RESILIENT LADY CAV VOLLYEBALLERS CARVE OUT COMEBACK WIN OVER DYERSBURG



Above: Addie Davidson keeps a ball alive as Crockett stages its comeback to secure the win over the Lady Trojans. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Many of them had to race from the homecoming parade to the gymnasium, but Crockett County's volleyball team bounced back from deficits in every set to post an eventual 25-21, 21-25, 25-19, and 25-15 victory over a very scrappy Dyersburg team in Alamo Thursday night.

Coach Andrew Laman's Lady Cavaliers – now 19-8 on the season – struggled through the first couple of sets as the hustling Lady Trojans kept saving points with dives on the floor and pinpoint shots that were consistently just out of reach for Crockett defenders.

But by the third set, the Lady Cavs began to refine their passing accuracy and allow setter Lakyn Forsythe to deliver assists to a front-line barrage that included kills from Wesley Thornton, Madi Collins, Kira Bray, Lola Bailey, and Addie Whitby that finally made the difference in the highly-contested match.

For a while, Dyersburg serves and shots were keeping Crockett backliners Addie Davidson, Nataly Amador, Carmen Claybrooks, and Jentry Elmore racing around the court just trying to make contact with many of the return attempts. But as the match moved into the crucial third set, Laman's crew better established its rhythm and execution, pulling away on the scoreboard in the latter parts of the final two sets to claim the triumph.

The Lady Cavs will be hosting their own tournament Saturday before heading to Newbern Monday night for their rematch with Dyer County, the district's current top seed. Crockett will play Ripley, Camden, and Lexington Saturday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m., respectively, in pool play before the bracket play takes over for the rest of the day.



Above: Wesley Thornton is known for her thunderous kill shots, but her agility in the back line is just as important to Crockett County, as illustrated by this dig against Dyersburg as teammates Madi Collins (6), Lakyn Forsythe (11), and Addie Whitby (2) react to the pass ... (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: ... that eventually ends up with a Collins slam that gives the Lady Cavs the point in the crucial fourth set. (Photo by Ron Barry)





Above: Carmen Claybrooks and Nataly Amador are smiling after both of them contributed their hustle to a long rally that went Crockett's way. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Left: Jentry Elmore raced from the homecoming parade where she was a princess in the land of Oz (and still has the glitter on her face) ... (Photo by Ron Barry)

Right: ... to racing all over the court as an effective back-row performer for the volleyball team. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: When the score gets tight, Lakyn Forsythe resets her ponytail and gets down to business. (Photo by Ron Barry)







Below: Sometimes a powerful slam needs to be properly directed to avoid a block from your foe, and Addie Whitby (2) demonstrates her ability... (Photo by Ron Barry)

Left: Lola Bailey delivers a kill over the Dyersburg front line as Addie Davidson backs her up from the middle. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below: But as often as not, what sends the point Crockett's way is a Wesley Thornton kill, executed here as Nataly Amador and Kira Bray defend against a possible block. (Photo by Ron Barry)





Above: ... to find the open spot to finish off a slam for the point. (Photo by Ron Barry)