

## Pioneers Rally To Tie Panthers

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The Watuaga High men's soccer team finally gave up its first goal at home this season.

Ironically, it was a fluke goal as the Pioneers (10-3-1 overall; 3-1-1 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) earned a 1-1 tie with Hibriten at Jack Groce Stadium. The Panthers scored their only goal in the 92nd minute of the second overtime period. The ball just slipped by sure-handed goalkeeper Jeff Caldwell, giving Hibriten a 1-0 lead.

"We controlled the match," said WHS coach Woody McKay. "We simply dominated them. It was a crazy goal, but Jeff is a great keeper. It just happened to get by him. You can't blame the guy. He didn't see a lot of shots during the course of the game. I guess it just surprised him." The Pioneers outshot the Panther, 32-5. And they finally pushed one through at the 97 minute mark of the second overtime session. Zack Helms scored on an assist by Alex Parsons to tie the game.

"What a beautiful cross by Alex," McKay said. "He put the ball in a great position for Zack, and Zack drilled into the back of the net. It was a great goal, and our guys showed a lot of determination to come back. We never had a letdown after that fluke goal."

The Pioneers are unbeaten in their last three games. They travel to St. Stephens on Monday. The JV team and Hibriten played to a 2-2 tie. Canyon Mueller and Justin Hall scored for WHS; Trey Ollis and Dillon Hill had the assists.

**NOTES:** Sam Schell of the WHS soccer team will be our halftime guest during Friday night's broadcast of the WHS-Elizabethon game.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL SCORES:

**HP 2, B 0**

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Hardin Park 25, 25  
Bethel, 11, 22

**PK 2, B 0**

Parkway 25, 25  
Bethel 13, 18

**PK 2, HP 0**

Parkway 25, 25  
Hardin Park 17, 19

**GV 2, CC 0**

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Green Valley 30, 25

Cove Creek 28, 7

**VC 2, M 0**

Valle Crucis 25, 25

Mabel 15, 20

**VC 2, BR 0**

Valle Crucis 25, 25

Blowing Rock 11, 19

**M 2, BR 1**

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Mabel 13, 25, 15

Blowing Rock 25, 21, 13