

The Appalachian State baseball team just keeps rolling along.

The Apps make it 12 out of 13, and they picked up their 23rd win of the year as they beat High Point University 6-4 at Willard Stadium in a non-conference game on Wednesday afternoon.

The Apps (23-17) scored five times in the second inning and made it stand up. Wes Hobson and Nick LaRose each had two hits and drove in two runs. And Rand Smith, who had his school-record 27-game hitting streak snapped on Tuesday against North Carolina A&T, had two hits and scored two runs. Taylor Miller went five innings, gave up one earned run on five hits and picked up his third win of the year. The Apps return home to play Wofford for a three-game weekend series beginning Friday (air-time, 6:40 pm on WATA). The Apps are 10-12 and in sixth place in the Southern Conference.

Congratulations to head coach Scott Taylor and the Watauga High men's tennis team as they nailed down the Northwestern 4A Conference regular-season championship on Wednesday night. The Pioneers defeated A.C. Reynolds 9-0 to win the title. Steve Lake, Michael Smith, Kevin Ashline, Brian Geldmeier, Ryan Schweitzer and Chris Ludwig were your singles winners. Lake and Smith, Ashline and Geldmeier, Sam Littlejohn and Chu Hwang were winners in doubles play. The Pioneers (16-2 overall; 11-0 NW4A) wrap up the regular season on Friday night at home against McDowell. The NW4A Regional Qualifier will be on Monday at the Granite Falls Parks and Recreation Department and hosted by South Caldwell. The Pioneers will open the state dual team playoffs at home on Tuesday, May 5th against the No. 5 seed from the Southwestern 4A Conference.

In softball, Tennessee beat ASU 8-0 on Wednesday night down Knoxville, TN. The Apps (23-25) only made one hit. Katie Boyd walked twice; she has 57 walks on the year, which leaves her only three shy of breaking the SoCon record in a season. The ASU women travel to North Carolina Central for a double-header on Saturday.

The WHS softball team knocked off McDowell 6-1 on Wednesday at the Carroll Leather Goods Sports Complex. The Pioneers (5-10; 2-6 NW4A) scored five times in the fifth inning and snapped a 1-1 tie. Kayla Kincaid had a double, two runs-batted-in and scored twice; Chandler Butler had a double, two RBI and scored once; Hannah Yates drove in two runs; Tori Wright went the distance and picked up the win. The softball team travels to East Burke on Friday. The

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JV team lost 21-0.

In golf, the Watauga middle school team finished third at the Brushy Mountain Country Club on Wednesday. Watauga shot a 143. Alexander County bested the field with a 141; Hunter McCombs of Burke County was the leading medallist with a 40. Carson Nguyen paced WHS with a 46; Cameron Taylor had a 48, and Austin Northern had a 49. And the WHS golf team will close out its regular season on Monday with a home meet at the Boone Golf Club. The Pioneers are currently seeded sixth in the NW4A, and Ben Beason is only six shots shy of qualifying for regional play. The Western Regional will be held at the Brushy Mountain Country Club in Taylorsville Monday, May 4th.