Mayo, Bost Earn NCHSAA Athlete Of Year Honors

CHAPEL HILL—Gabby Mayo of Southeast Raleigh High School and Dee Bost of Concord High School have been named winners of the 2007 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 E. Smith Center on the University of North Carolina campus during the NCHSAA’s Annual Meeting.

Both of the winners 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 have tremendously impressive credentials along the lines of the previous outstanding winners of this award, and we certainly wish them the best in the future.”

Bost pulled off an unprecedented feat this year, winning the state 3-A championship Most Valuable Player award in both football and basketball, leading Concord to state titles in both sports.

In football, he was moved to the quarterback position after his team started 0-3 and then the Spiders reeled off 13 consecutive victories. He completed 63 percent of his passes this season and threw for almost 3,000 yards and 25 touchdowns.

In basketball, he averaged 15 points and five assists per game. He earned the Most Valuable Player award in the Western Regional two consecutive years and poured in 27 points in the state 3-A championship game to lead Concord to an 85-79 decision over Kinston in the state title game. Then he went on to earn the MVP honors in the Carolinas All-Star basketball classic as he led North Carolina to victory over South Carolina in that game in Rock Hill, S.C.

Mayo has been a star on the national stage in track and has put her name in the record books in North Carolina in both indoor and outdoor track.

She has won three different individual championships in indoor track, including taking top honors in the 55-meter dash the last two years. She has earned 12 individual state track titles and has broken six state records thus far while winning four different events in the NCHSAA 4-A outdoor championships.

Mayo has been chosen as the 2006 Youth Athlete of the Year by USA Track and Field and has run the fastest time in the country in both the 100 and 200 meters. She represented the United States in the Junior World Competition in China and helped set a junior world record in the four by 100 relay there.

Over 140,000 athletes compete in the NCHSAA’s 21-sport program.
NCHSAA Board of Directors Makes Some Changes During Spring Meeting

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held its annual board meeting at the Simon F. Terrell Building earlier this week, and there were a number of agenda items that were discussed.

As is customary, the first day of the Board meeting was devoted almost all day to committee work, during which the Board divided into those groups. The committees include policy and student services, sports, review and officiating, and finance and personnel. Then the second day of the meeting includes action items when the Board convenes and takes action on committee recommendations.

Here are some of the highlights of the Board meeting:

- approved several changes in wrestling, including eliminating the midyear weight certification and hydration and requiring the use of the National Wrestling Coaches Association on-line system for weight management (which costs only $30 per school); also approved two-pound growth allowance to be in effect on January 1 only after making scratch weight in a weight class
- also in wrestling, set a limit for individual participation, with the number of matches an individual may wrestle not to exceed 55 prior to the conference tournament; only one “double dual” match will be allowed per season for a team
- approved a two-year trial for a double elimination tournament format in wrestling at the regional level which would not increase loss of school time
- approved a new state football championship rotation since Duke has opted not to continue to host NCHSAA championship games. Three sites (Wake Forest, N.C. State and University of North Carolina) will remain in the rotation and two of them, N.C. State and UNC, have agreed to take an additional game. The new rotation will start for the 2007 finals and was initiated by a draw. The 3-A, 3-AA and 1-AA games will be at Kenan Stadium at UNC, the 2-A, 2-AA and 1-A games at Carter-Finley Stadium at N.C. State, and the 4-A and 4-AA games will be at Groves Stadium in Winston-Salem.
- approved a total of $100,000 from the Endowment for catastrophic insurance payments. Checks will be received by member schools at the NCHSAA’s fall regional meetings.
- made one slight change in football seeding process, with all conference champions who are tied for first to be seeded as number ones if they are going into different classifications
- an adjustment was made in the “eight-quarter rule” for football individual participation as it enters the second year of a two-year experiment. Schools still have to fill out the pre-participation forms for those players but will now just keep them on file at the school instead of sending them to the NCHSAA. Schools still have to file the reports of those who played on the Monday following the games with the NCHSAA
- for sectional basketball tournaments, recommend that Saturday be used as a make-up day, with playing dates to be Monday-Wednesday-Friday or Tuesday-Thursday-Friday, depending upon whether it is men or women in a certain year; play will be at higher seeded sites throughout sectionals, or a neutral site mutually agreed upon, and sectional committees would not be necessary
- approved an addition to the Handbook in the wording about a medical exam, adding worlds “and be cleared to play” to language about physicals
- approved a change in assigning of officials in first two rounds of appropriate state playoffs; officials will now be assigned by the local booking agent of the higher seeded team and then neutral crews (from a booking agent not used by either of the participating teams) will be used the rest of the way in those playoffs
- approved a change in uniforms for basketball officials that was first unveiled at the 2007 NCHSAA championships; the gray shirt with black pinstripes will be mandatory for those officials working in the 2007-08 sectional and regional playoffs; and state championships, but it will be optional during the regular season if the entire crew wears it; it will be mandatory for all officials in 2008-09
- approved two new booking agents, Carol Cutler for Pitt County Association in volleyball and Bobby Pennington for the Northeastern Officials Association in basketball; also set local booking association fees to be no greater than one varsity game fee per sport

Cary’s Winterton Earns National Coaching Honor

Jerry Winterton of Cary High School has been named the National High School Coaches Association (NHSCA) National High School Wrestling Coach of the Year for 2007.

