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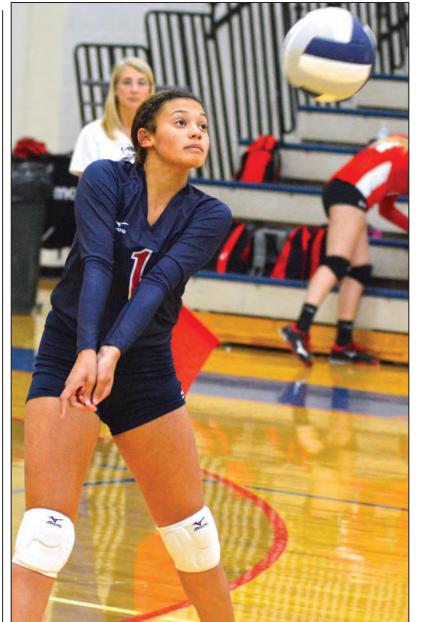
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Freshman Danika Reno, pictured in a home match, had 11 digs in Thursday's match against Rhea County. Warren County lost its district opener in four sets.

## Rough road trip for Lady Pioneers

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Growing pains were bound to hit the Lady Pioneers eventually. It happened Thursday in Rhea County.

Playing its first District 6AAA match, Warren County fell against the Lady Eagles in four sets. Rhea County won the match 25-14, 25-17, 22-25 and

"Our youth showed," said Lady Pioneer coach Katie Rogers. "I don't know that we were mentally prepared. We only have one or two players with consistent varsity experience and it showed.

"Rhea County has greatly improved over the last three years. Their experience was a

The Lady Pioneers struggled to keep up at the net, with Rogers praising the Rhea County setter for her unpredictable play. The guessing game of where shots were coming from left Warren County a step slow on shutting down spikes, leaving the defense vulnerable.

"One thing that got us was our lack of timing on our blocks. Rhea County has an outstanding setter who was very difficult to read," said Rogers. "Our timing and quickness on our blocks

is something we are definitely going to have to work on, especially to prepare for Cookeville and Soddy Daisy."

Without a presence at the net, the Lady Pioneers counted on their backline. Samantha Jennings led the team with 15 digs, while freshmen Madison Hollis and Danika Reno added 14 and 11, respectively.

Jennings also led the way offensively, finishing with a team-high 10 kills. Beth Vaughn added six, followed by Marah Wanamaker with five.

Hailey Wood finished with 15

Rogers believes with time and hard work, the Lady Pioneers will be ready when Rhea County makes the return trip.

"Rhea County is beatable. I'm hoping after a few more matches where we gain experience, we can beat them on our home court," said Rogers.

## JV FALLS 2-0

The Lady Pioneer JV team also lost Thursday in Dayton, falling 25-20 and 25-12 to Rhea County.

Bella Cantrell finished with five assists and two aces, while Madison Hollis chipped in nine digs and three kills. Marli McBride added four kills and Sadie Simmons finished with





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Pioneer cornerback Donte Elam keeps his focus on Tiger quarterback Axel Aldino. Elam was one of many sophomores who started in the border

## WCHS football

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Fuson grabbed the ball, opting to try a kick after realizing a run would get stuffed. Fuson was hit on the kick attempt, drawing a flag and giving the Tigers new life.

Moore protested the call vigorously, one that allowed the Tigers to score three plays later and take the lead.

"They're never going to change a call," said Moore. "I hate to [argue], but I kind of have to. I have to argue our point. But I hate having the boys see me out there. I don't want them to see me upset, but I'm the leader."

Tiger QB Axel Aldino gave his team the lead with a short toss to Zach Day, part of a 6-for-9 night for the sophomore where he piled up 128 yards in the air, 54 more on the ground and accounted for two touchdowns.

"Axel played really well. A handful of calls on the field he made himself. The first touchdown he threw was all him," said DeKalb County Steve

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The Pioneers had two chances to take the lead late, but one Pioneer drive ended when Taylor was stopped on a fake punt attempt at the Tiger 29 and the game was sealed on Knowles' interception.

Aldino started the scor-

ing in the second quarter,

finding Fuson behind the

defense for a 46-yard touchdown.

The Pioneer responded two plays later.

Senior Eric Haywood busted through a big hole through the middle and outraced the Tigers for an 85-yard touchdown, knotting the score at 7-7 with 7:28 left.

After a long return by former Pioneer Tyzaun Ladet, the Tigers popped off a six-play, 60-yard scoring drive in just two minutes. David Bradshaw (14 carries, 125 yards) scored from 19 yards out, though the extra-point attempt failed.

DeKalb County had a chance to add to its lead just before halftime, but Fuson's 37-yard field goal try sailed wide left.

The Pioneers also failed on a field-goal attempt, coming on their first drive of the second half. Warren County drove to the DeKalb County 11, but the snap on fourth down went directly to kicker Isaac Beasley, who was stopped short when he tried to run for a first down.

For the night, Warren County had four drives into the DeKalb County redzone, but scored only

Warren County will try to bounce back Friday when it travels to White County, which lost 35-0 in its opener to Livingston Academy.

Kickoff in Sparta is at 7