

## WHS Soccer Whips Cougars

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The Watauga High women's soccer team belted Alexander Central 3-1 Tuesday night in a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference game in Taylorsville. Lillie Brady scored twice and Sierra Hill had the other WHS (8-4 overall; 5-2 NW3A/4A) goal. Abby Carson, Brittany Brown

and Hannah Younger each had an assist. The Pioneers return home to play South Caldwell Friday night. Also, WHS coach Brittany Bolick has announced that the McDowell match that was postponed on April 5 will be made up Monday, May 7. The JV game begins at 5 p.m.; the varsity will start at 6:30 p.m.

The JV team won Tuesday night by knocking off Alexander Central. 1-0. The game was called at halftime because of inclement weather. Emily Goodnight scored at the six-minute mark of the first half for the game's only goal.

## WHS Softball Gives One Away

The Watauga High softball team made nine errors Tuesday night and coughed up 11 unearned runs in an 11-3 loss to Alexander Central in Taylorsville. The Pioneers (7-9 overall; 4-5 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) suffered their third consecutive loss, one that was extremely bitter for head coach Stephanie Long.

"Offensively, I was very proud of the quality at-bats we had throughout the night. We took their pitcher (Chelsea) deep into the count, and we forced her to pitch to us instead of chasing her junk like we have in the past," Long said. "Our baserunning was textbook, and our positive attitudes and intensity were great. Then there were the errors; they were routine plays that were missed - throwing to first, bobbling balls, even once colliding with each other on a pop fly. Just can't win a game with errors like that - especially against a strong team like AC."

Kim Robinson and Riley Pudney pitched well in defeat. Robinson went 5 1/3 innings, scattered 8 hits and only walked 2. Pudney did not give up a hit in 2/3 innings of work.

Trailing 5-0, the Pioneers scored all their runs in the sixth inning. Taylor Drummonds led off the sixth with a walk and then stole second base. Pudney hit a line drive that was dropped putting

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runners at first and third. Pudney stole second base and Drummonds scored on the play, making it 5-1. Robinson belted a two-run homer that made it 5-3, but the Cougars scored six runs in the bottom of the sixth to put the contest away.

The JV team lost 16-0. The game with West Wilkes on Thursday has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled. The Pioneers host South Caldwell on Friday. It will be varsity only starting at 4:30. This game will be in support of the Bakken family and will include a bake sale and various raffles throughout the game - all the proceeds will go to the Bakken family.

## **WHS LAX Rained Out**

The Watauga High men's and women's lacrosse teams had their games with R.J. Reynolds rained out on Tuesday. The women's game will be made up Thursday night beginning with the JV contest at 5:30 p.m.; the men's game will most likely not be rescheduled. The men's team is scheduled to play Mooresville at home tonight beginning at 7 p.m.