The NHSCA selects national high school coaches of the year annually in 20 different sports, and the Cary coach is the first selection nationally by the NHSCA this year.

Winterton was an assistant coach at North Carolina State University under Bobby Guzzo when the Wolfpack won the ACC title in 1976. He then embarked on his great high school coaching career, coaching first at East Wake and posting a 22-18 dual-meet mark from 1979-81.

He then moved to Cary and began his tremendous run with the Imps, which includes 16 different NCHSAA 4-A state crowns (10 tournament titles and six dual-team championships) in his 26 years there. Cary has swept both the state tournament title and the dual team championship in the same year three times, including 2007.

Winterton has also coached 40 individual state champions during his career.

Winterton was elected to the Cary High School Hall of Fame in 1995 and the North Carolina wing of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Oklahoma, in 2004.

“Jerry Winterton has built Cary into one of North Carolina’s top wrestling programs.” NHSCA associate executive director Joe Boardwine said. “His success at Cary shows that he not only produces outstanding wrestlers, but great teams as well and we are proud to be honoring him.”
Clary Medal Winners Named
For North Carolina High School Athletic Association

CHAPEL HILL—Lauren White of North Mecklenburg High School and Colby Meador of Rockingham County High School have been named the recipients of the Clary Medals awarded by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

The two outstanding student-athletes were recognized at the NCHSAA's Annual Meeting at the Dean E. Smith Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The Clary Medal is made possible through the generosity of the Eddie and Jo Allison Smith Family Foundation through the NCHSAA Endowment. It annually recognizes an outstanding male and female student-athlete who will each receive a $1,000 scholarship to further his or her education at the college level.

To be eligible for the award, a student must be a senior at an NCHSAA member school, participate on at least two athletic teams, maintain at least a 3.2 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale, and demonstrate excellence in athletic participation, extracurricular activities and community service.

White is a straight-A student who is ranked second in a senior class of 659 and sports a weighted grade point average of 5.125. She has participated in cross-country, swimming and outdoor track during her varsity career, helping lead North to a fourth-place finish in the NCHSAA state 4-A cross-country championships last fall. She has served as co-captain of both the cross-country and track teams.

In addition to her athletic achievements, she has won numerous awards in the Science Olympiad, is a member of the National Honor Society, and has provided hundreds of volunteer hours for a variety of church and community activities.

Meador is ranked first in his class of 227 at Rockingham with a 4.648 weighted grade point average. He has played soccer and baseball during his career and was named captain and Most Valuable Player of the soccer team during his senior season in the fall.

President of the National Honor Society at Rockingham, Meador is a talented musician who has played in the marching band, concert band and jazz band at the school. He is also active at his church and has earned the Eagle Scout award.

The award is in memory of Wilburn Columbus Clary, a member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame who was an outstanding coach and game official. He served as the executive secretary of the old Western North Carolina High School Activities Association from 1948 through 1977, when its schools joined the NCHSAA. Clary was also the first collegiate football official to be inducted into the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

"Both Lauren and Colby are exemplary citizens and student-athletes," said Charlie Adams, executive director of the NCHSAA. "They are outstanding selections for the first Clary Medals, which we believe is fast becoming one of the top awards the NCHSAA can present to a student."

Last year's inaugural winners of the award included Nicole Harris of North Wilkes and Brad Hardee of South Caldwell.

North Carolina Takes Pair
In Carolinas All-Star
Basketball Classic Games

ROCK HILL, SC—North Carolina all-star teams beat their counterparts from South Carolina in the 10th annual Carolinas All-Star Basketball Classic, played at Winthrop Coliseum on the campus of Winthrop University.

Samantha Ramirez of NCHSSA 4-A state champion South View dropped in 19 points to lead North Carolina to a 76-60 triumph in the women's game, while Concord's Dee Bost poured in 24 to lead the Tar Heel team to an 83-78 victory in the men's game.

Ramirez, who helped lead South View to a perfect 32-0 season, was the Most Valuable Player of the state 4-A championship game and also earned the MVP award for the all-star game.

Amy Dodd of Apex added 10 for the winners.

Bost also added more hardware to his personal trophy cost, scoring 20 of his 24 points after halftime, including some key free throws down the stretch. Bost quarterbacked Concord to the NCHSAA state 3-AA football crown in December, and then picked up the MVP award in the state 3-A men's championship game as he paced Concord to the state title.

Goldsboro's Dequan Joyner, an East Carolina signee, was the only other North Carolina player in double figures with 20 points.

