

WHS Sports Round Up for Wednesday, April 1st

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The Watauga High baseball team saw its five-game winning streak come to an end on Tuesday night in Winston-Salem as Mount Tabor, despite making six errors, wiped out an 8-3 deficit and beat the Pioneers (8-3 overall) 11-10 in eight innings

Jake Wallace had his best game of the year in a bitter-sweet way. The senior had two hits, including a double and four runs-batted-in. Wallace (0-2), however, suffered the loss in relief as he coughed up the game-winning run in the eighth. Turner Simpson, who had a home run and four RBI, had a bloop single in the eighth to plate the game-winning run. The Pioneers made 11 hits; Phil Gordon had three hits and two RBI; Chris Shelton and Adam Church each had two hits apiece. The Pioneers travel to South Caldwell on Friday night in a battle for first place. The Pioneers, South Caldwell and McDowell are involved in a three way tie for the lead. Our air time Friday night begins at 6:05 pm on 100.7, MAC-FM.

South Caldwell won again last night as the Spartans beat Alexander Central, 8-5. And McDowell won again, beating A.C. Reynolds by the ten-run mercy rule, 13-2 in 4 ½ inning. There was one more game on the schedule last night. East Burke pulled into a three-way tie for fourth place with Alexander Central and ACR. The Patriots are 0-6. And the WHS JV team won last night beating Mount Tabor, 6-4. The JV team is 7-1-1.

NW4A Standings

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

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Freedom 0-6

Thursday night

Alexander Central @ McDowell

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

Saturday

WATAUGA v. T.C. Roberson

Freedom @ University High DH

The WHS men's tennis team wins again, knocking off Freedom, 8-1 at the Sports Complex. The Pioneers (11-2; 7-0 Northwestern 4A Conference) were led by Michael Smith, Kevin Ashline, Brian Geldmeier, Davis Roberts, Preston Stigall and Ryan Schweitzer in singles play.. Smith and Stigall at No.1 doubles, Geldmeier and Roberts at No.2 wrapped it up for the Pioneers. WHS takes on McDowell at home on Thursday.

The ASU women's tennis team (6-10) beat Wofford 4-3 on Tuesday. They play Furman at the Grandfather Mountain tennis courts this afternoon.

The ASU baseball team pounded UNC-Asheville 17-7 in a non-conference game last night in Asheville. The Mountaineers pounded out 18 hits. Rand Smith hit a home run and drove in three, Chris Alessandria hit a home run and drove in four, Wes Hobson had four hits and two RBI, and Isaac Harrow had three hits and two RBI. The Mountaineers (10-15 overall; 3-10 Southern Conference) return home to play High Point University today, weather permitting. Rain is in the forecast, but if they play, we will air the game on WATA Radio beginning at 4:40pm.

WHS track at the Porter Relays, Reid Harris of the Pioneers had a regional-qualifying mark in the pole vault with an effort of 11 feet, six inches. The men's and women's track teams travel to the Blue Ridge Invitational in Asheville on Saturday.

WHS women's soccer travels to Alexander Central for a NW4A game today. Also WHS Athletics Director Jeff Link has announced the WHS-McDowell soccer match scheduled for next Thursday, April 9th has been moved to Thursday April 23rd because of McDowell spring break next week. That will be a varsity-only match beginning at 6 pm. Therefore, the Pioneers will now play Ashe County in a non-conference game on April 9th. That will also be varsity only at 6 pm.

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And the ASU softball team travels to Johnson City for a double-header with East Tennessee State this afternoon..

And Jon Sharpe of the WHS baseball team has been nominated for the North Carolina Step "No Spit" All-Stars Player of the Week honor. Jon has been nominated following his masterful performance against East Burke on March 24th. The right-hander allowed one hit and struck out a career-high 14 men as the Pioneers beat the Cavaliers, 1-0. Sharpe had a no-hitter for 6 2/3 innings before Cody Franklin of the Cavaliers broke up the no-ht bid with a two-out single in the seventh. If you want to vote for Jon, you may go to the following website: www.thesportsflash.com/NCnoSPIT.htm