

WHS Sports Round Up for Tuesday, March 31st

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The Watauga High baseball team pulled one out in dramatic fashion on Monday night as the Pioneers fought back from a 7-3 deficit and beat Alexander Central 12-8 down in Taylorsville to maintain its grip on first place in the Northwestern 4A Conference.

Kyle Miller, who came on as a pinch-hitter in the third inning, had a career night as he backboned the attack with a double, a grand slam and six runs-batted-in. His grand slam home run in the fifth inning tied the game at 7, and the Pioneers (8-2 overall; 5-1 NW4A) waltzed home from there. A four-run explosion in the sixth inning highlighted by Cal Hardee's seeing-eye single up the middle against a drawn-in infield, and Chris Shelton's two-run single gave WHS an 11-7 lead. Jon Sharpe, who came on in relief of Hardee in the third, picked up his third win of the year. The right-hander gave up an unearned run on seven hits, walked one and struck out five. The Pioneers are on a roll. They've won five in a row.

South Caldwell and McDowell kept pace, however. The Spartans scored five times in the top of the seventh and beat A.C. Reynolds, 6-2 down in Asheville. And McDowell scored all of its runs in the second inning as the Titans blasted Freedom, 13-2. South Caldwell wraps-up first-half play in the NW4A tonight in Taylorsville against Alexander Central; and McDowell wraps up the first half of the conference season at home against A.C. Reynolds. The Pioneers travel to South Caldwell on Friday. McDowell comes to Boone next Thursday night.

NW4A Standings

WATAUGA	5-1
South Caldwell	4-1
McDowell	4-1
Alex Central	2-3
A.C. Reynolds	2-3

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East Burke	1-4
Freedom	0-5

Tonight's games

South Caldwell @ Alexander Central
A.C. Reynolds @ McDowell
Freedom @ East Burke
WATAUGA @ Mount Tabor

Thursday night

Alexander Central @ McDowell

Friday night

WATAUGA @ South Caldwell
East Burke @ A.C. Reynolds

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Saturday

WATAUGA v. T.C. Roberson
Freedom @ University High DH

In the JV game, sophomore Dylan Norris fired a no-hitter as WHS beat previously unbeaten Alexander Central, 6-0. Norris, who threw a two-hit shutout in his last outing against East Burke back on March 24th, has given up just two hits in his last 12 innings of work. Not bad for a guy who didn't play baseball last year.

The WHS men's tennis team improved to 10-2 by knocking off Fred T. Foard 7-2 on Monday night. Winners for WHS in singles play were Brian Geldmeier, Davis Roberts, Chris Ludwig and Ryan Schweitzer. Michael Smith and Kevin Ashline teamed up for a win at No.1 doubles, Geldmeier and Roberts picked up a win at No.2, Ludwig and Schweitzer picked up a win at No. 3. WHS takes on Freedom today at home.

The WHS men's golf team finished in a sixth-place tie with McDowell on Monday at Marion Lakes Country Club. Both teams fired a 343. Alexander Central paced the field with a 291. Robert Warren had his best outing of the year for the Pioneers with a 79. The golf team travels to Orchid Hills next Monday. South Caldwell will host.

And the WHS women's track team finish in 11th place at the Porter Relays with 14 points. The WHS men will compete today.

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The Appalachian State University men's tennis team (11-8 overall) ost to Radford, 5-2. The men's team plays Elon on April 7th. The ASU women's team (5-10) beat Gardner Webb, 5-2. They play Wofford at home this afternoon.

And the ASU baseball team travels to UNC-Asheville for a non-conference game that begins at 7 pm. The Apps (9-15 overall; 3-10 Southern Conference) return home to play High Point University tomorrow, weather permitting. Rain is in the forecast, but if they play, we will air the game on WATA Radio beginning at 4:40pm.