

# LADY CAVALIERS OPEN HOOPS SEASON BY SMOKING JACKSON NORTH SIDE 69-29



**Above:** Castellaw and Holyfield knew they'd have time to talk because the teammate shooting the free throw was Jordyn Maddox, who has gained a reputation in practice for never missing from the charity stripe. She was 4-for-4 Tuesday night. (Photo by Ron Barry)

## By Ron Barry

Putting 11 players into the scoring column, Crockett County's Lady Cavaliers opened the high school basketball season Tuesday night in Jackson by crushing North Side 69-29.

Coach Kayla Irvin's club zoomed to a 16-7 first-quarter lead, which it stretched to 34-15 by halftime. A 22-point third period ended any debate about the eventual winner.

Senior post player Amaria Walker sparked an extremely balanced offensive attack with 14 points. Sharpshooting sophomore Jordyn Maddox added 12 and netted two of Crockett's five three-pointers. Senior Karlee Castellaw contributed nine points and a slew of assists, finding teammates both in transition and in set plays.

Point guard Gabby Bursey scored seven, reserve post Kira Bray six, Keeton Holyfield and Torey Savage five apiece, and Ellie Henderson four for the Lady Cavaliers. Audrey Whitby added a three-pointer for the winners.

In the doubleheader nightcap, one difference was that North Side's boys had their full complement of football athletes, while Crockett – whose gridders haven't had much practice time, since their season just ended Friday night – didn't even dress out its footballers. The host Indians prevailed 68-48, jumping to a quick 25-12 edge in the first quarter and eventually putting the game away with a 23-8 run in the third.

North Side football star Javonte Smith paced the Indian onslaught with 13 points. Another griddy, AJ Currie, drilled in four treys for North Side for his 12 points. Lincoln Woods also netted 12 for the winners.

For Crockett, Jayden Frye nailed a trio of threes and finished with 11 points to top the Cavs. Reed Leforgee had 10 points in his first game as a Cav, and Cade Freeman tallied nine, including seven from the free throw line. Grayson Lambert contributed six points before spraining his ankle in the final period. Kevin Pledge and Andre Garduno scored five each.

Both Crockett teams open their home seasons Friday night in a 6:00 twin bill with Lexington at Bill Emerson Gymnasium.

### GIRLS GAME 1 – NOV 19

Crockett (69) – Amaria Walker 14, Jordyn Maddox 12, Karlee Castellaw 9, Gabby Bursey 7, Kira Bray 6, Torey Savage 5, Keeton Holyfield 5, Ellie Henderson 4, Audrey Whitby 3, Halle Holyfield 2, Nyah Cathey 2, Wesley Thornton 0, Chloe Adkisson 0, Tink Willis 0, Deonna Cole 0, Baylee Griggs 0, TEAM 25 FG, 14-22 FT. 3-Pointers: Maddox 2, Castellaw 1, K Holyfield 1, Whitby 1. Record: 1-0.

North Side (29) – Az Conerly 7, Kaleigha Hartfield 5, Ivyunna Miller 4, Madyson Person 3, Simone Trice 3, Alandra Kimble 3, Jada Vandiver 2, Maliyah Forrest 2, Karelle Caruthers 0, Niley Bond 0, Mahleah Carter 0, Kenya Johnson 0, Trinity Davis 0, Triniti Woods 0, TEAM 10 FG, 6-7 FT. 3-Pointers: Trice 1, Hartfield 1, Conerly 1.

### BOYS GAME 1 – NOV 19

Crockett (48) – Jayden Frye 11, Reed Leforgee 10, Cade Freeman 9, Grayson Lambert 6, Kevin Pledge 5, Andre Garduno 5, Zay Jones 2, Cortland Reddick 0, Karson Kail 0, Carson Webb 0, TEAM 13 FG, 19-25 FT. 3-Pointers – Frye 3. Record: 0-1.

North Side (68) – Javonte Smith 13, AJ Currie 12, Lincoln Woods 12, Desmond Manley 9, Markalyn Kelly 6, Michael Marshall 5, Kash Lindsey 4, Zaterrious Coman 3, Zekai Hill 2, Jashon Cole 2, Xavier Harrison 0, Tramel Jones 0, Jayius Vinson 0, Isaiah Bradley 0, TEAM 25 FG, 11-16 FT. 3-Pointers – Currie 4, Coman 1, Manley 1, Marshall 1.



**Above:** Senior cheerleader Zoey Burleson encourages the Crockett crowd from atop one of the multiple mounts the squad performed Tuesday night. (Photo by Ron Barry)





**Above:** Crockett's Jordyn Maddox races past the North Side bench -- as well as a couple of Lady Indian defenders -- to ignite a transition basket for the fast-paced Lady Cavaliers. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Karlee Castellaw wrestles for a loose ball with North Side's Kaleigha Hartfield (3) in Tuesday night's season opener. Castellaw scored nine points for the winners. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Below:** As Coach Kayla Irvin provides instructions to starting point guard Gabby Bursey in the background, Crockett's Ellie Henderson whips a pass to an open teammate in the corner. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Crockett's scoring leader for the opener was post player Amaria Walker, here making this miserable inside for North Side's Madyson Person. Walker tallied 14 points for the Lady Cavs. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Left:** Nyah Cathey (5) drives around a screen set by Gabby Bursey (4) as the Lady Cavs run an offensive play in the second quarter. (Photo by Ron Barry)





**Above:** Crockett's coaching braintrust for the 2024-25 season: (from left) senior manager Kinlee Walker, assistant coach Tyler Gadlen, head coach Kayla Irvin, and assistant coach Brent Fronabarger. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Junior Keeton Holyfield -- fresh off her All-District volleyball season -- pops in the last of her five points as teammates Wesley Thornton (00), Deonna Cole (14), and Chloe Adkisson (1) jockey for position with North Side defenders. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** Karlee Castellaw (left) and Halle Holyfield discuss defensive assignments in the upcoming press while awaiting the completion of a teammate's free throw. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Freshman Wesley Thornton -- seeing action in her very first varsity game -- whips this pass to Karlee Castellaw on the right wing. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Audrey Whitby drives toward the hoop with an eye toward finding an open teammate. Whitby nailed a three-pointer in the final period for the winners. (Photo by Ron Barry)





**Above:** Crockett's Kira Bray (40) came off the bench to score six points, putting in this layup as teammates Tink Willis and Baylee Griggs look on from close range. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Crockett's Cortland Reddick looks for a way to get past North Side's Lincoln Woods (4) in Tuesday's nightcap. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Below:** Andre Garduno (24) prepares to make a move on a North Side defender during first-quarter action of the boys game. Garduno scored five points for the Cavs. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Reed Leforgee netted 10 points and was 4-of-4 from the free throw line in his first game as a Cavalier. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** Grayson Lambert awaits a move by North Side's Markalyn Kelley (5) in the second half of Tuesday night's game. (Photo by Ron Barry)





**Above:** Crockett's scoring leader Tuesday night was Jayden Frye (23), here firing a transition pass to a teammate. Frye hit a trio of threes and scored 11 points. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Cade Freeman made 7-of-8 free throws and finished with nine points for the Cavaliers against North Side. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Karson Kail (22) gets ready to fight through the screen of North Side's Isaiah Bradley (24) as he plays defense in the final quarter of Tuesday's contest. Kail had a couple of assists in the fourth period. (Photo by Ron Barry)