

## **ALL-STAR SCOREBOARD**

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The Watauga 9-10 year-old baseball team is in the District 7 finals after beating Avery 11-1 Tuesday night in Newland. Watauga, which defeated Ashe County 9-7 Monday night in a suspended game, will play Morganton in the championship round beginning tonight at 6 p.m., at Catawba Meadows. Watauga must beat Morganton twice to win the district title and advance to the state tournament.

The Watauga 11-12 year-olds were eliminated Tuesday night. McDowell defeated Watauga 12-0 at Westwood Park in Wilkesboro. Watauga advanced by knocking off Wilkes American 2-1 Monday night.

The Watauga 11-12 year old softball team was eliminated Monday night. Watauga forfeited its game against Avery for violating tournament rules.

## **COACHING CHANGES CONTINUE IN NW3A/4A**

Brad Mangum has been named the new girl's varsity basketball coach at Alexander Central High. He replaces Matt Taylor, who resigned in May. Taylor exited after a 25-5 season – the most girls' varsity basketball wins in school history – and the Cougars went 46-13 the last two seasons. They earned their first West 4A Regional bid in Taylor's third year, going 21-8 and losing to Myers Park in the first round in 2011-2012, then shared the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference regular season title this season with Hickory and Fred T. Foard.

The Cougars got within a victory of another regional bid this season, falling 71-53 at Porter Ridge in a game that sent the winner to the Final Eight.

Alexander Central was 6-19 in Taylor's first season and 9-15 in his second season, years that set the foundation for two seasons that ignited a dramatic swing for the program.

In the five seasons before Taylor became head coach, the Cougars went 14-104, including 0-24 the year before he took over. They'd had one winning season (14-11 in 1995-96) and one .500 season (13-13 in 1990-91) and a 121-484 record over a 25-year stretch before hiring Taylor. Mangum was at Fred T. Foard the last two years. He led the Tigers to an 18-9 record last season and a share of the NW3A/4A regular-season title. The Tigers were eliminated in the semifinal round of the NW3A/4A Tournament; they lost to R.S. Central in the opening round of the Class 3A state playoffs.

Mangum was 32-21 during his two-year stay with the Tigers. Mangum was a longtime varsity assistant and the girl's junior varsity coach at South Caldwell before he was named head coach at Foard.

Todd Davis has stepped down as head girl's basketball coach at St. Stephens. The Indians were 3-21 last season, and they've lost 29 straight games in the NW3A/4A. Davis was 163-141 during his 12-year stay with the Indians.

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### **BASEBALL**

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### 9-10 YEAR OLDS

#### MONDAY

WATAUGA 9, ASHE COUNTY 7

#### TUESDAY

WATAUGA 11, AVERY 1

#### WEDNESDAY

WATAUGA @ MORGANTON, 6 P.M.

### 11-12 YEAR OLDS

#### MONDAY

WATAUGA 2, WILKES AMERICAN 1

#### TUESDAY

McDOWELL 12, WATAUGA 0

### SOFTBALL

#### 11-12 YEAR OLDS

#### MONDAY

AVERY d. WATAUGA (FORFEIT)