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Mark Dreibelbis Named Assistant Executive Director Of North Carolina High School Athletic Association

CHAPEL HILL—Mark Dreibelbis has been named as the new assistant executive director of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association in action approved by the NCHSAA Board of Directors on Wednesday.

Dreibelbis, a native of Charlotte and a 1977 graduate of Appalachian State University, comes to the NCHSAA from his alma mater, where he had served as associate director of athletics since 1992.

He has assumed direction of the NCHSAA's student services program and also will be involved with sports and officiating. He replaces Que Tucker, who was promoted to deputy executive director to replace the retiring Dick Knox, who has been with the NCHSAA for over 20 years.

Mark began work at the NCHSAA in January.

"Mark will be a tremendous addition to the NCHSAA team," says Charlie Adams, executive director. "He has a tremendous background in athletics and has many experiences uniquely suited to our student services program in particular and the Association in general. He is a very bright, creative young man who will be a great asset for our membership."

Dreibelbis, 49 years of age and a graduate of South

Mecklenburg, has been the chief administrative aide to the Appalachian State director of athletics and directly administered 10 of the department's 20 sport programs. He has also been the game operations director for football and men's basketball and supervised the sports marketing division among his many duties. He also has been the tournament or meet director for a number of Southern Conference events.

From 1986 to '92, he was the director of the Yosef Club at Appalachian and directed all aspects of raising money for athletics there. He was the annual fund director at ASU from 1985-86 and for two years prior to that served as the assistant alumni affairs director.

He was a physical education teacher at Hardin Park Elementary in Boone for six years before entering collegiate administration.

Dreibelbis has been an outstanding game official at both the high school and college levels. He has been an NCHSAA basketball referee for 23 years and has officiated five state championships, and he has worked as an NCHSAA baseball umpire for 12 years and officiated football for nine. He has 20 years experience as an NCAA basketball official.

He and his wife Margaret, who is a teacher and tennis coach at the high school level, attended the press conference.



Mark Dreibelbis

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RECORD BREAKERS? Don't forget, if you have any potential state or national listings for the record book, there is a form in the current edition of the FormsBook to send that information for consideration. Help us to make our state and national books as inclusive and complete as possible! Any questions call Rick Strunk at (919) 962-7786. And don't forget to check the latest version of the state record book on line!

North Carolina Athletic Directors Association Names 11th Hall Of Fame Class Induction at Annual State Conference in March

Four members have been named by the North Carolina High School Athletic Directors Association as the 11th class for induction in its own Hall of Fame.

The new NCADA Hall of Famers include Alton "Tunney" Brooks of Lumberton, Paul Gay of Sanford, Joel Long of Raleigh, and Dave Thomas of Goldsboro.

The four will be recognized at the annual North Carolina High School Athletic Directors Association state conference at the Wilmington Hilton Riverside with the Hall of Fame banquet scheduled for March 22.

The NCADA Hall of Fame has been established to recognize achievement and excellence for athletic administration. The inductees are honored at the NCADA's annual state convention, and a permanent display honoring the athletic directors' Hall of Fame is located in the offices of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association in Chapel Hill. The new class brings to 52 the number in the Hall.

This year's inductees include:

Alton G. "Tunney" Brooks

Alton "Tunney" Brooks was an outstanding high school and college athlete who enjoyed an excellent career in coaching and athletic administration.

He played three sports at Charles Coon High School in Wilson and led both the football and baseball teams to state titles. He then attended Wake Forest, where he wound up as the captain of both the basketball and baseball teams. A 1952 Wake graduate, Brooks was a catcher on the USA team that played in the first-ever Pan American Games, winning the silver medal.

After five years coaching at Holmes High School in Edenton, Brooks moved to Lumberton High School, where he was the athletic director for almost 40 years. He served on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association and was the Region 4 AD of the Year in 1989.

Brooks coached basketball at Lumberton from 1953-80, where his teams won over 300 games. He was also the head football coach there from 1960 to '70. The football stadium in Lumberton was named in his honor in 1989.

Paul Gay

Paul Gay became one of North Carolina's most successful head football coaches and athletic administrators, primarily at Sanford Central High School (now Lee Senior).

Gay came to Sanford in 1960 and from then until 1985, when he stepped down, his teams compiled a brilliant 177-75-10 record. That run included eight conference championships, one state title (in 1973, when he was Associated Press Coach of the Year in the state) and one runner-up finish, along with three Eastern titles when there was no state final.

Gay served 24 years as AD in Sanford and was a member of the NCADA Board of Directors in 1975-76.

He was head coach of the North Carolina Shrine Bowl team in 1977 and also coached in the East-West all-star game in Greensboro. Gay was the first North Carolinian to be chosen as president of the National Federation Interscholastic Coaches Association.

A great athlete at Charles Coon High in Wilson, Gay also earned all-state honors at East Carolina in football. He was inducted into the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 1996 and is also a member of the East Carolina University and the North Carolina Sports Halls of Fame.

Joel Long

Joel Long had a distinguished career in athletic administration, primarily in Wake County.

A graduate of East Carolina, where he played baseball, Joel also spent three years in the St. Louis Cardinal organization playing minor league baseball. His first high school coaching stint was at Cary, and then he went to Broughton High School from 1963 to '71. He was athletic director there for three years.

He went to the Raleigh Public Schools central office in 1971, which became the merged Wake County system starting in 1976 and stayed there until his retirement in 1995. For 13 years he served as the director of athletics and driver education for Wake County.

Joel was the NCHSAA Region 3 Athletic Director of the Year in 1991 and was inducted into the Broughton High School Athletics Hall of Fame in 2004.

Broughton has established the Joel Long Award, given annually to a male and female senior athlete to recognize character, leadership and sportsmanship.

Dave Thomas

A graduate of East Carolina, Dave Thomas enjoyed a great career spanning more than 40 years.

His career in North Carolina began in 1962 as a teacher and coach at Jacksonville, and then he spent nine years as a coach and athletic director at New York Military Academy. From 1973 to '85 he coached and taught at Charles B. Aycock High, including five as AD, and then moved to the Wayne County central office where he was director of health, physical education, safety and athletics until his retirement in 2003.

