Eight Named To Join Prestigious NCHSAA Hall of Fame

CHAPEL Hill—Eight more outstanding individuals in the annals of state high school athletics have been selected for induction into the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Gil Bowman of Fayetteville, Dr. Tim Taft of Chapel Hill, Sherry Norris of Chapel Hill, Bill Harrison of Fayetteville, the late David Price of Charlotte, Mac Cumbo of Hendersonville, Jimmy Tillman of Wilson and Suzanne Grayson of Kings Mountain have been named as the 29th group of inductees to join the prestigious hall. That brings to 171 the number enshrined.

The new inductees were honored during special halftime ceremonies at a football game at Kenan Stadium this fall when North Carolina played Wake Forest. The University of North Carolina designated the day as the 31st annual NCHSAA Day.

The new class will officially be inducted at the special Hall of Fame banquet next spring in Chapel Hill.

The NCHSAA Hall of Fame is supported in part by a special grant from GlaxoSmithKline.

"These individuals joining the Association Hall of Fame this year have had a tremendous impact on high school athletics across North Carolina," said NCHSAA interim commissioner Que Tucker. "Their accomplishments are impressive, but the character they exemplify and the lives they touched are truly representative of what the NCHSAA stands for. Their selection maintains the standards of excellence established by our previous inductees, and we are looking forward to honoring these deserving individuals."

Gil Bowman

Gil Bowman distinguished himself as an outstanding coach in a couple of different sports as well as a great German teacher during his 41-year career at Terry Sanford High School in Fayetteville.

Born in Stuart, Virginia, and a graduate of East Carolina, Bowman built Terry Sanford into both a women's basketball power and a tennis power during his coaching tenure. His women's varsity basketball record during his years with that sport was 463-278, with three trips to the NCHSAA state championship game. He also coached cross country and assisted with football for several years.

He also developed tremendous programs in tennis, with a record at one point in men's tennis of an amazing 532-40 and a mark of 339-36 in women's tennis. He coached numerous state champions in both singles and doubles and at one point his women's team earned four consecutive dual team state championships.

He has been inducted the Fayetteville Sports Club Hall of Fame and earned the Homer Thompson Eight Who Make A Difference Award for sportsmanship from the NCHSAA in 2001. He also helped to found the Fayetteville Area Tennis Association.

Mac Cumbo

Mac Cumbo compiled an impressive slate as a high school coach as well as an administrator.

Cumbo, a graduate of Thomasville High School and Western Carolina University, began his teaching and coaching career at Flat Rock Junior High and was very successful before moving to the high school ranks. He was head football coach and athletic director, first at Edneyville and then at the new North Henderson school.

He guided teams to the football playoffs at both schools and also served in other capacities, including on the NCHSAA Realignement Committee and as president of two different conferences.

Cumbo served on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association, including a term as president in 1997-98, as well as the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Coaches Association with a term as president. He also had a stint on the NCHSAA Board.

He was inducted into the North Carolina Athletic Directors Hall of Fame in 2004 and is an active member of Mud Creek Baptist Church.

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Suzanne Grayson

Suzanne Grayson was an outstanding coach and athletic administrator during her career, primarily in the Cleveland County school system.

Grayson attended Shelby High School and then graduated from Western Carolina University before beginning her teaching and coaching career. After several years at the middle school level, she had an 18-year stint at Crest and then spent 10 years at Kings Mountain, the final four of which she served as athletic director.

She coached volleyball for a total of 24 years and rolled up a record of 417-210, with a state championship at Kings Mountain in 2001. Her overall career record in fast-pitch softball was 215-77, including two state titles in that sport at Kings Mountain in ’05 and again in ’06.

Grayson has previously been inducted into the Cleveland County Sports Hall of Fame and the Kings Mountain Hall of Fame. She has also served on the American Legion World Series Executive Committee, which helps bring that event to Cleveland County, since 2000.

Dr. Bill Harrison

Dr. Bill Harrison has been an outstanding school administrator and very involved as a leader in the NCHSAA.

Harrison has been involved with public education in the North Carolina since 1984 and is presently serving as interim superintendent of the Alamance-Burlington school system. Previously he has served as a teacher, principal and superintendent, including 12 years as superintendent of the Cumberland County schools. He also served as superintendent in the Hoke and Orange County systems. From 2009 through ’13, he was chairman of the State Board of Education and senior advisor to Governor Beverly Perdue for education transformation.

Bill served two different terms as president of the NCHSAA and was on the “100 to Remember” list of administrators as part of the NCHSAA Centennial Celebration.

He is a graduate of Methodist University, received a masters at East Carolina and his Ed.D degree at Vanderbilt.

Sherry Norris

Sherry Norris has been one of North Carolina’s top coaches in volleyball and women’s basketball for many years.

Born in Lumberton and a graduate of Bladenboro High and the University of North Carolina, Norris has enjoyed a great career at Chapel Hill High School, serving as women’s head basketball coach since 1977 and coaching volleyball there from 1977 to 2013. She was also head softball coach for six seasons.

She is the NCHSAA’s all-time leader in career volleyball victories with a brilliant 739-257 record, with state championships in 1994 and 2003 and a runner-up finish in 2000. In women’s basketball, her teams rolled up a record of 568-379 and won state titles in 1981 and 2014.

Norris was one of the 100 Coaches To Remember during the NCHSAA’s Centennial Celebration and also has earned the Toby Webb Award and the Doris Howard Coach of the Year honors from the NCHSAA.

She has been very active in her church and was also the Teacher of the Year at her school, Seawell Elementary, on four different occasions.

David Price

David Price, who passed away in March of this year, was a brilliant high school basketball coach during his career in Charlotte, although he coached many different sports over the years.

A graduate of Waynesville High School, Price went on to Western Carolina University and then embarked on a coaching career that spanned over 40 years. He helped build South Mecklenburg into a real hoops power, winning four NCHSAA state titles there in a 20-year span and earning 321 victories against 167 losses. He then spent 12 years at Providence Day where his teams won a couple of independent school state championships and an additional 217 victories.

Price also served on the Board of Directors of the NCHSAA and coached in the North Carolina Coaches Association East-West basketball game in 1972.

A Korean War veteran, Price was an active member of Pineville United Methodist Church for over 50 years.

Dr. Tim Taft

Dr. Tim Taft has made a unique contribution to the NCHSAA through his work in sports medicine.

A graduate of Kirkwood High in Missouri and Princeton University, Dr. Taft spent 35 years on the faculty of the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina, but during that time was very involved in athletics. He was a varsity team physician and senior orthopedic surgeon for many teams at UNC, but also served as the medical director of the Special Olympics State Games for many years. He has been a team physician at the Olympic Games and for a number of USA teams in international competition in swimming and men’s and women’s basketball.

Through all of that, however, Dr. Taft stayed involved with the NCHSAA, first as a sports medicine advisor to the executive director and then on the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, and he also served as an on site physician for many NCHSAA state championships.

He has previously received a Distinguished Service Award and the Elton Hawley Award for sports medicine from the NCHSAA.

Jimmy Tillman

Jimmy Tillman touched a number of bases during his career as a teacher, coach, athletic director and principal at a variety of high schools.

Born in Mount Olive, Tillman is a graduate of Southern Wayne High School and UNC-Wilmington. During his career he served as a teacher and coach at Rosewood, Lucama, Beddingfield and SouthWest Edgecombe, adding the duties of athletic director during his time at SouthWest.

He earned Coach of the Year honors in three different sports (football, baseball and softball) and coached in both the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and East-West all-star football game.

He also served at Wilson Fike, including four years as an assistant principal and eight as principal.

Tillman also enjoyed an excellent career as a game official, calling high school basketball and softball for almost 20 years and working the 1984 NCHSAA state 4-A softball championship.

