

# LUTEN, DAVIDSON SET SCHOOL RECORDS IN CROCKETT'S FIRST TRACK MEET OF SEASON



**Above:** Addie Davidson set a new CCHS record in the triple jump in the spring's opening meet at Dyersburg Friday. (Photo by Julie Nass)

Luten was one of those “rookies.” Since he’d never had a chance to train properly in Alamo, Nass said they arrived at Dyersburg early to give him a “crash course” at the track’s high jump pit.

“He impressed me with how coachable he was,” Nass said Friday night. “He was able to learn so much so fast.”

How much how fast? Luten – in his very first high jump competition of any kind – set a new Crockett County High School record with a leap of 5-feet-4, good enough for fifth place among 16 entries.

“I’m very proud of his effort,” Nass said, “and I know that record will keep going higher as he continues to improve.”

But Luten wasn’t the only Crockett trickster to establish a new school mark. There was one set on the girls side as well when Addie Davidson took second place in the triple jump with a distance of 29-feet-3.5, just two inches behind McNairy Central’s Maya Johnston, the event’s champion.

“Addie came within inches of the triple jump school record last year,” Nass related. “I knew she’d break it this year, but to come out and do it at the first meet is a testament to her hard work and determination.”

With the Dyersburg meet held on an afternoon and evening in which there were 20-mile-per-hour headwinds, Nass wasn’t expecting any of her runners to set any personal best marks. But Aidan Klonowski did it twice – in both the 800 meters (a time of 2:19.47) and 1600 meters (5:15.73), finishing fifth in both races for the Cavaliers.

“I spoke too soon,” Nass laughed. “Aidan has been putting in work on his own time. I knew he was but his two PRs (personal records) today was solid proof of his efforts. The wind didn’t even phase him.”

Luten, Davidson, and Klonowski weren’t the only ones to distinguish themselves in the Dyersburg meet. Avery Thornton placed second in the girls 800 meters (2:42.00) and third in the 400 meters (1:09.54), missing PRs by just a second in each race. She also placed third in the triple jump with a leap of 27-feet-0.5.

“Avery’s currently training for a half-marathon on top of track practice and it’s paying off already,” Nass said.

Crockett also had a second-place finish in the boys triple jump, courtesy of a 39-feet-5 mark by Laithon Bonds. Deuce Greenhill, in the boys 100 meters (12.07 seconds), and Alivia Hale, in the girls 1600 meters (7:02.31) – both competing in their very first track meets – earned third-place finishes in their respective events.

A complete rundown of all Crockett finishers in their respective events:

Boys High Jump: Titus Luten, 5-4, 5th. (New CCHS record)

Boys Long Jump: Deuce Greenhill, 18-4, 11th; Zay Jones, 16-11, 13th.

Girls Long Jump: Madi Collins, 11-10, 12th.

Boys Triple Jump: Laithon Bonds, 39-5, 2nd.

Girls Triple Jump: Addie Davidson, 29-3.5, 2nd (New CCHS record); Avery Thornton, 27-0.5, 3rd.

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During a preseason conditioning day, Crockett County track and field coach Julie Nass was watching her athletes perform power skip drills when she noticed one of them – Titus Luten – was getting higher off the ground than any of his teammates.

Nass recalls telling assistant coach Charles Evans, “I think we’ve found our high jumper.”

Fast forward to Friday afternoon in Dyersburg. Crockett was there to compete in the Trojan Track & Field Jamboree, the first event of the spring season.

Because CCHS still does not have an actual track facility in which to practice (one is under construction for next year), Cavalier athletes competing don’t have an actual way to simulate their events. So – with a new track season set to begin – Friday’s meet would be the first time some of Crockett’s team members would be participating for real in an event.

Boys Shot Put: Josh Simmons, 28-6, 14th; Travis Cork, 27-3, 17th.

Boys Discus: Jeremiah Grant, 46-0, 27th.

Girls 100 Meters: Madi Collins, 15.17, 25th; Lillian Muschkat, 16.09, 29th; Ally Haynes, 16.86, 32nd.

Boys 100 Meters: Deuce Greenhill, 12.07, 3rd; DK Woods, 12.22, 7th; Laithon Bonds, 12.73, 21st; Zay Jones, 12.77, 22nd.

Girls 800 Meters: Avery Thornton, 2:42.00, 2nd; Claire Evans, 2:59.42, 6th; Alivia Hale, 3:01.80, 7th; Addie Davidson, 3:10.77, 9th.

Boys 800 Meters: Aidan Klonowski, 2:19.47 (PR), 5th.

Girls 200 Meters: Madi Collins, 29.98, 10th; Ally Haynes, 34.03, 27th; Lillian Muschkat, 34.92, 29th; Cristal Martinez, 36.35, 31st.

Boys 200 Meters: Titus Luten, 26.59, 18th; Amarion Hobson, 29.07, 26th.

Girls 1600 Meters: Alivia Hale, 7:02.31, 3rd; Claire Evans, 7:11.66, 4th; Harmony Walker, 7:42.69, 6th; Claire Nichols, 8:02.19, 8th.

Boys 1600 Meters: Aidan Klonowski, 5:15.73 (PR), 5th; Mase Utley, 6:20.57, 12th.

Girls 400 Meters: Avery Thornton, 1:09.54, 3rd; Addie Davidson, 1:14.60, 8th; Cristal Martinez, 1:25.82, 20th.

Boys 400 Meters: Logan Muschkat, 1:08.32, 26th; Amarion Hobson, 1:10.02, 27th; Karvay Mathis, 1:26.71, 33rd.

Crockett's next meet is on Thursday, March 20 at Union City.



**Above:** Aidan Klonowski set new PRs in both the 800 and 1600 meter races. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Avery Thornton just missed two PRs, but finished second in the 800 meters and third in both the triple jump and 400 meters. (Photo by Ron Barry)