Williamson, Evans Named NCHSAA Athletes Of Year

CHAPEL HILL—Anna Evans of Lumberton High School and Drew Williamson of Hugh Cummings High in Burlington have been named winners of the 2003 Athlete of the Year awards by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA).

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 Evans and Williamson 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 Anna and Drew have tremendously impressive credentials along the lines of the previous outstanding winners of this award, and they are also excellent students. We certainly wish them the best in the future.”

Williamson has been one of the state’s top performers in both football and basketball during his career. The quarterback threw for 3,118 yards during the 2003 season, good for 38 touchdown passes against only two interceptions. His 9,736 career passing yards are the third-best mark in state history while his 116 career TD passes is the second best ever in North Carolina. He was the 2001 Mr. NCHSAA football in his classification, chosen by northcarolina.ihigh.com, and was also selected to the Shrine Bowl football team.

In basketball, he scored over 2,000 points in his career and was the Most Valuable Player of the 2002 state 2-A championship, which Cummings won. A three-time all-conference selection in basketball, he also had over 350 assists and 200 steals in his career. He was named the North State Conference football and basketball Player of the Year on different occasions and was selected to the N.C. Coaches Association East-West all-star game in Greensboro in basketball.

An excellent student, Williamson is a member of the National Honor Society and carries a 3.3 cumulative grade point average. He’s exploring his collegiate options, including playing basketball at North Carolina or accepting a scholarship elsewhere, including Old Dominion.

Evans was a three-sport star at Lumberton, in tennis, basketball and softball. She earned all-conference honors three times in tennis, playing number one singles and doubles, three times in softball and twice in basketball. She was the first freshman to play varsity women’s basketball at Lumberton in 30 years and went on to be a starting guard on the 2001 state 4-A championship and the 2002 state runner-up. Evans led the Two Rivers Conference in scoring as a senior and shot 41 percent from the three-point line.

The softball catcher already owns five Lumberton school batting records, including batting average and runs batted in, and is currently hitting near .500 this spring. She was the North Carolina winner of the Wendy’s High School Heisman award and is valedictorian of her senior class. Evans will attend North Carolina on a prestigious Morehead Scholarship.

This is the 18th year in which awards have been given to the top overall male and female athletes.

NCHSAA ATHLETES OF THE YEAR
Winners of the Pat Best Memorial Trophy
1985-86  Pam Doggett, Dudley  
           Patrick Lennon, Whiteville
1986-87  Andrea Stinson, North Mecklenburg  
           Robert Siler, Jordan-Matthews
1987-88  LeAnn Kennedy, Trinity  
           Chester McGlockton, Whiteville
1988-89  Danyel Parker, Clinton  
           Ethan Albright, Grimsley
1989-90  Karen Davis, Forbush  
           David Inman, Terry Sanford
1990-91  Christy Cagle, Hayesville  
           Mike Kendall, Albemarle
1991-92  Wendy Palmer, Person  
           Rusty LaRue, Northwest Guilford
1992-93  Holly Hill, Southwestern Randolph  
           Tyrone Westmoreland, South Iredell
1993-94  Jamie Parsons, Millbrook  
           Brian Roseboro, T.Wingate Andrews
1994-95  Aedrin Murray, Chatham Central  
           Na Brown, Reidsville
1995-96  Shea Ralph, Terry Sanford  
           Titus Pettigrew, West Forsyth
1996-97  Jackie Houston, Kings Mountain  
           Tyrell Godwin, East Bladen
1997-98  Clifeteana McKiver, East Duplin  
           Julius Peppers, Southern Nash
1998-99  Anna Tharrington, Southern Nash  
           Nick Maddox, A.L. Brown
1999-2000  Courtney Willis, Terry Sanford  
           Manny DeShauteurs, Brevard
2000-01  Molly Pyles, Hendersonville  
           Derrele Mitchell, R.J. Reynolds
2001-02  Katrelle Armwood, Durham School of Arts  
           A.J. Davis, Northern Durham
2002-03  Anna Evans, Lumberton  
           Drew Williamson, Cummings

Over 135,000 athletes compete in the NCHSAA’s 21-sport program.
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Five Receive Courage Awards From NCHSAA

CHAPEL HILL—Five individuals were honored by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association at its 2003 Annual Meeting at the Smith Center with the NCHSAA’s A.J. “Tony” Simeon Courage Awards.

The awards were presented to former Smoky Mountain football coach Charles “Babe” Howell, Michael Robinette of Cary High School, Trey Smith of Hibriten High School in Lenoir, Alexis Gillette of Athens Drive High School in Raleigh, and Pepper Hines of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

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. They are named in honor of NCHSAA Hall of Famer Tony Simeon, a long-time coach at High Point Central.

Howell had a successful 44-year career as a teacher, coach and athletic director at Sylva-Webster, Smoky Mountain and Avery County. He coached five state championship football teams and a pair of state baseball champs and is a member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. He is recovering well after a serious heart attack.

