Vann Pennell To Serve As NCHSAA President For 2006-07 Academic Year

CHAPEL HILL—Vann Pennell, principal of South Brunswick High School, will serve as president of the North Carolina High School Board of Directors for the 2006-07 academic year.

Pennell will serve as the Association president for his one-year term, replacing Dr. Gene Moore, the former superintendent of the Cleveland County schools. Since Dr. Moore has left North Carolina, Ralph Holloway, principal of East Carteret High School, will once again serve in the role of past president.

Dr. Diane Frost, superintendent of the Asheboro City Schools, will be vice-president for the coming year.

Vann moved to South Brunswick after a stint in Camden County, where he was principal at Camden High and also has served in the central office.

He has an excellent background in athletics as he worked as a teacher and coach for several years before moving into administration.

New members of the Board include Daryl Barnes, principal at Trinity High School; Worley Edwards, principal at West Columbus High School; Kent Byrd, former principal at Southern Alamance and now in the central office at the Burlington-Alamance County schools; and Tony Parker, superintendent of the Johnston County schools.

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. The membership approves the new members at the Annual Meeting in May.

“We believe that we will continue to have outstanding leadership,” said NCHSAA executive director Charlie Adams. “We certainly look forward to Vann Pennell 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 serve our membership.”

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Spring Scholar-Athlete Winners Named By North Carolina High School Athletic Association

CHAPEL HILL—Over 6,700 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 3,706 student-athletes earned the individual Scholar-Athlete award, and 191 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. A total of 3,028 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.

Greensboro Page took the top spots in four of the seven spring sports. Page captured honors in baseball, men’s golf, men’s tennis, and women’s soccer. Ashe County took home first place in women’s track for the second year in a row, this time tied with Raleigh Athens Drive. Surry Central and Southern Guilford finished at the top in men’s track and softball respectively.

“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 almost 20,000 individuals during the course of the 2005-2006 academic year. This recognition has been a part of the NCHSAA program for 20 years.

NCHSAA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAM AWARD WINNERS

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East Rolls To Big Wins In NCAA Soccer Games

GREENSBORO—A flurry of goals helped lead the East to a pair of lopsided victories over their counterparts from the West in the North Carolina Coaches’ Association soccer all-star games at UNC-Greensboro.

The East won the women’s game by the largest margin in the history of the series by a 5-0 count, although the West still leads in the all-time standings 6-5-4.

Sarah Winslow of Wilson Fike, named the game’s Most Valuable Player, assisted North Johnston’s Jenna Gudac on the first goal of the contest at the 23:06 mark and the East went on from there, leading 2-0 at halftime.

The East owned a whopping 20-6 advantage in shots. In the men’s contest, the powerful East team, with nine NCAA Division I scholarship players on the roster, rolled to a convincing 7-2 triumph.

Cody Arnoux of Wilmington New Hanover, had a goal and three assists to earn MVP honors. He is headed to Wake Forest.

Zack Schlawski of Cary, along with Marc Moore and Justin Wyatt of Raleigh Sanderson, each had a pair of goals for the East.

The East trailed 1-0 but roared back with four before intermission.

Simon Terrell Remembered By Cary High Organization

CARY—Former North Carolina High School Athletic Association executive director Simon Terrell has been memorialized at the school where he was a successful coach.

In May, about 45 members of the White Imp Club of the Fifties, an organization consisting of former Cary High School athletes, gathered to dedicate a bench in memory of Terrell. The bench is located in front of the old Cary High School entrance on Academy Street.

Terrell, who died in July of 2005, coached at Cary from 1952 to 1954 and won a state basketball championship there. He was executive director of the NCHSAA from 1967 to 1984. The White Imp Club of the Fifties holds a reunion every year for athletes who played for Coach Terrell, along with its basketball players and cheerleaders who participated at the school even if they didn’t play for Coach Terrell personally.

The club also sponsors the Simon Terrell Scholarship, which is awarded to a Cary High senior athlete, in the amount of $1500.

The Cary Parks and Recreation and Cultural Resources department helped arrange the purchase and the placement of the bench.

Mrs. Betsy Terell, the widow of former NCHSAA executive director Simon Terrell, cuts the ribbon on a bench at Cary High School dedicated to Terrell’s memory. Terrell coached at Cary before joining the NCHSAA.
Sportsmanship Recognition for NCHSAA Student-Athletes
As “Heart Of A Champion” Winners Honored

CHAPEL HILL—Some 33 student-athletes from North Carolina High School Athletic Association member schools have been 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. Mark Dreibelbis, NCHSAA assistant executive director, and student services assistant Chiquana Dancy 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 2005-06 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 luncheon on June at the Radisson Governors’ Inn in the Research Triangle Park.

GlaxoSmithKline Heart of a Champion 2006 Honorees:

Alaina Stella Alevizatos Millbrook, Raleigh
Michael Allen Kings Mountain
Thomas Baker Asheville
Jacob Michael Bright Southern Alamance
Duncan Briley Whiteville
Lauren Brown West Montgomery
Lauren Burgeson Southern Alamance
Myisha LaTarra Clark South Stanly
Emily Grace Cole Whiteville
Kendra Leigh Ferguson Clyde A. Erwin, Asheville
Allison Frazier East Columbus
Jeremiah Paul Fryar East Columbus
Sara Kathryn Garrell Asheville
Stephanie M. Green North Wilkes
Nicole Harris West Rowan
Keri Frances Holman Sanderson, Raleigh
David Jackson East Bladen
Cameron Kirby Ayden-Grifton
Lauren Burgeson Bunker Hill, Claremont
Myisha LaTarra Clark Bunker Hill, Claremont
Emily Grace Cole Bunker Hill, Claremont
Kendra Leigh Ferguson Bunker Hill, Claremont
Keri Frances Holman West Rowan
Lauren Brown Ayden-Grifton
Lauren Burgeson Clyde A. Erwin, Asheville

West Stars Hold Off East In Wide-Open 28-26 Football Game

GREENSBORO—The West All-Stars rolled up a big 28-0 lead and then held off a furious comeback by the East to take a narrow 28-26 decision in the North Carolina Coaches’ Association all-star football game at Jamieson Stadium.

The West led 21-0 at halftime and 28-0 midway through the third quarter before the East came roaring back in the wild affair.

Darren Obaji of East Wake caught a 70-yard bomb from Southern Durham’s Kevin Atkins with 1:39 to go to pull the East to within 28-26, but the two-point conversion failed due to a botched snap and the West held on to win.

Receiver Curtis Bristol of Morganton Freedom, who caught a pair of touchdown passes from Charlotte Providence quarterback Michael Remley for the West, was named the game’s offensive Most Valuable Player. He had four receptions for 59 total yards. East Henderson’s Michael Angram rushed for 147 yards for the winners.

West defensive back Cameron McGlenn, who had seven tackles and forced a fumble, was the game’s defensive MVP.

The 54 points in the game by the two teams represented the highest total in the all-star contest since 1991 and 56 in the all-time record in the series. The East beat the West 42-14 in the 1976 game.

East, West Split NCCA All-Star Basketball Contests

GREENSBORO—The East and West split a pair of games in the North Carolina Coaches’ Association all-star basketball games at the Greensboro Coliseum.

In the women’s game, Bertie’s Jessica Breland was the Most Valuable Player as the East defeated the West 80-67.

Breland, who will play at the University of North Carolina, scored 17 points and pulled down eight rebounds to lead the way. East teammate Jacobia Lucas from Wilson Beddingfield added 11 and Midway’s Lauren Cochran scored 10 points.

The West was paced by Sophilia Hipp of North Rowan with 13 points.

The East all-stars led 34-30 at halftime and then opened up a 14-point lead midway through the third quarter en route to its 18th win in the 32-game series.

