

## Pioneers Remain Unblemished

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Senior Alex Parsons is on fire right now. He scored two more goals Thursday night as the Watauga High men's soccer team (5-0) rallied from a 1-0 halftime deficit and defeated Freedom 2-1 in the

final round of the Catawba Tournament in Morganton. Parsons now had eight goals and two assists on the season good for a team-leading 18 points. He scored both of his goals within a ten-minute span in the second half. Favian Corrales picked up the assist on the first goal; Tucker Chasteen picked up the assist on Parsons' second tally.

"Alex is finding the net right now," said WHS coach Woody McKay. "He's had a goal or an assist in every game we've played, so far. Hopefully, he can keep it up when (Northwestern 3A/4A) conference play begins next month."

The Pioneers went undefeated in the tournament (they were 3-0), but Hickory won the tournament by goal differential. The Red Tornadoes, an NW3A/4A opponent, defeated Patton 4-0 Thursday night.

The Pioneers travel to A.C. Reynolds Monday night; they return home to play Patton next Wednesday.

## JV FOOTBALL WINS AGAIN

Last week, the Watauga High JV football team road the arm of quarterback Aaron Dobbins in an overtime win against A.C. Reynolds. This time around, the Pioneers (2-0) put together a strong running game, led by Nathan Ford, as they rolled over Ashe County 29-6 in a non-conference game in West Jefferson.

Ford finished with a game-high 89 yards on 10 carries and scored on a 15-yard run. Dobbins scored on a two-yard run and he also scored a two-point conversion. Michael Ebaugh, Dobbins favorite target, returned a punt 67 yards for a score, and Dylan Lawrence returned a fumble six yards for a touchdown.

The Huskies actually outgained WHS 248-147, including 157-115 on the ground. But the

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Huskies fumbled seven times and lost three of those fumbles. Quarterback Conner Bowers of the Huskies threw for 98 yards, but he was sacked twice; Zach Outen led Ashe County with 79 yards on 21 carries; Keith Miller scored the only Ashe County touchdown on a 28-yard run. That tally gave the Huskies an early 6-0 lead and it capped off a seven play, 66-yard drive. But the Pioneers jumped on top, thanks to a 29-point blitz in the second quarter. Lawrence six-yard fumble return and Dobbins' two-point conversion pass to Justin Greer made it 8-6; Ebaugh's punt return made it 14-6 and put the Pioneers in control with 7:21 left in the second quarter. The JV team travels to Avery next Thursday night.

## **FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE**

WHS FOOTBALL v. ASHE COUNTY, 7:30 P.M.

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### **SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE**

WHS CROSS COUNTRY @ HENDERSONVILLE, N.C.