It was North Carolina's seventh victory in the 10-game series on the men's side.

The Classic is co-sponsored by the North Carolina Coaches Association and their counterpart organization in South Carolina.
State Award Winners Honored
At 2007 NCHSAA Annual Meeting

CHAPEL HILL—Coaches, administrators and media representatives received awards at the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 2007 Annual Meeting.

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. 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.

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

• Doris Howard Female Coach of the Year: Kathy Frazier of Ayden-Grifton is one of the state’s veteran female coaches who has worked in a variety of sports in addition to serving as athletic director. A graduate of Atlantic Christian College, she has been athletic director at Ayden-Grifton since 1990 and has coached volleyball at the Pitt County school since 1978. Frazier has also coached softball and basketball there and is also active in the NCHSAA Student Services program, including the Coach-Captain Retreats.

• Elton Hawley Athletic Trainer of the Year: Gail McMurry of Durham is a certified athletic trainer who has assisted at a number of NCHSAA state championships since 1985, including volleyball, basketball and track and field. She is a National Board certified physical education teacher and serves as the department chairperson for health and physical education at Jordan. McMurry was inducted into the North Carolina Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame in 2005 and has been a member of the NCAATA Board of Directors.

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 the former 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.

In Memoriam

This is information of which the NCHSAA has been made aware since the publication of the last Bulletin.

We appreciate all those who share information with us for the benefit of our membership.

Tom Davis

WILSON—George Thomas “Tom” Davis died in mid-April at the age of 85.

Davis was an outstanding athlete at Duke University, playing in the 1941 Rose Bowl and 1942 Sugar Bowl, and is a member both of the Duke Sports Hall of Fame and the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.

His involvement with high school athletics for many years was as a booking agent with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, booking officials for countless games in the eastern part of North Carolina.
Special Awards Given At NCADA Conference

WILMINGTON—A number of special awards were given at the annual North Carolina Athletic Directors Conference, which was held in March at the Wilmington Hilton Riverside.

Jerry McGee, executive director of the NCADA, was surprised as his peers presented him with the first annual Jerry McGee Athletic Director Proclamation of Lifetime Achievement.

Joe Miller, the association’s outgoing president, helped make the presentation to McGee.

The plaque reads, in part, that “Jerry McGee has proven to be a vital and significant contributor in the field of athletics as a player, coach, educator and athletic administrator.

“Seventeen years ago Jerry accepted the challenge as Executive Director of the NCADA, to provide the leadership and influence on developing a successful model for the North Carolina athletic administrators. His caring commitment, dedication, loyalty and love are entwined in his contributions NCADA Distinguished Service Award for her work with athletic directors and with the city-county athletic directors organization.

She was also recognized as a nominee for the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) Distinguished Service Award.

Stevens To Join National High School Hall Of Fame

INDIANAPOLIS—Tim Stevens of the Raleigh News and Observer, Jim Plunkett, a three-sport star at James Lick High School in San Jose, California, in the 1960s prior to leading the Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders to two Super Bowl victories, and Terry Steinbach, the top high school baseball player in Minnesota in 1980 who enjoyed a highly successful 14-year professional career with the Oakland A’s and Minnesota Twins, are among the inductees to the 2007 class of the National High School Hall of Fame.

Stevens, Plunkett and Steinbach are among 12 individuals who will be inducted in the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) National High School Hall of Fame July 4 at the Desert Springs Marriott Hotel in Palm Desert, California. The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be the closing event of the 88th NFHS Annual Summer Meeting.

Stevens has been involved with the Raleigh Times and the Raleigh News and Observer since starting at the Times in 1967 as a high school correspondent. He has devoted his entire career to coverage of high school sports and has been high school sports editor for the News and Observer since 1990.

He was co-author of the original North Carolina High School Record Book and has been involved for many years with the annual holiday invitational basketball tournament in Raleigh. He is the fourth newspaper journalist to be inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame.

The National High School Hall of Fame was started in 1982 by the NFHS to honor high school athletes, coaches, contest officials, administrators, fine arts coaches/directors and others for their extraordinary achievements and accomplishments in high school sports and activity programs. This year’s class increases the number in the Hall of Fame to 338, and this year’s event will be the 25th induction ceremony.

The 12 individuals were chosen after a two-level selection process involving a screening committee composed of active high school state association administrators, coaches and officials, and a final selection committee composed of coaches, former athletes, state association officials, media representatives and educational leaders. Nominations were made through NFHS member associations.

North Carolinians currently in the National High School Hall of Fame include former Greensboro Grimsley coach and North Carolina Coaches Association executive Bob Jamieson, longtime Durham Hillside track coach Russell Blunt, and NCHSAA executive director Charlie Adams.

The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and fine arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and fine arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience.
Alexander’s Miller, Pamlico’s Moye Earn Inaugural Pat Gainey Awards From NCHSAA

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association announced today the winners of two special awards established in the name of the late Pat Gainey, long-time coach who was inducted into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame in April.

