

Indians Best WHS In NW3A/4A Opener

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The Watauga High volleyball team showed signs of fatigue Wednesday night in its Northwestern 3A/4A Conference opener at Lentz-Eggers Gym. St. Stephens, which

dropped the first set 25-19, came charging back and defeated WHS, 3-1. The Indians evened up the match by winning the second set, 25-11, and took the lead for good by defeating WHS 25-14 in the third set. Saint finished off WHS (3-2 overall; 0-1 NW3A/4A) by winning the final match, 25-19.

The Pioneers were led by Rebecca Hayes, who had ten kills and six blocks in the loss. Sarah Petersen had seven kills for WHS and Sarah Combs had 29 assists. Meredith Farthing, who has been solid on the front line through the first four games of the season, finished with seven kills, but she also had 17 digs. Sydney Farthing had 13 digs.

Saint was led by Katelyn Houser with another triple double, 23 assist, 15 digs, and 13 kills. Ashley Markland had 20 digs, Brianna Hall had 15 kills and 6 blocks. Bailey Cloninger added 20 assist, 12 digs and 9 kills. Jenna Boliek had 9 kills and 11 digs.

WHS won the JV match, 2-1. The Pioneers (4-1; 1-0) defeated Saint 25-14, 16-25, 25-21. Olivia Williamson paced WHS with eight kills and five blocks. Callie Idol had five kills, and Savannah Rusher had 16 assists. Tayler McCune had ten digs.

The Pioneers take on Freedom at home next Wednesday. It's the first meeting between the schools since the fall of 2008.

Watauga JV volleyball defeated St Stephens 25-14, 16-25, 25-21

Olivia Williamson 8 kills, 5 blocks

Callie Idol 5 kills

Savannah Rusher 16 assists

Tayler McCune 10 digs

Watauga Varsity was defeated by St Stephens 25-19, 11-25, 14-25, 19-25

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Sarah Petersen 7 kills

Meredith Farthing 7 kills, 17 digs

Sydney Farthing 13 digs

Sarah Combs 29 assists

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