

Huskies Squeak By Eagles, Win 14th Straight

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For the second time in three days, Nehemiah Stafford held his team's fate in his hands. And like he did Wednesday night against Watauga, Stafford nailed a pair of free throws with

12 seconds left as the Ashe County High men's basketball team defeated Wilkes Central 37-36 Friday night at The Nest in Moravian Falls, NC.

The win also gives Ashe County (14-1 overall; 9-0 Mountain Valley Conference) a two-game lead on the Eagles (11-3; 7-2) for first place in the MVC. The Huskies also own the tie-breaker as they swept the season series. Stafford, thanks to his late-game heroics, finished with six points. Zeb Richardson led the Huskies with 11 points, 11 rebounds and eight blocked shots. Sam Gammons had 11 points.

Wilkes Central (14-0; 9-0) won the women's game by defeating Ashe County, 64-46.

Mackenzie Johnson led the Huskies (5-10; 2-7) with 17 points and 13 rebounds. Katie Rider led the Eagles with 22 points and eight boards.

Hickory Down St. Stephens In OT

The Hickory Red Tornadoes blew a seven-point third quarter lead, but rallied to beat St. Stephens 60-53 in overtime at Craft Gymnasium in Hickory, NC. The win leaves Hickory in sole possession of first place in the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference.

The Red Tornadoes (15-2 overall; 5-0 NW3A/4A) who have won 12 in a row, led Alexander Central (11-5; 4-1) by one game for first place. The Cougars defeated South Caldwell 52-43 on Friday night. The Indians (11-6; 3-2) are in third, two games off the pace.

The game ended in a 50-50 tie at the end of regulation time. Hickory turned four Indians' turnovers to start the overtime period into a 56-50 lead and the Indians never got any closer than three points the rest of the way.

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FRIDAY NIGHT'S GAMES

WOMEN:

HIBRITEN @ WATAUGA □ PPD

HICKORY 58, ST. STEPHENS 30

ALEXANDER CENTRAL 55, SOUTH CALDWELL 54

FRED T. FOARD - BYE

OTHER GAMES:

WILKES CENTRAL 64, ASHE COUNTY 46

MEN:

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HIBRITEN @ WATAUGA PPD

HICKORY 60, ST. STEPHENS 53 (OT)
ALEXANDER CENTRAL 52, SOUTH CALDWELL 43
FRED T. FOARD - BYE

OTHER GAMES:

ASHE COUNTY 37, WILKES CENTRAL 36

NORTHWESTERN 3A-4A CONFERENCE

MEN'S STANDINGS:

HICKORY 3A) 5-0 15-2

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ALEXANDER CENTRAL (4A)	4-1	11-5
ST. STEPHENS (3A)	3-2	11-6
WATAUGA (4A)	2-2	6-8
HIBRITEN (3A)	1-3	7-5
FRED T. FOARD (3A)	1-4	11-5
SOUTH CALDWELL (4A)	1-5	6-9

WOMEN'S STANDINGS:

HICKORY (3A)	5-0	16-1
ALEXANDER CENTRAL (4A)	4-1	12-4
SOUTH CALDWELL (4A)	4-2	8-7
FRED T. FOARD (3A)	2-3	9-7
WATUAGA (4A)	1-3	3-11
HIBRITEN (3A)	1-3	4-8
ST. STEPHENS	0-5	2-14

MOUNTAIN VALLEY 1A/2A CONFERENCE

MEN'S STANDINGS:

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ASHE COUNTY (2A) 14-1 9-0

WILKES CENTRAL (2A) 11-3 7-2

STARMOUNT (2A) 10-6 7-2

ALLEGHANY (1A) 5-9 4-4

ELKIN (1A) 4-11 4-4

FORBUSH (2A) 4-11 4-5

NORTH WILKES (1A) 3-11 2-6

EAST WILKES (1A) 3-13 2-7

WEST WILKES (1A) 0-14 0-9

WOMEN'S STANDINGS:

WILKES CENTRAL (2A) 15-0 9-0

EAST WILKES (1A) 9-7 7-2

NORTH WILKES (1A) 9-5 6-2

WEST WILKES (1A) 8-7 5-4

ELKIN (1A) 7-8 4-4

STARMOUNT (2A) 5-9 4-5

ASHE COUNTY (2A) 5-10 2-7

FORBUSH (2A) 5-11 2-7

ALLEGHANY (1A) 0-12 0-8

TUESDAY'S GAMES:

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(MEN & WOMEN)

WATAUGA @ ST. STEPHENS
ALEXANDER CENTRAL @ HIBRITEN
HICKORY @ FRED T. FOARD
SOUTH CALDWELL - BYE

OTHER GAMES:

ASHE COUNTY @ FORBUSH