

## Monday, Monday....

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Remember that song by The Mamas and the Papas. The lyrics best describe just how cruel Monday's can

be sometimes. "Monday Monday, can't trust that day, Monday Monday, sometimes it just turns out that way."

Well, that best describes what happened to the Watauga High volleyball team Monday night. The Pioneers, who continue their rollercoaster ride, blew a 2-0 lead and dropped a 3-2 (25-19, 26-24, 13-25, 15-25, 11-15) decision to Hickory in a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference game at Lentz-Eggers Gym.

The loss leaves WHS (7-5 overall; 2-4 NW3A/4A Conference) two games below .500 in league play. Savannah Rusher led the Pioneers with 26 assists. Rusher, who also played the junior varsity match, racked up 41 assists on the night. Sarah Combs finished with 20 assists. Sarah Petersen led WHS on the front line with 17 kills. Meredith Farthing had 14 kills and 34 digs; Kiersten McClannon had 27 digs and two aces. Rebecca Hayes had ten kills and seven blocks in the loss.

Jaden Light had 20 kills and 16 blocks to lead Hickory (5-1 in league play). Abbey Donahue had 18 kills, six blocks and 24 digs, Sophia Purut had 23 kills, 12 digs and two blocks, Sydney Fleming had 17 kills and 19 digs, Bonnie Opdyke had 14 kills and eight blocks, Drew Corpening recorded 53 digs and Faryn Salazar added 83 assists and 15 digs.

Hickory won the JV match, 2-1 (21-25, 25-21, 25-16). Rusher had 15 assists in the loss. Reina Marze had seven assists, Olivia Williamson had six kills, Kinley McCoury had five kills and Hannah Townsend picked up 11 digs. The Pioneers travel to South Caldwell Wednesday night.

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### **MONDAY'S GAMES**

**HICKORY 3, WATAUGA 2**

FRED T. FOARD 3, SOUTH CALDWELL 0

ST. STEPHENS 3, FREEDOM 0