The Watauga High women's tennis team claimed another victim Tuesday night with an 8-1 win against St. Stephens at the WHS Tennis Courts. WHS (12-0 overall; 4-0 Northwestern

3A/4A Conference) put the match away by grabbing a 6-0 lead in singles play. Meredith Smith, Hannah Petersen, Nicole Fox, Emily Burwell, Kelsi Kannoy and Annika Davidson posted straight-set victories.
The Pioneers were so dominant that they only lost three games in singles play. Gab Neufeld and Ali Maupin picked up an 8-3 win at No.1 doubles; Kylie Winkelmann and Savannah Copeland posted a 9-7 win at No.2 doubles. The Pioneers entertain Fred T. Foard Thursday night.

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Singles
1st: Meredith Smith vs. Blair Logan 6-0, 6-0 WIN
2nd: Hannah Petersen vs. Ellie Hunt 6-0, 6-0 WIN
3rd: Nicole Fox vs. Jenny Kerley 6-1, 6-0 WIN
4th: Emily Burwell vs. Haley Ormand 6-0, 6-0 WIN
5th: Kelsi Kanoy vs. Anna Taylor 6-0, 6-0 WIN
6th: Annika Davidson vs. Chloe Huffman 6-1, 6-1 WIN

Doubles
1st: Gab Neufeld/Ali Maupin vs. Logan/Hunt 8-3 WIN
2nd: Kylie Winkelmann/Savannah Copeland vs. Kerley/Huffman 9-7 WIN

3rd: Addie Hall/Jessica Benyon vs. Ormand/Taylor 4-8 LOSS

WHS VOLLEYBALL DROPS THIRD STRAIGHT

It's very rare to see the Watauga High volleyball team mired in a three-game losing streak. But that's the situation the Pioneers (11-5 overall; 6-1 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) find themselves in at the moment. The Pioneers dropped their third consecutive match at home Tuesday night in a 3-1 loss to St. Stephens. And the loss was a costly one as the Pioneers now find themselves in a first-place tie with the Indians in the NW3A/4A Conference standings. The Indians, who dropped the opening set 23-25, came charging back to win the next three games and won the match. A 27-25 win in the third game gave Saint a 2-1 lead, and the Indians put it away by winning the fourth game, 25-21.

The Indians were led by Jenna Boliek with 14 kills and 12 digs, Brenna Hall 12 kills and three blocks, Marisa Jones six kills, Ashley Markland 25 digs, Jodi Kerley 11 digs, Katelyn Houser 21 assists and 11 digs and Bailey Cloninger 15 assists and nine digs. The Indians (6-1) played inspired volleyball after the death of former classmate Evan Ford on Monday. Ford had been struck with leukemia. The team wore orange ribbons in their hair in his memory.

Kristen Carter led WHS with 48 assists in the loss; Channing Hagaman had 20 kills and 21 digs; Kierston McClannon had ten kills and 16 digs.

The Pioneers entertain West Iredell in a non-conference match tonight at Lentz-Eggers Gym.

The JV team (10-2; 6-1) dropped a 2-1 decision to St. Stephens. The Indians won the third and decisive game, 25-17. Sarah Combs paced WHS with 19 assists and nine digs.

Watauga Varsity Volleyball was defeated by St. Stephens
23-25, 25-22, 25-27, 21-25
Kristen Carter 48 assists
Channing Hagaman 20 kills, 21 digs
Rebecca Hayes 16 kills, 4 blocks

Kiersten McClannon 10 kills, 16 digs
Ashlyn VanDyke 16 digs
Meredith Farthing 6 kills, 7 blocks

Watauga JV was defeated by St Stephens
22-25, 25-20, 17-25
Sarah Combs 19 assists, 9 digs
Blake Byrd 4 kills, 3 aces
Callie Idol 4 kills
Sydney Farthing 6 kills, 14 digs
Kiersten McClannon 8 kills, 7 digs

WOOD TIES FOR SECOND AT CATAWBA SPRINGS

The Watauga High women's golf team turned in a fourth-place finish in its Northwestern 3A/4A Conference meet at the Catawba Springs Golf Club in Hickory Tuesday afternoon. The Pioneers had a team score of 152 and finished 26 shots behind Alexander Central, which paced the field with a 126. The Cougars dominated the match by besting the field by 15 shots.
Abby Hartsell of the Cougars was the leading medalist as she led the field with a 38. Savanna Wood of the Pioneers and Bree Keller of Hickory finished in a second-place tie and two shots off the pace with a 40. Ashlyn Setzer of Fred T. Foard finished third, three shots back with a 41. Mary Seramur and Rebekah Shoemake of the Pioneers each had a 56; Tasha Wilson had a 57 and Spencer Townsend had a 61. The Pioneers will travel to Taylorsville for a conference match at the Brushy Mountain Country Club next Monday, October 1. The Orchard Hills match that was rained out last Tuesday will be made up Monday, October 8.

Team Scores:
Alexander Central: 126
S. Caldwell: 141
St. Stephens: 149
Watauga: 152
Hickory: 155

Medalist was Abby Hartsell from Alexander Central with a 38.
Savanna wood tied for 2nd with Bree Keller of Hickory with a 40.
4th-Ashlyn Setzer, FTF, 41
5th- Macie Proffit- S. Caldwell 43

Other Watauga Scores:
Mary Seramur/Rebekah Shoemake: 56
Tasha Wilson: 57
Spencer Townsend: 61

THURSDAY'S GAMES

WHS Soccer @ Hibriten, 5 p.m.

WHS Volleyball v. West Iredell, 5 p.m.

Watauga Middle School Football @ Granite Falls, 4:30 p.m.