

Photos provided by Painted Barn Media Senior Gwynie Simpson chases after the ball during Tuesday's 5-0 loss at home.

Winning streak snapped

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The Lady Pioneers saw their three-game winning streak snapped Tuesday.

Coffee County walloped Warren County 5-0, building a four-goal lead by halftime and cruising to its fourth straight victory in the rivalry.

"Coffee County is very physical and it took us out of our game a bit," said coach Todd Willmore. "I need to do a better job motivating our girls to compete from the first whistle and encourage them through the match.⁷

Warren County (4-3) seemed to be playing catchup from the first whistle, with the Lady Raiders scoring early and often. By halftime, Coffee County had tallied four goals - more than any other team had scored in a full game against Warren County this season.

The Lady Pioneers had several chances to get on

the scoreboard, but Willmore credited Coffee County's keeper for preserving the shutout.

"We had some looks, but she did a nice job of holding a high line and taking away our scoring chances," said Willmore.

Willmore wasted little time trying to get his team to refocus, knowing a big challenge is on the horizon. Willmore focused on defense in practice Wednesday, along with the team working on a string and staying connected.

It should come in handy as the Lady Pioneers get set to take on some of the state's best in the Ladies Championship tournament held in Nashville.

"I believe we made some progress in practice and I hope to see improvement in our upcoming tourna-ment," said Willmore. "These matches will provide us with strong competition. It's an excellent opportunity for us to continue to improve as a team.

"This is a great group of



Keeper Rachel Stewart was kept busy by the onslaught of Coffee County attackers Tuesday.

girls and I'm confident they will respond well."

Warren County made the trek to Nashville Thursday to take on Mt. Juliet, a region qualifier last season. The score was unavail-

able at press time.

The Lady Pioneers will also be in action twice on Saturday, taking on Cheatham County (15-3 last year) and Pope John Paul II.



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