Dave has earned a number of honors and recognitions. He was the 1997-98 Athletic Director of the Year as selected by the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association and received a Distinguished Service Award from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association in 2001.

He is a member of the East Carolina University Sports Hall of Fame, and was the national AD of the year as chosen by the National Council of Secondary School Athletic Directors (NCSSAD) in 1995-96.

He served a term on the Board of Directors of the NCHSAA and is a former president of the NCADA.

Honorees in the charter class, inducted in 1995, included NCHSAA executive director Charlie Adams, former Charlotte-Mecklenburg director of athletics Dave Harris, Russ Blunt of Durham's Hillside High School, long-time Greenville Rose athletic director and NCADA executive secretary Richard "Bud" Phillips; former High Point athletic administrator A.J. "Tony" Simeon, and Norma Harbin of Winston-Salem, the first female athletic director at a 4-A school in North Carolina.

Willie Bradshaw of Durham, Mike Brown of Wilmington, Jack Groce of Boone, Red Hoffman of Wilkesboro, Leon Brogden of Wilmington and Homer Thompson of Winston-Salem joined the Hall in 1996. The 1997 inductees included Ruth Pool of Durham, Bill Eutsler of Rockingham, Shu Carlton of Gastonia, Gilbert Ferrell of Wilson and Thell Overman of Wallace, while in '98 the Hall welcomed Jim Blake of Durham, Wat Holyfield of Raleigh, Carroll King of Raleigh, Benny Pearce of Fayetteville, Jerry McGee of Elizabeth City and Dudley Whitley of Rocky Mount.

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NCHSAA Board Of Directors Holds Winter Meeting

CHAPEL HILL—The Board of Directors of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association completed its winter 2004 board meeting with a number of action items.

Mark Dreibelbis, associate athletic director at Appalachian State University, was also introduced as the new NCHSAA assistant executive director. He will begin his new duties in January.

Among the major items that the Board tackled was the finalizing of the realignment plan for 2005-2009. The Board adopted the plan from the Realignment Committee with the exception of an appeal from nine schools in northeastern North Carolina in the 1-A classification. Their appeal was approved so the configuration of those conferences will go back to the original draft, with Gates, Camden, Perquimans, Creswell, Columbia, Cape Hatteras and Manteo in one league and Northside, Southside, Plymouth, Jamesville, Mattamuskeet, Bear Grass, Roanoke and Williamston in the other conference.

Among other highlights of the Board meeting:

- approved a sports calendar for 2005-2006 that contains 12 playing dates to play 10 regular-season football games and an Endowment game; the early date of August 19 for 2005 no longer has to be an Endowment game; football practice will start Monday, August 1 with all other fall sports starting Monday, August 8. The first week of play for other fall sports will be Monday the week of August 22.
- recommended a change in the football seeding to eliminate the prohibition on schools in the same conference meeting in the first round
- approved a plan for playoff berths in the new alignment that has designated representatives of conferences qualifying and then "wild cards" to fill the brackets as appropriate
- approved a program for hydration in wrestling for the safety of athletes that insures that the body fat testing that is done is more accurate; the cost will be about \$150 per school for the appropriate equipment and a number of schools in the state are already doing it
- approved reclassifying the individual wrestling tournament to four classifications for the 2005-2006 season since the numbers now justify adding the 1-A championship

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The 1999 inductees were Dave Johnson of Charlotte, Glenn Nixon of Clayton, Bob Sawyer of Greensboro and George Whitfield of Greenville, while in 2000 Don Patrick of Newton-Conover, Bill Carver of Fayetteville and Simon Terrell of Chapel Hill joined the Hall.

The 2001 inductees included Carl Bolick of Charlotte, Herman Bryson of Winston-Salem, Ed Peeler of Shelby and Chip Gill of Durham. The 2002 honorees were Dick Knox of Chapel Hill, Jack Musten of Winston-Salem, Don Saine of Gastonia and Sue Shinn of High Point.

In 2002 Tim Brayboy of Cary, Hilda Worthington of Farmville, Roger Thrift of New Bern, Spike Corbin of Wilmington and Richard Murray of Ahoskie were inducted. Last year's honorees included Mac Cumbo of East Flat Rock, Boyce Dietz of Bryson City, Roger Dixon currently of Myrtle Beach, SC., Debbie Jones of Charlotte and Jim Hayes of Charlotte.

- approved an experimental change to allow golf coaches to supply advice to their players under certain conditions, starting with this spring's men's season and going into the fall season for women in 2005
- made some adjustment in ticket prices for championships in wrestling, baseball and softball
- approved an adjustment in the interpretation of "dead periods" for skill development purposes, that there would be no open facility during the designated dead periods; weight rooms were also part of the proposal, but that aspect will be revisited in the next Board meeting before the rule is implemented in 2005
- recommended a one time application fee for new NCHSAA member schools of one thousand dollars, non refundable, with the money going into the endowment
- approved a contract for Dick Knox to be able to conduct rules clinics for the NCHSAA across the state, including football, wrestling, basketball, baseball and softball, after his official retirement in December

Special Posters From Championships Now Available

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association has entered into an exciting partnership with a company that is producing unique keepsakes from state championship events.

The company 20-20 Photographic is now the official photographer for the NCHSAA at championship events and is also the official photographer for a number of other state associations and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Not only does the company have outstanding professional photographers who take action pictures throughout championship contests, including awards shots, but 20-20 produces one-of-a-kind posters commemorating the achievements of teams.

The posters feature scores of the season's games, a roster, team photo, a story outlining the team's accomplishments and various action photos. They are similar to the kind of thing one might see on the front page of a special newspaper section devoted to a team in one of those commemorative editions often done for a collegiate or pro champion.

"The quality of what 20-20 Photographic does is unparalleled and the posters are a tremendous keepsake that we think people will enjoy for years to come," said Rick Strunk, associate executive director of the NCHSAA. "We've gotten some very positive feedback from schools who have purchased these posters."