His contributions to the NCHSAA were huge, including serving several terms on the challenging Realignment Committee as well as the Nominating Committee.
THE NCHSAA HALL OF FAME

Class of 1987
(Charter Members)
Bob Jamieson, Greensboro
Leon Brogden, Wilmington
Dave Harris, Charlotte

Class of 1988
Tony Simeone, High Point
Wilburn C. Clary, Winston-Salem
L.J. "Hap" Perry, Chapel Hill

Class of 1989
Russell Blunt, Durham
Lee Stone, Asheboro

Class of 1990
Bill Eutsler, Rockingham
Harvey Reid, Wilson
Jay Robinson, Chapel Hill
Simon Terrell, Chapel Hill

Class of 1991
Thell Overman, Wallace
Frank Mock, Kinston*
Raymond Rhodes, Raleigh*
Richard "Bud" Phillips, Greenville

Class of 1992
Everette L. "Shu" Carlton, Gastonia
George J. Cashwa, Jr., Thomasville
Norma Harbin, Winston-Salem
James G. "Chuppy" Wagner, Washington*
Modeal Walsh, Robbinsville*
Everett L. "Shorty" Waters, Jacksonville
Henry Thomas "Toby" Webb, Albemarle
John W. "Jack" Young, Ahoskie*

Class of 1993
Frank Barger, Hickory*
Donald Bonner, Lumbers
George Whitfield, Hamlet

Class of 1994
George "Buck" Hardee, Wilmington
Doris Howard, Fayetteville
Bruce Peterson, Asheville
Homer Thompson, Winston-Salem

Class of 1995
William Bradshaw, Durham
Robert P. Colvin, Robbinsville
Joe Paul Ehlen, Asheville
Augustus B. "Gus" Purcell, Charlotte
George W. Wingfield, Reidsville*

Class of 1996
Paul Gay, Sanford
John W. "Honey" Johnson, Elizabeth City*
Glenn Nixon, Clayton
Robert R. Sawyer, Greensboro

Class of 1997
Dr. Wiley "Army" Armstrong, Rocky Mount*
Chuck Clements, Gastonia*
David Lash, Winston-Salem*
Larry Lindsay, Wake Forest

Class of 1998
Gerald "Pearlie" Allen, Shelby
Norris "Pee Wee" Jones, Ashevillle
Bill Mayhew, Troutman
Dr. Craig Phillips, Raleigh
Mary Garber, Winston-Salem
Marvin "Red" Hoffman, Wilkesboro
Dr. Andy Miller, Ashevillle

Class of 1999
Charles "Babe" Howell, Webster
Paul Jones, Kinston
Jerry McGee, Elizabeth City
Jim Mills, Garner
Joe Mills, Raleigh
Donna Norman, High Point
Robert Paroli, Fayetteville

Class of 2000
Marion Kirby, Greensboro
Don Patrick, Newton
Hilda Worthington, Greenville
Charles England, Lexington*

Class of 2001
Jack Groce, Boone
Tom Northington, Greensboro
Walter Rogers, Roxboro
Wally Shelton, Mount Airy
John Swoford, Greensboro
Morris Walker, West Jefferson
Herb Young, Cary

Class of 2002
Cliff Brookshire, Brevard
Andrea Cozart, High Point
Bill Friday, Chapel Hill
Herman Hines, Reidsville
Bob Lee, Southern Pines
Ray Oxendine, Pembroke

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Pat Harrell, Hertford
Hoy Isaacs, Reidsville*

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David Maynard, Burlington
Clarence Moore, Asheville*
Pres Mull, Lexington
Tom Pryor, Edneyville
Stuart Tripp, Ayden

Class of 2005
Tim Brayboy, Cary
Jim Burch, Cary
Dick Knox, Chapel Hill
Tom McQuaid, Beaufort*
Mike Raybon, Jamestown

Class of 2006
Al Black, Spring Lake
Pat Gainey, Taylorsville
Charlie Gregory, Randaleman
Tommy Hunt, Durham
Joan Riggs, Swansboro
Don Saine, Gastonia

Class of 2007
Stuart Allen, Charlotte
Daryl Barnes, Lexington
Bob Brooks, Elizabeth City
Bill Carver, Fayetteville
Elton Hawley, Charlotte
Fred Lanford, Hudson
Bill Rucker, Black Mountain
Ronald Scott, Bear Creek

Class of 2008
Charlie Adams, Chapel Hill
Bill Bost, Catawba*
Ken Browning, Durham
Richard Hicks, Durham
Mac Morris, Greensboro
Jan Stanley, Hendersonville
Tim Stevens, Raleigh
Billy Widgeon, Morehead City

Class of 2009
Brad Faircloth, Greensboro
Gilbert Ferrell, Wilsoin
Bruce Hardin, Charlotte
Jim Maxwell, Durham
Vicki Peoples, Raleigh
Carolyn Shannonhouse, Cary
Pete Stout, Salisbury

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Tunney Brooks, Lumberton
Tom Brown, Maiden
Bob Catapano, Raleigh
Joe Hunt, Hendersonville*
Carolyn Rogers, Hertford
Que Tucker, Morrisville

Class of 2011
Rosalie Bardin, Wilson
Sheila Boles, Wilmington
Jimmy Fleming, Creedmoor
John Frye, Vass
Jerry Johnson, Goldsboro
Mike Matheson, Newton*
John Morris, High Point*
Tom Suiter, Raleigh

Class of 2012
Donnie Baxter, Asheboro
Ronnie Chavis, Pembroke
Lawrence Dunn, Raleigh
Doug Henderson, Greensboro
Lindsay Page, Burlington
Larry Rhodes, Gastonia
Robert Steele, Salisbury
Jim Taylor, Shelby

Class of 2013
Bobby Guthrie, Raleigh
Jack Huss, Rutherfordton
Lindsey Linker, Chapel Hill
Shelly Marsh, Smithfield
Dave Odom, Winston-Salem
Cindi Simmons, Webster
Sam Story, Burlington
Ron Vincent, Greenville

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Ralph Holloway, Morehead City
Joe Miller, Wilmington*
Chris Norman, Shelby
Moyer Smith, Chapel Hill
Rick Strunk, Carrboro
Jerry Winterton, Cary

Class of 2015
Gil Bowman
Mac Cumbo
Suzanne Grayson
Dr. Bill Harrison
Sherry Norris
David Price
Dr. Tim Taft
Jimmy Tillman
The NCHSAA Presents Awards at Regional Meetings

region 1

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: Robert Woodley, Currituck—Robert is currently the athletic director and men’s basketball coach at Currituck, where he has been since 2012. He has a long history of service to NCHSAA member schools since he also served at Edenton Holmes, where he coached basketball, and athletic director at Pasquotank.

He is a graduate of the College of the Albemarle and then got his bachelor of science degree at Atlantic Christian in Wilson. He has also worked at Princess Anne High School in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Special Person: Scott Jones, Camden—Scott has served as coach, athletic director, and conference official and has been with Camden County Schools since 1992.

He has served as the head coach of the football team and has also coached women’s basketball while serving as a social studies teacher. He is a graduate of Camden and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from East Carolina University. Very active in the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association, Scott served president of the organization during the 2010-11 academic year.

region 2

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: Robbie Cauley, athletic director, Pender County schools—Robbie has served in the central office of the Pender County schools and is currently principal of the Pender Early College. He has coached in both Onslow County and Duplin County and has also been a principal at Pender High School.

A graduate of North Carolina State University who earned his masters at UNC-Wilmington, he has served the NCHSAA in a number of ways on special committees, including the Education and Athletics Committee currently.

Special Person: Kenesha Simmons, Southern Wayne—Kenesha Simmons teaches science, including biology as well as anatomy and physiology, at Southern Wayne.

She has served as the director of the Student Athlete Summer Institute, or SASI, for the Southeastern region of the state, one of the programs that is affiliated with the NCHSAA Student Services Program. SASI is a prevention program that targets teams of student athletes enrolled in grades 10, 11, and 12 in North Carolina’s public high schools. The curriculum includes activities centered on leadership development, effective teamwork, and lifelong skills for healthy living.

region 3

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service

Dexter Cooley, athletic director, Wakefield—Dexter has been the only athletic director that Wakefield High School has ever had until now and has also coached men’s basketball there. Cooley came to Wakefield when it opened in 2000 after serving as men’s basketball coach at Millbrook. Previously he had been the head basketball coach at Bunn, so he has enjoyed an excellent career as an athletic director and a coach.

Dexter was diagnosed with cancer in April and has been receiving treatment since that time. He has stepped down from the athletic director duties but will continue teaching physical education at the school. During Dexter’s tenure as athletic director at Wakefield, the school has been extremely successful in athletics.

Special Person: Melissa Knight, Orange and Cedar Ridge High Schools—Melissa is listed as the administrative assistant for athletics at both Orange and Cedar Ridge High Schools, but her service and involvement with the NCHSAA go far beyond that title. She started working at Orange in 1990 for Jim King, a well-known coach and athletic director.

Besides her work with those schools, she has been involved as the conference secretary for several conferences, currently working with the Big Eight and the North Central Athletic Conference, providing all the information that the NCHSAA needs from those two organizations. She has also assisted at the NCHSAA state wrestling championships in Greensboro.

Melissa grew up in Moore County and then graduated from Union Pines High School and Hardbarger Business College. Her daughters are both graduates of North Carolina State.

region 4

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: Brian Edkins, principal, South View—Brian is principal at South View, taking over that role in 2007, after a stint as athletic director at the Cumberland County school, so he has an excellent background in athletics.

