Cumberland County’s Bill Harrison Will Serve As NCHSAA President For 2002-03 School Year

CHAPEL HILL—Dr. Bill Harrison, superintendent of the Cumberland County schools, will serve as president of the North Carolina High School Board of Directors for the 2002-2003 academic year.

Gaston County superintendent Dr. Ed Sadler will serve as the Association vice-president, replacing Harrison in that position. Charles Long, principal of D.H. Conley High School in Greenville and now in the Pitt County central office, who last year served as president of the NCHSAA, moves into the role as immediate past president.

Harrison came to Cumberland County in 1997 after beginning his stint on the Board as the superintendent in Orange County. He also served as superintendent of the Hoke County schools from 1991 to ‘95.

Prior to that, Harrison was principal at Terry Sanford High School in Fayetteville and Walker Spivey Elementary there.

The NCHSAA president received his undergraduate degree in intermediate education from Methodist College in Fayetteville and earned his master’s from East Carolina University. His doctorate in educational administration is from Vanderbilt.

His wife Judy has been an elementary school teacher and they have two children, William and Caroline. He has been on the board of the Fayetteville YMCA and the United Way of Cumberland County, and he currently serves on the North Carolina Commission on Professional Teaching Standards, appointed by then Governor James B. Hunt.

New Board members were recommended by the NCHSAA’s Nominating Committee, based on the requirements of the Association’s constitution and by-laws. The member schools at eight regional meetings select nominees for consideration across the state, then from among those nominees individuals are selected by the Nominating Committee to fill the available slots and then approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

New Board members will include coach Bettie Ballard of Northampton-West, athletic director Dick Henderson of Butler

High in Charlotte, superintendent Dr. Diane Frost of the Albemarle City schools, principal Kathy Rogers of Jamestown Ragsdale, and coach Jan Stanley of West Henderson. Their terms will expire in June of 2006.

“We believe that we will continue to have outstanding leadership,” said NCHSAA executive director Charlie Adams. “We certainly look forward to Bill Harrison stepping into the role as president and we feel sure that he will give us the same sort of great direction we have gotten from our last several presidents. He has certainly been a valuable member of the Board in his previous years of service.

“We are also really excited about the caliber of people who will be joining the Board of Directors, which should help us to maintain an outstanding Board to help us serve our membership.”

NCHSAA Day Is Set For Kenan Stadium

CHAPEL HILL—For the 18th year in a row, the University of North Carolina has chosen to honor the North Carolina High School Athletic Association during a football game at Kenan Stadium.

The November 9 Atlantic Coast Conference match up between the Tar Heels and the Tigers of Clemson University will be NCHSAA Day. Game time has not been set.

The winners of the 2001-2002 Wachovia Cups for overall sports excellence in the state will be recognized. The newest inductees into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame will also be introduced.

The NCHSAA, although a private non-profit corporation, is actually a part of the University of North Carolina’s Continuing Education Division and was founded by the University back in 1913.

We are grateful to the University and athletic director Dick Baddour for once again recognizing the Association through NCHSAA Day,” said Charlie Adams, NCHSAA executive director. “We have a long history with the university and it is great that we have a chance to highlight some of our programs on this special occasion.”
Chapel Hill—Southern Alamance High School two-sport athlete Vicki Perry is the seventh annual state winner in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s “Be A Good Sport” program sponsored by the Durham Sports Club.

Perry was recognized at a Durham Sports Club’s luncheon meeting at the Croasdaile Country Club during the summer. The award is known as the Russell E. Blunt Be A Good Sport award, in honor of the long-time Durham Hillside coach who is a member of both the NCHSAA Hall of Fame and the National High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Perry was nominated by Southern Alamance counselor Brian Williams and selected as the award winner from Region 5 of the NCHSAA. Then Perry was selected by a special committee of the Durham Sports Club as the overall statewide winner. Every school in the state was given the opportunity to nominate a student-athlete who exemplifies the ideals of sportsmanship. The Southern Alamance athlete participated in both volleyball and softball for four years during her prep career. She was co-captain of both the volleyball and softball teams and served this year as the coordinator of the DREAM (Daring to Role Model Excellence as Athletic Mentors) Team.

She has been a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Southern, served as president of the Junior Civitans there, was a member of the National Honor Society and has served for four years as president of her youth group at Bethel United Methodist Church.

In nominating Perry, Williams noted that “Vicki excels as a role model and mentor to younger students. She epitomizes sportsmanship, fair play, respect and responsibility, all without sacrificing her competitive drive. Going beyond setting the right example of character, scholarship and athletic excellence, she enthusiastically speaks to groups of elementary and middle school children, all aimed at making a positive difference in their lives. When a fifth grader tells me that she want to be just like Vicki when she grows up, I know I’m working with a very special young lady.”

Southern Alamance received five hundred dollars for its athletic budget as a gift from the Durham Sports Club in honor of Perry.

Other regional winners were Jessica Leigh Eure of Gates County, Adam Barth of Jacksonville, Carrie Wilkerson of Clayton, Ashley Steffen of Fayetteville Jack Britt, Tyler Curlee of South Stanly, Brian Adams of North Wilkes, and Erika Schneble of Hendersonville.

Each of those schools received a one hundred dollar donation from the Durham Sports Club in honor of their respective student-athletes.
Sportsmanship Recognition for NCHSAA
Student-Athletes As “Heart Of A Champion” Winners Honored

CHAPEL HILL—Some 35 student-athletes from North Carolina High School Athletic Association member schools have recognized for their outstanding sportsmanship as winners of “Heart of a Champion” recognition.

The sportsmanship recognition is part of the program offered by the NCHSAA Student Services Division and is sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline. Que Tucker, NCHSAA associate executive director, and student services assistant Amy Peacock administer the program.

Each of the NCHSAA member schools had the opportunity to nominate one male and one female student-athlete for the recognition. The students must have participated in at least one varsity sport, including cheerleading, during the 2001-2002 school year, have not been ejected from any contest, and must have demonstrated outstanding citizenship and sportsmanship during their high school careers. The students filled out an application questionnaire and then a school official, such as the principal or athletic director, also provided an evaluation.

The students were honored at a June luncheon at the Millennium Hotel in Durham.

GlaxoSmithKline Heart of a Champion 2002 Honorees:
Asheville High: Richard Gash Jr., Erin Warner
Jack Britt High, Fayetteville: Chris Starling, Ashley Steffen
Bunker Hill High, Claremont: Durril Kale, Daniella Wartner
Central Davidson High: Katie Lopp, Steven Myers
Chapel Hill High: Katie Ryan
Clayton High: Carrie Wilkerson
Davie High: Janel Darcy, Patrick Lowery
East Burke High: Laura Gortney
Erwin, Clyde A. High, Asheville:
  Cathryn Edwards, Matthew Summey
Gates County High: Jessica Eure
Hendersonville High: Erika Schneble
Jacksonville High: Adam Barth, Doris Jackson
Lexington Senior High: Catherine Koontz, Zachary Mabe
Lumberton Senior High: Billie McDowell
Millbrook High, Raleigh: Jessica Forby, Robert Lodge
North Wilkes High: Brian Adams, Heather Hines
J.O. Sanderson High, Raleigh: Allison Broadus, Adam Kovalcik
Smithfield-Selma High: Zachary Parrish
South Johnston High: William Bickel Jr., Daphne Rhodes
South Stanly High: Tyler Curlee
Southern Alamance High: Tyler Atkinson, Vicki Perry
West Henderson High: Brandon Schweitzer

Coaches Named For State’s
All-Star Games By Coaches Association

GREENSBORO—Coaches have been announced by the North Carolina Coaches Association for their Oasis Shrine East-West All-Star games for 2003.

