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North Carolina Athletic Directors Association Names 13th Hall Of Fame Class

Induction at Annual State Conference in March

Three members have been named by the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association as the 13th class for induction in its own Hall of Fame.

The new NCADA Hall of Famers include Ralph Holloway of Morehead City, Harold Robinson of Williamston and Doyle Whitfield of Dudley. The three will be recognized at the annual North Carolina Athletic Directors Association state conference at the Wilmington Hilton Riverside with the Hall of Fame banquet scheduled for March 27.

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 58 the number in the Hall.

This year's inductees include:

Ralph Holloway

A graduate of Elizabeth City State University, Ralph Holloway had an outstanding career in athletic administration before moving into his current role as principal.

Ralph has been the principal at East Carteret since 2001 and prior to that served three years as athletic director at West Carteret. He came to Carteret County after a successful stint at Kinston where he had served as both head football coach and athletic director. He also coached and taught Burlington Cummings for six years.

An National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) certified athletic administrator, Holloway served a term on the NCHSAA Board of Directors and was president of the Association during 2004-05.

He was inducted into the Palmetto (SC) High School Athletic Hall of Fame as a football player and is in the Cummings High School Athletic Hall of Fame as a coach.

Ralph also has been named Athletic Director of the Year by both the NCHSAA and the NCADA.

Harold Robinson

Harold Robinson was one of the state's most successful high school head football coaches and athletic directors before moving into the collegiate ranks.

A graduate of Washington High School and East Carolina University, Robinson has been at ECU since 2004 in a role with ECU football that includes Director of High School Relations. Prior to that, though, Robinson was athletic director and head football coach at Williamston for 25 years, compiling an overall mark of 239-89 and winning two NCHSAA state championships.

A certified NIAAA athletic administrator, Robinson served on the Boards of Directors of the NCADA and the North Carolina Coaches Association. He was president of the N.C. Coaches Association and also had a stint as president of the North Carolina Football Coaches Association.

Doyle Whitfield

Doyle Whitfield has been an excellent head baseball coach and athletic director throughout his career, which includes 30 years at Southern Wayne High School.

Whitfield's baseball record at Southern Wayne includes over 400 victories and a 1985 NCHSAA state 4-A championship to go with four conference titles and six baseball coach of the year awards. He served as athletic director at Southern Wayne for 20 years. The athletic complex at his school has been named in his honor.

He has received several honors from the NCHSAA and has served on the nominating committee for the NCHSAA Board of Directors. He is also in the American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame

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.

Last year's honorees were Cheryl Brewer of North Moore and Mac Morris and Phil Weaver of the North Carolina Coaches' Association in Greensboro.

Here's An Unusual Locker Room Story

DURHAM—Sometimes situations crop up at state championships that are unusual and have to be dealt with.

One such unusual situation occurred at the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-AA football championships, but didn't make any newspapers or wasn't publicized in other ways.

One of the things which is emphasized at the press conference/information session before the championships - and this actually applies to any NCHSAA event-has to do with the proper behavior for our teams and coaches using someone else's facilities, including locker rooms.

On rare occasions, the NCHSAA has some problems with damage or other things in locker rooms, but not so at Duke this year.

In fact, it was quite the opposite.

Mike Ryan, operations manager at Duke who also assisted with the NCHSAA games, noted with great appreciation that the Independence Patriot football team, which won its seventh straight state title, actually completely cleaned up its locker room after the game.

He also indicated that some members of the team had asked if they could borrow a vacuum cleaner to complete the task fully.

Mike said that very often, whether it's high school or college teams in a facility, that a real mess can be facing the clean-up crew during post-game duties from just normal usage. To have a locker room basically completely cleaned, he said, "...made a tremendous impression on lots of people."

Our thanks to Independence in this situation and all those involved with that football program for a job well done.

Minor Changes Made At NCHSAA Winter Board Meeting

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

The Board, consisting of superintendents, principals, athletic directors and coaches from across the state, representing the eight different NCHSAA regions and all four classifications of schools, did committee work all day on Tuesday and then voted on items on Wednesday at the Simon F. Terrell Building, the home offices of the NCHSAA.

Among other highlights of the Board meeting:

- the Board agreed to give \$100,000 from the NCHSAA Endowment fund to the member schools as a partial reimbursement for their catastrophic insurance premium
- in another effort to help the schools financially, the Board agreed that in the expanded 64-team brackets in volleyball, softball and baseball, the NCHSAA would not take its normal percentage in the first round only, which is 15 percent of the gross gate; the one-dollar surcharge on playoff tickets for the Endowment will remain in place
- approved the realignment timetable and officers for the realignment which be for years 2009-03; superintendent Jack Hoke of Alexander County will be the overall chair
- in women's golf, changed the scoring for the state team championship to three scores counting toward a team score, instead of two, and a team can consists of as many as five players
- non-motorized pull carts will now be allowed in both men's golf and women's golf, starting with the 2007-08 academic year, a move which may also help to speed up play
- approved the playoff calendar for the 2007-08 year
- formalized a selection process for securing new booking agents when they are needed
- made a change in the sports season regulations that extends the limited number of student-athletes a coach can work with (one less than a team in most sports) to any outside team that a coach might coach during the regular season; for instance, the limit of one less than a team in soccer would apply to a

men's soccer coach coaching a select team during the fall season, just as it does in what is the off-season for the high school sport

- extended a ban on body paint for spectators from just NCHSAA playoff games to all games, helping to provide some consistency

Several appeals for realignment were heard at this meeting, which comes during the second year of the current four-year realignment cycle, including:

- approved East Rowan and South Rowan's appeal to drop to 3-A from 4-A due to the impact that the new Jesse Carson High School has already had on the two. All the conference involved had agreed to the moves, with the North Piedmont 3-A voting to accept them into membership for the next two years
- a related move sent North Forsyth from the Metro to the Central Piedmont 4-A, since the CPC lost two members when East Rowan and South Rowan dropped to 3-A, with the conferences' approval
- approved an appeal from Gates County to shift to the Tar Roanoke and then moved Plymouth from the Atlantic to the Albemarle. All the conference involved had agreed to the moves
- an appeal by Central Cabarrus to drop to 3-A from 4-A was denied since the new school affecting Central has not yet opened and the conferences involved did not all agree with the move
- a number of new schools opening next year were placed in conferences with the agreement of the respective leagues, including Hickory Ridge of Cabarrus County and Marvin Ridge of Union County into the South Piedmont 3-A; Mallard Creek of Mecklenburg County in the ME-CA; Carrboro High School of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro system into the Mid-State 1-A/2-A; Northern Guilford into the Triad 3-A, and Patton High School of Burke County into the Catawba Valley. Other new schools joining were accepted into the membership but did not have conference approval, including KIPP Pride of Northampton County and Central Area of Granville County.