Greensboro Dudley’s William Graves pumped in 24 points and hauled down nine rebounds to lead the West to a 109-93 victory in the men’s contest.

The West actually trailed 47-39 at the half before exploding for 70 points in the final two quarters.

Graves, headed to UNC, was the game’s MVP. Shelby guard Danny Sanders added 20 points for the winners and Jamie Sken of North Mecklenburg, Wake Forest-bound, chipped in with 13 points and eight boards.

Drew Jackson of Wilmington New Hanover paced the East with 19 points.
Special Recognition For Your “Hero”  

By KAREN DEHART  
NCHSAA Director of Development

Each of us has special people and loved ones that play important roles in our lives - a parent, sibling, spouse, grandparent, beloved pet, or perhaps there is a significant person outside your immediate family, a special 'Hero’, who helped shape your life into what it is today and had a significant and positive influence upon your life - a teacher, coach, mentor.

As we head into the 2006-07 school year, please remember that the North Carolina High School Athletic Association has a wonderful vehicle through which individuals can make tax-deductible donations to the NCHSAA Endowment Fund 'In Honor’ or 'In Memory’ of a special ‘Hero’. 

Since the inception of the Fund in 1991, donors have taken advantage of this special way to recognize people who make a difference or have made a difference in their respective lives. Over 500 honorariums and over 600 memorials have been made in the past fourteen years! In line with these statistics, we are pleased to announce that staff will compile a cumulative HONOR ROLL and a cumulative MEMORIAL LIST showcasing all the fine individuals who have been honored or memorialized during the fifteen-year period. We will feature these in several NCHSAA publications as well as on the official NCHSAA web site.

How can you make a tax-deductible donation to honor or memorialize a special 'Hero’ in your life? Complete an NCHSAA Donor Card (you can find this form on-line at: http://www.nchsaa.org/genPage/index.pl?pgid=52) or simply attach a note to your donation stating your wishes and mail to NCHSAA Endowment Fund, PO Box 3216, Chapel Hill, NC 27515-3216. In addition, the staff will also notify next of kin when donations are made ‘In Memory’ of a loved one and will notify the honoree when an ‘In Honor’ donation is made.

The next time you wonder how to honor or memorialize a significant and special individual in your life, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the NCHSAA Endowment Fund in the person’s honor or memory.

Questions? Please contact Karen DeHart, development director (919-962-0293 or kmdehart@email.unc.edu) or Mary Vrnak, assistant (919-962-7816; mvrnak@email.unc.edu). Thank you for your consideration and best wishes for a fabulous year!

Atlantic Coast Conference Lists League Championships Held In North Carolina

GREENSBORO—The Atlantic Coast Conference has listed a number of its conference championships for the coming year that may be of interest to North Carolina High School Athletic Association member schools.

The conference has always believed that NCHSAA member schools, coaches and athletes might want to attend an ACC championship being held in the state of North Carolina.

Here is a list of sports, dates, sites and contacts for information on a variety of ACC events being held in our state:

• women’s soccer at the SAS Soccer Complex at Cary on November 3 and 5, 2006; for more information contact Keith Jenkins at (919) 858-0489
• women’s field hockey at the University of North Carolina on November 2-3 and 5, 2006; for more information contact Ellen Culler at (919) 962-0463
• women’s swimming and diving at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on February 14-17, 2006; for more information contact Angie Bitting at (919) 962-7777;
• men’s swimming and diving at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on February 21-24, 2006; for more information contact Angie Bitting at (919) 962-7777;
• wrestling at North Carolina State University on March 3, 2007; for more information contact Jon Fagg at (336) 515-2102
• women’s basketball at the Greensboro Coliseum on March 1-4, 2007; for more information contact Scott Johnson at (336) 373-7400;
• men’s and women’s tennis at Cary Tennis Center in on April 19-22, 2007; for more information contact Linda Smith at (919) 462-2071;
• women’s golf at Carmel Country Club at in Charlotte on April 13-15, 2007; for more information contact Kris Willet at (336) 854-8787, ext. 240
• men’s golf at Old North State Club at Uwharrie Point in New London on April 20-22, 2007; for more information contact Tom Ducey at (336) 461-2610;
• women’s lacrosse at the University of North Carolina on April 26-27 and 29, 2007; for more information contact Karen DeHart, development director (919-962-0293 or kmdehart@email.unc.edu) or Mary Vrnak, assistant (919-962-7816; mvrnak@email.unc.edu).

The Bulletin is pleased to provide this service to its readers.
A Championship Story Maybe You Didn’t Hear About

One of the great traditions in sports, in my opinion, is the handshake line at the end of a series in the Stanley Cup playoffs in the National Hockey League.

Two teams have gone at one another in a very physical, passionate, emotional series of games with a lot on the line, but when it is over, they line up and congratulate one another on the effort.

And one of the things that really impresses me about this is that these don’t appear to be the perfunctory “good game...good game” thing that is quickly dismissed and done just because it’s expected. Maybe I was more aware of this whole tradition during the spring and summer because the Carolina Hurricanes made their great Stanley Cup run (yes, redneck hockey, as the T-shirt says, has its place!).

But I watched with particular interest after the Buffalo-Carolina series for the Eastern Conference championship, which by all accounts was an emotional, draining seven-game affair with tempers fueled throughout by some interesting comments by Buffalo coach Lindy Ruff. When the players shook hands, though, there appeared to be sincere good wishes being passed between them. There were more than a few embraces—dueling goalies Ryan Miller and Cam Ward shared some time together—in the best tradition of sportsmanship. When the game was over, I actually made sure I watched the post-game just to see this take place.

So, what does any of this have to do with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association? Glad you asked.

At thousands of NCHSAA events during the course of the year, on much smaller stages than the attention a Stanley Cup series can garner, episodes that epitomize the best tradition of sportsmanship occur. No television cameras or national media, no columns in big newspapers extolling the feat; it reminds me of the old saw that character is who we are when nobody is looking.

One of those episodes happened at the NCHSAA state softball championships in June, and it bears repeating if, for no other reason, as one great example of what we and other state associations are all about.

It’s the first day of the state championships at Walnut Creek, a day that has been plagued by rain. Action began at 5 p.m., with the schedule calling for games at five o’clock and 7:30 on each of eight fields.

But typical summer storms, replete with rain and lightning, hit the complex and don’t help the schedule at all. Some of the opening games get finished, but others are suspended and will have to be resumed on Saturday. Coaches and athletes are frustrated by the inability to follow the schedule due to the weather, even though this is a trademark of spring sports.

With the weather as it is—and keep in mind these fields don’t include covered stadium-style seating, so with weather delays people have to retreat to their cars and athletes to their activity buses—there is all kinds of movement from bus to field, from field to bus, awaiting announcements of resumption of play and the like.

North Davidson, one of the contenders for the 4-A title, is moving its equipment in a wagon from its field to the bus. Suddenly, one of the wheels comes off the wagon and it comes crashing to a halt, equipment toppling off every which way.

The Kings Mountain softball team is on its bus as the rain is coming down and notices the North Davidson dilemma. Kings Mountain is battling for the 3-A crown, but is locked in a score-less extra inning game that had to be suspended. But its players aren’t too concerned about that right now; they just see another softball team in the tournament that is having some problems.

So several of the Kings Mountain players spill off the bus, go to the aid of the North Davidson party and help them get the equipment to their bus.

Did Kings Mountain have to do that? Would anybody have said anything if those players hadn’t done that? Did they do it to get some kind of “brownie points” or recognition or somehow to help their team win the tournament?

You know the answer to all of those questions. It’s just another example—one shining moment, if you will—of the beauty of good sportsmanship that is practiced by so many NCHSAA teams in so many different sports.

