

Burwell Leads Pioneers To Victory

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The Watauga High women's tennis team battled the weather and a stingy opponent in Mount Airy Monday night on the road. But in the end, the Pioneers (2-0) prevailed as they knocked off the Bears 5-4 in a non-conference match.

And Emily Burwell played a huge role in the win. Burwell picked up a win at No.5 singles that tied the match at 3-3. She defeated Bree Hughes of the Bears in straight sets, 6-4, 6-0. Then she teamed up with Hannah Petersen at No.2 doubles to win the clinching match. Petersen and Burwell knocked off Jordan Jackson and Hughes, 10-1.

"It was a huge win for us," said first-year coach Anna DeChellis. "the weather was crazy, but our girls battled through it. Emily's win in singles was big for us, and the girls pulled it out in doubles play. It was a good win for us on the road."

Meredith Smith picked up a win at No.1 singles; Petersen won her match at No.2; Peterson and Nicole Fox teamed up for a win at No.1 doubles. They knocked off Davi Barbour and Haley Thomas of the Bears, 10-3. That gave WHS a 4-3 lead and set the stage for Burwell and Petersen.

Addi Hall and Jessica Benyon won their exhibition doubles match. The Pioneers return home to play Pfafftown-Reagan in a make up match today at 4:30 p.m. at the Sports Complex. That match was postponed last Wednesday.

WHS 5, MOUNT AIRY 4

Singles

1st: Meredith Smith vs. Jordan Jackson 5-7, 6-2, tiebreaker 10-5 WIN

2nd: Hannah Petersen vs. Davi Barbour 6-1, 6-1 WIN

3rd: Nicole Fox vs. Jade Hughes 2-6, 2-6 LOSS

4th: Kelsi Kanoy vs. Haley Thomas 2-6, 0-6 LOSS

5th: Emily Burwell vs. Bree Hughes 6-4, 6-0 WIN

6th: Savannah Copeland vs. Carley Vanhoy 3-6, 1-6 LOSS

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Doubles

1st: Smith/ Fox vs. Barbour/Thomas 10-3 WIN

2nd: Petersen/Burwell vs. Jackson/ B. Hughes 10-1 WIN

3rd: Kanoy/Copeland vs J. Hughes/India Inman 2-8 LOSS

Exhibition:

Doubles

4th Ali Maupin/Taylor Paige vs. Carson Orange/Jai Daniels 5-8 LOSS

5th Kylie Winkelmann/Gab Neufeld vs. Abby Hagwood/Coleman Craddock 3-8 LOSS

6th Addie Hall/Jessica Benyon vs. Sarah Kirkpatrick/Eryn Wood 8-8 tiebreaker 4-1 (rained out)
WIN

WHS SOCCER BLANKS AVERY

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The Watauga High men's soccer team remained unblemished on the young season with a 2-0 win against Avery in the opening-round of the Catawba Tournament in Morganton. Alex Parsons scored both WHS (3-0) goals; Logan Raichle had assists on both goals. Parson and Raichle hooked up on WHS' first goal at the 25-minute mark of the first half. They hooked up again at the 50-minute mark of the second half. The Pioneers, who have given up just one goal this season, take on McDowell in a second-round game this afternoon at 5 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

WHS TENNIS v. PFAFFTOWN-REAGAN, 4:30 P.M.

WHS VOLLEYBALL @ LAKE NORMAN, 5 P.M.

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WHS SOCCER v. McDOWELL AT CATAWBA TOURNAMENT, 5 P.M.

WATAUGA MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL v. AVERY, 6 P.M. (AT JACK GROCE STADIUM)