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# LADY CAV VOLLEYBALLERS TROUNCE SOUTH GIBSON; SOCCER TEAM BLANKS RIPLEY



**Above:** When the ball got close to the net on the Crockett side Tuesday night, South Gibson saw a lot of this: a Wesley Thornton kill. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Sometimes – even when the level of competition isn't considered elite – the execution of your own team CAN be.

While they haven't been completely perfect, Crockett County's volleyball crew has come pretty close the last two nights, winning six straight sets without yielding more than 16 points in any one of them.

The Lady Cavaliers downed Trinity Christian Academy on Monday night by a count of 25-10, 25-10, and 25-11. On Tuesday night, they added a district victory over South Gibson County by a score of 25-11, 25-12, and 25-16, improving their season record to 18-8 with Dyersburg coming to town Thursday night.

Coach Andrew Laman's club – despite suffering a rolled ankle injury to Emilee Chandler early in Monday's match – has been putting away kill opportunities with high frequency while also piling up an effective number of blocks. The back row mobility has been steadily improving, and it's almost been a nightly contest between Addie Davidson, Nataly Amador, and Jentry Elmore to see who can lay out on the floor most often just to keep a ball in the air to save a point.

Setter Lakyn Forsythe just broke the school record for career assists, aided by the putaways provided by Wesley Thornton, Madi Collins, Kira Bray, Addie Whitby, and Lola Bailey – who's also developing a nice knack for perfectly placing tip shots.

Add to that mix the stellar service game of Carmen Claybrooks and a few others, and Laman's squad – if it maintains its focus – could be a legitimate threat to make another run at a State Tournament berth

**HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER:** Crockett's Lady Cavs evened their season record at 5-5-2 by using reserve players throughout a 9-0 drubbing of Ripley on Tuesday night.

Five different players scored goals – three of them getting multiples – and four collected assists as Crockett dominated the contest from start to finish, beginning with a successful penalty kick goal by energetic Olivia Barger right out of the gate. Barger would score again later, helping set the tone for Aimee Aguilar, who posted a hat trick (three goals). Caleigh Agee netted two shots and assisted on another tally. Emily Calderon had a goal, and Cesia Sanchez added both a goal and an assist. Catherine Scruggs and Kamila Combita produced the other Lady Cav assists.

Crockett will host Dyersburg next Monday night in its final regular season match.



**Above:** When the ball got close to the net on the South Gibson side, the Hornets saw a lot of this: Kira Bray and Wesley Thornton rising high for a double block. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Lola Bailey gets ready to lower the boom on South Gibson as teammates (from left) Addie Whitby, Wesley Thornton, and Addie Davidson protect against a block. (Photo by Ron Barry)






**Above:** Nataly Amador's hustling effort is on display here as she goes all out to keep a ball afloat for a teammate. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Madi Collins watches the ball bounce highly off the floor and successfully away from the Lady Hornet defense after pounding a kill shot a second ago. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Right:** Kira Bray continued to show noticeable improvement in her net game this week. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Jentry Elmore listens to instructions from coach Andrew Laman before the Lady Hornets serve their next ball. (Photo by Ron Barry)






**Left:** Lakyn Forsythe is amused by a Wesley Thornton comment -- or vice versa -- a common sight during Crockett volleyball matches. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Coach Andrew Laman surveys the South Gibson defensive setup as Carmen Claybrooks (background) prepares to serve. (Photo by Ron Barry)





**Left:** Addie Whitby jokes with assistant coach Bobby Rawson between points during Tuesday's duel with South Gibson. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Wesley Thornton had a variety of kills against the Lady Hornets, but this particular matchup just wasn't fair. (Photo by Ron Barry)







**Left:** Crockett's volleyballers were supported by an enthusiastic group of Cav athletes from other sports. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Outside on the soccer field, Olivia Barger's enthusiasm and energy were contagious as she netted two goals to fuel a 9-0 win over Ripley. (Photo by Robin Waddey)

**Below:** Aimee Aguilar (right) scored three goals against Ripley and here is celebrated by Olivia Barger (left) and Anahy De La Rosa (middle) after the second one. (Photo by Ron Barry)



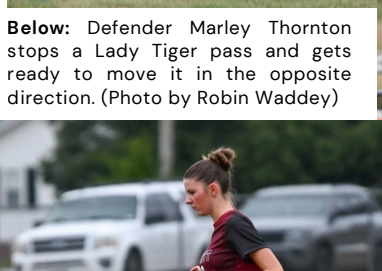
**Below:** Anahy De La Rosa rips a shot past a Ripley defender, but it went just wide of the net in Tuesday's soccer game. (Photo by Ron Barry)





**Left:** Catherine Scruggs controls the ball past the Lady Cav bench as the usual group of starters watches and lends encouragement. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Cesia Sanchez pulls the ball back from a Ripley defender before starting a rush to the goal. She had both a goal and an assist in the 9-0 victory. (Photo by Robin Waddey)



**Below:** Defender Marley Thornton stops a Lady Tiger pass and gets ready to move it in the opposite direction. (Photo by Robin Waddey)





**Left:** Softball standout Piper Ledford was crowned football homecoming queen at the Middle School's festivities Tuesday night in Cavalier Stadium. (Photo by Beth Williams)

**Below Right:** Evelyn Calderon smiles as she jukes a Ripley defender. Calderon was one of five Crockett goal-scorers on Tuesday. (Photo by Robin Waddey)



