

WHS Soccer Flirting With Conference Title

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It's been a while since the Watauga High men's soccer team has won a conference championship.

The last time they did it, George Bush Jr. was still in office and the WHS football team was making headlines, thanks to a guy by the name of Eric Breitenstein. That was the autumn of 2007. But now let's fast forward to the present.

And the Pioneers (11-3-1 overall; 4-1-1 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) marched their way into sole possession of second place in the NW3A/44A Conference by knocking off St. Stephens 1-0 in a defensive struggle Monday night down in Hickory. Cam Linville had the game's only goal as he drilled a 35-yard shot into the net at the 20-minute mark of the first half. The goal was unassisted.

Monday's victory was also WHS's first win against the Indians since joining the NW3A/4A in 2009.

"He really drilled it," said WHS coach Woody McKay. "He pushed it up the field and hit a beautiful shot. It was a good soccer match. Both teams marked up very well, and there really weren't a lot of scoring chances."

Hickory kept pace, however, as the Red Tornadoes (12-1-12; 6-0) kept their grip on first place by blanking Fred T. Foard, 1-0. The Pioneers play at Foard (3-3; 9-7-1) Wednesday night.

"And that will be another tough game," McKay said. "But I'm confident in our guys. We've put together a good season. Our defense has been very good, and we've scored some big goals this season. Winning the conference would be nice, but there's still a lot of soccer left to play." St. Stephens won the JV game, 2-0.

WOOD PACES PIONEERS

Savannah Wood turned in her best performance of the season Monday afternoon.

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The end result, the Watauga High women's golf team finished second at the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference meet hosted by Alexander Central at the Brushy Mountain Country Club. Wood, a sophomore, who earned medalist honors for the first time in her career, fired a two-under par 35 besting the field by five shots. And Wood owns a one-shot lead as the overall individual leader in the NW3A/4A standings. Abbey Hartsell of Alexander Central finished second on Monday with a three over par, 40. Katie Lail of the Cougars was third with a 41; Kelsie Rhyne of Alexander Central finished fourth with a 42.

The cougars won the meet with a team score of 123. WHS was 17 shots back at 140; South Caldwell was third with a 143. Overall, Alexander Central leads the conference standings with a team score of 374. South Caldwell is in second place with a 427; WHS is third at 437.

The Pioneers play a make-up match today at the Boone Golf Club. This match was originally scheduled for September 20, but was rained out.

Team Totals

Alexander Central: 123, 374 for the season

Watauga: 140, 437 for the season

South Caldwell: 143, 427 for the season

Individuals

1- Savanna Wood: 35

2- Abbey Hartsell (AC): 40

3- Katie Lail (AC): 41

4- Kelsie Rhyne (AC): 42

5- Ashlyn Setzer (FTF): 43

Jessica Fisher (AC): 43

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Other Watauga Scores:

Carrie Hayes- 47

Rebekah Shoemake- 58

Emily Rochelle- 61

Spencer Townsend- 52