

## Wood, Pioneers Prevail In Season Opener

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Well it didn't take long for Savannah Wood to make her mark in the 2013 season. The Watauga High senior, who has made a verbal commitment to attend Appalachian State University next fall, fired a 34 in the opening match of the season Monday at the Boone Golf Club. Wood paced WHS to a dual victory as the WHS girl's golf team knocked off Ashe County, 134-161. Mary Seramur and Victoria Stapleton supported Wood's effort by finishing in the top three.

Seramur tied Sarah Hardin of Ashe County for second place as each player fired a 48. Stapleton finished third with a 52. Wood, who was one under par on the day, bested the field by 15 strokes.

"The girls played really well today in our match against Ashe," said WHS coach Jamie Wilson. "Savannah followed up an excellent weekend of golf by shooting a one under par on the front nine." Wood, a three-time state qualifier who finished 12th last season, won the NJGT National Championship at The Pearl in Calabash, N.C. this past weekend. She had a two day total of 159. Her next Junior Golf event is The Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational at Moss Creek in Hilton Head, SC Sept. 14-15.

"It's my senior year and I want to finish strong," Wood said. "I really didn't like the way I putted at the state tournament last year. I want to make up for that this season. I've really worked hard on my game this summer."

Olivia Barr of the Huskies finished fourth and fired a 54; Heather Oswalt and Katie Alexander of the Pioneers tied for fifth. They both had a 58. The Pioneers will host a meet next Tuesday at the Boone Golf Club at 3:30 p.m.

### **Individual Scores:**

#### **Watauga**

Savanna Wood- 34

Mary Seramur- 48

Victoria Stapleton- 52

Heather Oswalt- 58

Katie Alexander- 58

#### **Ashe**

Sarah Hardin- 48

Olivia Barr- 54

Savannah Brooks- 59

Mackenzie Shatley- 61

.Alexis Howell- 62

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