

WHS Tennis Rolls Over Tigers

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The Watauga High boy's tennis team has gone through its share of growing pains this season. But one thing is for sure, the Pioneers have always found a way to get the job done, especially in the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference. The

Pioneers (3-2 overall; 1-0 NW3A/4A), who have dominated league play since the NW3A/4A was established in 2009-10, continued their dominant pace by crushing Fred T. Foard 9-0 Friday night in their conference opener in Newton, N.C.

Landon Taylor and Harrison Battle set the tone early with straight-set wins at No.1 and No.2 singles. Taylor, who will be a guest on the dugout show when the WHS baseball team takes on Fred T. Foard next Thursday night, defeated Jacob Stinson, 6-1, 6-0, at No.1 singles; Battle defeated Russell Michaels, 6-1, 6-1, at No.2

WHS swept singles built a commanding 6-0 lead heading into doubles play. The Pioneers travel to Hickory Tuesday night.

Watauga 9 Fred T Foard 0 Singles

Landon Taylor(W)def Jacob Stinson 6-1 6-0
Harrison Battle(W) def Russell Michaels 6-1 6-1
Caleb Gould(W) def Raul Marita 6-1 6-0
Brody O'Neal(W) def Daniel Tomberlin 6-1 6-0
Noah Moomaw(W) def Scott Whitman 6-0 6-0
Josh Lampkins(W) def Emanuel Lee 6-0 6-0

Doubles

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Taylor/Gould(W) def Stinson/Marita 8-0
Moomaw/Will Spinetto(W) def Michaels/Tomberlin 8-1
O'Neal/Lampkins(W) def Whitman/Grant Logan 8-0

Exhibition

Ryan Schlecht(W) def David Vasiu 6-0 6-1
Travis Westpfahl(W) def Pierce Hayes 6-4
Zack Archer(W) def Trevor Hall 6-4

PIONEERS DOWN HIBRITEN IN GIRL'S SOCCER

The Watauga High girl's soccer team wiped out an early 1-0 deficit and defeated Hibriten 3-2 Friday night at Storie Stadium in Lenior, N.C., in a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference game. Hannah Younger's unassisted goal in the 69th minute of the second half gave WHS a 2-1 lead. Sierra Hill's unassisted goal in the 75th minutes gave WHS some insurance and a commanding 3-1 lead. Maddie Critcher tied the game with a goal in the 65th minute of the second half on a feed from Derrick Hannah that tied the game. Following that game-tying goal by Critcher, the Pioneers (3-2-2 overall; 2-0-1 NW3A/4A) erupted. They scored three goals in a ten-minute span.

The Pioneers have a demanding week coming up. They travel to St. Stephens Tuesday night, they play at McDowell on Wednesday and they're scheduled to play Fred T. Foard at home next Thursday night in their final game before the Easter Holiday break.

PANTHERS RALLY TO BEAT PIONEERS

The woes continue for the Watauga High softball team. The Pioneers suffered a tough loss Friday night as Hibriten rallied from an early 5-2 deficit and beat the Pioneers 6-5 in eight innings in Lenior, N.C., in a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference game.

Kim Robinson suffered the loss in relief. The Pioneers (3-5 overall; 1-4 NW3A/4A) have lost four in a row. Robinson backboned WHS offensively with a double and a home run. The Pioneers made seven hits, but they also committed three errors. Megan Jackson had a double in the losing cause. Hibriten made four errors.

WHS grabbed an early 3-0 lead in the first inning. It was 5-2 going into the bottom of the fifth. But the Panthers started their rally with a run in the bottom of the fifth, and they tied the game with two more runs in the bottom of the sixth.

WHS, weather-permitting, will play T.C. Roberson at home on Monday.