Following a championship, the company often sends a poster to the head coach of the team involved so he or she can see what it looks like and encourage orders.

The company has recently adjusted its pricing and its minimum levels for orders to make it easier for fans to get posters of their favorite teams.

Those posters and the action shots are available for viewing and ordering on the company's web site at www.20-20photo.com.

Plans call for 20-20 to be at each NCHSAA championship event throughout the 2004-05 academic year. The fall posters are already available on their web site.

State Soccer Championship Special In Several Ways

SILER CITY—Every state championship has meaning for a school and its community, but some are maybe particularly special for some reason or another.

The 2004 North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A men's soccer championship, won by the Jets of Jordan-Matthews High School in Siler City, might just be one of those.

Jordan-Matthews beat Lejeune 2-0 in the state 1-A final at SAS Soccer Park in Cary, capping quite a ride for the fledgling program. It was only the third year that the Jets had fielded a varsity team in the sport.

But perhaps the most unique thing about the championship has to do with the makeup of the J-M roster. Although no official records are kept concerning this sort of statistic, the Jordan-Matthews soccer program became the first predominantly Hispanic high school team to win a North Carolina state title. Of the 23 players on the roster, only one was non-Hispanic.

About one-fourth of the student body at J-M is Hispanic.

North Carolina's Hispanic population has quadrupled during the last decade, the fastest rate of growth in the nation, and Siler City has been a focal point. Job opportunities in the area's three poultry plants attracted many workers to the area.

Paul Cuadros, a former high school athlete, is a free-lance journalist of Peruvian descent who came to North Carolina in 1999 on a fellowship to study the emerging Hispanic population. He urged the school to offer a soccer team and agreed to coach it, and in the program's third year guided the team to a state title.

The Jets posted a 21-3-2 mark and outscored their opposition 123-29 on the season. Octavio Hernandez was named the MVP of the championship.

The victory by Jordan-Matthews has even garnered some national media attention. But Coach Cuadros noted the particular importance of the championship in the community. Almost five years ago, well known white supremacist David Duke, a former Louisiana legislator, came to the town at the invitation of some to speak at a rally about how "immigrants will overrun the town."



NCHSAA photo courtesy
20/20 Photographic

Action from NCHSAA soccer championship where Jordan-Matthews earned the crown

This year the J-M players marched in the Siler City Christmas Parade, at the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce, right past where that event had been held, and received a tremendous positive response.

Carolyn Shannonhouse, assistant executive director of the NCHSAA, also noted a touching moment from the state championship. "Jordan-Matthews was just so excited to win, and after the team got its awards it went for a traditional victory lap around the field. But not only did the Jordan-Matthews fans applaud, but the Lejeune fans stood and applauded the effort by the team as the players went by. The sportsmanship in that game was great and it said a lot about what we want high school athletics to be."

National Awards Program For Announcers Is Launched

The National Association of Sports Public Address Announcers (NASPAA) has launched the NASPAA Announcer of the Year Awards Program, the first national recognition program of its kind for high school sports public address announcers. Telex Communications, a world-leader in professional audio equipment, is the sponsor.

"There are national awards programs for athletic directors, coaches, officials and players, but there has not been a national awards program for sports public address announcers, stated Brad Rumble, NASPAA Executive Director. "The NASPAA is pleased to be in a position, thanks to Telex, to provide these individuals with the recognition that they deserve."

"I've been an announcer for nearly 25 years, so I think I can speak for most announcers when I say that it would be nice to have some recognition on occasion," commented Jeff Kurtz, NASPAA Board Member. Most of us who announce do so because we enjoy being around sports and want to help make the game or event as enjoyable as possible for the fans, coaches, officials

and players. I could not imagine why every athletic director would not want to pay tribute to their announcers by nominating them. Just to be nominated would be quite an honor."

All junior high and high school announcers are eligible for consideration. They must be nominated by their athletic director. Nominees must also be members of the NASPAA. A nomination form and a NASPAA membership application form may be obtained at www.naspaa.net, the NASPAA's website.

Announcers will be classified as; 1) Veteran - more than one year of experience, 2) Rookie - first year, and 3) Student - junior high or high school student. The awards categories are: 1) National Announcer of the Year, 2) Regional Announcer of the Year (8 regions), and 3) State Announcer of the Year. Awards will be presented to Veteran and Rookie announcers at the national, regional and state level. The Student category will be national only.

Nominations must be received by March 21, 2005. Winners will be announced in April. For additional information contact Brad Rumble, Executive Director, NASPAA, at (816) 421-9595.

Eastern Guilford's Gibson Named Coach Of The Year By Carolina Panthers

Coach Jason Gibson of Eastern Guilford High School was selected as the 2004 Carolina Panthers High School Coach of the Year at a halftime ceremony during the Panthers home game against the New Orleans Saints in January.

Coach Gibson was joined by along with nine other Coach of the Week recipients. As Coach of the Year, Coach Gibson will receive a \$2000 donation to Eastern Guilford High School's Athletic Department.

Gibson completed his first season as the head coach of Eastern Guilford, but has brought a wealth of coaching knowledge to the Wildcat program.

He has worked diligently to revamp a program that has not experienced on-field success in recent seasons. His tireless passion to improve conditions for his players and instill a sense of pride has paid off in a short time frame. A revamped locker room, upgraded practice field and new uniforms have helped the Wildcats field their largest team in years. Coach Gibson smiles with satisfaction as he says, "Players are now telling me that they want to be at practice and be a part of the team."

Being part of the team goes beyond the playing field for Coach Gibson. He makes sure players actively thank the people in Gibsonville that have helped provide resources and amenities for the team and has established a partnership with a local youth football team. "Football teaches them about life, how to share the joy of victories and cope with inevitable setbacks," he says.

The Carolina Panthers would like to congratulate Coach Jason Gibson for his Coach of the Year honor and for the dedication and service he provides youth in our region.



Eastern Guilford's Jason Gibson displays plaque at Panther game

Photo courtesy Carolina Panthers

Shrine Bowl Coaches Named For 2005 Contest

SPARTANBURG—Bennie McMurray of E.E. Waddell High School in Charlotte has been named head coach for the 2005 North Carolina Shrine Bowl team in that prestigious all-star football game.

