CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) has named Molly Pyles of Hendersonville High School and Derrele Mitchell of R.J. Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem as winners of the 2001 NCHSAA Athlete of the Year awards.

These are the top athletic awards given by the NCHSAA to honor the most outstanding male and female high school athletes in the state. They were presented at the Dean Smith Center on the University of North Carolina campus during the NCHSAA’s Annual Meeting.

Both Pyles and Mitchell were nominated and selected by a special panel of media representatives from across the state.

They were each presented with the Pat Best Memorial Trophy, named for the former Goldsboro High principal and president of the NCHSAA who died unexpectedly in 1988.

“We congratulate these fine student-athletes on their great achievements during their high school careers,” said Charlie Adams, executive director of the NCHSAA. “Both Molly and Derrele have tremendously impressive credentials along the lines of the previous outstanding winners of this award. We certainly wish them the best in the future.”

Mitchell, a 6-4, 200-pounder was a two-sport star at R.J. Reynolds, which has won the last two NCHSAA state 4-A basketball championships. A starter on both of those teams, he averaged 13.7 points and 5.6 rebounds per game this season for the Demons and was the Most Valuable Player in the state 4-A championship game with a 22-point performance in the victory over Raleigh Leesville Road.

He was selected to play for the North Carolina all-stars in the Shrine Bowl football game. Mitchell grabbed 24 passes for 594 yards, averaging 22.9 yards per reception, and caught eight scoring passes on a team that primarily ran the veer option. He rushed 15 times for 174 yards and also returned 15 kicks for 500 yards and a pair of scores. The Reynolds senior has signed a football grant-in-aid with the University of North Carolina.

Pyles is a three-sport star, in volleyball, basketball and track. The Hendersonville standout has set one mark that can’t be broken—she is an unprecedented four-time Most Valuable Player in the state 1-A volleyball championships, won by the Lady Bearcats four consecutive years. She is a two-time Gatorade Player of the Year in volleyball and was Smoky Mountain Conference Player of the Year three times.

In basketball, she started for four years and led her team to a second-place regional finish this season. She scored 1,331 career points and hauled down 1,097 career rebounds. During her senior year, Pyles scored 15.6 points and grabbed 10.7 rebounds per game while shooting 68 percent from the floor. She earned all-conference honors in four events in track this spring and last year was a state qualifier in three events, including a pair of relays and the 100 meters.

Pyles will be attending UNC on a volleyball scholarship.

This is the 16th year in which awards have been given to the top overall male and female athletes. Over 130,000 athletes compete in the NCHSAA’s 21-sport program.
NCHSAA’s Charlie Adams Named To National High School Sports Hall of Fame

CHAPEL HILL—North Carolina High School Athletic Association executive director Charlie Adams will receive one of the top honors of his outstanding career this summer.

The head of the NCHSAA will be one of 10 inductees in the class of 2001 to the National High School Sports Hall of Fame. The 19th induction ceremonies for the Hall will take place on Sunday, July 1, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Maui in Hawaii as part of the 82nd annual summer meeting of the National Federation of State High School Associations.

“I am certainly very pleased for North Carolina and happy for the NCHSAA to selected for the National High School Sports Hall of Fame,” said Adams. “It is a great honor to be recognized in this way.”

Executive director of the NCHSAA since 1984 and only the fifth person to hold that position in the history of the organization, Adams has been become known nationally for a number of innovative approaches. During his tenure such new programs as the NCHSAA Hall of Fame, Scholar-Athlete, student services program and corporate sponsorship have become vital parts of the Association’s offerings. Championships have moved to outstanding neutral sites, such as the Smith Center, Kenan Stadium, Reynolds Coliseum and Independence Arena, among others, to accommodate crowds and provide a better experience for the student-athletes participating. The NCHSAA Endowment, helping to ensure athletic opportunities in the future, was conceived and implemented during his tenure.

At the national level, Adams has been involved with the NFHS in numerous ways, including a four-year term on the National Federation Board of Directors and serving as president of the organization during the 1997-98 academic year, the only North Carolinian ever to serve in that role. He has also served the Federation as chair of its Marketing Committee, chairman of the Finance-Funding Committee of the NFHS Strategic Planning Committee and is currently serving on a committee dealing with the NCAA’s proposal for deregulation of amateur athletics. For years he served as the chair of the Equipment Committee of the National Football Rules Committee.

“This recognition certainly means more to me since I am still actively working in this field,” Adams noted. “It feels especially good to be able to be inducted during Bob Kanaby’s tenure as executive director of the National Federation, because I have so much respect for him as a leader and a person.”

Adams earned his undergraduate and master’s degrees from East Carolina University, where he was an outstanding basketball player after a great career as an athlete at Cary High School. Following his graduation from ECU, he coached and taught in Laurel, Delaware, and then compiled a brilliant record as a coach at Cary. He also served as assistant principal, dean of men and athletic director at Garner High before joining the NCHSAA as assistant executive director and supervisor of officials in 1967 under executive director Simon Terrell. Adams served in that role with the Association for some 17 years before he was named executive director.

The new National High School Sports Hall of Fame inductee said that there were a number of people really responsible for his recognition. “First of all, I would have to thank my wife Sue, my partner for 37 years who has made all the sacrifices and done all the things necessary to free me up to be able to do this kind of work,” he said. “The staff of the NCHSAA has really made me look awfully good, and I think if I leave any kind of legacy it would be that I hired good people who are very competent at what they do.

“I appreciate our Board of Directors allowing me to lead, to be visionary, to try to be innovative and creative, and their support has been instrumental. My mom and dad got me off to a great start in life, and I had a high school principal, Paul Cooper at Cary, who really believed in me. And of course, there’s Simon Terrell, my high school coach and the person who brought me into this job. He has been a major influence in my life and in many ways is responsible for my being in this chair as executive director.”

Adams will be joining other 2001 inductees, including former National Football League tight end Keith Jackson from the state of Arkansas, California high school football coach Bob Ladouceur, former high school stars Rich Jordan of Michigan and Tanya Haave of Colorado, former Washington state administrator Barbara Twardus, South Dakota game official Colin Kapitan, Missouri game official Al Flischel, Kentucky track and field official Charles Ruter, and the late Wilbur Crisp of New York, credited with revolutionizing basketball and wrestling with the introduction of the electronic timer.

Adams is the third North Carolinian in the National High School Sports Hall of Fame, joining legendary coaches Bob Jamieson of Greensboro and Russ Blunt of Durham.