Cathy Miller of Alexander Central High School is the recipient of the inaugural Pat Gainey Coach Award, and Kathryn “Kate” Moye is the winner of the first Gainey Student Scholarship award.

The Pat Gainey Coach Award recognizes excellence in character, achievement and coaching. It is designed to go to a varsity coach at an NCHSAA school who provides great leadership, who shows interest in his or her athletes on and off the field or court, is recognized as scrupulously honest, and has strongly supported an anti-drug and alcohol policy.

The awards were presented at the NCHSAA Annual Meeting at the Smith Center on the University of North Carolina campus.

Miller has been head volleyball coach at Alexander for nine years, after stints at Northwest Ashe and Hickory, and has also served as an assistant women’s basketball coach. She is a two-time Northwestern 4-A Conference Volleyball Coach of the Year.

An outstanding algebra teacher, Miller has organized summer junior volleyball camps to introduce the sport to young athletes. Her program at Alexander also includes strong components of team-building activities and healthy lifestyles.

A senior at Pamlico, Moye lettered in three sports for four consecutive years and captained both the volleyball and women’s basketball teams. She has been actively involved in the Beta Club, Math Competition Team and a variety of leadership roles at Pamlico.

Kate is also active in church and community activities, such as volunteering for the “Race for the Cure” and for the Pamlico Parks and Recreation Department. She has better than a 4.0 weighted grade point average while taking a variety of honors and Advanced Placement courses.

The Gainey Student Scholarship recognizes athletic achievement and strength of character. The criteria for this year’s award included that the student be a senior female athlete with at least a 3.2 cumulative GPA, possess a strong work ethic, demonstrate athletic success during the high school career and demonstrate respect for coaches and teammates.

In this inaugural year of the awards, the criteria stipulated that the recipients come from Alexander Central or Pamlico High Schools, where Gainey spent most of his career. Starting next year, the student scholarship award will be opened up to NCHSAA member schools in counties having a poverty rate of 20 percent or more for children 17 and under, and the coaches’ award will be available for nominations from all NCHSAA member schools. Student scholarship recipients will alternate annually between a female athlete and a male baseball player meeting the established criteria.

The awards are made possible by a gift from Gainey’s daughter, Mrs. Berry Jo Gainey Shoen, who currently resides in Port Townsend, Washington.

A native of Dunn, Gainey recorded a phenomenal record in women’s basketball at a couple of different stops during his coaching career and was a real supporter of women’s athletics. His overall record at Pamlico was an incredible 93-6 in women’s basketball and he also fielded outstanding baseball teams there. He then moved to Taylorsville, where he coached from 1955-64. His women’s basketball teams won five Western North Carolina High School Activities Association titles and at one point recorded 54 consecutive wins and a whopping 140 straight conference victories. His overall women’s basketball mark was 358-57.

NCHSAA’s Adams Receives Grid Award From Triangle Chapter

CHAPEL HILL—Charlie Adams, executive director of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, has received a prestigious honor.

The Triangle Chapter of North Carolina of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame named Adams winner of the Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football award.

The presentation was made on Monday night at the chapter’s 12th annual awards dinner, held this year at the Smith Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina.

Adams, who has been on the NCHSAA staff since 1967 and executive director since 1984, has enjoyed a stellar career as an athlete, coach and administrator. Several changes have been made during his time as NCHSAA executive director that have been great for high school football, such as playing the state championships at neutral-site college facilities.

In addition, a total of 18 high school football scholar-athletes were recognized from the Triangle area and received scholarships donated from various sources.

Those honorees from NCHSAA member schools included Mark Kaufman of Apex, Andrew John Bertolozzi of Athens Drive, Lee Browne of Broughton, Trevor Dixon of Cary, Kyle Peterson of Chapel Hill, Blake Murray of East Wake, Nick DeBarmore Jr. of Enloe, Zach Powell of Fuquay-Varina, Colby Holloway of Garner, Vincent Arnone of Green Hope, Evan Christopher Wilson of Hillside, Matt McKeon of Leesville Road, David Muse of Middle Creek, Chase Hester of Northern Durham, Calvin Dewayne Lea of Riverside, David Jackson of Sanderson, and Travis Jones of Wake Forest-Rolesville.

Founded in 1947, the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame is dedicated to mobilizing the constructive forces of amateur football, at all levels, for the benefit of society as a whole, helping bring together all of the organized groups that play, coach, administer, support and report amateur football.
Eight Coaches Earn Homer Thompson Sportsmanship Awards

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 at the Dean E. Smith Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina.

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,” says NCHSAA executive director Charlie 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 assistant executive director Mark Dreibelbis as part of the Association’s student services program.

