

Pioneers Release 2012 Baseball Schedule

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Watauga High baseball coach Pete Hardee has released his schedule for the upcoming 2012 season. And the Pioneers, who were 18-8 last season, will play an entertaining array of teams this season.

It all begins with a pair of scrimmages with Davie County on February 18 and Mount Tabor (a playing date for that one is still up in the air). The Pioneers, as usual because of weather issues, will play six consecutive games

on road to start the season. They open at A.C. Reynolds in Asheville on Tuesday, February 28, then its off to Mount Tabor on Thursday, March 1, and the Pioneers wrap up the first week of the season with a game at Ardrey Kell in Charlotte on Saturday, March 3.

The Northwestern 3A/4A Conference opener will be on Tuesday, March 6 at Fred T. Foard in Newton; and the Pioneers will play their home opener Monday, March 12 against Davie County---a new addition to the schedule this season. Another new addition will be Ashe County, which makes its way to Pioneer Field on Saturday, March 31.

The Pioneers will also play a home-and-home series with North Davidson (on the road March 8 and at home on April 4). The Pioneers will play at Charlotte-Providence on March 24; and they will make a return trip to the East Rutherford Easter Tournament in Forest City, NC. April 9-12. Remember, Hardee picked up career win No.300 there last season.

The NW3A/4A Conference tournament begins May 1 with the higher seeds hosting first-round games. The semifinals and finals will be played at MSDeal Stadium in Granite Falls, NC, May 4-5. The state playoffs begin May 11. The Pioneers made it to the sectional finals last season, where they lost to Porter Ridge, 1-0.

WHS 2012 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

FEB. 28 @ A.C. REYNOLDS 6:30 P.M.
MARCH 1 @ MOUNT TABOR 6:30 P.M.
MARCH 3 @ ARDREY KELL 2 P.M.
MARCH 6 @ FRED T. FOARD* 6:30 P.M.
MARCH 8 @ NORTH DAVIDSON 7 P.M.

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MARCH 12 DAVIE COUNTY 6:30 P.M.
MARCH 16 ALEXANDER CENTRAL* 6:30 P.M.
MARCH 20 @ SOUTH CALDWELL* 6:30 P.M.
MARCH 23 HIBRITEN* 6:30 P.M.
MARCH 24 @ PROVIDENCE 2:30 P.M.
MARCH 27 @ ST. STEPHENS* 6:30 P.M.
MARCH 30 FRED T. FOARD* 6:30 P.M.
MARCH 31 ASHE COUNTY 5 P.M.
APRIL 3 HICKORY* 6:30 P.M.
APRIL 4 NORTH DAVIDSON 6:30 P.M.
APRIL 9-12 EAST RUTHERFORD EASTER TOURNAMENT TBA
APRIL 17 @ ALEXANDER CENTRAL* 6:30 P.M.
APRIL 20 SOUTH CALDWELL* 6:30 P.M.
APRIL 21 MOUNT TABOR 2 P.M.
APRIL 24 @ HIBRITEN* 6:30 P.M.
APRIL 25 A.C. REYNOLDS 6:30 P.M.
APRIL 27 ST. STEPHENS 6:30 P.M. (SENIOR NIGHT)
MAY 1, 4-5 NORTHWESTERN 3A/4A TOURNAMENT TBA
MAY 11 FIRST ROUND STATE PLAYOFFS TBA

* - DENOTES NW3A/4A CONFERENCE GAMES