The Chapel Hill resident is also a charter member of both the Cary High School Athletic Hall of Fame and the North Carolina Athletic Directors Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the East Carolina University Sports Hall of Fame in 1991.
Students From Pender, R-S Central Earn NCHSAA State Scholarships

CHAPEL HILL—Allison Brook Garren of Rutherfordton-Spindale Central High School and John William Richardson of Pender High School have been named the statewide winners of the 2001 North Carolina High School Athletic Association Scholarship Awards.

Garren earned the award for female athletes while Richardson was selected as the male winner, and they will each receive $1500 to further their educations at the college or university of their choice. The scholarships are underwritten by WRAL-TV and WRAL-FM of Raleigh and the Capitol Sports Network.

This is the 13th year of the program. Carolyn Gillikin of Fike High School in Wilson and Justin Mauney of Cary High School were the statewide winners last year.

“Allison and John are certainly deserving of the highest scholastic award which the Association has to offer,” said Rick Strunk, associate executive director of the NCHSAA who coordinates the program. “They both demonstrate the excellence in academics, athletics and leadership which the scholarship is designed to honor. In fact, the 16 regional winners were all very impressive and the decision by the state selection committee was very difficult. But these two are really exemplary student-athletes in the truest sense of that phrase.”

Each NCHSAA member high school has an opportunity to nominate one male and one female for the scholarship, and then a regional committee reviews those applications and selects regional winners—one male and one female from each of the NCHSAA regions—then have their information forwarded to the state selection committee for the final decision on statewide winners. Candidates are evaluated on academics, athletic involvement, leadership, and are also required to write a brief essay on the value and benefits they have received from participating in high school athletics.

Garren, the daughter of Wanda and Jim Garren of Rutherfordton, played four different varsity sports during her high school career, including volleyball, soccer, track and swimming, earning a total of 12 varsity letters. She was a four-year starter in basketball and was co-captain of both the basketball and cross-country teams. She earned all-conference honors in basketball, cross-country and tennis and runs distance events in track.

The R-S Central senior was first runner-up in the North Carolina Junior Miss competition and is a four-year member of both the Beta Club and the National Honor Society. She attended the Governor’s School of North Carolina in modern dance and also participated in almost any area. To say she makes the best use of her time is an understatement. Her lists of activities and accomplishments speak for themselves, and her character and values are above reproach.

The male recipient is the son of William Richardson of Wilmington and Robin Bowen of Clarksville, VA. Richardson served as captain of three different varsity teams at Pender, including football, basketball and baseball, earning a total of eight varsity letters on those sports. He earned all-conference and all-area honors in football and was honorable mention all-conference in baseball.

Valedictorian of his senior class at Pender, Richardson is treasurer of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, has been food drive coordinator for the Student Council, and is a three-year member of the German Club. He also took the initiative to organize his fellow students into a drive for victims of Hurricane Floyd.

Dorothy Dempsey, principal at Pender, notes that “I have been in education for 27 years and in that time I have seen few students who are as well-rounded, hard-working and conscientious as John. In addition to all his wonderful accomplishments, John is a fine young man. He is compassionate, caring, respectful and loyal.”

The winners of the scholarships were honored at the Association’s Annual Meeting at the Dean Smith Center in Chapel Hill in May.

NCHSAA Scholarship Award Winners sponsored by WRAL-TV, WRAL-FM and the Capitol Sports Network

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Ben Waters (L) of Capitol Broadcasting with State Scholarship Winners Allison Garren, John Richardson at NCHSAA Annual Meeting
State Award Winners Honored At 2001 NCHSAA Annual Meeting

CHAPEL HILL—Coaches, administrators and media representatives received awards when the North Carolina High School Athletic Association held its 2001 Annual Meeting.

The event took place at the Dean E. Smith Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina.

The Association annually presents these statewide awards in six different categories, all based on those “who have done the most for high school athletics” rather than a single accomplishment or having an outstanding won-loss record. All state winners are previous regional award winners, and the regional awards are actually voted on by school administrators and coaches in the respective regions.

This year the awards are being named in memory or in honor of outstanding individuals in each category, three of whom are current members of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. The state winners for 2001 include:

- **Doris Howard Female Coach of the Year**: Jeanne Elks of Fuquay-Varina has been a winner throughout her career. Now retired from active coaching, Elks finished her career at Fuquay-Varina after putting together a great record at Plymouth High School in the sport of volleyball.

- **Harvey Reid Male Coach of the Year**: John Daskal of Terry Sanford retired after an outstanding head football coaching career at several stops, which included 210 wins in 30 years. He started football programs at both Pine Forest and Reid Ross and ended his active career from 1985-91 at Terry Sanford. He currently does color commentary on local telecasts of high school football in the Cumberland County area.

- **Dave Harris Athletic Director of the Year**: Marshall Hamilton of Raleigh Leesville Road has been at this Raleigh school as athletic director since it opened several years ago. He was one of the state’s top basketball coaches during stints at Southern Wayne, Lee Senior and then at Raleigh Broughton. Marshall is a very well-respected athletic administrator in the state and has also been involved with the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association.

- **Bob Deaton Principal of the Year**: Coleman Barbour of Whiteville was principal at Whiteville from 1987 until a recent moves to the Whiteville City Schools central office. He has served on sectional basketball committees and as an officer in various athletic conferences and currently is on the Board of Directors of the NCHSAA.

- **Bob McRae Superintendent of the Year**: Joe Peel of the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank schools retired after an outstanding career in education during which he touched many bases. He has been both a principal and superintendent, with his last stop in Elizabeth City. He also has served as an official and booking agent for the NCHSAA.

- **Tim Stevens Media Representative of the Year**: Rich Brenner of WGHP-TV in High Point has done an outstanding job at this media outlet, which airs weekly high school sports scoreboard-type shows in season about both football and basketball. The station has done an excellent job of covering a variety of high school sports under Rich’s leadership.

In terms of background of the award’s names, here are some highlights:

- **Doris Howard** of Fayetteville was one of the state’s most successful female coaches during a 41-year career at Hope Mills, Central and Cape Fear High Schools, winning 533 games in basketball, and is in the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

- **Harvey Reid**, also an NCHSAA Hall of Famer, is the state’s all-time winningest basketball coach with over 800 victories, most of which came at Wilson Fike.

- **Dave Harris** was the athletic director of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools from 1967 to ‘91 after an excellent football coaching career, primarily at Harding. He was a charter member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

- **Bob Deaton** was one of the state’s outstanding high school principals during a long career in education, primarily at Winston-Salem R.J. Reynolds, and was president of the NCHSAA in 1977-78.

- **Bob McRae** is now the superintendent in Randolph County after a long career at Kings Mountain and was president of the NCHSAA in 1997-98. He has served as chair of the Realignment Committee as well as in other NCHSAA capacities.

