

## WHS Completes Perfect Season

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Anna DeChellis has had quite a run in her first year as coach of the Watauga High women's tennis team. The Pioneers (14-0 overall; 6-0 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) have yet to taste defeat under her tutelage. The Pioneers also nailed down another NW3A/4A Conference title with a hard-fought 5-4 win at

Hickory Tuesday night. And it was Hannah Petersen and Emily Burwell that saved the day for WHS once again. If you recall, that duo helped WHS to a couple of close wins earlier this year against Mount Airy and Pfafftown-Reagan. Burwell and Petersen won their match at No.2 doubles with a 10-4 win against Madeline Finley and Julia Kessel of the Red Tornadoes. That win gave WHS a 5-3 advantage with one match left to play.

"The girls played awesome tonight," DeChellis said. "They fought hard and came out with a victory. It was a great way to end the season, especially for the seniors (Hannah Petersen and Emily Burwell). Everyone played great tennis tonight. It is nice to end the regular season being undefeated and conference champions. I look forward to the next coming weeks with post season."

Meredith Smith and Nicole Fox teamed up for a win at No.1 doubles with a 10-4 win against Erynn Hurst and Zoe Fisher of Hickory. That win gave WHS a 4-3 lead and set the stage for the seniors, Burwell and Petersen. The teams ended singles play in a 3-3 tie. Smith at No.1, Petersen at No.2, and Fox at No.3 all won their singles matches in straight sets. Post-season play begins October 16.

## WATAUGA 5, HICKORY 4

### Singles

1st: Meredith Smith vs. Erynn Hurst 6-0, 6-0 WIN

2nd: Hannah Petersen vs. Madeline Finley 6-1, 6-0 WIN

3rd: Nicole Fox vs. Zoe Fisher 6-3, 6-2 WIN

4th: Emily Burwell vs. Jessie Herfurth 3-6, 2-6 LOSS

5th: Kelsi Kanoy vs. Julia Kessel 4-6, 3-6 LOSS

6th: Annika Davidson vs. Rachel Kessel 6-3, 4-6, 6-10 LOSS

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### Doubles

1st: Smith/ Fox vs. Hurst/Fisher 10-4 WIN

2nd: Petersen/Burwell vs. Finley/J. Kessel 10-4 WIN

3rd: Kanoy/Davidson vs. Herfurth/R. Kessel 8-10 LOSS

### Exhibition:

#### Doubles

4th Gab Neufeld/Ali Maupin vs. \_\_\_\_\_ 8-3 WIN

### Singles:

7th: Taylor Paige vs. \_\_\_\_\_ 4-8 LOSS

## WHS VOLLEYBALL SNAPS FIVE-GAME SLIDE

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It had to happen sooner or later, but the Watauga High volleyball team snapped its five game losing streak with a 3-1 win against Hickory Tuesday night at Craft Gymnasium. The Pioneers (12-7 overall; 7-2 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) dropped the first game 27-29, but their roared back and won the next three games, 25-21, 25-22, 25-7.

The win leaves WHS in a second-place tie with Fred T. Foard, and a game behind St. Stephens in the NW3A/4A standings. The Tigers defeated Alexander Central, 3-1. Rebecca Scott had 25 assists and 16 digs to lead the Fred T. Foard; St. Stephens (8-1 in league play) defeated South Caldwell, 3-0.

Kristen Carter led the Pioneers with 29 assists and nine digs. Rebecca Hayes had 13 kills, seven blocks and six service aces. Meredith Farthing had nine kills, and Kiersten McClannon had 11 digs. The Pioneers travel to Enka for a tri-match Saturday. Enka, WHS and West Henderson round out the three-team field.

WHS won the JV match, 2-1. The Pioneers defeated Hickory, 25-17, 28-30, 25-22. Sarah Combs led the way with 20 assists and six service aces; Sarah Petersen had 11 kills; Abby Hicks had five service aces and Makenzie Presnell had 11 digs.

### **Watauga Varsity defeated Hickory**

**27-29 25-22 25-21 25-7**

Kristen Carter 29 assists, 9 digs

Rebecca Hayes 13 kills, 7 blocks, 6 aces

Meredith Farthing 9 kills

Kiersten McClannon 11 digs

### **Watauga JV defeated Hickory**

**25-17 28-30 25-22**

Sarah Combs 20 assists, 6 aces

Sarah Petersen 11 kills

Abby Hicks 5 aces

Makenzie Presnell 11 digs

### WOLVERINES DROP HIGH SCORING AFFAIR

The Watauga Middle School football team came up a little short in a high scoring game at Hardin Park School Tuesday afternoon. Hibernian hung on to beat the Wolverines, 40-38. Watauga (3-3), riding a two-game losing streak, scored with a little more than 30-seconds left to play. But they came up short on the two-point conversion try.

"We ran the same play three consecutive times on that last drive, and they finally figured it out and stopped us on the conversion," said Watauga coach Steve Breitenstein. "I hate to lose, especially the close games, but I feel pretty good about this one. The kids played hard, and they left everything on the field. Our players were exhausted after the game, and some of them were even crying. Both teams just marched up-and-down the field. We couldn't stop each other. I'm proud of them."

Evan Suggs scored twice for the Wolverines, Joey Watson, who scored Watauga's final TD, and Corey West also scored for the Wolverines. Hamilton Castle had a TD pass and he ran for a score; West, Dustin Hollars and Case Taylor all scored two-point conversions. The Wolverines will play their home game of the season next Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. against Gamewell.