

It's Back To The Finals For WHS

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The Watauga High junior varsity boy's basketball team marched its way to the championship game of the Miller's Insurance/Dr. Pepper Invitational in West Jefferson, N.C., Friday night by knocking off West

Wilkes 45-31 in the opening round.

The Pioneers (2-0), despite a sluggish first half, finally came to life in the second half. Leading 22-16, the Pioneers took advantage of their size inside and extended their lead to 11 points after three quarters.

Zach Valet led a balanced scoring attack with 15 points. Nick Sherman tossed in nine; Levi Wilcox had eight points.

"West came out in a zone that gave us fits for the whole half," WHS JV coach Jerry Moretz said. "They knew we wanted an up tempo game and did a really good job of controlling the tempo in the first half. They also shot well from three-point land to help keep them close. Thankfully, our defense provided us with enough of a lift to keep the lead in the second half."

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WHS will play Ashe County who defeated Avery in Friday's second game. The Pioneers are looking for their third title in a row.

"This will be a tough match up against a team that is averaging 60 or more points a game," Moretz said. "We will definitely have to tighten down on the defensive end and execute better on the offensive end of the floor. "

Saturday's championship game begins at 7 p.m.

WATAUGA 45, WEST WILKES 31

Points by Periods 1 2 3 4 TOTAL

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WEST WILKES 8 8 7 8 - 31

WATAUGA 12 10 12 11 - 45

Leading scorers:

Zach Valet 15

Nick Sherman 9

Levi Wilcox 8