

LADY CAVS WIN HUB CITY OPENER; CROCKETT BOYS FALL AT MARTIN WESTVIEW



Above: Sophomore point guard Gabby Bursey netted 12 points to pace the Lady Cavaliers past Liberty Tech 64-22 Friday in the Hub City Classic opener. (Photo by Ron Barry)

By Ron Barry

Playing at separate locations in different holiday events, Crockett County's girls and boys split a doubleheader Friday night in Jackson and Martin.

The Lady Cavaliers, playing in the Hub City Classic in Jackson, easily defeated host Liberty Tech 64-22 after zooming to an insurmountable 44-7 halftime lead. The starters played only sparingly as Coach Kayla Irvin's club picked up their eleventh win in 12 starts this season.

Crockett's boys, competing in the Dynamix Christmas Classic in Martin, dropped a 65-47 contest to host Westview as the Chargers drained 11 three-pointers and placed 11 players in the scoring column.

In Jackson, it was no contest from the opening tip for Irvin's girls, who led 20-4 after one quarter behind eight points from Jordyn Maddox and then drilled Liberty 24-3 in the second period as Karlee Castellaw added eight points and Gabby Bursey six. Eleven Lady Cavs tallied in the rout, paced by Bursey's 12, 11 from Maddox, Castellaw's eight, and Amaria Walker with six.

Coach Rick Rudesill's Cavaliers actually led Westview 15-14 after the opening quarter, but fell victim to a 21-9 blitz in the second as Tayshun Walker netted three triples. Another nine-point third quarter doomed the Cavs, who slipped to 4-8 on the season.

Zay Jones collected 14 points and Cade Free Freeman 11 to pace the Crockett offense. Walker had 16 for the winners.

Both Crockett teams play again Saturday and Monday in their respective events.



Above: Another sophomore, Jordyn Maddox, scored eight of Crockett's first 20 points and finished with 11 in limited minutes as the Lady Cavs thumped Liberty Tech Friday. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Right: Jayden Frye drained a couple of three-pointers and had eight tallies overall Friday night, but the Cavaliers fell to Westview 65-47 in Martin. (Photo by Ron Barry)

GIRLS GAME #12 - DEC 27

Crockett (64) - Gabby Bursey 12, Jordan Maddox 11, Karlee Castellaw 8, Amaria Walker 6, Keeton Holyfield 5, Torey Savage 5, Kira Bray 5, Halle Holyfield 4, Chloe Adkisson 3, Nyah Cathey 3, Ellie Henderson 2, Audrey Whitby 0, Tink Willis 0, Deonna Cole 0, Baylee Griggs 0, TEAM 25 FG, 8-11 FT. 3-Pointers: Bursey 2, Castellaw 1, Maddox 1, Cathey 1, Adkisson 1. Record: 11-1.

Liberty Tech (22) - Daija Fizer 11, Jamayla Harris 6, Araiya Stewart 3, NiLiyah Minard 2, Amaria Thomas 0, Janiah Thaxton 0, Cara Chandler 0, Jakylea Robinson 0, Simya Lindsey 0, TEAM 8 FG, 3-5 FT. 3-Pointers: Fizer 2, Harris 1. Record: 0-11.

BOYS GAME #12 - DEC 27

Crockett (47) - Zay Jones 14, Cade Freeman 11, Jayden Frye 8, Preston Lambert 5, DK Woods 4, Squirt Pickens 3, Kevin Pledge 2, Andre Garduno 0, Reed Leforgee 0, Grayson Lambert 0, Cortland Reddick 0, Nolen Turner 0, Karson Kail 0, TEAM 16 FG, 12-19 FT. 3-Pointers - Frye 2, Jones 1. Record: 4-8.

Westview (65) - Tayshun Walker 16, Caleb Campbell 8, Ethan Pettigrew 7, Donteze Joy 6, Miami Woolridge 6, Messiah Ward 5, Miles Brown 4, Asa Barnes 4, Jashun Ward 3, Alex Evans 3, Graham Simpson 3, James Turner 0, Tyler Belew 0, TEAM 24 FG, 4-6 FT. 3-Pointers - Walker 4, Woolridge 2, Campbell 2, Pettigrew 1, J Ward 1, Simpson 1. Record: 5-4.

