

UPDATED: WHS Soccer Downs Huskies

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The Watauga High men's soccer team won its third consecutive game Tuesday night.

The Pioneers (5-1) defeated Ashe County 4-1 in West Jefferson. Alex Parsons backboned WHS with a hat-trick. Parson, a senior, now has six goals on the season. His goal at the 20-second mark of the second half snapped a 1-1 tie. Jake Chasteen picked up the assist on that go-ahead goal.

"It was a nice win," said WHS coach Woody McKay. "They scored first, but we came back tied the game and took control in the second half. We also sweep the season series from Ashe County. They're a good team, and this is a good quality win for us."

Jesus Morales scored the game-tying goal at the 22-minute mark of the first half. Logan Raichle, who had two assists on the night, picked up the assist on the Morales' goal. Frank Ledezma gave Ashe County an early 1-0 lead at the 10-minute mark of the first half.

The WHS JV team defeated Ashe County, 2-1. Canyon Mueller had both WHS goals; Dillon Hill had both assists. The Pioneers return home to play Patton tonight. The JV team plays at 5 p.m.; the varsity kicks-off at 6:30 p.m.

WHS TENNIS REMAINS UNBEATEN IN NW3A/4A

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The Watauga High women's tennis team defeated Hibriten 9-0 Tuesday night in a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference match in Lenior.

Meredith Smith, Hannah Petersen, Sarah Petersen, Margaret Anagnos, Liz Clark and Nicole Fox were all picked up wins in singles play; Smith and Anagnos, Hannah Petersen and Clark, Sarah Petersen and Fox were all victorious in doubles play.

Emily Burwell and Savannah Copeland picked up exhibition wins in singles play; Kylie Winkleman and Taylor Paige, Ali Maupin and Gab Neufeld won their exhibition matches in doubles play.

Thursday's match with St. Stephens has been postponed. The Indians have suspended their program because they don't have enough players. The Pioneers return home to play Fred T. Foard next Tuesday. And the Pioneers have also added another game to the schedule. They will play T.C. Roberson Wednesday, September 14. But this is a tentative date at the moment, and it is subject to change.

Watauga 9 Hibriten 0

SINGLES

Meredith Smith (W) def Diana Moore (H) 6-0 6-0

Hannah Petersen (W) def Caroline McClure (H) 6-1 6-0

Sarah Petersen (W) def Claire Chase (H) 6-1 6-3

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Margaret Anagnos (W) def Brittany Bolger (H) 6-2 6-0

Liz Clark (W) def Monica Barlowe (H) 6-0 6-1

Nicole Fox (W) def Ashlee Taylor (H) 7-5 6-3

DOUBLES

Smith/Anagnos (W) def McClure/Bolger (H) 8-2

H. Petersen/Clark (W) def Moore/Chase (H) 8-1

S. Petersen/Fox (W) def Barlowe/Taylor (H) 8-1

MURRELL RELEASED BY PATRIOTS

Former Mountaineer Marcus Murrell was released by the New England Patriots on Tuesday. Murrell, the Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Year and the SoCon Male Athlete of the Year in 2006, was cut by the Patriots for a second time. They released him on September 13 of 2010, but resigned him on January 5 of this year.

Murrell, a two-time All-America at ASU, was undrafted in 2007. He has played for the Philadelphia Eagles (2007), the New York Jets (2007-09) and the Patriots (2010). Murrell is the second former ASU player to be released this week. Jabari Fletcher was released by the Cleveland Browns on Sunday.

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