

PERSONAL RECORDS BROKEN AS CROCKETT TRACK SPARKLES IN DYERSBURG MEET



Above: Alivia Hale was Saturday's "grittiest competitor" for Coach Julie Nass, running several distance events and as part of the 4x800 relay team that shaved almost 20 seconds off its previous best time. (Photo by Ron Barry)

By Ron Barry

The track team without a track (yet) continues to exceed expectations as the sport's season navigates the recent stretches of nasty weather.

Crockett County coach Julie Nass – who already has to schedule around other sports and various activities of her athletes – gets an extra whammy when a weekday meet is shifted to a weekend, as was the case with Saturday's Trojan Invitational in Dyersburg.

Moving to a weekend just means more conflicts. Some athletes have weekend jobs; others have already planned family or church activities that can't be adjusted. But Nass has been doing this for a while, so it's all in a day's work for her.

But it often means she has to juggle her original lineup due to who's available and in what order the meet director schedules the various events. Sometimes a relay immediately follows or precedes an individual event in which Nass has already penciled in a particular athlete, which precipitates a change.

Sometimes, she'll just ask an athlete, "Can you double up here?" They rarely tell her "no."

With all that said – and sacrificing points with her limited weekend roster – Nass's girls placed second and her boys fifth in Saturday's Dyersburg meet as several of her Cavalier kids set personal records in their respective events.

Crockett tracksters won four of the individual events in Dyersburg, led by Addie Davidson's new school record in the girls triple jump, in which she topped her previous mark by more than a foot. Davidson also won the girls 300-meter hurdles, leading a Cavalier sweep as Laithon Bonds won the boys 300-meter hurdles. The other victory was Avery Thornton's 1600-meter run, and she also earned the team points with solid finishes in the triple jump and as part of the 4x800 relay.

"I am super proud of the girls second-place team finish," Nass said, "and even the boys fifth-place finish, considering how many events we didn't have a participant. Addie and Laithon continue to dominate the hurdles races they're in, but we also had a lot of personal records (PRs) set by other athletes today."

That included Deuce Greenhill and Zay Jones in the boys long jump; Titus Luten in the boys 200 meters; Christian Buchanan and Amarion Hobson in the boys 400 meters; Katherine West in the girls high jump; Cristal Martinez in the girls 400 meters; and the girls 4x800 relay team of Thornton, Davidson, Claire Evans, and Alivia Hale, which cut nearly 20 seconds off of their previous best time while finishing second.

"Our grittiest competitor today was Alivia," Nass said. "She had a great time in the 3200-meter run, which was held right before the 4x800 relay. Even after running those back-to-back, she ran in the 800-meter run later on and placed in that too. I asked a lot of that freshman today but she continues to deliver for us. She's got a great future ahead."

Nass also saluted Evans, who "ran a spectacular 400 to place third and then, with almost no recovery time, placed in the 800 as well." Evans had also earlier competed in the long jump.

"We were missing some girls today due to the reschedule," Nass said. "Had we had everyone here we might have pulled off a win. But it was still a huge accomplishment for the girls to earn such a good team score."

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

Boys High Jump: Titus Luten, 5-2, 7th.
Girls High Jump: Katherine West, 4-4 (PR), T-2nd.

Boys Long Jump: Deuce Greenhill, 20-0 (PR), 2nd; Zay Jones, 19-3 (PR), 4th.
Girls Long Jump: Claire Evans, 12-7, 9th.

Boys Triple Jump: Laithon Bonds, 39-7, 4th.
Girls Triple Jump: Addie Davidson, 30-10.5, 1st (New CCHS record); Avery Thornton, 26-10.5, 4th.

Boys Discus: Avery Hurst, 80-9.5, 14th; Jeremiah Grant, 65-4, 18th.
Girls Discus: Julie Finley, 48-8, 4th.

Boys Shot Put: Travis Cork, 29-9, 12th; Grant, 19-9.25, 15th.
Girls Shot Put: Finley, 27-8, 4th.