Oh, people yelled at umpires during that same tournament and coaches got upset with tournament officials and players probably even chirped at other players at some point in a game.

For some, though, our lasting memory of the 2006 state softball championships will be something that didn’t even happen on the field.

And those are the sorts of lessons that are being learned—and put into practice—by many of our student-athletes.

That is why many of us do what we do.

Ed Tindal Honored
By Special Day In Apex

APEX—Saturday, June 3, was a special day in Apex as it had been declared Ed Tindal Day by Apex town officials.

The day was highlighted by a special reception and ceremony honoring the long-time athletic director at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center in Apex.

Booster club members, Apex High School officials, athletic directors from neighboring schools and Apex athletes were all on hand to honor the retiring Apex athletic director.

Tindal became the Apex athletic director in 1993 and serve in that capacity 13 years. He graduated from Apex High in 1964, attended Louisburg Junior College and later graduated from Campbell University in 1969.

Tindal helped start Wake Christian Academy’s athletics program and coached state championship basketball teams there. After a stint coaching in Johnston County, Tindal returned to Apex and in 1977, he started Apex High’s cross country program and coached the track team.

In 1981, he moved to Apex Middle School, where he served as athletic director and coached both football and track until his return to the high school level.
2006 Wachovia Conference Cup Winners Announced

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association has announced the final standings in the Wachovia Conference Cup competition for the 2005-2006 academic year. The Wachovia Conference Cup, sponsored annually by Wachovia and sanctioned by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, recognizes high school sports programs that achieve the best overall performance within their respective athletic conferences. Wachovia has sponsored the conference awards program since 1980.

The Wachovia Conference Cup—formerly known as the Wachovia Trophy—is a companion to the Wachovia Cup, a statewide award given to schools with the best overall interscholastic athletic performance in each of the four classifications.

In most conferences, points are awarded based on participation and standings in conference play. Each conference determines its own method of awarding points. Conferences are listed alphabetically by classification.

Class 1-A Conference Results
- Albemarle 1-A: Manteo secured the conference cup with first-place finishes in baseball and softball. Second-place finishes in baseball and softball allowed Camden to secure second place in the conference.
- Atlantic Eight 1-A: After leading the entire year, Williamston sealed the deal with a first-place finish in baseball and softball. Roanoke slipped past Bear Grass for second place in the conference.
- Carolina 1-A: North Johnston had an outstanding season and finished the year in first place with conference championships in golf, softball, and women’s outdoor track. Rosewood landed in second with first-place finishes in men’s outdoor track and women’s soccer.
- Coastal Plains 1-A: Topsail took the conference crown by finishing first in women’s track and golf and tying for first in baseball. Second place went to East Carteret, which finished first in softball and tied for first in baseball.
- Northwest 1-A: Top finishes in the fall and winter and a first-place finish in women’s soccer helped Bishop McGuinness to the title. Mount Airy’s first-place finish in tennis wasn’t enough to boost it into first overall.
- Smoky Mountain 1-A: After running neck and neck with Murphy all year, Hayesville pulled ahead at the end and finished first place with a league title in baseball. A first-place finish in golf secured second place for Murphy.
- Super Six 1-A: Wallace-Rose Hill clinched the conference crown with top finishes in men’s and women’s outdoor track. Second place went to Union, which had a first-place finish in softball.
- Tar Roanoke 1-A: Louisburg earned first place in baseball, softball and men’s and women’s track and field, leading it to another excellent season and the conference crown. Although Southeast Halifax didn’t win any spring conference titles, it was still able to hold on to second place.
- Yadkin Valley 1-A: With first place finishes in baseball and soccer, Chatham Central was able to clinch the conference cup. Jordan-Matthews was able to overtake Thomasville with a first-place finish in golf and captured second overall.

Class 1-A/2-A Conference Results
- Mid-State 1-A/2-A: Cardinal Gibbons had a strong finish and secured the conference crown with four championships in tennis, soccer, men’s outdoor track and golf. Second place went to Cedar Ridge, which finished first in women’s outdoor track and baseball.
- Rocky River 1-A/2-A: West Stanly recorded a championship in baseball and second place in softball to clinch the top spot in the conference. North Stanly finished first in women’s soccer and second in golf, allowing it to take second place.
- Southern Piedmont 1-A/2-A: East Lincoln earned league titles in soccer, tennis and men’s and women’s outdoor track to take first place in the conference. North Lincoln fell to second, but won a conference championship in softball.
- Waccamaw 1-A/2-A: With a first-place finish in baseball, Whiteville was able to hold on to the top spot and take first place in the conference. South Brunswick slipped past North Brunswick with top finishes in golf and soccer to close out the year in second place.
- Western Highlands 1-A/2-A: Polk County held on to first place with championships in men’s and women’s outdoor track and a tie for first in soccer. Owen recorded first-place finishes in baseball and softball and finished as runner-up.

Class 2-A Conference Results
- Central Carolina 2-A: Salisbury secured the top spot over North Rowan in the conference with a first-place finish in women’s outdoor track and second in men’s outdoor track and soccer. Ledford advanced to second place with a conference crown in golf and second place in softball, women’s outdoor track and tennis.
- East Central 2-A: Conference championships in golf and men’s outdoor track helped East Duplin pass Southwest Onslow for first place. Southwest Onslow fell to second, finishing third in men’s track.
- Eastern Plains 2-A: Farmville Central won the tight point race with championships in men’s and women’s outdoor track. Greene Central placed second overall, taking first in tennis.
- Mountain Valley 2-A: After sitting in third place after the winter season, Ledford earned three first-place finishes in baseball, softball and golf to march to the conference crown. Wilkes Central dropped to second place with a conference title in soccer.
- North State 2-A: West Stokes secured the conference cup with championships in women’s outdoor track, softball and baseball. McMichael remained in second place, taking second in tennis.
- Northern Carolina 2-A: Recording first-place finishes in baseball and men’s outdoor track, Southern Vance improved to first place and took the conference cup. Bunn moved into second place with conference championships in softball and women’s outdoor track.
- Western Athletic 2-A: West Henderson had an excellent season and took the conference cup with championships in men’s and women’s outdoor track, baseball and golf. Brevard followed in second and recorded first place in tennis.

Class 2-A/3-A Conference Results:
- Catawba Valley 2-A/3-A: Hickory had another terrific season and won the point race with top finishes in golf, men’s outdoor track, soccer and tennis. St. Stephens, which recorded titles in men’s outdoor track and softball, finished in second place.
- Northeastern Coastal 2-A/3-A: First Flight clinched the top spot in the conference with a first-place finish in soccer and second-place finishes in tennis and women’s outdoor track. A
championship in softball and runner-up finishes in baseball and soccer helped Currituck County improve to second place.  

**Southwestern 2-A/3-A:** Top finishes in golf and tennis led Shelby to the conference crown. R-S Central followed not too far behind in second place and ended the season with a championship in women’s outdoor track.

**Class 3-A Conference Results:**

- **Cape Fear Valley 3-A:** After leading the entire year, Union Pines secured first place in the conference with championships in tennis and soccer. Harnett Central claimed second place with a first-place finish in softball and second-place finishes in baseball, tennis and men’s outdoor track.

- **Eastern Carolina 3-A:** Hunt and C.B. Aycock battled neck and neck throughout the spring before Hunt edged Aycock by just two points. Hunt and Aycock shared the softball crown, while Hunt was tied for second in women’s soccer.

- **Mid-Piedmont 3-A:** Ragsdale had a great spring and took the conference cup with championships in baseball, golf, soccer, tennis and men’s and women’s outdoor track. Southeast Guilford nosed out Asheboro for second place with runner-up finishes in golf, soccer and tennis.

