EAST NASHVILLE DOWNS CROCKETT BOYS IN RIP-TOWN HOLIDAY CLASSIC FRIDAY



Above: Max Woods -- seen here in an earlier-season victory over Chester County -- was the only Crockett County player to reach double figures against East Nashville Saturday night in Ripley, netting 12 points. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Alex Cheek scored 13 of his game-high 21 points during a 25-9 third-quarter blitz that broke the game wide open as East Nashville pulled away to a 67-38 romp over Crockett County's boys on the opening night of the Rip-Town Holiday Classic in Ripley Friday.

East Nashville (now 5-2) led Coach Spencer Bursey's Cavaliers 25-18 at halftime, but used a 42-20 second-half advantage to coast to the easy victory. It was the second straight contest – after a five-game winning streak – that Crockett (7-6) has had trouble putting points on the scoreboard.

Cortez Murphy's 16-point effort supported the outburst by East Nashville's Cheek. The winners knocked down seven three-pointers and were quicker than the Cavs, especially in the decisive second half.

Max Woods was the lone Cavalier to score in double figures with 12. Andre Garduno netted nine, Ben Burgess seven, and Carter Wren six for Crockett, which will play again at 6 p.m. Saturday against Brighton. East Nashville will play Humboldt Saturday in the Ripley-based event. The Cavs will also play Monday night at 6:00 against Millington.

Crockett's girls (8-4) will begin defense of their title in the annual Hub City Classic at Liberty Tech in Jackson Saturday, benefitting Area Relief Ministries. The Lady Cavs will play Liberty Tech (8-3) at 4:30; their schedule for Monday and Tuesday games will depend on Saturday's results.

CCHS Boys GM 13: Dec 26 at Ripley
Crockett 9 9 9 11 - 38
E Nashville 16 9 25 17 - 67

Crockett – Max Woods 12, Andre Garduno 9, Ben Burgess 7, Carter Wren 6, Squirt Pickens 2, Brilan Dunigan 2, Jayden Frye 0, Corey Savage 0, DK Woods 0, Karson Kail 0, Nolen Turner 0, Jeremiah Young 0, Daniel Morgan 0, Jett Johnson 0. 2-Pt FG: 9. 3-Pt FG: 3 (Wren 2, Burgess). FT: 11-18. Record: 7-6.

EN – Alex Cheek 21, Cortez Murphy 16, Jaylen McMillan 9, Dallas Covington 9, Devin Phillips 4, Nabil Abdullahi 3, Daniel Dunlap 3, Brandan Muhammed 2, Paxton Holmes 0, Jordan Vanlier 0, Jamarcus Scales 0. 2-Pt FG: 18. 3-Pt FG: 7 (Murphy 2, McMillan 2, Covington 2, Dunlap). FT: 10-14. Record: 5-2.