Boys 3200 Meters: Aidan Klonowski, 11:21.23, 4th; Mase Utley, 13:58.33, 7th.
Girls 3200 Meters: Alivia Hale, 14:13.66, 2nd.

Boys 110m Hurdles: Luten, 19.10, 4th.
 Girls 100m Hurdles: West, 25.64, 5th.

Girls 100 Meters: Madi Collins, 14.12, 7th.

Boys 100 Meters: DK Woods, 12.01, 10th; Bonds, 12.05, 11th; Jones, 12.07, 12th.

Girls 800 Meters: Thornton, 2:46.92, 2nd; Hale, 2:58.68, 5th; Evans, 3:05.87, 7th.

Boys 800 Meters: Uriel Diaz, 2:35.46, 9th.

Boys 200 Meters: Luten, 24.63 (PR), 7th.

Girls 200 Meters: Collins, 30.21, 4th; Cristal Martinez, 35.44, 14th.

Boys 1600 Meters: Klonowski, 5:13.47, 3rd; Utley, 6:19.06, 7th.

Girls 1600 Meters: Thornton, 6:30.65, 1st; Claire Nichols, 7:45.09, 6th.

Girls 400 Meters: Claire Evans, 1:07.83, 3rd; Cristal Martinez, 1:16.81 (PR), T-8th.

Boys 400 Meters: Christian Buchannan, 1:04.05 (PR), 10th; Amarion Hobson, 1:06.64 (PR), 12th.

Boys 300m Hurdles: Bonds, 43.98, 1st.

Girls 300m Hurdles: Davidson, 57.29, 1st.

Girls 4x800 Relay: Crockett (Davidson, Hale, Thornton, Evans - PR), 11:38.82, 2nd.

Boys 4x200 Relay: Crockett (Bonds, Greenhill, Woods, Jones), 1:38.12, 3rd.

Girls 4x200 Relay: Crockett, 2:06.25, 4th.

Boys 4x100 Relay: Crockett (Greenhill, Woods, Jones, Mason Dennis), 45.87, 2nd.

Girls Team Scores: (1) Dyer County 123; (2) Crockett County 107.5; (3) Dyersburg 92.5; (4) Covington 77; (5) Dresden 63; (6) Union City 57; (7) Haywood 39; (8) Adamsville 3.

Boys Team Scores: (1) Haywood 100.5; (2) Covington 92.5; (3) Union City 70; (4) Adamsville 68; (5) Crockett County 66; (6) Dresden 62; (7) Dyer County 58.5; (8) Dyersburg 53.5; (9) South Gibson 44.

Crockett will compete at USJ in Jackson Tuesday and at Union City on April 24.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER: Navigating a muddy field and a couple of formation adjustments Friday evening, the CCMS soccer boys continued to roll along, downing Obion County 6-0 with a five-goal barrage in the second half.

“We had nine shots on goal with only one score to show for it in the first half,” said assistant coach Graham Mayfield. “We adjusted our formation to try some new things, and it took a while for us to adapt to that and the field conditions. But the flood gates opened in the second half.”

Lucas Morales, who netted the match’s lone goal in the first half with 24:01 on the clock, jumpstarted the Cavaliers in the second half with two more tallies. The scores came at 22:35 and 20:35, both on assists from Damian Marquez.

Not content to just assist on a teammate’s hat trick, Marquez punched in three scores of his own from that point on. He tallied off a Jacob Marquez assist with 19:30 left and then successfully converted a penalty kick at the 11:00 mark. He completed the hat trick five minutes later and provided the cushion for goalkeeper Henry Mayfield to post a clean sheet, making four saves in the contest.

CCMS will host South Gibson Tuesday in Alamo for its eighth-grade night, with a berth in the post-season playoffs also on the line.



Above: Avery Thornton was the Trojan Invitational winner in the 1600-meter run, defeating the second-place finisher by 13 seconds. Thornton was also on the PR-producing 4x800 relay team. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Left: Laithon Bonds nears the finish line as the winner Saturday of the boys 300-meter hurdles in Dyersburg, an event he has been dominating this spring in West Tennessee meets. (Photo by Andrew Evans)