



Eric Haywood will try for his fourth 100-yard game at Friday's homecoming against Shelbyville.

Eric Haywood

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Haywood's speed and running style more closely resembles the last Pioneer back to crack 1,000 yards in a season - Caleb Northcutt in 2010. Northcutt helped rewrite the record books in his senior season, finishing with 1,244 yards and 14 touchdowns - boosted by a pair of 200-yard, four-touchdown games.

Haywood is on a similar pace as Northcutt was in 2010. Through three games, Haywood has racked up 388 yards and two touchdowns. Eight years ago, Northcutt had amassed 406 yards and three touchdowns in three games, with both teams having matching 1-2 records.

The Pioneer speedster is near the top of the district in rushing through three games as well. Haywood's total yardage ranks just below Blackman's Ta'Micus Napier (406 yards) and Riverdale's Drew Smith (428 yards).

Haywood will get a chance to run up the yardage this Friday

TOP RUSHING SEASONS

Jeff Womack (1980)	2,550
Jeff Womack (1979)	1,969
Jeff Womack (1981)	1,931
Jerry Lusk (1973)	1,360
Randy Nowlin (1984)	1,359
Curtis Lusk (1975)	1,356
Curtis Lusk (1974)	1,351
Caleb Northcutt (2010)	1,244
Jerry Lusk (1972)	1,187
Keith Martin (1988)	1,158

1,293 yards - Haywood's current projection while averaging 129 yards per game

when the Pioneers welcome Shelbyville for the team's first home game. Shelbyville (1-1) was stout against the run in an opening win over Tullahoma, allowing just 94 yards on the ground. The Eagle defense was gashed two weeks ago by Marshall County though, allowing 265 rushing yards in a 24-21 loss. Shelbyville was off last week.

Friday's game will be homecoming for the Pioneers.

Smith grateful to play

KNOXVILLE (AP) — Tennessee offensive tackle Trey Smith knows he may need time to get back to peak form after a health scare forced him to miss spring practice.

He's just grateful to be back on the field after blood clots in his lungs put his football future at risk.

"I was blessed and fortunate to be out there, period," he said Monday.

Smith wasn't cleared for contact until late August and had only eight more practices from that point until the start of the season. Smith acknowledges he's still "getting a lot of rust out" as he gets ready for Saturday's home opener with East Tennessee State (1-0).

The Volunteers (0-1) are counting on Smith to anchor an offensive line that took some lumps in a season-opening 40-14 loss to No. 17 West Virginia. That's quite a bit of pressure to put on a 19-year-old.

Then again, Smith's already dealt with much greater responsibility.

Smith was 15 when his mother, Dorsetta Smith, died of heart complications, a tragedy that forced him to grow up in a hurry. He arrived on Tennessee's campus as the nation's No. 1 overall prospect in his class, according to ESPN.

"I can remember trying to recruit Trey when I was at Florida State and thinking that he was probably in the top five or six offensive linemen I'd ever tried to recruit — and there have been some pretty good ones," said East Tennessee State coach Randy Sanders, a former Florida State, Tennessee and Kentucky offensive coordinator with 29 years of Football Bowl Subdivision coaching experience.

Smith started all 12 games as a true freshman last season and was a second-team all-SEC selection, making him the only Vol to earn all-SEC honors. But he suspected something might be wrong earlier this year when he struggled to get through offseason workouts.

He was diagnosed with the blood clots in February.

"When they first identified it, I was just relieved, to be honest, just knowing something was wrong and it wasn't just a mental issue or something," Smith said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

MCMINNVILLE YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

McMinnville Youth Basketball registration began Tuesday, Sept. 4. The registration fee is \$35 per player for boys ages 8-18 and girls ages 8-19. A \$5 discount is available for families registering more than two children.

Registration will be held at McMinnville Civic Center from Sept. 4 until Sept. 29. Registration is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The season will begin Nov. 10.

