

WHS Netters Declaw Tigers

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The Watauga High volleyball team had an easy time disposing of Fred T. Foard in its Northwestern 3A/4A Conference opener Tuesday night.

The Pioneers (6-2 overall; 1-0 NW3A/4A) defeated the Tigers 3-0 (25-6, 25-14, 25-20) at Lentz-Eggers Gym. The Pioneers have won five in a row, and they've won 20 consecutive games in the NW3A/4A dating back to 2009. The last team to beat WHS in league play was Alexander Central. The Pioneers shared the conference championship with the Cougars that season, but Alexander Central won the coin toss and earned the No.1 conference seed in the Class 4A state playoffs.

Kristen Carter paced WHS with 33 assists; Channing Hagaman had 11 kills; Colby Combs had seven aces and nine kills; Hannah Stewart had seven kills; and Skylar Hicks had 15 digs. Rebecca Hayes, Ashlyn Van Dyke and Kimberley Robinson turned in strong performances as well.

"It was a good team win to start the conference," said WHS coach Kris Hagaman. "We were all business from the start and took control of the match. We're on a roll right now."

The JV team (6-0) remained undefeated by knocking off Fred T. Foard 25-23, 25-14. Kiersten McClannon had five kills and seven digs to pace the Pioneers; Meredith Farthing had six kills, Whitney Dunningan and Sarah Combs each had seven assists and two aces a piece.

WHS travels to Hickory Thursday night.

WHS TENNIS AND CROSS COUNTRY RAINED OUT

The Watauga High tennis team had its match with Fred T. Foard rained out Tuesday afternoon at the Sports Complex. No make up date has been announced. Mount Airy comes to town today.....The Caldwell County Invitational was rained out Tuesday. It's been rescheduled for Wednesday.....And the Watauga Middle School football team plays its home opener today against West Alexander at 5 p.m. at the new Jack Groce Stadium. Avery Middle School defeated East Yancy 20-16 Tuesday night.

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