

Pioneers Tripped Up By Tigers

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It was a much better effort the second time around. The Watauga High softball team., which was humiliated the first time around by Fred T. Foard, put together a stronger showing on Wednesday afternoon. Unfortunately,

the results were still the same as the Tigers defeated WHS 3-0 in a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference game in Newton.

It was a much better effort by the Pioneers (6-6 overall; 3-4 NW3A/4A) following their lopsided loss to the Tigers back on March 6 in Boone.

The Tigers are ranked second in the state in this week's Class 3A North Carolina Softball Coaches Association Poll. Riley Pudney suffered the loss. She went 5 1/3 innings, scattered four hits and struck out four. Kim Robinson finished up with an innings and two-thirds of scoreless relief. She walked two and struck out one.

"It was a much better effort, no doubt," said WHS coach Stephanie Long. "Offensively, we left five runners on base. We just couldn't get them around. We faced arguably the best pitcher we will see all year. It was a tight game all the way through. They were just able to put the runs across when they needed to, and we weren't able to score them today."

Taylor Drummonds had the Pioneers' only hit.

The Pioneers return home to play Hickory next Tuesday, April 3; WHS welcomes T.C. Roberson on Thursday.

SPARTANS OUTLAST PIONEERS

The Watauga High women's lacrosse team suffered a 10-9 loss at Mount Tabor in Winston-Salem on Wednesday night. Olivia Li led the Pioneers (3-5) with four goals; Taelor Critcher had three goals; Hannah Greer made eight saves. The JV team dropped a 7-6 decision to Mount Tabor. Elle Sloboda scored twice for WHS.

The WHS women take on Bishop McGuinness at home next Wednesday, April 4. The WHS men play Freedom in Morganton tonight.

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GAMMONS, HUSKIES PREVAIL

The Ashe County High baseball team picked up its third win of the season Wednesday afternoon with a 9-7 win against Avery in West Jefferson. Sam Gammons broke a 7-7 tie with a run-scoring single in the bottom of the sixth inning. The Huskies welcome West Wilkes to town on Friday.

WHS SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, 3/29/12

MEN'S LACROSSE @ FREEDOM, 7 P.M.
MEN'S TENNIS @ PROVIDENCE, 4:30 P.M.