

Red Tornadoes, Tigers Advance

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The Hickory High baseball team lived to play another day as the Red Tornadoes wiped out 2-0 and 4-2 deficits and defeated Kings Mountain 5-4 in ten innings in the opening round of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Class 3A State Playoffs. Andrew Baker scampered home on a wild pitch from Mountaineers reliever Alex Reynolds for the walk-off score that now moves Hickory (14-10) into the second round after Friday night's come-from-behind victory at home. The Red Tornadoes tied the game with two runs in the bottom of the seventh. Bryson Stirewalt struck out with one out, but he reached on a wild pitch third strike. Davis Hanvey walked and Tyler Pait flied out before Zach Jarrett belted a single to center field that was bobbled by Landon Bolin, allowing Stirewalt to score. That made it, 4-3. Joseph Sadowski then singled to center to bring home Hanvey sending the game into extra innings.

The Red Tornadoes will play Asheville (12-13), the No.2 seed from the Mountain Athletic 3A/4A Conference, at home Tuesday night. Asheville defeated R.S. Central 5-1 in the first round Friday night.

Fred T. Foard advanced by knocking off East Henderson 6-4 Friday night in the opening round of the NCHSAA Class 3A State Playoffs. The Tigers (12-13) will play North Gaston at home Tuesday night. North Gaston advanced by defeating Lawndale-Burns 5-4 in the first round. The Tigers broke the game open with a five-run third inning. Jordan Fulbright struck out six over four innings and got the win; Matt Ward homered and drove in three runs; Fulbright helped his own cause going three hits.

SCHUBERT, BAKER LEAD THEIR TEAMS TO FIRST ROUND WINS

Lexi Schubert of the Fred T. Foard High softball team and Katie Baker of St. Stephens both tossed no-hitters Friday night in the first-round of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Class 3A State Playoffs.

Schubert struck out 11 batters in a five-inning, 11-0 perfect-game win against Forestview; The Tigers (21-4) scored nine times in the first inning to give Schubert a comfortable lead.

Baker struck out 16 and walked one as the Indians (15-7) defeated West Henderson, 4-0.

Briana Clontz had a single, a double and drove in two runs for the Indians.

The Tigers will play R.S. Central, the No.2 seed from the Southern Mountain 2A/3A Athletic Conference, at home Tuesday night; the Indians travel to Morganton to play Patton, the No.1 seed from the SMAC, on Tuesday.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

BASEBALL

CLASS 4A

HOPEWELL 5, SOUTH CALDWELL 3

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HICKORY 5, KINGS MOUNTAIN 4 (10 INNINGS)
FRED T. FOARD 6, EAST HENDERSON 4
WEST HENDERSON 6, ST. STEPHENS 1

SOFTBALL

CLASS 4A

SOUTH CALDWELL 2, CORNELIUS-HOUGH 0

CLASS 3A

FRED T. FOARD 11, FORESTVIEW 0 (11 INNINGS)
ST. STEPHENS 4, W. HENDERSON 0
FRANKLIN 13, HIBRITEN 1

CLASS 2A

CENTRAL DAVIDSON 6, ASHE COUNTY 2

CLASS 1A

ELKIN 11, AVERY 8

TUESDAY'S GAMES

BASEBALL

CLASS 3A

NORTH GASTON @ FRED T. FOARD
ASHEVILLE @ HICKORY

SOFTBALL

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CLASS 4A

SOUTH CALDWELL @ CHARLOTTE-OLYMPIC

CLASS 3A

R.S. CENTRAL @ FRED T. FOARD
ST. STEPHENS @ PATTON