- **Tim Stevens** is the long time prep sports editor at the Raleigh News and Observer and has been recognized nationally for his work covering high school athletics.
CHAPEL HILL—Several special awards, including some new offerings, were given by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association at its 2001 Annual Meeting.

One new set of awards given was the Robert B. Jamieson Notable Names, which will honor families who have had several members with outstanding careers in NCHSAA sports who went on to excellence after high school. The award is named for the late Bob Jamieson, a charter member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame and one of the founders of the North Carolina Coaches Association. The inaugural winners of this award include:

- Francis and Freddie Combs, who were outstanding athletes at Perquimans High School, where they were teammates of the late Jim "Catfish" Hunter. Both Combs brothers went on to outstanding careers at North Carolina State University in both football and baseball.

- Bill, Jap and Tom Davis, Wilson natives who were great athletes at the old Charles Coon High School there. All three attended Duke during the Blue Devil days of national football prominence. Tom and Bill went on to officiate high school athletes and Jap served as a long-time assistant coach at NCHSAA Hall of Fame Leon Brogden.

- Carlton, Bob, Don and Larry Frederick provided the nucleus for Goldsboro High athletics for a while. They each won between seven and nine high school varsity letters during their prep careers. Bob and Don went on to Wake Forest, while Carlton and Larry played at Carolina. All four are members of the Goldsboro Hall of Fame. The four of them have also sung all over the world, sharing their testimony, and have appeared on the Today show.

- Roger and Wade Smith were excellent student-athletes at Albemarle High School and both earned prestigious Morehead Scholarships to UNC. They played for NCHSAA Hall of Famer Toby Webb in high school and had fine football careers at Carolina. Both are prominent attorneys in Raleigh, and Wade has been working with the NCHSAA’s Endowment Capital Campaign as chair.

The Jay Robinson Priceless Gem Award went to Chip Gill and Jerry McGee. This honor is named for the late Dr. Jay Robinson, former superintendent of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools and member of the State Board of Education who is the only three-time president of the NCHSAA.

Winners of this award are Chip Gill and Jerry McGee. Gill, of Durham, is a graduate of Southern Durham High School who was later athletic director there. He has also coached and taught at South Johnston, Person and Burlington Cummings. He has provided a great service to NCHSAA in helping host and direct various state championships (football, track, basketball and volleyball).

Jerry McGee, who resides in Elizabeth City, is the current executive director of North Carolina Athletic Directors Association and a member of the NCHSAA Board of Directors. He was an outstanding football player at Duke and later was a successful coach in both the high school and college ranks.

The Russell E. Blunt Legend Award is named for the long-time Durham Hillside track coach who is in the NCHSAA Hall of Fame and one of three North Carolinians in the National High School Sports Hall of Fame. At one time he was the oldest active coach in America, guiding his teams well into his 80’s.

This award, which goes to a true “legend” in athletics, was presented to Kay Yow, head women’s basketball coach at North Carolina State University who played and coached in the NCHSAA program. An all-state player at the old Gibsonville High, she has seen her teams win over 600 games at the college level. Several outstanding officials received the Joe Eblen Officials/Booking Agents Award, named for Asheville’s Joe Eblen, an NCHSAA Hall of Famer whose active officiating spanned over 50 years.

The officials recognized included Gerald Austin, James Burch, John Clougherty, Kellum Fipps, Tommy Hunt, Bill Kelly and Tommy Mattocks. All seven of these individuals either still work in the NCHSAA program or began their officiating careers in the NCHSAA.

Austin was the referee in the Super Bowl this season while Clougherty has worked more NCAA Final Fours than any other official. Hunt is currently the football supervisor of officials for the Atlantic Coast Conference.
Don’t Call This Reality, At Least In My Book

Okay, call me crazy (many of you probably already have). But I am disturbed about another trend in television that, in my opinion, really cuts at the core of many of the things we try to teach in high school athletics.

A lot of what we see on television is mere copycat stuff. You know, if one doctor show does well, then all of a sudden there’s a bunch of doctor shows. When westerns were big, then came a whole spate of shows based in the Wild West. Now we have a cycle of “reality” type programming. First of all, I would argue that these shows don’t really represent reality at all, but something concocted for television purposes. Reality is the stuff we do every day; trying to be a good parent, to do a good day’s work, to wrestle with day-to-day challenges that come well beyond the glare of camera lights.

I don’t think reality is taking a bunch of people—all of whom have different reasons for agreeing to participate in this stuff—dropping them on an island somewhere, and then having video crews and producers and other people running around everywhere to chronicle the experience on camera. But what does “Survivor” (or, worse, “Chains of Love” or whatever it’s called) or any of these other things have to do with high school athletics? And what about a newer entry in the field, where “Survivor” meets “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?” the show known as the “Weakest Link.”

Maybe these things just satisfy our voyeuristic tendencies, our desire to see bad stuff happen to other people. Similar to the disturbing fascination people have as they gawk at an automobile accident. I don’t know.

But I think they are disturbing, and perhaps symptomatic of our society, in one particular way. And I think they stand diametrically opposed to one of the major messages we try to teach.

Here’s one of the things that upsets me the most about these shows. They are essentially competitions in which teams are put together. One of the things we’re supposed to like about “Survivor” is the interaction among team members (tribes) and how they work together and resolve things.

But the programs are essentially narcissistic, look-at-me showcases. The plotting of alliances, posturing, saying anything at all—to avoid getting voted off the island (by your teammates)! There is not much team about it; it is essentially every thing at all—to avoid getting voted off the island (by your teammates)!

For Pete’s sake, in the “Weakest Link” your teammates vote you off because “you ARE the weakest link—g’bye!” from the obnoxious hostess. “Well, I voted John off because he missed a couple of questions early and didn’t pick up on his banking opportunity.”

In a true team setting, like high school athletics, you just don’t cut the weakest link loose. All of us are weakest links at some point. No, you work with them and coach ‘em up and encourage ‘em and help ‘em to improve.

What team is about is sublimating our own desires and needs for the good of the group—exactly the opposite of what these shows promote. I think there are already enough things out there that promote deceit, deception and rampant individualism at the expense of others.

Once again I believe we stand in the minority—antiquated, old-fashioned values.
Five Receive Courage Awards

CHAPEL HILL—Five individuals were honored by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association at its 2001 Annual Meeting with the NCHSAA Courage Awards.

The coach were presented to Fayetteville Douglas Byrd High School football player Joe Kuryla, Southern Nash student-athlete William Crumel Jr., Bill Grimm of Greenville, Asheboro tennis coach Tom Lewis, and Richie Pridgen, Wilson Fike wrestling coach.

