

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MARCH 26

WCMS golf vs. Avery Trace, 3:30 p.m.
WCMS softball vs. Tullahoma, 5 p.m.
WCHS baseball vs. Stone Memorial, 5:30 p.m.
WCHS softball vs. Coffee County, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

WCHS tennis vs. Cookeville, 4 p.m.
WCHS softball at Cookeville, 5 p.m.
WCHS JV baseball vs. Siegel, 5 p.m.
WCMS softball at Tullahoma, 5 p.m.
Covenant HS soccer at Dayspring, 5 p.m.
WCHS baseball at Stone Memorial, 6 p.m.
WCHS soccer vs. Cookeville, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

WCMS soccer at Tullahoma, 5:30 p.m.
WCHS boys rugby at Father Ryan, 7 p.m.
WCHS baseball in Warrior Spring Classic, TBA
WCHS JV baseball in Warrior Spring Classic, TBA

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

WCHS tennis vs. Van Buren County, 4 p.m.
Covenant MS soccer at Lighthouse, 4:30 p.m.
WCMS softball at Prescott, 5 p.m.

Covenant HS soccer at Lighthouse, 5:45 p.m.
WCHS girls rugby at Columbia, 6 p.m.
WCHS soccer at Soddy Daisy, 6 p.m.
WCHS baseball in Warrior Spring Classic, TBA
WCHS JV baseball in Warrior Spring Classic, TBA

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

WCMS baseball vs. Avery Trace, 6 p.m.
WCHS baseball in Warrior Spring Classic, TBA
WCHS JV baseball in Warrior Spring Classic, TBA

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

WCMS JV baseball vs. Franklin North, 11 a.m.
WCHS track at Riverdale meet, 11 a.m.
WCHS baseball in Warrior Spring Classic, TBA
WCHS JV baseball in Warrior Spring Classic, TBA

Jeffery Simmons photo

F.D. de Santiago, pictured in a pre-season scrimmage, and the Pioneer soccer team will play at home for the first time this season Tuesday. Warren County will welcome Cookeville at 7 p.m. for a District 6AAA showdown.



UT, Currie agree to \$2.5M settlement

KNOXVILLE (AP) — Tennessee has reached a \$2.5 million settlement with former athletic director John Currie less than four months after he was suspended in the midst of a football coaching search that turned into a fiasco. Currie already had received nearly \$280,000 since being suspended and placed on paid leave in December. School officials announced Thursday that Currie will get an additional \$2.2 million no later than April 1.

"We wish John and his family well in their future endeavors," Tennessee chancellor Beverly Davenport said in a statement. "We are grateful for his contributions to the University of Tennessee which began more than two decades ago."

Davenport also wrote a letter of reference for Currie in which she said that "I was impressed with John's commitment to our athletics program in general and to our student-athletes in particular." Davenport adds that "we forged a productive partnership that led to several key initiatives while he was here."

Tennessee said the money to cover Currie's settlement would come entirely from the athletic department and wouldn't include any taxpayer dollars, student tuition fees or donor funds.

Currie said in a statement: "It was an honor to work again with the outstanding @UTKnoxville student-athletes, coaches, staff, faculty & fans."

Davenport announced on Dec. 1 she was suspending Currie while exploring firing him for cause. Currie had been on the job only eight months and was looking for a new football coach at the time.

The buyout terms of Currie's contract said he'd be owed \$5.5 million if he got fired without cause.

Davenport replaced Currie in the midst of a tumultuous coaching search that caused embarrassment for the university. Tennessee released numerous documents Thursday that shed more light on that process.

Currie and Greg Schiano signed a memorandum of understanding to make the Ohio State defensive coordinator the new Volunteers football coach before the deal fell apart amid a public backlash. The memorandum of understanding, which wasn't signed by Davenport, would have

given Schiano a six-year, \$27 million contract.

Less than a week later, Currie met with Washington State coach Mike Leach in Los Angeles about Tennessee's vacancy.

"This morning we tried for six hours to contact you about the state of the search," Davenport said in

a Nov. 30 email to Currie obtained through a public records request. "After finally connecting, you informed me that we were in California heading into a meeting with Mike Leach. This was the first I had heard of this meeting."

Davenport also notes that she had asked Currie

"not to pursue any discussions about employment with any additional candidates" and requests that he return to Knoxville. Davenport suspended Currie the next day.

Currie had written an email to Davenport blaming the problem on a WiFi outage on his flight. Currie

said Leach "told me that he would take the job if offered" and that he'd pursued the Washington State coach because of issues in negotiations with North Carolina State's Dave Doeren, who also had emerged as a candidate before agreeing to a new contract with the Wolfpack.

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Political Forum

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Join the Southern Standard and its media partners WCPI Public Radio, Ben Lomand Connect and the law firm of Lauren Zechman Denney for the March 26 Political Forum at Warren County Administration Building

The public is invited to attend and meet the candidates for elected office.

Candidates declaring in either the Republican or Democratic primary will be invited to formally address constituents during the question/answer portion of the forum. Contested primary races include those for circuit court clerk, register of deeds and sheriff. Primary candidates for the various Warren County Commission seats will be recognized. All candidates in the sheriff's race, including Independents, will be encouraged to participate in the debate portion.

The forum gets under way at 6 p.m. in the Magnolia Room.

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Softball

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Whiles took the loss, allowing three runs on three hits while walking two in her lone inning of work. Johnson surrendered two runs on two hits and earned a no decision for her four innings in the circle.

Wood finished two hits in the second game, while Simmons, Jennings, Mason and Calyn Damon had one hit each.

Warren County was scheduled to play more games in the Ooltewah Invitational Saturday, but scores were not available at press time.

The Lady Pioneers return to play Monday in Coffee County. The matchup with the Lady Raiders is set for 7 p.m. Warren County won the first meeting 3-1.