FOURTH QUARTER COLLAPSE DOOMS LADY CAVS; UNION CITY SWEEPS CROCKETT TEAMS



Above: Wesley Thornton led the Lady Cavalier scoring Thursday night with 13 points, following up her 20-point, 12-rebound double-double in the season opener. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Ancient sports cliché: "Finish strong."
Alternate translation: "Don't get outscored 19-6 in the fourth quarter of a basketball game."

Crockett County's girls, fresh off a 17-9 run that gave them a 36-32 lead heading into the final period, were outpointed 19-6 down the stretch Thursday night at Union City, eventually falling to the Lady Tornadoes 51-42. It was the second time in the season's opening week the Lady Cavaliers had trouble putting the ball in the basket at crunch time.

In the doubleheader's nightcap, Crockett's boys fared no better, keeping it close for three frames before getting outscored 17-11 in the fourth quarter as the hosts pulled out a 59-50 victory.

Union City's girls used a clutch performance by Sh'Nyla Moss – who drilled 10 straight fourth-period free throws and netted all 14 she took in the contest – on her way to a 22-point effort that downed the Lady Cavs. Union City made five three-pointers in the duel to just two for Crockett, which accounted for the final difference. The Lady Tornadoes are now 2-0.

Wesley Thornton and Keeton Holyfield – just as in the Lady Cavs' opening loss to Henry County – were the lone Crockett players to reach double figures with 13 and 11, respectively. Halle Holyfield added nine and Ellie Henderson five for the visitors. Thornton (two baskets) and Ruth Gourley (one) were the only Crockett players to find the net in the final quarter.

Kevin Pledge knocked down 23 points for Crockett in the boys' game, but was offset by Union City's Hollister Johnson with 25. Johnson made all five of his fourth-period free throws to seal the win for the Tornadoes, who are now 1-1 after a season-opening loss to Humboldt.

No other Cavalier reached double figures, although Cortland Reddick had eight points and Jayden Frye seven.

Both Crockett teams jump right back into action Friday night with another road twin bill, this time at Lexington. Tip-off is 6:00 for the girls' matchup, followed by the boys' battle.

CCHS Girls GM 2: Nov 20 at Union City
Crockett 11 8 17 6 - 42
Union City 10 13 9 19 - 51

Crockett – Wesley Thornton 13, Keeton Holyfield 11, Halle Holyfield 9, Ellie Henderson 5, Ruth Gourley 2, Torey Savage 2, Audrey Whitby 0. 2-Pt FG: 16. 3-Pt FG: 2 (H Holyfield, Henderson). FT: 4-8. Record: 0-2.

UC – Sh'Nyla Moss 22, Uriah Davis 11, Alli McMillan 8, Addy Lawner 6, Blair McKinnis 4, Ainsley Sadler 0, Riyah Gordon 0, Maddie Stewart 0. 2-Pt FG: 10. 3-Pt FG: 5 (Lawner 2, McMillan 2, Davis). FT: 16-21. Record: 2-0.

CCHS Boys GM 2: Nov 20 at Union City
Crockett 12 10 17 11 - 50
Union City 10 17 15 17 - 59
Union City 59, Crockett 50

Crockett – Kevin Pledge 23, Cortland Reddick 8, Jayden Frye 7, Andre Garduno 5, Karson Kail 5, Corey Savage 1, Amarion Hobson 1, Squirt Pickens 0, Ben Burgess 0, Max Woods 0. 2-Pt FG: 14. 3-Pt FG: 4 (Reddick 2, Frye, Kail). FT: 10-15. Record: 0-2.

UC – Hollister Johnson 25, Kobe Maddox 7, Brayden Marshall 6, Ayden Lewis 6, JP Thompson 5, Kadan Robinson 4, Will Kail 2, Tayshun Gentry 2, Clayton Montgomery 2, Brandon Chism 0, Zaven Thompson 0. 2-Pt FG: 14. 3-Pt FG: 5 (Maddox 2, Johnson 2, Robinson). FT: 16-27. Record: 1-1.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL: Crockett's teams went on the road Thursday night and produced a sweep at Milan. Khylee Cobb and Addie Whitby netted 12 points apiece to lead the girls to a 40-39 triumph, while Jaylen Frye tossed in a season-high 15 to spark the Cavs to a 31-23 win.