A graduate of Pembroke State, where he played soccer from 1988-92, Brian coached tennis at South Robeson and then coached soccer and bowling at South View during his coaching tenure. He has coached in the East-West all-star soccer game and was a Homer Thompson Eight Who Make A Difference winner back in 2000, and he founded “Kicking for Cancer”, a women’s soccer tournament in its 17th year that has raised over $50,000 for cancer research. He has also served on the Realignment Committee.

The Edkins have three children, and their son Caleb is a senior varsity soccer and tennis player who serves on the NCHSAA Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

Special Person: Tim Kinlaw, Cumberland County schools—Tim is the associate superintendent for auxiliary services for the Cumberland County schools, a role he has served for 22 years. He also has served as interim superintendent for the system, and prior to joining the Cumberland County schools he was director of operations and planning for Bladen County and is former manager of facilities at Duke University.

Tim has been very involved with the NCHSAA by providing excel-
lent assistance with the Eastern Regional basketball tournament when it has been played in Fayetteville, which is a pretty massive undertaking. He is a graduate of Pembroke State University and earned his masters at Central Michigan. He also has served over 30 years as a volunteer fireman as well as coaching youth baseball and youth soccer.

REGION 5

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: George Robinson, athletic director, Alamanace-Burlington Schools—George is currently the athletic director for the school system after many years as a highly successful basketball coach at Burlington Cummings.

Robinson began his career in 1995 as a teacher assistant at Cummings and served as head varsity men’s basketball coach from 1999 to 2011, behavior modification coordinator from 1995 to 2011 and assistant principal since 2011. He led teams to NCHSAA state men’s basketball state championships at both the 2-A and 1-A levels, and was named conference coach of the year four times.

He has a bachelor’s degree in communication from Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, a master’s degree in public administration from North Carolina Central University and a master’s degree in school administration from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He is a graduate of Williams High School.

Special Person: Billy Edrington, North Carolina A&T State University—Billy is associate athletics director for game operations and facilities at A&T and has been tremendously helpful in helping the university host the NCHSAA track and field championships for years.

Edrington has served as the meet coordinator and facility contact for each meet since the track opened. He is the main liaison between A&T and the city of Greensboro and the meet coordinators from the various organizations like the NCHSAA. His responsibilities can include working with officials, timers, parking attendants, ticket-takers, custodial staff, volunteers, coaches and sponsors to ensure meets are conducted to the highest of standards.

Edrington began working at A&T as a student athletic trainer in 1981. In 1986, he became an assistant women’s basketball coach and Edrington became the facilities director in 1997. He was honored by the university system with the Erskine Bowles Award for his service last fall.

REGION 6

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: Masanori Toguchi, Hough—Masanori is the athletic director at W.A. Hough High School in Cornelius, starting there when the school opened, and has also served as AD at West Charlotte. He was an outstanding athlete who played football and graduated from Wake Forest University after graduating from Olympic High School in Charlotte.

He has also been involved with the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association and served capably on the Non-Traditional Schools Committee that met actively a few years ago to help develop new policies.

Special Person: Mark Lackey, North Lincoln—Mark is an outstanding golf coach at North Lincoln High School, where he has been since 2003. Prior to that he coached golf as well as football and women's basketball at East Lincoln, also coached at Lincolnton prior to that, and he has previously served as the North Lincoln athletic director. His North Lincoln men's golf team has won a couple of NCHSAA state championships and contended for the title several other times, and the team has won eight consecutive conference championships.

He is a graduate of Appalachian State University and a member of the Lincoln County Sports Hall of Fame.

REGION 7

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: Jim Woodruff, athletic director, St. Stephens—Jim has had a long and distinguished career in athletics. He was a teacher, coach and athletic director at Bunker Hill High School in Catawba County for 28 years, including a 20-year stint as men’s basketball coach. He taught and coached at St. Stephens from 1979 to ‘84, then went to Bunker Hill. After a one-year retirement from Bunker, Jim has since been working at St. Stephens.

He is a native of West Jefferson and graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne University.

Special Person: Rodney King, North Stokes—Rodney is a 1997 graduate of North Stokes and a 2001 graduate of Appalachian State University. He has been teaching United States history and coaching since the fall of 2001.

He is the head cross country coach, head indoor track coach and the head women’s track and field coach with several conference championships and the 2014 state 1-A men’s team championship in outdoor track.

Along with coaching, Rodney has served well at the state level. He has been the NCHSAA Meet Director for the State Cross Country Championships, the 1A/2A Indoor State Championships and the NCHSAA 1A State Track and Field Championships.

REGION 8

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: Bill Miller, superintendent, Polk County—Bill is currently serving as past president on the NCHSAA Board of Directors after a term as president. He is a 1980 graduate of Wingate University and did graduate work at both UNC Charlotte and the University of South Carolina.

After serving on the men’s basketball staff at Wingate, Miller was a teacher and coach at the high school level for five years, serving as head men’s basketball coach at the old Tryon High School as well as coaching tennis and golf at various times.

He went on to serve as principal at Polk County High School before moving into the Polk central office, where he was personnel director and assistant superintendent before assuming the superintendent’s role. He has also served on the Realignment Committee and has been president of the WRESA Superintendent’s Council.

Special Person: Neil Blankenship, Swain County athletic director and head football coach—Neil has worked in some capacity for Swain High School since 1992, and has served as athletic director and head football coach at the school since 2012.

Swain has a great football tradition and his three-year record of head coach of 38-8 gives him the most wins of any coach in school history in that time. As athletic director, he has seen Swain win the Wells Fargo Conference Cup for overall sports excellence in each of the last two academic years.

Neil is working at his high school alma mater, as he is a graduate of Swain and then graduated from Mars Hill College.
Durham County
Stadium Will Honor
Willie Bradshaw

DURHAM—The Durham County commissioners have unanimously approved honoring the late Willie Bradshaw at Durham County Memorial Stadium.

The commissioners have voted to name the field, the scoreboard and a wall inside the facility for the legendary coach and athletic administrator.

Bradshaw, who was a long-time coach at Durham High School, is a member of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame and the National High School Hall of Fame. He was also active in the North Carolina Coaches Association and the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association.

Two plaques will be placed in the stadium. One, in memory of Bradshaw, will have historical information about his life and accomplishments, while the other will explain the historical context of the word “Memorial” in the stadium’s name, including that it was named in honor of the veterans of World Wars I and II.

Originally there was discussion about naming the stadium after Bradshaw, but that changed after the facility’s authority and veteran organizations outlined the history of the facility bearing that name. ★

NCHSAA Coach-Captain Retreat Attracts
Students From 17 Member Schools

CARY—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association held its fall 2015 Coach-Captain Retreat the weekend of October 24-25, the 35th in the history of this program.

The event, part of the Association’s Student Services program, was held at the Doubletree in Raleigh. The retreats are designed to help student-athletes or other school/community ideas about the components of the action plan could be taken back and executed in their local school. Among

Teams at the retreat represented the following schools: Durham Jordan, East Bladen, East Chapel Hill, East Wake Academy, Eastern Randolph, Fayetteville Cape Fear, Hobton, Knightsdale, McDowell, Mountain Island Charter, North Wilkes, South Brunswick, South Iredell, West Carteret, West Forsyth, West Iredell and Woods Charter. ★

coach from the school and a parent representative. The retreats are designed to promote the concept of “teamwork.” Issues such as leadership development, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, violence prevention strategies and academic success are addressed at these retreats, the first of which was held in the spring of ’95.

The retreats are designed to help student-athletes define leadership qualities, identify key issues that affect them, learn to communicate effectively with other students and adults about these issues, and then to understand what captains can do to use their influence to prevent problems and promote healthy lifestyles.

Facilitators included the following NCHSAA Student Services Trainers: Faye Corbin, retired teacher and coach at Hope Mills South View High School; Teresa Coleman, assistant principal at East Bladen High School and Central SASI director; Mike Greene, teacher and coach at North Wilkes High School; Shelia Levins, teacher and athletic director at C.E. Jordan High in Durham; Larry Ratliff, teacher and coach at Southern Guilford High School; and P.J. Taylor, a retired teacher and coach from the Martin County Schools and the Northeast SASI director.

The regional meeting swing started in Charlotte on Monday, September 19 and then went to Asheville, Wilkesboro and Greensboro. In the second week, week the meetings started in Fayetteville on Monday, September 26 and then went to Kenansville, Greenville and Raleigh.

Coach-Captain retreats are organized and administered by NCHSAA associate commissioner Mark Dreibelbis and director Chiquana Dancy.