McMurray's appointment represents a bit of history, as he will be the first African-American head coach for North Carolina since the game began in 1937.

McMurray has coached in the game before, as he was an assistant for South Carolina in 1999 when he coached at Lewisville. He won three S.C. 1A titles at Lewisville, and nine conference titles at

Waddell and Lewisville.

In the past 15 years, he has only two losing seasons, and his overall career coaching mark is 177-65. McMurray has been the only head coach in the history of Waddell, which opened in 2001.

The assistant coaches for North Carolina have also been announced. They include DeAngelo Bell (Winston-Salem Parkland); Donnie Keifer (East Carteret); Tim Bennett (Roanoke Rapids); Kenny Ford (Charles D. Owen); Marion Butts (Fayetteville Smith); Mike Houston (Asheville T.C. Roberson) and Wally Burke (Winston-Salem Mount Tabor).

South Carolina Takes Victory In Shrine Bowl

SPARTANBURG—South Carolina erupted for 32 points in the second half and defeated North Carolina 35-21 in the 68th annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas high school all-star football game at Gibbs Stadium on the Wofford College campus.

North Carolina had a 7-6 lead at the half on the basis of a three-yard touchdown run by Ragsdale's Toney Baker which capped a 12-play 61-yard drive.

But then the Tar Heel all-stars fell victim to a combination of turnovers, big plays and special teams plays as the Sandlappers wound up scoring four touchdowns in a span of 5:20.

Trailing 35-7, North Carolina got a seven-yard touchdown by New Bern's Montario Hardesty, and then recovered an onside kick. The Tar Heel team then tallied on a scoring pass from Tuscola's Jonathan Crompton to record-setting receiver Mohamed Massaquoi of Independence. But that was as close as North Carolina could come.

Hardesty finished with 53 yards rushing in 12 carries and Baker rushed for 52 in 14 tries. Crompton connected on 10 of 22 passes for 143 yards and had one intercepted, while Cox was 10 of 22 for 89 yards with two picked off. Massaquoi led the team in receiving with seven catches for 94 yards.

The victory broke a two-game Shrine Bowl losing streak for South Carolina, which leads the overall series 38-26-4.

NFL/NFF Coaching Academy

The National Football Foundation, National Football League and the Carolina Panthers are pleased to introduce the NFL/NFF Coaching Academy to coaches in North Carolina. The mission of this one or two-day educational coaches clinic is to elevate the quality of coaching at the youth and high school levels across America.

The Coaching Academy curriculum covers six essential areas needed to properly train coaches to most effectively teach the game to young people and run a successful and safe program in a positive learning environment. These areas include:

- Coaching philosophy
- Player communication and feedback
- Football skills and strategy (offense, defense, special teams)
- Life skills development
- Health/nutrition/safety
- Program and team management



Coaches who attend the program don't walk away empty handed. Attendees receive a 511-page Coach's Playbook that details the six areas mentioned above, a program CD-ROM that contains interactive skills and drills, a program tee shirt and an official certificate verifying completion of the program.

For more information on the program or to find the program closest to you please log on to www.footballfoundation.com or call Kelly Thalman at 1-800-486-1865.

Students Receive Lowe's Hometown Hero Awards

MOORESVILLE—Lowe's, in conjunction with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA), has named two more winners in the Lowe's Hometown Hero program.

John Lassiter, from Perquimans County High School in Hertford, N.C., was named as recipient of the December Lowe's Hometown Hero award, and Leah Ledford of North Wilkes earned the January honor.

Lowe's Hometown Heroes program acknowledges the accomplishments of North Carolina high school students who excel in the combined areas of academics, community service and athletics. John will receive an awards package including a plaque. On John's behalf, Perquimans County High School will receive a \$1,000 Lowe's gift card and a \$500 donation will be made to Perquimans County Schools Foundation, a not-for-profit chosen by John. John was also recognized at a Carolina Panthers football game.

On Leah's behalf, North Wilkes High School will receive a \$1,000 Lowe's gift card and a \$500 donation will be made to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief for tsunami victims, a charity chosen by Leah. Leah will also be recognized at the All-Star NASCAR race at Lowe's Motor Speedway in May.

"John Lassiter believes that being a leader is about action, not position," said Perquimans County coach Jim Swafford. "He leads by example and looks for opportunities to serve others."

John has excelled as a two-sport athlete, playing both football and baseball. He holds a 3.86 GPA. John also participates in activities that have enabled him to develop his leadership skills. As the president of the PCHS Beta Club, he spearheaded an effort for high school volunteers to assist with food distribution for the Department of Social Services. Interviewed by a local paper during the food drive, John told the reporter he believes that community service is an important part of one's high school experience, and that students should learn the importance of giving back to the community and making a difference in the world.

"A hero is defined as someone admired for his achievements and noble qualities," said principal Hans Lassiter, no relation. "This is definitely true of John Lassiter. John's peers look up to him for advice, they admire his commitment to God and church and they appreciate his mannerly demeanor."

John spent the last summer as a scout for a local agricultural consultant, searching for diseases in corn, potatoes and other crops. During the school year, he is active in Students Against Destructive Decisions, Future Teachers of America, BETA Club and the SURGE Team.

"John Lassiter is firmly grounded in his community, athletics and academics," said John Williams, Lowe's district manager for Perquimans County. "He is a strong role model for his peers. We are pleased to recognize his accomplishments with the Lowe's Hometown Hero award."

"I cannot say enough about this young lady, her competitive spirit and dedication to succeed," said Michael Greene, Leah's coach for indoor and outdoor track and Academically Gifted U.S. History teacher. "She has incredible drive and is an extremely talented young lady."

Leah joined the track team during her freshman year and fell in love with the sport. She asked to run indoor track during winter

session of her sophomore year. Although North Wilkes does not have a formal indoor track team, Leah received special permission to train and compete, though she would have to maintain NCHSAA eligibility and would not receive official recognition during the athletic banquet. Leah readily accepted those terms, trained daily and competed in meets at local high schools and even college invitationals.