Robinette, a junior at Cary, was born without his left forearm and hand but despite this has become a successful wrestler in one of the state’s top programs. He won the Dixon Invitational in the 140-pound weight class this season and also competes in cross country. In addition, he is an outstanding student with a 3.7 grade point average.

Gillette, a senior at Athens Drive, competes in the long jump despite the fact he is blind, losing his sight due to glaucoma when he was a child. He is the current American record holder among blind athletes in the long jump both indoors and outdoors and is also a straight A student.

Smith missed almost an entire year of school due to cancer treatment and just dreamed of being healthy enough to put on a football uniform one more time. He was eventually physically able to go out for football in the fall of 2002 and participate, and his teammates were so inspired that they voted him the Most Valuable Player of the team. Unfortunately, he has had a recent setback and is hospitalized, and his brother accepted the award on his behalf.

Hines, who resides in Durham, is an assistant to the executive director at the NCHSAA and is currently taking treatment for breast cancer. She continues to work daily and face her challenges with a positive attitude.

“It is always an emotional thing but one of the highlights of the Annual Meeting,” said Charlie Adams, executive director of the NCHSAA. “These individuals are truly inspirational and say so much about what is good about high school athletics.”

NCHSAA Hall of Fame Ceremonies

The most recent induction class of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame proudly displays its awards, flanked by NCHSAA representatives at the annual banquet at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill. At the far left is NCHSAA executive director Charlie Adams and at the far right is NCHSAA president Dr. Bill Harrison, superintendent of the Cumberland County schools. Members of the Hall of Fame, starting at second from left, include Herman Hines of Reidsville, Dr. Bill Friday of Chapel Hill, Andrea Cozart of High Point, Cliff Brookshire of Pisgah Forest, Ray Oxendine of Pembroke, and Bob Lee of Southern Pines. (NCHSAA Photo by John Bell)
First Finalists Named In State Farm Female Athlete Awards Of Excellence

CHAPEL HILL—Four finalists, one from each classification, have been named by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association in a new awards program recognizing female high school athletes statewide who excel on and off the playing field or court.

Stephanie L. Permar of Grimsley High School in Greensboro, Jacqueline Filzen of West Carteret High School, Renee Sanders of Graham High School and Mallory Williams of North Stokes High School have been chosen as finalists in the NCHSAA/State Farm Insurance Female Athlete Award of Excellence Program.

Their selection as finalists puts them in the running to receive a one thousand dollar scholarship to use toward furthering their education at the college/university level.

In the 4-A classification, Permar is Grimsley’s all-time leading scorer and three-point shooter in women’s basketball and was the team Most Valuable Player. She also was the goalkeeper on the women’s soccer team that won an NCHSAA state 4-A crown.

Stephanie is a member of the Grimsley Student Council, National Honor Society and is also involved with the Greensboro Service Club.

West Carteret’s Filzen, the 3-A finalist, is a three-sport standout in volleyball, basketball and soccer. She was the Eastern Carolina Conference Player of the Year in volleyball and selected as West’s Female Athlete of the Year last year.

She is chairman of her school’s National Honor Society, active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and involved in various programs at her church.

Chosen in the 2-A ranks, Sanders is valedictorian of her senior class at Graham, president of the National Honor Society and president of her school’s DREAM (Daring to Role Model Excellence as Athlete Mentors) team.

She was the NCHSAA state 2-A runner-up in singles in 2002 and was a four-time conference and regional singles champion. Renee was also the MVP of her women’s soccer team.

Williams, selected in the 1-A category, is also an outstanding tennis player, participating on the NCHSAA state 1-A championship doubles team the last two years. She also captained the women’s basketball team and qualified for the track regionals in two events.

Mallory is president of the Future Farmers of America and the Monogram Club and has demonstrated her musical abilities as a soloist in her church choir.

The program is open to any eligible senior female student-athlete during the school year. The student must be nominated by her school and participating in at least one varsity sport during the year, with a minimum cumulative grade point average for her high school career of 3.0 and at least a 3.5 during the respective semester.

The student-athlete must also demonstrate excellence in other areas, including athletic achievements and honors, school activities and clubs, and non-school activities such as church or community involvement.

At the conclusion of each semester during the school year, nominations are accepted and reviewed by a special committee. One female athlete per classification (1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A) is recognized and receives a certificate and award letter.

At the end of the school year, a total of eight women will then be considered by the committee to receive a plaque and a $1,000 scholarship to use towards furthering her education at the college/university level, four from each semester.

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

CHAPEL HILL—Over 11,000 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 has created the awards in its 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 2002, a total of 5,871 student-athletes were nominated and 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 the NCHSAA honoring the accomplishment and each member of the squad receives a certificate. A total of 431 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.

Two schools did exceptionally well this year in the team award category. Mount Tabor claimed both the men’s and women’s indoor track team GPA awards, and Smoky Mountain won the football and men’s cross country divisions. Southwest Guilford also claimed a pair of team awards.

Belmont’s South Point High School’s women’s cross country team had an exceptionally high 3.958 grade point average as a team in winning the top award in that sport.

