LEFORGEE, THORNTON POWER LADY CAVS PAST WESTVIEW; CCMS BOYS SOCCER NOW 8-0



Above: Haley Leforgee blasted a home run and a triple in Crockett's 10-0 romp over Westview. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Haley Leforgee hammered a triple and her first varsity home run and Wesley Thornton added a double and triple for the second consecutive game as Crockett County's softball team run-ruled Westview 10-0 Wednesday behind the five-hit shutout pitching of Emmalynn Medlin.

The victory was the twentieth of the season for Coach Baron Jimmerson's Lady Cavaliers, who broke open a 3-0 contest with a seven-run outburst in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Crockett struck for two runs in the second when Gabby Bursey singled and stole second and third; Emilee Chandler walked and stole second; and Madison Stitts brought them both home with a pop fly base hit into right field.

The Lady Cavs added a tally in the fourth when Leforgee tripled and raced home on a groundout by Chandler. But the real fireworks exploded in the Crockett fifth, when Jimmerson's club batted around to invoke the mercy rule.

Thornton led off with a double down the left-field line and took third on a bunt single by Nataly Amador. Kiyra Liggins walked to load the bases before Medlin delivered a two-RBI single to center. After a passed ball, Bursey singled in Liggins and courtesy runner Fallon Beaird to make it 7-0.

On the very next pitch, Leforgee belted a long drive over the left-field fence for her first bomb of the season, upping the margin to 9-0. Two outs later, Piper Smith lined a single to left and Beaird – pinch-running for Smith – galloped home when Thornton slammed a line-drive triple to right field, providing the game's final run.

In the meantime, Medlin pitched around a couple of minor trouble spots in scattering five hits and striking out three in improving her season record to 8-2. All five safeties were singles, and no Charger batter reached base more than once in the five-inning decision.

Leforgee, Thornton, Bursey, and Stitts all had two hits for Crockett, now 20-4. The Lady Cavs are off until next Tuesday when they'll resume regular-season district play with a home game against Dyersburg at 5 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER: The CCMS juggernaut continued to roll Wednesday with a 7-0 triumph over Dyersburg, improving the season record to 8-0.

The match featured an interesting contrast of offensive efficiency. In the opening half, the Cavaliers pounded the Dyersburg net with 22 shots on goal, but only scored twice. Lucas Morales took an Adrian Amador pass and netted it at the 27:45 mark, and at 7:35 Caleb Ferguson booted one in on an assist from Damian Marquez.
In the second half, Crockett managed just seven shots on goal – but scored on five of them.

"We dominated the first half but their goalie made several saves and we couldn't put any rebounds in the back of the net," said assistant coach Graham Mayfield.

Ferguson began the second-half onslaught with a goal at 28:53 on an Anthony Mena assist. Morales scored five minutes later off a rebound to make it 4-0. From that point on, Marquez put on a show, scoring a hat trick in the final 22 minutes. The first goal came on a pass from Ferguson, the second (at 17:53) on a Gabe Williams assist, and the third at the 5:56 mark when he stole the ball from the Dyersburg keeper and rammed it in to complete the scoring.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS: Crockett's teams will host Covington Thursday afternoon with hopes of capping off a successful week on the courts.

The Cavalier boys defeated Dyersburg 3-1 on Monday and knocked off Haywood 4-0 Tuesday. Crockett's girls downed Haywood 5-2 on Tuesday. Ethan Nichols is coaching the tennis squads this season for CCHS and CCMS.

TRACK & FIELD: Three meets remain in the regular season – beginning with a Thursday event at USJ in Jackson – and the goal for Coach Julie Nass is to get a qualifier into the West Sectional in every event.

While that may sound daunting or overly optimistic, the Cavalier tracksters actually are already close to accomplishing the feat. Several of the track & field events already have a Crockett qualifier meeting the Sectional standard, and the rest of them have a Cav athlete very close to making the mark.

Following is a listing of each event, along with Crockett's current standing:

Girls High Jump (standard: 4-4): Caroline Scruggs (Q).
Boys High Jump (5-6): Mason Dennis (Q).
Girls Long Jump (14-0): Addie Davidson (Q), Claire Evans (Q), Avery Thornton (Q).
Boys Long Jump (18-5): Khilan Thomas (Q), Khalan Thomas (Q).
Girls Triple Jump (26-0): Addie Davidson (Q), Avery Thornton (Q).
Boys Triple Jump (35-0): Aaron Morgan (has jumped 34-4).
Girls Discus (65-0): Julia Finley (Q).
Boys Discus (75-0): Sebastian Garduno (Q), Ittai Fry (Q), Kamari Cason (Q).
Girls Shot Put (25-0): Julia Finley (Q).
Boys Shot Put (37-0): Grant Smallwood (has thrown 35-5).
Girls 100 (13.7): Zinayah Donald (has run 14.13).
Boys 100 (11.8): Khalan Thomas (Q).
Girls 100 Hurdles (20.0): Addie Davidson (Q).
Boys 110 Hurdles (20.0): Aaron Morgan (has run 20.58).
Girls 200 (29.0): Zamaria Edwards (has run 29.56).
Boys 200 (24.0): Cortland Reddick (has run 24.73).
Girls 300 Hurdles (59.0): Addie Davidson (Q).
Boys 300 Hurdles (50.0): Aaron Morgan (Q).
Girls 400 (1:08): Marley Thornton (has run 1:10).
Boys 400 (57.0): Christian Buchannan (has run 58.26).
Girls 800 (2:50): Avery Thornton (Q), Ruth Gourley (Q), Claire Evans (Q).
Boys 800 (2:15): no CCHS entry yet.
Girls 1600 (6:40): Alivia Hale (Q), Caroline Scruggs (has run 6:40.3), Marley Thornton (has run 6:56.9).
Boys 1600 (5:15): Aidan Klonowski (Q).
Girls 3200 (16:00): Alivia Hale (Q).
Boys 3200 (12:30): Aidan Klonowski (just needs to run it in a meet).
Relay Teams That Have Qualified: Girls 4x400 and 4x800; Boys 4x100 and 4x200.
Relay Teams on the Cusp: Girls 4x100 (needs to drop 3 seconds); Girls 4x200 (needs to drop 2 seconds); Boys 4x400 (needs to drop 1 second).



Above: For the second straight game, Wesley Thornton smacked a double and triple for the Lady Cavaliers. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Emmalynn Medlin hurled a five-hit shutout for Crockett and also drove in two runs. (Photo by Ron Barry)