

## **WHS Soccer Settles For Tie**

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They say a tie is as good as kissing your sister. But after blowing a 2-0 lead at home Tuesday night, WHS coach Brittany Bolick is just happy that her team survived a furious charge by Fred T. Foard at Jack Groce Stadium. The Tigers got a late goal from Caroline Borham at the 75-minute mark of the second half as the team

settled for a 3-3 tie. Goals by Kendyl Baird and Hannah Younger, who scored twice for the Pioneers (10-5-1 overall; 7-3-1 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference), gave WHS an early 2-0 lead at the five-minute mark of the first half. But the Pioneers couldn't make it stand up. Abby Carson and Skylar Hicks each had an assist for the Pioneers.

WHS will play a make-up game at home Thursday against McDowell before they wrap up the regular season at home against Hickory Friday night.

The WHS JV's won 3-0. Marcie Mahoney scored all three goals for WHS.

## **TAYLOR QUALIFIES FOR REGIONALS**

Watauga High men's golf coach Mike Northern has a lot to be proud of. He will have two golfers making their way the Class 4A Western Regional at Broadmoor Golf Links in Asheville Monday. Cameron Taylor nailed down the fourth and final regional qualifying spot by defeating Jamie Curtis of South Caldwell in a one-hole, sudden-death playoff at Cedar Rock Country Club in Lenior.

Taylor bogied his hole, but Curtis had a triple bogie allowing Taylor to advance. Taylor will join teammate Austin Northern of the Pioneers at regionals. Alexander Central is the only Class 4A school from the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference advancing to regional play.

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## **WHS TENNIS ELIMINATED IN STATE PLAYOFF OPENER**

Watauga High men's tennis coach Scott Taylor is sick and tired of seeing Ardrey Kell in the state playoffs. The Knights, the No.2 seed from the Southwestern 4A Conference, defeated WHS 6-0 Tuesday in the opening-round of the Class 4A Dual-Team State Playoffs at the Sports Complex. It's the fourth time in five years that Ardrey Kell has eliminated WHS (16-2) at states. Senior Michael Smith (15-1) also suffered his first loss of the year in singles play. Smith and Harrison Battle, and the doubles team of Landon Taylor and Chris Ludwig will compete at the Class 4A Western Regionals this Friday and Saturday at Hough High School in Charlotte. The top four finishers in singles and doubles play will advance to the state tournament May 11-12.

## **WHS LACROSSE FINISHES STRONG**

The Watauga High women's lacrosse team finished the season on a three-match winning streak. The Pioneers (6-8) claimed their latest victim Tuesday night at the Sports Complex. They knocked off West Forsyth 11-9 in a make-up match. Danielle Welsh and Sunny Mohr scored three goals apiece; Olivia Li and Katie Marks each had two goals.