

Pioneers, Tigers Tied For NW3A/4A Lead

Written by Mike Kelly

Tuesday, 17 September 2013 06:29

The Watauga High boy's soccer team continued its torrid pace by knocking off Hickory 4-1 in a

Northwestern 3A/4A Conference game at Jack Groce Stadium Monday night.

The win leaves WHS (10-0 overall; 3-0 NW3A/4A) in a first-place tie with Fred T. Foard in the NW3A/4A Conference standings. It's also the second time in as many years that the Pioneers have beaten Hickory at home.

The Pioneers down Hickory at Jack Groce Stadium last fall, snapping the Red Tornadoes (0-2-1 league play) 32-game winning streak in league play.

Fred T. Foard (3-0 in league play) kept pace with WHS by blanking South Caldwell 3-0 Monday night. The Pioneers play at South Caldwell Wednesday night.

Logan Raichle led the Pioneers with a pair of goals on Monday night. His unassisted goal at the 36-minute mark of the first half snapped a 1-1 tie and put the Pioneers on top to stay.

"Hickory is down a little bit," said WHS coach Woody McKay. "But they're still Hickory. They're skilled, well coached and strong fundamentally, as usual. But I really felt we got a great effort tonight from our starters all the way down to our bench. It was a total team win."

Raichle added an insurance goal at the 47-minute mark of the second half that gave the Pioneers a 3-1 lead. And Cam Linnville, who scored WHS' first goal at the 12-minute mark of the first half, picked up an assist on a goal by Chase Palm, his second at the varsity level, at the 49-minute mark to close things out. Justin Hall had an assist on Raichle's second goal; Hunter Martin picked up an assist off a corner on Linnville's tally in the first half.

"It's a nice win, and we're in a good position, as far as the standings go, but the season is still young," McKay said. "The last thing we want to do is start looking ahead on the schedule. All we can worry about is our next game."

The JV team defeated Hickory 1-0 Monday night. The JV team (8-0-1) has only given up two goals all season. Freddy Aguilera had the game's only goal. Zach Valet picked up the assist.

NORTHWESTERN 3A/4A CONFERENCE STANDINGS

WATAUGA ██████████ **3-0**

FRED T. FOARD 3-0

ST. STEPHENS 2-0-1

FREEDOM 2-1

MONDAY'S GAMES

WATAUGA 4, HICKORY 1

FRED T. FOARD 3, SOUTH CALDWELL 0

ST. STEPHENS 2, FREEDOM 1

Pioneers, Tigers Tied For NW3A/4A Lead

Written by Mike Kelly

Tuesday, 17 September 2013 06:29
