

# TWO HOOPS ROUTS WITH JACKSON NORTH SIDE: LADY CAVS UP, CAVALIERS DOWN



**Above:** Amaria Walker gets ready to spin to her right and leave her North Side defender in the dust while scoring two of her 10 points in Monday night's 61-12 romp. (Photo by Ron Barry)

## By Ron Barry

There wasn't a whole lot of drama in the Crockett County gymnasium Monday night when Jackson North Side came to Alamo for a basketball doubleheader.

Both games were certified routs. In the opener, Crockett's undefeated Lady Cavaliers absolutely destroyed the Lady Indians 61-12, scoring 31 consecutive points in one stretch. In the nightcap, North Side's talented run-and-gun squad raced to a lopsided 85-48 triumph, improving its record to 8-1.

Coach Kayla Irvin's girls – now 7-0 – received points from 12 different players. Crockett enjoyed an 8-3 lead when point guard Gabby Bursey drilled a three-pointer that ignited the incredible run of 31 straight tallies, carrying all the way into the start of the third quarter when Karlee Castellaw began the second half with three consecutive treys and sent the starters to the bench for the night.

Those five had already sat much of the first half, as Irvin and assistant coach Brent Fronabarger substituted liberally throughout the contest. Still, Crockett roared to a 33-3 halftime advantage. When Castellaw's 90-second, nine-point barrage made it 42-3 in the third period, it was reserves the rest of the way.

Castellaw netted 11 points overall to pace the offense, followed by Amaria Walker with 10, Bursey and Jordyn Maddox with seven apiece, and four players – Torey Savage, Ellie Henderson, Wesley Thornton, and Kira Bray – each adding four.

In the boys contest, Crockett put up a decent fight in the opening quarter. A DK Woods bucket had the hosts within 8-6 at the 4:29 mark, and five points by Reed Leforgee kept it close at 19-14 with seven seconds remaining. But Javonte Smith quickly drove the length of the floor for an acrobatic layup which beat the buzzer for a 21-14 margin, and the floodgates were opened.

Working an offense that would drive the ball into the lane and then kick it back out to the corners, wings, or top of the key, the Indians knocked down 11 treys during the night and played at a pace which would tire an NBA team. Coach Rick Rudesill's charges gave their usual effort, but North Side's speed and athleticism was on full display as 12 different players reached the scoring column.

The visitors led 41-24 at the break and then packed an amazing 32 points into the third quarter alone, nailing five of their threes. Lincoln Woods was North Side's top scorer for the contest with 19, ably supported by Desmond Manley's 17 points and three other Indians with nine apiece.

Cade Freeman was Crockett's lone double-figure scorer with 19. Woods and Leforgee contributed five each and Kevin Pledge and Preston Lambert managed four apiece. The Cavs fell to 2-5 on the season.

Both Crockett teams travel to Haywood Tuesday night (tonight) for a 6:00 doubleheader.

## GIRLS GAME #7 – DEC 9

**Crockett (61)** – Karlee Castellaw 11, Amaria Walker 10, Jordyn Maddox 7, Gabby Bursey 7, Torey Savage 4, Ellie Henderson 4, Wesley Thornton 4, Kira Bray 4, Halle Holyfield 3, Nyah Cathey 3, Keeton Holyfield 2, Audrey Whitby 2, Chloe Adkisson 0, Tink Willis 0, Deonna Cole 0, TEAM 24 FG, 9-13 FT. 3-Pointers: Castellaw 3, Bursey 1. Record: 7-0.

**Jackson North Side (12)** – Jada Vandiver 6, Kenya Johnson 4, Ivyunna Miller 1, Kaleigha Hartfield 1, Maliyah Forrest 0, Alandra Kimble 0, Mahleah Carter 0, Karelle Caruthers 0, Trinity Davis 0, Madyson Person 0, Trinity Woods 0, TEAM 3 FG, 6-14 FT. 3-Pointers: None. Record: 1-9.

## BOYS GAME #7 – DEC 9

**Crockett (48)** – Cade Freeman 19, DK Woods 5, Reed Leforgee 5, Kevin Pledge 4, Preston Lambert 4, Squirt Pickens 3, Andre Garduno 3, Grayson Lambert 2, Carson Webb 2, Jayden Frye 1, Nolen Turner 0, Zay Jones 0, Cortland Reddick 0, Karson Kail 0, TEAM 16 FG, 13-18 FT. 3-Pointers – Pickens 1, Leforgee 1, Freeman 1. Record: 2-5.

