

# CCMS BASKETBALL ROUND-UP:

## MONDAY, JANUARY 20

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### CROCKETT BOYS

Davis Porter scored the go-ahead basket with just six seconds left and the Crockett County Middle School Cavaliers then made a big defensive stop in the remaining time, and when Will Dodds came down with the final rebound, they had a 36-34 first-round win over Watertown in the James C. Haile Basketball Tournament Monday in Murfreesboro.

Coach Tyler Gadlen's team will play the next round Saturday at 5:45 against the winner of the Cascade vs. Winfree-Bryant game, a matchup that will be played Thursday.

Dodds was Crockett's scoring leader today with 11, backed by seven each from Jeremiah Young and Davis Porter. Cole Summar netted six and Brody Haley five for the winners, who are now 12-11 on the season. The game was tied with 7.7 seconds left; the Cavs drew up an inbounds play designed to score quickly and the squad executed it perfectly with Porter getting the bucket. Dodds and Jeremiah Young then applied defensive pressure to Watertown's top player Connor Parkerson, forcing a miss that Dodds rebounded to seal the triumph.

Young and Haley were named to the NWMSAA All-Conference Team Monday for their play during the season.

### BOYS – JANUARY 20 GAME

**Crockett (36)** – Will Dodds 11, Jeremiah Young 7, Davis Porter 7, Cole Summar 6, Brody Haley 5, Messiah McCurry 0, Jaylen Frye 0, Chris Vance 0, Julian Carcamo 0, TEAM 14 FG, 3-6 FT. 3-Pointers: Summar 2, Young 1, Haley 1, Porter 1. Record: 12-11.

**Watertown (34)** – Luke Johnson 14, Connor Parkerson 10, Abel Utley 3, Abel Lacy 3, Trey Grooms 2, Logan Kennedy 2, TEAM 13 FG, 2-2 FT. 3-Pointers: Johnson 4, Utley 1, Lacy 1.

### CROCKETT GIRLS

Jentry Maddox has been Crockett's "go-to" girl the entire season for the Lady Cavs, and she almost pulled off another miracle Monday night.

Unfortunately for Coach Jamar Turner's crew, "almost" was the story of the game, as South Gibson captured the championship of the NWMSAA Basketball Tournament by slipping past Crockett County 23-22 in a defensive struggle.

The Lady Cavs rode a 16-game winning streak into the contest, played at Milan. But a one-point third quarter did them in, erasing a 12-10 halftime advantage and sending them into the final period trailing 15-13. Down by three with seven seconds left, Maddox missed a three-pointer but Crockett managed to tie the ball up on the scramble for the rebound, retaining possession with 0.8 seconds on the clock.

Somehow Maddox was able to get off another three-pointer on the inbounds play, but was fouled with 0.4 seconds remaining. With fans screaming throughout the gymnasium, Maddox swished the first two free throw attempts. The third agonizingly rimmed out, and Crockett had to settle for the runner-up trophy.

Neither team made a three-point basket in the entire game. Only a combined seven players from both teams even entered the scoring column.

The Lady Cavs missed six of their 10 free throw attempts, while South Gibson was seven of nine from the line, providing the difference in the contest. Maddox and Addie Whitby each had eight points to pace the Crockett offense, with Khylee Cobb adding five and Ruth Gourley one. All four Lady Cav players – along with Lola Bailey – were named to the All-Conference Team for the season. Turner was selected as the conference's Coach of the Year.

Crockett will now join the boys team in Murfreesboro Saturday to begin competition in the James C. Haile Tournament. The Lady Cavs will take their 18-4 record into battle with Lebanon's Walter J. Baird Middle School team at 3:15.

### GIRLS – JANUARY 20 GAME

**Crockett (22)** – Jentry Maddox 8, Addie Whitby 8, Khylee Cobb 5, Ruth Gourley 1, Lola Bailey 0, Haley Leforgee 0, Caroline Scruggs 0, TEAM 9 FG, 4-10 FT. 3-Pointers: None. Record: 18-4.

**South Gibson (23)** – A Allen 11, M Prince 8, DG Daniel 4, K Reese 0, Z Shaw 0, P Barrios 0, T Shivers 0, TEAM 8 FG, 7-9 FT. 3-Pointers: None.



**Above:** Will Dodds (21) netted 11 points to lead Crockett's scoring and also snared the game-ending rebound to seal the Cavaliers' 36-34 win over Watertown in Murfreesboro Monday. (Photo by Ashley Owens)





**Above:** Davis Porter (4) delivered the game-winning basket with just six seconds remaining as Crockett won its opening-round game in the James C. Haile Tournament in Murfreesboro. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

**Below:** On a play illustrative of the defensive nature of this game, Crockett's Jentry Maddox packs this shot attempt by South Gibson's Kynleigh Reese in Monday's NWMSAA tournament championship game. (Photo by Ashley Owens)



**Right:** The CCMS Lady Cavaliers were the NWMSAA Basketball Tournament runners-up for the 2024-25 season. They'll move on Saturday to play in the James C. Haile Tournament in Murfreesboro at 3:15. (Photo by Ashley Owens)



**Right:** Crockett's Jamar Turner -- who worked in the birth of a child between games of the tournament -- was selected as the NWMSAA Conference Coach of the Year. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

**Below:** The Lady Cavs' entire starting lineup was named to the All-Conference Team for the season, in which they went 18-4. From left: Khylee Cobb, Lola Bailey, Ruth Gourley, Addie Whitby, and Jentry Maddox. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

**Left:** Addie Whitby is all concentration as she prepares to put up this shot in the championship game of the NWMSAA Tournament in Milan Monday night. Whitby and Jentry Maddox each had eight points to lead CCMS. (Photo by Ashley Owens)

