

## Pioneers Remain Unblemished

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The Watauga High boy's soccer team just keeps rolling along. Another day, another opponent, another victory. That's been the routine, at least so far. The Pioneers (7-0), who begin Northwestern 3A/4A Conference play at Hibriten Monday night, won their final tune up by knocking off Ashe County 2-1 Thursday night in West Jefferson, N.C.

The win also clinched the season series as the Pioneers swept the Huskies this season. Tucker Chasteen, like he's done all year, scored twice to pace the offense. He now has a team-high 14 goals on the year.

"The game didn't really feel as close as the score indicated," WHS coach Woody McKay said.

"Ashe County played a conservative game on its home field. It was a good game plan for them, but I really thought we controlled the play, especially in the second half."

Canyon Mueller picked up an assist on Chasteen's first goal at the 11-minute mark of the first half. Chasteen scored on a direct kick in the 47th minute of the second half. The Pioneers were pitching a shutout until the Huskies tallied on a penalty kick with five minutes left to play.

WHS has outscored its opponents 29-6 through its first seven games. WHS won the JV game by that same 2-1 score.

Powell Glidewell and Sam Marlett scored for the Pioneers. WHS travels to Lenior, N.C., to play Hibriten Monday night.

## PIONEERS FALL AT FRED T. FOARD

The Watauga High volleyball team has stumbled following its jackrabbit start. The Pioneers (4-3 overall; 1-2 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) suffered their third loss in four games Thursday night in Newton.

Fred T. Foard beat WHS 3-0, 26-24, 25-21, 25-21. The loss drops WHS a game below .500 in the NW3A/4A. It's the first time since 2002 that the Pioneers find themselves with a losing record in league play.

Whitney Dunnigan paced the Pioneers with 13 assists in the loss; Savannah Rusher had seven assists in her varsity debut. Rebecca Hayes had seven kills, four blocks and three aces. Sydney Farthing had 13 digs in the loss. Emily Simpson had four aces leading Fred T. Foard to a three-set sweep (26-24, 25-21, 25-21) in Northwestern 3A-4A Conference volleyball. Morgan Smith added 10 kills and Nina Cline and Zoe Fox had 15 assists apiece.

WHS won the JV match, 2-0. The Pioneers bested the Tigers 20-25, 25-23, 25-19. Rusher had 14 assists in the JV match; Reina Marze had nine assists and four aces. Kinley McCoury had ten digs and four aces; Olivia Williamson had eight kills and four aces; Tayler McCune had seven kills and Alexis Villarosa had four blocks.

The Pioneers return home to play Mitchell and Alexander Central in a tri-match on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.

## Watauga JV volleyball defeated Foard 20-25, 25-23, 25-19

Savannah Rusher 14 assists

Reina Marze 9 assists, 4 aces

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Kinley McCoury 10 digs, 4 kills  
Olivia Williamson 8 kills, 4 aces  
Alexis Villarosa 4 blocks  
Tayler McCune 7 kills

## **Watauga Varsity was defeated by Foard 24-26, 21-25, 21-25**

Whitney Dunnigan 13 assists  
Savannah Rusher 7 assists  
Rebecca Hayes 7 kills, 4 blocks, 3 aces  
Sydney Farthing 13 digs  
Meredith Farthing 6 kills

## **WHS TENNIS DROPS SECOND STRAIGHT**

The Watauga High girl's tennis team lost to Lake Norman 9-0 Thursday afternoon in a non-conference match at the WHS Tennis Courts. Annika Davidson was the only member of the Pioneers (3-2) to win a game at No.6 singles. Davidson lost her match in three games, 7-6, 6-8, 1-6. The Pioneers open Northwestern 3A/4A Conference play at Morganton-Patton next Wednesday.

## **THURSDAY'S GAMES**

### **VOLLEYBALL**

FRED T. FOARD 3, WATAUGA 0

### **SOCCER**

WATAUGA 2, ASHE COUNTY 1  
FRED T. FOARD 5, NEWTON-CONOVER 2

### **TENNIS**

LAKE NORMAN 9, WATAUGA 0

## **SATURDAY'S GAME**

WHS VOLLEYBALL v. MITCHELL, ALEXANDER CENTRAL, TRI-MATCH, 10 A.M.

## **MONDAY'S GAMES**

WHS VOLLEYBALL @ HIBRITEN, 4:30 P.M.

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WHS SOCCER @ HIBRITEN, 5/6:30 P.M.