

WHS Streak Ends At 26 Games

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Nothing lasts forever.

Just ask the Watauga High volleyball team. It's 26-game winning streak in the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference came to an end Tuesday night. And the loss came in disappointing fashion as St. Stephens wiped out a 2-0 deficit and defeated WHS three games to two: 25-20, 25-22, 20-25, 24-26, 10-15.

"We just didn't get the job done tonight," said WHS coach Kris Hagaman, in a very disappointed tone. "We had them down early, and let it get away. Just look at our numbers. If you looked at our numbers, and didn't see the final score, you couldn't believe we lost the match. But we did." It was a gut-wrenching loss for the Pioneers (12-5 overall; 5-1 NW3A/4A), who find themselves in a three-way tie for first place in with the Indians and Fred T. Foard. It was also WHS's first conference loss since 2009, when the Pioneers lost to Alexander Central. WHS shared the league title with Alexander Central that season.

Anna Church had 53 assists in the loss. Colby Combs had 25 digs, four aces, three blocks and 15 kills. Channing Hagaman had 13 digs and 15 kills; Hannah Stewart had 15 kills and nine digs; Rebecca Hayes had 14 kills and three blocks; Kiersten McClannon had 12 digs in the loss. "Those are impressive numbers," Hagaman said. "But volleyball is a game of momentum. They got hot, and we struggled."

And it doesn't any easier for WHS. The Pioneers travel to Fred T. Foard on Thursday night. The Tigers defeated Hickory 3-0; Alexander Central defeated Hibriten 3-1. Kristen Carter and Skylar Hicks did not play for the Pioneers Tuesday night. Both players are nursing injuries, and they are listed as day-to-day, according to Hagaman.

WHS won the JV game 2-1: 23-25, 25-20, 25-13. Whitney Dunnigan had 13 assists, seven digs and four aces; Sarah Combs had 11 assists; Meredith Farthing had 12 kills, five aces and 14 digs; Kiersten McClannon had 10 kills, five aces and 23 digs.

NORTHWESTERN 3A/4A CONFERENCE STANDINGS

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WATAUGA ██████████ 5-1

FRED T. FOARD 5-1

ST. STEPHENS 5-1

ALEXANDER CENTRAL 3-3

SOUTH CALDWELL 2-4

HICKORY 1-5

HIBRITEN 0-6

TUESDAY NIGHT'S GAMES:

ST. STEPHENS 3, WHS 2

FRED T. FOARD 3, HICKORY 0

ALEXANDER CENTRAL 3, HIBRITEN 1

SOUTH CALDWELL - BYE

WHS TENNIS DOMINATES ST. STEPHENS

The Watauga High women's tennis team had no problems disposing of St. Stephens in a double-dip win Tuesday on Senior Day at the Sports Complex.

WHS (10-3 overall; 8-1s Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) won the opening match 9-0; and the Pioneers won a rain-shortened 5-1 decision in the second match. Meredith Smith, Hannah Petersen, Sarah Petersen, Margaret Anagnos, Liz Clark and Lexi Evans were victorious in singles play; Smith and Anagnos; the Petersens, and Nicole Fox and Evans were victorious in

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doubles play.

Anagnos, Evans, Grace Owen, Emily Burwell and Gab Neufeld all won their singles matches before the rains came. WHS travels to Fred T. Foard for a double-header Thursday afternoon.

WATAUGA 9 SAINT STEPHENS 0

SINGLES

Meredith Smith (W) def Blair Logan (S) 10-0

Hannah Petersen (W) def Sarah Beth McMahan (S) 10-0

Sarah Petersen (W) def Anna Taylor(S) 10-0

Margaret Anagnos (W) def Anna Bumgarner (S) 10-0

Liz Clark (W) def Rebecca Rzasa (S) 10-0

Lexi Evans (W) def Chloe Huffman (S) 10-1

DOUBLES

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Smith/Anagnos (W) def Logan/Taylor (S) 8-0

Petersen/Petersen (W) def McMahan/Rzasa (S) 8-0

Evans/Nicole Fox (W) def Huffman/Haley Ormand (S) 8-0

WHS GOLF FINISHES THIRD AT HICKORY

The Watauga High women's golf team finished third with a team score of 147 on Tuesday in a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference meet in Hickory.

Savannah Wood paced the Pioneers as she finished in a second-place tie with Bree Keller of Hickory. They both fired a 41, and finished three shots behind the leading medalist, Abbey Hartsell of Alexander Central, who bested the field with a 38. Carrie Hayes of the Pioneers had a 48; Emily Rochelle and Rebekah Shoemake of WHS each had a 58.