

# DISTRICT TOURNAMENT GIVES LADY CAVALIERS A THIRD SHOT VS. SOUTH GIBSON

By Ron Barry

Hoping “the third time is the charm” – as the old saying goes – Crockett County’s Lady Cavaliers tip off their basketball post-season play Monday night with another opportunity against tough South Gibson.

The 6:00 battle in Newbern – a neutral court this time – will give Coach Kayla Irvin’s club their third shot against the Lady Hornets, having fallen short in the first two by not effectively solving South Gibson’s hounding run-and-jump defensive pressure.

Due to three snow days last week, however, the teams have had 10 days to prepare for the rematch, so there may be a brief shaking off of the rust before each team settles into the fray. The winner will move on to the championship game Wednesday night at 7:30 against the victor of Monday night’s second semifinal between host Dyer County and defending state champion Dyersburg, the tournament’s top seed.

Crockett will be looking to overcome two strong Lady Hornet traits: (1) the relentless full-court press, which double-teams an opponent at every opportunity; and (2) a balanced offense, with five starters who can score and don’t hesitate to take open shots. The Lady Cavs, 20-6 as they begin the post-season, counter with an offense that relies primarily on the all-around game of sophomore and leading scorer Jordyn Maddox, the long-range shooting of senior guard Karlee Castellaw, and the inside play of senior post Amaria Walker.

South Gibson is the tournament’s number two seed; the Lady Cavs are seeded third. Crockett was the only district team this season to defeat top-seeded Dyersburg, but SGC was the lone district club to knock off the Lady Cavs twice.



**Left:** Jordyn Maddox

**Below:** Amaria Walker



**Below:** Karlee Castellaw

**Below:** Halle Holyfield

**Below:** Gabby Burse





**Above:** Keeton Holyfield

**Below:** Nyah Cathey



**Above:** Audrey Whitby



**Left:** Ellie Henderson

**Below:** Torey Savage



**Below:** Kira Bray



**Below:** Tink Willis



**Above:** Chloe Adkisson



**Above:** Baylee Girggs



**Above:** Deonna Cole



**Above:** Kinlee Walker, Manager



**Above:** Layla Moore, Manager