- **Mid-State 3-A:** Williams earned first-place finishes in golf, soccer and tennis, leading it to the conference crown. Eastern Alamance followed in second place in the points race.

- **Mountain Athletic 3-A:** Conference championships in men’s and women’s outdoor track, tennis, baseball and soccer helped T.C. Roberson secure first place for the year. Franklin took second place in the conference overall.

- **New Six 3-A:** After running close to each other all year, Fike pulled out ahead of Rocky Mount by recording top finishes in soccer, softball and golf. Rocky Mount followed in second place with championships in women’s outdoor track and baseball.

- **North Piedmont 3-A:** Mooresville recorded titles in golf, men’s outdoor track and tennis to take first place in the conference. Lake Norman secured second with titles in soccer and golf.

- **Piedmont Triad 3-A:** Southwest Guilford used its championships in soccer and tennis and a tie for first in baseball to take first place overall in the conference. A championship in golf and first-place ties in softball and baseball helped Glenn secure second place.

- **South Piedmont 3-A:** After finishing third in the winter standings, Sun Valley jumped to first place in the conference with a championship in soccer and second-place finishes in soccer and women’s outdoor track. A.L. Brown fell to second, although it won the championship in golf.

- **Triad 3-A:** Western Guilford took first place in the conference with Northeast Guilford following in the runner-up spot.

**Class 3-A/4-A Conference Results:**

- **Big South 3-A/4-A:** Ashbrook recorded titles in soccer and men’s outdoor track to take the conference cup. A championship in golf helped Forestview secure second place overall.

- **Coastal 3-A/4-A:** First place went to J.H. Rose, which finished first in tennis and women’s outdoor track. New Bern captured championships in golf, soccer and men’s outdoor track to secure second place.

- **Mideastern 3-A/4-A:** New Hanover clinched the conference crown with championships in baseball and golf. John T. Hoggard followed in second place with league crowns in soccer and tennis.

- **Queen City 3-A/4-A:** Charlotte Catholic finished first in baseball, soccer, golf and tennis, leading it to the conference cup. Harding University trailed in second place, taking titles in men’s and women’s outdoor track.

- **Southwestern 4-A:** Broughton won the point race with a championship in softball, and shared the baseball title. Terry Sanford, the winner in men’s tennis and co-champ in women’s soccer, was second.

**Class 4-A Conference Results:**

- **CAP Seven 4-A:** Conference crowns in soccer, golf and tennis led Broughton to the conference cup. Leesville Road finished as runner-up with a second-place finish in soccer.

- **Central Piedmont 4-A:** Mount Tabor led during the fall and winter seasons, but ended up in a deadlock for first with West Forsyth. West Forsyth recorded a championship in golf while Mount Tabor had second place finishes in men’s and women’s outdoor track. R.J. Reynolds followed in third and earned titles in men’s and women’s outdoor track and tennis.

- **Greater Neuse River 4-A:** Clayton won the point race with a championship in golf and ties for first in baseball and softball. First-place finishes in soccer and men’s and women’s track helped Southeast Raleigh secure second place overall.

- **Mid-Southeastern 4-A:** Conference titles in soccer, golf and men’s outdoor track led Pinecrest to first place in the conference. Jack Britt took second with championships in softball and tennis.

- **Northwestern 4-A:** A.C. Reynolds closed the year with championships in baseball, softball and men’s outdoor track to take the conference crown. Freedom tied for first in softball and took second place overall. Conference standings: A.C. Reynolds 102.5, Freedom 88.5, Watauga 87, South Caldwell 73, East Burke 63.5, Alexander Central 59.5 and McDowell 57.

**ME-CA Six 4-A:** North Mecklenburg won a championship in golf and finished second in soccer to take first place in the conference. Hopewell barely passed Central Cabarrus for second place and took the conference championship in soccer.

- **Metro 4-A:** Northwest Guilford landed the top spot in the conference with a first-place finish in softball and a tie for first in golf. A championship in men’s outdoor track and a tie for first in soccer lead Page past Grimsley for second place in the conference.

- **PAC Six 4-A:** Championships in lacrosse and men’s track helped Chapel Hill cruise past the competition for first place in the conference. Riverside inched by East Chapel Hill for second place and recorded championships in baseball and golf.

- **Southwestern 4-A:** Providence swept the conference crown, taking first place in baseball, tennis and women’s track in the spring. Myers Park nosed out South Mecklenburg for second. Conference standings: Providence 174, Myers Park 157.5, South Mecklenburg 156.5, David Butler 150, Weddington 145, East Mecklenburg 130, and Independence 116.

- **Tri-Seven 4-A:** Apex took first place in the conference by earning championships in baseball and men’s lacrosse. Green Hope followed in second place.

- **Two Rivers 4-A:** South View had a strong spring and pulled away to win the overall crown. South View teams won both track championships and shared the baseball title. Terry Sanford, the winner in men’s tennis and co-champ in women’s soccer, was second.

**North Carolina Football Coaches Make Date Change For Winter Meeting**

The North Carolina Football Coaches Association’s winter meeting has had a date change. The football coaches will now meet at the downtown Marriott in Greensboro on February 9-10, 2007. Please make a note of the date change.
Final 2005-06 Wachovia Cup State Standings Announced

Wachovia Bank, N.A., along with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, today announced the final standings for the Wachovia Cup competitions for the 2005-2006 sports season.

The Wachovia Cup award, sponsored by Wachovia Bank, N.A., and the NCHSAA, recognizes the high schools that achieve the best overall interscholastic athletic performance within each of the state's four competitive classifications. The Wachovia Cup program concluded in its 27th year in 2005-06.

Topsail was able to break the two-year streak by Durham School of the Arts by claiming its first-ever cup in the 1-A classification. There was also a new champion in 2-A, as Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons was able to secure the top spot. Skyland T.C. Roberson rolled past Charlotte Catholic to its second consecutive first—place finish in the 3-A classification. Charlotte Providence paced the 4-A classification, taking its third straight Wachovia title.

In the 1-A classification, Topsail placed in four out of the seven spring sports. A second place finish in men's tennis, fifth in women's outdoor track, and a trip to the quarterfinals in baseball helped Topsail to a total of 392.86 points. Polk County took home second place after finishing third in women's soccer and fourth in men's outdoor track to compile 357.5 points. A quarterfinals appearance in men's tennis, a tie for sixth in men's track, and a fifth place finish in men's golf helped Hendersonville secure third, with 332.5.

In the 2-A classification, champion Cardinal Gibbons clinched the top spot with 562.5 points resulting from a first-place finish in men’s tennis and two runner-up finishes in women’s outdoor track and men’s golf. West Henderson, with 375 points, remains in second place for the year due to placing fourth in men’s golf and women’s track and sharing fifth place in baseball. With 310 points, Cedar Ridge moved into the third-place position, securing a third in women’s track and tying for fifth in baseball.

In the 3-A classification, T.C. Roberson scored the most points out of any school in each of the classifications with 600 points. Securing points in five out of seven spring sports, Roberson earned second-place finishes in both men’s and women’s track. Charlotte Catholic, with 422.5 points, clinched a fifth-place tie in women’s soccer to land in second place overall. Burlington Williams took third place, finishing second in men’s tennis to accumulate 398.75 points.

In the 4-A classification, after a close race all year, Charlotte Providence clinched first with 472.5 points, leaving Apex in second place with 377.5 points. Providence used second-place finishes in men’s tennis and women’s soccer and a third in men’s golf to secure its third straight cup. Apex finished third in women’s track and tied for fifth in women’s soccer. Raleigh Broughton, with 332.5 points, brought home a state crown in women’s soccer and a runner-up spot in men’s golf to finish in third place overall.

