

LADY CAV CROSS-COUNTRY TRIO CONTINUES CONSISTENT MEDAL ACCUM



Above: Avery Thornton ran her season-best 5K race at TCA's Invitational Tuesday and was Crockett's top finisher in thirteenth place out of 105 racers. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Another race, another triple-medal showing for Crockett County's Lady Cavalier cross-country team.

Avery Thornton, Claire Evans, and Alivia Hale – who have been exchanging their orders of finish but not their consistency in medaling in every meet – all placed in the Top 20 Tuesday at the Trinity Christian Academy Invitational in Jackson, helping Crockett to a fourth-place finish out of the 10 squads that qualified for a team score.

Out of 105 total runners in the girls race, Thornton placed 13th (in 24:06.00) and Evans 15th (in 24:14.22), both season personal bests. Hale was 20th (in 24:45.63). McKenzie's Abigail Wallace was the individual champion (19:38.64), almost a minute-and-a-half ahead of second place teammate Autumn Haywood. Obion County claimed the team title, placing three runners in the top 18.

In the boys race, Uriel Diaz recorded his career personal record (20:08.77) and Hutson Stephens (21:13.12), Mase Utley (22:47.25), and Leck Lucky (23:07.01) posted season personal bests, but the Cavaliers – still missing top racer Aidan Klonowski, currently out with an injury – finished 10th out of the 11 team score qualifiers.

Diaz placed 33rd, Stephens 53rd, Jose Diaz 69th, Utley 76th, and Lucky 80th out of 157 total runners. Madison Academic was the boys team champion, and South Gibson's Jonathan Lewis (16:09.12) was the individual champion, 51 seconds ahead of runner-up Woodrow McKinnis of Union City.

Even though her teams didn't place high enough for a team medal, Coach Julie Nass felt they ran very well and are sufficiently progressing toward a solid run at the Regional Championships on October 28 in Martin. Crockett will run Saturday night in Memphis at the Frank Horton Invitational Meet at Shelby Farms.

TCA Meet Girls Top 20 Individuals (5K Race): (1) Abigail Wallace, McKenzie 19:38.64; (2) Autumn Haywood, McK 21:03.61; (3) Carlisle Martin, Hutchison School 21:07.08; (4) Caroline Fisher, Hutch 21:13.03; (5) Brylee Patrick, Obion Co 21:42.51; (6) Madison Holder, Hollow Rock-Bruceton; (7) Klicey Campbell, Obion; (8) Addyson Kirkland, USJ; (9) Laci Goodman, WTHEA; (10) Marlee Jo Shell, Henry Co; (11) Allisson Catalan, Hardin Co; (12) Ainsley Sadler, Union City; (13) Avery Thornton, Crockett Co 24:06.00; (14) Bella Sass, McK; (15) Claire Evans, Crockett Co 24:14.22; (16) Clara Younger, McNairy Co; (17) Ainsley Beard, UC; (18) Riley Moore, Obion; (19) Eva Lewis, Lexington; (20) Alivia Hale, Crockett Co 24:45.63. Other Crockett runners: (44) Caroline Scruggs, 27:28.52; (61) Marley Thornton, 30:09.21; (83) Hannah Wede, 33:15.05. Total Runners: 105.

Girls Team Scores: (1) Obion Co 53; (2) McKenzie 58; (3) Hutchison 65; (4) Crockett Co 99; (5) Huntingdon 156; (6) WTHEA 174; (7) South Gibson 187; (8) Hardin Co 192; (9) Tipton Christian Academy 229; (10) Gibson Co 235. Other schools with runners: Hollow Rock-Bruceton, USJ, Henry Co, McNairy Co, Union City, Lexington, Augustine, TCA, Dyer Co, Dyersburg, Haywood, JCS, Scotts Hill, Madison Academic, Jackson South Side, and Liberty Tech.