Because of her dedication, competitive spirit and leadership, Leah was named one of North Wilkes High School's outdoor track captains, making her the only sophomore captain last year. She is still the only underclass captain this year.

"Leah is equally dedicated in the classroom and to her community," said Annette Greene, North Wilkes High School's principal. Leah's course schedule is loaded with academically gifted courses, yet she maintains an above average grade point average. "If Leah does not understand a topic or concept, or wants to achieve a higher standard, it is not unusual for her to stay after school, before practice, asking her teachers for assistance or clarification." Leah's goal is to attend a four-year university, at which she hopes to run track. She is focused on doing everything necessary to reach those goals.

In her community, Leah has performed countless hours of community service through school and her church. She has delivered fruit baskets to the elderly, and sung at area nursing homes. She has been a member of the NCHSAA/NWHS DREAM TEAM, the student athlete leadership team at North Wilkes, since her sophomore year. Through the DREAM TEAM, she spoke with 8th grade health and physical education students about the importance of staying drug and alcohol free and tutored students at area feeder schools. She has worked the annual Make-A-Wish Reunion for Make-A-Wish kids, and other activities. Leah also holds down a part-time job at Lowe's Foods.

"Leah Ledford is clearly a dedicated student-athlete with an exceptional personality and unwavering drive," said Joy Simmons, Lowe's district manager overseeing Hays. "She is very deserving of the Lowe's Hometown Hero award and we are pleased to recognize her accomplishments."

Lowe's, in conjunction with the Carolina Panthers, has joined together with the NCHSAA to offer the Lowe's Hometown Heroes recognition program. This program seeks to acknowledge high school students in North Carolina who have begun building their own strong foundations through personal commitment to their local community, academics and athletics. For more information about the program visit <http://www.nchsaa.unc.edu/loweshometownhero.html>.

Lowe's is a proud supporter of Habitat for Humanity International, American Red Cross, United Way of America, and the Home Safety Council, in addition to numerous non-profit organizations and programs that help communities across the country. Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation awards more than \$2 million annually to diverse organizations across the United States.

Lowe's also encourages volunteerism through the Lowe's Heroes program, a company-wide employee volunteer program aimed at preventing unintentional home injuries. Lowe's, a FORTUNE(r) 50 company with fiscal year 2003 sales of \$30.8 billion, has more than 1,000 stores in 45 states. For more information, visit Loves.com/community.



Green Hope Star Receives National Soccer Award

MORRISVILLE—Green Hope High School soccer star Stephen Bickford has received a huge honor.

The Green Hope senior, who graduated in December and has already enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was named the National Soccer Player of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches of America.

Bickford, who received the award in January, was selected from among the state players of the year by the 17,000-member organization.

During his Green Hope career, Bickford tallied 124 goals, including 48 goals during the 2004 season.

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 our membership

Rudy Brown

ANGIER—Rudolph C. “Rudy” Brown died in late November after a long bout with heart disease at the age of 71.

A graduate of Lillington High School, he attended Campbell College and then graduated from East Carolina University. A physical education and math teacher, he also coached football, basketball and baseball at several places, including Rowland, Angier, Fuquay-Varina and Lafayette.

He taught and coached for 12 years before entering the business world. However, he is perhaps best known for coaching Angier High in the longest high school basketball game ever played, going 13 overtimes against Boone Trail in February of 1964. The five Angier players who played the entire way in that record game served as pallbearers.

The funeral was held at Angier United Methodist Church with burial at Lakeside Memorial Gardens in Angier.

The family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the church and/or charity of one’s choice.

A.J. “Tony” Simeon

HIGH POINT—Anthony James “Tony” Simeon, 94, died in December at the Presbyterian Home, where he was a resident.

Simeon, a 1933 graduate of High Point College, was one of the state’s top coaches. He began his career at Kernersville High and then went to High Point in 1937, where he coached a variety of sports for over 30 years. In 1969 he was named athletic director for the High Point City Schools, a position he held until his retirement in 1975.

Simeon led teams to five state titles as a coach and his basketball teams won more than 480 games during his stellar career. He was also one of the pioneers in the state for providing athletic opportunities for women.

He was a charter member of the North Carolina Coaches Association and has been inducted into a number of halls of fame, including joining the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 1988. He is also a member of the North Carolina Athletic Directors Hall of Fame and the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.

In 1975, he was selected as Athletic Director of the Year by the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association and the outstanding athletic facility in High Point, A.J. Simeon Stadium, was named in his honor.

The NCHSAA has also named its Courage Award, presented at the organization’s annual meeting, in Simeon’s honor.

The funeral was held at First United Methodist Church in High Point with interment in Floral Garden Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to High Point University, c/o Bessie Hedrick and Anthony James Simeon Endowed Scholarship, 833 Montlieu Avenue, High Point, NC 27262, or to First United Methodist Church, 512 North Main Street, High Point, NC 27260.

Kermit Whisnant

NEWTON—Kermit Whisnant, 57, died in a hospital in Myrtle Beach, S.C., after a brief illness in early January.

A graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College, he was a former head football coach and athletic director at Maiden High School and had also taught at the elementary level. He retired as principal of Tuttle Middle School in Catawba County and then was working part-time for the Catawba County Schools.

The funeral was held at Whisnant’s church, Beth Eden Lutheran, in Newton. He resided in Hickory.

Pat Earey

CHAPEL HILL—Patrick Francis Earey died in late January at the age of 82.

He was an education professor at UNC-Chapel Hill for 30 years and was varsity head swimming coach for 17 years.

His connection with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association was two-fold. He taught and coached at Greensboro Senior High School (now Grimsley) after receiving a bachelor’s degree in education from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1951 and a master’s in 1952.

While at Carolina, he helped run the NCHSAA state swimming championships for many years. He served as the state rule interpreter for swimming and was a tireless advocate for the sport when it was threatening to be dropped from the high school program.

He served as a Navy aviator during World War II and played baseball for five years in the New York Giants farm system. An award in his name is given annually to a member of the UNC graduating class who has exhibited outstanding academic achievement.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chapel Hill American Red Cross.

