The Watauga High women's soccer team finally broke its long scoring drought and cracked the win column in a big way as the Pioneers blasted East Burke 9-0 at the Ted Mackorell Soccer Complex on Tuesday night.

The Pioneers built a 4-0 lead by halftime and coasted home. Austin Williamson scored twice to lead the attack. Sklyar Hicks had a goal and an assist. Tiffany Dickens, Kendall Conner, Jodi Krause, Ashlyn Clark, Sidney Atkinson and Kaitlyn Mullinex also scored for WHS. Katie Hinshaw, Bethany Miller, Sam Byrd and Jenna Calamai all had assists. WHS improves to 1-5-2 overall; 1-2 in the Northwestern 4A Conference. The Pioneers travel to Wilson, NC this weekend for the Brittany Tournament. The Pioneers will play Jacksonville Friday night at 5 p.m. They will play Wilmington Laney on Saturday at 1 p.m. The JV team beat East Burke, 8-0.

The WHS softball team cracked the win column in NW4A play last night as the Pioneers scored in the bottom of the seventh and beat East Burke 7-6 at the Sports Complex. Breanna Steinke's sacrifice fly that was misplayed allowed Jennifer Ballew to score from third with the winning run. Maddi Bakken picked up the win. She had a no-hitter through four innings and only gave up two earned runs on the night. Chandler Butler had a single and an run-batted-in. Kara Tester and Hannah Yates each had two hits and an RBI. WHS (2-5 overall; 1-3 NW4A) travels to Alexander Central today. The varsity will go at 4:30 p.m. The JV will follow. The JV team, despite a six-run rally in the sixth inning, lost to East Burke, 8-7.

And the middle school golf season got underway yesterday with a three-team meet at the Brushy Mountain Country Club in Taylorsville. Watauga and Alesander County finished in a first-place tie with identical team scores of 186. Caldwell County finished in third, six shots back at 192. Rhyne Jones paced Watauga, and was the leading medallist in the field with a four-over-par 40. Carson Nygen had a 47, Austin Northern had a 48 and Cameron Taylor had a

51. Watauga travels to Morganton next Wednesday for a four-team meet at the Mimosa Country Club.

Also, WHS men's tennis is schedule to play at home today against Hickory. The Pioneers are 9-2. And the WHS men's and women's track teams will host a NW4A meet at Jack Groce Stadium.