Coaches receiving this honor for 2006-07 include the following:

Region 1 Coleman Bailey, cross-country and men’s and women’s track coach at Greenville D.H. Conley
Region 2 Jimmy Smith, athletic director and head men’s basketball coach at South Lenoir
Region 3 Danny Ward, athletic director and head men’s basketball coach at North Edgecombe
Region 4 Wendy Barton, assistant volleyball, softball and basketball coach at Lumberton Purnell Swett
Region 5 DePaul Mittman, women’s track and field coach at Western Guilford
Region 6 Ron Massey, athletic director and head football coach at Kannapolis A.L. Brown
Region 7 Mike Greene, head track, assistant cross-country and basketball coach at North Wilkes
Region 8 Craig Long, head women’s soccer and assistant football coach at West Henderson

Each school has the opportunity to nominate one of its coaches for this award. “These coaches provide excellent role models with their positive approach,” says Adams.

Scholar-Athlete Winners Named

By North Carolina High School Athletic Association

CHAPEL HILL—Over 10,000 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 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 2006, a total of 5,694 student-athletes were nominated by NCHSAA member schools 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 325 varsity teams and 4,619 individual athletes 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.

Greensboro Page captured top honors in four different sports while South Rowan had three teams and Forsubh two teams to earn a state award. South Rowan teams in women’s basketball and wrestling and Page in women’s golf also won these same awards last year.

“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 also succeeding in the classroom.”

NCHSAA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAM AWARD WINNERS
Fall and Winter Sports (Fall Semester 2006)

Alexander Central Football 3.100
Forbush Volleyball 3.757
Forbush Men’s Swimming 3.644
West Rowan Women’s Cross Country 3.950
Page Women’s Golf 3.880
Page Women’s Tennis 3.934
Page Cheerleading 3.769
Page Women’s Swimming 3.837
Highland Tech Men’s Soccer 3.429
South Rowan Men’s Cross Country 3.667
South Rowan Wrestling 3.469
South Rowan Women’s Basketball 3.777
N.C. Science & Math Men’s Basketball 3.416
Surry Central Women’s Indoor Track 3.788
West Forsyth Men’s Indoor Track 3.585
Three Recipients Named Of Inaugural Golden Whistle Merit Awards

CHAPEL HILL—Three outstanding individuals from the world of high school officiating have been honored with an award for lifetime achievement.

Art Capper of Charlotte, Joe Jones of Greensboro and Bill Kelly of Raleigh were recipients of the inaugural Golden Whistle Merit Award, created in a partnership among the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA), the North Carolina Coaches Association (NCACA) and the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association (NCADA).

The awards were presented at the NCHSAA Annual Meeting at the Dean E. Smith Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina.

Criteria for the award include demonstrating leadership, performance, service and training for the betterment of officiating, possessing officiating abilities emulated by fellow officials, being regarded as a person of integrity and character, and a minimum of 10 years of experience as an active official.

Recipients of the Golden Whistle Merit Award include:

- Art Capper has served 48 years as an active football official and 45 in basketball, working two state championship games and eight in basketball. He has been a football clinic leader for 33 years and basketball clinic leader for 27 and is considered one of the preeminent experts on playing rules. Capper worked as an official in the NCCA all-star games in both football and basketball.

- Joe Jones has enjoyed a long career in several sports, including 34 years as a baseball official and a whopping 52 years in both football and wrestling. A member of the North Carolina chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Jones has officiated the NCHSAA state wrestling tournament an amazing 45 times. He also had officiated four NCHSAA state football finals and has been a state clinician in wrestling.

- Bill Kelly has been involved as an official and a booking agent in a variety of sports. He worked 10 years in both softball and volleyball but has 30 years as a baseball official, 28 in football and 45 in basketball. He has officiated basketball state championship games in all four classifications and has been a booking agent in three sports, including 22 in basketball, and is the NCHSAA’s highest rated booking agent for 2006.

“These three gentlemen are truly representative of excellence and leadership in officiating,” said Mark Dreibelbis, supervisor of officials for the NCHSAA. “We are extremely proud to make the inaugural presentation to these individuals who have demonstrated sacrifice and commitment.”

NCHSAA Coach-Captain Retreat Attracts Students From Across State

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association held its spring 2007 Coach-Captain Retreat in March, the 25th in a series of successful events.

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

Retreat teams include student-athletes who will be captains or leaders of their athletic squads in the coming year, a coach from the school and a parent representative. They are designed to promote the concept of “teambuilding.” 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 that 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 assistant executive director Mark Dreibelbis and student services assistant Chiquana Dancy.

“Student Services is the ‘value-added’ division of the NCHSAA,” said Dreibelbis. “The Coach/Captain Retreat emphasizes the responsibility of student-athletes to take their leadership skills and implement programs promoting positive life skills and total development through athletics to both their school and community. Having the opportunity to develop these initiatives and assist in their implementation is what Student Services is all about. Our programs do make a difference and create winners for life.”