The men’s and women’s basketball games will be held on July 14 at the Greensboro Coliseum, with the soccer games the next day at UNC-Greensboro. The football game is set for July 16 at Jamieson Stadium.

On March 22, North Carolina senior stars will take on their South Carolina counterparts in the Carolinas Classic Basketball games. Greg Grantham of Jacksonville’s White Oak will be the head coach of the North Carolina men, assisted by West Henderson’s Rick Wood.

Ginger Ford of Orange will serve as head coach of the North Carolina women’s team, with Jan Wiggins of Gastonia Hunter Huss as the assistant.

Here’s the lineup for other teams and their coaches:

East men’s basketball: Head coach Reggie Peace of Lee Senior, assistant Reuben Godfrey of Currituck.
West men’s basketball: Head coach John Phillips of Siler City Jordan-Matthews, assistant Butch Blalock of Highland School of Technology in Gaston County.
East women’s basketball: Head coach Edith Styron of East Carteret, assistant Grover Battle of Northern Nash.
West women’s basketball: Head coach Tommy Edwards of Claremont Bunker Hill, assistant Marty Stanley of Kershersville Glenn.

Men’s soccer: East head coach Todd Worley of Raleigh Sanderson, West head coach Chad Lorentz of East Forsyth.
Women’s soccer: East head coach P.J. McManus of Richlands, West head coach Tom Evaul of Avery County.
East football: Head coach Daniel Barrow of Rosewood, assistants Tim Bennett of Roanoke Rapids, Tasker Fleming of St. Pauls, Donnie Kiefer of Roanoke, and Bob Warren of Southern Wayne.

Congratulations to all these outstanding coaches who will be serving in these important capacities with all-star teams in the coming year!

UNC’s Mueller Receives Award
From National Federation

BOSTON—A North Carolinian was honored at the 83rd annual National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) summer meeting.

Dr. Fred Mueller of the University of North Carolina received a Citation for Service to the NFHS.

Mueller, who has also worked with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association closely on a number of projects, is currently chairman of the department of physical education, exercise and sports science at UNC, where he served on the faculty since 1966.

He has worked with the NFHS as director of the National Center for Catastrophic Sports Injury Research, studying injuries and minimizing risk for high school athletics across the country.

He has previously received a Distinguished Service Award from the NCHSAA as well as a service award from the NFHS.

Dr. Frederick Mueller, center, is shown after receiving his NFHS Citation in Boston. He is flanked by NFHS executive director Robert Kanaby (L) and NCHSAA executive director Charlie Adams.
Scholar-Athlete Winners Named For Spring Semester By NCHSAA

CHAPEL HILL—Almost 4,000 individual awards have been earned by students for the spring semester from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association for achievements in the classroom as well as on the playing court or athletic field.

The NCHSAA made the awards in its Scholar-Athlete program, which includes recognition of varsity teams which attain certain grades as well as individual athletes.

A total of 3,974 student-athletes earned the individual Scholar-Athlete award, and 243 varsity teams in sports captured team honors.

Individual Scholar-Athletes attained at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester in which he or she competed. The award is based on first semester grades for fall and winter sports and second semester grades for spring sports, and the school submits the nomination form verifying the grade point average on behalf of the athlete or team.

In the team division, a varsity team earns Scholar-Athlete recognition by attaining a 3.1 aggregate GPA for that designated semester. The school receives a certificate from the Association honoring the accomplishment and each member of the squad will also receive a certificate. Over 3,800 individual awards were given in this category.

A minimum of five individuals is necessary to constitute a team, and all team members must be included in figuring the team GPA. The team achieving the highest grade point average in the state in its particular sport and submitting its application by the appropriate deadline receives a plaque commemorating that achievement.

Raleigh Enloe captured two top awards, in men’s tennis and in women’s soccer, with GPA’s of over 3.9 as a team in both of those sports.

“We are very proud of the achievements of the students involved in our Scholar-Athlete program,” said Charlie Adams, executive director of the NCHSAA. “We think this is definite proof that we have a tremendous number of athletes that are playing sports and succeeding in the classroom.”

The Scholar-Athlete program recognized well over 20,000 individuals during the course of the 2001-2002 academic year. This recognition has completed 16 years as a part of the NCHSAA program.

NCHSAA Staff Involved At NFHS Summer Meeting Held In Boston

BOSTON—Administrative staff members of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association were involved in the summer meeting of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations.

The event was held at the Marriott Hotel Copley Place in Boston with representatives from each of the state athletic and activity associations in the nation attending. It was the 83rd annual summer meeting of the NFHS.

Several days of workshops, seminars and other meetings were held, with major issues confronting interscholastic athletics across the country discussed.

Among the NCHSAA staff members attending were executive director Charlie Adams, deputy executive director Dick Knox, associate executive directors Que Tucker and Rick Strunk and assistant executive director Carolyn Shannonhouse.

Que was a speaker during a special general session entitled “Girls and Women in Sports: Celebrating the Journey.” She shared the podium with Missouri executive director Becky Oakes and Texas assistant Bonnie Northcutt. She also addressed a workshop entitled “Academic Achievement and the Student-Athlete.”

Dick Knox moderated a discussion about wrestling and weight control.

Bob Kanaby is the National Federation executive director and Tennessee executive director Ronnie Carter served during the 2001-2002 year as the president of the NFHS Board of Directors.

Among other sessions in which the North Carolina delegation participated were executive director and associate director round-table discussions on various specific issues, safety and security, use of the web, soccer and sportsmanship, and recruiting officials.

North Carolina Well Represented At Student Leadership Conference

INDIANAPOLIS— North Carolina had an excellent contingent attending the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) national summer student leadership conference here in July.

Que Tucker, NCHSAA associate executive director and head of the Association’s student services program, led a group of 31 from North Carolina to the event held at the downtown Indianapolis Marriott.

The students from all over the country heard a variety of speakers, participated in small group seminar-like settings, and then helped develop action plans to carry out in their respective states and schools. The group also had a chance to attend an Indiana Fever WNBA game and visit the NCAA Hall of Champions at the NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis.

Students from 26 different states attended the leadership conference.
Coaches Association Holds East-West All-Star Games In Greensboro

GREENSBORO—The North Carolina Coaches’ Association all-star games in Greensboro in July, featuring coaches and athletes from North Carolina High School Athletic Association member schools, were once again well-organized and competitive affairs.