North Carolina Captures Shrine Bowl Triumph By 23-16 Over Sandlappers

SPARTANBURG, SC—North Carolina's Jonathan Williams rushed for 106 yards and a touchdown to lead his team to a 23-16 victory over South Carolina in the 70th annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas at Gibbs Stadium on the campus of Wofford College in mid-December.

Williams, from Greenville Rose, led the North Carolina all-stars to their fourth win in the last five years against their counterparts from South Carolina. He was his team's offensive MVP.

The teams were plagued by fumbles-14 in all-but South Carolina's wound up leading to the Tar Heels' final 10 points. South Carolina fumbled eight times and lost three in addition to throwing two interceptions.

Eastern Randolph quarterback Scott Riddle completed seven of nine passes for 102 yards and a score for the winners, a 63-yard strike to Burlington Cummings wide receiver Dwight Jones. Independence receiver Jason Barnes finished the game with six receptions for 67 yards.

Justin Byers of Charlotte Vance picked off a South Carolina pass late in the game to help preserve the lead, and then Jay Wooten of Scotland kicked a 23-yard field goal with 5:36 remaining to play for the final margin.

Richmond Senior's Melvin Ingram had opened the scoring for the Tar Heels with a nine-yard fumble return with 4:49 remaining in the opening half, which ended with North Carolina on top 13-9.

North Carolina outgained South Carolina 262-181 in total offense. The strong defensive effort for the North Carolina stars was led by East Wake's Dominique Ellis, who had five tackles and was named his team's defensive MVP.

South Carolina leads the series 38-28-4.

Richmond Senior's Ed Emory was the North Carolina head coach. The Shrine Bowl annually raises money for the Shrine's Children's Hospitals.

VETERAN COACH TRIPP PRICE HONORED BY CHAPEL HILL HIGH

CHAPEL HILL—The wrestling room at Chapel Hill High School has been named for a longtime coach in that sport. Tripp Price, who served as both an assistant and head coach for the Tigers, was recognized for the honor at Chapel Hill High in a special ceremony in late January.

Matching Gifts And The NCHSAA Endowment Fund

By Karen DeHart, Director of Development

It is not a new concept, but the North Carolina High School Athletic Association will soon actively encourage Endowment Fund donors to utilize their respective employers' matching gift programs, if available.

A 'matching gift' is a gift made with the specification that other gifts must be secured, either one-for-one or according to some other prescribed formula. Such gifts are usually required within a specified time period, with the objective of stimulating gifts from others.¹ The Association is currently compiling a listing of companies known to offer a matching gifts program as a benefit to their employees.

How does a matching gifts program work? While programs vary, in general terms an employee can make a donation to charities of choice, with their employing company matching the gift (up to a specified dollar amount), provided that the charity meets the employing company's giving guidelines. Each matching gift program establishes specific guidelines for the match.¹

This benefits the donor in that he/she receives credit not only for the outright donation, but 'soft credit' for the matching gift. Soft credit provides acknowledgement to the donor for efforts in helping to secure the gift through his/her company. Likewise, the company providing the matching gift receives a tax-deduction in the amount matched.

For example, donor John Smith gives a gift of \$500 to the NCHSAA Endowment Fund and finds that his employer will match his gift up to \$500. John Smith is credited with giving a total of \$500 and receives public acknowledgment of helping to secure an additional \$500 while his employer, as the legal donor, receives a tax-deduction in the amount of \$500.

NCHSAA Schools Should Be Aware Of Registered Marks Belonging To Other Schools

North Carolina High School Athletic Association member schools should be aware of a situation that could create some serious problems but is completely avoidable.

Obviously, every NCHSAA high school has a mascot and accompanying logo that it uses for its own athletic teams, which is fine. However, collegiate and professional logos are protected legally as registered trademarks, as is the NCHSAA logo.

So, if my school has a certain mascot and we like the look of the logo that an area college or university has for the same mascot, it is not appropriate just to copy that logo and then start using it as our own. That is actually using something illegally that is protected by law.

There is lots of potential for problems. Let's say that my high school has the nickname Lions, and I decide that I really like the look of the logo for the (fictitious) Central Carolina University teams, which are also known as the Lions.

If suddenly that CCU Lion appears on my letterhead and uniforms and such, but now as my own high school's Lion, I am violating copyright laws when the logo has actually been registered or copyrighted.

Schools can have their own nickname but need to develop their own logo or a design that is not protected—a generic Eagle, for instance. However, it would not be legal to use the specific CCU Eagle or even the Philadelphia Eagle (another registered logo).

NCHSAA member schools just need to be aware of this to avoid any potential problems.

To see if your contributions to the NCHSAA Endowment Fund qualify for matching gifts with your employer, consult your company's Community Affairs or Corporate Giving representatives. This method provides a wonderful opportunity for you to give to the NCHSAA Endowment Fund, but also provides additional recognition to you as a donor while offering your employer a tax-deduction.

Finally, the member high schools and boys and girls of North Carolina receive double the support through NCHSAA Endowment Fund efforts.

¹ *Endowment Building* by Diana S. Newman.

Ron Hyatt Saluted By NCHSAA

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association and The Bulletin are proud to salute one of the NCHSAA's best friends.

Dr. Ron Hyatt, who enjoyed a teaching career of over 50 years, has been recognized by a number of organizations for his tremendous contributions to education and athletics.