The Courage Awards are designed to honor individuals who, despite adversity, have demonstrated exemplary character and performance and, as a result, have been an inspiration to all those involved with the programs of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

Kuryla played center for Douglas Byrd but attends Massey Hill Classical High School in Fayetteville, which has no athletic program. He was on the bus carrying the Massey Hill band and chorus which crashed earlier this month and, despite his own injuries, was instrumental in assisting many of the injured and getting them out of the bus. Officials on the scene praised his efforts.

Crumel has overcome huge obstacles. The eighth of 10 children, Crumel saw his mother die in 1994, his father had a stroke 18 months later, and then their house and all their possessions were destroyed in a fire in January of 1997. But the senior has been a standout in football and wrestling and has qualified for college.

The winners were chosen by a special committee based on nominations from the member schools. They will receive a plaque from NCHSAA associate executive director Que Tucker as part of the Association’s student services program.

Eight Coaches Receive Homer Thompson Sportsmanship Awards From NCHSAA

CHAPEL HILL—Eight “coaches who make a difference” by virtue of their exemplary sportsmanship were honored by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association at the NCHSAA’s Annual Meeting.

The coaches were selected for the Homer Thompson Memorial Eight Who Make a Difference award. The award is named in honor of the late Homer Thompson, the long-time Winston-Salem Parkland coach and member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. “It is fitting that Homer Thompson’s name be affixed to an award about coaches who make a difference,” said Charlie Adams, NCHSAA executive director, “for Homer certainly did make a difference in the lives of many and truly was an outstanding role model.”

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Spring Coach-Captain Retreat Is Another Success For NCHSAA

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association recently held its Spring 2001 Coach-Captain Retreat, the 13th in a series of successful events.

The event, part of the Association’s Student Services program, was held at the Radisson Governors Inn in April and attracted students from all over North Carolina.

Retreat teams include student-athletes who will be captains or leaders of their athletic squads in this academic year, a coach from the school and a parent representative. They are designed to promote the concept of “teamwork.” Issues such as leadership development, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, violence prevention strategies and academic success are addressed at these retreats, the first of which was held in the spring of ’95.

The retreats are designed to help student-athletes define leadership qualities, identify key issues which affect them, learn to communicate effectively with other students and adults about these issues, and then to understand what captains can do to use their influence to prevent problems and promote healthy lifestyles.

Coach-Captain retreats are organized and administered by NCHSAA associate executive director Que Tucker and student services assistant Amy Peacock.

Facilitators included the following NCHSAA Student Services Trainers: Mike Brown, retired athletic director from the New Hanover County schools and president of B&M Associates; Ralph Holloway, assistant principal and athletic director at West Carteret High; Julie Skinner, former North Carolina teacher now in Richmond, Virginia; P.J. Taylor, coach at Williamston High and safe and drug free schools coordinator for the Martin County Schools; Beth Jaharias, early childhood specialist and former teacher from Raleigh; and Joey Womble, director of the Alternative school for the Washington County schools and former teacher and NCHSAA coach. Several of the facilitators have also worked with the Student Athlete Summer Institutes as well.

The retreat included 81 student-athletes and 40 adults at the conference, representing a total of 21 schools.

Schools represented included the following:

**First Meeting Of Eastern North Carolina Sports Turf Association June 14**

RALEIGH—The newly formed Eastern North Carolina Sports Turf Association (ENCSTA) will host its first meeting in Raleigh at North Carolina State University on June 14.

The new non-profit organization is designed to educate and assist groundskeepers in the proper maintenance of bermudagrass sports fields. Those attending the June meeting will meet at Carter-Finley Stadium to discuss techniques in the care of football, lacrosse and field hockey fields and finish the meeting at St Mary's School where proper soccer management practices will be discussed.

Brinkley Wagstaff, athletic field director at NCSU, and Eric Poss, groundskeeper at St Mary's College will share their techniques and expertise with those in attendance. Drs. Bruneau and Yelverton, turfgrass specialists at NCSU, will also participate. The cost to attend is $5.00 for members and $25.00 for non-members.

Schools are encouraged to join (ENCSTA) to help better maintain your fields and increase player safety. Those who become members will:

1) Learn how to better maintain fields in the most cost effective manner.
2) Enhance the playing conditions of their fields
3) Reduce the chances of player injuries
4) Learn how to encourage booster club members to financially support their program.

Leaders in the field of athletic field management such as Tommy Walston of the Kinston Indians, Kevin Robinson of the Durham Bulls and Wagstaff, a former high school coach, are behind this new endeavor. They, along with educators from North Carolina State University and Wayne Community College, are committed and have agreed to assist high school/middle school personnel in upgrading athletic fields.

**Regional Winners Named For NCHSAA Scholarship Awards**

CHAPEL HILL—A total of 16 outstanding student-athletes from across North Carolina have been named recipients of scholarships in the 2001 North Carolina High School Athletic Association Scholarship Awards Program.

One male and one female from each of the NCHSAA’s eight regions have been chosen as regional winners and will each receive $750 scholarships. The entire Scholarship Awards program is sponsored by WRAL-TV and WRAL-FM of Raleigh and the Capitol Sports Network. These 16 regional winners had their applications forwarded to a statewide selection committee, and an overall male and female winner for an additional $750 was selected. Those two students winning the statewide honors were recognized at the NCHSAA Annual Meeting in May.

“We are very proud of the caliber of student-athlete represented by these young men and women,” says Charlie Adams, executive director of the NCHSAA. “They are outstanding students who are involved in their communities in a number of ways, as well as representing their schools as athletes. I believe these young people are great examples of what is good about high school athletics, and we are glad that we can help them further their educations with the help of these fine corporate sponsors.”

This is the 13th year for the NCHSAA Scholarship Awards program. Last year’s state recipients included Carolyn Gillikin of Ralph L. Fike High School in Wilson and Justin Mauney of Cary.

Here are the 2001 regional winners:

### NCHSAA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2001 REGIONAL WINNERS

**REGION 1:** Candace Leigh Creasman, Southside High School, Chocowinity.
Nameer Majette, Hermitage County High School, Ahsokie

**REGION 2:** Amy Leigh Anderson, Clinton High School
John Richardson, Pender High School, Burgaw

**REGION 3:** Lawson Thompson, Ralph L. Fike High School, Wilson,
Brian Wiggs, SouthWest Edgecombe High School, Pinetops

**REGION 4:** Elizabeth Callahan, Western Harnett High School,
Dane Cartrett, South Columbus High School

**REGION 5:** Virginia Danielle Wheeler, Mount Tabor High School,
Winston-Salem.

Michael Morgensen, T.Wingate Andrews High School, High Point

**REGION 6:** Caitlin Gill, Charlotte Catholic High School, Charlotte,
Zane Curtis-Olsen, Myers Park High School, Charlotte

**REGION 7:** Stephanie Brendel, East Burke High School, lcard,
David Kearns, Fred T. Foard High School, Newton

**REGION 8:** Allison Brook Garren, R-S Central High School
Rutherfordton,
Daniel Jonathan Findley, Robbinsville High School
Coca-Cola Scholar-Athlete Winners Named
By North Carolina High School Athletic Association

CHAPEL HILL—Over 16,000 individual awards have been given by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association to student-athletes for their achievements in the classroom as well as on the playing court or athletic field.