Lloyd Foster

FAYETTEVILLE—Veteran high school football broadcaster Lloyd Foster died in late January after a brief illness at the age of 87.

He broadcast high school games in Cumberland County for an amazing 51 years, first of all at radio station WFNC, primarily for Fayetteville and then Terry Sanford High Schools.

After his retirement from WFNC, he helped to form Mid-South Sports, which began a game of the week broadcast in 1990 and continued through the 2004 campaign.

Foster’s final broadcasts came in December at the NCHSAA championships, as he worked the 4-A game with Jack Britt and then the 4-AA game involving South View at Kenan Stadium in Chapel Hill.

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Top Coaching Marks Listed As Reported By Schools

Each school in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association is required to complete a School Information Sheet, and this document contains a lot of facts and figures about each of the NCHSAA's 350 member schools. This information is used in a variety of ways, including sports mailings, entries in the NCHSAA Directory, and the listing of coaches' career records.

Association intern Jennifer Biser, a UNC student from Whiteville, did an outstanding job going through the information sheets, compiling these lists. The following lists are not intended to be comprehensive or complete, but are based information submitted by schools that returned that portion of the School Information Sheets.

We have taken care to make this list as accurate as possible. These records are for active coaches only, and if a coach at your school or in your area is not listed, it is probably because the records were not included on the form. If there are additions or corrections, please let us know because we want it to be as accurate as possible.

This has become sort of an annual tradition in the Bulletin. We appreciate all those schools which take the time to submit the information, and we appreciate the efforts of our interns to do the research.

We are glad to recognize these outstanding teachers and coaches from across the state of North Carolina.

Top Coaching Marks 2004-2005

Football

Coach	School	Record	Years
1. Jack Holley	Wallace-Rose Hill	340-82-9	37
2. Robert Paroli	Douglas Byrd	336-160-11	46
3. Tom Brown	Maiden	309-104-7	36
4. Gary Whitman	Lexington	264-119-1	29
5. B.W. Holt	Rocky Mount	257-102	36
6. David Gentry	Murphy	245-133	33
7. Jim Oddo	Charlotte Catholic	230-125-2	32
8. Jerry Cash	East Rutherford	229-148	33
9. Dixon Sauls	Farmville Central	218-94	27
10. Dick Cline	Glenn	213-84	26

Men's Basketball

Coach	School	Record	Years
1. Rick Wood	West Henderson	625-371	38
2. Gene Doane	South Brunswick	619-254	39
3. Bob Murphrey	Ayden-Grifton	610-292	39
4. Howard West	R.J. Reynolds	567-221	31
5. Glenn McKoy	Whiteville	507-143	25
6. Butch Smart	Highlands	503-497	36
7. David Price	Dudley	485-185	28
8. Bud Hendrix	Manteo	467-223	28
9. Ron Parson	Reidsville	444-222	28
10. Marc Payne	Ashe County	427-317	29

Women's Basketball

Coach	School	Record	Years
1. Mike Silver	McDowell	579-187	29
2. Sandra Langley	Southwest Edgecombe	544-186	29
3. John Ralls	Ledford	532-236	
4. Jerry Hunter	East Duplin	496-156	29
5. Tommy Edwards	Bunker Hill	493-229	31
6. Jim Young	Eastern Randolph	492-230	32
7. Don Amos	Southern Alamance	474-257	30
8. Kenny Carter	High Point Central	454-72	20
9. Fred White	Edenton Holmes	421-260	27
10. Gerald Binkley	Chatham Central	409-178	22

Baseball

Coach	School	Record	Years
1. Ronald Vincent	Rose	660-168	34
2. Ernie Holcomb	Reidsville	598-520	31
3. Henry Jones	Cherryville	527-202	31
4. Barry Hall	East Surry	492-252	29
5. Tom Smith	TC Roberson	436-177	26
6. Milton Senter	Fuquay Varina	418-216	26
7. Bennie McMurray	Waddell	418-225-1	29
8. Randy Ledford	South View	415-209	26
9. Gary Comer	Alexander Central	373-151	28
10. Ron Horton	Northwood	354-297	32

Softball

Coach	School	Record	Years
1. Mike Lambros	North Davidson	510-91	26
2. Eddie Dees	South View	479-108	22
3. Dean McElrath	Owen	449-116	29
4. Monte Sherrill	Central Cabarrus	424-44	15
5. Walt Davis	Manteo	398-91	22
6. John Lawrence	Southern Guilford	307-144	19
7. Mike Muse	North Forsyth	288-94	14
8. Mike Williams	Graham	257-171	20
9. George Daniels	North Johnston	288-94	25
10. Eddie Rivers	Forest Hills	231-189	

Men's Soccer

Coach	School	Record	Years
1. George Kennedy	Western Guilford	579-165	40*
2. Ron Benson	Chapel Hill	518-158-62	28*
3. Steve Morgan	Hickory	469-70-22	22
4. Bob Vroom	Swansboro	441-69-21	25
5. Kevin Hicks	Dixon	381-139	22
6. Mike Flowe	Asheville	364-90-26	20
7. Larry Bosc	East Mecklenburg	342-130-38	30*
8. Charlie Harvey	Rose	305-133-23	26

Women's Soccer

Coach	School	Record	Years
1. Zack Osborne	Page	374-82-28	25
2. Ron Benson	Chapel Hill	336-42-13	30*
3. Izzy Hernandez	Broughton	324-27-21	15
4. Herk DeGraw	Grimsley	296-39-3	21*

Wrestling

Coach	School	Record	Years
1. Bill Mayhew	South Iredell	607-164-1	39
2. Walt Tolarchyk	Riverside	495-69-3	38
3. Greg Frey	Morehead	442-92-5	27
4. Jerry Winterton	Cary	437-32	26
5. Bobby House	Ledford	410-63	24
6. Buddy Lowery	Davie	400-71	28
7. Tom Marsh	New Bern	344-86-2	24
8. Bobby Shriner	Orange	290-52	17
9. Jeff Smith	West Henderson	281-80-3	18
Andy Hawks	Cummings	399-45-41	