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 the 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 then eight schools from a classification compete in a sport, only those schools that are represented are eligible to receive the 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

In the 1-A classification, Topsail placed 1st with 392.86 points. Polk County placed 2nd with 357.5 points. Hendersonville took 3rd with 332.5 points. Raleigh Charter was 4th with 247.5 points.

In the 2-A classification, Cardinal Gibbons won with 562.5 points. West Henderson was 2nd with 375 points. Cedar Ridge finished 3rd with 310 points. Reidsville Senior was 4th with 290 points.

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In the 4-A classification, Charlotte Providence was 1st with 472.5 points. Apex was 2nd with 377.5 points. Raleigh Broughton was 3rd with 332.5 points. Chapel Hill was 4th with 325 points.

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York Leads East Surry To Team Title In 1-A Golf Championships

SILER CITY—Johnson York of East Surry took medalist honors and led his team to the team championship on in the ninth annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A men’s golf championship at the Siler City Country Club.

York had rounds of 70 and 77 for a 147 total, and the three-over par mark was good for a one-shot edge over Craig Wood of Siler City Jordan-Matthews. Benjy Davey of West Montgomery was third, two shots back, and Tommy Gibson of East Surry won a three-way playoff for fourth place.

East Surry’s team total of 610 was good for a 14-shot margin over runner-up Jordan-Matthews. It was the best team score ever recorded in the separate 1-A tournament, eclipsing a mark of 614 Jordan-Matthews shot in the 2004 1-A event at Longleaf.

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**NCHSAA 9th ANNUAL CLASS A MEN’S STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS—2006**

**FINAL TEAM SCORES**

1. East Surry 299-311—610
2. Siler City Jordan-Matthews 303-321—624
3. Mount Airy 315-325—640
4. Cherryville 330-327—657
5. Hendersonville 332-335—667
6. Ayden-Gifcon 340-352—692
7. Hayesville 344-349—693
8. North Johnston 346-351—697
9. Lejeune 364-335—699
10. Princeton 349-351—693
11. East Duplin 358-355—713
12. East Bladen 365-369—734

**FINAL INDIVIDUAL LEADERS**

1. Johnson York, East Surry 70-77—147
2. Craig Wood, Siler City Jordan-Matthews 70-78—148
3. Benjy Davey, West Montgomery 77-72—149
4. Tommy Gibson, East Surry 77-73—150
5. Steven Dellinger, Cherryville 75-75—150
6. Tyler Zimmerman, Elkin 72-78—150

* Gibson took fourth in a two-hole playoff; Zimmerman eliminated on first sudden death hole

Ledford Repeats In State 2-A Golf; Salisbury’s Collins Is Medalist

BUIES CREEK—Salisbury’s Will Collins fired a brilliant four-under 68 in the final round to capture the individual crown in the 21st annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A men’s golf championships at Keith Hills Country Club.

Collins had a 36-hole total of 143 after a first-day 75 and vaulted into the top spot over Ryan Lavelle of Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons, one of the co-leaders after the first round. Lavelle finished with a 145 and Ledford’s Nick Goins was in third place, three shots off the pace.

Ledford successfully defended its 2-A team title with a pair of sub-300 rounds, tallying a 596 to take the championship by 13 shots over Cardinal Gibbons. Ledford placed three golfers in the top 11, including Goins, Jeff Boyan (tied for ninth) and Paxton Davis (tied for 11th).

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**NCHSAA 21st ANNUAL STATE 2-A MEN’S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**FINAL TEAM STANDINGS**

1. Ledford 299-297—596
2. Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons 302-307—609
3. Salisbury 315-300—615
4. West Henderson 304-314—618
5. East Davidson 309-310—619
6. East Bend Forbush 316-310—626
7. Mayodan Dalton McMichael 320-316—636
8. South Brunswick 318-319—637
9. Reidsville 316-324—640
10. North Surry 322-315—637
11. Richlands 321-336—657
12. East Duplin 323-336—659

**FINAL INDIVIDUAL LEADERS**

1. Will Collins, Salisbury 75-68—143
2. Ryan Lavelle, Cardinal Gibbons 71-74—145
3. Nick Goins, Ledford 75-71—146
4. Kenny Bethea, North Lincoln 71-77—148
5. Mark Garrison, West Henderson 77-72—149

Charlotte Catholic’s Muscatell Is 3-A Winner; Tuscola Takes Team Title

FOX FIRE VILLAGE—Michael Muscatell of Charlotte Catholic fired a blistering five-under par 67 to rally and win the individual championship in the 21st annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men’s golf championships at the Fox Fire Resort and Golf Club West Course.

Muscatell, who was the 2-A champion a year ago but was playing in the 3-A tournament since Catholic moved up in the current realignment, had nine-hole scores of 32 and 35 on Tuesday for a 36-hole score of 138, moving up from a tie for fourth after the first day. He took the crown by one shot over John T. Griffin of Wilson Fike, who had a final round 69.

Tuscola, seventh in last year’s 3-A event, had a pair of solid rounds to finish with a 588 team total, good for a 12-shot advantage over Hickory. Wilson Fike finished third at 606 and Gastonia Forestview was one shot back in fourth at 607.

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Younts Comes Back To Win, Green Hope Is Top 4-A Team

PINEHURST—Senior Drew Younts of Northwest Guilford roared from behind to successfully defend his individual championship and win the 70th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men’s golf championships at Pinehurst number six.

Younts recorded a one-over par 145 for the 36-hole event with a 72 on the final day to win the event by a single shot. The Northwest golfer entered the final round tied for 10th.

Three golfers finished in a tie for second, including Ben Wright of Crest, Nik Peterson of Charlotte Providence and Cory Nagy of Charlotte Vance, but it was broken by a one-hole playoff. Wright birdied the extra hole while Peterson made par and Nagy had a bogey to shake out all three positions in the standings.

Morrisville Green Hope held on to the edge in the team standings it had established in the first round as Wake County schools took three of the top four spots. Green Hope had a 592 itings it had established in the first round as Wake County schools took three of the top four spots. Green Hope had a 592

Outstanding Performances Abound

In 2-A, 4-A NCHSAA Track

GREENSBORO—Gabby Mayo of Southeast Raleigh had a record-setting night in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state track and field championships at the Irwin Belk Track at North Carolina A&T State University.

Mayo won the maximum four events as she was named the Most Valuable Performer in the 4-A women’s meet. She won the two hurdle events and also finished first in the 100 in a blistering time of 13.60 seconds, breaking a 20-year old all-classifications record in that event that was held by Pam Doggett of Greensboro Dudley at 13.86 seconds. To top it off, she also won the 200.

Mayo led Southeast Raleigh to victory in what was basically a two-team race. Southeast tallied 136 points to 107 for Charlotte’s Harding University. Apex was a distant third with 37.

Camorean Haynes of Harding, the current 4-A record holder in both the shot and discus, won both of those events.

Sallie Gugarus of Watauga set a new all-classifications record in the women’s pole vault, clearing 12 feet, one inch, winning her event by over one foot.

Clayton’s Johnny Dutch, one of the fastest hurdlers in the nation, won both the 110 high hurdles and the 300 intermediate hurdles in the 4-A men’s meet and set two new records in the process to earn men’s MVP honors. He broke one of the longest-standing North Carolina high school track marks in the high hurdles, established 25 years ago by William Cooper of East Forsyth. Dutch posted a 13.55 in that event, besting the old standard of 13.86 seconds.

New Bern held off a challenge by Charlotte Vance and Garner to take the team title for 4-A men, scoring 62 points. Vance had 58 and Garner 55 points.

