

Williams Scores Six Goals, WHS Wins Big

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Watauga High senior Nick Williams will be sorely missed next season. Williams, who owns the school record with 45 goals and counting (he broke his own record of 37 goals set last season) has now scored 82 goals in his short career with three games left in the regular season. Williams tallied six times Tuesday night as the WHS boy's lacrosse team battered Hickory 13-4 in a District 9 game at Leigh Wallace Memorial Field. Canyon Mueller added three goals of his own in the blowout win.

WHS (3-5 overall; 3-0 in District 9) led 5-2 at halftime and broke the game open with eight unanswered goals in the second half. Goaltender Brandon Nicholson made eight saves. The Pioneers have three games left on the schedule, and if they win out, they will produce their first winning season and make the state playoffs for the first time in school history.

The Pioneers travel to Hickory Thursday night.

NOTES: St. Stephens and Fred T. Foard have announced that they will be adding lacrosse programs next season.

REMAINING GAMES FOR WHS BOYS

THURSDAY @ HICKORY

FRIDAY v. PATTON

APRIL 30 @ FREEDOM

REMAINING GAMES FOR WHS GIRLS

THURSDAY @ CORNELIUS-HOUGH, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY v. LAKE NORMAN (SENIOR DAY), 11 a.m.

WHS SOFTBALL FALLS TO HIBRITEN

The Watauga High softball team just can't buy a break. The Pioneers (5-9 overall; 2-8 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) continues to struggle. The Pioneers were bested by Hibriten 12-1 in six innings on Tuesday afternoon at the WHS Softball Complex.

The game was called after six innings because of the ten-run mercy rule. The Panthers took advantage of 11 walks and five WHS errors. Anna Frye and Katie Brawley of Hibriten had two runs-batted-in each. The Panthers, who scored in every inning, broke the contest open with five runs in the sixth. Ironically, the Pioneers out hit the Panthers, 7-5.

Taylor Drummonds paced WHS with three hits in the loss; Megan Jackson had two hits. Kim Robinson suffered the loss. WHS takes on Fred T. Foard at home this afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

WHS SOCCER BEATS HIBRITEN IN OT

Watuaga High girl's soccer coach Brittany Bolick was on pins-and-needles Tuesday night. The

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Pioneers (7-4-3 overall; 5-2-1 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference), riding a four-game winning streak, rallied from a 3-1 deficit and defeated Hibriten 5-4 in overtime at Jack Groce Stadium. Sierra Hill scored the game-winning goal in the second overtime period on a feed from India Roseman. The Panthers led 3-1 at the 47-minute mark of the second half. Kat Welsh ignited WHS' comeback with a goal nine minutes later that made it, 3-2. The Pioneers eventually tied it four minutes later on a goal by Hali Wood-Miller at the 60-minute mark. She scored on a rebound in front of the net.

Abby carson scored WHS' first goal in overtime on a penalty kick, but the Panthers tied it up on a free kick in the second OT before Hill scored the eventual game winner.

Tristen Derrick scored WHS' first goal of the game. That gave WHS an early 1-0 lead before the Panthers tied the game at the nine-minute mark of the first half. Lillie Brady had an assist on Derrick's goal.

The Pioneers play Fred T. Foard at Jack Groce Stadium in a make up game tonight. The JV team won, 3-0. Emily Goodnight had a goal and an assist; Meghan Gottfried and Brianna Sealy scored the other WHS goals; Emily Branch had an assist.

WHS GOLF SECURES NO.2 SEED

It's been a while, but the Watauga High boy's golf team has earned a spot in the Class 4A Western Regionals, thanks to Tuesday's effort on its home course at the Boone Golf Club.

The Pioneers fired a team score of 316 and finished second, 14 shots behind the leader Hickory, which bested the field with a 302 in a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference match. But the Pioneers, the No.5 seed overall in the NW3A/4A with a total team score of 1,605, have earned the No.2 seed among the Class 4A schools with one match left on the schedule.

And the Pioneers still have a shot at the No.1 seed. They only trail South Caldwell by nine shots in the standings. The Spartans, who have a total team score of 1,596, finished in fifth place on Tuesday with a team score of 321.

Austin Northern paced WHS. He finished with a four-over par 75 on the par 71 course. He was also three shots behind the co-leaders, Colton Tucker of Hibriten and Austin Harrill of Hickory, who shared medalist honors with a one-over-par 72.

Cameron Taylor and Austin Graham of the Pioneers each fired a nine-over-par 80 on Tuesday; Troy McNeil had an 81.

Team scores:

Hickory 302

Watauga 316

Hibriten 317

St. Stephens 320

South Caldwell 321

FT Foard 349

Alexander Central 369

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Leading Medalist: Colton Tucker, Hibriten; Austin Harrill, Hickory both shoot a one over par 72.

Watauga's Scores:

Austin Northern 75
Cameron Taylor 80
Austin Graham 80
Troy McNeil 81
Carson Nguyen 85
Seth Greene 100

Conference Totals:

Hickory 1536
South Caldwell 1596
St. Stephens 1599
Hibriten 1600
Watauga 1605
FT Foard 1748
Alexander 1806