Dr. and Mrs. Ron Hyatt

A native of Latta, S.C., Ron graduated from Furman University in Greenville, S.C., and then began a teaching and coaching career. He started in high schools in South Carolina, came to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to earn a masters' degree in 1959, and then taught and coached at Lee Edwards High School in Asheville from 1958-60.

Ron wound up returning to UNC to teach, earning his doctorate in 1970. He retired several years ago as a full professor in the department of exercise and sports science at UNC.

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association has recognized him on several occasions, including with its Special Person Award as well as one of the 50 people who made a difference in high school athletics in North Carolina during the 20th century.

One of his legacies will be his involvement in the NCHSAA intern program. Dr. Hyatt would always recommend some of his top students to work as volunteer interns in the Association offices. Several of those interns wound up later having full-time jobs with the NCHSAA.

Dr. Hyatt was honored last season at a Carolina basketball game with the University's Pricelss Gem award, made even more special because a couple of the presenters of the award along with UNC athletic director Dick Baddour and chancellor Dr. James Moeser were two of his dear friends with NCHSAA connections. Association executive director Charlie Adams and NCHSAA Hall of Famer Dr. William Friday, president emeritus, along with UNC basketball coach Roy Williams, were part of the presentation.

Our thanks again to Ron.

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

Eddie Summerlin

WILSON—Long-time coach Eddie Summerlin died in late November after a long battle with cancer. He was 60.

A graduate of Elm City High School and a 1969 graduate of Barton College (Atlantic Christian), Summerlin coached women's basketball at both Elm City and Wilson Fike, rolling up over 400 career victories. Elm City won the 1977 NCHSAA state 2-A title and his 1979 Fike team took the 4-A crown. He also served as athletic director during his career.

Following his retirement from coaching in 1998, Summerlin also coached briefly at Northern Nash, Smithfield-Selma and Clayton. A native of Wilson County, Eddie is a member of both the Fike High School Athletic Hall of Fame and the Barton College Athletic Hall of Fame.

He coached in the 1980 East-West all-star women's basketball game and was formerly the president of the North Carolina Coaches Association.

The Wilson Daily Times voted Summerlin as the Area Coach of the Decades for the 1970's.

Walter Rogers

ROXBORO—Walter Rogers, a member of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, died in late November.

A graduate of Bethel Hill High School, Rogers went on to graduate from East Carolina in 1941. Rogers began coaching at Hoke County and then resumed his career after World War II, during which he earned a Bronze Star, as a teacher and coach Roxboro High from 1946-51.

Then he moved to Wilson, where he coached from 1952 to '58. During that stretch in Wilson he served as president of the North Carolina Coaches Association after serving as a charter member of the organization, and also served a term on the NCHSAA Board of Directors.

Rogers moved into administration, serving as principal at Roxboro from 1959 to '66, and then began a 15-year stretch as superintendent. During that period he helped establish the funding that built the current NCHSAA offices in Chapel Hill. After retiring he wound up serving a four-year term on the Person County Board of Commissioners.

Rogers was named to the NCHSAA Hall of Fame in 2001.

Joe Beasley

SWANSBORO—Swansboro High School principal Joe Beasley died suddenly in early December at the age of 63.

Beasley had finished presenting his school's strategic plan to the Onslow County Board of Education when he collapsed and he later died at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington.

Jere Morton

RALEIGH—Former high school football official and great friend of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Jere L. Morton died in mid-December at the age of 78.

A 1947 graduate of Hugh Morson High School and N.C. State University, Morton (known as "Mort" to so many) was a lifelong resident of Raleigh and owner/operator of Mort's Trophies and Awards, Inc., which has been the official supplier of awards and medals to the NCHSAA for many years.

Mort had been an active youth baseball and football coach

as well as a football official for some 25 years. He had also served as the president and secretary for the Raleigh Sports Club.

Charles Scott

ASHEBORO—Long-time high school official and booking agent Charles Scott died of kidney problems in mid-December.

He officiated a variety of sports for over 30 years and also served as booking agent for the Mid-State Association until 2000.

His son Scott Faglier is currently the booking agent for the Mid-State Association.

Ron Percise

WILSON—Long-time high school game official Ron Percise died after a lingering illness in late December at the age of 74.

A Goldsboro High School graduate, Percise was an outstanding athlete at Goldsboro and went on to play basketball at Atlantic Christian (now Barton) College in Wilson, where he was later inducted into the Barton College Athletic Hall of Fame.

He was an outstanding official in both football and basketball with a career standing four decades. He also served as a member of the Wilson County Board of Education.

Jordan Aldridge

BEULAVILLE—Jordan Aldridge, a 16-year-old student at East Duplin High School, was killed in an automobile accident in December.

She was the daughter of East Duplin head football coach Brian Aldridge.

Roger Thrift

NEW BERN—Athlete, coach and administrator Roger Thrift died in early January at the age of 80.

A graduate of Chapel Hill High School and World War II veteran, he was an outstanding athlete at East Carolina and was drafted by the Cleveland Browns.

Instead of continuing his playing career, he began a coaching career that included stops at Murfreesboro, Williamston, Sanford and Davidson College. Then in 1965 Thrift moved to New Bern as head football coach, a post he held for 11 years, and then he continued as athletic director there until 1985.

He was inducted into the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame in 2003, and is also a member of the New Bern/J.T. Barber High School and East Carolina University Halls of Fame.

DeJohn Napper

FAYETTEVILLE—DeJohn Darrell Napper died at the age of 50.

A U.S. Army veteran, he was buried with full military honors. He was an excellent game official, working primarily in football and basketball. When members of the family could not be located, his fellow officials helped take care of most of the funeral arrangements.

A member of the Southeastern Officials Association, Napper had also been the clock operator for Fayetteville State University basketball and for the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) basketball tournament for the last four years.

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In Memoriam—Continued

Harold T. Ellen

ANGIER—Harold T. Ellen of Angier and formerly of Lumberton, a long-time coach, died in mid-January at the age of 75.

A graduate of Angier High School and later from Elon College, Ellen began his coaching career at Fuquay-Varina from 1958-63. He also coached in the high school ranks at Raleigh Broughton.