Following are the results from the most recent CCMS doubleheaders.

Paris Inman 47, Crockett Girls 23 (Nov 15)
Crockett – Khylee Cobb 9, Addison Ward 5, Addie Whitby 3, Lorelai Grissom 3, Anna McCoy 2, Till Holyfield 1. 2-Pt FG: 5. 3-Pt FG: 3 (Cobb, Ward, Grissom). FT: 4-9. Record: 5-5.

Inman – Aubrie Flowers 15, Makay LaHarris 14, Norah Tharpe 5, Mary Smith 5, Raegan Bastyr 4, Patience England 2, Londyn McFerron 2. 2-Pt FG: 19. 3-Pt FG: 1 (Smith). FT: 6-14.

Paris Inman 36, Crockett Boys 29 (Nov 15)
Crockett – Roman Barker 6, Jordan Young 5, Jaylen Frye 5, Messiah McCurry 3, Cade Reasons 3, Luke McCall 3, Jayce Cobb 2, Easton Stephens 2. 2-Pt FG: 5. 3-Pt FG: 4 (Barker, Young, Frye, McCall). FT: 7-11. Record: 4-6.

Inman – Ezra Homesley 14, Braden Fishinghawk 10, Danari Ray 6, Ryker Spellings 5, J. Holiday 1. 2-Pt FG: 9. 3-Pt FG: 2 (Homesley, Spellings). FT: 12-17.

South Gibson 38, Crockett Girls 20 (Nov 17)
Crockett – Khylee Cobb 9, Addie Whitby 7, Till Holyfield 2, Anna McCoy 2. 2-Pt FG: 7. 3-Pt FG: 1 (Cobb). FT: 3-3. Record: 5-6.

So Gibson – Stella Sanford 10, Dani Grace Daniel 8, SK Morris 6, Kate Driggers 5, Millee Prince 4, Keegan Embrey 3, Thalia Shivers 2. 2-Pt FG: 10. 3-Pt FG: 5 (Sanford 2, Driggers, Morris, Embrey). FT: 3-4.

South Gibson 32, Crockett Boys 22 (Nov 17)
Crockett – Jordan Young 11, Cade Reasons 8, Easton Stephens 3. 2-Pt FG: 4. 3-Pt FG: 3 (Young 3). FT: 5-10. Record: 4-7.

So Gibson – Tristen Taylor 12, Paxson Embrey 7, Pyke Davidson 6, Tavion Shaw 4, TJ Curry 3. 2-Pt FG: 8. 3-Pt FG: 3 (Embrey, Shaw, Curry). FT: 8-9.

Crockett Girls 40, Milan 39 (Nov 20)
Crockett – Addie Whitby 12, Khylee Cobb 12, Addison Ward 9, Anna McCoy 4, Till Holyfield 3. 2-Pt FG: 17. 3-Pt FG: 0. FT: 6-10. Record: 6-6.

Milan – Zanyia Kidd 11, Callie Blake 10, Zarylah Crayton 6, Jasmine Robinson 6, Reese Robinson 5, Alyssa West 1. 2-Pt FG: 12. 3-Pt FG: 2 (Blake, Crayton). FT: 9-24.

Crockett Boys 31, Milan 23 (Nov 20)
Crockett – Jaylen Frye 15, Jayce Cobb 6, Easten Stephens 5, Messiah McCurry 2, Cade Reasons 2, Jordan Young 1. 2-Pt FG: 4. 3-Pt FG: 4 (Frye 3, Stephens). FT: 11-19. Record: 5-7.

Milan – Gray Lockhart 11, Brooks Reed 5, Ja'Van Noel 4, Jake Moore 2, Ian Pearson 1. 2-Pt FG: 6. 3-Pt FG: 0. FT: 11-18.



Above: Cortland Reddick had an eight-point night for the Crockett boys, including a pair of three-pointers. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Both Crockett teams play at Lexington Friday night, still seeking their first wins. Addison Milby and her squad mates will be there to cheer them on. (Photo by Ron Barry)