Jack Bolas of Chapel Hill set a new state overall record in the 400 with a tremendous 4:04.38 effort.

In the 2-A men’s competition, Thomas Huntley of East Lincoln turned in a phenomenal performance by winning three events, including the high jump, long jump and triple jump en route to the meet MVP. Brandon Ashcroft of Monroe was a double state champ, taking the 200 and 400.

Huntley’s heroes weren’t quite enough to lift his team to the title, though, as North Brunswick took the crown after winning the 1-A men’s championship last year and then moving up in the new realignment. The Scorpions tallied 50.5 points to slip past North Rowan and break its string of consecutive titles at three. North Rowan was second with 48, followed by East Lincoln (47), Monroe (42) and Southern Vance (40).

Burlington Cummings won the women’s competition in 2-A
with 73 points to 62 for runner-up Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons. Hillsborough Cedar Ridge was third with 46, followed by West Henderson (39) and North Henderson (35).

Latoya James of Cummings led her team to the title and earned the meet MVP, capturing both hurdle events and also running on a pair of championship relay teams.

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**1-A, 3-A Classifications Hold State Track And Field Championships**

GREENSBORO—Melanie Frye of West Wilkes won three events to lead her team to the 1-A women’s team title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state track and field championships at the Irwin Belk Track at North Carolina A&T State University.

Frye won the long jump, pole vault and 100 hurdles as West Wilkes won its first women’s state track title ever, scoring 53 points to 43.5 for runner-up Swain County. North Stokes was third with 39, followed by Hayesville (38) and Hampstead Topsail (35).

Shaquita Copeland of Perquimans was the state champ in both the 200 and 400.

South Stokes cruised to the 1-A men’s championship, tallying 77 points to hold a 29-point advantage over second-place Pamlico. Chocowinity Southside was in third with 46, followed by Polk (39), East Carteret (34) and Rocky Point Heide Trask (31).

Sam Brinson led the way for South Stokes and was the meet MVP, sweeping to victory in the 800, 1600 and 3200.

In 3-A, Asheville’s T.C. Roberson had a strong showing in both men and women but came up just short, finishing second in both meets. The Roberson men were just two points behind state champ Northern Nash’s 63 points, with Jacksonville in third with 57 followed by Winston-Salem Parkland (43), West Rowan (34) and a tie for sixth between Gray’s Creek and Burlington Williams with 23 each.

Josh Morgan of T.C. Roberson was the 3-A men’s MVP, winning both the 800 and 1600, anchoring the championship 3200 meter relay team and anchoring the 1600 meter relay squad which was second.

Jamestown Ragsdale won the 3-A women’s meet with 67 points, three ahead of Roberson, with Jacksonville in third with 54 points. Then came Western Guilford (51), High Point Andrews (47), and Parkland (39).

Sensational South Central sophomore Kelsey McCorkle captured top honors in both the 100 and 200, setting a new 3-A mark in the 100 at 11.79 seconds, and earned the 3-A women’s MVP.

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**Top Seeds Go On To Take Titles In Men’s 2-A Tennis Championships**

CARY—The top seeds in singles and doubles, both from Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons, went on to take state titles in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association men’s 2-A tennis championships at the Cary Tennis Center.

Will Rollinson of Cardinal Gibbons beat conference foe Britton Webb of Orange in a tough three-set match in the singles finals that lasted two and a half hours. Rollinson prevailed 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

The doubles duo of Clark Howell and Evan Goff won both of their matches on Saturday in straight sets, beating the second-seeded team of Zach Henson and Steve Harenburg of Brevard in the championship match, 6-3, 6-1.

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**MEN’S TENNIS**

Hopkins Stops John’s Bid To Repeat In 1-A Men’s Tennis Championships

CARY—David Hopkins of Winston-Salem Preparatory stopped William John’s bid for a third consecutive North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s state 1-A men’s singles tennis championship at the Cary Tennis Center.

Hopkins defeated the two-time defending champion from Mount Airy in the finals in straight 6-3 sets. The Mount Airy standout made the state 1-A singles finals in each of his four high school seasons, winning titles in ‘04 and ‘05 and finishing second in ‘03 and this year.

The Elkin duo of Matthew Wurdeman and Nick Holcomb won the doubles title, beating the Jordan-Matthews team of Jonathan Petty and Jonathan Scheetz, 6-4, 7-5.

In the nine years of a separate 1-A championship, an Elkin team has made it to the doubles finals eight times and the Buckin’ Elks have now earned six state crowns, including the last four in succession.

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**NCHSAA 2006 STATE MEN’S 1-A TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Cary Tennis Center, Cary**

**Singles-Championship**

David Hopkins (Winston-Salem Prep) def. William John (Mount Airy) 6-3, 6-3.

**Doubles-Championship**

Matthew Wurdeman-Nick Holcomb (Elkin) def. Jonathan Petty-Jonathan Scheetz (Siler City Jordan-Matthews) 6-4, 7-5.

**NCHSAA 2006 STATE 2-A MEN’S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Cary Tennis Center, Cary**

**Singles-Semifinals**

Will Rollinson (Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons) def. William Gray (Kill Devil Hills First Flight) 6-0, 6-1; Britton Webb (Orange) def. Ryan Daly (Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons) 6-1, 6-2.

**Singles-Championship**

Rollinson (Cardinal Gibbons) def. Webb (Orange) 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

**Doubles-Semifinals**

Clark Howell-Evan Goff (Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons) def. Alex Boehling-Collins Small (Edenton Holmes) 6-2, 7-5; Zach Henson-Steve Harenburg (Brevard) def. Jeff Fadool-Jon Fedorkowicz (Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons) 6-2, 6-3.

**Doubles-Championship**

Howell-Goff (Cardinal Gibbons) def. Henson-Harenburg (Brevard) 6-3, 6-1.
Hickory’s Crone, Ragsdale Duo Take Championships In 3-A Men’s Tennis

BURLINGTON—Hickory’s Andrew Crone battled back to win the singles title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men’s tennis championships at the Burlington Tennis Center.

Crone, the top seed, downed George Kernodle of Burlington Williams by 7-5, 6-1 in the final. Crone spurted to a 3-0 lead in the opening set, but Kernodle rallied to take a 5-4 advantage. However, Crone settled down to take the set and then dominated the second set to win the championship.

Kernodle, the second seed, was the 3-A singles runner-up a year ago.

Both singles finalists have had stellar high school careers, qualifying for the state event in each of their four years. Crone was part of a state doubles championship team as a freshman, but last year lost to Kernodle in the 3-A singles semifinals. Both Crone and Kernodle have earned regional titles in both singles and doubles.

The state doubles title went to the Jamestown Ragsdale pair of Trey Chatman and Ryan Kerr, who upended the top seeds from Asheville T.C. Roberson, Jacob Wright and Fabian Kaske. Chatman and Kerr scored a 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 triumph in the championship match.

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NCHSAA 2006 STATE MEN’S 3-A TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Burlington Tennis Center, Burlington

Singles-Semifinals
Andrew Crone (Hickory) def. Preston Spencer (Statesville) 7-5, 6-1; George Kernodle (Burlington Williams) def. Paul Bartholomy (Charlotte Catholic) 6-4, 6-4.

Singles-Championship
Crone (Hickory) def. Kernodle (Williams) 7-5, 6-1.

Doubles-Semifinals
Jacob Wright-Fabian Kaske (Asheville T.C. Roberson) def. Thomas Fanjoy-Luke Gillis (Statesville) 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; Trey Chatman-Ryan Kerr (Jamestown Ragsdale) def. Tripp Johnson-Tyler Maguerkurth (Hickory) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Doubles-Championship
Chatman-Kerr (Ragsdale) def. Wright-Kaske (T.C. Roberson) 6-4, 6-4.