The East men and the West women captured wins in the two soccer all-star games at UNC-Greensboro’s soccer stadium which began the Clinic Week competition. In the men’s game, Michael Fitzgerald of Wilmington Hoggard scored a goal with 2:56 remaining to lift the East to a 2-1 victory.

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Phillip Long of Wilson Hunt, who assisted on one of the East tallies, was the game’s Most Valuable Player. It was the East’s third straight victory in men’s soccer.

The West pretty much dominated the women’s game en route to a 3-1 win. East Forsyth’s Andrea Morrison, who slammed home a rebound of her own shot for the West’s third goal, was the MVP.

Ashley Rex of Watauga and Corinne Black of Enka scored the West’s first two goals. Dacia Beachum of Raleigh Sanderson had the lone East goal.

The West has a 4-3-4 edge in the women’s series. The second best crowd ever at over 1,500 watched the soccer games.

There was also a split in basketball action at the Greensboro Coliseum, with the West stars winning the men’s game and the East taking the women’s contest.

Stefanie Warren of Pikeville Charles B. Aycock scored 15 points and was named most valuable player as she led the East to a 64-47 triumph in the 28th annual women’s basketball game.

Yolanda Jones of Lumberton had 11 points and 10 rebounds while Keauna Vinson of East Wake added nine points and 10 boards for the winners. The game featured 61 turnovers, 33 by the West which resulted in 30 East points.

Jennifer Roark of East Burke paced the West with 10 points and nine rebounds.

The West took a 50-39 halftime lead in the men’s game and then blew it open to win 115-89, Curtis Withers of West Charlotte had 22 points for the West and was named the game’s MVP.

Ray Bristow of Winston-Salem Parkland contributed 20 points as the West placed six players in double figures. Matt Anderson of West Caldwell, who had 12 points, made all six of his field goal attempts.

The East got a game-high 26 points from Jacksonville White Oak’s Brandon Streeter while Shawan Robinson of Raleigh Leesville Road scored 15 and Kinston’s Corey Rouse had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

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The West had taken a 14-0 lead in the second quarter on a one-yard run by Albemarle’s T.A. McClendon, who led West rushers with 35 yards in 13 carries. But then the East exploded for 20 points in a span of just over four minutes, aided by West turnovers, to lead 20-14 at the half.

Josh Gattis of Northern Durham picked off a pass and raced 24 yards for a score to give the East the lead.

Chris Gammon of Graham threw his second TD pass of the game, this one to Iverick Harris of Burlington Cummings to put the West back on top 21-20, but then a safety gave the East the lead.

Kelvin Haywood of Hope Mills South View completed seven of 14 passes for 104 yards and score for the East. Herbert Dixon of Clinton was his team’s leading rusher with 55 yards in 13 tries for the East.

A crowd of over 9,000 watched the football game. The West leads the series 31-22-1.

NCHSAA Product Remembers Association For Its Impact In Poem

Here is a rather unusual Bulletin item. Phil Spence, former standout basketball player at Raleigh Broughton who went on to play at North Carolina State, is one of many products of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association who has gone on to coach in the NCHSAA program.

Spence, who is now head coach of the Eagles of North Carolina Central University in Durham, acknowledges his background as a high school athlete and coach. But he’s done so in poetic fashion, and we are glad to share this original composition with readers of the Bulletin.

NICE ASSIST

Thank you North Carolina High School Athletic Association,
For bringing out the Phil Spence in me.
Before realizing my true potential,
I didn’t know what I wanted to be.

Becoming a student-athlete,
Helped me to set and reach my goals.
Becoming a teacher and coach,
Helped me to change lives and touch souls.

I played basketball at Broughton,
And I coached at Cary and East Wake, too.
Twenty-three years of my life have been fulfilling,
Doing the things that I love to do.

Now I am coaching on the college level,
I’m the head coach at NCCU.
Fifteen members of my team and staff,
Were members of your association, too.

I appreciate what you have done for me,
You are truly my colleague and my friend.
Since I’m a recruiter of high school talent,
I know our relationship will never end.

—Phil Spence
July, 2002

We thank Phil Spence for his sharing his thoughts with us.
NCHSAA, Lowe’s Team Up For Hometown Heroes

Lowe’s Home Improvement Warehouse, in conjunction with the Carolina Panthers, has joined together with the NCHSAA to offer a recognition program, the Lowe’s Hometown Heroes Program.

This program seeks to acknowledge high school students statewide who have begun building their own strong foundations through their commitment to their local community, academics, and athletics. Like Lowe’s, they are made of the finest material.

1. A coach, athletic director, or principal nominates student athletes from his/her respective high school who fit within the following nomination guidelines:

   - Student must be enrolled in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade during the 2002-03 school year;
   - Student must currently play on one or more athletic team at his/her high school OR have participated on an athletic team during the 2001-02 school year;
   - Student must currently maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher during the semester in which he/she participates on the athletic team (or maintained this GPA during the respective semester that he/she participated on an athletic team during the 2001-02 school year and be ejection free during the respective sports season. [Example: If John Doe participated on the cross-country team at his school in 2001-02, maintained an average GPA of 3.0 or higher during the fall semester of 2001, and was ejection-free, he would be eligible for nomination as a Lowe’s Hometown Hero.]; and
   - Student must be actively involved within his/her community through volunteer service programs, scouts, mentoring, or other similar activities.

2. The coach, athletic director, or principal may download the nomination form (pdf) from the NCHSAA website, complete the necessary information, and mail or fax the nomination form(s) to Lowe’s (fax: 336/658-3072; mailing address: Lowe’s Hometown Hero, Attn: Nominations, PO Box 2148, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659) according to the specified nomination deadline below. One winner will be chosen each month beginning in August and ending in May as indicated.

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To nominate an athlete who participated in a spring 2002 sport, nominations will be accepted and considered through September 6, 2002 deadline (2 potential chances for this athlete to be chosen).

To nominate an athlete who participates in any fall 2002 sport, nominations will be accepted and considered through December 6, 2002 deadline (3 potential chances for this athlete to be chosen).

To nominate an athlete who participates in any winter 2002-03 sport, nominations will be accepted and considered through February 7, 2003 deadline (2 chances for this athlete to be chosen).

To nominate an athlete who participates in any spring 2003 sport, nominations will be accepted and considered through May 9, 2003 deadline (3 chances for this athlete to be chosen).

A designated special nomination committee with representatives from Lowe’s and the North Carolina High School Athletic Association will review nominations and chose the monthly recipients. Recipients will each receive:

   - a plaque
   - a seasonal prize package
   - a t-shirt
   - recognition in their local/area newspaper

In addition, each Hometown Heroes recipient’s school or booster club receives a $1,000 Lowe’s Home Improvement Warehouse gift certificate donated in honor of the Hometown hero and the nominator. Schools can use this gift card to help maintain your athletic facilities or as needed within the athletic program at the school.

Questions should be directed to Christa Kwarta, CMI/Lowe’s Home Improvement Warehouse at 336/658-4466 or via email at ChristaKwarta@ClearChannel.com.

In Memoriam

This is information of which the NCHSAA has been made aware since the publication of the last Bulletin. We appreciate all those who share information with us for the benefit of the membership.

