

Blaze burn Pioneers

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Exhaustion got the best of the Pioneers in Murfreesboro Monday.

The Warren County High School soccer team lost 3-1 against Blackman, surrendering three goals in the second half after taking a halftime lead against the Blaze.

"I was really pleased with how we played early. It was big to carry a lead into halftime against one of the best teams in Murfreesboro," said coach Matt Jackson. "Depth came into play in the second half. We seemed to run out of steam."

James Jackson gave the Pioneers the lead, catching the Blaze flat-footed in the opening minutes. The Pioneers' top offensive threat bullied his way to the goal, bouncing off and sprinting around several Blaze defenders before uncorking a screamer that found the back of the net.

Jackson's Herculean effort to put the Pioneers up immediately was important to the team's game plan, which focused heavily on defense and making the most of limited opportunities.

"We knew we were going to have to

defend like crazy. We did for a long time," said Jackson. "Getting an early 1-0 lead only helped the matter. We were able to get back and protect."

Blackman started seizing control in the second half, throwing waves of bodies at Warren County. The Blaze finally broke through in the 47th minute, with Nehemiah Lazo blasting a shot past Josiah Jackson.

Warren County saw the game slip away in the span of three minutes. Blackman netted two goals in quick succession – both by Luke Buckley – to put away the game.

The loss stung, but coach Jackson took away some positives from a solid effort against the Blaze.

"We hung in there for a long time. I think we're getting better," said Jackson. "We need to keep getting better as we get into district play."

The Pioneers will know soon how they measure up against their District 6AAA foes. Warren County will play host to Rhea County Thursday. The game times have changed, with the junior varsity game now set to start at 4 p.m. and the varsity match kicking off at 6 p.m.



James Clark photo
Josh Macanus plays the ball during Monday's match in Murfreesboro. The Pioneers lost 3-1 to the Blackman Blaze.

Rinne in search of playoff redemption

NASHVILLE (AP) — Goaltender Pekka Rinne wound up in a most unfamiliar spot in two of the most important games of his life.

On the bench having been chased not once, but twice.

In the Stanley Cup Final.

Now Rinne is back in the postseason once again, and the 6-foot-5 Finn is a big reason why the Nashville Predators won the Presidents' Trophy with the most points during the regular season. As Rinne prepares for Game 1 on Thursday night against Colorado, he insists last year's Final provides not so much motivation as experience to use to his advantage along with so many good memories from that thrilling playoff run.

"It's a different year, obviously different situation, little bit of a different team," Rinne said. "But I'm sure you'll look back at last year's run, I think there's a lot of things we can take, a lot of

positives all the way through the finals and even after the finals. I think it was an unbelievable experience. I think you try to use that to your advantage."

Rinne carried last-seeded Nashville all the way to the franchise's first Stanley Cup Final by going 12-4 with a .945 save percentage, ranking among the best postseason by a goalie.

Then came the Final.

In Game 2 against Pittsburgh, Rinne was pulled by coach Peter Laviolette after Nashville gave up three goals in the first 3:18 of the third period of a 4-1 loss. Game 4 was even worse as Rinne gave up three goals on nine shots, lasting only the first period before being replaced by Juuse Saros again. The Predators lost in six games.

Laviolette believes Rinne took the bulk of the blame for those losses when the Predators could have played better in front of their goalie. He also noticed what Rinne

did to improve himself.

"Let's be honest," Laviolette said. "He's been the backbone of this franchise. He was really good down the stretch in order to get us in the playoffs last year, and when the playoffs came, he was on point. And that was a big part of it. It was more for me just a continuation. I think there's always changes. I think Pekka does a terrific job of trying to watch, trying to learn, trying to understand the game better, trying to work at his craft."

Rinne started working early to prepare for this season. He has worked on his stance in and around the net with Predators goaltender coach Ben Vanderklok to tighten his stance. Planting his skates inside the post rather than outside allows Rinne to be faster tracking a puck, able to push off a post to slide quickly to the other post.

A first-round schedule is on 4B.

WCMS soccer downs White County, 8-0

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Domination has become synonymous with the Warren County Middle School soccer team for the last five years. The Pioneers continued the trend Monday in Sparta.

Warren County blanked White County 8-0, stretching its unbeaten streak to four games. The Pioneers are 3-0-1 in their last four games, with a 1-1 tie against Siegel the only non-victory in the span.

"The guys are really starting to gel as a team and I'm excited to see

them continue," said first-year coach Ario Zadeh. "We played strong all game. I was proud of them not letting off the gas and earning the shutout."

Monday's victory was assured the first time Warren County scored. The Pioneers didn't allow a shot on goal, with keepers Brodie Cowans and Will Davis combining to touch the ball just once – a goal kick by Cowans.

On the other side, the Pioneers flooded White County with shots, many which found the back of the net. Edgar Villegas led the charge with two goals, while several teammates also got in on

the scoring.

Joan Garcia continued his strong play, scoring one goal and assisting on another – a perfectly placed pass that led to Yesh Picruiz's goal.

Jordan Ramirez, Jorge Vasquez and Jay Goux also scored, as did defender Sawyer Thompson. Thompson gained possession deep in Pioneer territory and proceeded to move the ball the length of the field and score.

Warren County will have a chance to extend its streak Friday with a road game against DeKalb County. Kickoff against the Saints is set for 6 p.m.

AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, AT 9:00 AM
7 ACRE LIVESTOCK AUCTION FACILITY
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