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

NCHSAA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAM AWARD WINNERS

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State Award Winners Honored At 2003 NCHSAA Annual Meeting

CHAPEL HILL—Coaches, administrators and media representatives received awards when the North Carolina High School Athletic Association held its 2003 Annual Meeting.

The event was held at the Dean E. Smith Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina and came the day after the spring meeting of the NCHSAA's Board of Directors concluded.

The Association annually presents these statewide awards in several 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.

The awards are named in memory or in honor of outstanding individuals in each category. The state winners for 2003 include:

- Doris Howard Female Coach of the Year: Dianne Dooley of Kings Mountain has been at her school for 16 years. She currently serves as assistant athletic director and has been a highly successful coach in both women's tennis and women's track during her career. A graduate of Gardner-Webb, Dooley helped coach former NCHSAA Athlete of the Year Jackie Houston to seven state championships in two different sports during her career.

- Harvey Reid Male Coach of the Year: Bob Paroli of Fayetteville Douglas Byrd, the state's all-time winningest head football coach, has served at Byrd since 1980. His other stops in a 45-year career have included Benson (1958-64), Jacksonville (1964-65), New York Military Academy (1965-71), Wilson Fike (1971-76), and Burlington Cummings (1976-80). A native of New York, Paroli is a 1958 graduate of N.C. State University and a member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

- Dave Harris Athletic Director of the Year: Joe Miller of New Hanover County is a certified master athletic administrator with the county school system after a very successful coaching career. He posted an outstanding 186-56-1 record in 21 years as a head football coach and also earned a pair of state championships in softball. He has been involved with the NCHSAA in a number of different capacities.

- Bob Deaton Principal of the Year: Charles Long is now in the central office in Pitt County after serving 22 years as a high school principal. He served at Bertie, Farmville Central and D.H. Conley High Schools and has completed more than 33 years in public education. He is currently the immediate past president of the NCHSAA Board of Directors and was the 1993 Regional Wachovia Principal of the Year.

- Bob McRae Superintendent of the Year: Bill Church of the Mount Airy City Schools has a tremendous background in both athletics and school administration. He has been superintendent of the Mount Airy schools since 1997 and before that served four years as superintendent at Albemarle. A current member of the NCHSAA Board of Directors, Church spent 10 years with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and officiated football for 14 years and basketball for 10, and also coached at the college level.

- Tim Stevens Media Representative of the Year: Mason Linker of the Winston-Salem Journal has done an excellent job covering high school and college athletics throughout his career at the Winston paper, including a span of more than 10 years. A native of Winston-Salem, he graduated from Mount Tabor High School and is a 1992 graduate of High Point University with a degree in communications.

- Elton Hawley Athletic Trainer of the Year: Dan Hooker of the University of North Carolina is the coordinator of athletic training at UNC and serves as an adjunct assistant professor of orthopedics at the UNC School of Medicine. A graduate of the Medical College of Virginia Commonwealth University, Hooker has spoken at several National Athletic Trainers Association conventions and has been involved in sports medicine in the state for over 30 years.

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.

- Elton Hawley is a native of Dunn who for many years was the athletic training coordinator for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools. He was the initial inductee into the North Carolina Athletic Trainer Association Hall of Fame.

Durham Jordan Names Baseball Complex In Honor Of David Davis

DURHAM—The baseball complex at C.E. Jordan High School has a new name.

It was christened in honor of long-time coach and current athletic director David Davis.

Davis earned 212 victories in 14 years as the Falcon head coach, including five PAC-Six regular-season championships and four conference tournament crowns. His 1996 team was the NCHSAA state 4-A runner-up.

During his tenure at Jordan, Davis led extensive renovations to the baseball facilities, including building dugouts, lighting the field and major work on the playing surface.

At the ceremony naming the complex in his honor, Davis received a scrapbook filled with letters from former players about the impact being a part of the Falcon program.
Special Awards Presented At NCHSAA Annual Meeting At Smith Center

CHAPEL HILL—Several special awards were given by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association at the NCHSAA’s 2003 Annual Meeting.

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, to a true “legend” in athletics, went to Woody Durham, an Albemarle High School graduate and long time play-by-play announcer for the Tar Heel Sports Network, and former football coach Bill Dooley.

An 11-time North Carolina Sportscaster of the year, Durham has broadcast well over a thousand UNC football and basketball games during his 32-year career as voice of the Tar Heels and has been a great supporter of the NCHSAA. Dooley served as a head football coach at North Carolina, Virginia Tech and Wake Forest and later served in the state’s Sports Development office in Raleigh.

The Robert B. Jamieson Notable Names honors those with outstanding careers in 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. This year’s recipient is the Robert Moore family from New Hanover County. Bob, Peggy, and their children Keith, Brian and Chris have all been involved in athletics. Bob was a long-time principal at New Hanover High and all three sons have been standout baseball players.

The Jay Robinson Priceless Gem Award was presented to Jim Maxwell of Durham. This honor is named for the late Dr. Jay Robinson, who is the only three-time president of the NCHSAA.