Jake Jacobs
GOLDSBORO—Jake Jacobs, long time soccer official in North Carolina, died of cancer in May at the age of 50.

A graduate of North Carolina State University, Jacobs enjoyed a career as an independent contractor but was devoted to the game of soccer. He worked as a high school official for over 20 years and was also a collegiate official during that span.

Earl Dilday
MURFREESBORO—Earl Dilday, who served the NCHSAA as booking agent of the Coastal Plains Association, died suddenly in early June at his home at the age of 50.

Dilday spent 37 years in education, serving as an administrator at Chowan College for 22 years and headmaster at Ridgecroft School for seven years. He also had teaching stints in the Gates, Hertford and Northampton County systems. He had just completed the academic year teaching math at Northampton-County East High School.

A member of Murfreesboro Baptist Church, Dilday had been a booking agent with the NCHSAA for over 20 years. He had officiated a number of sports over the years, including football, basketball, baseball and softball.

He earned his master’s degree at East Carolina University.

Jim Pritchett
HIGH POINT—Long time media representative Jim Pritchett died in early July from cancer at the age of 70.

Born in Roanoke, Va., Pritchett had been sports director and in sales at WIST Radio in High Point for some 40 years. He had broadcast High Point University basketball, a huge number of high school games in various sports, and had worked for many years broadcasting the East-West all-star games in Greensboro.

He had previously been recognized by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association for his work.

Memorials may be made to Hospice at Greensboro, 2500 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, N.C. 27405 or Colt Baseball, P.O. Box 77502, Greensboro, N.C. 27417.
Is It Truly Part Of The Game?

CHAPEL HILL—Another academic year is upon us. The summer, so ripe with promise not too long ago—"I'm going to get some rest"—raced by all too quickly for most people.

And now school is underway. As I shopped with my 12-year-old son for his school supplies in August, I was amazed at how crowded the aisles were at various stores with people doing the same thing (especially on that tax-free weekend).

I watched various families with kids of various ages as they bought pencils and notebooks, and I wondered about the school-age kids. Were they excited about school? How would their year go? Did they have people at home that would encourage and support them? How would they feel next year at this time?

All those questions are also appropriate at the beginning of an athletic season, when everybody is undefeated and there is often great anticipation. Are they excited about the season? How will the year go? How will they feel next year at this time?

There is something great about the beginning of the year, with new notebooks and freshly sharpened pencils and pristine packs of paper. A fresh start, a new chance, loads of potential.

Of course, that anticipation doesn’t stay in place forever. Mistakes occur, pencils get broken, and new notebooks begin to show signs of wear as the school year embarks on its arduous journey.

NCHSAA Student Services Makes Individual Sportsmanship Awards For 2001-2002 School Year

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association has announced eight individual winners of sportsmanship awards in the NCHSAA Student Services Team Recognition Program.

The Student Services Division of the NCHSAA recognizes schools whose teams have gone ejection free for the entire academic year. In an effort to expand that recognition, individuals from any team which was ejection free may be submitted by their coach for further consideration.

These students must not only have exhibited good sportsmanship but exemplified citizenship, character and community spirit. Then all those individuals who were nominated are eligible for a drawing, each to receive a $100 cash scholarship.

Winners of the special individual recognition include the following:

- men's golfer Marcus Tyndall of Union High School
- women's tennis player Elizabeth Caviness of North Moore High School
- women's basketball player Katie Irons of Northwest Guilford High School
- women's soccer player Yee Thao of Hickory High School
- men's basketball player Mack Montgomery of Clayton High School
- football player Michael Reynolds of St. Pauls High School
- men's cross country runner Josh Church of Ashe County High School
- women's volleyball player Nicole Pierce of West Henderson High School

The Extra Point

It happens that way in athletics, too. The season has its ups and downs, mistakes occur, the ball takes a bad bounce, officials (on occasion) miss a call or two.

It’s all part of the game, we say.

And that is true. But what concerns me as this new school year gets rolling along is how much that phrase has been stretched to cover.

For instance, the notion in some circles is that trash talking, verbal intimidation, taunting, it’s okay because it’s just all part of the game.

I couldn’t disagree more.

It becomes part of the game because we let it, we accept it. Or we say there is nothing we can do to stop it because it is so prevalent.

Now, some things that used to be considered part of the game have basically been legislated away or taken care of. Remember when smashed noses were ‘part of the game’ of football? Then face masks became regular equipment. And severe dental injuries in football were ‘part of the game,’ and now with mouthguards they’ve been virtually eliminated.

Behavioral things are a little tougher to deal with, though. Yes, it seems that sometimes we’re swimming against a rising tide in that regard. I mean, my 12-year-old son pointed out to me that there were some sports video games some of his buddies had, but he didn’t think they were “appropriate” (his word) because the trash talking and taunting are built into the video game itself! (At least I’m glad he came to that conclusion).

Fortunately, we’ve got a good number of coaches and administrators who don’t believe that taunting, trash talking, or embarrassing an opponent are, or need to be, part of the game at any time in any sport. They just aren’t appropriate.

They’ve found you can be tough, determined and successful on the field or court without resorting to those tactics. And even though those offenses may result in an ejection, there are times they don’t all get caught.

Coaches have been and always will be the first line, the ones who are working directly with the student-athletes, the ones who really set the tone. In general, they do a wonderful job and I have little doubt that many deal with those things swiftly and promptly. And many did this long before there was an Association policy addressing this specifically.

As with many things in our society, a line gets drawn in the sand about things that are unacceptable. But people go over the line, so in many cases the line gets rubbed out and redrawn. And even though the line has been moved once, people still go over it and it gets moved again. Pretty soon things that at one time were unacceptable are at least in some circles considered okay.

What I hope is that taunting and trash talking in any NCHSAA sport will go the way of smashed noses and dental injuries in football—an occasional problem, but certainly not ‘part of the game.’ Any game.

Because they aren’t.
2001-2002 State Wachovia Cup Winners Announced

Wachovia Bank, N.A. today announced the final standings in the Wachovia Cup competitions for the 2001-2002 academic year.

The Wachovia Cup award, sponsored by Wachovia Bank, N.A., and the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, recognizes the high schools that achieve the best overall interscholastic athletic performances within each of the state’s four competitive classifications. The Wachovia Cup program just completed its 23rd year.

The Durham School of the Arts won its first Wachovia Cup, while Mount Tabor High School of Winston-Salem, Charlotte Catholic and East Chapel Hill were repeat winners as they won Cup awards in competition among members of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

The Durham School of the Arts won in the 1-A classification, breaking Hendersonville’s four-year hold on the Cup. Mount Tabor made it two years in a row in the 4-A classification, while East Chapel Hill won for the fourth straight year in the 3-A classification and Charlotte Catholic won for the fourth consecutive time among 2-A schools.

In the 1-A classification, the Durham School of the Arts finished first among 1-A teams in women’s track and second in men’s tennis, compiling 467.5 points. Albemarle scored playoff points in six different spring sports, headed by a semifinal finish in 1-A men’s tennis and a fifth-place finish in men’s track to take second with 380.63 points, edging out Hendersonville, which finished third among 1-A women’s track teams and third overall with 372.5 points. Mount Airy, which finished seventh in women’s track and finished tied for sixth in women’s soccer, was fourth overall with 340.63 points. North Stokes, the 1-A men’s golf champion, was fifth with 312.5.