“Student Services is the ‘value-added’ division of the NCHSAA,” said Dreibelbis. “The Coach/Captain Retreat emphasizes the responsibility of student-athletes to take their leadership skills and implement programs promoting positive life skills and total development through athletics to both their school and community. Having the opportunity to develop these initiatives and assist in their implementation is what Student Services is all about. Our programs make a difference and create winners for life.”

Teams always conclude their retreat experience by developing an action plan, to be taken back and executed in their local school. Among the components of the action plan could be bulletin boards in the school, public service announcements for the school intercom, a community service project, a special newsletter for student-athletes or other school/community ideas generated by the team itself.

In addition to the staff, there were 110 participants in the retreat, with a total of 78 student-athletes and 32 adults attending. The adult total included 22 coaches or administrators and 10 parents of athletes.

Teams at the retreat represented the following schools: Durham Jordan, East Bladen, East Chapel Hill, East Wake Academy, Eastern Randolph, Fayetteville Cape Fear, Hobton, Knightsdale, McDowell, Mountain Island Charter, North Wilkes, South Brunswick, South Iredell, West Carteret, West Forsyth, West Iredell and Woods Charter. ★
CHAPEL HILL—Que Tucker, interim commissioner of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, announced today that associate commissioner Rick Strunk would be retiring from his post at the NCHSAA at the end of December.

Strunk, age 62, has been with the NCHSAA for 30 years and came to the Association after a stint as sports information director at Furman University. Prior to that, he had been director of public relations at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory and also had extensive radio, television and newspaper experience.

His work with the Association has included media relations and a variety of special programs. In addition to writing and designing publications and championship game programs as well as working with the media, Strunk also has coordinated press releases, content for the NCHSAA web site, the Scholar-Athlete program, the Wells Fargo Cup competition, the NCHSAA Hall of Fame, NCHSAA Day activities, Athlete of the Year and the NCHSAA Annual Meeting, and he initiated the Association’s college intern program.

He is editor of the official North Carolina High School Sports Record Book and served eight years as chairman of the National Federation’s National Records Committee.

“This is a bittersweet day for the NCHSAA,” said Que Tucker, interim commissioner of the NCHSAA. “Rick Strunk has been a very important and valuable member of this staff for the past 30 years, serving as the association’s historian, creating special programs to benefit the membership and building strong relationships with the media across the state in reporting the news and information of the Association. His knowledge and understanding of the rules and regulations of the NCHSAA will be hard to replace.

“I will personally miss him; but I along with our staff, wish him well as he begins the next chapter of his life.”

Strunk has received Distinguished Service Awards from the NCHSAA, the N.C. Athletic Directors Association and the NIAAA, and he earned the National Federation Citation award in 2013, one of the most highly regarded achievements nationally in high school athletics and performing arts.

He is a member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

In Memoriam

PRESTON MCCLAIN

RALEIGH—Former Enloe High School basketball coach Preston McClain died earlier in mid-September at the age of 75.

A native of Statesville, he came to Raleigh to attend Shaw University and coached at the junior high level for several years before moving to the high school level.

His teams were known for their relentless pressing defense. McClain’s last year of coaching at Enloe was 1990.

ROBERT MOORE

CHARLOTTE—Former high school and collegiate basketball coach Robert Moore died in mid-October at the age of 73, according to multiple media reports.

Moore is best known in some circles for building both Johnson C. Smith and Virginia Union into CIAA championship contenders. He had a college coaching mark of 238-145, including a 145-101 mark leading Johnson C. Smith from 1978-87.

On the high school level, he led Winston-Salem Atkins to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men’s basketball title in 1969. He was the first African-American coach to take a team to an NCHSAA championship after the North Carolina High School Athletic Conference folded and those NCHSAC member schools joined the NCHSAA.

Moore was a native of Asheville whose Atkins Camels lost in the 1968 playoffs to West Charlotte and then posted a 24-0 mark to win it all the following year. He was an advocate of fast-paced, high scoring basketball.

His father, Clarence Moore, is a member of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame from the class of 2003.

MIKE OLIVO

REIDSVILLE—Mike Olivo, a long-time coach as well as an official, passed away in late September at Moses Cone Hospital at the age of 70.

Olivo had been serving as a wrestling official for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association after an outstanding career as an athlete and coach.

He was retired from the Rockingham County Schools after 30 years of service and had been an excellent wrestling coach at Asheville as well as at Reidsville.

Born in Randolph County, he attended Asheboro High School, where he was an outstanding wrestler and was his school’s outstanding athlete as a senior as recognized by the Mr. Blue Comet award, and then went on to wrestle at Appalachian State University.
Best Practices Guide For Safety and Security Available Through Efforts of NFHS, Other Organizations With NCS4

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), along with the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) and other dedicated interscholastic groups and individuals, has collaborated with the National Center for Spectator Sports, Safety and Security (NCS4) to develop a best practices guide for interscholastic athletic events and a national risk management and assessment course for interscholastic athletics.

The environment and threats surrounding sporting events change, and, as a result, the best practices guide should be considered a living document that must change to meet the challenges. Continuous improvement should be the standard by which sport organizations’ safety and security plans are reviewed and refreshed.

In order to obtain the mission described above, the National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security at the University of Southern Mississippi hosted three annual summits in 2014-15: (Intercollegiate Athletics, Interscholastic Athletics and After-School Activities; and Marathons).

Representatives from the above areas such as event managers, law enforcement, emergency managers, fire, medical, technologist and public safety agencies addressed their current safety and security issues, identified solutions as well as proposed future best practices through professional collaboration.

The intent of NCS4 is to share these important documents in order to assist those responsible for safety and security at sporting events.

NCS4 at the University of Southern Mississippi supports the advancement of sport safety and security through training, professional development, academic programs and research. NCS4 collaborates with professional leagues, open access events, intercollegiate and interscholastic athletics, along with professional associations, private sector firms, and government agencies. It is a critical resource for sport venue managers, event managers, first responders, and other key stakeholders.

The NCS4 Interscholastic Athletics and After-School Safety and Security Best Practices Guide is the first guide that is dedicated to the interscholastic athletic phenomena and can be obtained by clicking on the following link: http://www.ncs4.com/about/best-practices.

NCHSAA Student Athlete Advisory Council Members Named For 2015-16 Academic Year

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) recently held its first meeting of the 2015-16 academic year.

The SAAC was developed in order to serve as the voice for student-athletes who participate in NCHSAA programs. They discuss topics that are relevant to high school student-athletes and develop ways to maintain a positive athletic experience.

SAAC members, who normally serve two-year terms, represent the over 200,000 who participate in NCHSAA programs and regularly report to the NCHSAA Board of Directors. The Council is also responsible for promoting the ideals of the NCHSAA, including sportsmanship, leadership, integrity, and citizenship, in various forms.

The SAAC includes 16 student-athletes, two from each of the NCHSAA regions. They are selected from nominations by member schools and include student-athletes who possess leadership characteristics, are positive role models, and exemplify the tenets of the NCHSAA Student Services program and sportsmanship.

These students also volunteer to work at least one NCHSAA state championship event and also help host the NCHSAA Student Leadership Conference as well as completing one community service project per academic year.

Chiquana Dancy, NCHSAA director of sports, championships and student services, works directly with SAAC members.

Here are this year’s SAAC members:

Region 1: Delores Watford, sophomore, Hertford County
Jaxon Wiley, junior, D.H. Conley, Greenville
Region 2: Ian Niggles, senior, West Brunswick
Greyson Goodson, junior, White Oak, Jacksonville
Region 3: Ryan Laatz, junior, Carrboro
Justin Sauer, senior, Millbrook, Raleigh
Region 4: Caleb Edkins, senior, South View, Hope Mills
Emily Yarborough, senior, Terry Sanford, Fayetteville
Region 5: Tommy Johnson, senior, Woods Charter, Chapel Hill
Lily Sorsenginh, junior, Graham
Region 6: Avery Lewis, senior, David Butler, Matthews
Avery Habeeb, junior, Gray Stone Day, Misenheimer
Region 7: Ashley Bornkamp, senior, Mooresville
Rebekah Daye, senior, North Wilkes
Region 8: Emma Raleigh, junior, Smoky Mountain, Sylva
Katie Walsh, junior, Robbinsville

RECORD BREAKERS?

Don’t forget, if you have any potential state or national listings for the record book, there is a form online to send that information for consideration. Help us to make our state and national books as inclusive and complete as possible.

Any questions call Rick Strunk at (919) 240-7367.
And don’t forget to check the latest version of the state record book online!
The North Carolina High School Athletic Association has announced that 139 member schools in the NCHSAA were ejection free in their athletic contests during the 2014-15 school year.