Maxwell has served the NCHSAA for several years as its legal counsel but was also a highly successful long-time swimming coach at Durham Jordan.

A Mr. and Ms. NCHSAA are given to people who exemplify the commitment to excellence and service of the Association. Jerry McGee of Elizabeth City, executive director of the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association, and Dr. Theresa Banks of the Madison County schools received those awards. Banks was the first female president of the NCHSAA during the 1999-2000 academic year.

Several outstanding officials earned the Joe Ebben Officials/Booking Agents Award, named for Asheville’s Joe Ebben, an NCHSAA Hall of Famer whose active officiating spanned over 50 years. The officials recognized included Thomas Payne of Greenville, Tom Evans of Raleigh and Ron Buckner.

Other awards included:

Bob Sawyer Unsung Hero Award: Bob Dailey of the Pitt County schools; Jim King of Orange; Roger Dixon of Charlotte Vance

Norma Harbin Distinguished Service Award: Barton College president Dr. Jim Hemby, Wingate University president Dr. Jerry McGee

Donald Bonner Award of Merit: Bill Lam, wrestling coach, University of North Carolina

Bill Carver Proclamation Award: Bob Ward of Surry County schools, E.R. Mason of Clinton; Gene Price of Alexander Central

Don Patrick Citation Award: Fred McDaniel of Cumberland County schools, Herb Goins of Guilford County schools, Alfred Poe of Winston-Salem Carver

Jerry McGee Spirit Award: Donald Andrews of Harnett County schools, Jim Pappas of Cedar Ridge, Max Cole of Ledford (retired)

NCHSAA Medical Award: Dr. Tyson Jennette of Wilson

Theresa Banks President’s Choice Award: former superintendents Pat Harrell, Larry Ivey

Simon Terrell Director’s Choice Award: Tim Brayboy of Cary, Bruce Barton of Red Springs, Russell Rawlings of Wilson

L.J. “Hap” Perry Director’s Choice Award: Debbie Jones of Charlotte Vance (retired), Dave Elder of Hickory, Catherine Armwood of Durham School of the Arts

Leon Brogden Special Person Award: Don Saine of the Gaston County schools (retired).

NCHSAA State Winners

The NCHSAA State Award Winners for 2003 include, from left, first row—Dianne Dooley of Kings Mountain, Mason Linker of the Winston-Salem Journal, Dan Hooker of UNC; second row—Joe Miller of New Hanover County schools, Bob Paroli of Fayetteville Douglas Byrd, Dr. Bill Church of Mount Airy City Schools and Charles Long of Pitt County schools (NCHSAA photo by John Bell)

In Memoriam

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

Jean Earl Worthington

CLIMAX—Long-time high school football coach Jean Earl Worthington died in late April at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem at the age of 64.

He coached at a number of schools, including being the first head football coach ever at Northern Nash from 1966 to ’76.

He was a football and track star at Catawba College and was a member of that institution’s sports hall of fame.

The memorial service was held at Muir’s Chapel United Methodist Church in Greensboro.
White Oak Student Receives April Lowe’s Hometown Hero Award

WILKESBORO—Lowe’s Home Improvement Warehouse, in conjunction with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA), has selected Matthew Wickwire, from White Oak High School in Jacksonville, as recipient of the April Lowe’s Hometown Hero award.

Lowe’s Hometown Heroes program acknowledges the accomplishments of North Carolina high school students who excel in the combined areas of academics, community service and athleticism. Matthew will receive an awards package, including a plaque, as well as tickets to the May Winston Cup race at Lowe’s Motor Speedway, where he will be recognized for his award during the race. White Oak will receive a $1,000 Lowe’s gift card on Matthew’s behalf.

A three-sport athlete, Matthew has been a starter on the varsity baseball team since his freshman year. Now a senior, he has lettered in varsity soccer and is also the place-kicker for the varsity football team. Despite his hectic schedule of practices and games, Matthew entered his senior year ranked 2nd in his class of 254. He has been accepted to North Carolina State’s School of Design, where he will pursue an architectural degree this fall.

“Matt is a young man of outstanding moral character and integrity,” said Greg Grantham, White Oak’s athletic director. “He has been a model of sportsmanship and unselfishness on every team he has played. He is both admired and respected by his teammates and his classmates.”

An accomplished artist, Matthew volunteered countless hours single-handedly completing a beautiful beach-scene mural that adorns the entire 40-foot-long wall of the school’s media center. He also painted a school mascot on the dugout of the baseball field and in the school’s weight room. Matthew has attended Boys State and the Governor’s School, and last year was chosen to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum in Washington, DC. He was one of White Oak’s two nominees for the Morehead Scholarship.

“He is a quiet young man, but he is also a leader of his peers,” said White Oak principal Paul Wiggins. “His character is of the highest caliber. Because of the way he carries himself, others are willing to follow him.”

Matthew spends dozens of hours helping the community by lending a hand on service projects, including Operation Christmas Cheer and by coaching youth soccer. He volunteers at the Jacksonville Soup Kitchen and the Onslow County Public Library.

