

Dobbins Leads WHS JV Team To OT Win

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The Aaron Dobbins era got off to a huge start Thursday night. The Watauga High freshman put on an Eric Breitenstein-type performance as the Pioneers (1-0) outlasted A.C. Reynolds 54-46 in overtime at Jack Groce Stadium in the season opener for both teams. Dobbins was 15-27 for 191 yards and five touchdown passes; he ran for 81 yards on 20

carries and scored three times in the win. Dobbins capped off the evening as he hooked up with Anthony Deiters on a 17-yard scoring toss on fourth down in overtime that put the WHS JV team on top to stay. Quarterback Tevin Stafford of the Rockets (0-1) was stopped short of the goal line to end the wild affair.

The win also made a winner of Dustin Kerley, who made his head coaching football debut at the JV level. The Pioneers had 385 yards of offense and the teams combined for 100 points and 763 yards of offense. Nathan Ford ran for 144 yards, and he had a 73-yard run that set up a score; Micheal Ebaugh caught eight passes for 150 yards with three TDs.

The JV team travels to Ashe County next Thursday night, August 23.

NOTES: The high school football season officially kicked off last night with Kannapolis-Brown blowing out Shelby, 44-0.....The WHS varsity team will kick-off its season tonight in Asheville against A.C. Reynolds. Coverage begins at 6:30 p.m. on Oldies 100.7 FM.

DecHELLIS WINS COACHING DEBUT

Anna DeChellis finally got a chance to make her coaching debut Thursday afternoon as the Watauga High tennis team (1-0) opened its season by crushing Mooresville 9-0 at the Sports Complex. Meredith Smith, Hannah Petersen, Nicole Fox, freshman Kelsi Kanoy, Emily Burwell and sophomore Annika Davidson were victorious in singles play; Smith and Fox picked up a win at No.1 doubles, Petersen and Burwell got a win at No.2 doubles; Kanoy and Davidson won their match at No.3. Sophomores Savannah Copeland and Ali Maupin won their exhibition matches.

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GREYHOUNDS UPEND PIONEER NETTERS

The Watauga High volleyball team suffered a 3-2 loss (23-25, 26-24, 12-25, 25-19, 10-15) at North Surry Thursday night. The Pioneers (1-1) dropped the final set, 15-10. The big blemish Thursday night was a 25-12 loss in the third set. Kristen Carter paced WHS with 45 assists to pace the Pioneers. Channing Hagaman had 20 kills, four blocks and 15 digs; Rebecca Hayes had 16 kills and four blocks.

"We just had a mental breakdown in game three," said WHS coach Kris Hagaman in a disappointed tone. "But we're young, and I thought we did a good job against a traditionally good team. The girls played well. I'm disappointed we lost, but I loved our effort."

Sarah Petersen had eight kills and seven blocks; Ashlyn Van Dyke had 16 digs. The Pioneers travel to Lake Norman next Tuesday night. They play Ashe County in their home opener next Wednesday.

The JV team (2-0) knocked off North Surry in three games, 22=25, 25-23, 25-16. Sarah Combs had another stellar game with 19 assists and five aces; Abby Hicks had 13 digs and two aces; Callie Idol had seven kills; Sydney Farthing and Blake Byrd each had six kills.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

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WATAUGA FOOTBALL @ A.C. REYNOLDS, 7:30 P.M.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

WATAUGA CROSS COUNTRY WILL HOST THE PIONEERS CLASH OF THE CLASSES AT
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