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; P.J. Taylor, retired coach at Williamston High and former safe and drug free schools coordinator for the Martin County Schools; Garry Bryant, who is an NCHSAA official in three different sports; Teresa Coleman, coach and athletic director at West Bladen High School; Faye Corbin, teacher and coach at Hope Mills South View High School; and Susan Cox, former athletic director at Perquimans High School.

Teams always conclude their retreat experience by developing an action plan, something that can be taken back and executed in their local school. Among the components of the action plan are bulletin boards in the school, public service announcements for the school intercom, a community service project, a newsletter for student-athletes and other school/community ideas generated by the team itself.

In addition to the staff, there were 100 participants in the retreat, with a total of 67 student-athletes and 33 adults attending. The adult total included 21 coaches or administrators, representing a total of 16 different schools, and 12 parents of athletes.

Teams at the retreat represented the following schools: Alexander Central, Ashley, Bunker Hill, East Carteret, East Lincoln, McDowell, Mountain Heritage, North Wilkes, Pender, Perquimans, Purcell Swett, Sanderson, South Johnston, Topsail, West Johnston, and Western Harnett.
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NCHSAA associate executive director Rick Strunk served as master of ceremonies for the Hall of Fame.

NCHSAA Executive Director Charlie Adams congratulates new inductees into Hall of Fame.

UNC Achordants Singing Group Entertain Crowd.

NCHSAA president Vann Pannell (far left) and Charlie Adams (far right) pose with Hall of Famers, from left, Don Saine, Joan Riggs, Tommy Hunt, Charlie Gregory, Mrs. Berry Jo Shoen (daughter of the late Pat Gainey) and Al Black.

Parnell Honored At North Johnston

KENLY—Veteran coach and athletic director Doug Parnell has been honored by his school.
He was honored in mid-April when the baseball facility at North Johnston was named in his honor.
Parnell coached baseball at North Johnston for 31 seasons and served as the school athletic director for 35 years. He guided the 1981 North Johnston baseball team to an NCHSAA state title, the only state championship a team from the school has earned.
Parnell was also a part of the charter class for the new Johnston County Sports Hall of Fame, which was inducted in April.

North Carolina Amateur Sports Gets Involved With NCHSAA

CHAPEL HILL—North Carolina Amateur Sports has come on board with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association as a corporate partner.
NCAS was listed as a co-sponsor of the 2007 NCHSAA outdoor track and field championships slated for Greensboro.
NCAS is the organization that operates the State Games of North Carolina. Some of its other programs include Cycle North Carolina and the Be Active Challenge.
North Carolina Amateur Sports is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization established in 1983 to host the first sanctioned State Games of North Carolina in 1986 and the U.S. Olympic Festival-87. Today, it operates with the goal promoting the spirit of amateur sports, physical fitness and health to all ages and skill levels through participation in organized events, which enrich the state of North Carolina.
Certainly the goals of North Carolina Amateur Sports are in line with NCHSAA objectives. We are grateful for the support of this fine organization.
Evers, Lineberger Win NCHSAA Toby Webb Awards

CHAPEL HILL—Patty Evers of East Bladen High School and Mickey Lineberger of South Point High School in Belmont are the recipients of the second annual Toby Webb Coach of the Year Award given by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

The two outstanding coaches were recognized at the NCHSAA's Annual Meeting in May at the Smith Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina.

The Webb Award is made possible through the generosity of gifts from individuals and companies through the NCHSAA Endowment and annually recognizes an outstanding male and female coach. To be eligible for the award, a coach must be nominated by school personnel at the NCHSAA member school where he or she coaches, to have coached for a minimum of 10 years, and have made major contributions to the success of high school athletics at the school, in the community and beyond.

Evers is in her sixth year at East Bladen after coaching five at Tar Heel. She has been successful as a head coach in both women's basketball and softball, sending teams to the Eastern Regional basketball tournament. She has earned conference basketball coach of the year honors five times in the last 10 years and is also an outstanding volleyball official.

She has been active on the Bladen County Special Olympics committee and also is the faculty sponsor both the Key Club and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at East Bladen. She has taken members of her squads to participate in the Student Athlete Summer Institutes (SASI) held at UNC-Pembroke and coordinates the East Bladen DREAM team, which helps high school student-athletes serve as mentors and role models for elementary and middle school students in the area.

Lineberger has been at South Point for 23 years and has been head coach in a variety of sports there and at Chase prior to that, including women's softball, varsity baseball and wrestling, and junior varsity men's basketball as well as serving as athletic director for 17 years and as an assistant football coach. His varsity baseball teams compiled a record of 363-191 during his tenure and won 12 regular-season or tournament championships.

Lineberger has worked hard to insure the South Point athletic facilities are the best they can be, including a completely renovated baseball facility. In addition, he hosts summer baseball camps for youth in the area and has been a very active member of South Point Baptist Church. He was awarded the American Legion Service Award in Gaston County in 2005 and is a member of the Belmont Sports Hall of Fame.

