

# WCMS baseball starts hot

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DJ Khalid should be the spokesperson for the WCMS baseball team. All they seem to do is win.

The Pioneers, coming off a CTC championship season last spring, started this season with a pair of wins over Shelbyville. Warren County won on the road Monday 8-1, then returned home Tuesday and prevailed 7-2.

“We are proud of our team. We still have a lot of work to do, but we are on the right track,” said coach Chad Young. “We made several mistakes, but we did a lot of things well too. This team has a lot of heart and discipline.”

Chance Hunter picked up the season-opening

win on the mound, going four-plus innings and striking out six while blanking the Eagles on the scoreboard. Kendall Patrick closed the game and finished with four strikeouts while allowing just one run.

The Pioneers built a 4-0 lead by the third inning, scoring two runs apiece in the second and third innings. Kyle Johnson’s sacrifice scored Hunter in the fifth, while Patrick, True Craven and Raleigh Gilliam each had RBIs in a three-run seventh inning.

Lane Roberts helped fuel the early offense, scoring in the second and third innings after drawing walks and stealing second and third. He took home on a passed ball in the second, then walked home on a based-loaded free pass in

the third.

Briley Moore and Curtlan George also came home after drawing walks in the early innings.

Shelbyville didn’t cross the plate until the sixth inning, when the Pioneers already had the game in hand.

Tuesday’s game played out the same way.

The Pioneers led 5-0 by the end of the third inning, then scored two more runs in the sixth after Shelbyville sent two across in the top of the sixth inning.

Eli Kuykendall supplied the early offense. Kuykendall doubled with two outs in the top of the first, then took third and home on passed balls. Kuykendall made the trip around the bases again in the third, reaching on a walk and stealing around

to put his team up 4-0.

George and Roberts scored on errors in the second, while George’s single scored Hunter in the third.

Cooper Thurman added a sacrifice bunt in the sixth to score Logan Earls, and George also scored on an error.

Roberts got the win, going five-plus innings while striking out five and allowing two runs on one hit and walking three. Johnson got the last five outs, two on strikeouts.

The Pioneers were back on the diamond Saturday for a game against Whitwell. Action wasn’t completed by press time. Warren County will try to continue its hot start with a home game Monday against Coffee County. Action is set to start at 5:30 p.m.



File photo  
**Bryson Stiles and the Boyd Broncos concluded play in the NACA tournament Friday. Boyd finished the tournament 1-2, ending its season with a 11-19 record.**

# Lady Pioneers sweep Harris

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It didn't take long for Joe Damon to get his first win as Warren County Middle School softball coach.

The Lady Pioneers began the season with a sweep of back-to-back games against Shelbyville Harris. Warren County won on the road Monday 7-0, then followed with a 11-0 victory at home Tuesday.

In both games, Danika Reno picked up wins in the circle. Reno dominated in the shutouts, with her strikeout total almost surpassing the amount of hits she allowed. Reno had three strikeouts in the opener while allowing just four hits. In Tuesday's outing, Reno sat down four while pitching around seven Shelbyville hits.

Offensively, the Lady Pioneers exploded for five runs in the third inning of the opener and added two more in the fourth inning to earn a victory.

Halo Armstrong and Juju Pyburn each had hits and RBIs on the road, while Reno, Marli McBride and Bella Cantrell each added hits.

On Tuesday, the offense was led by two hits and four RBIs by Armstrong. Pyburn added a 3-for-3 performance at the plate with an RBI, while Aleya Esparza added two hits and two RBIs. Alyssa Mosley, Shelby Roberts and Mea Starkey also had a hit and a RBI each.

The Lady Pioneers will go for their third straight win Monday at home against Coffee County. The first pitch is set for 5 p.m.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

- SUNDAY, MARCH 4**  
WCHS JV baseball vs. Grundy County, 2:30 p.m.  
WCHS baseball at Grundy County, 2:30 p.m.
- MONDAY, MARCH 5**  
WCMS soccer vs. Coffee County, 4:15 p.m.  
WCMS softball vs. Coffee County, 5 p.m.  
WCMS baseball vs. Coffee County, 5:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 6**  
WCMS softball at Coffee County, 5 p.m.  
WCHS soccer vs. St. Andrews, 5 p.m. (scrimmage)  
WCMS baseball at Coffee County, 5:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 8**  
WCHS tennis at St. Andrews, 3:30 p.m. (scrimmage)  
WCHS baseball at Tullahoma, 5 p.m. (scrimmage)  
WCMS JV baseball vs. Cannon County, 6 p.m.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 9**  
WCMS soccer at Algood, 5:30 p.m.  
WCMS baseball at Prescott South, 6 p.m.  
WCHS soccer in Tullahoma playday, TBA

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**BOYD SCORING** - Josh Argo 23, Jayden Reno 10, Tyler Pomaes 8, Joel Smith 3, Jordan Hoover 2

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Registration for the Morrison 2018 softball leagues will be held at the Morrison Ruritan Building on the following date and time: Thursday, March 8 from 6-8 p.m.

Boys ages 2 to 20 and girls 2 to 21 as of Jan. 1 are eligible. All players must have proof of age (ex. birth certificate or driver's license). The cost is \$30. For more information, contact John Duncan by text at 205-7835.

Late signups will be held Saturday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee at late registration is \$35.

**WCHS BASEBALL BANQUET**

The WCHS baseball spring banquet will be held Saturday, March 10 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each and include admission and meals for two people. The guest speaker will be former San Diego Padre Matthew Shepherd. Every ticket holder will receive a door prize.

For additional info, contact Chuck Hollingsworth 931-607-5014.

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