YOUTH CHEERLEADING CAMP

Children in grades 1-8 are invited to spend the day with the WCHS competition and football cheerleaders Saturday, Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Charlie Dalton Gym. Participants will be assigned to cheerleaders to customize a short sideline and halftime cheer with stunts and signs. A parent performance will be held at 1:30 p.m.

Early registration (due Monday, Sept. 17) is \$40. Walk-in registration is \$45.

Teams are also encouraged to participate. Each cheer team will need to provide their signs. Team will be contacted before the event so the cheer can be tailored to their team. Team should dress in outfits for the camp.

The cost is \$10 per team member (if registering as a team) and an additional \$10 per team for a clinic shirt. Admission for the parent performance is \$2.

A registration form is available by emailing coach Stacey Elam at elams@warrenschools.com.

GLENN AYERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Glenn Ayers fishing scholarship golf tournament will be held Saturday, Sept. 15 at Willowbrook Golf Course. The tournament will begin at 9 a.m. The tournament is open to four-person teams at a cost of \$125 per person. There will be two teams per hole, with groups picked at random. The entry fee includes lunch and registration for cash prizes.



Photo courtesy of Painted Barn Media
Cheerleaders looking to improve their skills can learn from the WCHS cheerleaders, including senior Areya Buchanan (pictured) at the cheerleading camp being held Saturday, Sept. 29.

To register a team, contact the pro shop at 931-728-8989 or email jhhendrix@comcast.net.

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First hole-in-one



Photo provided
Avid golfer Jeff Phillips celebrated his first hole-in-one recently at Scenic View Golf Course in Winchester. Phillips used a 6-iron to find the cup on the 140-yard, par-3 No. 8. The shot was witnessed by Jim Smoot, George Hinshaw and Clarence Lafferty. Phillips' celebration has turned to trash talking his traditional playing partner, saying "read it and weep Ed James."

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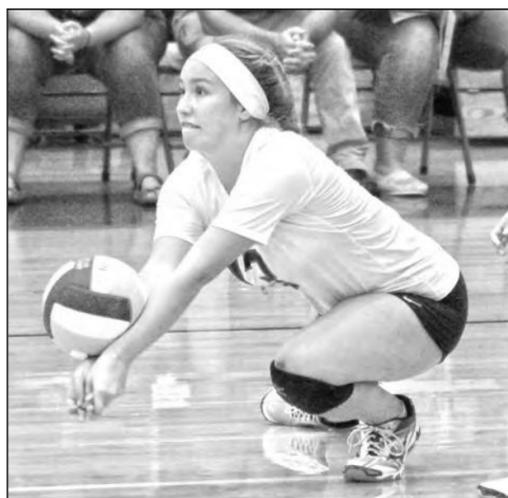
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Jeffery Simmons photo
Freshman Madison Hollis, seen in an earlier home game, had 67 digs while competing in the Chattanooga Choo Choo tournament.

WCHS volleyball

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The busy weekend allowed a number of players to rack up major stat lines. Senior Hailey Wood was everywhere for the Lady Pioneers, finishing with a team-high 68 assists while adding 45 digs and five aces. Sophomore Samantha Jennings also showed her all-around game, leading the team with 41 kills and 12 blocks while also adding 53 digs.

Playing in her final Chattanooga Choo Choo, senior Marah Wanamaker added 14 kills and six aces, finishing one behind freshman Danika Reno for the team serving lead.

Madison Hollis again was a top performer

defensively, coming in from her libero position to lead the team with 67 digs.

Beth Vaughn also chipped in 19 kills, earning praise from her coach in the process.

"Beth and Megan (Davis) really improved. I was so happy to see them come out of their shell and play like I knew they could," said Rogers.

Warren County continued its busy stretch with a matchup at home Tuesday with Rhea County. Results were unavailable at press time.

The Lady Pioneers were back in action Tuesday, going on the road for a 6 p.m. matchup with District 6-AAA leader Cookeville.