

WHS Volleyball Sweeps Spartans

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The Watauga High volleyball team knocked off South Caldwell in a three-game sweep at Lentz-Eggers Gym Thursday night.

The win keeps WHS (16-7 overall; 9-1 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) in a first-place tie with St. Stephens in the NW3A/4A Conference standings. The Pioneers defeated South Caldwell in three games: 25-10, 25-12, 25-14. The Indians (9-1 in league play) defeated Fred T. Foard 3-1 and eliminated the Tigers (8-3 and in third place in the conference) from the conference race. "We just overpowered them," said WHS coach Kris Hagaman. "And we're still in the running to win the conference championship. We just have to focus on our next game, and then we'll worry about St. Stephens."

The Pioneers travel to Hibriten Monday before they return home to play the Indians Wednesday on Senior Night in the regular-season finale. But win or lose, the Pioneers have sewn up the No.1 seed among the class 4A schools in conference play.

WHS will open the playoffs at home next Saturday, October 22 against a wild card team. The Pioneers have made it to the Class 4A sectional finals the last five years. Kristen Carter backboned WHS in Thursday's win against South Caldwell. She had 30 assists. Channing Hagaman and Colby Combs each had 11 kills; Hannah Stewart had nine kills, 11 digs and nine service aces; Anna Church had nine digs and Skylar Hicks had 16 digs.

WHS won the JV game in two games by identical 25-11 scores. Whitney Dunnigan had 11 assists and four kills; Kiersten McClannon had four aces and five kills; Andrea Foster had four aces and Meredith Farthing had four kills.

Watauga vs South Caldwell

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JV won 25-11 25-11

Whitney Dunnigan 11 assists, 4 kills
Kiersten McClannon 5 kills, 4 aces
Andrea Foster 4 aces
Meredith Farthing 4 kills

Varsity won 25-10 25-12 25-14

Kristen Carter 30 assists
Channing Hagaman 11 kills
Colby Combs 11 kills
Hannah Stewart 9 kills, 11 digs, 9 aces
Anna Church 9 digs
Skylar Hicks 16 digs

WHS CROSS COUNTRY TUNES UP FOR SATURDAY

The Watauga High men's and women's cross country teams basically used Wednesday's United Way Invitational as a tune up for Saturday's Mile Stat Invitational in Richmond, Va. WHS coach Randy McDonough kept his top runners out of the championship races. Instead, those runners competed in the men's and women's development races. And the Pioneers had strong showings in both events.

"I told you we would mix some things up," said McDonough. "We wanted to keep our top runners fresh for the race in Virginia on Saturday. Virginia is light years ahead of North Carolina when it comes to distance running. It will be a great chance for us to test ourselves against what will primarily be a Virginia-dominated race."

The Pioneers will be one of two schools from North Carolina competing in Saturday's invitational. In Wednesday's race on the women's side, Darby Middlebrook led the way winning the race in 18:47.72. The Pioneers had the top four finishers in the race and six runners among the top ten finishers. Hannah Barbour was second (19:11.68), Madison Harman finished third (19:55.72), Hailey Middlebrook finished fourth (20:01.42). Team-wise, the Pioneers bested the field with 18 points; T.C. Roberson finished a distant second with 40 points.

On the men's side, the Pioneers had three of the top four runners. They were led by Peter Vandenberg, who won the men's development race in 16:20.48. Josh Anderson was third (17:11.61) and Andrew Vandenberg finished fourth (17:15.21). Team-wise, T.C. Roberson won the race with 35 points, but WHS finished second with 45 points.

Bryan Brackney finished 35th (17:23.74) in the men's championship race; Anna Schultz-Coulon finished 30th (20:58.83) in the women's championship race.

