

Red Tornadoes Nip Pioneers, 5-4

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The Watauga High boy's tennis team suffered its second loss in a row Friday night. The Pioneers (2-2) dropped a 5-4 non-conference match to Hickory at the Watauga High Tennis Courts. The Red Tornadoes built a 4-2 lead after singles play.

Victories by Bailey Poston at No.5 singles (over Brody O'Neil, 6-3, 6-4) and Chris Decker at No.6 singles (6-1, 6-4 over Noah Moomaw) snapped a 2-2 tie.

The Red Tornadoes put the match away as Brad Bowman and Decker teamed up for an 8-3 win against Caleb Gould and Dristen Trate at No.2 doubles. Harrison Battle at No.2 singles and Trate at No.3 picked up singles wins for the Pioneers; Landon Taylor and Battle picked up a win at No.1 doubles; Moomaw and Will Spinetto picked up a win at No.3 doubles. The Pioneers open Northwestern 3A/4A Conference play against Fred T. Foard next Thursday. Saturday's match with Middle Creek (from Apex, N.C., has been cancelled.

Hickory 5, Watauga 4

Singles

Brad Bowman def Landon Taylor((W) 6-2 4-6 1-0

Harrison Battle(W) def Luke Kessell 4-6 6-1 1-0

Will Arditti def Caleb Gould(W) 6-0 6-1

Dristen Trate(W) def Nick Carlton 6-2 3-6 1-0

Bailey Poston def Brody O'Neal(W) 6-3 6-4

Chris Decker def Noah Moomaw((W) 6-1 6-4

Doubles

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Taylor/Battle(W) def Kessell/Poston 8-0
Bowman/Decker def Gould/Trate(W) 8-3
Moomaw/Will Spinetto(W) def Arditti/Carlton 8-4

WHS SOCCER EARNS 2-2 TIE AGAINST COUGARS

The Watauga High girl's soccer team earned a tie in its Northwestern 3A/4A Conference opener at Alexander Central Friday night. The Pioneers (1-2-2 overall; 0-0-1 NW2A/4A) spotted the Cougars a 2-0 lead before they came charging back to earn a 2-2 tie.

The Pioneers scored both their goals late in the game. Hannah Younger scored in the 75th minute and Lillie Brady tied it three minutes later to force overtime.

"Alex central is actually a very strong team this year and we showed a lot of good qualities during the game," said WHS coach Brittany Bolick. "We went to overtime with the varsity and fought very hard."

The JV team won, 1-0. Emily Goodnight scored the WHS goal; Jennie Schlenker picked up the assist. The Pioneers play South Caldwell Tuesday night.

ALEXANDER CENTRAL DOWNS WHS IN SOFTBALL

The Watauga High softball team dropped its second game in a row Friday night. The Pioneers were victimized by six errors and lost to Alexander Central 9-0 in a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference game in Taylorsville, N.C. WHS (3-3 overall; 1-2 Northwestern 3A/4A) only made

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three hits (Taylor Drummonds and Riley Pudney each had a single, Michala McCune had a double).

The Cougars finally broke the game open with six runs in the sixth inning. WHS, which lost by shutout at West Forsyth Wednesday night, hasn't scored a run in 12 consecutive innings. The Pioneers have only made four hits during that stretch.

"The score did not reflect the good things that were done in today's games," said WHS coach Stephanie Kostis. "For the tough start we've had weather wise, I think we will be in a good position to get to where we need to be deeper in the season. Defense is what got us - we had 6 errors. Small errors, but errors nonetheless. Against any average or better team, they are going to capitalize on those minor mistakes and make them hurt - that's what happened tonight."

Amanda Sports had a two-run single in Alexander Central's six-run sixth inning; Averi Miller had two hits and scored two runs; Christina Krider had three hits an RBI double. The Cougars made eight hits. Kim Robinson suffered the loss. She coughed up nine runs and gave up three walks. Winning pitcher Kiana Millsaps went the distance, walked one and struck out three. The Pioneers return home to play South Caldwell Tuesday night.

NORTHWESTERN 3A/4A CONFERENCE BASEBALL SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY'S GAMES

ALEXANDER CENTRAL 3, WATAUGA 2

SOUTH CALDWELL 6, HICKORY 0

FRED T. FOARD 4, HIBRITEN 3

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SATURDAY'S GAMES

WATAUGA @ MOUNT TABOR

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