Ellen had a three-year stint as assistant basketball and baseball coach at East Carolina and went on to win 331 games as head baseball coach at what was then known as Pembroke State, including two trips to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) College World Series.

He was a member of both the UNC-Pembroke Athletic Hall of Fame and the NAIA Baseball Hall of Fame.

Nicholas Creech Reece Richardson

KENLY—Nicholas Creech and Reece Richardson, both of whom were athletes at North Johnston High School, were killed in an automobile accident in January.

Creech, age 16, was the center on the North Johnston football team. Richardson, age 17, played sweeper for the North Johnston soccer team.

A memorial service was held in the North Johnston gymnasium, with a standing-room only crowd and hundreds were turned away.

COOL NEWS: East Rutherford High School

*Submitted by Dr. Vernon Hoyle,
director of McNair Education Foundation*

An educational foundation, the Robert and Janice McNair Education Foundation, exists at East Rutherford because of the vision and generosity of Robert C. McNair, an East alumnus who was an excellent high school athlete and remains interested in the progress of athletes at East. Robert and his wife Janice are currently the owners of the Houston Texans of the National Football League.

The Foundation seeks to motivate, encourage and provide financial aid to students for the purpose of attending college. Over 1,000 students have been assisted in their goal to attend and graduate from a post-secondary institution since the founding of the organization. Foundation award recipients have an outstanding graduation rate of 84 percent from institutions of higher learning.

Of special interest in Foundation efforts are first-generation college enrollees and those who might not attend college without help from the ROPE award program which it sponsors.

Each student in the school is assigned an adult mentor. Athletes who have had specific academic difficulties and who are considered at risk of not meeting high school graduation requirements are assigned a coach as a mentor in addition to the McNair mentor.

If a student mentored by a coach graduates from high school, wins a ROPE award, meets college entrance requirements and actually enrolls, the foundation will supplement the program represented by the coach with a designated amount of funds which can be used as the athletic director and coaches see fit.

Athletic director Tony Smith oversees the Athletic Incentive Awards and ensures that records are kept and verified, including records of meetings between the coach-mentor and the student. There is documentation during the four years of the student's academic and athletic career. A total of 57 percent of those selected for the program have met the criteria established for incentive awards.

The delicate balance of academic achievement and productive athletic participation can be greatly enhanced by conscientious coach-mentors who invest themselves in their athletes' academic pursuits. The imbalance which can occur with misplaced priorities is no longer an option at East Rutherford.

The working relationship between the McNair Foundation and East Rutherford High School provides a filler for those cracks through which some students once fell and an opportunity to earn help for the education they need to succeed in life.

NFHS Launches New Coach Education Program

INDIANAPOLIS—The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) has launched its own online Coach Education Program with two courses - a Fundamentals of Coaching course and a First Aid for Coaches course. The online version of the program began in January and is available through the NFHS Coach Education Web site at www.nfhslearn.com. This is the first and only education program designed exclusively for interscholastic coaches.

The Fundamentals of Coaching course addresses the following subjects: educational athletics and the role of the coach, the coach as manager, the coach and interpersonal skills, the coach and physical conditioning, and the coach as teacher. The First Aid for Coaches course is a sports safety training program developed by the American Red Cross of greater Indianapolis and the U.S. Olympic Committee.

"We are pleased with the quality and depth of the courses we've launched," said Tim Flannery, NFHS assistant director and staff liaison to the NFHS Coach Education Program. "The NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course provides a unique student-centered curriculum for interscholastic coaches, assisting them in creating a healthy and age-appropriate sport experience that supports the academic mission of the 18,500 schools from NFHS-member associations."

After 16 years with another company, the NFHS started its own Coach Education Program to keep the costs down and to provide a program that targets the role of the interscholastic coach in an educational setting. For the interscholastic coach, the primary goal is to promote learning.

"We view the sports experience as an extension of the classroom," Flannery said. "As such, winning must take a lesser role to learning. If winning is the primary goal, then it makes it impossible to achieve our purpose. Thus, the program was created in order for coaches to find the happy balance between winning and teaching."

"The whole purpose of the fundamentals course is to train coaches regarding their role in fulfilling the full mission and purpose of interscholastic sports."

Flannery said that 14 state associations have already adopted the new course as the required course for coach education in their states. He said another 10 states are expected on board by fall 2007, and an additional 10 states are reviewing the materials for possible adoption this fall.

It is anticipated that the Fundamentals of Coaching course will take four to six hours to complete online.

For more information, visit the NFHS Coach Education Web site at www.nfhslearn.com.

North Henderson Names Gym In Honor Of Tom Pryor

One of the greats in North Carolina coaching history has been recognized in a special way.

North Henderson High School named its gymnasium after Tom Pryor, who has won more games as a women's basketball coach than any other coach in North Carolina history.

A 1952 graduate of Edneyville High and then a 1957 graduate of N.C. State, Pryor coached women's basketball for 43 years, with the great majority of that (1957-93) at Edneyville. He also was a head football coach for 13 seasons with a mark of 66-42-5 in that sport, to go with at least three years coaching track, golf, baseball and men's basketball.

He rolled up an amazing 702-244 mark as a women's coach, including 594-191 at Edneyville. He had only two losing seasons in his career, going 63-20 at Asheville School and then 59-23 at Polk County after leaving Edneyville.

Edneyville closed when North Henderson was built.

Pryor served on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association and also umpired softball for 10 years.



Exterior of Tom Pryor Gym



Adams presents plaque to Pryor while Henderson County superintendent Dr. Steve Page applauds



Adams addresses crowd at gym



Tom Pryor and NCHSAA executive director Charlie Adams

Photos courtesy

North Henderson High School

Official Relies On Others For Assistance At State Championship Game

RALEIGH—Those who have wondered how the fraternity known as high school game officials stick together need no further evidence than an episode that occurred during one of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state football championship games.

A crew from the Triangle Officials Association was assigned to work the NCHSAA state 3-A championship game at Carter-Finley Stadium, and one of the members of that crew was back judge Jeff Faulkner.

Upon arriving at the stadium, he was told he was in the wrong parking lot in and in the turmoil that ensued, he did something that can happen so easily - he locked himself out of his vehicle.

