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Here's a rundown of Friday night's athletic events around the area:

WHS SOFTBALL:

The Watauga High softball team picked up its second win of the year on Friday by knocking off Hickory 7-2 in a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference game. The win gives WHS (2-5 overall) a 2-2 record in league play. Shelby Drummonds, who was named to the all-state team last spring, backboned the attack going 3-3 with a double, a walk and two runs scored. Kim Robinson went 2-3 with a double, a triple and a walk; Taylor Drummonds had two hits and scored a run; Hope LaPointe had two hits, Michala McCune had a base hit and scored a run. Nicole Dollar also had a hit. Pitching-wise, Robinson got the start and gave up three hits and struck out four in three innings of work. Megan Jackson gave up one hit and struck out two in two innings of work; and Shelby Drummonds finished up. She went two innings and struck out five. "It was an all-around solid game for everyone," said WHS coach Stephanie Long. "I feel like this week is a real turning point for the girls as a team." The Pioneers have home games against St. Stephens on Tuesday night and Ashe County on Thursday this week.

WHS WOMEN'S LACROSSE:

The Watauga High women's lacrosse team is on a roll. Following an impressive victory at home against West Forsyth on Thursday night, the Pioneers (3-3) followed that up by knocking off Mount Tabor 10-5 on the road on Friday. Jessie Nash led the attack as she scored five goals; Ava Moody had two goals. The Pioneers return home to play West Forsyth on Tuesday night.

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WHS MEN'S LACROSSE:

The Watauga High men's lacrosse team continues to struggle. WHS lost two matches this past weekend. The Pioneers dropped a 12-5 decision to Hickory on Friday night. But WHS coach Chris Wallace is optimistic about his group. "We lost, but we played this team much better the second time around," he said. "They beat us pretty bad the first time we played them, but our guys came out and challenged better. It'll take a little time, but we're playing much better." Will Bridges scored two goals and had two assists for the Pioneers; Barrett Williams had two goals and an assist. The Pioneers (0-7) played Marvin Ridge at home on Saturday, and lost 18-0. Patton comes to town on Tuesday.

WOMEN'S SOCCER:

Watauga High coach Brittany Bolick has announced that the Wilkes Central match that was rained out March 10 will not be rescheduled. The Pioneers (6-1-1 overall; 3-0-1 in the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) take on St. Stephens at home Tuesday night.

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WHS TRACK:

Watauga High pole-vaulting coach Daniel Isaacs has announced that senior Sydney Cook has verbally committed to continue her track career at Appalachian State University next season. Cook is a three-time state qualifier in both indoor and outdoor track. She also turned in the second-best effort in the pole vault in school history at the New Balance Indoor Championships in New York City on March 11. She cleared the bar with an effort of 11-feet, 2 1/2 inches. Her best effort during the outdoor season came last Wednesday at St. Stephens with an effort of 11-6. Cook, who will receive an athletic scholarship from ASU and will sign her national letter of intent last this spring, finished second in the state in the pole vault during the indoor season in 2010; she was the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference Athlete of the Year in 2010 during the outdoor season.

UPDATED: HIGH COUNTRY SPORTS ROUND-UP FOR FRIDAY

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