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2014-15 Wells Fargo Cup Final Standings Announced

CHAPEL HILL --Wells Fargo, along with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, today announced the final standings in the Wells Fargo Cup competitions for the 2014-15 academic year.

The Wells Fargo Cup is sponsored by Wells Fargo and the NCHSAA. The award recognizes the high schools that achieve the best overall interscholastic athletic performance within each of the state's four competitive classifications. The Cup program is in its 36th year.

Two of last year's Wells Fargo Cup champions repeated the feat, and the races were among some of the closest in history. Apex caught defending champion Cary Green Hope to finish in a dead heat in the 4-A standings. Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons held off defending champion Waxhaw Marvin Ridge in the 3-A classification, while Carrboro was the Cup winner among 2-A schools for the fourth straight year. Kernersville Bishop McGuinness took top honors in the 1-A classification, overcoming a challenge from Community School of Davidson.

"We sincerely appreciate Wells Fargo's commitment to our overall program in recognizing our champions," said Que Tucker, NCHSAA interim commissioner. "The schools which win the Wells Fargo Cup do a tremendous job with their overall athletic programs, and we are grateful for Wells Fargo's desire to recognize the achievements of these members of the NCHSAA."

In the 4-A classification, last year Green Hope held off a spring-season charge by Apex to win the title by 17.5 points. This year, however, the Apex surge in the spring was just enough, enabling the Cougars to tie Green Hope as each finished with a total of 400 points. Wake County schools did very well, as five of the top eight finishers are from Wake County.

Apex scored more than half of its points in the year—215 of its total of 400-- in the spring, scoring playoff points in five different sports. That included a Cougar state

championship in 4-A lacrosse, a third-place finish in women's outdoor track and a top four finish in softball. Green Hope's spring playoff points came from a top-eight placement in men's dual team tennis.

Charlotte Catholic took third overall with 377.5 points, followed by Charlotte Myers Park (372.1) and Raleigh Broughton (362.1).

Among 3-A schools, Marvin Ridge finished second to Cardinal Gibbons in the 2012-13 Cup standings, won the title last year with Gibbons second, and then wound up finishing a close second to Gibbons this year. Gibbons held off a late charge by Marvin Ridge to take the title by five points, 795-790.

Marvin Ridge had another great spring, with state championship finishes in baseball, men's outdoor track and men's dual team tennis, earning playoff points in a whopping seven sports. But Cardinal Gibbons prevailed with top finishes in men's and women's lacrosse, a runner-up finish in men's tennis, and strong performances in men's outdoor track (third place in 3-A) and women's outdoor track (fourth place).

Weddington finished third at 554.5 points, followed by Chapel Hill at 485 and Northern Guilford with 382.5 points.

Carrboro had an impressive spring to secure its fourth consecutive Cup, rolling up 305 points in the spring for its 677.5 total, well ahead of runner-up Lake Norman Charter at 382.5 points. Carrboro, with playoff points in six different sports, won both the 2-A men's dual team tennis title and the women's soccer state crown, was second in women's outdoor track and then picked up major points as the top 2-A finisher in women's lacrosse.

Runner-up Lake Norman Charter was in the top eight in women's soccer and also was tied for the top spot among 2-A men's lacrosse programs.

Newport Croatan took third place, just five points back of Lake Norman Charter, with Durham North Carolina School of Science and Math (372.5) fourth and Franklin (310) in fifth.

In the 1-A classification, Bishop McGuinness had a strong spring, with 210 points in spring sports of the Villians' 512.5 total. That included a state championship performance in men's golf, a second-place finish in women's soccer and then sharing the

top spot among 1-A men's lacrosse teams with Community School of Davidson in the 1-A/2-A/3-A tournament.

Community School of Davidson finished in second with 497.5 points, taking the runner-up spot in women's outdoor track and third in men's golf to go with its points in men's lacrosse and a top-eight placement in women's soccer.

Raleigh Charter was third in the 1-A standings with 385 points, followed by Lincoln Charter in fourth with 359 and Elkin in fifth at 282.5.

Wells Fargo Cup points are determined by a system based on performance in state championship events. All schools that finish in the top eight positions (plus ties) earn points. In the playoff events involving teams from more than one classification, Wells Fargo Cup points are awarded based on the school's standing against other schools in its own classification. If fewer than eight schools from a classification compete in a sport, only those schools that are represented are eligible to receive the Cup points.

Points are awarded for all sports as follows: 50 for first, 45 for second, 40 for third, 35 for fourth, 30 for fifth, 25 for sixth, 20 for seventh and 15 for eighth. In the event of a tie, the schools receive an equal number of points based on the number of teams that tie and the number of teams that finish higher in the standings. Five points are awarded for each sanctioned sport in which a school competes.

Wells Fargo Cup standings are announced three times each school year: once after the fall and then the winter sports, and concluding with the winner after the spring sports season ends.

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FINAL WELLS FARGO CUP STANDINGS 2014-15

1-A CLASSIFICATION

SCHOOL	POINTS
1. Kernersville Bishop McGuinness	512.5
2. Community School of Davidson	497.5
3. Raleigh Charter	385
4. Lincoln Charter	350
5. Elkin	282.5
6. Mooresville Pine Lake Prep	275
7. Winston-Salem Prep	260
8. East Surry	257.5

9. Mount Airy	245
10. Avery	242.5
11. Swain County	232.5
12. Misenheimer Gray Stone Day	227.5
13. Rosewood	225
14. Whiteville	222.5
15. North Stokes	210

2-A CLASSIFICATION

SCHOOL	POINTS
1. Carrboro	677.5
2. Lake Norman Charter	382.5
3. Newport Croatan	377.5
4. Durham N.C. School of Science and Math	372.5
5. Franklin	310
6. Newton-Conover	307.5
7. South Granville	265
8. East Lincoln	260
9. Washington	255
10. Salisbury	250
11. East Bend Forbush	237.5
Wilkes Central	237.5
13. Shelby	227.5
14. Monroe Central Academy	210
15. Kill Devil Hills First Flight	207.5

3-A CLASSIFICATION

SCHOOL	POINTS
1. Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons	795
2. Waxhaw Marvin Ridge	790
3. Weddington	554.5
4. Chapel Hill	485
5. Northern Guilford	382.5
6. Asheville	325
7. Fayetteville Terry Sanford	307.5
8. Cuthbertson	287.5
9. Lee County	267.5
10. Jacksonville	254.5
11. West Carteret	250
12. Asheville A.C. Reynolds	237.5
13. Crest	230
14. East Rowan	222.5
15. Cameron Union Pines	207.5

4-A CLASSIFICATION

SCHOOL	POINTS
1. Apex	400
Cary Green Hope	400
3. Charlotte Catholic	377.5
4. Charlotte Myers Park	372.1
5. Raleigh Broughton	362.1
6. Charlotte Providence	335
7. Raleigh Millbrook	317.5
8. Cary Panther Creek	302.5
9. Charlotte Ardrey Kell	290
10. Cornelius Hough	287.5
11. Wilmington Hoggard	282.5
12. Charlotte Mallard Creek	270
13. Lake Norman	262.5
14. Cary	257.5
15. Cary Leesville Road	250
Southeast Raleigh	250
Pfafftown Ronald Reagsn	250

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