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

Individual Scholar-Athletes attained at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester in which he or she competed. The award is based on first semester grades for fall and winter sports and second semester grades for spring sports, and the school submits the nomination form verifying the grade point average on behalf of the athlete or team. For the fall semester of 2000, a total of 8,767 student-athletes qualified for this award.

In the team division, a varsity team earns Scholar-Athlete recognition by attaining a 3.1 aggregate GPA on a straight 4.0 scale for that designated semester. The school receives a certificate from Coca-Cola honoring the accomplishment and each member of the squad receives a certificate. A whopping 543 varsity teams from across the state achieved this distinction.

A minimum of five individuals is necessary to constitute a team, and all team members must be included in figuring the team GPA. The team achieving the highest grade point average in the state in its particular sport and submitting its application by the appropriate deadline receives a plaque commemorating that achievement. Coca-Cola also provides cash incentives to the teams with the top three grade point averages in each sport.

Greensboro Page had three teams achieve the top GPA’s in their respective sports in the state, while Greensboro Grimsley had two teams attain this goal. The Page volleyball team achieved one of the highest marks in program history, a 3.963.

“We are very proud of the achievements of the students involved in the Coca-Cola Scholar-Athlete program,” said Charlie Adams, executive director of the NCHSAA. “We think this is definite proof that we have a tremendous number of athletes that are playing sports and succeeding in the classroom. Coca-Cola makes it possible for us to honor them in a significant way and this fine sponsor is planning even more enhancements to the program in the future.”

Coca-Cola Scholar-Athlete Team Award Winners
NCHSAA Fall and Winter Sports
(Fall Semester 2000)

- Maiden Women’s Basketball 3.830
- Richmond Women’s Cross Country 3.833
- W. Charlotte Cheerleading 3.770
- Asheboro Women’s Golf 3.800
- North Stokes Women’s Tennis 3.893
- Murphy Women’s Swimming 3.854
- Grimsley Women’s Indoor Track 3.654
- Grimsley Men’s Swimming 3.743
- Page Volleyball 3.963
- Page Men’s Soccer 3.687
- Page Wrestling 3.381
- N. Henderson Men’s Basketball 3.615
- North Moore Men’s Cross Country 3.782
- Ashe County Football 3.249
- South Rowan Men’s Indoor Track 3.519

NCHSAA Executive Director Blasts Decision To Allow TV Football on Fridays

CHAPEL HILL—Charlie Adams, the long-time executive director of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, says that the recent decision by the NCAA to allow college football to be televised on the traditional game night for high schools is a “crushing blow.”

Adams says that the decision to allow Friday night college games on television is “a huge mistake by the NCAA. We were never advised about this possibility, had no dialogue with anyone about it, were just totally blindsided by this. I think it just shows a total disregard and lack of respect for the high school programs.”

The NCAA has announced as part of its deregulation efforts that it was dropping its ban on Friday night televised games. For many years that ban had protected the thousands of high school games across the country which are played on that traditional date.

“I’m afraid this whole scenario speaks volumes about the state of athletics today,” noted Adams. “It says a lot about greed, big money and the pervasive influence of television. And now the door is open; there’s no telling how many college games might eventually wind up on Friday television. We have college basketball games televised almost every day of the week now when people didn’t think that would happen, and it looks like football could head in that direction.”

Immediately upon the announcement that the ban was lifted, three conferences indicated that they would play televised games on Friday night, including Conference USA, which has East Carolina University as a member.

“It is really disappointing to me that any conference or any school would do this, and it’s especially disappointing that a school in North Carolina would consider this, even if it had the option,” said Adams.

“Football is the backbone of high school athletic programs in terms of finances, and it is the student-athletes from these programs that wind up playing on college teams. To do something that undermines and damages high school football, the very thing that the colleges are dependent on, just doesn’t make sense. Maybe this is great exposure for some colleges, but at whose expense?”

Adams said that individual state associations or the National Federation of State High School Associations, based in Indianapolis, been aware that this might have been a possibility, there could have been some discussion about the terrible effects this will have on the high school programs.

“We don’t even allow live television of our own high school regular season games to protect our own gates,” said Adams.

The NCHSAA executive director has contacted other athletic officials across the state and nation about this situation.
OUR NATIONAL INTERNET PARTNER, ihigh.com, has some great information about high school athletics in our state. Don’t forget to visit northcarolinaigh.com for championship results, feature stories and lots of interesting updates on what’s happening in our state. There is also a link directly off the NCHSAA site.

More Annual Meeting 2001 Scenes

(All photos by Karen DeHart)

“Continuing The Celebration” Honorees At Meeting—
Those Who Made A Difference For The NCHSAA

Former Presidents Theresa Banks,
Bob Edwards Pose

Legend Winner Kay Yow (2nd From L),
With Charlie Adams, Russ Blunt, Martha Land

Southern Alamance Gets
Award From Que Tucker

Part Of The Crowd At Annual Meeting

Oliver Smith, Jim Maxwell, Ben Waters,
After Receiving Leon Brogden Award
Mount Tabor Sweeps Titles In Indoor Track Competition

GREENSBORO—Mount Tabor High School of Winston-Salem captured both the men’s and the women’s championships in the 15th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association indoor track and field championships at the Special Events Center at the Greensboro Coliseum.

Mount Tabor’s depth and strength in running events made the difference. The Spartans slipped past second-place Charlotte Vance in men’s competition, but it went down to the final race, the 4X400 relay. Mount Tabor finished second in that one while Vance dropped the baton on the third leg and thus was disqualified.

Mount Tabor wound up with 58 points to 52 for Charlotte Vance. Raleigh Leesville Road was third with 40, followed by North Mecklenburg at 32 and North Rowan at 28.

Northern Durham’s A.J. Davis was the meet’s Most Valuable Performer, winning individual titles in the long jump, triple jump and high jump. Duan Barrino of Charlotte Vance was a double winner, taking top honors in the 55 and 300.

Ginger Wheeler paced Mount Tabor to victory in the women’s meet, earning MVP honors in the process. She won the 3200 meters, was second in the 1600 and anchored two relays.