Not only was his cell phone and keys in the car, but so was his uniform for officiating. Obviously that's not a good situation

with a state championship game looming.

After learning of Jeff's dilemma, his fellow officials came to his aid. Walter Savage, Anthony Montague, Whit Whitsett, Dave Sauer, Gary Wiley and George Atkins each provided some part of their uniforms for Jeff's use, so nothing that Faulkner wore during the championship was his but belonged to somebody else. But to the teams, coaches and fans in attendance, nobody could tell that anything at all was unusual.

Gary Wiley summed it up to Jeff's wife, when explaining what everybody was trying to do. "We are a family and we look out for each other."

We appreciate Ed Toole and Jeff Faulkner sharing this information to provide readers of the Bulletin a little bit of an idea of how game officials really do work together.

THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS RECORD BOOK can be purchased from the National Federation of State High School Associations. A number of North Carolinians are among the national record holders. More information is available at (317) 972-6900.

DUAL TEAM WRESTLING



CHAMPIONSHIP REVIEW

Cary Dominates West Forsyth In 4-A Dual Team Wrestling

CARY—Cary dominated from the opening bout and scored a convincing 53-9 victory over West Forsyth in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A dual team wrestling championship at Cary High School.

The match started at the 130-pound weight class and the Imps stormed out to a 35-0 lead. Cary won 12 of the 14 weight classes.

Cary earned the state 4-A dual team title for the sixth time in the 18-year history over the tournament and the Imps were making their 12th appearance in the championship match. West Forsyth was in the finals for the first time.

The 53 points were the most ever scored in a dual team final, regardless of classification, and the margin of victory was the largest ever in a final.

Two Cary wrestlers shared Most Valuable Performer honors for the championship. Gabe Brotzman at 140 pounds nipped Lawrence Manns of West Forsyth in a 4-3 decision, and Lawrence White at 125 pounds earned a 5-2 decision over Remy Tamer.

Cary finished the dual team season with a 37-0 mark and an amazing average margin of victory of 62.5 points per match. West Forsyth is 30-4.

Alleghany Wins 2nd Straight Over Topsail In 1-A Championship

HAMPSTEAD—Alleghany earned its second consecutive North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A dual team wrestling championship, traveling to Topsail and securing a 43-22 victory.

The championship was Alleghany's third in the last six years and its second straight triumph in the finals over Topsail. Last year Alleghany had scored a 42-27 victory in the final.

The Trojans spurred to a 15-0 lead and then won the last four matches to secure the victory.

Alleghany's Jeremiah Hampton, who had pinned Cory Crumpler in the 171-pound bout, was selected as the Most Valuable Performer in the 1-A championship.

Parkland Defeats Morehead To Maintain Perfect Record

EDEN—Winston-Salem Parkland completed a perfect dual-meet season by winning the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A dual team wrestling championship, beating Morehead by a 34-24 count.

The victory was the 41st without a loss for Parkland while Morehead dropped to 28-4.

It was the first NCHSAA dual team title for Parkland since 1996, while Morehead, the 2005 champion, was making its third appearance in the championship match in the past six years.

Parkland broke out on top 9-0 and held Morehead at bay.

Parkland 130-pounder Lane Wilmoth was selected as the Most Valuable Performer of the championship match.

McMichael Downs Newton-Conover In 2-A Final

MAYODAN—McMichael scored a 36-32 victory over visiting Newton-Conover on Saturday night to earn the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's state 2-A dual team wrestling championship.

McMichael, the 2004 champion, was in the finals for the second time in four years and finished the dual meet season with a record of 45-12.

Newton-Conover made its initial visit to the state dual team finals. The Red Devils lost for only the third time in 46 starts.

McMichael won the first eight matches of the championship to take a commanding 36-0 lead, coming from behind in the first two matches to win by pins, and then wound up forfeiting the last five weight classes with the outcome decided.

Chris Bullins of McMichael, wrestling at 171 pounds, was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler.

INDOOR TRACK



Southeast Raleigh Sweeps NCGSAA 4-A Indoor Track

CHAPEL HILL—Southeast Raleigh swept both team championships in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A indoor track and field

championships at the Eddie Smith Fieldhouse on the campus of the University of North Carolina.

In the men's competition, Southeast Raleigh took the title with 41.5 points to 35 for second-place Charlotte Providence. New Bern and West Charlotte tied for third with 33 each and Winston-Salem R.J. Reynolds was

fifth with 28 points.

Trenton Guy of West Charlotte won the Most Valuable Performer award for the men, setting a new state record of 34.62 seconds in the 300 and also winning the 55 meters.

Southeast Raleigh tallied 65 points in the women's meet for a 13-point advantage of runner-up Charlotte Harding. Winston-Salem R.J. Reynolds was

third with 32, followed by Winston-Salem Mount Tabor with 31.

Joanna Wright of R.J. Reynolds was the women's MVP with a state record of 12 feet, one inch in the pole vault to go with a fifth-place finish in the 55 hurdles and sixth place in the triple jump.

Southeast Raleigh's Gabby Mayo tied her own state record in the 55 meters in 6.87 seconds.

Parkland, Cummings Take Team Titles In Inaugural 1A/2A/3A Indoor Track

CHAPEL HILL—Winston-Salem Parkland and Burlington Cummings each scored three-point victories over the field in the first-ever North Carolina High School Athletic Association 1-A/2-A/3-A state indoor track and field championships at the Eddie Smith Fieldhouse on the campus of the University of North Carolina.

In the men's competition, Parkland had 52 points to 49 for runner-up Asheville. Nash Central was third with 35 points, followed by Asheville T.C. Roberson with 29 and North Rowan with 21. A total of 47 schools scored in the men's meet.

The Most Valuable Performer in the men's meet was Isaiah Thompson of Asheville. Thompson won the high jump, was runner-up in the long jump and fifth in the triple jump.

Latoya James of Cummings helped lead her team to victory in the women's meet, earning MVP honors as the Cavaliers had 63 points to 60 for second-place Jamestown Ragsdale. Roberson was third with 36.5, with Western Guilford in fourth at 32.5 and Parkland in fifth with 30 points. A total of 43 schools scored in the women's meet.

