

## Spartans Top Pioneers, 8-4

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It just wasn't meant to be. The Watauga High girl's softball team suffered another tough loss on Thursday. The Pioneers (5-8 overall; 2-7 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) spotted South Caldwell an early 4-0 lead, rallied to tie the game before they dropped an 8-4 decision to the Spartans at the WHS Softball Complex.

The loss leaves WHS mired in sixth place in the NW3A/4A Conference standings, and as the No.3 seed among the Class 4A schools in the league. The Spartans scored four times in the top of the seventh to snap a 4-4 tie. The Pioneers made things interesting in the bottom of the seventh, but came away empty.

WHS loaded the bases with nobody out, but couldn't score. Kim Robinson got the starting nod and suffered the loss. The WHS senior walked seven batters and struck out eight. She coughed up eight earned runs on seven hits.

Savannah Drummonds and Taylor Drummonds pace WHS offensively. Savannah Drummonds had a double and two runs-batted-in; Taylor Drummonds was 2-3 with a triple and two RBI. The Pioneers only made five hits. WHS will host Hibriten next Tuesday.

South Caldwell won the JV game, 9-1.

### WHS' Second Half Comeback Falls Short

The Watauga High girl's lacrosse team erupted for nine goals in the second half, but fell short in a 14-11 loss against Lake Norman Charter at Leigh Wallace Memorial Field Thursday night. WHS trailed 10-2 at halftime.

"I was so proud of the girls for continuing to play hard through the entire game, and for keeping their cool in a very frustrating situation," said WHS coach Holly Quick said. "I couldn't ask for a classier group of girls."

Taelor Critcher scored four goals in the loss; Courtney Kaprakl scored three times; Katie Marks had two goals and an assist. Goaltender Keirsten Henson made 12 saves in the loss. The loss also snapped WHS' two-game winning streak. WHS (2-4) will play Cornelius-Hough at 1:30 p.m., on Saturday at home.

The WHS boy's travel to Freedom today. Their match, due to inclement weather, begins at 4:30 p.m., this afternoon. The WHS boy's (2-5) have lost five in a row.