Mount Tabor’s women nipped runner-up West Charlotte by four points for the crown, by a 40-36 margin. Northwest Guilford placed third with 30 points, followed by Wake Forest-Rolesville at 26 and Raleigh Millbrook with 25.

North Mecklenburg’s Stephen Haas set a new state record of 4:18.31 in the 1600, while the Greensboro Page team shattered the old standard in the women’s 4x800 relay by 14 seconds, recording a time of 10:01.48.

Tempest Stark of Northwest Cabarrus won both the 55 and the 300 meter dashes. Western Guilford’s Tatyana Kirichenko placed in four events, finishing second in the pole vault and third in the high jump, triple jump and 55 meter hurdles.

Fuquay-Varina Wins Second Straight Crown; Mount Tabor, Southern Vance Also Victors

Fuquay-Varina successfully defended its North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A dual team wrestling championship as the Bengals overwhelmed Hickory St. Stephens 46-11 in the title match at Fuquay-Varina.

The Bengals dominated in winning their 27th match against a single loss and capturing their second straight state crown. St. Stephens, in its first appearance in an NCHSAA dual-team championship, finished with a 28-7 dual-team record.

Fuquay-Varina led just 13-11 and then blew it open by winning in the final seven weight classes. Senior Dusty Simpson of the Bengals, whose victory at 145 started that seven match streak for F-V, was the Most Valuable Performer of the championship.

Mount Tabor also made its first appearance in a dual team wrestling final, but the visiting Spartans were winners as they defeated Cary in a battle of unbeaten teams for the 4-A crown. Mount Tabor beat the Imps 37-18 to record its 28th consecutive dual-match victory while Cary dropped its first decision after 24 straight wins.

Casey Hogge of Mount Tabor at 189 pounds, whose victory clinched the title for the Spartans, was named MVP of the championship match.

The 1-A/2-A title went to Canton Pisgah, as the Black Bears made the trip down the mountain to Henderson and nipped Southern Vance in a thrilling 31-30 decision.

The championship went down to the final match of the night between heavyweights Tyler Rathbone of Pisgah and Zack Eley of Southern Vance, with the Raiders leading 30-28. But Rathbone scored a tough one-point decision to earn the crown for Pisgah.

Southern Vance, which was also the state runner-up a year ago, finished the dual meet portion of its season with a 32-7 record while Pisgah wound up 24-1.

Raleigh Enloe, Charlotte Providence Keep Streaks Alive In NCHSAA 4-A Swimming

RALEIGH—Raleigh Enloe and Charlotte Providence kept their streaks in state championships alive in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A swimming and diving championships at the Carmichael Aquatic Center on the campus of North Carolina State University.

Enloe won its third consecutive NCHSAA men’s championship while Providence ran its state championship streak to four in women’s competition.

Enloe scored 263 points to 198 for runner-up Charlotte Myers Park. South Mecklenburg was third with 175, followed by North Mecklenburg at 147 and Providence at 144.

Doug Van Wie of Myers Park was named the men’s Most Valuable Performer with victories in the 100 backstroke and a new state 4-A record in the 200 freestyle.

Providence slipped past Raleigh Leesville Road 259-227 in taking the women’s crown. Chapel Hill placed third with 198.3 points, with Winston-Salem R.J. Reynolds in fourth at 185 and Enloe fifth at 162.3.

Ruth Nichols of Leesville Road took the Most Valuable Performer award in the women’s field. She set a new state record in the 100 free and also captured top honors in the 50 free.

Meredith Green of Chapel Hill also won two individual titles, in the 200 individual medley and the 500 freestyle.
East Chapel Hill Sweeps 1A/2A/3A Swimming Titles

RALEIGH—East Chapel Hill swept both the men’s and women’s championships in the 10th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association 1A/2A/3A swimming and diving championships at the Carmichael Aquatic Center on the campus of North Carolina State University.

It was East’s fourth consecutive state crown in men’s competition and third in a row in women’s action.

Leigh Campbell of East won both the 200 individual medley and the 500 freestyle to lead the Wildcats to a first-place finish with 252.5 points, with Jamestown Ragsdale second at 233. Charlotte Catholic was third with 224, followed by Shelby (136) and Hickory St. Stephens (129).

North Stanly junior Mandy Huff was named the Most Valuable Performer in the women’s competition, as she took individual titles in both the 100 breaststroke and the 200 freestyle.

Hickory’s Shannon Brewer was also a double winner, taking two sprints by finishing first in both the 50 free and 100 free.

Nikki Deering of Central Davidson broke her own 1A/2A/3A record in the 100 butterfly.

The East Chapel Hill men easily outdistanced the field, tallying 296.5 points to 178 for runner-up Charlotte Catholic. Catholic senior Greg Glass was selected as the men’s MVP as he won both the 100 breaststroke and 200 individual medley.

Hickory St. Stephens was third with 125 points, followed by North Davidson (112.5) and a tie for fifth between Smoky Mountain and Hickory, each with 105 points.

Senior Kelly Hendrick of Shelby swam to victory in both the men’s 50 free and 100 free.

State Wrestling Champions Crowned At Independence

CHARLOTTE—Tyrone Hodge of Hillsborough Orange completed a 54-0 season and won his third consecutive state championship, this time taking the 119-pound 4-A title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state wrestling championships at Independence Arena.

Hodge was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler in the 4-A tournament, but his Orange team finished third in the team standings. Mount Tabor, which had won the 2001 dual team tournament two weeks ago, took the team tournament title with 115 points with East Gaston in second.

Curry Pickard of Eden Morehead won the 3-A championship at 125 pounds and finished his career with a whopping 207 victories, another new NCHSAA record, earning Most Outstanding Wrestler honors in that classification. Morehead lost a stirring battle for the team title, finishing third with 82.5 points, just 1.5 points out of first. Havelock and Fuquay-Varina with 84 points apiece finished in a deadlock for the championship. Both Havelock and Fuquay-Varina had two wrestlers each in the finals, and all four of them earned state crowns.

Southern Vance rolled to the 1-A/2-A team crown with 117.5 points, with Eastern Randolph in second with 92. Patrick Lewis of Southern Vance, the 135-pound champ, was the classification’s Most Outstanding Wrestler.

