

WHS Softball Picks Up First Win

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The Watauga High softball team finally cracked the win column Friday night as the Pioneers knocked off Hickory 7-3 in a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference game. Riley Pudney went 4 1/3 innings and picked up the win. Pudney gave up three runs on four hits with four strikeouts and

a walk. She also helped her own cause with a pair of singles, three runs scored and a stolen base.

Hope LaPointe fueled the offense for WHS (1-3 overall; 1-1 NW3A/4A) with a single, a triple and three RBI; Taylor Drummonds had two hits, a walk, a run scored and two stolen bases; Kim Robinson had a single, walked twice and scored twice; Michala McCune had a hit and two RBI; Allison Townsend singled; Nicole Dollar walked twice and scored a run; Megan Jackson drove in a run.

"We finally got the monkey off our backs," said WHS coach Stephanie Long. "Hopefully, we can build on this."

McCune finished up and gave up two hits with four strikeouts in 2 2/3 innings in relief. The Pioneers take on West Wilkes Saturday before they play Ashe County in their home opener Monday afternoon at the sports Complex. But there is a 40% chance of rain in the forecast.

WHS SOCCER BLANKS AVERY

The Watauga High women's soccer team snapped its two-game losing streak by knocking off Avery 5-0 Friday night in Boone. Senior Kendl Baird, who signed her National Letter of Intent with King College, an NAIA school in Bristol, TN, paced WHS with her first two goals of the season. She scored twice during a two-minute stretch that gave the Pioneers (2-2) a commanding 4-0 lead at the 52-minute mark of the season half.

Lily Brady had a goal and an assist; Lydia Mauney and Kat Welsh had the other WHS goals; Skylar Hicks had an assist.

"We finally played extremely well tonight as a unit," said WHS coach Brittany Bolick. "We played together and as a team. Everyone played well and added to the success of the outcome."

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The Pioneers take on Ashe County at home Monday night.

LI SCORES FOUR TIMES IN LOSING CAUSE

The Watauga High women's lacrosse team remained winless on the young season with a 20-10 setback at R.J. Reynolds in Winston-Salem. Olivia Li continued her hot scoring pace with four goals in the losing cause. Danielle Welsh and Courtney Kapral each had two goals apiece. The Pioneers (0-2) travel to West Forsyth Tuesday night.

The news was much better for the JV team. WHS (1-1) defeated R.J. Reynolds 14-3 Friday night. sunny Mohr and Haley Ellison each had five goals apiece; Kali Scott scored three times. The WHS men's lacrosse team (0-1) entertains Mooresville Saturday afternoon.