

WHS Softball Snaps Five-Game Slide

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The Watauga High softball team finally got back on the winning track Tuesday afternoon. The Pioneers (4-6 overall; 2-5 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) snapped their five-game losing streak, knocked off Hickory 7-3 at the WHS Softball Complex in a NW3A/4A Conference game.

Winning pitcher Kim Robinson went the distance and picked up the win. But the senior had her anxious moments. She scattered two hits and struck out nine, but she also walked ten batters. The Pioneers snapped a scoreless tie with four runs in the third inning; they followed that up with three more tallies in the fourth. Riley Pudney was 1-1 with two walks, two runs scored and two stolen bases; Michala McCune was 1-2 with a double and run scored; the Pioneers made six hits.

"It was truly a team effort," said WHS coach Stephanie Kostis. "Everyone on the roster got to play and each got at least one at bat. I love when we are able to do that."

the Pioneers were scheduled to play Ashe County today, but that game was dropped from the schedule because the Huskies have to make up a Mountain Valley 1A/2A Conference game. WHS will now play Wilkes Central in a varsity-only game Thursday at home at 4:30 p.m. The Ashe County game will not be rescheduled.

Red Tornadoes Blank WHS Soccer

Lauren Skoog scored three times lifting Hickory past the Pioneers 3-0 in a Northwestern 3A-4A match Tuesday night in Hickory. The win keeps the Red Tornadoes (8-0-2 overall; 5-0-1 NW3A/4A) tied for the league lead with St. Stephens. Sarah Henson had two assists and Erika Troutman had one assist for Hickory. Grayson Cameron registered her seventh shutout of the season.

Heather Ostwalt made seven saves for Watauga (3-4-3; 2-2-1) in the loss. The Red Tornadoes led 1-0 at halftime. Skoog scored in the 23rd, the 51st and the 69th minute.

"Looking forward to playing them again at home for Senior Night," said WHS coach Brittany Bolick. "I strongly believe we can get a much better result."

The JV team won its match, 1-0. Meghan Gottfried scored WHS' only goal in the 19th minute. Brooklyn Carroll picked up the assist. Goalkeeper McKenzie Nelson had three saves.

WHS Tennis Snaps Losing Streak

The Watauga High boy's tennis team finally got back in the win column on Tuesday afternoon. The Pioneers (4-5 overall; 2-1 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) defeated Alexander Central 6-3 at the WHS Tennis Courts. It was WHS' first victory nearly three weeks. WHS defeated Fred T.

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Foard way back on March 22.

The Pioneers wasted little time disposing of the Cougars. The Pioneers reeled off four consecutive wins in singles play to take a commanding 5-1 lead into doubles. Dristen Trate got the streak going as he knocked off Spencer Patterson in straight sets, 6-0, 6-0 at No.3 singles. It was all down hill from there for the Cougars. Will Spinetto clinched the match with a straight-sets victory at No.6 singles. He defeated Lawrence Graham, 6-4, 6-4. The Pioneers are scheduled to play South Caldwell today in Sawmills.

Watauga 6 Alexander Central 3 Singles

Landon Taylor(W) def Caleb Fox 6-1 6-1

Jackson Walsh def Caleb Gould(W) 6-0 6-2

Dristen Trate(W) def Spencer Patterson 6-0 6-0

Brody O'Neal(W) def Logan Chapman 6-4 6-3

Noah Moomaw(W) def Conner Fox 6-2 6-1

Will Spinetto(W) def Lawrence Graham 6-4 6-4

Doubles

Trate/Josh Lampkins(W) def Ca Fox/Walsh 8-6

Patterson/Chapmen def Ryan Schlecht/Andrew Skeens(W) 8-3

CoFox/Graham def Travis Westfphal/Zach Archer(W) 8-0

Nguyen Paces Pioneers At Catawba Springs

Carson Nguyen turned in another strong round on Tuesday afternoon for the Watauga High boy's golf team. Nguyen fired a nine-over par 81 and finished just six shots off the lead at the Catawba Springs Country Club in Hickory, N.C. Roland Morris of Hickory paced the field with a three-over par 75. Hickory won the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference match with a team score of 319.

St. Stephens, playing on its home course, finished second with a team score of 328, nine shots back. Team wise, the Pioneers were fourth with a 334, 15 shots off the lead.

Troy McNeil and Cameron Taylor of the Pioneers each fired an 84; Austin Northern had an 85.

The Pioneers travel to Granite Falls for a NW3A/4A Conference match on Thursday. South Caldwell will host Thursday's match at the Orchard Hills Golf Course.

Team scores:

Hickory 319

St. Stephens 328

South Caldwell 333

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Medalist: Roland Morris from Hickory shoots 75.

Watauga's Scores:

Carson Nguyen 81
Troy McNeil 84
Cameron Taylor 84
Austin Northern 85
Austin Graham 89
Trevor Eggers 105

WHS Girl's Lacrosse Falls Short At Lake Norman Charter

Watauga High girl's lacrosse coach Holly Quick is still searching for her first win of the season. It nearly came on Tuesday afternoon, but the Pioneers (0-3) fell short in an 8-6 loss at Lake Norman Charter.

Tuesday's game was a rescheduled contest that was rained out in March. Tailor Critcher paced WHS with three goals; Courtney Kapral, Kali Scott and Haley-Banks Harwood each had a goal apiece. Both the WHS boy's and girl's teams travel to Clemmons, N.C., to play West Forsyth this afternoon.