

WHS Tennis Earns Share Of NW3A/4A Title

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The Watauga High tennis team avenged its only loss in league play Tuesday night.

The Pioneers (13-3 overall; 11-1 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) defeated Hickory 6-3 at the Sports Complex. The win give WHS a share of the NW3A/4A championship. The Red Tornadoes defeated WHS in their first meeting on September 8.

"It 's nice to earn a share of the conference championship," said WHS coach Christine Vanard, who should make a strong run at Coach of the Year honors. "It doesn't mean much towards our playoff seeding, because we're in different classifications, but it was nice win for us."

The win really has no affect on either team concerning the state playoffs. The Pioneers are the No.1 seed among the Class 4A schools and the Red Tornadoes are the No.1 seed among the Class 3A schools. The match was tied 3-3 after singles play. Meredith Smith, Hannah Petersen and Sarah Petersen all won their singles matches to pace the Pioneers.

WHS put the match away by sweeping doubles. Smith and Margaret Anagnos picked up a win at No.1, the Petersons sealed the deal with a win at No.2, Liz Clark and Nicole Fox won their match at No.3 doubles. The Pioneers travel to Asheville for their final regular-season match; the conference qualifier will be played next week at a time and sight to be determined.

WHS VOLLEYBALL CUTS DOWN HICKORY

The Watauga High volleyball team maintained a share of first place in the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference Tuesday night.

The Pioneers (14-5 overall; 7-1 NW3A/4A) defeated Hickory in a three-game sweep: 25-9, 25-9, 25-7 at Lentz-Eggers Gym. Kristen Carter led the way with 26 assists. Colby Combs had 12 kills and six aces, Hannah Stewart had ten kills and Channing Hagaman had eight kills.

But St. Stephens kept pace as the Indians defeated South Caldwell in a three-game sweep. Fred T. Foard maintained its grip on third place by knocking off Alexander Central, 3-1. The

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Tigers trail St. Stephens and WHS by one game for first place.

"We did what we had to do," said WHS coach Kris Hagaman. "We beat a struggling team, and we're still in a position to win the conference championship."

Anna Church had five kills and 12 assists; Emily Hinshaw had seven aces and Skylar Hicks had nine digs. WHS won the JV game in a two-game sweep: 25-20, 25-14. Sarah Combs had 15 assists and four aces to lead the JV team. Meredith Farthing had four kills and eight digs; Bridget McKinney had five kills and Kiersten McClannon had six aces.

WHS travels to Hough High School in Charlotte to play in a tri-match on Saturday. The Pioneers will play Hough and Ardrey Kell. The match times are at 12 noon and 2 p.m.

NORTHWESTERN 3A/4A CONFERENCE STANDINGS:

WATAUGA ██████████ 7-1

ST. STEPHENS 7-1

FRED T. FOARD 6-2

SOUTH CALDWELL 3-5

ALEXANDER CENTRAL 3-5

HICKORY 1-6

HIBRITEN 0-7

TUESDAY NIGHT'S GAMES

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WATAUGA 3, HICKORY 0

ST. STEPHENS 3, SOUTH CALDWELL 0

FRED T. FOARD 3, ALEXANDER CENTRAL 1

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WOOD PACES PIONEERS AGAIN

Savannah Wood turned in another stellar day on the links Tuesday afternoon.

The watauga High sophomore, who earned her first medalist honors Monday at the Brushy Mountain Country Club in Taylorsville, duplicated the feat at the Boone Golf Club on Tuesday in a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference meet. Only this time, she shared the honor with Abbey Hartsell of Alexander Central.

Both women were at two over par 37. Rachel Lineback finished second, three shots back; Katie Lail of the Cougars was third, six shots back. Carrie Hayes of the Pioneers fired a 49 and finished tenth.

Alexander Central bested the field with a 124. WHS was second with a 141; South Caldwell finished third with a 145. And the Pioneers picked up some ground on the Spartans. They moved within six shots of second place in the NW3A/4A.]

"It was another good day at the golf course," said WHS coach Jamie Wilson. "And we picked up ground on South Caldwell. Savannah just keeps getting better. She is tied for first in the conference, and dropping the highest score (which is done at the end of the season), she is in sole possession of first place. We just keep improving everyday."

Emily Rochelle had a 55 for the Pioneers, Rebekah Shoemake had a 57 and Spencer Townsend had a 59. The Pioneers travel to Lenior for a conference meet next Monday. It's the next to last meet of the season. Hibriten will be the host school.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:

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1- Savanna Wood, Abbey Hartsell (AC): 37

3- Rachel Lineback- SCHS- 40

4- Katie Lail- ACHS- 43

5- Jessica Fisher- ACHS- 44

6- Kelsie Rhyne- ACHS, Bree Keller (HHS) - 45

8- Noelle Gwaltney- ACHS- 46

9- Ashlyn Setzer- FTF- 47

10- Carrie Hayes- Watauga- 49

Other Watauga Scores

Emily Rochelle- 55

Rebekah Shoemake- 57

Spencer Townsend- 59

Team Scores

Alexander Central: 124

Watauga- 141

South Caldwell- 145

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