

CCMS GIRLS TO PLAY FOR CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP MONDAY NIGHT IN MILAN

By Ron Barry

The Maddox sisters have had quite a weekend of basketball for Crockett County teams.

Just one evening after her older sister Jordyn scored a career-high 31 points to spark the high school's upset of defending state champion Dyersburg Friday, Jentry Maddox knocked down 26 points to lead the middle schoolers to a 44-28 triumph over Union City in the NWMSAA Tournament. The win was the sixteenth straight for the Lady Cavaliers, who will now face South Gibson for the conference tournament championship Monday night in Milan.

Maddox has now connected for 50 points over her last two games as Coach Jamar Turner's club guns for the league title. Her 26-point performance Saturday included a trio of three-pointers.

The Lady Cavaliers raced to a 14-5 first-quarter advantage as Maddox scored 10, but the halftime edge was only 21-13. Turner's squad came out of the break and threw a lock-down defense at Union City in the third period, holding the Lady Tornadoes to a single point while extending the lead to 30-14.

Ruth Gourley netted all nine of her points in the second half to help Crockett secure the victory. Addie Whitby had five points and Khylee Cobb four to complete the scoring for the winners, who are now 18-3.

Crockett's boys, who gained a semifinal berth with a double-overtime victory Thursday night, were eliminated from the event Saturday night in another overtime thriller, this time won by Milan 28-22.

The 11-11 Cavaliers, coached by Tyler Gadlen, will compete in the James C. Haile Tournament in Murfreesboro, playing in the opening round Monday at 12:45.

GIRLS - JANUARY 18 GAME

Crockett (44) - Jentry Maddox 26, Ruth Gourley 9, Addie Whitby 5, Khylee Cobb 4, Lola Bailey 0, Haley Leforgee 0, Lillian Ray 0, Caroline Scruggs 0, TEAM 14 FG, 13-20 FT. 3-Pointers: Maddox 3. Record: 18-3.

Union City (28) - A Morgan 11, M Dean 6, A Ross 4, M Steward 3, A Huff 2, S Palmer 1, AB Cruce 1, H Duncan 0, A McPhearson 0, TEAM 10 FG, 5-8 FT. 3-Pointers: Morgan 3.

BOYS -- JANUARY 18 GAME

Crockett (22) -- Jeremiah Young 8, Davis Porter 6, Will Dodds 4, Chris Vance 3, Brody Haley 1, Cole Summar 0, Messiah McCurry 0, Julian Carcamo 0, Jaylen Frye 0, TEAM 7 FG, 6-8 FT. 3-Pointers: Young 1, Vance 1. Record: 11-11.

Milan (28) -- Leiland Neely 7, Parker Sparks 6, Novak Morton 6, Jericho Morton 6, Caden Arrington 3, Lemarcus Bond 0, Jordan Gallup 0, TEAM 10 FG, 8-19 FT. 3-Pointers: None.



Above: Coach Jamar Turner and the Lady Cavs on the bench at the time celebrate one of three three-pointers made by Jentry Maddox in Saturday's triumph over Union City. (Photo by Ashley Owens)



Above: Lola Bailey (1) and Ruth Gourley (3) go to the floor to battle for this loose ball with a Union City player in Saturday's conference tournament semifinal win in Milan. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

Below: Jentry Maddox drives between a pair of Lady Tornados defenders on her way to two of her 26 points as the Lady Cavs claimed their sixteenth consecutive win Saturday. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

Right: Addie Whitby fires up a short jumper over a Union City defender in Saturday's conference tournament win, in which Whitby netted five points. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

Below: Khylee Cobb fires a shot from the baseline area to record two of her four points in Crockett's 44-28 tournament victory over Union City Saturday. (Photo by Ashley Owens)



Right: Ruth Gourley waits patiently for a teammate to cut into the lane before she delivers the perfect assists pass in Saturday's victory over Union City. Gourley had nine points -- all in the second half -- to help seal Crockett's eighteenth win against just three defeats. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