Charlotte Catholic lapped the field in the 2-A classification, finishing with 552.5 points after winning the state 2-A title in soccer, finishing second in softball and reaching the quarterfinals in tennis. High Point’s T.W. Andrews, the 2-A women’s track champion and a third-place finisher in men’s track, was second overall with 417.5 points. North Henderson, the 2-A men’s track champion, was third with 380, followed by Western Guilford, the runner-up in soccer, with 367.5 points, and West Henderson, a semifinalist in soccer and quarterfinalist in baseball, with 292.5 points.

East Chapel Hill built a huge lead in the 3-A classification through the winter sports season and hung on during the spring, thanks to a state championship in men’s tennis, with 445 points. T.C. Roberson cut more than 80 points off East Chapel Hill’s lead in the 4-A classification, finishing ninth in women’s track and finishing tied for sixth in men’s tennis to earn a total of 430 points. Charlotte Providence was a distant second with 335, thanks to semifinal finishes in men’s soccer and baseball. Raleigh Broughton, the state champion in men’s tennis and golf, was third overall with 332.5 points. Chapel Hill, which tied for third in golf and reached the quarterfinals in tennis, was fourth with 315 points, and Wilmington Hoggard, which tied for third in men’s golf and was in the quarterfinals in softball and baseball, took fifth at 307.5.

Wachovia 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 playoff events involving teams from more than one classification, Wachovia 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 Wachovia 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.

Wachovia Cup standings are announced three times each school year: once after the fall and winter sports, and concluding with the winner after the spring sports season ends in June. The engraved silver cups are presented during NCHSAA Day activities at UNC-Chapel Hill each fall.

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Greensboro Smith, Durham
Hillside Win 3-A Track Crowns

RALEIGH—One team race was close and one was not so close in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s state 3-A outdoor track and field championships at the Paul Derr Track on the N.C. State campus.

The men’s standings were tight, but Greensboro Ben Smith emerged as the 3-A champion with 44 points to 39 for runner-up West Rowan. Eastern Wayne was third with 36, followed by Jamestown Ragsdale (30) and Enka (29).

Manny Lawson of Eastern Wayne was selected as the men’s Most Valuable Performer. He won the 200 meters, the 100 high hurdles and the long jump while placing third in the triple jump.

Durham Hillside pulled away to a convincing victory in the women’s standings, with 82 points to 54 for Greensboro Smith. The young Hillside team did not have a senior competing in the meet. Southwest Guilford and West Rowan tied for third with 42 and Eastern Wayne was fifth with 32 points.

Sherina Steele of West Rowan, who placed in four events, was named MVP of the women’s 3-A meet. She won the 100 meter high hurdles, took second in the 300 hurdles and long jump, and placed third in the triple jump.

Close Team Battles Highlight
2-A Track Championships

RALEIGH—Both the men’s and women’s title races came down to the final event, the 1600 meter relay, in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s state 2-A outdoor track and field championships at the Paul Derr Track on the N.C. State campus.

North Henderson continued its fine showing at the state track and field championships by successfully defending its title in the men’s 2-A competition. North scored 55 points to 49 for second-place Reidsville. High Point Andrews was third with 48, followed by North Rowan (35) and a tie for fifth between Western Guilford and Graham (30 each).

Mike Hinton of Cummings was selected as the MVP of the championships. He won the 300 hurdles and was runner-up in the 110 highs. Mike Hinton had dropped from 3-A to 2-A in the new alignment, but the result was pretty much the same for the T.W. Andrews women and they nipped Burlington Cummings for the team title in that classification. Andrews had won the 3-A crown last year.

Andrews outscoed Cummings 72-69, with Southern Vance tied for third with North Henderson at 40 points apiece. Greene Central was fifth with 28 points.

Sheena Dawkins led the way for the state champions and was the MVP of the meet. She took first place in both the long jump and triple jump.

Durham School Of The Arts,
Surry Central Win 1-A Titles

CHARLOTTE—Durham School of the Arts, in women’s competition and Surry Central among men’s teams took state titles in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A track and field championships at the Irwin Belk Track at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Led by meet Most Valuable Performer Katrell Armwood, the Durham School of the Arts took the women’s team championship. DSA tallied 96 points to 72 for runner-up Bessemer City. Hendersonville was third with 60 points.

Armwood, who earlier had been chosen Female Athlete of the Year by the NCHSAA, lived up to that billing. She won four individual championships, including the triple jump, long jump and both hurdle events.

Shanara Mintz of Bessemer City won both the shot put and discus, setting a new women’s state 1-A record of 43 feet. 4.75 inches in the shot.
Moore Of Forest Hills Wins 2-A, Central Davidson Takes Team

VASS—Sean Moore of Marshville Forest Hills was the only player to shoot par for the tournament and wound up winning the individual championship in the 17th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A men's golf championships at Woodlake Golf Club.

Moore had a final round 74 after a first-day 70 for an even par 144 total on the 6,283-yard layout, five shots ahead of defending individual champion Tripp Reynolds of Shelby. Chase Hardy of North Surry, with a 73 on the second day of play, moved up into third at 150, six shots off the pace.

In the tight 2-A team race, Central Davidson edged Charlotte Catholic for the crown, shooting a 319 on the final day for a 632 total, one shot ahead of Catholic.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS-FINAL RESULTS
1. Matt Cook, Murphy—69-71—140
2. Jake Lowder, Albemarle—72-70—142
3. Matt Renegar, Elkin—70-76—146
4. John Thompson, North Johnston—76-75—151
5. Brant Stovall, North Stokes—79-73—152

Chris Lowman, Jordan-Matthews—77-75—152
Burton Wood, Jordan-Matthews—72-80—152
Casey Flattery, Alleghany—79-73—152

Southwest Guilford’s Dowdy

FAYETTEVILLE—Matt Dowdy of Southwest Guilford fired a brilliant three-under par 69 to win medalist honors in the 17th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men's golf championships at King's Grant Golf Course.

Dowdy combined his 69 with an opening day 72 for a 141 total, one shot ahead of Josh Thackerson of Shelby Crest and Jonathan Woodall of Wilson Hunt.

Wilson Hunt had a tremendous team score of 290 on the final day to rocket from eighth place to the state championship in the tightly bunched field. Hunt had a 600 total to nip defending 3-A team champ Hickory by a single shot. Southwest Guilford was third at 604.

Moore Of Forest Hills Wins 2-A, Central Davidson Takes Team

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS-TOP FIVE
1. Sean Moore, Marshville Forest Hills—70-74—144
2. Tripp Reynolds, Shelby—75-74—149
3. Chase Hardy, North Surry—77-73—150
4. John Eades, Charlotte Catholic—70-81—151
5. B.J. Kelly, Charlotte Catholic—75-77—152

Ben Goforth, Shelby—74-78—152
Kyle Stockton, Canton Pisgah—71-81—152

A total of 84 golfers competed in the tournament. The opening round was held at Keith Hills Country Club in Buies Creek and then shifted to King's Grant for the final day of play.

