

WIN STREAK FOR CCMS LADY CAVS NOW 11; VALIANT BOYS COMEBACK FALLS JUST SHORT



Above: Brody Haley fires a shot from the right wing as Crockett attempts its comeback at Martin Thursday night. Haley notched eight points in the duel. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

By Ron Barry

Jentry Maddox scored 14 of her game-high 18 points in the opening half as Crockett County Middle School's girls built an insurmountable halftime lead of 29-10 on their way to a 46-24 triumph over Martin, the eleventh consecutive win for Coach Jamar Turner's Lady Cavalier basketballers.

In the doubleheader nightcap at Martin, Coach Tyler Gadlen's Cavs were down 30-15 after three quarters but put on a furious rally in the final period before falling 38-34.

Maddox came out red-hot in the girls game, netting eight first-quarter points and then six more in the second as the Lady Cavs, who began their season with a 2-3 record, improved it to 13-3 with the road triumph. Addie Whitby provided offensive support for Maddox with an 11-point performance, while Khyllie Cobb added seven and Ruth Gourley four.

In the boys matchup, two fourth-period three-pointers from Martin's Colin Haskins were just enough to survive Crockett's 19-8 fourth-quarter surge, which almost wiped out the 15-point deficit. Jeremiah Young tallied eight of those point for the Cavs, with Brody Haley notching seven and Will Dodds knocking down 4-of-4 free throws down the stretch.

But Martin hung on long enough for the victory, dropping Crockett's overall record to 8-8.

Gadlen's team has been hampered by slow starts numerous times, only to make competitive games of them by the final horn. "If we ever put four solid quarters together in the same game," he said, "we're going to be tough to beat. The good news is that these guys never quit."

Haskins finished with 15 points for the winners. Young managed 19 for Crockett, with Haley contributing eight, Dodds four, and Jaylen Frye three.

Both CCMS teams return home for a Monday night twin bill with South Gibson.

GIRLS - DECEMBER 12 GAME

Crockett (46) - Jentry Maddox 18, Addie Whitby 11, Khyllie Cobb 7, Ruth Gourley 4, Caroline Scruggs 2, Jada Frye 2, Lola Bailey 1, Haley Leforgee 1, Kyleigh Kelley 0, Reagen McCoy 0, Lillian Ray 0, Till Holyfield 0, Charlee Lewis 0, Emilee Chandler 0, Kyndall Savage 0, TEAM 18 FG, 9-15 FT. 3-Pointers: Maddox 1. Record: 13-3.

Martin (24) - M King 24, L Matte 3, E Rhodes 3, M Harris 2, A Barnes 2, N Brown 0, A Wilson 0, S Culbreath 0, K Miller 0, A Cross 0, B Stepp 0, TEAM 10 FG, 3-6 FT. 3-Pointers: Rhodes 1.

BOYS - DECEMBER 12 GAME

Crockett (34) - Jeremiah Young 19, Brody Haley 8, Will Dodds 4, Jaylen Frye 3, Davis Porter 0, Cole Summar 0, Messiah McCurry 0, Chris Vance 0, TEAM 10 FG, 9-15 FT. 3-Pointers - Young 3, Haley 1, Frye 1. Record: 8-8.

Martin (38) - Colin Haskins 15, Armani Clay 11, Kingston McClure 7, Wesley Halter 3, Charlie Sutherland 2, Quentin Turner 0, Ayden Shell 0, TEAM 15 FG, 3-6 FT. 3-Pointers - Haskins 3, Clay 2.



Above: Ruth Gourley drives the lane for two of her four points in Thursday night's win at Martin, the eleventh straight for CCMS. (Photo by Ashley Owens)



Above: It was a road game, but Crockett's Jentry Maddox (24) saved some of her packing for when she arrived in Martin Thursday night, pancaking this Martin shot attempt right back into the hand that tried to launch it. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

Below: Jentry Maddox was pretty good on the offensive end of the floor as well, netting 18 points, 14 of them in the first half when the Lady Cavs took solid command of the contest. (Photo by Ashley Owens)



Below: Will Dodds goes high for this shot, contested by Martin's Kingston McClure. Dodds hit four straight free throws in the final quarter as part of a furious Cavalier comeback, but it fell just short. (Photo by Ashley Owens)



Above: Jeremiah Young challenges the lane defenders for Martin on this drive. Young led all scorers in the game with 19 points. (Photo by Ashley Owens)