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NCHSAA 2001 STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS
Independence Arena—Charlotte, NC

FINAL RESULTS
1A/2A TEAM SCORES—TOP TEN
1. Southern Vance 117.5
2. Eastern Randolph 92
3. South Davidson 78
4. Alleghany 68.5
5. Catawba Bandys 66.5
6. Salisbury 56
7. Canton Pisgah 48.5
8. Avery 42.5
9. West Iredell 40
10. West Brunswick 39

1A/2A CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
103 - Kane Long (Eastern Randolph) defeated Scott Christopher (Chatham Central)
112 - Robert Watson (Southern Vance) defeated Jonathan Cline (West Lincoln)
119 - J.R. Rivett (Eastern Randolph) defeated Mark Maya (Avery), OT
125 - Travis Marshall (Hendersonville) defeated Antwone Floyd (Northern Vance)
130 - Brandon Nibert (North Henderson) defeated Andre Lewis (Southern Vance)
135 - Patrick Lewis (Southern Vance) defeated Dustin Auman (South Davidson)
140 - Eric Burns (Catawba Bandys) defeated Nathan Harris (Forbush)
145 - Willie Hosch (Salisbury) defeated Aaron Rimer (North Rowan)
152 - Dwayne Coward (Salisbury) defeated Bryan Hill (Pisgah) - INJ, dn wrestling
160 - Jonathan Geisler (Statesville) defeated Doug Long (Eastern Randolph)
171 - Justin Betts (West Iredell) defeated Blake Thomas (South Stokes)
189 - Joel Gregory (Shelby) defeated Devin Lynch (East Surry)
215 - Caleb Smith (Alleghany) defeated Quincy Talley (Southern Vance)
275 - Chris Simpson (South Davidson) defeated Bob Cooke (Rosewood)

3A TEAM SCORES—TOP TEN
1. Havelock 84
2. (tie) Fuquay-Varina 84
3. Eden Morehead 82.5
4. Jacksonville White Oak 64.5
5. Asheville Clyde Erwin 62
6. Southern Nash 56.5
7. Hickory St. Stephens 46.5
8. East Rowan 40
9. Southern Durham 37.5
10. Durham Hillside 37

3A CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
103 - Derrick Miller (Ashe County) defeated Adam Tilley (West Stokes)
112 - Drew Forshey (Hickory St. Stephens) defeated Gregg Keirstead (Jacksonville White Oak)
119 - Roylando Lucas (Southern Nash) defeated KeAndre Moore (West Craven)
125 - Curry Pickard (Eden Morehead) defeated Parris Dottery (Jacksonville White Oak)
130 - Todd Bigelow (Havelock) defeated Josh Saunders (Manteo)
135 - Shaun Sheffield (Havelock) defeated Dalton Cook (Asheboro)
140 - Bryant Reams (Durham Hillside) defeated Russell Jarvis (Jamestown Ragsdale)
145 - Jacob Auman (NW Cabarrus) defeated Jeremy Teague (East Rowan)
152 - Justin Gulliver (Fuquay-Varina) defeated Ryan Miller (Eden Morehead)
160 - Peter Chernous (Asheville Clyde Erwin) defeated Hunter Land (East Rowan)
171 - Matt Ash (Kings Mountain) defeated Steven McClamrock (Concord)
189 - Karlton Dixon (Fuquay-Varina) defeated Taylor Godeski (Asheville Clyde Erwin)
215 - Robert Leduc (Western Harnett) defeated Daniel Israel (Asheville)
275 - Josh Yow (Central Cabarrus) defeated John Williams (Southern Durham)

4A CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
37 - Hickory St. Stephens 46.5
8. East Rowan 40
9. Southern Durham 37.5
10. Durham Hillside 37

4A TEAM SCORES—TOP TEN
1. Winston-Salem Mount Tabor 115
2. East Gaston 110.5
3. Orange 106
4. Durham Riverside 77
5. Wilmington Hoggard 55
6. Davie 50.5
7. Durham Jordan 44
8. Cary 37
9. Watauga 33.5
10. New Bern 32
10. (tie) Raleigh Athens Drive 32

R.J. Reynolds Tops Leesville For 2nd Straight 4-A Crown

CHAPEL HILL—Winston-Salem R.J. Reynolds exploded for 58 second-half points to defeat Raleigh Leesville Road 94-73 and capture the 2001 North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men's basketball crown at the Smith Center.

It was the second consecutive state crown for the Demons, who finished the season 28-3. Leesville Road wound up 24-5.

MVP Derrell Mitchell of R.J. Reynolds hit nine of 11 shots from the field and scored 22 points while Whit Holcomb-Faye added 17. Mitchell Baldwin chipped in with 13 and Mike Russell 10 for the winners.

McDonald's All-American Anthony Richardson scored 19 points for Leesville before fouling out and Darryl Thompson contributed 19 points for Leesville before fouling out and Darryl Thompson contributed 19 points.

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Price earned the Most Valuable Player award, handing out three assists and hitting five free throws in the final 40 second for the Red Raiders, who finished with a record of 26-6. Freddie Aughty-Lindsay scored 13 for the winners and also grabbed 16 rebounds.

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Kinston shot just 33.3 percent from the floor for the game and Eastern Regional MVP Corey Rouse had a tough night, failing to score. The Vikings were led by Dodson Worthington's 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Kinston finished with a record of 28-3 and participated in its 14th NCHSAA state basketball championship. Kinston teams have won five previous hoop titles.
East Bladen Downs Lexington 75-65 To Take 2-A Men’s Hoop Championship

CHAPEL HILL—East Bladen’s quickness and defensive pressure forced 19 Lexington turnovers in the first half and 32 for the game as the Cougars scored a 75-65 triumph in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A men’s basketball championship at the Smith Center.

The Cougars (24-3) led 48-28 at the half, although Lexington rallied to within eight with 2:09 to play. There were co-MVP’s in this one, the East Bladen brother duo of Sakrid Dent and Aking Elting. Dent, a senior, scored 23 points, grabbed seven rebounds and had five assists and three steals, while younger brother Elting scored 22, grabbed three rebounds, had five assists and three steals.

Lexington got 15 points from Marquis Carroll while Cory Holt and Steven McNair added 13 apiece. The Yellow Jackets, who had gotten hot at tournament time, finished with a 19-13 record.

Cummings Wins Second State Championship In Three Years

CHAPEL HILL—Charlie Norman came off the bench to score 19 points and grab eight rebounds to earn MVP honors and lead Burlington Cummings to an 82-73 victory over Northside in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A men’s basketball championship at the Smith Center.

The Cavaliers won for the 25th time in 27 outings and earned their second state crown in three years. Northside finished at 24-4.

Drew Williamson added 14 points for the winners, offsetting a 26-point effort by Cleveton Arthur of Northside. Greg Satchel added 18 for the Panthers.

A 22-8 run in the second quarter put Cummings in command, although Northside closed to within two with 2:23 to play. Then Norman converted an old-fashioned three-point play and Williams hit three foul shots to provide a cushion.

