

CROCKETT GIRLS BLAST COVINGTON, MOVE ON TO HUB CITY CLASSIC TITLE GAME MONDAY



Above: Cade Freeman scored nine of his team-high 15 points in the second half Saturday, but it wasn't enough to hold off Millington's comeback as Crockett took a 55-52 defeat in Martin. (Photo by Ron Barry)

By Ron Barry

Crockett County's Lady Cavaliers will play for the championship of the Hub City Classic basketball tournament Monday afternoon at 4:30 against Trinity Christian Academy after recording their second straight blowout win in the event, destroying Covington 57-24 Saturday night at Liberty Tech in Jackson.

Karlee Castellaw tossed in nine of her game-high 12 points in the opening quarter as Coach Kayla Irvin's squad bulldozed to a 29-4 advantage and coasted in from there. The Lady Cav defense never allowed Covington to reach double-figure scoring in any of the four periods.

Castellaw hit three three-pointers on her way to the 12 points. Amaria Walker connected for 10 points, Keeton Holyfield eight, Jordyn Maddox six, and Gabby Bursey and Ellie Henderson five apiece as Crockett improved to 12-1 on the season. Tanya Flowers led the Lady Chargers with 13 points.

The Lady Cavs move on to Monday night's title game against TCA (10-3), which defeated Jackson Central-Merry in its semifinal matchup Saturday.

Crockett's boys, playing in the Dynamix Christmas Classic at Westview in Martin, lost a 41-37 advantage they had entering the final period and fell to Millington Central 55-52 Saturday, dropping their season record to 4-9.

The Cavaliers had established a 31-24 halftime edge on the strength of 11 points from Zay Jones, but allowed the Trojans to outscore them 18-11 in the decisive fourth quarter to take the defeat. Cade Freeman paced the Crockett offense with 15 points, one more than Jones. Preston Lambert added eight for the Cavs.

Tayshawn Dye drilled in 14 of his game-high 21 points to spark Millington's second-half comeback.

Both Crockett teams play again Monday in their respective events.



Above: Amaria Walker contributed 10 points to the Lady Cav cause and helped Crockett build an insurmountable 42-12 halftime margin over Covington Saturday. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Right: Karlee Castellaw knocked down three three-point shots on her way to a team-high 12 points as Crockett's girls hammered Covington 57-24 Saturday in the Hub City Classic. (Photo by Ron Barry)

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Crockett (57) – Karlee Castellaw 12, Amaria Walker 10, Keeton Holyfield 8, Jordyn Maddox 6, Gabby Bursey 5, Ellie Henderson 5, Kira Bray 4, Nyah Cathey 3, Audrey Whitby 2, Halle Holyfield 2, Torey Savage 0, Chloe Adkisson 0, Wesley Thornton 0, Tink Willis 0, Baylee Griggs 0, TEAM 22 FG, 7-8 FT. 3-Pointers: Castellaw 3, Bursey 1, Henderson 1, Cathey 1. Record: 12-1.

Covington (24) – Tanya Flowers 13, Zaria Jones 3, Londyn Brown 3, Katya Dean 3, JaKayla Griggs 2, Le'Asia Thompson 0, Shamiya Boyd 0, TEAM 7 FG, 9-16 FT. 3-Pointers: Jones 1. Record: 4-8.

BOYS GAME #13 – DEC 28

Crockett (52) – Cade Freeman 15, Zay Jones 14, Preston Lambert 8, Andre Garduno 7, Squirt Pickens 3, Jayden Frye 3, DK Woods 2, TEAM 20 FG, 4-9 FT. 3-Pointers – Jones 3, P Lambert 2, Freeman 2, Frye 1. Record: 4-9.

Millington (55) – Tayshawn Dye 21, Aiden Maclin 8, Andre Tyler 6, Eliseo Barbosa 6, Cody McGhee 5, Tayshawn Bland 4, Marlow Bean 3, Chris Anderson 2, Cameron Puryear 0, TEAM 21 FG, 8-17 FT. 3-Pointers – Dye 2, Barbosa 2, Tyler 1. Record: 8-6.