Greenberg Wins Singles Title In 4-A Men’s Tennis Championships

CHAPEL HILL—Mike Greenberg of East Chapel Hill made the move up in classifications without much trouble, winning the singles title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A tennis championships at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center at the University of North Carolina.

Greenberg beat cross-town rival Andrew Malizia of Chapel Hill in straight sets in a morning semifinal and then defeated Michael Pereira of Fayetteville Jack Britt for the championship, 6-1, 6-3.

The top-seeded Greenberg was the 3-A runner-up in 2004 and won the 3-A championship in ’05, but East Chapel Hill moved to 4-A in the new alignment this year.

It was the first time in the last nine years that a Raleigh school failed to place a finalist in the 4-A men’s singles.

In doubles, the Fayetteville Terry Sanford team of Eric Noble and Ryan Noble survived a hard-fought three-set match in the finals and overcame Chapel Hill’s Chase Helpingstine and Austin Webb, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

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NCHSAA 2006 STATE 4-A MEN’S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Singles-Semifinals
Mike Greenberg (East Chapel Hill) def. Andrew Malizia (Chapel Hill) 6-2, 6-1; Michael Pereira (Fayetteville Jack Britt) def. Chris Sheehan (Charlotte Providence) 6-2, 6-4.

Singles-Championship
Greenberg (East Chapel Hill) def. Pereira (Fayetteville Jack Britt) 6-1, 6-3.

Doubles-Semifinals
Chase Helpingstine-Austin Webb (Chapel Hill) def. Joe May-Greg Simon (Greenville Rose) 6-1, 6-1; Eric Noble-Ryan Noble (Fayetteville Terry Sanford) def. Thomas Rickenbaker-Brendan O’Connor (Charlotte Providence) 6-4, 6-4.

Doubles-Championship
Noble-Noble (Fayetteville Terry Sanford) def. Helpingstine-Webb (Chapel Hill) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

Pender Downs East Surry To Win 1-A State Softball Championship

RALEIGH—Katie Rosenberger singled home Guss Crist with the only run of the day as Pender shut out East Surry 1-0 in nine innings to win the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A softball championship at the Walnut Creek Softball Complex.

Britney Roper, who went the distance on the mound for the winners, was named the Most Valuable Player of the championship. She struck out seven and allowed only three hits in the final.

Pender, battling its way through the losers’ bracket, forced the extra day of play by dealing East Surry its first loss of the double-elimination event 6-2 as sophomore Jennetta Robinson got a pair of hits and Roper earned another pitching victory.

Mallory Phillips went two for four for the victorious Patriots, who ended the season 25-6. Courtney Simmons had two of East Surry’s three hits as the defending state 1-A champs finished 31-3 overall.

2006 STATE 1-A SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

WALNUT CREEK SOFTBALL COMPLEX, RALEIGH

FRIDAY’S RESULTS—STATE SEMIFINALS
East Surry 5, Swain County 1
Jamesville 2, Pender 0
**Sutton Leads North Pitt To Victory In State 2-A Softball Championship**

RALEIGH—Pitcher Faith Sutton did not allow a run on the second day of play to lift North Pitt to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A softball championship at the Walnut Creek Softball Complex.

Sutton, the Most Valuable Player in the 2-A state tournament, struck out 17 in the championship game as North Pitt slipped past Central Davidson 1-0. Sutton outdueled Chelsea Leonard, who whiffed 16, in the decisive contest.

Tiffany Shaw’s RBI single in the bottom of the 11th scored Naquasia Howard with the winning run as North Pitt finished the year 27-2-1. Central Davidson was 23-7.

Central had lost to North Pitt earlier in the day by a 2-0 count in the winner’s bracket finals. Sutton struck out 13 and Leonard 14 in that one, but North plated two runs in the fourth for the margin of victory. Sutton helped her own cause with a run-scoring double.

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**2006 STATE 2-A SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**WALNUT CREEK SOFTBALL COMPLEX, RALEIGH**

**FRIDAY’S RESULTS—STATE SEMIFINALS**

Central Davidson 0, Canton Pisgah 0, game suspended in 7th
North Pitt 0, South Lenoir 0, game suspended in bottom of 7th

**SATURDAY’S RESULTS**

COMPLETION OF SUSPENDED GAMES

Central Davidson 1, Canton Pisgah 0
North Pitt 1, South Lenoir 0

**WINNERS’ BRACKET FINAL**

North Pitt 2, South Lenoir 0

**ELIMINATION GAME**

South Lenoir 2, Canton Pisgah 0

**LOSERS’ BRACKET FINAL**

Central Davidson 1, South Lenoir 0

**CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

North Pitt 1, Central Davidson 0

**Kings Mountain’s Childers Leads Team To Repeat State 3-A Softball Title**

RALEIGH—Junior Morgan Childers was named the Most Valuable Player as she led Kings Mountain to a string of 1-0 victories to earn the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A softball championship at the Walnut Creek Softball Complex.

Childers did amazing work in the tournament, pitching 37 innings and fanning 51. She struck out 10 in blanking Harnett Central in the championship game 1-0 Saturday night.

Casey Camp scored an unearned run off losing pitcher Lauren Taylor for the only tally in the final. Camp and Kristin Cogdill each had two hits for the winners, who won their second consecutive state crown and finished the year 29-1. Harnett Central finished 27-5.

Kings Mountain had opened play on the second day of the event by outlasting Southwestern Randolph 1-0 in 16 innings in a game that was suspended the night before by rain.

Childers struck out 19 in that one and Camp again scored on an error to win the game. Camp and LaRhonda McClain had two hits apiece while Ashley Seawell collected three for Southwestern.

Then the Mountaineers got past Harnett Central 1-0 in 14 innings, scoring a run on an error in the 14th. Childers fanned 22 while Taylor struck out 17 in that marathon.

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**2006 STATE 3-A SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**WALNUT CREEK SOFTBALL COMPLEX, RALEIGH**

**FRIDAY’S RESULTS**

STATE SEMIFINALS

Southwestern Randolph 0, Kings Mountain 0, game suspended in bottom of 8th
Harnett Central 3, Pikeville Charles B. Aycock 0

**SATURDAY’S RESULTS**

COMPLETION OF SUSPENDED GAME

Kings Mountain 1, Southwestern Randolph 0 (16 innings)

**WINNERS’ BRACKET FINALS**

Kings Mountain 1, Harnett Central 0 (14 innings)

**ELIMINATION GAME**

Southwestern Randolph 1, Pikeville Charles B. Aycock 0

**LOSERS’ BRACKET FINAL**

Harnett Central 2, Southwestern Randolph 0

**CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

Kings Mountain 1, Harnett Central 0

**Butler Beats North Davidson To Win NCHSAA 4-A Softball Championship**

RALEIGH—Ashton Ward of Matthews David Butler propelled her team with both her bat and arm as Butler won the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A softball championship at Walnut Creek Softball Complex.

Butler outlasted North Davidson in the final game by a 2-0 count after North had given Butler its only loss of the double elimination tournament.

Ward was the winning pitcher in the climactic game and got offensive help from Constance Orr, who had an RBI double in the fourth that broke the scoreless tie. Danielle Glosson was charged with the loss.

Ward had a pair of hits for Butler but it wasn’t enough in the first championship game. Glosson was the winning pitcher and also had a pair of hits.

Butler ended the year with a 31-1 mark while North
Davidson closed at 29-4.

North Davidson, battling its way through the loser’s bracket, had eliminated Wake Forest-Rothesville 1-0 in the loser’s bracket final when Riki Craver drove in the only run of the game with a single in the second.

