

WCMS TENNIS

Matches played April 12

LADY PIONEERS TIE WEBB 3-3

CAROLINE STEWART def. Jenny Yang, 6-0
ISABEL NEWBY def. Nataja Siva 6-2
BELLA MOSER def. Willa Shofner, 6-3
Sydney Tessier def. **JACKELYN CORDON**, 6-4

Yang/Siva def. **STEWART/NEWBY**, 6-4
Shofner/Tessier def. **ELIZABETH TEMPLOS/JORDAN VEACH**, 4-3

PROVIDENCE DEF. LADY PIONEERS 5-0

Maddie Burton def. **CAROLINE STEWART**, 6-0
Kinley Carter def. **ISABEL NEWBY**, 6-1
Faith Sommers def. **BELLA MOSER**, 6-0
Hannah May def. **JACKELYN CORDON**, 6-0

Newsome/Barrett def. **MOSER/CORDON**, 6-2

LADY PIONEER RECORD: 0-2-1

WEBB DEF. PIONEERS 5-1

Connor Cohn def. **COLIN RILEY**, 6-1
Carter Sublette def. **VED PATEL**, 6-3
Drew Ledbetter def. **EASTON WEST**, 6-4
Koen Edwards def. **WILDER HIGGINS**, 6-3

Cohn/Sublette def. **RILEY/PATEL** 6-2
WEST/JASE TODD def. Greenberg/Plakasov, 6-0

PROVIDENCE BEATS WCMS 6-0

J Paul Sinuefield def. **COLIN RILEY**, 6-1
Blake Beavers def. **VED PATEL**, 6-2
Paxton Rigdon def. **EASTON WEST**, 6-1
Jackson Burton def. **WILDER HIGGINS**, 6-0

Rigdon/Burton def. **RILEY/PATEL**, 6-4
Thomas/Manwaring def. **WEST/HIGGINS**, 6-2

PIONEER RECORD: 0-3
NEXT MATCH: Monday, April 16 vs. Avery Trace, 4 p.m.

WCMS players in **BOLD**

COACH TOM MOORE'S PIONEER OF THE WEEK


Written by WCHS head football coach Tom Moore

DEVIN JORDAN LEFT TACKLE

Devin Jordan is a rising senior who has been a two-year starter for Warren County. As a sophomore, he was the back-up QB and starting defensive end. Devin made the move to offensive tackle seamlessly and unselfishly last season. He is an outstanding student who balances athletics, academics and family responsibilities with a quiet and caring attitude. In the morning, Devin and I are workout partners and he has impressed me with his drive to better himself as an athlete.

As a player last year, Devin played left tackle. He had an excellent year for us, although he missed three games in the middle of the season with an injury. He rarely busted an assignment and was a consistent performer for us. He continues to work hard in the offseason to gain strength and athleticism.

In my opinion, Devin's best quality is his unselfish attitude that shows in everything he does. Devin is currently working about 30 hours a week while coming to morning workouts. He also keeps an A average. People should notice all that Devin does. I certainly do. I would like to see Devin become more vocal this year. He is a smart and grounded individual - I know that people would listen to him. I believe in Devin Jordan.





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Pioneers outlast Saints

BY **JEFFERY SIMMONS**
Sports Editor for the Southern Standard (McMinnville, Tennessee)



Bumps, bruises and yellow cards were all more likely outcomes than goals in Smithville Friday.

The Warren County Middle School soccer team was able to prevail in a chippy game, winning 1-0 over DeKalb County on a late penalty kick from Joan Garcia.

"We kept our head down and stayed the course," said WCMS coach Ario Zadeh. "Our defense was outstanding as usual. We were missing a few starters due to illness, so we really pulled together as a team."

"It never ceases to amaze me how they rally together."

Warren County (5-2-1) found itself in a grudge match against its border rival. The Saints and Pioneers found themselves in a feisty game, one which featured three separate cards.

The Pioneers didn't break the scoreless tie until a handball in the box gave the visitors a penalty kick. Garcia, the team's leading scorer, was the obvious choice and he buried a high liner that served as the difference maker.

Warren County now sets its sights on Central Tennessee Conference rival Franklin North. The Pioneers will welcome the Gators Monday for a 5:30 p.m. kickoff.

James Clark photo

Baylor Hitchcock was a big part of the WCMS defense which shut out DeKalb County 1-0.

WCHS softball

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Once Warren County got rolling, Cookeville had no way to stop the tide from turning.

Rhealee Johnson stabilized the team in the circle, entering in the fourth and allowing just one run over the final four innings to earn the win. With the freshman shutting down Cookeville, the Lady Pioneers went back to work offensively in the fourth.

A crucial error by Cookeville opened the floodgates. With two on and no outs, Hope Mullican hit a hot shot into right field. What looked to be a single turned into much more when an error allowed both runners to score, along with Mullican to move around to third.

Kyra Hillis followed by blasting a shot into center-field, scoring Mullican to knot the score at 8-8.

Soccer

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All ties in district games have to go to overtime, and the Pioneers saved their best work for the last seconds. Warren County thought it had the winner early in overtime, when freshman John Jackson took a kick after a call and found the back of the net.

It was overruled though, as the kick was deemed an indirect - which requires an initial touch before it can be shot in net - and not a direct kick the Pioneers thought it was ruled.

Warren County was forced to regroup, making magic in the waning moments.

With time dwindling and a battle of penalty kicks looming, Warren County made a rush in the Rhea County zone. The Jackson brothers blitzed into the zone, with John making a last-second cross. James flew in on a dead sprint, laying all out to push the ball past the Rhea County keeper.

The Pioneers will have a chance to protect their home field again Tuesday, welcoming White County to town. The District 6AAA showdown is set for 7 p.m.

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