The schools were recognized recently at the Association's regional meetings across the state. The 139 schools represented 34.5 percent of the NCHSAA's member schools, based on the 403 member schools last year.

The guidelines record ejections for unsportsmanlike acts such as fighting, taunting, profanity, obscene gestures or disrespectfully addressing or contacting officials.

The 2006-07 academic year was the best since the NCHSAA started tracking ejections in 1997, with 202 schools earning ejection free status, which represented 54.8 percent of the member schools in that year. There were 113 ejection free schools in 2010-11, or 29 percent of the membership, which represented 54.8 percent of the member schools in that year. There were 113 ejection free schools in 2010-11, or 29 percent of the membership, and there were 127 ejection free schools during the 2011-12 academic year.

### 2014-2015 Ejection-Free Award Recipients


### WELLs FARGO CUP WINNERS

The 2014-15 winners of the Wells Fargo Cup for overall athletic excellence in the state of North Carolina were recognized at a North Carolina football game at Kenan Stadium earlier this fall. Recipients of the Cup are, from left, Bishop McGuinness among 1-A schools, represented by athletic director Jeff Stoller; Carrboro in the 2-A classification, represented by athletic director April Ross; Cardinal Gibbons for 3-A schools, represented by assistant athletic director David Mills; and a tie in the 4-A classification, with Apex represented by athletic director Del Phillips, and Green Hope, represented by athletic director Colin Fegeley. ★

![NCHSAA photo courtesy John Bell](image)
Southwest Guilford’s Parker Earns National P.A. Award

GLADSTONE, MO—Tom Parker, public address announcer for Southwest Guilford High School athletics, has received a prestigious national award.

Parker has been named the 2014-15 Bob Sheppard High School P.A. Announcer of the Year by the National Association of State High School Assemblies (NASPAA). Bob Sheppard was the stadium announcer for the New York Yankees for 57 years, and is considered to be the best sports P.A. announcer ever.

“Tom Parker is a true professional and takes his announcing very seriously,” commented Brindon Christman, Southwest Guilford’s director of athletics. “He is respectful and professional, and receives many compliments from our teachers and parents about how he makes the visiting team feel when it comes to Southwest Guilford. He is our football and baseball P.A. announcer. Tom has been announcing for 19 years. We are very lucky to have him as our P.A. announcer.”

“The NASPAA is proud to name Tom Parker the 2014-15 Bob Sheppard High School P.A. Announcer of the Year Award recipient,” remarked Brad Rumble, NASPAA Executive Director. “The Award is predicated on the high professional P.A. announcing standard of Mr. Sheppard, which Tom exhibits. He is truly a class act.”

The Bob Sheppard P.A. Announcer of the Year Award is exclusive to the NASPAA and is a membership benefit.★

Great Sportsmanship By Western Harnett, Cleveland Described By Official

It’s not hard to hear about problems in the world of sports or examples of bad behavior by athletes, since they seem to pop up often. Even though we pride ourselves in high school athletics in teaching appropriate values, sometimes incidents occur at our level as well.

Often, though, there are great things that go on at member schools all over the state that we just may not hear about. And here is one such example—although the difference is somebody wanted to tell the story.

Joe Wolozyn is a football official registered with the NCHSAA to work games, and he recently wrote to the Association about what had occurred at a recent game he worked:

“On behalf of the officiating crew who worked the October 30, 2015, junior varsity football game between Western Harnett and Cleveland, I am writing to commend both coaching staffs and players.

“Despite a frustrating evening for one team and a very successful one for the other, everyone to a man remained focused on playing the game, displayed exceptional sportsmanship, and never lost sight of the true spirit of competition. In addition, on more occasions than we normally observe, players on both sides of the scrimmage line were offering hands of assistance to teammates and opponents alike at the conclusion of playing action.

“In our view, both teams displayed, through their demeanor and their actions, outstanding examples of sportsmanship and should be commended as such. They represented their schools on the ‘field of strife’ admirably and set an example that others should follow. It was a pleasure for this crew to have had the opportunity to officiate their game.

“I request, if possible, that the Western Harnett head coach Larry Brock, his coaching staff and players, and Cleveland head coach Scott Riley, his coaching staff and players, be recognized in an appropriate manner by the NCHSAA for their exemplary individual and collective conduct and sportsmanship.”

So we are proud to do just that—to recognize both Western Harnett and Cleveland’s head coaches, coaching staffs and players in their junior varsity football programs for living up to the spirit and the mission of education-based athletics and the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

We are also grateful to Joe Wolozyn for taking the time to acknowledge these two programs and sharing that with us.★

NFHS On-Line Courses Not Just For Coaches Or Administrators

The on-line courses offered by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) on the NFHSLearn.com website are not just for coaches or school administrators, although there are great offerings available for those groups.

There are even courses for parents of student-athletes and for students themselves.

The course “Positive Sport Parenting” Parenting provides information and resources to help educate parents on the importance of proper behavior by parents in school sports and the role parents must play to ensure children have a positive sport experience.

There is also a course designed specifically for captains of high school athletic teams. With the help of Michigan State University’s Institute for the Study of Youth Sports and the Michigan High School Athletic Association, this course was created to help develop high school team leaders.

Student-athletes are prominently featured via on-screen hosts and captain interviews throughout the ten-segment curriculum, while participants learn about leadership skills and reflect on and the important role of the team captain.★

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NFHS Teams With Organization To Fight Hazing, Offers Contest

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), of which the North Carolina High School Athletic Association is a member, has supported the work of HazingPrevention.org (HPO) in the past and continues to take a leadership role in helping HPO bring hazing prevention to the high school audience.

The NFHS is a general sponsor of HPO and the sole sponsor of the National Hazing Prevention Week High School Essay Contest. In the past, the contest has been open to high school and college students. But beginning this third year, the contest is exclusively for high school students and will feature more awards for contest winners.

This year’s National Hazing Prevention Week was September 21-25, 2015.

The goal of the NFHS is to attract more high school students who submit essays for the contest. We are encouraging more students to think about hazing prevention, to learn more about it and to per- haps begin to turn the tide on the issue.

The relationship will provide HPO with the ability to promote the contest directly to high school students, teachers, coaches, counselors and adminis- trators. In addition, the NFHS Citizenship and Equity Committee will assist HPO’s Contests and Awards Committee with judging the hundreds of essays submitted for the contest.

Entrants in the 2016 NHPW High School Essay Contest will submit 500-600 word essays relevant to the theme, “Hazing Prevention: It’s Everyone’s Responsibility.” Students will be asked to write about ways they welcome new members to their group, team or organization, then how that mitigates the issue.


Jennifer Chang Wins Individual Crown Again In 4-A Women’s Golf; Gibbons Takes Team Title

PINEHURST—Jennifer Chang of Raleigh Athens Drive earned the individual championship with an even par 72 in difficult conditions in the final round of the North Carolina High School Athletic association state 4-A women’s golf championships at Pinehurst number six.

Chang was the defending champion and an Athens Drive golfer has now taken the title each of the last four years. Her 150 total for 36 holes was two shots ahead of the field, and her consistency was demonstrated with 27 pars and three birdies throughout the course of the tournament.

A trio of golfers tied for second with 152 totals, eight over par, including Kathryn Carson of Lake Norman, Caroline Cahill of Wilmington Laney and Sam Bennett of Wake Forest.

Hailey Freedman of Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons and Madison Isaacson of Jamestown Ragsdale each had three-over par 75 to lead the tournament by two shots after 18 holes, but Freedman had a 79 in the final round and finished sixth while Isaacson wound up ninth.

Par was set at 72 and the layout is 5,580 yards.

Cardinal Gibbons, in its first year at the 4-A level, won the team championship in convincing fashion by 26 shots, as the Crusaders recorded a 472. Southern Pines Pinecrest was second at 498 and Greensboro Page third at 503.

The best three scores of a team counted toward the team totals, and a total of nine teams and 78 golfers competed in the event, the 13th year that the sport has been classified. It was the fifth time that three separate championships have been held and the 35th year for state championship competition in the sport.

Yatawara Of Salisbury Wins In Playoff; Croatan Takes Team Title In 1-A/2-A Women’s Golf

SOUTHERN PINES—It took a playoff to decide the individual championship on Tuesday in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s state 1-A/2-A women’s golf championships at the Longleaf Golf and Country Club.

Salisbury’s Grace Yatawara, the defending champion, and Ellie Porman of Belmont Stuart Cramer finished the regulation 36 holes deadlocked at 158, and then Yatawara captured the crown on the first playoff hole.

A Salisbury golfer has won the individual title four of the past five years. Porman had a 76 on Monday and had a five-shot lead over the field after the first day, and then had an 82 for her 158 total. Yatawara carded a five-over 77 in the second round to go with her opening 81.

