

Cougars Down Pioneers

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The Watauga High girl's tennis team was sent reeling Thursday night. The Pioneers dropped a 7-2 decision in a non-conference match at Asheville. The Pioneers (4-3) picked up wins at No.6 singles and No.3 doubles.

Annika Davidson of the Pioneers defeated Ellie Hartye of Asheville in straight sets, 6-1, 6-0. Taylor Paige and Ali Maupin won their match at No.6 singles, 8-6. Meghan Smith nearly pulled off a win at No.2 singles, but she lost to Sens Mucklon in three sets, 5-7, 8-6, (5-10 in a tiebreaker).

Liz Clark nearly pulled off a victory at No.5 singles, but lost to Rose Mosher of the Cougars, 7-5, 2-6, (8-10 in the tiebreaker).

The Pioneers also have a couple of close calls in doubles play. Meredith Smith and Nicole Fox were bested by Adrienne Hayes and Kristi Kim 8-6 at No.1 doubles; Mucklon and Adelyn Luke nudged Meghan Smith and Kelsi Kanoy 8-6 at No.2 doubles.

Addie Hall and Deanna Indicott of the Pioneers won their exhibition doubles match, 8-5, and Savannah Copeland won her exhibition singles match, 7-7 (7-4 in the tiebreaker).

The Pioneers (1-0 Northwestern 3A/4A Conference) take on Hickory at home on Monday at 4 p.m.

ASHEVILLE 7, WATAUGA 2

Singles:

- 1.) Adrienne Hayes (A) d. Meredith Smith (W), 6-1, 6-1
- 2.) Sens Mucklon (A) d. Meghan Smith (W), 7-5, 6-8, (10-5 tiebreaker)
- 3.) Kristi Kim (A) d. Nicole Fox (W), 6-3, 6-0
- 4.) Adelyn Luke (A) d. Kelsi Kanoy (W), 6-1, 6-4
- 5.) Rose Mosher (A) d. Liz Clark (W), 5-7, 6-2 (10-8 tiebreaker)
- 6.) Annika Davidson (W) d. Ellie Hartye (A), 6-1, 6-0

Doubles:

- 1.) Hayes and Kim (A) d. Meredith Smith and Fox (W), 8-6
- 2.) Mucklon and Luke (A) d. Meghan Smith and Kanoy (W), 8-6
- 3.) Taylor Paige and Ali Maupin (W) d. Parker and Mangun (A), 8-6