**Jackson North Side (85)** – Lincoln Woods 19, Desmond Manley 17, AJ Currie 9, Zekai Hill 9, Tramel Jones 9, Michael Marshall 6, Kash Lindsey 5, Javonte Smith 4, Markalyn Kelly 2, Xavier Harrison 2, Isaiah Bradley 2, Isaiah Burton 1, Jashon Cole 0, Zaterrious Coman 0, TEAM 32 FG, 10-18 FT. 3-Pointers – Manley 3, Woods 3, Hill 3, Currie 1, Jones 1. Record: 8-1.





**Above:** Crockett's Halle Holyfield (20) may have gotten a little too aggressive on this play in her quest to strip the ball away from a North Side dribbler. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** For the second straight game, Karlee Castellaw (2) staked her claim as the new Queen of Court Wrestling as she yanked this ball away from Lady Indian Jada Vandiver, sending her flying off a few feet to the side. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** As she prepares to make the inbound pass after the wrestling play, Karlee Castellaw's reaction to her teammates needing her from the bench is priceless. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Right:** Keeton Holyfield (15) prepares to whip a pass into the lane to an open cutter, picking up an assist in Crockett's demolition of North Side Monday night. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** North Side's Jada Vandiver (4) checks Jordyn Maddox's temperature before Maddox blows by her for a layup in Monday night's Crockett triumph. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Lady Cav Gabby Bursey puts up a contested shot but got it to go for two of her seven points as Crockett improved to 7-0 on the season. (Photo by Ron Barry)







**Above:** Nyah Cathey sizes up an outside shot in Monday night's rout of Jackson North Side in Alamo. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Freshman Wesley Thornton eyes the basket as she drives in for two of her four points in Monday night's rout of the Lady Indians. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Below:** Crockett's Tink Willis cuts behind a screen set by Baylee Briggs before delivering a pass to a teammate in the lane area. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Torey Savage (left) and Jordyn Maddox (right) have this North Side dribbler sandwiched in an ambush, which resulted in Maddox swiping the ball for an easy layup. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Right:** Kira Bray listens to instructions being communicated from the coaching staff during a break in Monday night's action. Bray was one of four Lady Cavs to score four points in the win. (Photo by Ron Barry)





**Above:** As Keeton Holyfield comes to set a screen, Audrey Whitby looks over her shoulder to see if she can zip a pass into the lane for an easier basket. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Crockett's Deonna Cole (14) puts a little defensive pressure on North Side's Trinity Woods in third-quarter action of Monday night's contest. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** Chloe Adkisson lofts a pass into the lane to an open cutter as the Lady Cavs continue to pad their advantage in the second half. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** North Side's speed and athleticism makes their defensive pressure extra-tough, but it reaches an entirely new level when Coach Aaron Woods adds his wingspan to this play in which Crockett's Squirt Pickens is trapped near the Indian sideline. Pickens somehow escaped this mess and got the ball to a teammate. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Right:** Preston Lambert (3) drives to the hoop against the defense of North Side's Javonte Smith. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** Cade Freeman drives past the top of the key, testing the defensive prowess of Tramel Jones. (Photo by Ron Barry)





**Above:** Cade Freeman muscled this shot in for an "and-one" when the Indian defender was whistled for a foul. Freeman led Crockett with 19 points. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** The Cavs' Kevin Pledge tries to stop North Side's Markalyn Kelly on this drive toward the basket in Monday night's game. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** North Side's talented Lincoln Woods (4) splits the gap between Squirt Pickens and Reed Leforgee, drawing a foul in first-half action of Monday's battle. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Crockett's Jayden Frye attempts to dribble past North Side's AJ Currie (3) early in the first half Monday night in Alamo. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Right:** Cortland Reddick (14) searches for an open teammate as AJ Currie again supplies the Indian defense. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** Crockett's DK Woods gets off a corner shot over North Side's Tramel Jones (13) in Monday's duel with the Indians from Jackson. (Photo by Ron Barry)