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### HUNTER BURCH

Hunter is a rising sophomore who received playing time last year during the freshman and junior varsity season. Hunter played running back and corner back last season and grew tremendously as a football player. He was the one player who would always ask a coach to stay and work on routes or stay and watch varsity practice once the freshmen were done. He is a player who truly loves the sports and does everything he can to get better.

Hunter is consistently one of the hardest workers on the team. Every time the weight room is open, he is there working hard and getting better. Hunter is constantly looking for ways to get better and always asks coaches to stay late so he can get in extra work.

Hunter not only tries to get himself better, but also is vocal in trying to support his teammates to better themselves. Whether it is getting an extra rep in the weight room or running the last spring full speed, Hunter is pushing himself and his teammates.

# **Lady Pioneers still** unbeaten in April

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Gooby Martin may need to hold a fundraiser soon. The Lady Pioneers are going to need more softballs if they keep knocking the cover off the ball.

Warren County continued its roll through April, downing White County 15-0 in three innings Thursday for its sixth straight win.

"We played really well," said Martin, whose team has yet to lose in the month. "We got the bats going and found a good groove."

Freshman Rhealee from the Lady Pioneers exploding offensively. Johnson recorded a no-hitter, rallying from two opening walks to retire the final nine batters she faced – five on strikeouts.

Warren County (15-4) started its April run with a win over the Warriorettes, but had to rally from a 5-0 hole to prevail. This time was much easier.

The Lady Pioneers piled up 11 runs in the third after scoring two runs in each of the first two innings.

Bri Young took a starring role in the offense, going 2-for-3 with three RBIs, two coming on a single in the third. Grace Řains also had a two-run single in the third, with hers coming with two outs and putting the Lady Pioneers up 15 – enough to enact the run rule.

Hailey Wood and Hope Mullican also had one hit and two RBIs each, while MaKenna Mason and Ashton Whiles added RBI singles in the third. Kyra Hillis and Johnson also had hits in the blowout.

Warren County was scheduled to play in a tournament in Cookeville over the weekend, but it was canceled. The Lady Pioneers return to action Monday with a home game against the DeKalb County Lady Tigers. The border battle is set to start at 5:30 p.m.



### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 23**

Bod softball at Christian Community, 4 p.m. WCHS softball vs. DeKalb County, 5 p.m. WCHS baseball vs. Rhea County, 6 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Boyd softball vs. Riverside Christian, 4 p.m. WCHS JV baseball vs. Central Magnet, 5 p.m. WCHS softball vs. Stone Memorial, 5 p.m. WCHS baseball at Rhea County, 6 p.m. WCHS soccer at Rhea County, 7 p.m. WCMS golf at White County, TBA

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

WCMS softball at Prescott, 5 p.m. WCHS JV baseball at Coffee County, 5 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 26

WCHS softball at Rhea County, 5 p.m. CHS soccer vs. Franklin Classical, 5:15 p.m. WCHS baseball at Soddy Daisy, 6 p.m. WCHS soccer vs. Soddy Daisy, 7 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 27

WCMS tennis vs. Westwood, 4 p.m. WCHS JV baseball in Franklin Co. tourney, TBA

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 28

WCHS track at Tullahoma, 10 a.m. Boyd softball at Franklin Road, 10 a.m. WCHS baseball at Tullahoma, 11 a.m. CMS soccer vs. Lancaster, 1 p.m. CHS soccer vs. Lancaster, 2:15 p.m. WCMS soccer in conference tourney, Tullahoma WCHS JV baseball in Franklin Co. tourney, TBA

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## Two late goals sink Predators

Injuries left the Avalanche playing their backup to the backup goaltender while needing a victory to stave off elimination.

The goalie nicknamed the "Hamburglar" came through.

Andrew Hammond made a career-high 44 saves for his first postseason victory, and Colorado rallied to beat the Nashville Predators 2-1 on Friday night and sent the firstround series back to Denver for Game 6.

"Obviously, it was a lot of fun," said Hammond, who was mobbed in the locker room. "We're excited to have another game. We didn't want this to be the last one of the season, and I think to a man, we all did whatever we could to make sure that wasn't the case.'

This is the third time the Avalanche had trailed 3-1 in a series since moving to Colorado. They lost the first two but have a chance Sunday to push the defending Western Conference champs to a seventh game after rallying with two goals in the final 4:11.

They also became the first to win a playoff game in regulation when trailing in the final 5:00 of the third since Chicago won at Boston in Game 6 of the 2013 Stanley Cup Final.

ed the rally with his goal into an empty net with Nashville goalie Pekka Rinne caught outside the crease with his own teammate Ryan Ellis in his lap. Then Sven Andrighetto gave the Avs the lead off a rebound of a shot by J.T. Compher with 1:28 left that stunned a sold-out Nashville crowd that had expected to celebrate advancing to the second round.

"We've got a series again going home, and it's going to be exciting," Landeskog said. "As we talked about before tonight, just to win one. We don't have to win three in one night."

This was not only Hammond's first playoff victory, it was his first postseason start since April 17, 2015, with Ottawa and just the third of his career. He started only one game during the regular season after being traded to Colorado in November.

"You never know when you're going to get a second chance," Hammond said. "I've played two games basically since the start of January — at times it felt as though that day would never come again when you're going to play again. You keep battling in practice, you stick to the process, when you get your chance, you're ready.'