TCA Meet Boys Top 15 Individuals (5K Race): (1) Jonathan Lewis, South Gibson 16:09.12; (2) Woodrow McKinnis, Union City 17:00.12; (3) Deegan Arant, Greenfield 17:03.71; (4) Logan Baker, Madison 17:10.98; (5) Rushdon Howell, UC 17:24.13; (6) Austin Wright, Madison; (7) Madix Turner, UC; (8) Jonas Craig, Mad; (9) Miloh Turner, UC; (10) Samuel Latham, Mad; (11) Ryan Presson, Mad; (12) Slayden Hosford, Henry Co; (13) Jason McNair Jr, USJ; (14) Hudson Massey, Henry; (15) Hayden Blakley, Obion. Crockett runners: (33) Uriel Diaz, 20:08.77; (53) Hutson Stephens, 21:13.12; (69) Jose Diaz, 22:22.71; (76) Mase Utley, 22:47.25; (80) Leck Lucky, 23:07.01. Total Runners: 157.

Boys Team Scores: (1) Madison Academic 34; (2) Union City 40; (3) Obion Co 118; (4) Henry Co 136; (5) Huntingdon 142; (6) South Gibson 173; (7) USJ 177; (8) Lexington 205; (9) McKenzie 235; (10) Crockett Co 246; (11) Milan 261. Other schools with runners: Greenfield, Adamsville, Augustine, Dyer Co, Clarksburg, TCA, McNairy Co, WTHEA, Gibson Co, Dyersburg, Tipton Christian, and Haywood.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL: Four players from Crockett County Middle School were named to the All-District Team following the conclusion of the Cavaliers' season Tuesday night. Roman Barker, Messiah McCurry, Ben Gilpin, and Jordan Young were the Cavs who were selected.

Crockett ended its season in the consolation district game at Milan against Trenton Tuesday night. Coach Jerry Williams was highly complimentary of the effort put forth by his squad this year, even though it was difficult to dent the win column.

"It wasn't the season wanted, but it taught us so much about ourselves," Williams said. "I am so proud of how our guys played. They played hard each and every game. They never quit, never gave up, never stopped believing that they could pull it together to win."

Williams also wanted to hand out several "thank yous" to groups and individuals who helped the CCMS program this season.

"I want to thank all our 252 Club sponsors for their support of our team," he said. "It allowed us to do many things this year. We were able to buy equipment for our sixth grade team that played their own separate season this year. I'm grateful for Ryan Woodard and Chris Cobb leading this group to a great season and laying the foundation for the future.

"Secondly, our 252 Club helped us buy new helmets to replace ones that went out of date. We were able to buy new game pants that we needed greatly. Third, we bought new belts, footballs, and a new tackling dummy. We also want to say a special thank you to Sarah Mayfield for taking care of our meals for seventh and eighth grade games.

"I have been blessed to be at Crockett for the past two years. The coaching staff of Zach Stephenson, Andy Brady, and Jordan Branch have been amazing. The support from this community and administration has been phenomenal. I have never in all my years experienced such support and encouragement.

"We have already begun planning for next year. Just this week we purchased two squat machines to help us safely teach younger players how to squat and to get significantly stronger for next year. We are going to begin our Middle School lifting program in January. Players are excited about getting bigger, stronger, and faster."



Left: Claire Evans wasn't far behind in fifteenth place, also recording her best 5K time of the fall for the Lady Cavaliers. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Alivia Hale kept the medal trio streak intact, closing in twentieth to help Crockett gain a fourth-place team finish for Coach Julie Nass. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Left: Uriel Diaz posted his best 5K race time ever in the boys portion of the TCA meet and finished 33rd overall out of 157 racers. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Hutsen Stephens recorded his best run of the season as well and was Crockett's second-best time of the TCA Meet Tuesday. (Photo by Ron Barry)





Above: The 2025 Crockett County Middle School Football Team. (Photo courtesy of CCMS)



Above: The 2025 CCMS Sixth Grade Football Team. (Photo courtesy of CCMS)