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The Watauga High wrestling team picked up its first win in the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference Tuesday night by knocking off Patton 34-25 in Morganton,

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Trailing 19-15, Jake Irwin staged WHS'(1-2 NW3A/4A) comeback as he picked up a major decision against Wesley Cooke of the Panthers at 171 pounds. Irwin dominated Cooke 16-2 to tie the match at 19-19.

Jack Spurlin gave the Panthers their final lead at 22-19 as he slipped by Jackson Carr of the Pioneers 9-8 at 182 pounds. But a forfeit win by Elijah Presnell at 195 gave WHS a 25-22 lead, and a pinfall win by Jacob Rutz at 220 gave WHS a nine-point advantage.

Leading 31-25, Alex Wetmore, at 106, sealed the deal by winning his match by decision to close things out.

"I just told him not to get pinned," said WHS coach Todd Allan. "Alex was one of those guys that didn't practice yesterday because he was sick. We've been battling the bug all year. But our

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guys won a huge match tonight.

"It's our first one. Are we (Fred T.) Foard, are we St. Stephens? No, at least not yet. But we're working hard to get there."

The Pioneers travel to Hickory Friday night.

**WATAUGA 34, PATTON 25**

### **Match Summary:**

106 -Alex Wetmore (Watauga) won by decision over Donte Norwood (Patton) 10-5.

113-Trevor Dale (Patton) won by pin over Hunter Templeton (Watauga)

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120-Mark Townsend (Watauga) won by decision over Cody Patton (Patton) 7-4.

126-Gabriel Church (Patton) won by decision over Cameron Martin (Watauga) 9-2.

132-Demetre Kostis (Watauga) won by pin over Nik Morris (Patton)

138-Zach Tomer (Watauga) won by pin over Monty Davis (Patton)

145-Santiago Morris (Patton) won by major decision over Eli Hawley (Watauga) 13-4.

152-Hunter Reid (Patton) won by decision over Kayne Greene (Watauga) 6-1.

160-Thomas Singley (Patton) won by decision over Gabriel Irwin (Watauga) 6-1.

170-Jake Irwin (Watauga) won by major decision over Wesley Cooke (Patton) 16-2.

182-Chad Spurlin (Patton) won by decision over Jackson Carr (Watauga) 9-8.

195-Elijah Presnell (Watauga) won by forfeit over Unknown (Unattached) .

220-Jacob Rutz (Watauga) won by pin over Joseph Seagle (Patton) 6.00

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285-Chandler Laws (Patton) won by decision over Jeremiah Wooldridge (Watauga) 2-1.