James captured first in the 55 hurdles, second in the 300 and took third in both the long jump and triple jump. Junior Kelsey McCorkle of South Central in Pitt County won a pair of events, tak-

ing top honors in both the women's 55 and 300 meter events.

This is the 21st year for NCHSAA indoor track championships, but the first year that the finals have been divided into a separate 4-A championship and then a 1-A/2-A/3-A championship.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING



East Lincoln Men, Cardinal Gibbons Women Take Team Titles In 1-A/2-A Swimming

RALEIGH—Both the East Lincoln men and the Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons successfully defended their team championships in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A/2-A swimming and diving championships at the Willis Casey Center on the North Carolina State University campus.

East Lincoln took the men's crown with 263.5 points to 175.5 for runner-up Lenoir Hibriten. Cardinal Gibbons was third at 172.5, followed by the North Carolina School of Science and Math at 161 and the Durham School of the Arts with 136 points.

The two East Lincoln swimming crowns in the past two years are the only men's NCHSAA championships in the history of the school.

Gavin Spake of West Davidson and Stephen Caudill of Elkin shared the Most Valuable Performer award in men's action. Spake won championships in the 200 free and 500 free, while Caudill captured top honors in the 200 IM and 100 fly.

In women's competition, Cardinal Gibbons rolled up 316 points to take the team title in convincing fashion. Hillsborough Cedar Ridge was in second with 168 points, followed by Elkin (163), Surry Central (156) and West Davidson (149).

Julie Smith of Cardinal Gibbons and Teresa Long of Raleigh Charter shared the top individual honors. Both had automatic all-American times, Smith in the 200 free and Long in the 50 free, as well as new 1-/2-A state records in those same events.

A total of 36 men's teams and 37 women's teams scored points in the championships.

Charlotte Catholic Sweeps Team Titles In 3-A Swimming

HUNTERSVILLE—Charlotte Catholic continued its string of excellence by winning both the women's and men's team championships in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's 3-A swimming and diving championships at the Huntersville Family Fitness and Aquatic Center.

The Catholic men won their second straight 3-A title and third crown overall, with a 2-A title back in '05. On the women's side, Catholic earned its sixth consecutive state title covering two classifications.

In men's action, Charlotte Catholic scored 237 points, 32 ahead of runner-up Southwest Guilford. Pfafftown Ronald Reagan was third with 181, followed by Asheville T.C. Roberson (137), Northwest Cabarrus (126), Asheville (125) and Hickory St. Stephens (119).

Wilson Fike's Justin Eldridge and Eastern Wayne's Mason Chenier shared the Most Valuable Performer award in the men's championship.

Eldridge took first place in both the 200 individual medley and the 500 free, while Chenier swept the titles in both the 50 and 100 free.

Charlotte Catholic rolled up 267 points in the women's competition despite the efforts of meet co-MVP Rachel Wilson of Ronald Reagan, who helped her team to 204 points and the runner-up spot. Wilson took top honors in both the 200 free and the 100 back.

Waynesville Tuscola was third in the women's standings with 176 points, paced by the meet's other co-MVP, Anna Stringfield. Stringfield won both the 200 individual medley and the 500 free.

T.C. Roberson was fourth with 143 points, followed by

Mooresville (136), Hickory (123) and a tie between R-S Central and St. Stephens with 118 each.

Enloe, Providence Keep State Championship Streaks Alive

RALEIGH—Two schools kept long winning strings intact, but it wasn't easy at the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A swimming and diving championships at the Willis Casey Aquatic Center on the N.C. State campus.

Raleigh Enloe won its ninth consecutive men's team championship and Charlotte Providence rallied to capture its ninth women's crown in the last 10 years and fifth in succession.

Enloe tallied 262 points to 178 for runner-up South Mecklenburg. Chapel Hill placed third with 172, followed by North Mecklenburg (163) and Raleigh Leesville Road (156).

Knightdale's Matt Donch and Enloe's Jeffrey Sanders were the co-Most Valuable Performers in the men's meet, each with two titles.

It was the 11th consecutive year the women's champion has come from Mecklenburg County. Raleigh Leesville Road in 1996 was the last team outside the Charlotte area to win the NCHSAA crown.

Providence had 239 points to win by six over second-place Enloe. Leesville Road was third with 173, with Chapel Hill (144) in fourth and Raleigh Athens Drive (127) in fifth.

The women's meet went down to the final event, the 400 freestyle relay, and the Providence relay team was seeded sixth in the event. But the Panthers rallied to win the race and set a new state record in the process to take the team title.

Kirsten Smith of Athens Drive and Mandy Myers of Apex shared the top individual honor in the women's championship, both winning two events.

MEN'S SOCCER



Cardinal Gibbons Beats Mount Pleasant In 2-A Championship

CARY—Seph Babbington scored a pair of goals to lead Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons past Mount Pleasant 6-3 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A men's soccer championship at the SAS Soccer Park.

Babbington, a sophomore forward, was named Most Valuable Player of the championship as he tallied his 29th and 30th goals of the season. Cardinal Gibbons dominated most of the physical match, although the Crusaders fell behind 1-0 on a goal about seven minutes in by Weston Brown of Mount Pleasant. The Crusaders came back to lead 2-1 at the half and by as much as 5-1 at one point.

Matt Abadie also had two goals for the Crusaders, while Mark Piegore and Jon McCracken each had one for the winners.

Tyler Senecal and J. J. Miles scored second-half goals for Mount Pleasant.

Cardinal Gibbons, which was the 2-A runner-up a year ago, finished the season at 26-2 overall and with a season-ending 19-game winning streak. Mount Pleasant suffered its first loss after 24 consecutive wins.

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Lake Norman Edges Jacksonville In OT For 3-A Men's Soccer Crown

CARY—Allen Lomax scored the only goal of the game in the second sudden-victory period to lift Lake Norman to a thrilling 1-0 decision over defending state champion Jacksonville in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association men's state 3-A soccer

championship at SAS Soccer Park.

Lomax, a senior midfielder, tallied his team-leading 23rd goal of the year just 1:19 before the game would have gone to penalty kicks to decide the title. He was named the championship match's Most Valuable Player.

