CROCKETT TRACK & FIELD MANAGES MORE SECTIONAL QUALIFYING BEFORE RAIN HITS



Above: Ruth Gourley just began training for the triple jump, but she's already qualified for the West Sectionals in her first try at the Dyersburg meet Thursday. (Photo by Ron Barry)

How do you make the most of a meet when you know a rainstorm is closing in that will probably halt the proceedings for the day?

Get as many athletes qualified for the post-season West Sectionals as possible in the events that manage to be completed.

That's exactly what Crockett County coach Julie Nass attempted to do Thursday in Dyersburg, and the effort paid off as the Crockett team qualified three more individuals and a relay team before the rest of the competition had to be canceled.

Titus Luten broke his own school record and qualified for Sectionals in the boys 100-meter hurdles by posting a 16.64, good for second place in the race. The girls 4x100-meter relay team set a personal record and qualified for Sectionals by running a time of 56.95 seconds.

But perhaps the most impressive feat was the one Crockett pulled off in the girls triple jump. The Lady Cavaliers already had Addie Davidson and Avery Thornton qualified there – but athletes are limited to a maximum of four events at Sectionals, and the versatile Thornton is at the point where she is going to have to drop an event. Since Davidson is already the school record holder in the event and is more likely to win team points, it makes sense for Thornton to drop the triple jump.

With that in mind, Nass recently began training freshmen Ruth Gourley and Avery's sister Marley Thornton in the mechanics of the triple jump – which aren't easy to master – but discovered Thursday just how quickly the pair can learn. Both of them qualified for Sectionals in their first try, with Gourley leaping an even 28 feet and Marley covering 27-1.00.

In other highlights of the incomplete Dyersburg meet, the 4x800 girls relay squad – already qualified for Sectionals – knocked 20 seconds off their previous best time and defeated powerful Union City for the first time this year. Aidan Klonowski continued to lower his PR in the boys 1600-meter run, dipping to 4:49.89, while his teammate Mase Utley broke the six-minute barrier for the first time, clocking a 5:57.70.

The girls 4x200-meter relay team set a PR and came within a third of a second of a Sectionals qualifying time. The boys 4x100 and 4x200 teams each set new PRs. Caroline Scruggs won the girls high jump with a leap of 4-6.00, and Davidson lowered her own school record in the girls 100-meter hurdles by posting a 17.81.

Following are the top three placements in the individual events, and the placements for all additional Crockett team members who participated.

Girls 100-M Run: (1) Lana Landry, Dyer Co 13.27; (2) Zoe Adams, Westview 13.36; (3) Alison Strickland, Lexington 13.65; (4) Zamaria Edwards, Crockett 13.79; (13) Zinayah Donald, Crockett 14.04.
Girls 1600-M Run: (1) Alaina Uselton, Westview 5:41.40; (2) Eva Lewis, Lexington 6:25.94; (3) Ainsley Sadler, UC 6:28.27; (4) Alivia Hale, Crockett 6:29.46; (Hannah Wede, Crockett 7:23.91.
Girls 100-M Hurdles: (1) Holland Johnson, South Gibson 17.58; (2) Addie Davidson, Crockett 17.81 [PR; new school record]; (Jayda Graves, Ripley 17.92.
Girls 4x100-M Relay: (1) Ripley 53.97; (2) Lexington 54.18; (3) Westview 54.25; (Crockett County 56.95 [PR; Sectionals qualifier].
Girls 4x200-M Relay: (1) Union City 1:52.09; (2) Westview 1:52.42; (3) Peabody 1:56.81; (6) Crockett County 2:00.33 [PR; only 0.33 seconds from Sectionals qualifier].
Girls 4x800-M Relay: (1) Crockett County 10:49.79 [PR by 20 seconds]; (2) Union City 10:58.47.
[Field events only allowed competitors who had not yet qualified for Sectionals.]
Girls High Jump: (1) Caroline Scruggs, Crockett 4-6.00 [PR]; (2) Hailey York, McNairy 4-1.00.
Girls Long Jump: (1) Akeena Hogsett, UC 14-0.25; (2) Daylia Hall, Covington 13-7.00; (3) Jayci Browning, Peabody 12-10.00.
Girls Triple Jump: (1) Carda Ellis, UC 29-7.50; (2) Ruth Gourley, Crockett 28-0.00 [PR; Sectionals qualifier]; (3) Marley Thornton, Crockett, 27-1.00 [PR; Sectionals qualifier].
[All other girls events canceled by rain.]

Boys 100-M Run: (1) Adrian Crawford, UC 11.17; (2) Necari Hall, Dyersburg 11.30; (3) Quindaris Alexander, Covington 11.39; (9) Khalan Thomas, Crockett 11.73.
Boys 1600-M Run: (1) Jack Mantooth, West view 4:35.39; (2) Aidan Klonowski, Crockett 4:49.89 [PR]; (3) Jackson Woodrough, Westview 4:58.46; (16) Mase Utley, Crockett 5:57.70 [PR].
Boys 110-M Hurdles: (1) Johnathan Currie, Ripley 16.13; (2) Titus Luten, Crockett 16.64 [PR; new school record; Sectional qualifier]; (3) Christian Draine, Covington 16.71.
Boys 4x100-M Relay: (1) South Gibson 44.38; (2) Union City 44.72; (3) Covington 44.80; (6) Crockett County 45.32 [PR].
Boys 4x200-M Relay: (1) South Gibson 1:33.25; (2) Covington 1:34.07; (3) Crockett County 1:36.01 [PR].
Boys 4x800-M Relay: (1) Union City 8:51.18; (2) Adamsville 9:12.39.
[Field events only allowed competitors who had not yet qualified for Sectionals.]
Boys High Jump: (1) Skyler Hollan, Adamsville 5-6.00.
Boys Long Jump: (1) Adrian Crawford, UC 22-8.00; (2) Ty Beard, Covington 21-6.00; (3) Skyler Hollan, Adamsville 20-1.00.
Boys Triple Jump: (1) Ty Beard, Covington 40-5.00; (2) Daquarius McKnight, Lexington 39-0.00; (3) Conner Plunk, McNairy 38-11.00; (6) Aaron Morgan, Crockett 33-9.00.
[All other boys events canceled by rain.]



Above: Fellow freshman Marley Thornton matched Gourley's accomplishment Thursday, and Crockett now has three qualifiers in the event. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Titus Luten broke his own school record and qualified for the 110-meter hurdles Sectionals with a terrific run Thursday. (Photo by Ron Barry)

