

IRVIN'S LADY CAVS MOVE TO 8-0; CROCKETT BOYS CAN'T KEEP UP WITH JONES AT HAYWOOD



Above: Senior Melanie Meza will be one of the cheer team leaders when Crockett's teams next take the court Friday night at Dyer against Gibson County. (Photo by Ron Barry)

By Ron Barry

Karlee Castellaw supplied the firepower early and Jordyn Maddox provided it later as Coach Kayla Irvin's Crockett County Lady Cavaliers extended their season-opening unbeaten streak to eight with a 46-39 triumph over Haywood in Brownsville Tuesday night.

Castellaw made three three-pointers in the first quarter, outscoring Haywood's entire unit as Crockett took a 16-8 lead. Both teams struggled in an anemic second period - the clubs combined for eight total points - giving the Lady Cavaliers a 21-11 halftime edge.

Maddox came alive after the break, netting 12 points in the third quarter alone as the Lady Cavs extended their advantage to 40-28. But Haywood's Zamaria Murphy, who scored all 19 of her game-high points in the final half, kept the outcome relatively unsure until the final buzzer.

Maddox tallied 16 and Castellaw 12 for the contest as Crockett moved to 8-0 on the season. Keeton Holyfield contributed eight in a reserve role, with Amaria Walker scoring six and Halle Holyfield four.

In the nightcap of the doubleheader in Brownsville, Haywood's Antrell Jones put on a show for the ages, making more three-pointers (13) than the entire Crockett team made baskets (12) as the Tomcats crushed the Cavs 93-34.

Haywood, which has played one of the most demanding early-season schedules in West Tennessee history, picked up only its second win against seven losses with the lopsided demolition. The Tomcats rode a 12-point first-period performance by Lakendrick Phillips to take a commanding 29-8 edge, and it was 52-19 at halftime after Jones began to get in on the scoring by drilling a trio of threes in the second quarter.

He hit five more in the third and four more in the fourth as the Tomcats continued to pour it on. Jones finished with 39 points - more than the Cavs had as a team - while Phillips added 26 for the winners.

Cade Freeman had nine for Crockett, with Reed Leforgee adding eight, Kevin Pledge four, and Grayson Lambert three for Crockett. Obviously, playing powerhouse teams Jackson North Side and Haywood on back-to-back nights took its toll on the Cavs, who fell to 2-6 with the loss.

Both Crockett teams hit the road again to Dyer Friday night to duel Gibson County in a 6:00 doubleheader.

Right: Karlee Castellaw staked Crockett to an early lead with three first-quarter three-pointers and added another in the third period to finish with 12 points for the Lady Cavs. (Photo by Ron Barry)

GIRLS GAME #8 - DEC 10

Crockett (46) - Jordan Maddox 16, Karlee Castellaw 12, Keeton Holyfield 8, Amaria Walker 6, Halle Holyfield 4, Gabby Bursley 0, Torey Savage 0, Ellie Henderson 0, TEAM 18 FG, 4-8 FT. 3-Pointers: Castellaw 4, Maddox 1, K Holyfield 1. Record: 8-0.

Haywood (39) - Zamaria Murphy 19, Camariya Woodland 9, Leia Yancey 7, Kiara Worles 4, Zakhira Hall 0, Asia Shaw 0, Kamiya Robinson 0, TEAM 15 FG, 4-7 FT. 3-Pointers: None. Record: 2-6.

BOYS GAME #7 - DEC 9

Crockett (34) - Cade Freeman 9, Reed Leforgee 8, Kevin Pledge 4, Grayson Lambert 3, Squirt Pickens 2, Jayden Frye 2, Andre Garduno 2, DK Woods 2, Cortland Reddick 1, Preston Lambert 1, Carson Webb 0, Nolen Turner 0, Karson Kail 0, Demo Pickens 0, TEAM 12 FG, 10-14 FT. 3-Pointers - None. Record: 2-6.

Haywood (93) - Antrell Jones 39, Lakendrick Phillips 26, Jaiden Butler 8, Caden Varnado 6, Kenneth Jones 5, Michael Tyus 3, Ervin Jones 2, Marquez Rudd 2, Rashaad Hines 2, TEAM 36 FG, 5-6 FT. 3-Pointers - A Jones 13, K Jones 1, Phillips 1, Tyus 1. Record: 2-7.





Above: Crockett's Jordyn Maddox turned it on in the second half, scoring 14 of her 16 points, to preserve the Lady Cavs' early lead and help produce a 46-39 win over Haywood Tuesday night. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Reed Leforgee supported Cade Freeman's offense with eight points in the loss to Haywood Tuesday night. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below: Keeton Holyfield came off the bench to toss in eight points and add defensive pressure as Crockett moved to 8-0 with the triumph. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Right: Cade Freeman was Crockett's leading scorer with nine points in a game in which the Cavaliers were completely blitzed by the host Tomcats. (Photo by Ron Barry)