Lake Norman won its first NCHSAA state soccer championship as the Wildcats finished a perfect 27-0 season. Jacksonville ended the season 17-9-1.

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Dixon Second Half Rally Lifts Bulldogs Past Polk County For 1-A Soccer Title

CARY—Dixon scored three second-half goals to rally from a 1-0 halftime deficit and defeat Polk County 3-1 for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A men's soccer championship at SAS Soccer Park.

Polk County had grabbed a 1-0 advantage in the game's first 10 minutes on a goal by Russell Kooistra, but the Bulldogs struck for a pair of tallies in a span of 3:35 early in the second half and then put it away with a goal with 4:25 to play.

The Bulldogs tied the score at the 44:07 mark on a goal by Cory Bowman, and then freshman midfielder Cameron Pitz scored at 47:42 to give Dixon the lead for good. A goal by sophomore forward James Hansley late in the contest put it away for Dixon.

Dixon played most of the game without its leading scorer, Sean Oliveira, who suffered a head injury and was unable to play thereafter. But Dixon's balance and depth made a difference in the contest, especially in the second half.

Dixon senior forward Justin Oliver, who had an outstanding all-around game, was voted the Most Valuable Player in the Championship.

The Bulldogs earned their first NCHSAA men's soccer championship in a rematch of the 2003 title game in which Polk beat the Bulldogs 2-1. Dixon ended the season with a record of 14-5-2 after being 4-4-2 at one point.

The Wolverines were in their third state title appearance and had previously captured state titles in 2001 and '03. Polk finished at 21-5-1 and had outscored its opponents in the playoffs by an 18-3 count prior to the final.

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Broughton Outlasts North Meck In State 4-A Men's Soccer Championship

CARY—Senior goalkeeper Will Mackvick came up with a couple of big saves in the penalty kick phase to help Raleigh Broughton nip North Mecklenburg 2-1 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men's soccer championship at SAS Soccer Park.

Mackvick, who also had several other spectacular saves on the night, stopped North Meck shooters twice in the first four attempts while Broughton made three of its first four. But after Clyde Kohlmeir tallied for North on its fifth kick, Broughton's Tyler Duncan rammed one home to lift the Capitals to the title with a 4-3 edge in penalty kicks. Mackvick, who is headed to N.C. State, was named the championship match Most Valuable Player.

Watt Williams put Broughton on top 1-0 with just over eight minutes left in regulation, but the Vikings came back to knot the score at 1-1 on senior forward Drew Toler's goal at 76:01, his 36th of the year. The two teams battled through a pair of 10-minute overtime periods and then two five-minute sudden victory stanzas for a total of 110 minutes of play before heading into penalty kicks.

Broughton won its first men's soccer state championship and ended the season with 21 consecutive victories, winding up 26-1. North Mecklenburg made its third trip to a state soccer final but the Vikings are still looking for their first crown. North lost for the first time after 22 straight wins and finished second in the state for the second consecutive year.

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FOOTBALL



Transou Runs, Passes Elkin Past Manteo 28-7 For 1-A Title

CHAPEL HILL—Elkin quarterback Tyler Transou threw for three touchdowns and ran for another to lead the Buckin' Elks to a 28-7 decision over Manteo in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A football championship at Kenan Stadium.

Transou completed 11 of 22 passes for 254 yards and three touchdowns, all of which were over 50 yards. He also ran for a score, returned kicks and played defense to earn the Wendy's Most Valuable Player award.

Elkin's defense was also outstanding, holding a team averaging 42.8 points per game to a single touchdown. The Elks also blocked a pair of punts.

Elkin scored first on a 51-yard strike from Transou to Keith Whitman late in the first period, but Manteo responded with a nine-play, 64-yard drive. Ryan Hunter tallied on an eight-yard run to tie the game at 7-7.

But then Transou hit Wesley Martin for 54 yards and a TD just 22 seconds after Manteo's tally and the Elks never trailed again. Martin also caught a fourth-yard 59-yard TD pass from Transou.

Dustin Miles led the Elkin rushing attack with 23 carries for 82 yards while Brandon Harris rushed for 69 yards in 13 tries for Manteo.

Elkin won its fourth state title in the last five years and ended the season with a 13-3 slate, while Manteo lost for the first time in 16 starts.

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Thomasville Defense, Warley Lead Bulldogs To Third Straight Title

CHAPEL HILL—Thomasville used a tremendous defense and the pounding running of Quan Warley to defeat Warsaw James Kenan 13-7 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-AA football championship game at Kenan Stadium.

The Bulldogs earned their third consecutive state title and finished 16-0 while James Kenan wound up 15-1.

Warley rushed 46 times for 216 yards and a TD to earn Wendy's MVP honors, and the Bulldog defense limited Kenan to 105 total yards for the day and no first downs in the game's first 40 minutes.

After a scoreless first half, Thomasville took a 7-0 lead on a 27-yard scamper by quarterback E.J. Abrams-Ward and then led 13-0 after Warley went over from the one to cap a nine-play, 53-yard drive with 8:50 to play.

But Kenan responded with some trickery, the double-pass that resulted in a 48-yard scoring play from Alex Monk to Brandon Satchell to cut it to 13-7.

The Tigers got the ball back late with a chance to win but an interception by Thomasville's Bud Ray with 3:47 to play thwarted that threat.

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Cummings Sprints Past Clinton By 49-20 In 2-A Championship

WINSTON-SALEM—Jamil Miller scored five touchdowns and ran for 244 yards to lead Burlington Cummings to a 49-20 victory over defending state champion Clinton in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A football championship at Groves Stadium.

Omar Stewart aided the Cavalier cause by throwing for 163 yards and a TD.

Miller tallied on runs of 29, 42, 27, 59 and 23 yards, including three second-half scores, en route to the Wendy's Most Valuable Player award.

Nick Cooper rushed for 144 yards in 27 carries and scored twice for the Dark Horses.

Cummings finished the year 15-1 and won its fifth NCHSAA state football title. Clinton wound up 10-6.

