

Saturday split for Lady Pioneers

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Every game is a new adventure for the young Lady Pioneer soccer team and coach Todd Willmore. Saturday's visit to Tullahoma was the first road trip for the squad, and it brought mixed results.

Playing in the Southern Middle Tennessee Invitational, Warren County finished 1-1. The Lady Pioneers opened with a 3-2 victory over Tullahoma before falling 5-1 against Lincoln County.

"I'm proud of the girls. We had some girls who played a JV game and then in two varsity games," said Willmore. "We had girls step up. This is a fun group. They're fun to be around, they work hard and they understand what it's going to take to be successful."

"I'm hopeful by the end of the year, we'll be there. We're gradually putting it together."

After a tough 2-0 loss in their season opener last week against Ooltewah, the Lady Pioneers got off to a sluggish start Saturday in Tullahoma. Warren County found itself in a similar position as the first game when it allowed an early goal to the Lady Wildcats.

Fortunes finally started to change right before half-time, when Warren County got on the board for the first time this season.

Savannah Cox took a corner kick and played a long



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Senior Gwynie Simpson protects the net during Saturday's games in Tullahoma. Warren County split its matches and is now 1-2 this season.

ball in front of the Tullahoma net. Sam Ramsey rushed in, surprising the Tullahoma defense when she was able to get a foot on the ball and play it straight into the net.

"It was a beautiful corner. Sam came out of nowhere to get a foot on the ball. It was a sweet goal," said Willmore.

The Lady Pioneers surged after the score.

Freshman Katie Toney took over in the second half. Toney broke the tie in the first minutes of the second half, going top shelf on a free kick from 30 yards.

Moments later, Toney rushed through three Tullahoma defenders, drawing all the attention to herself before dropping off a

pass. Sarai Ruiz did the rest, burying an open look to make it 3-1.

Tullahoma got back within one score late, but the Lady Pioneers smothered the ball down the stretch to earn their first win.

Warren County was nearly out of steam by the time it took the field against Lincoln County.

The Lady Pioneers fell behind 3-0 in the first half, but got a jolt again in the second half from Toney.

The freshman phenom took matters into her own hands, getting a ball and weaving through traffic. Toney was able to shake free from 3-4 defenders while attacking from an angle,

then played a shot to the backside corner, sliding the shot in for a score.

"Once Katie scored, we shook out of the tiredness. All the girls picked up the pace and got some momentum," said Willmore. "We kept up some high pressure and had chances, but couldn't make up the goals."

After attempts to get back in the game stalled, Lincoln County finished off Warren County with two late goals.

Warren County went back to work Tuesday night with a home game against Riverdale. Results were unavailable at press time. Check Friday's *Standard* for details.

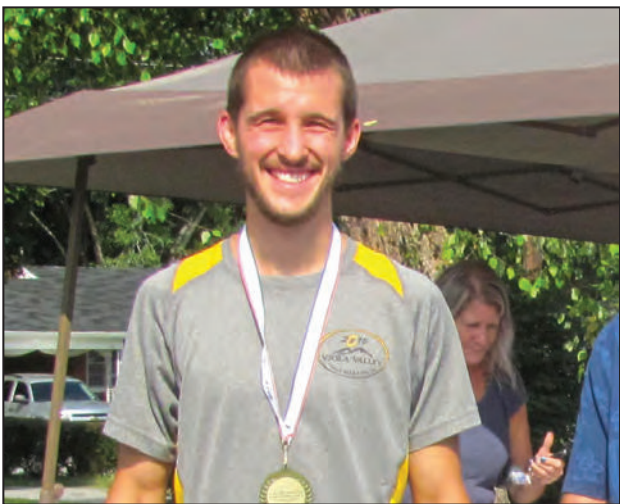
Tough loss



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Adeline Travis and the Boyd Lady Broncos had a tough time at home Monday against Franklin Road Academy. Boyd, which is breaking in a number of first-time players, fell 25-5, 25-8 and 25-13.

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OVERALL WINNER - RAY BISHOP



**CORA YOUNGBLOOD
WINNER - FEMALE 19-30**

**LINDA HOLDER
WINNER - FEMALE 70+**



**ANITA NUNLEY WINNER - FEMALE 51-69
(pictured with race official Everett Brock)**



**DAREN OAKLEY, MIRANDA FURBEE
WINNERS - AGES 19-30**



**DENNIS KRONLAGE
WINNER - MALE WALKER**

**HILDA LYTLE
WINNER - FEMALE WALKER**



Lacy Garrison photo

Winner Josh Coleman crosses the finish line. Coleman, 35, finished the triathlon in just over an hour to claim the title.

Triathlon

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The first runner to cross the finish line was LaVergne resident Josh Coleman, 35, followed by Nashville resident John Tate, 44. Coleman completed the event in one hour, 17 minutes and 49 seconds, while Tate was just behind at 1:18:38.

Coleman powered to the front of the pack by turning in the quickest times in both the biking and running. Coleman peddled the 18-mile path through Warren County in 47:27 before finishing the 5K run to the finish line in 20:53.

The top female finisher, and sixth overall, was local athlete Kimberly Feno. Feno, 32, finished in 1:31:09, edging fellow local Adam Franson – the top local male finisher.

Kelsey Humphrey, 43, was fastest swimmer of the 75 competitors, finishing

TRIATHLON RESULTS

LOCAL PARTICIPANTS (overall finish)	
Kimberly Feno (6)	1:31:09
Adam Franson (7)	1:31:18
Mickey Ralph (8)	1:31:22
Jason McVey (10)	1:32:29
Benjamin Myers (13)	1:37:13
Anatoliy Smymov (24)	1:48:24
Isabel Kirby (29)	1:57:16
Rachel Kirby (35)	2:10:24
Misty Griffith (38)	2:19:48
James Ervin (40)	2:53:52
Zach Sutton (41)	3:03:19

her eight laps at Gilley Pool in six minutes, 51 seconds.

Team WastAway from McMinnville was the top group, combining for a time of 1:23:54.

Local teams also included Dairy Queen (third), Team Chaos (fifth) and the Masters (seventh).



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