

# CAV SOCCER ENSURES #1 SEED & DISTRICT TOURNAMENT HOSTING BY DEMOLISHING DYER COUNTY



**Above:** Another match, another hat trick (three goals) for Luke Carter, who also assisted on two others. (Photo by Ron Barry)

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We've all seen athletic mismatches before – but honestly, it felt like Crockett County had three goals in the net before the national anthem even stopped playing Friday night at Cavalier Stadium.

With the opportunity to secure the top seed and nail down the host position for the upcoming district, the Cav soccer team crushed rival Dyer County so massively that the second half of the match never even started.

That's because, in high school soccer, if one team ever gets nine goals ahead of the other, the game is over on the spot – unless the first half hasn't finished. Friday night, Coach Joey Soriano's club netted its ninth goal with 1:04 to go before the intermission, while the visiting Choctaws had managed just one shot on goal, which Crockett goalkeeper Allan Marquez deftly deflected away with a well-anticipated dive on a Dyer County direct kick.

Crockett kept it at 9-0 through those final 64 seconds, ending the contest with an undefeated district record (and now 10-3 overall). The only ones upset about an early departure from the stadium may have been the concession stand workers who didn't get a full chance to sell their product.

One of the benefits of being the top seed is that the Cavaliers know that top rivals South Gibson and Dyersburg will be playing each other in one semifinal – so one of them is going home earlier than they'd like. Crockett's opening game will be against the winner of the "play-in" game between Dyer County and Obion County.

Soriano's troops wasted no time letting the Choctaws know they wanted the top seed. Crockett put three points on the board faster than an Avery Hurst field goal in the fall, and three more faster than a Karlee Castellaw bomb from the right corner.

By the time a penalty kick was awarded to the Cavs for an infraction in the box, Cav coaches decided to let George Goldsby – a senior back line defender who has never scored a goal, as his position dictates only extremely rare participation in the offensive attack – take the opportunity.

Lionel Messi couldn't have punched the ball in a more indefensible spot than Goldsby did, calmly tucking the ball as precisely into a corner as one could imagine, well out of the reach of the flailing goalkeeper. Judging from the brimming smiles – and good-natured razzing from the bench area – of his teammates, it was one of the most popular goals ever recorded in the facility.

But there were eight more Cav goals as well, in a match every bit as lopsided as the score indicates. With a 40-minute half, Crockett probably possessed the ball for at least 38 of them.

When the halftime horn sent everyone home, Luke Carter had amassed yet another hat trick with three goals; Angel Garcia had tallied twice and assisted on three others; and Goldsby, Eduardo Galvez, Adrian Calderon, and Jathen Young had all put a ball into the Choctaw net. Carter also had two assists, and Brandon Carcamo and Jacob Wede added one apiece.

The Cavs were scheduled to conclude their regular season Monday evening by hosting Arlington, but that game has been canceled due to injuries and sickness for the opponent. The district tournament is set for May 5-9.



**Above:** Jathen Young also netted a goal, steering a line drive into the top shelf of the Choctaw net. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** None of Crockett's nine goals was more popular than the penalty kick masterfully executed by senior George Goldsby for his first career score... (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Angel Garcia maneuvered past two Dyer County defenders and the goalkeeper to score this goal, one of two -- plus three assists -- he recorded in the match. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Below:** ... and Goldsby acknowledged some good-natured razzing by his teammates on the bench by saying he's got "nothing but love for you guys!" (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Right:** Eduardo Galvez also got in on the goal-scoring parade... (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** ... as did Adrian Calderon. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** Max Utley kept the ball out of the Crockett defensive end, for the most part... (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** ... with one exception. No, this isn't a police lineup; it's Crockett's wall of defense against a Dyer County free kick, composed of (left to right): Noah Mayfield, George Goldsby, Hutsen Stephens, and Cam Martin. They're setting up to try to alter the following shot on goal... (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** ... which goalkeeper Allan Marquez, with this dive to the right, successfully deflected for the only save he needed to make all night. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** The top seed for the 2025 District 13-AA Tournament in Alamo: the Crockett County Cavaliers. (Photo by Ron Barry)