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The Watauga High wrestling team turned in its best dual performance in the month of January on Friday night down in Lenior, NC.

Unfortunately, the Pioneers came up short, falling to Hibriten 39-33 in a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference match. The Pioneers forfeited three weight classes between 135-145 pounds. Those forfeits gave the Panthers 18 unanswered points, and that turned out to be the difference in the match. Gus Coffey at 103 pounds and Demtree Kostis at 125 both won by pinfall; Mark Townsend (112) won by forfeit.

Jacob Gilliam at 160 (by decision), Grant Catoe at 171 and Robbie Sherrill at 189 both won by pinfall. The Pioneers return home Tuesday night against Fred T. Foard. The NW3A/4A Conference championships will be held next Saturday.

HIBRITEN 39, WHS 33

- 103: Coffey, Gus (Watauga High School) FALL David Smith(Hibriten High School) (3:12)
- 112: Townsend, Mark (Watauga High School) For Forfeit() 0-0
- 119: Corey Correll (Hibriten High School) FALL Abernathy, Tate(Watauga High School) 1:40
- 125: Kostis, Demetre (Watauga High School) FALL Andrew Burtchfield(Hibriten High School) (5:15)

- 135: Garrett Fullam (Hibriten High School) For Forfeit(Watauga High School) 0-0
- 140: Aleigha Patterson (Hibriten High School) For Forfeit(Watauga High School) 0-0
- 145: Scott Hardiman (Hibriten High School) For Forfeit(Watauga High School) 0-0
- 152: Joseph Serrano (Hibriten High School) DEC Sloan, Seth(Watauga High School) 13-9
- 160: Gilliam, Jacob (Watauga High School) DEC Hunter Penley(Hibriten High School) 7-1
- 171: Catoe, Grant (Watauga High School) FALL Jake Copper(Hibriten High School) (3:15)
- 189: Sherrill, Robbie (Watauga High School) FALL Jacob Bacon(Hibriten High School) (2:45)
- 215: Tripp Patterson (Hibriten High School) FALL Gryder, Travis(Watauga High School) :52
- 285: Nathaan Schultz (Hibriten High School) FALL Lawley, Jackson(Watauga High School) 1:47