

Pioneers Batter Huskies

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The Watauga High softball team claimed its third straight victim Monday night with a 15-0, five-inning thrashing of Ashe County at the Sports Complex. Winning pitcher Michala McCune went the distance,

scattered two hits and struck out six.

Kim Robinson led the way offensively as she belted her first home run of the season. She scored twice and drove in two runs. Taylor Drummonds had another productive day at the plate. She had two hits, drove in a run and scored a run; and Elizabeth Dollar tripled and drove in three runs.

Riley Pudney had a hit and scored two runs; Hope LaPointe, Nicole Dollar, McCune and Leonard each drove in a run. The Pioneers (3-3 overall; 1-1 in the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) take on Alexander Central at home Wednesday night. The Cougars, who were ranked No.1 in the nation by MaxPreps.com last week, were beaten 9-1 by Fred T. Foard last Friday night. The varsity game begins at 4:30 p.m.; the JV game will follow. The WHS JV team defeated Ashe County, 6-2.

WHS SOCCERS WINS SECOND STRAIGHT

Watauga High senior Kendyl Baird scored her third goal in two games as the Pioneers bested Ashe County 2-0 Monday night in West Jefferson. Baird put WHS (3-2) on the board with a goal in the 21st minute of the first half. India Roseman picked up the assists. Then Baird hooked up with Skylar Hicks on WHS's final goal on a cross at the 55-minute mark of the second half.

"I thought we played very well tonight," said WHS coach Brittany Bolick. "I would have loved to put a few more in the back of the net but the field conditions weren't the greatest."

The JV team lost, 1-0. The Pioneers return home to play Alexander Central in the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference opener Friday night.

BYRUM PACES WHS GOLF

Matt Byrum of Watauga High fired a three over par 39 on Monday and finished two shots off the lead in a non-conference match at the Brushy Mountain Country Club in Taylorville on Monday afternoon. Blake Childers of South Caldwell, Tanner Pearson of Alexander Central and Frankie Wyatt of Hickory paced the field as they each fired a one over part 37 and shared co-medalist honors.

Austin Northern of the Pioneers was seven shots back with an eight-over par 44; Austin Graham was a 14-over par with a 50; Cameron Taylor, Troy McNeil and Dylan Cook each had a 51. Team wise, Alexander Central, playing on its home course, paced the field with a team score of 156. Hickory was two shots back with a 158. The Pioneers finished sseventh with a 184.

The Pioneers travel to Cedar Rock Country Club in Lenior on Thursday for a non-conference match hosted by Hibriten.

Team scores

Alexander Central- 156
Hickory- 158
Hibriten- 162
South Caldwell- 163
St. Stephens- 169

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FT Foard- 180

Watauga- 184

Co-Medalists:

Blake Childers, South Caldwell, Tanner Pearson, Alexander Central and Frankie Wyatt, Hickory- each had a 37

Watauga's Scores: Matt Byrum- 39, Austin Northern- 44, Austin Graham- 50, Cameron Taylor- 51, Troy McNeil- 5, 1Dylan Cook- 51.