

Pioneers Drop Fourth Straight

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The Watauga High girl's soccer team has picked a bad time for a tailspin. The Pioneers (8-8-3 overall; 6-5-1 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) suffered their fourth consecutive loss with a 2-0 setback against Hickory on Senior Night at Jack Groce Stadium. The Pioneers, who will open the state playoffs at home against Mooresville Tuesday night at 5:30 p.m., have only scored one goal in their last three games (and that tally belongs Hannah Younger). Lauren Skoog and Sarah Henson scored for Hickory (13-1-4; 9-0-3). The win leaves Hickory as the No.2 seed overall in the NW3A/4A, and the No.2 seed among the Class 3A schools in the conference. Marie Drewno and Henson each had an assist; Grayson Cameron was in goal and picked up the shutout.

"We're hoping for a win in first round the state playoffs," WHS coach Brittany Bolick said. "That's about all I can say right now."

The JV team defeated HHS, 1-0. Erin Tobin scored for WHS.

PIONEERS FALL IN FIRST ROUND OF STATE PLAYOFFS

Well, it was nice while it lasted. The Watauga High boy's lacrosse team saw its most successful season come to an end Friday night. Pfafftown-Reagan scored four goals in an eight-minute span just before halftime to break the game open. The end result, the Raiders (10-4), the No.2 seed from District 8, blasted WHS 15-4 at Leigh Wallace Memorial Field.

"It was 3-2, and we were right there with them, step for step," said WHS coach Chris Wallace. "But that outburst just before halftime killed us."

Senior Nick Williams closed out a fabulous career by scoring four times (he would have had five goals, but it was disallowed because the officials ruled he was standing in the crease when he scored). Williams finished his career with a school-record 67 goals in a season, and 104 in his career.

"I'm a little sorry I didn't start playing lacrosse when I was a freshman," Williams said. "But I wanted to leave my mark in this program. I'm glad Dominick (Hamilton) talked me into playing. I was a baseball player my freshman and sophomore years, and it just wasn't working out for me. But I found a sport I'm comfortable with, and I've taken a lot of pride in making myself a better player."

Williams will attend Alderson-Broadus College, a Division II school in Philippi, W.V. And WHS prospered from his talents. The Pioneers won the District 9 championship and made the state playoffs for the first time in school history.

"It's a start," Wallace said. "The guys had a great year. It was real enjoyable. I hope we can build on this and continue forward."

WHS TENNIS ELIMINATED IN REGIONAL PLAY

The Watauga High boy's tennis team was eliminated on the first day of competition at the Class

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4A Western Regional at Ardrey Kell High in Charlotte Friday afternoon. Dristan Trate, who represent WHS in singles play, made it to the second round before he was elminated by Josh DuTiot of Ardrey Kell in straight sets, 6-0; 6-0.

The doubles team of Landon Taylor and Harrison Battle made it to the second round by knocking off Cody Jenkins and Landon Alexander of East Gaston in straight sets, 6-1, 7-5. But they lost their second-round match Brian Perez and Christopher Dillon of Myers Park, 6-1, 6-1. The doubles team of Caleb Gould and Brody O'Neil lost to Michael McGowan and Duy Huynh of Providence, 6-0, 6-1, in the first round. But despite Friday's disappointing effort, the Pioneers (8-5) take on T.C. Roberson Tuesday in the second-round of the Class 4A state playoffs.

CLASS 4A WESTERN REGIONAL ARDREY KELL HIGH CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Singles

1st round

Dristen Trate(W) def Mika Y(WM) 6-2 6-2

2nd Round

Josh DuTiot(AK) def Dristen Trate(W) 6-0 6-0

Doubles

1st round

Landon Taylor/Harrison Battle(W) Def Cody Jenkins/Landon Alexander(EG) 6-1 7-5

Michael McGowan/Duy Huynh(P) def Caleb Gould/Brody O'Neal(W) 6-0 6-1

2nd round

Brian Perez/Christopher Dillion(MP) def Taylor/Battle(W) 6-1 6-1