



Photo courtesy of Painted Barn Media
Kennedi Pegg and the WCMS Lady Pioneers lost a hard-fought match with White County at home Thursday.

WCMS volleyball dropped at home

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Tension grew with each passing point. The crowd exhaled every time the volleyball hit the ground, either with enormous cheers or dispirited groans. Tuesday's match at Warren County Middle School was an instant classic.

The Lady Pioneers came out on the wrong end of the showdown with White County, falling 25-20 and 26-24 in the see-saw affair. "To say I'm proud of the way the girls played would be an understatement. They gave their all from beginning to end," said Warren County coach Kelly Clayborne. "With White County returning most of its starters from last year, I thought my young team played extremely well."

The back-and-forth action kept the score close throughout, with White County's five-point victory in game one proving to be the largest lead for either team during the match.

Warren County had forced two ties in the first match, digging out of a 17-13 hole to knot the score

at 17-17 and again at 20-20. A few miscues in the clutch hurt the Lady Pioneers though, giving the visitors an early upper hand.

The Lady Pioneers looked poised to force a deciding third game midway through the second. Warren County rallied behind Krista Chisam's serving to take a 20-17 lead. The Lady Pioneers even got to game point, leading 24-22 with a chance to seize control.

White County broke Warren County's serve though, leaving the visitors with a chance to dictate the pace. White County proceeded to roll off three straight strong serves, rushing from behind to triumph.

Warren County was led offensively by Mia Hobbs, who had three kills. Jessie Young and Kennedi Pegg added one kill each. Chisam's serving was a catalyst in the narrow loss, while Hobbs, Young and Pegg also had aces for the Lady Pioneers. Brianna Winkler added a block defensively.

The Lady Pioneers will look to bounce back Tuesday when the team travels to Manchester to face Westwood. Action is set to begin at 4:30 p.m.

Big test awaits Vols

KNOXVILLE (AP) — Tennessee's defense will learn in a hurry just how far it still has to go under new coach Jeremy Pruitt.

Pruitt makes his head coaching debut next week after serving as defensive coordinator at Alabama, which led all FBS teams in total defense and scoring defense last year during its run to the national title.

"You don't really even have to Google about his stats or anything," linebacker Quart'e Sapp said. "His name speaks for itself."

The stats of Tennessee's

season-opening opponent also are impressive.

Tennessee starts against No. 17 West Virginia, which has a pair of preseason All-America selections in quarterback Will Grier and receiver David Sills. Grier threw for 3,490 yards and 34 touchdowns in 11 games last season, while Sills' 18 touchdown catches tied for the FBS lead.

That means Tennessee won't get an easy transition as it adjusts from the 4-3 scheme it utilized under former coach Butch Jones to the 3-4 alignment that Pruitt prefers.

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE



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Juju Pyburn and the WCHS volleyball team will have a busy week. The Lady Pioneers play at home Tuesday and Thursday before traveling to Chattanooga for a weekend tournament.

MONDAY, AUG. 27

Covenant HS volleyball vs. Warren Co., 4:30 p.m.
 WCMS volleyball at Franklin North, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 28

WCMS cross country at Webb, 4 p.m.
 WCMS volleyball at Westwood, 4:30 p.m.
 Covenant MS volleyball vs. Lancaster, 5:30 p.m.
 WCMS soccer at Algood, 5:30 p.m.
 WCHS volleyball vs. Soddy Daisy, 5:30 p.m.
 Covenant HS volleyball vs. Lancaster, 6:30 p.m.
 WCMS football vs. Franklin South, 6:30 p.m.
 WCHS soccer at Huntland, 7 p.m.
 WCHS cross country at Webb Invitational

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29

WCHS golf at Willowbrook Invitational, 9 a.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 30

Covenant MS volleyball at FCS, 5 p.m.
 WCHS soccer at Sewanee, 5 p.m.
 WCMS soccer vs. Tullahoma, 5:30 p.m.
 Covenant HS volleyball at FCS, 6 p.m.
 WCHS volleyball vs. White County, 6 p.m.
 WCHS golf vs. Cumberland County, TBA

FRIDAY, AUG. 31

Boyd volleyball vs. Van Buren Co., 5 p.m.
 WCHS football at Cookeville, 7 p.m.
 WCHS volleyball in Choo Choo Classic, TBA

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

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