Caroline Cole of Gastonia Highland Tech was third at 165, seven shots back.

The course was set at par 72 and 5,659 yards for the championship.

Newport Croatan, in third place and five shots back after the opening day, had a 265 team score to surge to the team title. Croatan recorded a 537, four shots ahead of West Davidson, with Misenheimer Gray Stone Day in third.

Salisbury, seeking its fifth straight state team title, wound up in fifth, 34
Chapel Hill's Kim Takes Title Rockingham Rallies To Earn Team Championship In 3-A

FOXFIRE VILLAGE—Gina Kim of Chapel Hill led wire to wire and took the individual championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's state 3-A women's golf championships at the Red Fox Course at Foxfire Resort and Golf Club.

Kim carded a one-under par 71 on a chilly, rainy second day of play to go with Monday's 68 that featured five birdies, four on the front nine. Her 139 total, five under par, was good for a six-shot advantage over two-time defending champion Siranon Shoomee of Lee.

Shoomee had a 73 in the final round to go with her opening round score of 72 for a one-over par total of 145. Callista Rice of North Buncombe was third, nine shots back.

The championship layout was a par 72 and 5,703 yards.

Fayetteville Terry Sanford led the team standings by five shots after the first day, but Rockingham County's consistency enabled it to win the team title. Rockingham had scores of 254 and 256 for a 510 total, good for a six-shot advantage over Terry Sanford and Lee County, which tied at 516. Hickory was fourth.

Maiden's Huffman Takes Singles Crown, Lake Norman Charter Team Wins Doubles

CARY—Zoe Huffman of Maiden claimed the singles championship in convincing fashion in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A women's tennis championships at the Cary Tennis Center.

Huffman took the state title with a 6-0, 6-4 victory over Lauren Bush of Lake Norman Charter, after winning an earlier semifinal match Saturday morning of Rachel Rice of Durham School of the Arts 6-0, 6-4.

Olivia Archer and Hannah Archer of Lake Norman Charter made it two state championships in a row, as the Archers swept past Kayla Honeycutt and Kathryn Rusher of Salisbury in straight sets at love.

Lake Norman Charter had two singles players and two doubles teams qualify for the state championships, and all advanced to Saturday semifinals with Bush in singles and the victorious doubles team getting to the finals.

WOMEN’S TENNIS

Deininger Wins NCHSAA 1-A Women’s Singles, Bishop Duo Takes Doubles Championship

CARY—Marisa Deininger of Community School of Davidson rolled to the state singles title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A women’s tennis championships at the Cary Tennis Center.

Deininger, the runner-up in the 2013 state tournament, defeated Morgan Blount of Durham’s Voyager Academy 6-1, 6-0 in the championship match.

The doubles final was a very competitive match as Morgan Auger and Anna Petrangeli of Kernersville Bishop McGuinness prevailed, beating the Elkin team of Miracle Walters and Morgan Randleman 6-4, 7-5 for the championship.

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2015 1-A WOMEN’S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cary Tennis Center, Cary

Singles Championship
Marisa Deininger (Community School of Davidson) def. Morgan Blount (Durham Voyager Academy) 6-1, 6-0.

Doubles Championship
Morgan Auger-Anna Petrangeli (Kernersville Bishop McGuinness) def. Miracle Walters-Morgan Randleman (Elkin) 6-4, 7-5.

Haynes Of Asheville Wins 3-A Singles Title Again; Union Pines Pair Takes Doubles

BURLINGTON—Defending singles champion Adrienne Haynes of Asheville made it two in a row by winning another title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A women’s tennis championships at the Burlington Tennis Center.

Both Haynes, a junior, and Sarah Jiang of Concord Cox Mill won their Saturday morning semifinals in easy straight set victories that lasted only 50 minutes. Then in the championship, Haynes defeated Jiang by 6-2, 6-4.

THE VISION for the NCHSAA is that it will be the national model for developing and inspiring greatness through interscholastic athletic experiences.
Haynes has been in the state tournament in each of her three high school seasons and lost in the semifinals to Jiang in 2013 before winning the last two crowns.

Jiang, who has had a great high school career, qualified for the state tournament four consecutive years and lost to the eventual state champion in each of those years, including finishing as state runner-up on three occasions.

Mary Beth Jackson and Hailee Haymore of Cameron Union Pines teamed to win the doubles title, downing Huda McGraw and Sophia McGraw of Fayetteville Terry Sanford in straight 7-5 sets.

Jackson was making her fourth appearance in the state championships but the first in doubles after competing in singles in her first three trips to the tournament.

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
2015 3-A WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Burlington Tennis Center, Burlington

Singles—Semifinals
Sarah Jiang (Concord Cox Mill) def. Savannah Smith (West Henderson) 6-0, 6-1; Adrienne Haynes (Asheville) def. Lauren Scism (Shelby Crest) 6-0, 6-0.

Singles—Championship
Haynes (Asheville) def. Jiang (Cox Mill) 6-2, 6-4.

Doubles—Semifinals
Huda McGraw-Sophia McGraw (Fayetteville Terry Sanford) def. Brenna Bryant-Chandler Brice (Rocky Mount) 6-2, 6-1; Mary Beth Jackson-Hailee Haymore (Cameron Union Pines) def. Kristie Kim-Mary Hamrick (Asheville) 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles—Championship

Panther Creek Pair Wins Fourth Straight Doubles 4-A State Title, Wakefield's Boyden Wins Again

RALEIGH—Two championship streaks were extended in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A women's tennis championships on Friday at the Millbrook Exchange Park.

Sammi Smith and Jordan Strickland of Cary Panther Creek captured their fourth consecutive doubles state championship, and Raleigh Wakefield's Susanne Boyden won the singles crown for the third year in a row.

Smith and Strickland clinched their fourth and final state title with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Lizzie Galush and Jenna Knors of Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons, after the Panther Creek duo did not drop a single game in a sweep past Caroline Igo and Summer Jacobs of Gibbons in a morning semifinal.

The only time that feat of four straight titles has been accomplished in doubles was by Lisa and Margit Monaco of Fayetteville Terry Sanford in 1977-80, when the tournament was an open event.

Boyden earned her third straight title by beating Panther Creek's Amanda Cyr in the singles final, 6-3, 6-0.

Wake County had a strong showing in the 4-A championships, as all four of the doubles teams in the semifinals were from schools located in Wake County and two of the four singles semifinalists.

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
2015 4-A WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Millbrook Exchange Park, Raleigh

Singles—Semifinals
Amanda Cyr (Cary Panther Creek) def. Maddie Weber (Charlotte Myers Park) 6-2, 6-1; Susanne Boyden (Raleigh Wakefield) def. Lauren Gish (Lake Norman) 6-2, 6-1.

Singles—Championship
Boyden (Wakefield) def. Cyr (Panther Creek) 6-3, 6-0.

Doubles—Semifinals
Lizzie Galush-Jenna Knors (Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons) def. Sibel Tanik-Sofia Anthony (Raleigh Sanderson) 6-4, 7-5; Sammi Smith-Jordan Strickland (Cary Panther Creek) def. Caroline Igo-Summer Jacobs (Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons) 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles—Championship
Smith-Strickland (Panther Creek) def. Galush-Knors (Cardinal Gibbons) 6-3, 6-2.

KEEP CHECKING THE WEB SITE!
Check the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's site daily at www.nchsaa.org
for all sorts of important information, including updated regional assignments and locations in several sports, the latest brackets and up-to-the-minute sports news.
to 67 for Green Hope. Gibbons was aided by its top three runners finishing in the first 11 in the team scoring. Leesville Road was third with 99 points.

In 2-A men’s competition, senior Frank Kenny of Durham North Carolina School of Science and Math won the individual title by just a half-second, nipping Brevard’s Noah Graham in a time of 16:37:41.

NCSSM won its third consecutive men’s team title with 76 points, four ahead of Durham School of the Arts. Carrboro was third with 135 points.

The Carrboro women continued a strong showing in 2-A cross country, with a Carrboro runner taking top honors for the sixth year in a row. Senior Amanda Hickey took the title in 19:20.75, almost 13 seconds ahead of runner-up Kaitlyn Stone of West Stokes.

However, Brevard nipped Carrboro in very tight team standings, with 77 points to 79 for the runner-up Jaguars, denying Carrboro what would have been its fifth team crown in the last seven years. Brevard had four individual runners in the top 20 in the team scoring. Lake Norman Charter was third with 83 points.

Wedington, Chapel Hill Win 3-A; Gray Stone, Walkertown In 1-A Vess Of A.C. Reynolds Takes Second Straight Individual Crown

KERNERSVILLE—Wedington made it two championships in the last three years in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men’s cross country championships at the Ivey Redmon Sports Complex.

