.

### GIRLS BOX SCORE

**Crockett (46)** – Jentry Maddox 17, Khylee Cobb 9, Addie Whitby 6, Ruth Gourley 5, Reagen McCoy 3, Lillian Ray 2, Haley Leforgee 2, Caroline Scruggs 2, Lola Bailey 0, Kyleigh Kelley 0, Charlee Lewis 0, TEAM 16 FG, 12-16 FT. 3-Pointers: Maddox 1, McCoy 1. Record: 5-3.

**South Gibson (19)** – Millie Prince 4, Acie Allen 3, Kynleigh Reese 2, Zariya Shaw 2, Thalia Shivers 2, Stella Sanford 2, Kendall Coleman 1, Kate Driggers 1, TEAM 7 FG, 3-7 FT. 3-Pointers: Prince 1, Allen 1.

**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL:** On the eve of Friday's second-round playoff game at Dyer County, the CCHS gridders learned that the TSSAA has drastically realigned Region 7-4A for the years 2025-2027.

In 2024, Coach Kevin Ward's Cavs are in a five-team region, with only one school that missed the playoffs. For the next three seasons, Crockett will be in an eight-team region and will have to finish in the top half to gain a playoff berth.

Three of Crockett's 2024 region foes won't return. Haywood and Fayette-Ware are moving to Region 8-4A and Obion County is being dropped into the 3-A classification. The Cavaliers will now be lining up against Dyer County, Chester County, Hardin County, Jackson North Side, Jackson South Side, Lexington, and South Gibson.

In the event Crockett reaches the playoffs in the next three years, its opponents will come from the new Region 8-4A: Haywood, Fayette-Ware, Ridgeway, Millington Central, Lakeland Prep, Kirby, and Craigmont.

**NEW CROCKETT RECREATION:** The Crockett County School District has opened its latest addition to the area's recreational opportunities, located right next to the Blue Cross Healthy Place Park.

Funded by a three-year grant under the leadership of CCSD Coordinated School Health Director Misty Bailey and constructed inside the quarter-mile walking track that inaugurated the project, there are now three pickleball courts and an adjacent outdoor basketball court that are open to the public.

"The only thing that remains to be done is lighting the courts for night play," Bailey said Thursday. "The contractor is currently putting the order in, and they'll be added as soon as they arrive." The first "official" event scheduled for the new facility is this Saturday when soccer player Chayse Lewis – a Lights, Camera, Fashion (LCF) model for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis – will be hosting a double-elimination pickleball tournament as a fundraiser for the hospital.

Additional construction continues in this southeastern corner of the CCHS campus. Being built next to the new courts are an additional greenhouse for the Agricultural Science courses, as well as a store that will feature items for sale that were built in Crockett's CTE courses. Another project – construction of a full-size track-and-field meet facility, funded by the school district – should begin in November after recent approvals.



**Above:** Jentry Maddox, firing here in a recent game against Dyersburg, netted 15 of her game-high 17 points in the second half and was 10-for-10 from the free throw line as CCMS hammered South Gibson 46-19 Thursday night. (Photo by Ashley Owens)



**Above:** Lola Bailey searches for an open teammate in a recent game with Dyersburg. Bailey and her fellow Lady Cavs hung a stifling defense on South Gibson over the final three quarters Thursday night, outscoring the Lady Hornets 38-9 over that stretch. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

**Below:** When DK Woods pulls his helmet back down and lines up to begin his junior season in 2025, Crockett County will be in a realigned eight-team Region 7-4A. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** A view of the new outdoor basketball court next to the Blue Cross Healthy Place Park, with the school district's Board of Education building in the background. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Adjacent to the basketball court are three new pickleball courts, set to host a St. Jude Children's Research Hospital fundraiser Saturday. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** The new outdoor courts were constructed from a three-year grant under the leadership of Misty Bailey, CCSD's Coordinated School Health Director. (Photo by Ron Barry)