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Shelby Holds On To Defeat Southern Vance 27-24 In 2-AA

WINSTON-SALEM—Quarterback Darryl Montgomery sparked Shelby to a successful defense of its state football title as the Golden Lions downed Southern Vance 27-24 for the NCHSAA state 2-AA football championship at Groves Stadium.

Montgomery, who was the Wendy's Most Valuable Player in the final, ran for 110 yards and a pair of touchdowns in the Golden Lions' bruising 391-yard rushing attack. Montgomery had to leave the game with an injury but came back to perform well.

Shelby's Arsenio Parks picked up 124 yards rushing in 23 carries and Larry Raper added 111 in 13 attempts.

Shelby led 14-12 at the half before Southern Vance's David Person scored on his second TD reception of the game from Jamere Pugh to put the Raiders in front 18-14.

Parks came back and scored a pair of TDs for Shelby to put the Lions back ahead 27-18, taking advantage of a short Southern Vance punt to set up the second score.

But Southern Vance struck on its next play. Pugh, who threw for 179 yards and three scores, hit Mark Ellis on a 64-yard scoring play to cut the margin to 27-24 with 10:58 to go. But the Lions held Southern without a first down the rest of the way and was able to control the ball for the final 3:48 to hold on to win.

Shelby posted a perfect 16-0 slate while Southern Vance, in its best year ever, went 14-2.

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Concord Wins Overtime Thriller Over Western Alamance In 3-A

RALEIGH—Western Alamance roared back from a three-touchdown deficit in the fourth quarter, but Concord hung on to beat Western 35-28 in overtime in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A football championship game at Carter-Finley Stadium.

Bost scored on a 10-yard run in overtime after Western had rallied from a 28-7 deficit with less than 10 minutes to play. Donald Britt engineered the thrilling comeback, scoring twice on runs of 12 and 25 yards and then hitting Kenneth Lindsay with a 36-yard scoring pass with 27 seconds to play in regulation to force the extra stanza.

Concord's Matt Beecher intercepted a Britt pass in OT to preserve the victory.

Britt rushed for 124 yards in 22 carries and also threw for 208 yards and a pair of scores for Western Alamance.

Mike Moore scored a pair of touchdowns for Concord and ran for 94 yards in 11 tries, including a 50-yard tally with 2:12 left in the third quarter that put the Spiders up 28-7.

Concord rebounded from an 0-3 start to win 13 straight en route to the state title, its second in three years. Western Alamance, in the finals for the third straight year, ended at 14-2 overall.

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Eastern Randolph Downs Catholic 15-7 For 3-AA Title

RALEIGH—The one-two punch of Michael Cheek and Scott Riddle of Eastern Randolph was enough to lift the Wildcats to a 15-7 decision over defending champion Charlotte Catholic in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-AA football cham-

pionship at Carter-Finley Stadium.

Cheek rushed for 129 yards in 23 carries and scored a touchdown while Wendy's Most Valuable Player quarterback Riddle ran for 90 yards, threw for an additional 81 and had a great day punting the ball. That offset a 158-yard rushing effort by Catholic's Ben Herlocker.

Seth Clapp opened the scoring with a first-quarter touchdown for Eastern Randolph on an 11-yard run to put the 'Cats up 6-0, and then Cheek's 69-yard scoring scamper in the first minute of the third period moved it to 12-0.

Miguel Uribe connected on a 23-yard field goal with 8:12 to play to increase the margin to 15-0, although the Cougars tried to battle back when Christian Culicerto hit Tucker Windle with a 42-yard scoring pass with 2:58 to play.

Eastern Randolph's defense played an exceptional game and Catholic was hurt by three turnovers, two inside the ER 10.

Eastern Randolph won its first state championship since 1983 and finished the season 15-1, on an eight-game winning streak. Charlotte Catholic posted a 13-3 record and had an 11-game win string snapped.

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Rose Wins Fourth Straight 4-A Crown, Beats West Charlotte

DURHAM—Greenville Rose won its fourth consecutive North Carolina High School Athletic Association 4-A football championship, downing West Charlotte 26-12 at Wallace Wade Stadium.

Jonathan Williams rushed for 96 yards and scored three touchdowns to lead the Rampants to their 37th consecutive victory and a 16-0 mark this season. Rose has now won state titles at four different venues in the past four years.

Williams scored on a three-yard run to cap Rose's initial possession, a nine-play, 72-yard drive. West Charlotte came right back with a 10-play, 84-yard drive of its own and cut it to 7-6 when quarterback Darius Thomas tallied on a 19-yard scamper.

But the Rampants took advantage of a West Charlotte turnover deep in its own territory and Williams scored his second TD, and then went ahead 20-6 on a two-yard Williams run.

West Charlotte closed to within 20-12 after a 39-yard TD run by Roderick Chisholm, but the Rampants came up with another big play as Rose blocked a punt and Tyrone Laughinghouse scooped up the ball and rambled 26 yards to close out the scoring.

Chisholm led the Lions in rushing with 93 yards in 18 carries. West Charlotte, 12-4 this season, is now 1-6 in NCHSAA state finals.

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Independence Makes It 7 Straight, Gets Past Durham Riverside

DURHAM—Dequan Leak rambled for 204 yards in 33 carries and scored four touchdowns to lead Charlotte Independence to its seventh consecutive NCHSAA state football crown, beating Durham Riverside 49-19 for the 4-AA title at Wallace Wade Stadium.

Leak was named the Wendy's Most Valuable Player for his efforts as the Patriots won their 108th consecutive game.

Riverside, an 11th-seed that had won four consecutive playoff games on the road, jumped in front with an impressive 70-yard, 11-play drive. Quarterback James Lundsford scored from 20 yards out to give the Pirates an early 7-0 lead.

But the Patriots responded to score 21 unanswered points to lead 21-6 at the half. Riverside battled throughout, but the Pirates couldn't contain the Patriots' offensive attack, which rolled up 473 total yards including 321 on the ground and only had to punt once.

Darryl McFadden completed 13 of 20 passes for 159 yards and a score for Independence. Curtis Byrd topped Riverside rushers with 81 yards in 12 attempts.

Independence was 16-0 on the season while Riverside, in its first football title appearance, closed the year 11-5.

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