Led by Mitchell Resor, who finished second overall, Weddington tallied 52 points to 95 for runner-up Chapel Hill. Northern Nash was third at 114.

Sophomore David Melville of Northern Guilford was the individual 3-A champion, winning in 16:12:12 and finishing just over nine seconds ahead of Resor.

In the women’s 3-A championship, senior Anna Vess of Asheville A.C. Reynolds made it two state titles in a row, winning in a time of 18:49:57, about 16 seconds ahead of Katherine Dokholyan of Chapel Hill.

But Dokholyan led a balanced Chapel Hill squad that ran to the team championship with three of the first five 3-A finishers representing the Tigers. Chapel Hill tallied 32 points to 76 for Waxhaw Marvin Ridge and 99 for Weddington.

In the 1-A men’s final, Walkertown, with four runners in the top 18 in the team scoring, captured its first NCHSAA cross country championship and snapped the Bishop McGuinness string of titles at three. Walkertown had 69 points to 89 for second-place Research Triangle, with Raleigh Charter third at 108. Bishop McGuinness finished ninth.


Blackley Moore of Highlands came on strong down the stretch and took top individual honors in the 1-A women’s race, posting a winning time of 20:42.13, just over two seconds ahead of Robbinsville’s Shawnda Martin.

Gray Stone Day of Misheimer took the team title with 71 points, followed by Bishop McGuinness (87) and Community School of Davidson (117).

UPDATING SCHOOL INFORMATION—

Schools are urged to keep this information current throughout the year to make sure email notices go to the appropriate personnel, so if you have changes, please make sure you make the appropriate adjustments in your school information on line with the NCHSAA.

WOMEN’S DUAL TEAM TENNIS

Panther Creek, Bishop McGuinness, Marvin Ridge Win

Two of the most successful tennis players in North Carolina High School Athletic Association history finished their high school careers on a high note at the Burlington Tennis Center.

Sammi Smith and Jordan Strickland of Cary Panther Creek teamed to win the last four 4-A state doubles championships, only the second time in NCHSAA history that has occurred, and on Sunday they led their team to the NCHSAA 4-A women’s dual team tennis championship as Panther Creek defeated Charlotte Myers Park by a 5-1 count.

Smith, playing at the number one singles, and Strickland, at number two, swept their matches in easy fashion, each dropping only one game in their straight set victories, and Smith was named the Most Valuable Player of the championship. The two did not team to play doubles because Panther Creek wrapped it up during singles play.

Panther Creek was in the finals for the third time and won its third successive dual team title, finishing a perfect 21-0 record. Myers Park lost for the first time after entering the finals with a 16-0 mark. The Mustangs have made the championship match five times in the last eight years and have finished as state runners-up four times since 2009.

The 1-A and 3-A finals were held at the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center at Elon University. Kernersville Bishop McGuinness won the first four singles matches in the 1-A championship and went on to a 5-1 victory over Raleigh Charter. It was the second straight state title for the Villains.

Bishop’s Morgan Auger, who won at number-one singles, was named the MVP of the championship as Bishop finished the season 18-3. Raleigh Charter suffered its first dual team loss in 15 matches.

In the 3-A championship, Waxhaw Marvin Ridge and Cameron Union Pines split the first four singles matches, but Marvin Ridge won at five and six to take a 4-2 lead into doubles play. Then it was the number-three doubles for Marvin Ridge that provided the impetus for the 5-2 victory.

Ainsley Zubrinisky, Marvin Ridge’s number-five singles player who won and then teamed with Nina Vanblarcom for the clinching doubles win, was the championship MVP.

Union Pines was in the finals for the first time since 2006, when it lost in the championship match to Hickory, while Marvin Ridge was in the finals for the first time. Union Pines finished the year 15-2 while Marvin Ridge was 17-3.

Rain delayed the 2-A portion of the tournament so the regionals had not been completed when the other state championships were held. Finally, the 2-A survivors met for the championship.

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
26th Annual Women’s Dual Team Tennis Championships

4-A CHAMPIONSHIP:
CARY PANTHER CREEK 5, CHARLOTTE MYERS PARK 1

Singles: Sammi Smith (PC) def. Maddie Weber 6-0, 6-1; Jordan Strickland (PC) def. Katie Soden 6-1, 6-0; Leah Wallihan (MP) def. Orla Labiche 6-1, 0-6, (10-7); Amanda Cyr (PC) def. Gaby Soden 6-4, 6-2; Aishani Tingare (PC) def. Emily Holderness 6-1, 6-1; Melody Zhang (PC) def. Aubrey Bader 6-1, 6-0.

Doubles not played with outcome decided.
3-A CHAMPIONSHIP:
WAXHAW MARVIN RIDGE 5, CAMERON UNION PINES 2

Singles: Ella Imhof (MR) def. Mary Beth Jackson 6-4, 6-0; Hailee Haymore (UP) def. Rachel Zubrinsky 6-3, 6-4; Hannah Scott (MR) def. Julianne Hall 2-6, 6-1, (10-8); Megan Smith (UP) def. Ryleigh Burns 6-3, 6-3; Ainsley Zubrinsky (MR) def. Sarah Nicholson 6-4, 6-2; Nina Vanblarcom (MR) def. Megan Pusser 6-3, 7-6 (7-1).


1-A CHAMPIONSHIP:
KERNERSVILLE BISHOP MCGUINNESS 5, RAILEIGH CHARTER 1

Singles: Morgan Auger (BM) def. Mackenzie DeLoatch 6-4, 6-0; Anna Petrangeli (BM) def. Logan Furr 6-2, 6-3; Becky Auger (BM) def. Camryn McClure 7-5, 7-6 (7-5); Claire Rogers (BM) def. Christina Lee 6-3, 6-2; Blair King (RC) def. Melanie Vynalek 7-5, 6-4; Candyce Sturgeon (BM) def. Gabby Ledford 6-3, 3-6, (10-7).

Doubles not played with outcome decided.

VOLLEYBALL

South Iredell Rolls To Victory
In 3-A Volleyball Championship

RALEIGH—Senior outside hitter Julia Scoles led South Iredell to a convincing 3-0 sweep past Asheboro in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A volleyball championship at the Raleigh Convention Center.

The Vikings, in the NCHSAA state volleyball championships for the first time, won by 25-14, 25-11 and 25-9.

The 6-1 Scoles, who will continue her volleyball career at the University of North Carolina, was a unanimous choice for the Most Valuable Player award, with 23 kills in 32 attempts and no errors.

Madison Peters added 11 kills for the winners while Taylor Berg came up with 19 digs.

Jasmine Gaines paced Asheboro with eight kills and Emily Skoglund had 14 digs for the Blue Comets.

South Iredell finished the season 27-1 while Asheboro, in its fourth trip to the championships but its first since 1995, wound up 25-4.

Fifth Set Goes To South Granville
To Win 2-A Volleyball Crown

RALEIGH—It went down to the fifth and decisive set in the final match of the night, and South Granville outlasted Wheatmore to win the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A volleyball championship at the Raleigh Convention Center.

Wheatmore had jumped in front with a 25-20 victory in the first set, but South Granville evened it up with a 25-20 victory. South added a 25-19 victory in set three, although the Vikings had a sizable lead before Wheatmore made a run, and then Wheatmore evened it with a 25-21 triumph but after an eight-point lead had evaporated.

In the fifth set, it was back and forth. South held a 10-8 advantage when Wheatmore called timeout, and then the Warriors came back to tie. But several dramatic kills gave South a 14-11 lead and the Vikings held on to win, 15-12.

Megan Fuhr of South Granville had 20 kills and 17 digs and was named the championship Most Valuable Player. Outside hitter Jenna Pitzer added 17 kills for the winners and Cydney Scott had several key plays among her 20 digs. Macy Eidenger led Wheatmore with 21 kills and 15 digs.

South Granville ended the season with a 26-match winning streak and the Vikings finished the year at 29-3 overall. South was in the finals for the third time in the last four years, with runner-up finishes in 2012 and ‘14.

Wheatmore, a relatively new school in just its seventh year, made its second trip to the finals after falling to Hendersonville in the 2013 2-A final. The Warriors wound up 25-2.

Gibbons Downs Northwest Guilford
For NCHSAA 4-A Volleyball Title

RALEIGH—Cardinal Gibbons kept a long state title streak intact in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A volleyball championship at the Raleigh Convention Center.

Gibbons swept past Northwest Guilford for the title in three straight sets by 25-18, 25-15 and 25-17. The Crusaders became the first NCHSAA team to win seven volleyball championships in a row, now across three classifications in this, their first year in the 4-A class.

