

Wood Wins NW3A/4A Title

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Savannah Wood put her stamp on the 2011 golf season Monday afternoon.

The Watauga High sophomore, who qualified for the state tournament last season, took it a step further on Monday as she claimed the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference Individual Championship by shooting even par at the Brushy Mountain Country Club in Taylorsville. Wood fired a 38 and nosed out Abbey Hartsell of Alexander Central by three strokes to win the title, 150-153 for season totals. Wood also becomes WHS's first individual champion in girl's golf. "Abbey is a great golfer," said Wood, who has earned medalist honors in her last three outings. "Golf is such a mental game. You can't get too carried away with it. You have to leave your last shot behind and concentrate on what lie ahead."

what lies ahead is a trip to the Western Regionals next Tuesday, October 25 at the Pine Island Country Club in Charlotte. The Pioneers produced two qualifiers in Wood and Carrie Hayes. Team-wise, the Pioneers bested South Caldwell by one shot Monday afternoon, and earned the No.2 seed in the NW3A/4A Conference. WHS finished with a team score of 717 for the season; the Spartans had a 718. Alexander Central won the conference title with a team score of 622.

MONDAY'S TOP TEN FINISHERS

Savanna Wood- W 38

Abbey Hartsell- AC- 41

Kelsie Rhyne- AC- 41

Katie Lail- AC- 42

Ashlyn Setzer- F- 46

Bree Keller- H- 46

Noelle Gwaltney- AC- 46

Carrie Hayes- W- 47

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Jessica Fisher- AC- 48
Patricia Thompson-SC- 51
Caroline Howes- SC- 51

2011 Team Scores

AC- 124- season total- 622
Watauga- 139- 717
South Caldwell- 146- 718

Other Watauga Scores Monday

Rebekah Shoemake- 54
Emily Rochelle- 57
Tasha Wilson- 58

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WHS VOLLEYBALL BLASTS HIBRITEN

The Watauga High volleyball team remained in a first-place tie with St. Stephens Monday night. The Pioneers disposed of Hibriten 3-0 down in Lenior, and the Indians kept pace by blanking Hickory by that same 3-0 score. Those efforts set up a first-place showdown for the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference title Wednesday night at Lentz-Eggers Gym. Both the Pioneers and the Indians are tied for first with identical 10-1 league records.

"Tonight we put ourselves into the position we want to be in heading into the conference title match on Wednesday against St. Stephens," said WHS coach Kris Hagaman. "The girls look forward to a good match, and hope that the gym will be packed with excited fans! But we're ready for them. The last time we played them, we were missing Skylar (Hicks) and Kristen (Carter)."

The Indians came from behind and beat WHS in a five-set match on September 27. Carter was a full force Monday night. She had 28 assists and four aces against the Panthers. Anna Church had seven kills and six aces; Ashlyn Van Dyke had 15 digs and four aces; Colby Combs had seven kills; Rebecca Hayes had five kills and Channing Hagaman had six kills, WHS won the JV match in a two-game sweep: 26-24, 25-9. Whitney Dunnigan had 12 assists, three aces and seven digs; Meredith Farthing had six kills and six digs; Cheyenne Jones had six digs and two aces.

Watauga vs Hibriten

JV won 26-24. 25-9

Meredith Farthing 6 Kills 5 digs

Whitney Dunnigan 12 assists 3 aces 7 digs

Cheyenna Jones 8 digs 2 aces

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Varsity won 25-13. 25-8. 25-10

Kristen Carter 28 assists 4 aces

Anna Church 7 kills 8 aces

Ashlyn VanDyke 15 digs 4 aces

Colby Combs 7 kills

Rebecca Hayes 5 kills

Channing Hagaman 6 kills

WHS SOCCER BLANKS COUGARS

The Watauga High men's soccer team blanked Alexander Central 3-0 Monday night in a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference game in Taylorsville.

The Pioneers (13-4-1 overall; 6-2-1 NW3A/4A) grabbed a 1-0 halftime lead on a goal by Jake Chasteen. Brian Greer, who had two assists on the night, made a perfect cross on that play that set up the goal. Cam Linville and Berkely Wilcox both scored in the second half. Wilcox and Alex Parsons each had an assist. The JV game ended in a scoreless tie.

The Pioneers return home to play South Caldwell Wednesday night. It will be Senior Night/Youth Night. If you are a youth or a club player, please wear your jersey and you will be admitted into the game free of charge.

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