“Matthew Wickwire excels in academics and athletics, yet he also spends a great deal of personal time lending a hand in his community and putting his artistic touch on the world around him,” said Gray Abercrombie, Lowe’s divisional marketing manager. “He exemplifies the nature of the Lowe’s Hometown Hero award, and we are pleased to recognize his accomplishments this way.”

Lowe’s Home Improvement Warehouse, in conjunction with the Carolina Panthers, has joined together with the NCHSAA to offer the Lowe’s Hometown Heroes recognition program. This program seeks to acknowledge high school students in North Carolina who have begun building their own strong foundations through personal commitment to their local community, academics and athletics.

With 2002 sales of $26.5 billion, Lowe’s Companies, Inc. is a FORTUNE 100 company that serves approximately nine million customers a week at more than 850 home improvement stores in 45 states. In 2003, FORTUNE named Lowe’s America’s Most Admired Specialty Retailer. Based in Wilkesboro, N.C., the 57-year-old company is the second-largest home improvement retailer in the world. For more information, visit Lowes.com.

Newton-Conover’s Don Patrick Earns National Award

PHILADELPHIA—A North Carolina athletic director has received a prestigious national honor.

Don Patrick, athletic director at Newton-Conover High School, was recently named the National Athletic Director of the Year by the National Council for Secondary School Athletic Directors (NCHSAD) of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE).

Patrick was recognized at the recent 2003 National Convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD), with which NASPE is affiliated.

Patrick was one of just five regional winners from across the country, earning the Southern Regional Athletic Director of the Year, and then after a series of competitive interviews was selected as the national award winner.

A former member of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors, Patrick is a native of Shelby and a graduate of Appalachian State University, where he played baseball and served as president of the student body.

Patrick was an assistant football and head baseball coach at Wilkes Central and also coached at Burns before heading to Newton-Conover. From 1974 through the ‘98 season, his Red Devil teams compiled a brilliant 197-88-1 mark, winning 13 conference championships and making the playoffs 15 times, including three trips to the state semifinals.

Patrick has been involved in just about every major organization serving high school athletics in the state. He was president of the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association in 1985-86. In addition, he was the North Carolina Coaches Association president in 1989-90 and served on the NCCA Board. He has also served two terms on the Realignment Committee.

He is a member of the Cleveland County Sports Hall of Fame and former Teacher of the Year in the Newton-Conover City Schools. The field house at Gurley Stadium on the Newton-Conover campus is named in his honor.

State Athletic Directors Meet At Atlantic Beach

ATLANTIC BEACH—Despite cold and dreary, wet weather, the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association had a very successful state conference in April at the Atlantic Beach Sheraton Resort.

One of the highlights, as always, was the induction of the newest members of the NCADA Hall of Fame. They included Hilda Worthington, Tim Brayboy, E.A. “Spike” Corbin, Richard Murray and Roger Thrift.

Members of the Roll of Honor, athletic directors being recognized posthumously, included Bob Culton, Bo Farley, Lucian Griffin, Bill Lundy and Mac McLean.

The athletic directors heard from a variety of outstanding speakers during the course of the conference. One of the major sessions at the conference is always an update from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, and executive director Charlie Adams, deputy executive director Dick Knox and executive assistant for sports Kaye Koenig provided information to the conference.
Mr., Miss NCHSAA Basketball Named By northcarolina.ihigh.com

North Carolina’s best high school basketball players for the 2002-2003 have been announced as the winners of the Miss and Mr. NCHSAA Basketball Awards.

Members of the media nominated the finalists. Prep media then voted on the finalists’ ballot, selecting a first, second and third place player.

The awards were presented to the top girls and boys in each of the four classifications of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

“We are very pleased with our relationship with iHigh, and this awards program is just one of the ways the relationship has grown and improved,” said Rick Strunk, NCHSAA associate executive director. “It’s great to be able to honor outstanding athletes in our NCHSAA sports. The number of nominations and the interest in these awards across the state indicates to us that this has become a very important recognition in the eyes of our member schools, athletes and the media.”

WOMEN
Miss 4A NCHSAA Basketball: LaToya Pringle, Seventy-First
Pringle, a 6-3 junior center, averaged 15.9 points, 9.5 rebounds, 4.3 assists per game this season. She was selected as Mid-Southeastern 4-A Conference Player of the Year. 4-A Eastern Regional MVP and the MVP of the state championships. The focus of opposing defenses after Seventy-First lost her front court running mate in the semifinals of the conference tournament, she faced consistent double and triple teaming as no one else on the 71st team averaged double figures. She broke the rebouding records held by Rhonda Mapp (23 in the West Regionals) and Chasity Melvin (21 in the 1-A finals) with her 28.

Pringle stepped up her game when the stakes got highest - in the two regional games with Broughton and Lee and the state finals this year her averages were: 23.7 points, 8.0 assists, 3.0 assists (led team in assists in the title game with 5), 19.7 rebounds, shot 53.1 percent from the field (26-49) and hit 67.9 percent of her free throws (19-28).

