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The Watauga High volleyball team bounced back in a big way Thursday night.

Facing a must-win situation, the Pioneers (13-5 overall, 6-1 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference), who began the night in a three-way tie for first place with Fred T. Foard and St. Stephens, defeated the Tigers in a three-game sweep: 25-21, 25-17, 25-15 down in Newton. St. Stephens kept pace by beating Alexander Central 3-0. The Indians defeated the Pioneers Tuesday night snapping their 26-game conference winning streak.

Kristen Carter, whose been nursing a shoulder injury, turned in a solid performance with 21 assists, five digs and three aces. Anna Church chipped in with 18 assists.

"It was a good win," said WHS coach Kris Hagaman. "I really wasn't concern, I was more disappointed with the way we played Tuesday night (a 3-2 loss at St. Stephens). We're better than that. Give St. Stephens credit, they beat us. But we shouldn't have lost that game, especially being up two games."

Well, the Pioneers didn't have a letdown Thursday as they completed the season sweep against the Tigers. Thursday's win also gives WHS a huge advantage in any tiebreakers between the teams. Channing Hagaman had a strong game at the net with 11 kills and nine digs; Colby Combs had ten kills; Hannah Stewart and Rebecca Hayes each had eight kills. Hayes also had three blocks. Skylar Hicks, who was injuried and missed Tuesday's game, had 21 digs and three aces.

"The girls were real focused tonight," Hagaman said. "But they were also real losse. They didn't feel any pressure coming into this game. We just played it like any other game. We came out, established ourselves and took control."

The Pioneers return home to play Hickory Tuesday night. The JV team lost to Fred T. Foard in two games: 16-25, 17-25. Kiersten McClannon had six kills and eight digs; Whitney Dunnigan had eight assists.

WHS Defeated Fred T. Foard, 25-21 25-17 25-15

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Channing Hagaman 11 kills 9 digs
Colby Combs 10 kills
Hannah Stewart 8 kills
Rebecca Hayes 8 kills 3 blocks
Skylar Hicks 21 digs 3 aces
Kristen Carter 21 assists 5 digs 3 aces
Anna Church 18 assists

# Fred T. Foard Defeated WHS JV Team, 16-25 17-25

Kiersten McClannon 6 kills, 8 digs Whitney Dunnigan 8 assists

# **NORTHWESTERN 3A/4A CONFERENCE STANDINGS**

WATAUGA 6-1
ST. STEPHENS 6-1
FRED T. FOARD 5-2
SOUTH CALDWELL 3-4

ALEXANDER CENTRAL 3-4

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HICKORY 1-5 HIBRITEN 0-7

### **THURSDAY'S GAMES:**

WATAUGA 3, FRED T. FOARD 0 ST. STEPHENS 3, ALEXANDER CENTRAL 0 SOUTH CALDWELL 3, HIBRITEN 0 HICKORY - BYE

#### WHS TENNIS SWEEPS FRED T. FOARD

The Watauga High women's tennis team defeated Fred T. Foard in a double-header sweep Thursday afternoon.

One of those matches was originally rained out on September 6 in Boone. The Pioneers (12-3 overall; 10-1 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) defeated the Tigers 6-0 in match one, and 9-0 in match two.

Meredith Smith, Hannah Petersen, Sarah Petersen, Margaret Anagnos, Liz Clark and Nicole Fox were singles winners in match one; Smith, the Petersens, Anagnos, clark and Fox all won their singles matches in the second game. Hannah Petersen and Anagnos picked up a win at No.1 doubles, Smith and Lexi Evans were victorious at No.2 and Sarah Petersen and Clark at No.3.

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Now, the Pioneers have a huge match coming up Tuesday at the Sports Complex with Hickory. The Red Tornadoes defeated WHS in their first meeting back on September 8. If the Pioneers win, they would share a co-championship with Hickory.

Emily Burwell and Grace Owen, Kylie Winkleman and Taylor Paige, and Gab Neufield and Ali Maupin won their doubles matches in exhibition play.

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Singles:

MEREDITH SMITH (W) DEF JULIA LONG (F) 10-0 HANNAH PETERSEN (W) DEF KATHRYN TRAVIS (F) 10-0 SARAH PETERSEN (W) DEF HALEY HURST (F) 10-0 MARGARET ANAGNOS (W) DEF MAGGIE GETTYS (F) 10-2 LIZ CLARK (W) DEF MEREDITH GLADDEN (F) 10-0 NICOLE FOX (W) DEF TAYLOR SIGMON (F) 10-0 WHS Volleyball Tames Tigers

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WATAUGA 9 FRED T FOARD 0

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**Doubles:** 

H. PETERSEN/ANAGNOS (W) DEF LONG/GETTYS 8-2 SMITH/LEXI EVANS (W) DEF TRAVIS/GLADDEN 8-1 S. PETERSEN/CLARK (W) DEF HURST/SIGMON 8-3

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# **WOLVERINES DECLAWED BY GRANITE FALLS**

The Watauga Middle School football team lost its home finale Thursday night. Granite Falls scored early and often and defeated the Wolverines 47-20 at Jack Groce Stadium. Evan Suggs scored a touchdown; quarterback Aaron Dobbins scored twice and second a two-point conversion in the losing cause. The Wolverines (3-2) travel to William-Lenior next Wednesday, October 5.