

## Pioneers Trounce Vikings, 57-36

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It's been a while, but it was definitely worth the wait. The Watauga High football team, doing its best imitation of the Eric Breitenstein led teams that made consecutive trips to the Class 4A Western semifinals in 2006 and 2007, blasted Avery Friday night 57-36 in a non-conference game at MacDonald Stadium in Newland, N.C. Quarterback Aaron Dobbins, who was a game-time decision, led the Pioneers (3-0) to pay dirt on six of their first seven possessions. Dobbins was 7-11 for 220 yards with three touchdown passes. Cam Baker, who returned the opening kick-off 96 yards to give WHS a 7-0 lead with the game just 14 seconds old, had two receptions for 80 yards and a score.

And T.J. Poulos had a career night as the junior racked up 250 yards of total offense and scored three times. The Pioneers finished with 486 yards offensively, including a season-high 266 on the ground. Poulos and Zach Williams both cracked the century mark.

Poulos finished with 129 yards on 14 carries (he also caught four passes for 121 yards), and Williams finished with 102 yards on 22 attempts.

The Pioneers, off to their best start since 2006, also cracked the 50-point mark for the first time since 2007, when they erupted for 55 points against Central Cabarrus in the second round of the state playoffs.