The 4A runner-ups include Chante Black (East Forsyth), Keisha Granberry (West Charlotte), Angel Buie (Lee County) and Tamera Young (Laney).

Miss 3A NCHSAA Basketball: Camille Little, Carver
Little made her mark in state basketball history, as she became the first North Carolina women’s player to play in the McDonald’s All-American game. The 6-1 forward averaged 20.1 points, 11.1 rebounds, 4.1 steals, 2.7 blocks and 1.9 assists this season. She finished with 2,168 career points, 1,110 rebounds (77th best in state history), 470 steals and 260 blocks - all four are school records. As a junior, she averaged 18.3 points and 9.1 rebounds.

Little helped lead Carver to three sectional championships, two conference championships, an undefeated season and a state championship. Twice she was the Piedmont Triad 3-A player of the year and the MVP of the Class 3-A Eastern Regional, the Garber Classic and the Dell Curry Shootout. She earned All-Conference, All-Northwest and All-State honors three times in her career. The North Carolina signee is also a Nike All-American and USA Today Top 25 selection.

The 3A runner-ups include Alex Miller (Hillside), Mary Hall McArver (Forestview), Rashanda McCants (Asheville) and Tiffany Brown (Parkedwood).

Miss 2A NCHSAA Basketball: Marquette Dickens, Tarboro
Dickens averaged 21.0 points, 9.8 rebounds and 4.1 assists per game for the 22-5 Lady Vikings. She led Tarboro to the 2003 2-A East finals and the 2002 team to the 2-A championship game. Four-time All-Eastern Plains Conference performer and three-time Eastern Plains Conference Player of the Year, Dickens helped Tarboro to four consecutive conference regular season and tournament titles.

She scored over 2,000 points in her career, was named to roster for the North Carolina-South Carolina All-Star Game and signed collegiately with North Carolina State.

2A runner-ups include Emily Paffrath (Mitchell), Jessica Mitchell (Wilkes Central), Nakisha Stewart (Bunn), Tenisha McArthur (Red Springs) and Tanetra Barrett (Forest Hills).

Miss 1A NCHSAA Basketball: Ashton Barton, Rosman
The 5-9 junior put up big numbers again this year. 21.5 points, 7.3 rebounds and 3.2 steals per game for the Smoky Mountain Conference champions. Barton, like Dickens and Little, was a runner-up last season. She powered Rosman to a season that saw them begin the year ranked No. 1 in the preseason iHigh.com poll and finish up a strong sixth, losing a nail-biter in regional semifinals to Cherryville. Barton is being recruited by most major D-1 schools in Virginia, N.C. and S.C.

The 1A runner-ups include Megan Zullo (Farmville Central), Cherie Mills (Ayden-Giffin), Erin Crowder (Thomasville), Jacarte Roberson (Pamlico), Allison Crawford (Maidsen) and Brittany Carroll (Midway).

MEN
Mr. 4A NCHSAA Basketball: Chris Paul, West Forsyth
Paul, a runaway winner, averaged a whopping 28.8 points a game while handing out eight assists and swiping six steals. The 6-1 senior guard is a McDonald’s All-American, a Jordan Capital Classic selection and has signed with Wake Forest. His game scoring high was 61 points; he could have scored 62, but missed a free throw in honor of his 61-year-old grandfather who was murdered the weekend before. Before a regional loss to Vance, West Forsyth had not lost to a North Carolina team all season and had defeated three-time defending state champ R.J. Reynolds three times this season.

The 4A runner-ups include Anthony “RJ” Tucker (Enloe), Michael Ellis (South Iredell), Reyshawn Terry (R.J. Reynolds) and Chris Moore (Freedom).

Mr. 3A NCHSAA Basketball: Bobby Perry, Hillside
A Kentucky signee, Perry averaged 24.8 points and 10.9 rebounds this season while leading Hillside to a 21-3 record and the 3-A East semifinals. Along the way, the Hornets won the Chick-Fil-A Classic in Columbia, S.C. and swept the Five County 3-A’s regular season and tournament titles. Perry had 25 points and 21 rebounds in a semifinal win at the Chick-Fil-A Classic to earn the holiday tournament’s MVP award.

He scored a career-high 40 points this season against Southern Alamance. The 6-8 forward was named Five County 3-A Player of the Year for the second-straight season. Perry finishes his career as a four-year starter with averages of 19.5 points and 9.9 rebounds. He made the Final 100 list for the McDonald’s All-America Game and was picked for the Carolina Classic All-Star Game.

The 3-A runner-ups include Jeremy Ingram (Kinston), Greg Benton (T.C. Roberson), Junior Hairston (West Rowan) and Cedric Simmons (West Brunswick).

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Scholar-Athlete Awards Given By Triangle Chapter For Football

CHAPEL HILL—A number of North Carolina High School Athletic Association athletes were honored by the Triangle Chapter of North Carolina of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

The presentation was made at the chapter’s annual banquet, held this year on the campus of the University of North Carolina. Woody Durham, the long-time voice of North Carolina athletics on the Tar Heel Sports Network, served as the master of ceremonies.

