

## Pioneers Shine On Senior Night

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The Watauga High women's lacrosse team may not make the state playoffs this season, but the Pioneers are making noise to close out the season. The Pioneers, who broke a four-game losing streak Tuesday night against Kernersville-Glenn, have won two in row after they knocked off East Forsyth 11-6 Friday night on Senior Night in Boone. Taelor

Critcher led the way with four goals; Danielle Welsh and Olivia Li each had two goals apiece for the Pioneers. WHS (5-8) wraps up the season Tuesday night at home in a make up game against West Forsyth. East Forsyth won the men's game, 15-3. The contest was stopped with about two minutes left to play when tempers starting growing short and play began to get chippy. Nick Williams scored twice and Barrett Williams scored once for the Pioneers (5-6) in their season finale.

## INDIANS SPOIL SENIOR NIGHT FOR WHS SOFTBALL

The Watauga High softball team was missing its best player, and it showed in the results as St. Stephens, thanks to a pair of home runs, whipped the Pioneers 9-4 at the Sports Complex in a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference game on Senior Night Friday in Boone. A two-run homer by Molli Huffman gave St. Stephens a 2-0 lead in the first inning; and Taylor Lail's three-run shot in the fifth gave the Indians a 6-4 lead and put them on top to stay. The Indians (9-3 NW3A/4A), the No.3 seed, will play Hibriten, the No.6 seed, in the opening-round of the conference tournament Tuesday night at home.

The Pioneers (9-10 overall; 6-6 NW3A/4A), the No.4 seed, will play South Caldwell, the No.5 seed, at home in the opening round on Tuesday. Allison Townsend and Michala McCune backboned WHS offensively. Townsend, one of two seniors on the team, had a double and drove in a run; McCune had two hits and drove in two runs. The Pioneers made six hits.

McCune suffered the loss. She gave up six hits and two home run balls in five-plus innings of work. She had five strikeouts, gave up two walks, and she hit two batters.

The top three hitters in WHS's lineup went a combined 1-12 Friday night. The NW3A/4A

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Tournament semifinals will be played Thursday and Friday at Alexander Central in Taylorsville.

### INDIANS BLITZ WHS SOCCER

The Watauga High women's soccer team suffered a 5-1 loss Friday night in a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference match on Senior Night at Jack Groce Stadium. The win keeps St. Stephens (9-0-1 NW3A/4A) all alone in first place and unbeaten in league play. Trailing 2-0, Skylar Hicks scored WHS's (10-5 overall; 7-3 NW3A/4A) only goal at the 14-minute mark of the first half off a rebound. But the Indians scored two more times during a seven-minute stretch for a 4-1 halftime lead. Mary Franklin had a pair of unassisted goals in the first two minutes of the match to give the Indians an early 2-0 lead.

WHS won the JV match, 3-0. Marcie Mahoney scored twice and had an assist; Emily Goodnight scored a goal; Brooklin Carroll and Taylor Woodridge each had an assist.