The award is in honor of Toby Webb, a member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame who was an outstanding coach as well as a principal and superintendent. He helped turn Albermarle into a football power and posted a brilliant 103-18-6 mark as a head coach there.

Private and Corporate Donors Help Drive the Endowment Forward for Schools

By Karen DeHart, Director of Development

Endowment games, dollar ticket surcharge, annual membership donations, campaign-specific pledges, and unsolicited contributions all provide revenue sources for the NC High School Athletic Association Endowment Fund. These revenue streams combine to increase principal growth of this fund and consequently, a higher interest return. What does this mean to you?

According to NCHSAA policies as enforced by the Board of Directors and Finance Committee, only interest income can be considered for funding usage. Over the past six years, over $570,000 in interest income has been granted back to member schools collectively. An additional $12,000 has been awarded since last year for several new recognition awards and scholarships established through private donations in honor and in memory of outstanding coaches and school administrators—The Toby Webb Coach of the Year Award, the Pat Gainey Coach Award, the Pat Gainey Student Scholarship Award, and the Clary Medal.

A regional award is in development to honor former Charlotte-Mecklenburg athletic director, Dave Harris.

In addition to donations from individuals, member schools, and their respective Booster Clubs, corporate donors have invested in the future of high school athletics. BB&T assumed naming rights for the state football playoffs and championships in 2005-06 and will remain as title sponsor until 2014. Precision Time Systems, Inc. is giving back to member schools through annual contributions to the Fund as well as special purchasing rates for the PTS timing system. Investing in North Carolina’s future—our young men and women—is a driving force and motivator for these companies and others who have consistently contributed.

As with any nonprofit organization, the donors and contributors—individuals and corporations alike—are key in making the fundraising efforts succeed. The NCHSAA staff sends a HUGE “thank you” to each donor and contributor—through your generous support, almost $600,000 has been given back to member high schools, and recipients of the new awards. We couldn’t have done it without you!
NBA’s Charlotte Bobcats Offer Opportunities To NCHSAA Schools

CHARLOTTE—The Charlotte Bobcats professional basketball team has a number of programs and opportunities that may be of interest to North Carolina High School Athletic Association schools.

The Charlotte Bobcats Arena opened in the fall of 2005 in the heart of Uptown Charlotte and is home to the NBA’s Bobcats, the ECHL’s Charlotte Checkers and the Charlotte Jumper Classic. The state-of-the-art arena hosts more than 150 events a year, including sporting events, concerts and family entertainment.

Among the displays in the arena showing the history of basketball is a special area which highlights both North Carolina and South Carolina state high school champions in basketball. For example, each of the NCHSAA’s classification champions for both men and women are honored by having their team uniforms on display in the gallery at Lowe’s Home Court.

The Bobcats posted the all-time best third year expansion team record in recent NBA history by posting 33 wins during the 2006-07 season. In the last 20-plus years, no other NBA expansion franchise has recorded a better record: in fact, no team had won more then 27 games in their third season until the Bobcats surpassed that mark on March 28 against Atlanta. The Bobcats’ 33 wins, 20 home victories and 13 road wins this season are all a franchise best.

Additionally, this past season the Bobcats hosted high schools from both North Carolina and South Carolina who played one of their regular season games at Charlotte Bobcats Arena. For the second year in a row, First Assembly Christian played and for the first time this year students also had the opportunity to stand side-by-side with Bobcats players during pregame warm-ups. For the first time this year students also had an opportunity to stand side-by-side with Bobcats players during the National Anthem.

Each of the above fan experiences involves different ticket requirements, which can be reached in a variety of ways. The Bobcats have helped schools put together school outings involving the entire school district, as well as doing a fundraise for the PTA, athletic department or other clubs. Because First Assembly Christian, a non-NCHSAA member school, played a game at Charlotte Bobcats Arena it was able to raise over $1900 and enjoy an evening together as a school.

The Bobcats are always open to exploring different options and programs, from hosting a tournament to holding a practice at the arena. The Bobcats issue this invitation: "As we close our season as the best third-year expansion team in recent NBA history, we look forward to an active summer that will position us for greater success in the 2007-2008 season. We invite each of your teams and schools to take advantage of these unique opportunities and join us next season.”

For more information regarding the different opportunities the Bobcats have, please contact Seth Roberts at (704)688-8903 or by email at sroberts@bobcatsse.com.

Exemplary, Sportsmanship Awards A Highlight Of Annual Meeting

CHAPEL HILL—Two new major awards were presented for the first time at the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Annual Meeting at the Smith Center on the University of North Carolina campus.

J.H. Rose High School of Greenville was named the inaugural winner of the Exemplary School Award while North Duplin earned the 2007 Sportsmanship Award.

The awards are given as a cooperative venture among the NCSHAA, the North Carolina Coaches Association and the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association. In addition to a trophy and a banner for display at the respective schools, each school received a $1000 cash award.