NCHSAA 17TH ANNUAL CLASS AAA
MEN’S STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS-2002
King’s Grant Golf Course, Fayetteville—2nd day

TEAM SCORES-FINAL STANDINGS
1. Wilson Hunt—310-290—600
2. Hickory—301-300—601
3. Southwest Guilford—304-300—604
4. Shelby Crest—305-302—607
5. High Point Central—300-310—610
6. Gastonia Forestview—306-312—618
7. Burlington Williams—302-318—620
8. Clayton—307-321—628
9. Smithfield-Selma—320-311—631
10. Southern Alamance—311-329—640
12. East Rowan—326-336—662

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS-TOP FIVE
1. Matt Dowdy, Southwest Guilford—72-69—141
2. Josh Thackerson, Shelby Crest—72-70—142
4. Jamie Wilson, Smithfield-Selma—72-73—145
5. Matt Swezic, East Chapel Hill—75-71—146

Broughton Wins Fifth Straight State Crown, Todd Wins Individual

FINEHURST—Raleigh Broughton rallied to capture an unprecedented fifth consecutive team state championship in the 64th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men's golf championships at Pinehurst course number eight.

The Caps fired a 311 on the final day of play for a 624 total to zoom from fifth to first as Raleigh schools finished one-two. Millbrook was second at 630, six shots off the pace, while Chapel Hill and Wilmington Hoggard tied for third at 631.

Junior Brendan Todd of Morrisville Green Hope was the only individual golfer to shoot par for the tournament and captured medalist honors. He won the state championship for the second time in three years.

Todd had a 73 in the second round to go with an opening-day 71 for an even-par 144 total, two shots ahead of Raleigh Broughton's Webb Simpson, who had a pair of 73's.

Jeff Cuzzort of Fuquay-Varina and Will Shambley of Green Hope tied for third at 150. Green Hope did not qualify as a team but had its two individual golfers finish among the top three.

NCHSAA 64th ANNUAL CLASS AAAAA
MEN’S STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS-2002
Pinehurst number eight, Pinehurst

TEAM SCORES-FINAL RESULTS
1. Raleigh Broughton—313-311—624
2. Raleigh Millbrook—309-321—630
3. Chapel Hill—310-321—631
4. Wilmington Hoggard—312-319—631
5. West Mecklenburg—306-327—633
7. Greensboro Grimsley—313-324—637
8. Fuquay-Varina—314-324—638
9. Charlotte Providence—313-328—641
10. West Forsyth—316-327—643
11. New Bern—315-337—652
12. Charlotte Independence—323-335—658

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS-TOP FIVE
1. Brendan Todd, Green Hope—71-73—144
2. Webb Simpson, Broughton—73-73—146
3. Jeff Cuzzort, Fuquay-Varina—72-78—150
Albemarle Pair Wins Doubles; Mt. Airy’s Wagoner Singles

GREENSBORO—It was an all-Mount Airy singles final, as top-seeded Justin Wagoner downed second-seeded Hakim Galloway in straight sets to win the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A tennis championship on Saturday.

Due to rain, both the semifinals and finals moved indoors from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Varsity Courts to the Piedmont Indoor Tennis Center.

The doubles pair of Matt Hager and Kenny Johnson of Albemarle upset the defending state 1-A champs in the championship match with a great effort. Hager and Johnson defeated Elkin’s Jimmy Pearson and Peter Mariani in straight sets, 6-3 and 6-4.

Last year the Elkin pair had beaten the Albemarle team of Johnson and David Beaver in the state 1-A doubles championship.

NCHSAA 2002 STATE
MEN’S 1-A TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
UNC-Greensboro Varsity Courts
(moved inside due to rain on second day to Piedmont Indoor Tennis Center, Greensboro)

Singles—Semifinals
Justin Wagoner (Mount Airy) def. Vijay Amirtharaj (Albemarle) 6-1, 6-4; Hakim Galloway (Mount Airy) def. Wes Brown (Siler City Jordan-Matthews) 6-2, 7-6(7-3).

Singles—Championship
Wagoner (Mount Airy) def. Galloway (Mount Airy) 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles—Semifinals
Jimmy Pearson-Peter Mariani (Elkin) def. Ben Carland-Jason Warner (Hendersonville) 6-1, 6-0; Kenny Johnson-Matt Hager (Albemarle) def. Alex Woodward-Ben Kennedy (Elkin).

Doubles—Championship
Johnson-Hager (Albemarle) def. Pearson-Mariani (Elkin) 6-3, 6-4.

Big Day For Shelby
In NCHSAA 2-A Tennis

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A men’s tennis championships were big for Shelby High School.

The third-seeded doubles team from Shelby upset the number-one team in the championship match, while the singles final was an all-Shelby affair. The second day’s action was played indoors at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina due to rain, after opening day play was at the North Carolina State Varsity Courts.

Alex Pearson and Perry Wright of Shelby won the doubles crown, outlasting P.G. Grane and Seth Mabe of Mayodan Dalton McMichael in a tough three-set final, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

Both top-seeded William Noblitt and third-seeded Jay Chitty of Shelby won their morning semis, so the teammates squared off in the championship match in the afternoon.

Noblitt prevailed by 6-2, 6-0. The singles final was actually a rematch of the all-Shelby 2000 championship in which Chitty had beaten Noblitt in straight sets.

Roberson’s Pomeroy Three-Peats In 3-A Men’s Tennis

CHAPEL HILL—Two-time defending singles champion Brad Pomeroy made it three in a row in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men’s tennis championships.

The event was moved to Chapel Hill on the second day of play due to rain. Pomeroy defeated Mason Schermerhorn of Southwest Guilford in the semifinals and then held off Ashbrook’s Trevor Johnson, a state semifinalist at the 4-A level last year, 7-6, 6-3. Johnson had upset Pomeroy in the regionals.

Chris Mills and Ryan Gilmore of Williams defeated the top-seeded doubles pair of Robert Darwin and Daniel Shiflet of Asheboro to take the doubles crown.

Terry Sanford’s Orban Wins Singles, Myers Park Pair Takes NCHSAA 4-A Doubles

CHAPEL HILL—Top-seeded Andy Orban of Fayetteville Terry Sanford survived a tough morning semifinal and went on to win the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men’s singles championship.

The tournament was played at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill but moved to the indoor courts for the final day of play due to rain.

Orban overcame Raleigh Millbrook’s Nick Rose in a difficult three-set match in the semifinals, winning 6-3, 6-7, 6-2. But the Terry Sanford standout then rolled to a 6-0, 6-2 triumph in the finals over Will Plyler of Raleigh Broughton.

It was the fifth straight year a Broughton singles player made the...
Western Guilford For Crown
Charlotte Catholic Blanks
For 4-A Women’s Soccer Title
Grimsley Blanks Apex 2-0
For 4-A Women’s Soccer Title

RALEIGH—Sophomore Anna Betton assisted on both goals to lift Greensboro Grimsley to a 2-0 victory over previously unbeaten Apex for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A women’s soccer crown at Methodist Road Stadium at N.C. State.