A total of 23 high school football scholar-athletes were recognized from the Triangle area and received scholarship donated from various sources. They included:

Taras Mitran, Apex; Ryan Miller, Athens Drive; John Newby, Raleigh Broughton; David Nichols, Cardinal Gibbons; Jaminor Palma, Cary; Michael Lurie, Chapel Hill; Cameron Clay, Durham Jordan; Waylon Brooks Deans, East Wake; Alexander Marx Kroupa, Raleigh Enloe; Bryan Haynes, Fuquay-Varina; John Stanton Gray, Garner; Colin Fegeley, Green Hope; Jasper Ellet Smith, Durham Hills; Trey Lynn Cone, Raleigh Leesville Road; William Chad Ferrell, Northern Durham; Robert Bullock, Orange; David Fajgenbaum, Ravenscroft; Anthony Howard, Durham Riverside; Stephen Thomas, Raleigh Sanderson; Terence Reaves, Southeast Raleigh; Anthony Bacon, Southern Durham; Zachary Newton Richards, Wake Forest-Rolesville; Jeffrey Colby, Raleigh Wakefield.

In addition, NCHSAA and National High School Sports Hall of Fame 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 Adams, “for Homer certainly did make a difference in the lives of many and truly was an outstanding role model.”

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

Coaches receiving this honor for 2002-2003 include the following:

Raleigh Sanderson head track and field coach Raymond Hammond
Newton Fred T. Foard head volleyball coach Linda Richards
Kernersville Glenn head cheerleading coach Lora Tiano
Raleigh Millbrook head volleyball coach Kathy Stefanou
South Johnston assistant football and wrestling coach Stacy Lee Clayton head baseball coach Andy Pleasant
North Wilkes head women's basketball and head softball coach Randy Join
McDowell head women's basketball coach Mike Silver

Each school had the opportunity to nominate one of its coaches for this award. “These coaches provide excellent role models with their positive approach,” said Adams, “for Homer certainly did make a difference.”

Mr. 2A NCHSAA Basketball: JamesOn Curry, Eastern Alamance

The first repeat winner of the award, scoring sensation Jameson Curry wins the 2A award again. The prolific scorer averaged 34.7 points per game, shot 82.2 percent from the free throw line and averaged 3.3 3-pointers per contest. While leading the team in points, rebounds and steals, he guided Eastern to the regional semifinals.

Mr. 1A NCHSAA Basketball: Brandon Setzer, Thomasville

This 6-6 senior center averaged 18.1 points a game and an amazing 17.4 rebounds a game. He had 18 points, 20 rebounds and 9 blocks in regional semifinal and pulled down a season high of 31 rebounds.

Setzer helped lead his team to an NCHSAA state championship and 29-2 record. He was Most Valuable Player in title game scoring 28 points, grabbing 21 rebounds and blocking seven shots. He plans to attend prep school for a year before continuing his football career.

The 1A runner-ups include Ryan Denney (Mount Airy), Tim Pounds (Spring Creek), Roy Peake (Thomasville) and Tavaris Little (Williamson)
Thomasville Takes 1-A Title, Gets Past Perquimans 75-62

RALEIGH—Brandon Setzer poured in 28 points and hauled down 21 rebounds to lead Thomasville to a 75-62 victory over Perquimans and the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A men’s basketball championship at Reynolds Coliseum.

Setzer, who was named the Wendy’s MVP of the championship, also blocked seven shots. The Bulldogs (29-2) had a big 58-39 rebounding edge.

Roy Peake scored 21 points and grabbed 14 rebounds for Thomasville and was named the Most Outstanding Player for his team. Junior Thorne also had a double-double with 11 points and 10 boards.

Jerrell Foreman was voted the Most Outstanding Player for Perquimans (25-3), with 22 points and 13 rebounds.

The Pirates trailed by just four at 50-46 entering the final quarter but the ‘Dogs went on a 16-2 run to blow the game open.

Reidsville Races Past West Columbus For 2-A Crown

CHAPEL HILL—Reidsville exploded to a 28-11 lead after one quarter and then coasted to an 86-60 triumph over West Columbus in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A men’s basketball championship at the Smith Center.

The Rams (23-4) shot a hot 59.5 percent from the floor in the first half and led 51-26 at halftime. Reidsville’s depth—no player played more than 19 minutes and every player saw at least seven minutes of action—was a key.

Jerome Simpson of Reidsville was the Wendy’s MVP with 19 points while Clint Blackburn was named the Rams’ Most Outstanding Player, coming off the bench to score 18, including three-pointers.

Aaron Yates had 12 points and Stefan Geathers 11 for West (20-8). Geathers was voted the Most Outstanding Player for the Vikings.

West Rowan Keeps Streak Alive, Wins State 3-A Title

RALEIGH—West Rowan ran its winning streak to 61 consecutive games and won its second straight North Carolina High School Athletic Association crown, beating Goldsboro 72-57 at Reynolds Coliseum for the 3-A men’s basketball title.