High Point Central Rolls To Perfect 30-0 Season

CHAPEL HILL—High Point Central completed a perfect season in which its average margin of victory was better than 34 points a game, as the Lady Bison rolled past Eastern Alamance 92-62 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A women’s basketball championship at the Smith Center.

Central finished with an unblemished 30-0 mark, winning its fourth women’s championship since 1993 and second in the last three years. Eastern closed its season at 23-9.

Velinda Vuncannon of the Lady Bison was the MVP with 17 points and 13 assists, while Leslie Cook of Central had five three-pointers and led all scorers with 23 points and 10 rebounds. Eastern got 19 points from Whitney Chrisp and 18 from Tee-Tee Walters.

Central’s 92 points was the most ever scored in a state 2-A women’s title game.

Carver Downs T.C. Roberson In 3-A Women’s Title Game

CHAPEL HILL—Point guard Porsche Jones scored 15 points, six assists and had five steals, running the team flawlessly as Winston-Salem Carver beat Asheville T.C. Roberson 64-53 for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A women’s basketball championship at the Smith Center.

Carver made its second straight state final trip a successful one and completed a remarkable reversal under coach Gerald Carter. This year’s team finished 30-0 while last year’s edition finished as state runner-up with a 21-6 record. But during the 1998-99 season, Carver only won one game against 23 losses.

Jones was named the game MVP, with Camille Little scoring 18 points and Nicole Moore and Theresa Bowser getting 10 each for the winners, who tallied a whopping 33 points off turnovers.

T.C. Roberson (25-5) got 17 points from Crystal Jackson while Erin Fournier added 10.

Carver led by 17 at one point before Roberson trimmed it to six and then the Jackets hit some key free throws down the stretch.

Lumberton Blows Open Close Game To Beat East Wake In 4-A Championship

CHAPEL HILL—Lumberton outscored East Wake 20-1 in the fourth quarter to blow open the game and score a 69-45 decision in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association women’s state 4-A basketball championship at the Smith Center.

Lumberton won for the 29th time in 30 starts while East Wake closed the campaign at 28-3.

Yolanda Jones of Lumberton was voted the MVP of the championship with 20 points and eight rebounds, while Shakwonda McArn scored 18 and Billie McDowell had 16 points and grabbed 17 rebounds for the winners.

Keauna Vinson paced East Wake with 21 points and 10 boards, while Cassie King added 11 points.

Lumberton led just 49-44 after three quarters but scored the first 14 points of the final stanza in a stretch of 3:49.
2001 NCHSAA State Clinic Sites
complete listing will be in 2001-2002 NCHSAA Handbook

NCHSAA State Football Clinics 2001
Sun, July 29, 2001
  Vance H.S., Charlotte  2:00 pm
Sun, July 29, 2001
  West Forsyth H.S., Winston-Salem  7:00 pm
Mon, July 30, 2001
  Smoky Mountain H.S., Sylva  7:00 pm
Tue, July 31, 2001
  AB Tech, Asheville  7:00 pm
Wed, August 1, 2001
  Freedom H.S., Morganton  7:00 pm
Thurs, August 2, 2001
  Garner H.S., Garner  7:00 pm
Sun, August 5, 2001
  Douglas Byrd H.S., Fayetteville  2:00 pm
Sun, August 5, 2001
  East Duplin H.S., Beulaville  7:00 pm
Mon, August 6, 2001
  Rose H.S., Greenville  7:00 pm

NCHSAA State Volleyball Clinics 2001
Sun, July 22, 2001
  Macon County Library, Franklin  2:00 pm
Mon, July 16, 2001
  Hunt H.S., Wilson  7:00 pm
Sat, July 28, 2001
  Columbia H.S., PE Room  2:00 pm
Sat, July 28, 2001
  White Oak H.S. Auditorium, Jacksonville  6:00 pm
Wed, August 1, 2001
  Timber Dr Elem School, Garner  7:00 pm
Wed, August 1, 2001
  Parkland HS Auditorium, Winston-Salem  7:00 pm
Mon, August 6, 2001
  Douglas Byrd H.S. Cafeteria, Fayetteville  6:30 pm
Mon, August 6, 2001
  South Granville H.S., Creedmoor  6:00 pm
Tue, August 7, 2001
  Rockingham Cty Middle School  6:30 pm
Tue, August 7, 2001
  Vance H.S., Charlotte  7:00 pm
Wed, August 8, 2001
  UNC-CH—Fetzer Gym Room 104  7:00 pm

NCHSAA State Soccer Clinics 2001-2002
Sun, July 22, 2001
  Macon County Library, Franklin  4:00 pm
Mon, July 23, 2001
  Jacksonville H.S.  6:30 pm
Fri, August 3, 2001
  JH Rose H.S., Greenville  6:30 pm
Sat, August 4, 2001
  Northeastern H.S., Elizabeth City  2:00 pm
Sun, August 5, 2001
  Wilkes Central H.S., Wilkesboro  6:00 pm
Mon, August 6, 2001
  AB Tech—Laurel Auditorium  6:30 pm
Sun, August 12, 2001
  Douglas Byrd H.S. Cafeteria, Fayetteville  2:00 pm
Sun, August 19, 2001
  Neil Clark Rec Center, Hickory  4:00 pm

NCHSAA State Basketball Clinics 2001-2002
Sun, October 28, 2001
  Vance H.S., Charlotte  2:00 pm
Sun, October 28, 2001
  West Forsyth H.S., Winston-Salem  7:00 pm
Mon, October 29, 2001
  Smoky Mountain H.S., Sylva  7:00 pm
Tue, October 30, 2001
  AB Tech, Asheville  7:00 pm
Wed, October 31, 2001
  Freedom H.S., Morganton  7:00 pm
Sun, November 4, 2001
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Mon, November 5, 2001
  Garner H.S., Garner  7:00 pm
Tue, November 6, 2001
  Rose H.S., Greenville  7:00 pm

NCHSAA State Wrestling Clinics 2001-2002
Sun, Oct 14, 2001
  Ragsdale H.S.-Jamestown  2:00 pm
Sun, Oct 28, 2001
  Douglas Byrd H.S.  7:00 pm
Sun, Oct 28, 2001
  Kannapolis Middle School, Library  3:00 pm
Sun, Oct 28, 2001
  Hillside H.S., Durham  3:00 pm
Mon, Oct 29, 2001
  AB Tech-Asheville  7:00 pm

NFHS Exam Dates
Football  Tuesday, September 4, 2001
Volleyball  Monday, August 20, 2001
Soccer  Monday, August 20, 2001
Basketball  Monday, December 3, 2001
Wrestling  Monday, December 3, 2001
Baseball  Sunday, March 3, 2002
Softball  Sunday, March 3, 2002

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