HENRY COUNTY HOOPERS DERAIL CROCKETT COUNTY WINNING STREAKS



Above: Torey Savage scored eight second-quarter points to lead Crockett to a 22-21 halftime edge, but Henry County came back in the second half to down the Lady Cavaliers 55-42. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Christmas time in Paree did not turn out to be so festive for Crockett County basketballers.

Playing a road doubleheader in Paris Monday night, Crockett's girls let a halftime lead get away in falling 55-42 to Henry County, while the unbeaten Patriot boys shellacked the Cavaliers 56-26 to improve to 11-0.

In both games, Henry County put an end to Crockett winning streaks. Coach Kayla Irvin's Lady Cavs had been victorious in seven straight contests, while Coach Spencer Bursey's guys had captured their last five. But neither Crockett team had its shooting aim on target Monday night, struggling to score throughout both encounters with their hosts.

Torey Savage produced an eight-point second quarter that propelled the Lady Cavs to a 22-21 halftime advantage over Henry County in the night's opener, but the Lady Patriots turned on the jets to outscore Crockett 34-20 over the final two periods to gain their eighth win in 11 starts. Crockett dropped to 8-4.

Keeton Holyfield paced the Lady Cavs with 15 points and Savage finished with 10. Wesley Thornton added seven, Audrey Whitby six, and Halle Holyfield four. Ali Taylor, who didn't play when the Lady Patriots beat Crockett 51-48 in this season's opening game, drilled three of Henry County's eight treys and led all scorers with 16 points. Breely Pierpoint contributed 14.

Crockett's offense was non-existent in the boys contest. After the first quarter ended with Henry County embarrassingly ahead just 6-5, the hosts prevailed 50-21 the rest of the way and survived a fight which produced three ejections (two of them Cavaliers).

Only one player – Henry County's Luke Stephens – reached double figures in the duel, netting 13 points. Carter Wren topped Crockett with seven, one more than Jayden Frye. The Cavs fell to 7-5 with the defeat.

Both Crockett squads will be involved in post-Christmas tournament play. The Cavs journey to Ripley for the Rip-Town Holiday Classic, beginning Friday night with a 6:00 matchup against East Nashville. Bursey's crew will play Brighton Saturday at 6:00 and Millington Monday at 6:00. Crockett's girls will defend their title in the annual Hub City Classic at Liberty Tech in Jackson, benefitting Area Relief Ministries. The Lady Cavs will play Saturday at 4:30; their schedule for Monday and Tuesday games will depend on Saturday's results.

CCHS Girls GM 12: Dec 22 at Paris
Crockett 8 14 10 10 - 42
Henry Co 12 9 14 20 - 55

Crockett – Keeton Holyfield 15, Torey Savage 10, Wesley Thornton 7, Audrey Whitby 6, Halle Holyfield 4, Ellie Henderson 0, Ruth Gourley 0. 2-Pt FG: 11. 3-Pt FG: 5 (K Holyfield 3, Whitby 2). FT: 5-8. Record: 8-4.

HC – Ali Taylor 16, Breely Pierpoint 14, NaLaiyah Coats 11, Nakiyah Moore 9, Olivia Kendall 3, Eva Eaton 2, Reed Jackson 0, Annie Grace Snow 0. 2-Pt FG: 9. 3-Pt FG: 8 (Taylor 3, Pierpoint 2, Coats 2, Kendall). FT: 13-17. Record: 8-3.

CCHS Boys GM 12: Dec 22 at Paris
Crockett 5 4 9 8 - 26
Henry Co 6 15 17 18 - 56

Crockett – Carter Wren 7, Jayden Frye 6, Kevin Pledge 4, Andre Garduno 4, Corey Savage 3, DK Woods 2, Cortland Reddick 0, Ben Burgess 0, Max Woods 0, Karson Kail 0, Squirt Pickens 0, Brilan Dunigan 0, Nolen Turner 0, Jeremiah Young 0, Daniel Morgan 0. 2-Pt FG: 6. 3-Pt FG: 4 (Wren 2, Frye 2). FT: 2-7. Record: 7-5.

HC – Luke Stephens 13, Carson Curd 9, Jakye Beard 6, Tristan Grgic 6, Zach Wilson 5, Drew Pack 4, Jamari Foster 3, Keyshawn Atkins 3, Bryan Stephens 3, Kayden Kendall 2, Adam Jackson 2, Kainon Deberry 0. 2-Pt FG: 13. 3-Pt FG: 7 (L Stephens 3, Wilson, Curd, Atkins, B Stephens). FT: 9-11. Record: 11-0.



Above: Carter Wren topped Crockett scorers with seven, but points were hard to come by as the Cavs fell to unbeaten Henry County 56-26 Monday night in Paris. (Photo by Ron Barry)