Gibbons also sports a 49-1 mark in postseason volleyball play in the last 10 years and finished with a 20-3 overall record this season.

Senior outside hitter Briley Brind’Amour of Gibbons had 13 kills and Emma Longley added 11. But Crusader senior libero Mia Fradenburg, with a great all-around game, was chosen as the championship Most Valuable Player with 17 digs.

Northwest Guilford, in its first visit to the state championship match although it has won 16 consecutive conference championships, ended the season with a 27-4 record. Kaitlyn Grube led the Viking attack with nine kills.

Alleghany Outlasts Defending Champ
Princeton In 1-A Volleyball

RALEIGH—Senior middle hitter Jade Shepherd helped lead Alleghany to a four-set victory over defending champion Princeton in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A volleyball championship at the Raleigh Convention Center.

Alleghany jumped in front quickly, winning the first two sets by 25-20 and 25-21. Then Princeton got off to a quick start in the third set, going up 6-1 and holding on to take a 25-19 victory. The fourth set stayed close, with Princeton leading for a while until an Alleghany spurt gave the Lady Trojans an 18-14 lead and they went on to a 25-20 triumph.

Shepherd had 11 kills and only one error for the victorious Trojans and was named the championship Most Valuable Player. Jenna Eisner also had 11 kills for the winner and Mookie Miller had 15 digs.

Daisy Eklund paced Princeton with 21 kills and 10 digs and Taylor Carroll was credited with 11 kills.

Princeton was the defending champion, although there was a Cinderella feel last year as the Bulldogs won it by getting hot at the right time last year as the 10th seed in the Eastern half of the draw. This year the Bulldogs were the third seed in the East and finished 27-2 overall.

Alleghany, in its first trip to the NCHSAAA volleyball championship, wound up 26-1 and ended the season with a 25-match winning streak.
MEN’S SOCCER

South Mecklenburg Blanks Laney 2-0
In NCHSAA 4-A Men's Soccer

RALEIGH—Marco Garcia scored the initial goal and South Mecklenburg played a solid all-around game as the Sabres shut out Wilmington Laney 2-0 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men’s soccer championship at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University.

Garcia opened the scoring for the Sabres in the 18th minute as he received a service off a corner kick from Collyn Carpenter, settled it from chest to foot and then slammed it home for his 39th goal of the season and a 1-0 lead. A senior tri-captain, Garcia was selected as the Most Valuable Player of the championship.

Senior defenseman Brad Scharf made it 2-0 for South Meck in the 46th minute, with a scramble in front of the net resulting in a deflection and a goal.

Laney had a chance to cut the margin in half with a penalty kick with 12:40 left to play, but failed to convert. The Bucs continued to press forward after that in an attempt to get back in it, but South kept Laney at bay.

Sabre goalkeeper Harish Amatya had three saves en route to the shutout.

South had six shots on goal for three for Laney and had four corner kicks to two for the Bucs.

South Meck returned to the state championship match for the first time since 1985, and the Sabres earned their first state crown since an open classification championship in 1971. The Sabres ended the season 23-0-2. Laney, the eighth-seed in the Eastern bracket, made a strong playoff run and was in the championship for the first time, closing out a 20-4-3 campaign.

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Dail Soccer Field, Raleigh

4-A CHAMPIONSHIP
Wilmington Laney 0 0 — 0
South Mecklenburg 1 1 — 2

SCORING
18th minute SM—Marco Garcia (Collyn Carpenter)
46th minute SM—Brad Scharf.

Salisbury Blanks Washington 3-0
For NCHSAA 2-A Men’s Soccer Title

RALEIGH—Senior midfielder Landon Goodman was the Most Valuable Player as he helped lead Salisbury to a convincing 3-0 victory over Washington in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A men’s soccer championship at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University.

Goodman scored the second goal of the game in the 55th minute off an assist from Kevin Flores, his 66th tally of the season, and then the Hornets iced it eight minutes later when freshman Brandon Ibanez lofted in a goal to make it 3-0.

Goodman’s single season total of 66 goals is tied for third place all-time in the NCHSSA record book.

Salisbury had taken a 1-0 lead in the 10th minute when senior Chris Uribe scored off a set piece, assisted by Joshua Lynch.

Senior goalkeeper Arturo Ramirez recorded the shutout in goal and was credited with four saves. The Hornets had 13 shots on goal to four for the Pam Pack and had six corner kick opportunities to four for Washington.

Salisbury was making its third appearance in the NCHSAA state men’s soccer final and second visit in the last three years, with previous state titles in 2013 and ’11. The Hornets finished the season 27-0-2 and ended the year with a 25-match win streak.

Washington, in the finals for the first time, ended the year 26-2 and had its 18-match winning streak snapped in the championship.

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Dail Soccer Field, Raleigh

2-A CHAMPIONSHIP
Salisbury 1 2 — 3
Washington 0 0 — 0

SCORING
10th minute S—Chris Uribe (Joshua Lynch)
55th minute S—Landon Goodman (Kevin Flores)
63rd minute S—Brandon Ibanez

Hughes Hat Trick Leads
Franklin Academy To 1-A Crown

RALEIGH—Senior striker Nick Hughes had a huge game, scoring a hat trick to lead Franklin Academy of Wake Forest to a 3-1 triumph over Community School of Davidson in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A men’s soccer championship at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University.

Hughes, the Patriot co-captain, was the unanimous choice for Most Valuable Player in the championship match and ended the season with 55 goals.

Hughes opened the scoring in the seventh minute with an unassisted tally to give Franklin Academy a 1-0 advantage. Then in the 31st minute, Community School of Davidson tied the game on Francisco Prado’s 43rd goal of the season, as he made a great one-on-one move to elude a defender and slid the shot inside the far post.

But the victorious Patriots came right back just three minutes later, taking a 2-1 lead on Hughes’ second goal of the night, this one on an assist from sophomore Zach Hanson.

The third goal came from the same combination just five minutes into the second half, with Hughes scoring on an assist from Hanson for the 3-1 advantage.

The National High School Sports Record Book can be purchased from the National Federation of State High School Associations. A number of North Carolinians are among the national record holders. More information is available at (317) 972-6900.
Both teams had nine shots on goal, with Patriot goalkeeper Ben Voorhis coming up with eight saves. Both teams also had five corner kick opportunities.

Franklin Academy, which defeated two-time defending state 1-A champion Wallace-Rose Hill in the Eastern Regional final, ended the season 22-1-3 while Community School of Davidson finished 22-3-1.

Both schools were making their first appearance in an NCHSAA men’s soccer championship match.

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Dail Soccer Field, Raleigh

1-A CHAMPIONSHIP
Franklin Academy 2 1 — 3
Comm School of Davidson 1 0 — 1

SCORING
7th minute FA—Nick Hughes
31st minute CSD—Francisco Prado
34th minute FA—Nick Hughes (Zach Hanson)
45th minute FA—Nick Hughes (Zach Hanson)

Weddington Blanks Lee County 2-0
In 3-A Men’s Soccer Championship

RALEIGH—Weddington made second-half goals stand up for a 2-0 victory over Lee County for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men’s soccer championship at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University on Saturday night.

Lee County may have had the better of play in the first half, but the teams battled to a scoreless tie after 40 minutes. Then Weddington scored early in the second half when Mitchell Van Dyne ran on to a through ball from Michael Davidson, timed it perfectly, and scored just inside the far post for a 1-0 Warrior lead in the 45th minute.

Van Dyne, a senior forward who was a scoring threat throughout the night, was named the championship Most Valuable Player.

The Warriors opened up a 2-0 lead in the 62nd minute when Jay Peeler played the ball deep to senior forward Mason Peeler in the box. Peeler then settled it, spun, and fired a left-footed shot good for the goal.

Weddington had a 9-4 advantage in shots on goal, and the Warriors held a slight 5-4 edge in penalty kicks.

Weddington keepers Ben Fletcher and Lucas Gusmao split time in the shutout, with Fletcher credited for a save in the first half and Gusmao getting two saves in the second half.

Lee County closed out its season at 25-4-1 and had a 14-match winning streak snapped, while Weddington wound up 20-1-2 and ended the season with a 10-match winning streak.

Both schools were making their initial appearances in the NCHSAA men’s soccer state championship match.

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Dail Soccer Field, Raleigh

3-A CHAMPIONSHIP
Lee County 0 0 — 0
Weddington 0 2 — 2

SCORING
45th minute W—Mitchell Van Dyne (Michael Davidson)
62nd minute W—Mason Peeler (Jay Peeler)
44th minute W—Mitchell Van Dyne