

WHITBY, MADDOX LEAD CCMS GIRLS TO NINTH STRAIGHT WIN; CAVS FALL BY A BASKET



Above: Addie Whitby went 5-for-5 from the field and hit her only free throw to complete an 11-point effort to help lead the Lady Cavs to their ninth straight win Thursday night. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

By Ron Barry

Addie Whitby didn't miss a shot all night and Jentry Maddox put her game in another gear down the stretch as the Crockett County Middle School girls basketball team won its ninth straight game Thursday night, outlasting host Dyersburg 40-35.

Whitby was 5-for-5 from the field and hit her lone free throw to score 11 points for Coach Jamar Turner's red-hot Lady Cavaliers, who strapped themselves onto Maddox's back for the majority of the final half after leading just 18-15 at the intermission.

Maddox netted 13 of her team-high 15 points in the second half as Crockett bounced back from a two-point second period. The Lady Cavs opened up a 16-8 first-quarter advantage on the strength of transition baskets, but a Dyersburg adjustment – and two fouls each on Crockett starters Maddox and Ruth Gourley – slowed the visitors' ability to attack.

The contest was tied entering the final period at 28-all, but Maddox scored nine of her points in the final frame to push Crockett back in front. The Lady Cavs overcame a 26-point performance by Dyersburg's Desleigh Strayhorn to record the victory, their eleventh in 14 starts this season and second of the week.

On Monday night, Maddox collected 21 points in a 39-10 rout of Milan. Six other Lady Cavs tallied in the contest, with Reagen McCoy and Lillian Ray each scoring four.

In the boys nightcap Thursday night – in a game featuring three technical fouls and even some parental ejections from the gymnasium – Dyersburg nipped Crockett 39-37 as the Cavs made only four of 20 free throws. The winning Trojans didn't do much better – 5-of-18 – but made four of them in the final period, while Crockett went 1-for-8.

Dyersburg held a 24-17 halftime margin, but Cole Summar scored eight of his team-high 12 points in the third quarter to bring the Cavs back to within a point at 31-30. In the end, the 26-point effort by the Trojans' Jamari Jenkins was too much to overcome.

Davis Porter netted 10 points and Chris Vance six for Crockett, which fell to 8-6 with the defeat. On Monday night, Milan stopped a Crockett win streak with a 36-18 drubbing of the visiting Cavs, who didn't have a single player manage more than six points.

Both CCMS teams are next in action on Monday night in a twin bill at Union City.

GIRLS – DECEMBER 2 GAME

Crockett (39) – Jentry Maddox 21, Reagen McCoy 4, Lillian Ray 4, Haley Leforgee 3, Khylee Cobb 3, Ruth Gourley 2, Kyleigh Kelley 2, Addie Whitby 0, Lola Bailey 0, Caroline Scruggs 0, Jayda Frye 0, Emilee Chandler 0, Till Holyfield 0, Charlee Lewis 0, TEAM 16 FG, 5-11 FT. 3-Pointers: Maddox 2. Record: 10-3.

Milan (10) – Adison Elam 3, Callie Blake 3, Adrianna Chatman 2, Zaniyah Crayton 2, Jayden Carter 0, Morgan Wade 0, London Small 0, Jasmine Robinson 0, Alyssa West 0, Zaniya Kidd 0, Reese Robinson 0, Claire James 0, Riley Sutherland 0, TEAM 3 FG, 4-8 FT. 3-Pointers: None.

Right: Jentry Maddox, coming off a 21-point performance Monday night, scored 13 of her team-high 15 in the second half Thursday night to lead Crockett past Dyersburg 40-35. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

GIRLS – DECEMBER 5 GAME

Crockett (40) – Jentry Maddox 15, Addie Whitby 11, Khylie Cobb 6, Ruth Gourley 5, Lola Bailey 3, Lillian Ray 0, Haley Leforgee 0, Caroline Scruggs 0, TEAM 16 FG, 5-7 FT. 3-Pointers: Maddox 2, Bailey 1. Record: 11-3.

Dyersburg (35) – Desleigh Strayhorn 26, M McLin 3, TJ Jones 3, T Newsom 2, O Dubose 1, TEAM 12 FG, 8-14 FT. 3-Pointers: Strayhorn 2, McLin 1.

BOYS – DECEMBER 2 GAME

Crockett (18) – Jeremiah Young 6, Brody Haley 6, Cole Summar 3, Will Dodds 2, Easten Stephens 1, Davis Porter 0, Messiah McCurry 0, Chris Vance 0, Kamden Lewis 0, Julian Carcamo 0, Jacob McGowan 0, Cade Reasons 0, Brenden Green 0, TEAM 6 FG, 2-6 FT. 3-Pointers – Haley 2, Young 1, Summar 1. Record: 8-5.

Milan (36) – Leiland Neely 7, Parker Sparks 6, Jericho Morton 6, Caden Arrington 5, Novak Morton 4, Gray Lockhart 3, Lamarcus Bond 3, Jordan Gallup 2, Antarius Jameson 0, Levi Wyatt 0, Noah Daniel 0, TEAM 13 FG, 3-5 FT. 3-Pointers – J Morton 2, Neely 1, Sparks 1, Lockhart 1, Bond 1, Arrington 1.

BOYS – DECEMBER 5 GAME

Crockett (37) – Cole Summar 12, Davis Porter 10, Chris Vance 6, Jeremiah Young 4, Will Dodds 3, Messiah McMurphy 2, Brody Haley 0, TEAM 15 FG, 4-20 FT. 3-Pointers – Summar 2, Vance 1. Record: 8-6.

Dyersburg (39) – Jamari Jenkins 26, Kenyen Jelks 5, Kylin Gourley 2, Frank Barringer 2, Damarian Dillard 2, Brodi Stanley 2, Isaac Zamzow 0, CJ Bonds 0, TEAM 14 FG, 5-18 FT. 3-Pointers – Jenkins 5, Jelks 1.