Volleyball

Coaching	School	Record	Years
1. Jan Stanley	West Henderson	533-108	29
2. Ron Strickland	Hoggard	500-117	25
3. Laurie Green	Cedar Ridge	496-120	21
4. Sherry Norris	Chapel Hill	451-224	26*
5. Susan Deweese	Enka	447-183	29*
6. Rachel Cagle	Southwestern Randolph	446-167	28
7. Ruby Sutton	Laney	437-155	26
8. Sharon Parks	Southern Guilford	396-108	21
9. Nancy Dilks	Mooreville	375-128	27
10. Marty Woods	McMichael	359-154	26

*does not include last year's information

FOOTBALL



Independence Rolls To Fifth Consecutive State Grid Crown

CHAPEL HILL—Independence quarterback Joe Cox threw for 267 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Patriots to their fifth consecutive North Carolina High School Athletic Association state football championship as the Pats downed Hope Mills South View 41-7 for the state 4-AA crown at Kenan Stadium.

Cox connected on 20 of 31 passes, including a pair of scoring tosses to Mohammed Massaquoi, who caught 11 passes for 142 yards. Cox was chosen as the Wendy's Most Valuable Player in the game.

The Patriots finished the season with a 15-0 slate and won their 77th consecutive game, a North Carolina record and the longest current active winning streak in the nation.

South View's defense kept Independence at bay early, but the Patriots scored twice in the space of 2:44 late in the first quarter to open up a 13-0 lead.

The Tigers blocked an Independence punt and Jacob McLish ran it in from 46 yards out to cut the lead to 27-7 early in the fourth quarter, but any hopes of a South View comeback were quelled with Brandon McLean intercepted a Tiger pass and returned it 16 yards for a TD with 9:40 remaining.

Dominique Lindsay ran for 66 yards in 16 carries while South View was led by Greg James with 59 yards in 16 attempts. The Patriots' defense held South View to 116 yards in total offense.

The Tigers suffered their first loss after 15 straight wins. The championships are presented by Wendy's and the Carolinas Ford Dealers.

Rose Rallies To Beat Jack Britt By 19-17 Count

CHAPEL HILL—Maurice Weaver's one-yard touchdown run with 9:17 left to play to lift Greenville Rose to a come-from-behind 19-17 victory over Fayetteville Jack Britt in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A football championship at Kenan Stadium.

Weaver, who rushed for 182 yards in 21 carries, was voted Rose's Outstanding Offensive Player. The Wendy's MVP was quarterback Leneric Muldrow, who threw a pair of touchdown passes, rushed for 54 yards and helped engineer the game-winning drive.

Rose had led 13-3 at the end of three quarters, but quarterback Alex Butler connected with wide receiver Brandon Ghee for a pair of touchdowns in the first three minutes of the final period to give Britt a 17-13 lead and set the stage for the Rampant rally.

Butler connected on nine of 22 passes for the Buccaneers for 160 yards and the two scores.

Rose won its second consecutive 4-A championship and finished the season at 14-2, while Jack Britt, playing in its first state football title game ever, wound up at 10-6 but overcame an 0-4 start to roar into the postseason.

Rose was no stranger to close games in the playoffs, winning its last four postseason games by a combined total of eight points.

The championships are presented by Wendy's and the Carolinas Ford Dealers.

Concord Beats Wilson Hunt With Great Defensive Effort

WINSTON-SALEM—Concord's rugged defense held Wilson Hunt to 89 total yards and minus-nine yards rushing as the Spiders tallied 1 27-0 victory in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A football championship game at Groves Stadium.

Concord forced Hunt out of its normal running game and also came up with a pair of defensive touchdowns on interception returns of 13 and 69 yards by senior cornerback Keiwanus Robinson.

Although Concord had been primarily a passing team, Spider QB Tommy Beecher had his lowest output of the year, completing five of 16 passes for 53 yards. But the Spiders picked up 169 yards rushing, led by Richard Williams with 19 attempts for 65 yards.

Leading 7-0 in the second quarter, Concord put together a tremendous 19-play, 82-yard drive, consuming 8:30 on the clock, capped by a TD pass from Beecher to Williams.

Beecher also scored on an 11-yard scamper.

Concord, which entered the playoffs as the top seed in the West, finished the campaign at 15-1 while Hunt wound up 13-3. The championships are presented by Wendy's and the Carolinas Ford Dealers.

Crest Wins Second Straight Title With 26-13 Triumph Over Dudley

WINSTON-SALEM—Crest put together a punishing ground game with a tough defense down the stretch as the Chargers won their second consecutive North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-AA football title, downing Greensboro Dudley 26-13 at Groves Stadium.

Marcus Padgett rushed for 189 yards and a pair of touchdowns on runs of eight and 66 yards for the winners. He was named the Wendy's Most Valuable Player. Martray Littlejohn picked up 147 yards and scored twice for the winners.

It was the second straight state title and fourth in 11 seasons for Crest, which posted a 14-1 record. Dudley finished 13-3 with their second runner-up finish in the last three years.

The game was tied 7-7 at halftime and Dudley took a 14-7 lead on a one-yard run by Howard Williamson midway through the third quarter. After that, though, Crest held the Panthers to just two first downs and 28 total yards and created two turnovers.

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Southwest Onslow Rolls Past Shelby 49-21 To Win 2-A Crown

DURHAM—Kendric Burney ran for 121 yards and three touchdowns as Southwest Onslow rolled to a convincing 49-21 victory over Shelby to take the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A football championship at Wallace Wade Stadium.

The Stallions recorded their 15th victory in 16 starts and their second consecutive state title and third in five seasons. Shelby finished at 14-2.

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Southwest sprinted to a 21-0 first-quarter lead led by Burney, the Wendy's Most Valuable Player, who scored on runs of eight and 63 yards in the first period.

Shelby cut it to 21-7 on a 43-yard pass from Darryl Montgomery to Antonio Odom, but Southwest seized the momentum immediately when T.Q. Hardison returned the ensuing kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown.