Wake Forest-Rothesville, 23-7, had dropped a 2-1 decision to Butler in the winner’s bracket final in an eight-inning affair. Ward was the star again, getting two hits at the plate and earning the pitching victory.

North Davidson ousted Wilmington Ashley in an early elimination game 11-1, scoring four runs in the fifth and six in the sixth to end Ashley’s season at 22-7.

2006 STATE 4-A SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
WALNUT CREEK SOFTBALL COMPLEX, RALEIGH

FRIDAY’S RESULTS
STATE SEMIFINALS
Matthews David Butler 3, North Davidson 0
Wake Forest-Rothesville 6, Wilmington Ashley 0 (6 innings, rain)

SATURDAY’S RESULTS
WINNER’S BRACKET FINAL
Butler 2, Wake Forest-Rothesville 1 (8 innings)

ELIMINATION GAME
North Davidson 11, Wilmington Ashley 1

LOSER’S BRACKET FINAL
North Davidson 1, Wake Forest-Rothesville 0

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES
North Davidson 4, Butler 3
Butler 2, North Davidson 0

BASEBALL

Chatham Central Explodes For 20 Hits To Clinch State 1- A Baseball Series

RALEIGH—Second baseman Spencer Andrews rapped out four hits in a 20-hit assault as Chatham Central rolled to a 13-3 decision over West Columbus in the third and decisive game of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A baseball championship series at Doak Field on the N.C. State campus.

Andrews was named the Most Valuable Player of the championship series. He hit .545 for the three games, drove in five runs, had a homer and a couple of spectacular defensive plays.

Chatham Central exploded for six runs in the seventh to put the game away, stringing together six hits and a walk in the inning.

The Bears opened the scoring with a run in the second and then erupted for four in the third. Aubrey Johnson and Matthew Brown delivered run-scoring singles in the frame and Andrews drove in two with a base hit.

Both teams scored twice in the fourth and then West Columbus threatened to get back in the game in the sixth. The Vikings had scored one to cut it to 7-3 and had the bases loaded with two outs, but Andrews made a great diving catch of a line drive to halt the threat.

The Bears got three hits in four trips from D.J. Dean while Johnson had two hits, three RBI and three runs scored and Seth Kvett had a pair of hits and two RBI. Keith Josey, who worked the first five innings on the mound for Chatham Central, was credited with the win, allowing three hits and fanning five while walking two.

Daniel Britt, who was the losing pitcher in game one, got the loss for West Columbus but led his team at the plate with two hits in three trips and had three RBI.

The two teams had split games on Saturday. Chatham Central won the opening game 9-8 which was actually the continuation of a suspended game which began Friday night. Then later on Saturday West Columbus came back to tie the series as John David White got the pitching victory and Zach Andrews had a bases-loaded double in West’s four-run first inning.

Chatham Central, the state 1-A runners-up a year ago, finished the year with a 27-7 record. West Columbus, in its first trip to the finals in 36 years, wound up 28-7.

North Lenoir Explodes In Seventh To Win Decisive Game Three In State 2-A

GREENSBORO—North Lenoir exploded for six runs in its final at-bat to defeat East Bend Forbush 10-5 in the third and decisive game of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A baseball championship at First Horizon Park.

The Hawks improved their record to 30-3 in clinching their second consecutive NCHSAA state title, winning 19 of their last 21 games. Forbush ended the year 29-6.

Junior righthander Stihl Sowers, who was the winning pitcher in relief for the final game and went the distance in the Hawks’ 13-1 win in the opener, was named the Most Valuable Player of the championship.

Forbush had rallied to tie the game at 4-4 in the bottom of the sixth on a two-run triple by Drew Willard. But North Lenoir took advantage of a pair of Falcon errors, three hit batters, a wild pitch and three hits to produce the six-run seventh inning and earn the title.

Alex McGaughy rapped out three hits in five trips for the winners while sophomore Bryce Grady had a pair of hits and two RBI.

The third game was forced when Forbush beat North Lenoir 11-5 earlier in the day to even the series. Corey Newman, the Mountain Valley Conference Player of the Year in 2006, went the distance on the mound for Forbush to improve his record to 11-0, allowing three earned runs. Brandon Sutton (10-2) got the loss.

Forbush banged out five doubles in a big seven-run second inning to take command. Daniel Davis had a triple and a double and Willard a pair of two-baggers for the Falcons in that one.
GAME THREE,
STATE 2-A BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
First Horizon Park, Greensboro

North Lenoir 2 2 0 0 0 6 — 10 9 3
Forbush 0 0 0 1 3 0 — 5 11 3
John Alphin, Stihl Sowers (5), and Tyler Smith; Ryan Allred. 
Corey Norman (6), Justin Moody (7) and Kolby Epley. WP-Sowers (13-0). LP-Allred.

D.H. Conley Comes Back To Take
NCHSAA 3-A Baseball Championship

GREENSBORO—Alex White used his bat and his arm to rally Greenville D.H. Conley as the Vikings defeated Jamestown Ragsdale 2-0 in the third and final game in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A baseball championship series at First Horizon Park.

Conley, which dropped the series opener on Friday night but then won a pair of games on Saturday, earned its second consecutive NCHSAA title. The Vikings earned the 4-A crown last year and then moved to 3-A in the new alignment.

White came on in relief in the final game and struck out eight of the 10 Tigers he faced to get the save and earn Most Valuable Player honors for the championship. His sacrifice fly drove in a run in the seventh to make it 2-0.

Ragsdale’s Catlin Carter gave up only two hits but was tagged with the defeat.

Conley had cruised to a 1-0 decision over Ragsdale in the second game of the series on Saturday afternoon to even it at a game apiece and force the third game.

Conley scored four runs in the fifth of Ragsdale starter Brandon Phelps, with the key blows a two run homer by White and a two-run double by Spencer Hampton. Hampton had another two-run double in the sixth.

Then the Vikings put it away with a six-run, five-hit sixth inning highlighted by a three-run homer by Hampton. White earned the pitching victory to improve his record to 10-0, yielding four hits and walking five while striking out 11.

Scotland Takes Third Game 10-5 To Win
State 4-A Baseball Championship

RALEIGH—Nick Liles had three hits and Scott Myers drove home four runs as Scotland downed South Caldwell 10-5 in the third and final game of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A baseball championship series at N.C. State University’s Doak Field.

Senior lefthander Derrick Lowery of Scotland was named the Most Valuable Player of the championship series. Lowery pitched nine innings in the two days, including a route-going performance on Saturday night in a 1-0 win, and struck out 12.

The Scots built a 10-0 lead in the first four innings and cruised to the victory while starting pitcher Parker Bangs, who is headed to South Carolina on a baseball scholarship, kept the Spartan bats at bay. He left in the fifth after yielding five hits and one run, fanning six and walking two. Madison Bumgarner was tagged with the loss.

Scotland struck for a pair of runs in the opening inning when Bangs singled. Liles singled and then Scott Myers doubled down the line to plate one run and another scored on an error.

In the third inning, Myers had another key two-run single and Matt Adams drove home a run as the Scots pushed the lead to 6-0.

Then Brad Bridgewater’s bases-loaded triple was the key blow in the Scots’ four-run fourth inning. Singles by Liles and Lowery, a passed ball, a walk, an error and a sacrifice fly also figured in the scoring.

Bradley Chavis led the way for the Spartans with two hits in three trips, including a three-run homer in the seventh inning. Brad Hardee also had two hits for South.

Then Scotland evened the series as Lowery fired his two-hit shutout and scored the only run of the contest in the Scot victory.

GAME THREE
STATE 4-A BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
Doak Field, North Carolina State University

South Caldwell 0 0 0 0 1 1 3 — 5 11 4
Scotland 2 0 4 0 0 x — 10 11 1