Junior Hairston scored 22 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for West Rowan (31-0), earning Wendy’s MVP honors in the process. Phillip Williams added 17 for the winners while T.J. Gaither was named as West’s Most Outstanding Player for his excellent floor game.

Goldsboro (20-11) got 14 points from Brian Lane, named the Cougars’ Most Outstanding Player in the final.

West never trailed in the game although the Cougars got to within six with 3:06 to go in the third quarter. But the Falcons stretched the lead to as many as 23 in the final stanza.

Vance Rallies To Beat Lee To Earn 4-A Championship

CHAPEL HILL—Charlotte’s Zebulon Vance rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit to defeat Lee Senior 68-61 and take its first North Carolina High School Athletic Association men’s 4-A basketball crown at the Smith Center.

Trailing 34-24 at the break, the Cougars outscored Lee 19-7 in the third quarter, aided by some points off Yellow Jacket turnovers. Lee had 27 turnovers in the game.

It wasn’t until Wendy’s MVP Lowen Wray hit three free throws in the final 22 seconds, however, that Vance secured the victory. Wray led Vance with 18 points, including three three-pointers, while Most Outstanding Player V.J. Fails scored 14 points and had a team-high eight rebounds. Vance finished with a 29-4 record.

Adrian Woodard led Lee (25-5) with 17 points and was selected his team’s Most Outstanding Player. Dejuan Smith added 12 points for the Jacks.

Thomasville Wins Crown Again, Overcomes Farmville Central

RALEIGH—Thomasville rallied from 16 points down in the second half to slip past Farmville Central 68-65 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s state 1-A women’s basketball championship at Reynolds Coliseum.

Thomasville completed a perfect 32-0 season and won its second consecutive state title. But the Lady Bulldogs trailed until Wendy’s MVP Erin Crowder hit a jumper with 46 seconds to play.

Crowder scored 21 points, including four three-pointers, and was the MVP for the second consecutive year. Brittanny Marsh added 12 points for the winners and got the Most Outstanding Player award.

Freshman Megan Zullo had 22 points for Farmville (23-6) and was voted the Lady Jaguars’ Most Outstanding Player. Schquanna Williams added 15 points, including hitting 11 of 16 foul shots.

Mitchell Downs Red Springs To Claim 2-A Championship

CHAPEL HILL—Emily Paffrath scored 13 points and hauled down 17 rebounds to lead Mitchell to a 61-50 victory over previously unbeaten Red Springs and the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A women’s basketball title in action at the Smith Center.

Paffrath, who also had five steals, was selected as the Wendy’s MVP of the championship. Senior Megan Zullo, who was selected as the Wendy’s MVP, had 15 points and Bailey Norris added 11.

Tiffany Troy scored 16 for Red Springs (26-1) and was her team’s Most Outstanding Player. Tenisha McArthur added 12 points and Danyelle Carter collected 14 rebounds for Red Springs, which shot just 28 percent from the floor for the game.

Mitchell led just 26-25 at halftime but never relinquished the lead in the final 16 minutes. The margin was never fewer than seven points in the final quarter.

Asheville Beats Rockingham In 3-A Championship Contest

RALEIGH—Tootie Smith led a balanced attack as Asheville downed Rockingham County 62-52 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A women’s basketball championship at Reynolds Coliseum.

Smith, who was selected as the Wendy’s MVP, had 15 points, including four three-pointers. Rashanda McCants, the sister of the UNC freshman on the bench, had 14 points and 10 rebounds for the winners and was her team’s Most Outstanding Player.

Rockingham County (28-3), in its second straight title game appearance, got 12 points from Kalen Kropa, 11 from Heather Johnson and 10 from Sierra Gore. Kropa was chosen as her team’s Most Outstanding Player.
Asheville (29-2) saw Rockingham cut the lead to four in the fourth quarter but hit seven free throws in the final 1:08 to preserve the victory.

### Pringle Leads Seventy-First Past Vance In 4-A Battle

**CHAPEL HILL**—LaToya Pringle set an all-time single-game tournament record for rebounds as she led Fayetteville Seventy-First to a 50-47 victory over Charlotte Zebulon Vance in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A women’s basketball championship at the Smith Center.

Pringle, the Wendy’s MVP, had 17 points, a whopping 28 rebounds, five assists and eight blocked shots in leading the Lady Falcons (30-1) to victory. The previous state tournament record for rebounds was 23, held by Rhonda Mapp and set back in 1987.

Christina Camps added 11 points for Seventy-First and got her team’s Most Outstanding Player award. Shantia Washington led Vance (28-3) with 13 points and was her team’s Most Outstanding Player.

Vance shot just 29.5 percent from the floor in the game. It was knotted at 20-20 at halftime, but Seventy-First outscored the Lady Cougars 20-10 in the third quarter.

Then Vance sliced that margin in the final period and actually took the lead with 4:45 to play. A jumper by Pringle gave Seventy-First the lead for good with 0:48 to play and then her two free throws made it a three-point game with eight seconds left.

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