Twice Betton lifted crosses from the left side which Melissa Ellison knocked in, one in the first half and one in the second, to give the Whirlies their first championship since 1996. Betton was selected as the Most Valuable Player of the match.

Grimsley finished with a 19-1 record and won its fifth state women’s soccer crown in a record 10 appearances in the final, including three of the last four years. The Whirlies also won their 57th NCHSAA playoff game all time, the most in history.

Apex finished 23-1-2 overall in making its first trip to the NCHSAA women’s soccer final. Outstanding stopper Whitney Smith of Apex was injured in the game’s first two minutes and was unable to play.

NCHSAA 2002 STATE
4-A MEN’S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Singles—Semifinals
Singles—Championship
Orban (Terry Sanford) def. Plyer (Broughton) 6-4, 6-3.

Doubles—Semifinals
Stuart Lynas-Dennis Myers (Charlotte Myers Park) def. Robert Hogwood-Jason Steinhorn (Greensboro Page) 6-0, 7-5.

Doubles—Championship
Lynas-Myers (Myers Park) def. Hood-Warner (Terry Sanford) 6-2, 6-0.

Women’s Soccer

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Western Guilford for Crown
Charlotte Catholic Blanks

RALEIGH—Christine Liberto’s goal in the first half was the only tally of the game as Charlotte Catholic held on to shut out Western Guilford 1-0 and win the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A/2-A women’s soccer championship at Methodist Road Stadium at North Carolina State University.

The victory pushed Catholic’s final record to 23-2-1, and the Cougars allowed only four goals all season. Catholic did not allow a single goal in its five-game playoff march to the title and shut out its opposition 23 times in 26 starts.

Catholic scored off a corner kick which Brooke Stewart got a head on and then sophomore Liberto one-timed into the net for her 28th goal of the season. Liberto was voted Most Valuable Player of the championship.

The two teams battled on pretty even terms throughout the game, although Western Guilford did not get a shot on goal in the first half.

Western Guilford, in its first trip to the NCHSAA women’s soccer final, finished the year 17-5-2.

NCHSAA STATE 1-A/2-A
WOMEN’S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP
Method Road Stadium, North Carolina State University
Western Guilford 0 0 — 0
Charlotte Catholic 1 0 — 1

Scoring
15:39 Catholic-Christine Liberto (Brooke Stewart).

Whitaker Hat Trick Leads
Southwest Guilford To Title

RALEIGH—Kelly Whitaker knocked in three goals to lead the Cowgirls of Southwest Guilford to a dramatic 3-2 overtime victory over Asheveille T.C. Roberson at Method Road Stadium at North Carolina State University.

Whitaker, who was named Most Valuable Player for the second straight year in the championship match, scored two goals in a two-minute span after the game had been scoreless for almost 66 minutes.

But the Lady Rams battled back, with a goal by Lindsey Trexler just two minutes after Whitaker’s second goal, and then less than a minute later Katie Polonsky scored her 26th goal of the season to knot the game at 2-2.

That set the stage for Whitaker’s dramatics in overtime as her 49th goal of the season proved to be the game winner with 4:12 remaining in the second 10-minute overtime.

Southwest Guilford successfully defended its NCHSAA title in a rematch of last year’s title game. The Cowgirls, 23-6 overall, won their fourth state women’s soccer crown.

T.C. Roberson, 23-4-1, made the finals for the fourth time but is still looking for its initial state title in women’s soccer.

NCHSAA STATE 3-A WOMEN’S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP
Method Road Stadium, North Carolina State University
Asheville T.C. Roberson 0 2 0 0 — 2
Southwest Guilford 0 2 0 1 — 3

Goals
65:41 Southwest Guilford - Kelly Whitaker
67:43 Southwest Guilford - Kelly Whitaker
69:39 TC Roberson - Lindsey Trexler
70:59 TC Roberson - Katie Polonsky
95:48 Southwest Guilford - Kelly Whitaker

MEN’S DUAL TEAM TENNIS

Broughton, East Chapel Hill, Shelby, Elkin Capture Men’s Dual Team Tennis Titles

BURLINGTON—In the battle of unbeaten teams, Raleigh Broughton downed two-time defending champion Greensboro Page to win the 4-A title in the 12th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association men’s state dual team tennis championships at the Burlington Tennis Center.
Broughton finished at 26-0 while Page ended at 19-1 and failed to secure its third successive unbeaten season.

Brian Edmundson of Broughton, who won at second singles and first doubles, was named the MVP of the match.

East Chapel Hill downed Ashevile T.C. Roberson 5-3 for the 3-A championship. It was the fifth consecutive year that T.C. Roberson and East Chapel Hill had met to determine the state 3-A title, and East has won four of those, beating the defending champs this time around.

The teams split singles but East Chapel Hill triumphed in the doubles, sparked by the play of Dan Fox, who was substituted into the third doubles pair and was named MVP.

East Chapel Hill finished the season at 19-7 while Roberson was 17-5. Shelby dominated the 2-A championship, rolling past Greene Central 9-0 to deal the Rams their first loss of the year after 25 straight wins.

Shelby’s season concluded at 20-2.

The lone senior on the Shelby team, Perry Wright, won at number-four singles and at the second doubles and was named MVP.

Defending champion Elkin made it two in a row in the 1-A classification, downing the Durham School of the Arts 5-3.

The two teams split singles but Elkin captured both the second and third doubles to take the title. Tom Martin, Elkin’s number-three singles player who also played second doubles, was selected as the MVP.

The Rams, in the state championship for the third time in the last four years, won for the 27th time in 29 starts. Roberson also captured the state title in 2000.

Matt Sutton collected three hits for Greene Central, including a home run, and had two RBI in the opening game.

Greene Central, in the finals for the third straight year and eighth time overall, finished the season with a 24-6 mark.

NCHSAA STATE 2-A CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
FIVE COUNTY STADIUM, ZEBULON

GAME ONE
Greene Central 0 3 0 0 1 0 0 — 4 6 4
WP—Marcus Covington (7-1). LP—Jacob Allen (5-3).

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Greene Central 1 2 0 0 0 0 0 — 3 8 3
East Rutherford 0 2 0 3 0 x — 5 4 3
WP—Chad Flack (9-1). LP—Matt Sutton (12-2). HR—Chad Flack.

East Rutherford; Marc Sutton, Greene Central.

T.C. Roberson Sweeps
Kernersville Glenn In 3-A

ZEBULON—Asheville T.C. Roberson came from behind to score a 9-7 extra-inning victory over Kernersville Glenn and clinch the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A baseball championship series at Five County Stadium.

The Rams, in the state championship for the third time in the last four years, won for the 27th time in 29 starts. Roberson also captured the state title in 2000.

Glenn got two hits apiece from Nolan Johnson, Chris Lane, Justin Paschal and John Lee.

In the first game of the series earlier in the day, Roberson captured a 5-2 victory.

