

# Pioneers blank Webb

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All it took was one position shift for the Warren County High School soccer team to secure its second straight victory.

Warren County battled Webb to a scoreless tie into the second half before coach Matt Jackson brought his top scorer up on offense. Senior James Jackson delivered, scoring the winning goal late in a 1-0 victory.

Jackson is one the best scorers in the state, having made his mark over the last three years in the varsity level. This season under a new coaching staff, Jackson has moved to the back end to bolster the Pioneer defense.

Like a fire extinguisher, Jackson is always waiting in case of emergencies. Coach Jackson decided to break the glass in the second half.

After several promising scoring chances were snuffed out in the first half, including a diving stop just before halftime, coach Jackson decided at the break he may need to shift his leading scorer, and eldest son, to offense.

Webb's offense hadn't mounted

any serious threats, leaving the Pioneers the option to make an offensive shift. Jax Griffith, Josh Macanus, Jerry Mrema and Braylon Kirby all made several deep pushes against the defense, mounting an onslaught against the Webb keeper. All the shots missed their mark though, sailing over the goal to keep the game scoreless.

Jackson only needed a small opening to net the winner.

After getting on the attack, Jackson was able to make an attack at the 18-yard box to the keeper's left. Jackson made two swift moves, working to his right to get an inch of space. Jackson unleashed a shot across his body, beating a diving keeper to the left corner for the lead.

The Pioneers stood tall defensively in the later stages, protecting their lead for their second win in three days. On Tuesday, Warren County topped White County 7-0 – getting four goals from Jackson – for its first District 6AAA victory.

Warren County will try to make it three in a row Monday when it hits the road against Blackman. Kickoff is set for 7:15 p.m. The Pioneers will face district foe Rhea County at home Thursday, with the game set to start at 7 p.m.



Jeffery Simmons photo

**Braylon Kirby takes control of the ball during Thursday's match against Webb. The Pioneers scored late to win 1-0, their second straight win.**

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, APRIL 9

WCMS tennis vs. Sewanee, 4 p.m.  
CMS soccer vs. Mt. Juliet, 4:30 p.m.  
WCMS softball vs. White County, 5 p.m.  
WCMS baseball at White County, 5:30 p.m.  
WCMS soccer at White County, 5:30 p.m.  
CHS soccer vs. Dayspring, 5:45 p.m.  
WCHS baseball at Cookeville, 6 p.m.  
WCHS soccer at Blackman, 7:15 p.m.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 10

WCHS track at Tullahoma, 2 p.m.  
WCMS golf at Avery Trace, 3:30 p.m.  
WCMS tennis at Coffee County, 4 p.m.  
WCHS tennis vs. DeKalb County, 4 p.m.  
WCMS softball at White County, 5 p.m.  
WCHS JV baseball at Riverdale, 5 p.m.  
WCMS baseball vs. White County, 5:30 p.m.  
WCHS baseball vs. Cookeville, 6 p.m.  
WCHS softball vs. Rhea County, 6:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 12

WCMS golf vs. Algood, 3:30 p.m.  
WCMS tennis vs. Webb, 4 p.m.  
WCHS JV baseball at Tullahoma, 5 p.m.  
WCHS softball vs. Cookeville, 5 p.m.  
CHS soccer vs. United Christian, 5:30 p.m.  
WCHS boys rugby vs. Siegel, 6 p.m.  
WCHS soccer vs. Rhea County, 7 p.m.  
WCHS girls rugby vs. Blackman, 7:15 p.m.  
WCHS tennis in midseason tourney, TBA

### FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Boyd softball vs. Christian Community, 4 p.m.  
Boyd baseball at Christian Community, 4 p.m.  
CMS soccer vs. West Academy, 4:30 p.m.  
WCHS baseball at Shelbyville, 5 p.m.  
CHS soccer vs. West Academy, 5:45 p.m.  
WCMS soccer at DeKalb County, 6 p.m.  
WCMS JV baseball at Upperman, 6:30 p.m.

## National champ



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**Hollie Yokley, left, recently competed in Franklin at the North American Grappling Championships. Yokley won the championship in the adult expert division and the women's purple, brown, and black belt GI division. Yokley is pictured with Paul Byars, a fellow instructor at Gary Steele Karate Studio.**

## Pioneers don't give a hoot about Owls, win 8-3

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A late scoring surge turned a nail biter into a third straight victory for the Pioneers.

The WCHS baseball team scored four runs in the seventh, helping outlast the Ooltewah Owls 8-3 in the Rebel Classic. It was the seventh victory in nine games for the Pioneers, who moved their record above .500 for the first time at 9-8.

Brooks Helton threw six strong innings to earn the victory, while the Pioneer offense got on a roll in the seventh to distance themselves from the Owls.

Helton protected a 4-3 lead into the final inning, with Ethan Smith's RBI groundout in the fourth providing the difference after the teams swapped three-run innings early.

Hoping to add some insurance runs, Warren County instead started the seventh with two quick outs.

Down to a final out, Helton decided to take matters into his own hands.

The Pioneer junior sent an 0-2 pitch into right field for a single, his second on the night and helped him raise his average to .396. Coach

Trice Powers called on Tyler Hollingsworth to run for his pitcher. He'd get to stretch his legs moments later.

Jack Keele came up with a deep drive to center field, allowing Hollingsworth to come around from first to score. Keele cruised into second for a stand-up double.

Keele scored on a throwing error on the next play when Hunter Adams hit a shot to the shortstop, beating the throw to first – one that got away from the first baseman.

Will Cantrell followed with a RBI double, pushing the lead to 7-3. Another throwing error plated the eighth run, giving the Pioneers plenty of breathing room in what had been a close game going into the final inning.

Dylan Ward entered and pitched the final inning, working around two singles to close out the victory.

Rain forced a cancellation of the Pioneers' second game in the Rebel Classic Friday.

The Pioneers are set to return to the diamond Monday in Cookeville. The District 6AAA matchup with the Cavaliers is set to begin at 6 p.m.

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