Southwest led 28-14 at the half and then stretched the lead to 49-14 before Shelby struck for a late score.

Terrell Gullatte of Shelby was the Lions' top rusher with 101 yards in 15 attempts.

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Catholic Outlasts W.Alamance In Tight 2-AA Battle By 14-7 Count

DURHAM—It went right down the last play, but Charlotte Catholic held on to nip Western Alamance 14-7 to win the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's state 2-AA football championship at Wallace Wade Stadium.

Western fired a pass toward the end zone on the final play, but the officials ruled that the receiver who caught the ball had his feet in the end zone but the ball never crossed the plane of the goal line.

The game was knotted at 7-7 when Catholic got the ball at its own 22 with four minutes to play and drive for what proved to be the winning score. Nick Starcevic of the Cougars, who rushed for 93 yards in 20 carries on the day and was named the Wendy's Most Valuable Player, went over from the two for

his second TD of the day with just a minute remaining to lift Catholic to the victory.

The Cougars won their first NCHSAA football title since 1977 and finished with a perfect 16-0 slate. Western Alamance wound up 12-4 on the season.

The championships are presented by Wendy's and the Carolinas Ford Dealers.

Swain Rallies To Down Southside For 1-A Championship

RALEIGH—A safety in the final 1:25 of the game proved to be the difference as Swain County nipped Chocowinity Southside 16-14 at Carter-Finley Stadium for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A football championship.

It was the Maroon Devils' seventh NCHSAA title overall and completed a perfect 14-0 season, while the Seahawks lost for the first time after 14 straight victories.

Southside led 7-0 at the half on a 45-yard run by Joe King, but Swain tied it in the third quarter when Craig Autry recovered a fumble by Cody White in the end zone.

Bryan Haywood, who led all rushers with 179 yards in 19 carries, broke away for an NCHSAA championship game (neutral site) record 94 yard scoring run with 9:17 to play but the Seahawks back in front. Then White caught a 14-yard scoring pass from Scot McMahan and the score was tied at 14-14.

White was the Wendy's Most Valuable Player as he rushed for 103 yards in 29 carries for the winners.

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Independence QB Joe Cox looks for receiver in championship game against South View.

Thomasville Wins 1-AA Game Over Wallace-Rose Hill 15-14

RALEIGH—A dramatic defensive play wound up being the difference as the Thomasville Bulldogs beat the Wallace-Rose Hill Bulldogs 15-14 for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-AA football championship at Carter-Finley Stadium.

With just over a minute to go and Wallace-Rose Hill trying to run out the clock, Thomasville was able to knock the ball loose and Tavarius Henderson scooped it up and ran it in for the winning score. Henderson also had an interception in the waning seconds to earn the Wendy's Most Valuable Player award.

Wallace led 14-9 at the half after a 50-yard pass from Andrew Bowden to J.T. Carr.

Quan Worley led the Thomasville rushing attack with 88 yards in 23 carries while Melvin Edwards rushed 79 yards in 14 carries for Wallace-Rose Hill.

Thomasville finished the season with a record of 13-3 while Wallace, under veteran head coach Jack Holley, also wound up 13-3.

Benji Brown guided Thomasville as head coach and he is the son of Allen Brown, who had earlier guided Thomasville to state football crowns.

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Chatham Central Rallies To Win 1-A Dual Team Over East Surry

BEAR CREEK—Chatham Central rallied from an 18-0 deficit, winning the final two matches to take a thrilling 43-36 victory over East Surry in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A dual team wrestling championships held at Chatham Central High School.

Chatham Central trailed 36-33 entering the final two matches, but Kyle Scott won by a pin at 152 to put the Bears ahead and then Brandon Brown preserved the victory in the final match at 160 by winning by a decision.

Chatham Central won its first NCHSAA dual team wrestling championship and became the fourth different team champion in the four years the 1-A classification has had a separate championship. The Bears posted their 26th dual team victory in 32 matches, while East Surry wound up 18-4.

Both teams won earlier on Saturday to advance to the championship match. Chatham Central slipped past Hampstead Topsail 38-37 while East Surry downed Surry Central 41-28 in semifinal action.

Orange Slips Past East Gaston To Capture State 3-A Dual Team

HILLSBOROUGH—Two perennial powers battled in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A dual team wrestling championships, and Orange won its first-ever state dual team crown with a narrow 30-28 victory over East Gaston at Orange High School.

The Panthers won their first dual team title after finishing as 4-A runners-up in 1992 and '97. In fact, the match was a rematch of the 1992 4-A final when East Gaston bested Orange for the crown.

East Gaston was making its fifth state championship appearance and looking for its fourth crown after winning three straight 4-A titles in the first three years of the dual team event, 1990-92.

Orange posted a dual team record of 22-2 while East Gaston wound up 35-5.

Coach Bobby Shriner's Orange team had won a pair of matches the night before to advance to the state championship, beating Eden Morehead and Pikeville Charles B. Aycock

DUAL TEAM WRESTLING



Cary Rallies To Beat Davie County For 4-A Dual Team Crown

CARY—Freshman John Burns won the final match of the night by pin to lift Cary to a come-from-behind 34-32 victory over Davie County, giving the Imps the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A dual team wrestling championship at Cary High School.

Burns, wrestling at 112 pounds, pinned Russell Hilton in 5:29 to give Cary its fifth NCHSAA dual team title in the 16-year history of the tournament. It was the Imps' fifth consecutive visit to the championship match but their first state crown since 1998.

Davie entered the final with a 42-0 dual record while Cary, under veteran head coach Jerry Winterton, finished the dual campaign at 29-0.

Bandys Downs Croatan 41-15 To Win 2-A Dual Team Title

NEWPORT—Catawba Bandys built up an early lead and held off Newport Croatan 41-15 to win the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A dual team wrestling championship at Croatan High School.

The Trojans captured victories in the first five matches and went on to post its 27th victory in 29 dual team matches. It was the third win in two nights for Bandys, which had beaten previously undefeated West Lincoln and West Stokes on Friday night to advance to the finals.

Croatan closed dual competition with a 21-3 mark.



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