Glenn had taken a 1-0 lead in the top of the second on a solo home run by losing pitcher Nolan Johnson. But a sacrifice fly by Brandon Davis of the Rams scored a run to tie the game and then the switch-hitting Maybin delivered his shot over the center field wall.

Kory Johnson went the distance on the mound for the winners.

NCHSAA STATE 3-A CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
Doak Field, N.C. State University, Raleigh

GAME TWO
Asheville T.C. Roberson 0 0 2 2 1 2 — 9 8 1
Kernersville Glenn 0 2 3 0 1 0 1 0 — 7 9 2

Ryan Stewart, Lee Skaggs (3) and Theo Herrin. Ryan Marion, Adam Richardson (7) and Jake Robinson. WP-Skaggs (7-0). LP—Adam Richardson.

East Rutherford Takes Two
Over Greene Central In 2-A

ZEBULON—East Rutherford exploded for five runs in the second inning and held on to down Greene Central 5-4 to sweep the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A baseball championship series at Five County Stadium.

Three errors, a wild pitch and three timely Cavalier hits, including a run-scoring double by Matt McCraw, helped East jump to a 5-0 lead in the second game of the series. Garland Jones had two hits for East in the victory, Marcus Covington (7-1) got the win on the mound while Jacob Allen was tagged with the loss.

Matt Sutton had two RBI for Greene Central.

East’s trip to the finals was its first since 1996. The Cavaliers finished 24-8 overall and won their last 18 games in succession after a 6-8 start.

In the series opener, East Rutherford rallied with three runs in the fifth and nipped the Rams 5-3. Chad Flack had a home run in three trips and two RBI for the winners, and Charlie Green had an RBI single that capped the Cavaliers’ eighth-frame rally.

Flack was named the Most Valuable Player of the championship series.

East Rutherford: Chad Flack, Marc Sutton collected three hits for Greene Central, including a home run, and had two RBI in the opening game.

Greene Central, in the finals for the third straight year and eighth time overall, finished the season with a 24-6 mark.
GAME TWO

In Winning State 4-A Baseball

Fuquay-Varina Sweeps Series
In Winning State 4-A Baseball

West Rowan Nips Southern Alamance
For 3-A Crown in Softball

Hopewell Nips Central Cabarrus
For State 4-A Softball Title

North Brunswick Explodes
To Capture State 1-A Softball
NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONS

2001-2002 ACADEMIC YEAR

FALL SPORTS (Head Coach in Parentheses)

Volleyball
1A—DURHAM SCHOOL OF THE ARTS (Beth Cross)
2A—CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC (Tim Leary)
3A—KINGS MOUNTAIN (Suzanne Grayson)
4A—RIVERSIDE (Laura Shaffer)

Women’s Golf
PINECREST (Sandy Sackman)

Women’s Cross Country
1A—HENDERSONVILLE (Jennifer Byrd)
2A—BREVARD (Jackie Witherspoon)
3A—EASTERN WAYNE (Wendy Suggs)
4A—MOUNT TABOR (Maureen Mansfield)

Men’s Cross Country
1A—SURRY CENTRAL (Rex Mitchell)
2A—NORTH HENDERSON (Val Burch)
3A—RAGSDALE (Kit Boone)
4A—NORTH MECKLENBURG (Brad Herbster)

Women’s Tennis (Dual Team)
1A—NORTH STOKES (Julian McKenzie)
2A—CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC (Larry McLaughlin)
3A—EAST CHAPEL HILL (Lindsey Linker)
4A—BROUGHTON (Steve Spivey)

Men’s Soccer
1A—POLK COUNTY (Frank Ridgehoover)
2A—CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC (Gary Hollett)
3A—HICKORY (Steve Morgan)
4A—C.E. JORDAN (Steve Turner)

Football
1A—SWAIN COUNTY (Rod White)
1AA—ALBEMARLE (Jack Gaster Jr)
2A—CLINTON (Bob Lewis)
3A—PARKLAND (DeAngelo Bell)
4A—INDEPENDENCE (Tom Knotts)

Winter Sports
Wrestling (Dual Team)
1A—ALLEGHANY (Paul Crouse)
2A—SOUTHERN VANCE (Tom McArdrle)
3A—JOHN M. MOREHEAD (Greg Frey)
4A—RIVERSIDE (Walt Tolarchyk)

Wrestling (Tournament)
1A/2A—SOUTHERN VANCE (Tom McArdrle)
3A—EAST GASTON (Scott Goins)
4A—RIVERSIDE (Walt Tolarchyk)

Women’s Indoor Track—Mount Tabor (Mike Esposito)
Men’s Indoor Track—Mount Tabor (Andy Muse)

Women’s Swimming
1A/2A—CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC (Marcus Green)
3A—EAST CHAPEL HILL (Becky Campbell)
4A—PROVIDENCE (Sandy Martin)

Men’s Swimming
1A/2A—SHELBY (Randy Jarman)
3A—EAST CHAPEL HILL (Becky Campbell)
4A—ENLOE (Vickie Peoples)

Women’s Basketball
1A—THOMASVILLE (Eric Rader)
2A—LEDFORD (John Ralls)
3A—HIGH POINT CENTRAL (Kenny Carter)
4A—FREEDOM (Jamie Smith)

Men’s Basketball
1A—MOUNT AIRY (Kemp Phillips)
2A—CUMMINGS (George Robinson)
3A—WEST ROWAN (Mike Gurley)
4A—R.J. REYNOLDS (Howard West)

Spring Sports

Men’s Golf
1A—NORTH STOKES (Barney Joyce)
2A—CENTRAL DAVIDSON (Steve Reynolds)
3A—JAMES B. HUNT (Jeff Best)
4A—BROUGHTON (Phil Ratliff)

Men’s Track and Field
1A—SURRY CENTRAL (Rex Mitchell)
2A—NORTH HENDERSON (Jeff Rooper)
3A—BEN SMITH (Chris Lassiter)
4A—MOUNT TABOR (Mike Esposito)

Women’s Track and Field
1A—DURHAM SCHOOL OF ARTS (Ralph France)
2A—T.W. ANDREWS (Neal Morris)
3A—HILLSIDE (Bob Hill)
4A—INDEPENDENCE (Eric Ward)

Men’s Tennis (Dual Team)
1A—ELKIN (Chris Coley)
2A—SHELBY (Art Moss)
3A—EAST CHAPEL HILL (Lindsey Linker)
4A—BROUGHTON (Steve Spivey)

Women’s Soccer
1A/2A—CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC (Gary Hollett)
3A—SOUTHWEST GUILFORD (Mike Fitzpatrick)
4A—GRIMSLEY (Herk DeGraw)

Baseball
1A—SOUTH STOKES (Gary Nail)
2A—EAST RUTHERFORD (Bobby Reynolds)
3A—T.C. ROBERSON (Tom Smith)
4A—FUQUAY-VARINA (Milton Senter)

Fast Pitch Softball
1A—NORTH BRUNSWICK (J.B. Sholar)
2A—FORBUSH (Matt Pruitt)
3A—WEST ROWAN (Vanessa Noe)
4A—HOPEWELL (David Webster)