2011 United Way Invitational - 10/12/2011
Southside Park, Newton

Girls 5k Dash CC Girls Development Race

- 1 Middlebrook, Darby 11 Watauga 18:47.72**
- 2 Barbour, Hannah 12 Watauga 19:11.68**
- 3 Harman, Madison 11 Watauga 19:55.72**
- 4 Middlebrook, Hailey 12 Watauga 20:01.42**
- 5 Braswell, Kady 11 Hibriten 20:19.33
- 6 Tyler, Julia Rose 10 TC Roberson 20:37.65 1
- 7 Chand, Priti 11 TC Roberson 21:10.00 2
- 8 Smith, Brooke 10 TC Roberson 21:12.23 3
- 9 Nelsen, Taylor 12 Watauga 21:36.18**
- 10 Roberts, Julia 12 Watauga 21:46.68**
- 11 Hope, Molly 11 TC Roberson 21:53.32 4
- 12 Ruble, Molly 12 Watauga 21:54.73**
- 13 Link, Elena 9 TC Roberson 21:55.81 5
- 14 Farnam, Abby 12 TC Roberson 21:57.92 6
- 15 Smul, Lucie 9 Providence Day 22:09.23 7
- 16 Hunt, Hannah 9 St. Stephens 22:46.16 8
- 17 Grimmer, Josephine 10 Providence Day 22:54.71 9
- 18 Walker, Niki 11 Alexander Central 22:55.22 10
- 19 Oliver, Kate 12 Providence Day 23:13.24 11
- 20 Sandifer, Emily 9 Alexander Central 23:28.17 12
- 21 Sports, Amanda 10 Alexander Central 23:35.40 13
- 22 Smith, Josephine 12 Alexander Central 23:52.33 14
- 23 Kukreja, Neha 12 Providence Day 23:54.04 15
- 24 Stuart, Emily 12 Providence Day 23:54.29 16
- 25 Goble, Brianna 10 Alexander Central 24:57.43 17

Boys 5k Dash CC Boys Development Race

- 1 Vandenberg, Peter 11 Watauga 16:20.48**
2 Kovacs, Jesse 10 TC Roberson 17:09.68 1
3 Anderson, Josh 11 Watauga 17:11.51
4 Vandenberg, Andrew 12 Watauga 17:15.21
5 Harpe, Charles 9 TC Roberson 17:24.95 2
6 Basso, Darin 10 East Rowan 17:25.15 3
7 Harpe, Chris 11 TC Roberson 17:33.02 4
8 Allen, Justin 10 East Rowan 17:36.88 5
9 Hartman, Ryan 10 TC Roberson 17:37.05 6
10 Basso, Jason 10 East Rowan 17:38.93 7
11 Troutman, Jason 9 East Rowan 18:01.30 8
12 McMurry, Noah 11 TC Roberson 18:03.32 9
13 Craft, Ryan 12 Carson 18:10.72 10
14 Chapman, Marcus 9 TC Roberson 18:14.57 11
15 Deutsch, Jason 11 East Rowan 18:20.96 12
16 Books, Jared 12 Carson 18:26.30 13
17 Wernet, Kendall 12 TC Roberson 18:26.51 14
18 Hickernell, Dustin 11 Watauga 18:27.29
19 Seagle, Robert 12 Watauga 18:30.88
20 Messmer, Jimmy 10 Providence Day 18:37.51 15
21 Klutz, Drew 10 East Rowan 18:50.01 16
22 Lewis, Dylan 11 Watauga 18:50.35
23 Smith, Landon 11 South Caldwell 18:53.47
24 Dunbar, Will 9 Providence Day 19:00.11 17
25 Patel, Deepan 11 East Rowan 19:00.34 18

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WHS JV FOOTBALL AND WHS WOMEN'S GOLF

The Watauga High JV football team dropped a 13-0 decision to South Caldwell Thursday night at Jack Groce Stadium. The game was delayed at the start by a 45-minute rain delay. The JV team (2-6) has lost five in a row.....The WHS women's golf team had its Northwestern 3A/4A Conference meet in Lenior rained out for a second time in four days. No make up date has been announced. The golf team wraps up the regular season at the Brushy Mountain Country Club in Taylorsville Monday.