

# CROCKETT GIRLS HEAD TO FAYETTE-WARE FOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT OPENER FRIDAY



**Above:** Crockett's Amaria Walker packs this shot by Dyer County's Julie Cogdill right back where it came from in Wednesday night's District 13-AAA Tournament victory. (Photo by Ron Barry)

## By Ron Barry

Crockett County wasted little time Wednesday night in allowing their fans to set their next basketball tournament travel schedule.

Quickly disposing of host Dyer County in the District 13-AAA third-place game - it was 39-14 by halftime - the Lady Cavaliers will now journey to Somerville Friday night to take on Fayette-Ware in the opening round of the Region 7-AAA event. If Crockett wins, it's back to Newbern on Monday night for the remainder of the tournament.

Coach Kayla Irvin's girls improved to 21-7 on the season Wednesday night, playing reserves for all but a minute of the second half in completing a 63-49 thrashing of the Lady Choctaws. The final score was nowhere near as lopsided as the game itself.

The Lady Cavs received points from 10 different players and had more than a 30-point cushion when Irvin pulled her starters out with seven minutes still on the clock in the third period. In that first minute of the third quarter, Karlee Castellaw dropped three straight assists on lob passes to Amaria Walker and Jordyn Maddox for easy baskets, pushing Crockett up 45-14 before most fans had settled back in their seats after the intermission.

By that time, Maddox had netted 17 points already, Castellaw had nine and a slew of assists, and Walker had eight tallies and about that many steals as Dyer County players were consistently careless with entry passes into the lane.

Two Lady Cav reserves - Keeton Holyfield and Nyah Cathey - matched Walker's eight-point production as well, with Ellie Henderson adding four and Wesley Thornton three. Halle Holyfield joined reserves Audrey Whitby and Tink Willis with two points apiece.

Crockett will now turn its attention to the opening round of the Region 7-AAA Tournament Friday, hosted at the higher seed of each of the matchups. Dyersburg - which eked out a 32-31 victory over South Gibson to gain the 13-AAA championship - will entertain Bolton; the Lady Hornets will welcome Bolivar Central; Crockett journeys to Fayette-Ware; and Dyer County goes to Haywood.

The first-round winners will then convene Monday night back in Newbern. If the Lady Cavs can get past the 15-11 Wildcats, they'd likely be facing a rematch with Dyersburg on Monday night.

## GIRLS - FEBRUARY 26

**Crockett (63)** - Jordyn Maddox 17, Karlee Castellaw 9, Keeton Holyfield 8, Amaria Walker 8, Nyah Cathey 8, Ellie Henderson 4, Wesley Thornton 3, Halle Holyfield 2, Audrey Whitby 2, Tink Willis 2, Gabby Bursey 0, Chloe Adkisson 0, Baylee Griggs 0, TEAM 22 FG, 14-20 FT. 3-Pointers: Cathey 2, Castellaw 1, Maddox 1, K Holyfield 1. Record: 21-7.

**Dyer County (49)** - Molly Roberts 12, Julie Cogdill 8, Ava Pearson 6, Emma Ables 4, TyKeria Kennedy 4, Anitra Honore 4, Anna Tatum 4, Karson Key 2, Alijah Robinson 2, Marley Morgan 2, Alexis Parkin 1, Zya Currie 0, Jamesha Watson 0, TEAM 15 FG, 15-20 FT. 3-Pointers: Roberts 2, Kennedy 1, Tatum 1. Record: 14-14.



**Above:** Jordyn Maddox, who scored 17 points for the Lady Cavs, nails this three over the late-arriving Ava Pearson of Dyer County. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Crockett point guard Gabby Bursey races around Dyer County's Zya Currie to set up a drop-off pass to an open teammate. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** Lady Cav Karlee Castellaw braces for impact as Dyer County's Marley Morgan shoulders into her on this drive to the basket. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Cheerleader Georgi Conley is fired up by the Lady Cavs' first-half performance, which produced a 39-14 halftime margin. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Below:** Keeton Holyfield saves this ball from going out of bounds, pushing it over to Wesley Thornton (foreground) to initiate a Crockett fast break. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** Lady Cav head coach Kayla Irvin watches the early proceedings sternly as four of her players look on behind her. Clockwise from upper left: Jersey Wells, Callie Freeman, Nyah Cathey, and Ellie Henderson. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** A trio of Lady Cavaliers -- Jordyn Maddox, Karlee Castellaw, and Amaria Walker -- teamed up to stop this Dyer County drive in the lane in Wednesday's tournament action. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Tink Willis (3) prepares to shovel a pass to a cutting Audrey Whitby (background) in the fourth period of Wednesday's Crockett win. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Below:** Ellie Henderson fires a pass to Chloe Adkisson (1) as the Lady Cavs put the finishing touches on their conquest of Dyer County. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** Nyah Cathey, who hit two threes and netted eight points, gets ready to put a move on the Lady Choctaws' Alijah Robinson (13). (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Right:** Having put in a good night's work, these Lady Cavs are eager to get on to Somerville to duel Fayette-Ware Friday night. From left: Ellie Henderson (30), Jordyn Maddox (13), Halle Holyfield (20), Karlee Castellaw (2), Gabby Bursey (4), Keeton Holyfield (15), Amaria Walker (25), and Wesley Thornton (00). (Photo by Ron Barry)