The high country has been blessed with two outstanding baseball teams this spring.

The Watauga High baseball team continued its winning ways last night by pounding A.C. Reynolds 10-4 at Davis Field in Asheville. The Pioneers (14-5 overall; 9-1 Northwestern 4A Conference) spotted ACR a 2-0 lead in the third. But WHS came charging back with a six-run explosion in the fourth. And five of those runs scored with two outs.

Jake Wallace had a run-scoring single, Baine Martin had two-run homer, Cal Hardee and Adam Church went deep as well. Ironically, Martin, Hardee and Church all went-back-to-back-to-back. And the Pioneers did all of this damage against the ace of the Rockets staff, Tyler Pressley, who coughed up six earned runs on eight hits with four walks and a hit batsman in 3 2/3 innings of work. Pressley also suffered his first loss on the year.

On the other hand, Jon Sharpe, who was complaining of a sore arm last week, looked strong as the right-hander wriggled off the hook a couple of times, and notched his sixth win of the year.

Shape gave up three runs, two earned on seven hits in six innings of work. Hardee mopped up in the seventh.

The Pioneers, who maintain their grip on first place in the NW4A, have now scored 29 runs on 29 hits in their last two games, including eight home runs. The freshman, David Martin, blasted his third home run of the year, a solo shot in the seventh. The Pioneers travel to East Burke on Friday night. Hardee (3-1) goes for WHS; Corey Rhoney goes for East Burke; our coverage begins at 6:05 pm on 100.7, MAC-FM.

In other games last night: South Caldwell smashed Freedom, 16-5; and McDowell rallied to beat East Burke, 6-3. The WHS JV team (10-3-1; 7-2-1 NW4A) beat ACR, 8-2.

The Appalachian State baseball team keeps rolling along. The Apps (22-17) have won 13 of their last 15 games. They rallied for four runs in the eighth inning last night and beat North Carolina A&T 9-6 at Smith Stadium/Beaver Field. Will Helms threw a perfect eighth inning and picked up his first career win. Jason Wallace had two hits and drove in three runs; Rand Smith was 0-5 with a run scored, which ended his school-record 27-game hitting streak. The Apps travel to High Point tonight for a 6 pm game.

High Point beat Wake Forest 12-5 last night. No radio coverage for today’s game. Our next

broadcast comes your way Friday night (6:40 pm on WATA) when Wofford comes to town. Our air-time for Saturday's game will be at 4:10 pm; and our Sunday coverage begins at noon, following our morning church services on WATA.

In softball, ASU splits a double-header with USC-Upstate. The Apps lost the opener 8-2, but they rallied to win the night cap, 7-2. Michelle Lighton knocked in three runs and Teri Fisher threw her first complete game to get the win. She gave up two earned runs and six hits in seven innings. The Apps (23-24) travel to Knoxville, TN to play the University of Tennessee tonight.

The WHS softball team wasn't so fortunate as A.C. Reynolds downed the Pioneers, 3-0. Kayla Kincaid had a triple in the losing cause. WHS (4-10; 1-6 NW4A) takes on McDowell at the Sports Complex this afternoon.

In soccer, A.C. Reynolds exploded for four goals in the second half and beat WHS 4-1 at the Ted Mackorell Soccer Complex. Kendall Baird scored Watauga's only goal. WHS (3-8-3; 3-3-1 NW4A) will entertain McDowell on Thursday; the Pioneers travel to East Burke. The JV team played ACR to a 1-1 tie.

In golf in Asheville, the WHS golf team had its best showing of the year by finishing in a third-place tie with East Burke. Both teams fired a 334. Alexander Central bested the field with a 309; A.C. Reynolds had a 325. Zack Burkett of Alexander Central was the leading medallist as he fired an even-par 72. Brandon Reynolds paced WHS with an 80. Ben Beason had an 83. At the Southern Conference championships, the ASU men finished 11th in Florence, SC. Casey Johnson paced the Apps. He fired a 73 on the final round, finished with a three-day total of 233 at seven over. Former Pioneer Jacob Eggers had an 80 on the final round and was 53rd. The ASU women were ninth at Hilton Head Island, SC. Mary Kate Bowman was 22nd. She had an 82 on the final round, and a three-day total of 242, 26 shots over par.

In track at South Caldwell, the WHS men and women both finished second in a four-team meet. South Caldwell won both the men's (128 points) and women's (124 points) meets. The Pioneer men and women both had 111 points each. For the men, Reid Harris won the pole vault and the 100 meter dash; Jordan :Pineda won the discus and the shot put; WHS also won the 4x100 relay. For the women, Laura Gulliver won the 300 hurdles; Kristina Tracy won two events, the long jump and the triple jump; Kenyon Hall won the 100 hurdles; Tara Trivette won the high jump; Ryann Jones wins the 200; Kathryn Smith win the discus; and WHS also won the

4x100 and 4x200 relays. WHS travels to Ashe County on Thursday.

In women's lacrosse, Hopewell beat WHS 11-7 at Jack Groce Stadium. Emily Bushman had four goals; Kristina Kanagy had two goals, and Darrow Cameron had a goal in the losing cause.

WHS tennis travels to A.C. Reynolds for a make-up match today; The Pioneers will make up another match with McDowell on Friday at home. The NW4A Regional Qualifier will be hosted by South Caldwell on Monday at the Granite Falls Recreation Department.