

## Pioneers Eliminated in Opening Round

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The Watauga High girls' soccer team saw its season come to an end Wednesday night. The Pioneers lost to Charlotte-Olympic 3-1 in the opening-round of the NCHSAA Class 4A state playoffs at Jack Groce Stadium.

The Pioneers (14-6-3) jumped out to a 1-0 lead four minutes into the contest. Senior Tori Derrick scored an unassisted goal for WHS. But the Trojans (15-9) responded with three consecutive goals to win the match. Olympic, the No.25 seed overall and a member of the South Meck 4A Conference) scored two goals in a six-minute span to take a 2-1 halftime lead; they added an insurance goal at the 47-minute mark of the second half.

Wednesday's game was also the last one for WHS coach Brittany Bolick, who has resigned to be an assistant coach at Appalachian State University next fall. Bolick was 47-28-8 during his four-year stay with the program. She led WHS to the state playoffs all four years.

And congratulations to Kathryn Stevens, a sophomore defender with the Pioneers. She's been invited to play in the North Carolina Powerade State Games in Charlotte, N.C., June 20-22. She'll be joined by Abby Carson and goalkeeper Heather Oswalt of the Pioneers.

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### **RAMS ELIMINATE PIONEERS, 7-0**

A long, frustrating season came to an end for the Watauga High softball team Wednesday night. Asheville-Roberson eliminated WHS 7-0 in the opening-round of the NCHSAA Class 4A state playoffs.

The Pioneers hurt themselves by making nine errors. Winning pitcher Angela Schmidt of the Rams (13-11) help her own cause going 2-3 with a home run and four runs-batted-in. Leading 3-0, the Rams broke the game open with four runs in the bottom of the sixth. Three consecutive errors loaded the bases and Schmidt hit a grand slam.

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'We just could not overcome the nine errors.'" said WHS coach Stephanie Kostis. "TCR is an opportunistic team and they took advantage and grabbed the momentum."

The Pioneers had opportunities to score. They loaded the bases in the first inning and had runners in scoring position in the fourth, fifth, and sixth innings.

Michala McCune suffered the loss. She gave up seven runs on seven hits with six strikeouts and three walks, but she was also victimized by WHS' sloppy play in the field. McCune, Rachel Cox, Kristen Gill and Sydney Jones had the WHS hits.

We seemed a little tight as a team to begin the game,". Kostis said. "It wasn't everyone, but you could tell we had a few that were nervous. If we could have plated a run or two in the first inning, I really feel like we could have taken that game. I am very proud of Michala. She showed a lot of mental toughness to stay with the plan and keep us in the game until the bottom of the sixth. I hate the season had to end like this. Our seniors have meant a great deal to this program and they will be missed."