

THREE-HEADED BACKCOURT PUSHES OBION COUNTY PAST CAVALIERS IN CONSOLATION GAME



Above: Obion's Carson Jones gets off a mid-range jump shot over the outstretched arm of Crockett's Kevin Pledge. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Obion County's three-headed guard crew – Carson Jones, Tanner Richmond, and Jatlynn Mosley – proved too much for Crockett County to slow down Tuesday night as the Rebels defeated the Cavaliers 64-57 in the District 13-AAA Tournament consolation game.

As a result, the Cavs will be the #4 seed from District 13 and will face District 14 champion North Side (23-3) Saturday night in Jackson at 6:00. Obion will also be in Jackson to duel the #2 seed South Side, which fell to North Side 49-46 in the District 14 championship contest.

Jones scored 17, Richmond 16, and Mosley 15 as the Rebels utilized an offense centered around their three quick guards. Richmond and Mosley operated primarily as penetrators, with Jones finding openings for a variety of mid-range shots. Crockett's defense had trouble preventing their drives to the basket.

Even so, it was a one-possession game (60-57) when the Cavaliers' Jayden Frye sank three straight free throws after being fouled behind the arc with just 23.8 seconds remaining in the game. Crockett had whittled down a 10-point Obion lead on threes by Cortland Reddick and Carter Wren and a twisting reverse layup by Andre Garduno before the foul against Frye.

But Coach Spencer Burse's crew was forced to foul at that point, with Obion's guards having already proven they could play keep-away to run out the clock if necessary.

The Rebels' Bryce Richardson sank two free throws at the 20.2-seconds mark, and when the Cavs missed a three off the front rim, Obion turned it into a snowbird on the other end by the speedy Richmond to ice the decision.

The early part of the contest was as even as it could be. The teams were tied at 13-all after the first quarter and at 27-27 at halftime. It wasn't until Jones buried a trey near the end of the third period that Obion began to pull away a bit, eventually gaining a 10-point edge midway through the fourth.

Crockett's defeat offset game efforts by Frye and Garduno. Frye made at least one three-pointer in each quarter and finished with a game-high 19. Garduno reached double figures in all three tournament contests for the Cavs, netting 10 in this one. Reddick also had 10 before fouling out, with Kevin Pledge adding nine. Crockett will carry a 15-15 record into the Region 7 Tournament.

Crockett's girls return to action Friday night in the Region 7 Tournament quarterfinal at Jackson South Side at 6:00.

CCHS Boys GM 30: Feb 24 at Medina

District 13-AAA Consolation

Crockett 13 14 10 20 - 57

Obion Co 13 14 14 23 - 64

Crockett – Jayden Frye 18, Cortland Reddick 10, Andre Garduno 10, Kevin Pledge 9, Corey Savage 4, Brelin Dunigan 3, Carter Wren 3, Squirt Pickens 0. 2-Pt FG: 11. 3-Pt FG: 10 (Frye 5, Reddick 2, Pledge, Dunigan, Wren). FT: 5-9. Record: 15-15.

Obion Co – Carson Jones 17, Tanner Richmond 16, Jatlynn Mosley 15, Bryce Richardson 7, Levi Hendrix 4, Charlie Harper 3, Jack Helper 2. 2-Pt FG: 16. 3-Pt FG: 7 (Richmond 2, Mosley 2, Richardson, Jones, Harper). FT: 11-14. Record: 19-10.



Above: Andre Garduno goes high above the rim to drop in this shot against Obion on his way to a 10-point performance. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Carrington Smith is not giving up on the Cavs until the final buzzer. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below: Crockett cheerleader Laila Hudson was imploring the crowd to raise a ruckus. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Right: Cortland Reddick (left) is trying to force an alternate possession call by getting his hand in on the ball held by Obion's Carson Jones. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below: Jayden Frye got himself fouled on a three-point attempt with 23.8 seconds left and drained all three free throws to draw the Cavs within three points... (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: ... but seconds later Tanner Richmond snuck out on a snowbird after a three-point miss by Crockett and put the game out of reach. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Left: Jayden Frye takes advantage of a screen set by Kevin Pledge to fire off a shot from the baseline. Frye netted 19 points in Tuesday's contest with Obion. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Right: Crockett's Brelin Dunigan is being hounded defensively by Obion's Jatlynn Mosley. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Left: Andre Garduno (right) tries to keep Rebel post man Levin Hendrix at bay in first-half action Tuesday night. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Among those tucked away in the cheap seats at South Gibson Tuesday night cheering on the Cavs was this group of Lady Cavalier athletes (from left): Keeton Holyfield, Ellie Henderson, Darcy Puffer, Halle Holyfield, Audrey Whitby, Wesley Thornton, and Callie Freeman. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Left: Coach Spencer Bursey tries to get his team to settle down during a brief chaotic period in Tuesday's consolation game in Medina. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below: Cortland Reddick tries to stifle any drive to the basket by Obion's speedy Tanner Richmond. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Kevin Pledge awaits a back cut by a teammate, in order to deliver an assist pass. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Right: Squirt Pickens attempts to supply some defensive pressure on Obion's Carson Jones in the fading minutes of the consolation game. (Photo by Ron Barry)

