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BOTH CCMS HOOPS TEAMS WIN THIER CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT OPENERS



Above: Addie Whitby's 15-point, second-quarter outburst matched Milan's team total for the entire game in the NWMSAA Tournament opener Saturday. (Photo by Beth Williams)

Addie Whitby scored 15 of her game-high 20 points in a second-quarter explosion as Crockett County Middle School's Lady Cavaliers posted a 37-15 triumph over Milan in the opening round of the Northwest Middle School Athletic Association conference tournament Saturday, improving their season record to 11-10.

The CCMS boys immediately followed suit, also defeating Milan 27-23 in the opening round on the strength of big three-point shots by Jordan Young and Roman Barker in the fourth quarter. Coach Tyler Gadlen's Cavaliers overcame a 16-13 halftime deficit by holding the visiting Bulldogs scoreless in a 5-0 third period.

In the girls matchup, Whitby's second-quarter scoring spree ended up equaling Milan's entire point total for the game as Coach Jamar Turner's Lady Cavs 26-2 first-half lead. Crockett's girls accomplished a scoreless defensive period in the opening frame while scoring seven points themselves, keyed by a Till Holyfield three.

For the Crockett boys, who upped their season record to 9-12, Young netted eight points and Theo Lawrence seven to spark the offense. Elijah Woods, who was 7-for-7 at the free throw line, paced Milan with nine points.

Both CCMS teams move on to the NWMSAA's Round 2, with Huntingdon the common foe this time. The girls play Monday night at 6:00 and the boys follow Thursday night at 6:00. Games are in Alamo.

Crockett Girls 37, Milan 15 (Jan 10)
Crockett – Addie Whitby 20, Till Holyfield 5, Khylee Cobb 3, Addison Ward 2, Madison Cathey 2, Lorelai Grissom 2, Karmen Savage 2, Bradlee Dodd 1. 2-Pt FG: 9. 3-Pt FG: 3 (Whitby 2, Holyfield) . FT: 10-17. Record: 11-10.

Milan – Alyssa West 4, Zanyia Kidd 4, Jasmine Robinson 3, Rylie Southard 2, Callie Blake 2. 2-Pt FG: 6. 3-Pt FG: 0. FT: 3-7.

Crockett Boys 27, Milan 23 (Jan 10)
Crockett – Jordan Young 8, Theo Lawrence 7, Kamden Lewis 3, Jaylen Frye 3, Roman Barker 3, Brendan Green 2, Messiah McCurry 1. 2-Pt FG: 5. 3-Pt FG: 3 (Young 2, Barker). FT: 8-13. Record: 9-12.

Milan – Elijah Woods 9, Ian Pearson 5, Dodavan Pearson 4, Brooks Reed 2, Ja'vari Noel 2, Devonyae Cross 1. 2-Pt FG: 6. 3-Pt FG: 0. FT: 11-16.



Above: Jordan Young races for the basket against a Milan defender Saturday on his way to a team-high eight points as CCMS won 27-23 in the conference tournament opener. (Photo by Beth Williams)