The Exemplary School Award recognizes the top overall school in the state in terms of the “total program,” including but not limited to athletic success, scope of athletic opportunities offered, facilities, community interest and involvement, academics and the like.

Rose offers 34 different men’s and women’s sports teams, including varsity, junior varsity and ninth grade squads. The Rampants have earned recent NCHSAA state championships in football, baseball, basketball, track and swimming.

North Duplin’s application for the award as a finalist indicated the philosophy that it promotes around its athletic program and the fact that the school, including coaches, athletes and supporters, all take pride in trying to present a great environment for sportsmanship.

The process of selection for both the awards is a multi-tiered one, including nominations and feedback from schools to select finalists, and then the finalists submitted applications with specific information relative to their potential award.
# 2007-2008 NCHSAA State Rules Clinic Schedule

## Football: (All @ 6:30pm)
- **7/24/07** Asheville (AB Tech) WNCOA
- **7/25/07** East Burke HS North State
- **7/26/07** Atkins HS North State
- **7/30/07** Douglas Byrd HS Southeastern
- **7/31/07** E. Duplin HS East Carolina
- **8/1/07** J.H. Rose HS Coastal Plains
- **8/6/07** Vance HS Metrolina
- **8/7/07** Garner HS Triangle

## Basketball: (All @ 6:30pm)
- **10/10/07** Atkins HS Triad
- **10/15/07** Smoky Mt Southwestern
- **10/16/07** Asheville (AB Tech) WNCOA
- **10/17/07** East Burke HS Triad
- **10/22/07** Douglas Byrd HS Southeastern
- **10/23/07** E. Duplin HS Eastern
- **10/24/07** J.H. Rose HS Northeastern
- **10/29/07** Vance HS Metrolina
- **10/30/07** Garner HS Triangle

## Volleyball:
- **7/8/07 @ 3:00pm** A-B Tech WNCOA
- **7/15/07 @ 3:00pm** Smoky Mt. HS Mountain West
- **7/15/07 @ 4:00pm** Douglas Byrd HS Southeastern
- **7/15/07 @ 6:00pm** Outer Banks Elizabeth City Parks and Rec.
- **7/19/07 @ 6:00pm** Newton-Conover HS Piedmont
- **7/21/07 @ 9:00am** Hunt HS Eastern NC
- **7/21/07 @ 1:30pm** White Oak HS Coastal Plains
- **7/21/07 @ 2:00pm** Holmes HS2:00p Northeastern
- **7/28/07 @ 2:00pm** Holmes HS Outer Banks
- **7/30/07 @ 8:00pm** Providence HS Metrolina
- **8/5/07 @ 5:00pm** Atkins HS Northwest
- **8/6/07 @ 6:00pm** S. Granville HS Tri-County
- **8/6/07 @ 6:30pm** Garner HS Triangle
- **8/7/07 @ 7:00pm** Rockingham Co. HS Rockingham Co.
- **8/12/07 @ 3:00pm** Mocksville Recreation Dept. Triad
- **8/13/07 @ 7:00pm** Graham Recreation Center ALCO
- **8/15/07 @ 7:00pm** Western Triangle UNC Woollen Gym Room 302

## Soccer:
- **7/15/07 @ 4:00pm** UNCO New Science Building Piedmont
- **7/28/07 @ 2:00pm** Holmes HS2:00p Northeastern
- **7/29/07 @ 4:00pm** J.H. Rose HS Eastern Plains
- **7/30/07 @ 6:30pm** Providence HS Metrolina
- **8/5/07 @ 6:00pm** Jacksonville HS Eastern
- **8/6/07 @ 6:00pm** Fayetteville Christian School
- **8/6/07 @ 7:00pm** Hillyer Memorial Christian Church
- **8/6/07 @ 7:00pm** AB Tech WNCOA
- **8/14/07 @ 6:30pm** Wilkes Central HS Blue Ridge
- **8/19/07 @ 3:00pm** Greensboro Downtown Marriot
- **2/11/08 @ 7:00pm** AB Tech WNCOA

## Wrestling:
- **10/14/07 @ 2:00pm** Ragsdale HS Piedmont
- **10/15/07 @ 7:00pm** Haywood Co. School Conf. Center Mountain
- **10/15/07 @ 7:00pm** Chapel Hill HS7:00p Triangle
- **10/21/07 @ 3:00pm** Kannapolis Middle School Central
- **10/22/07 @ 6:30pm** Douglass Byrd HS Southeastern
- **10/28/07 @ 3:30pm** King’s Barbeque in Kinston Eastern
- **10/30/07 @ 6:00pm** South Caldwell HS Northwest

## Baseball:
- **1/12/08 @ 1:00pm** Western Piedmont Cherryville American Legion
- **1/13/08 @ 2:00pm** Douglas Byrd HS Southeastern
- **1/16/08 @ 6:30pm** Kinston HS East Carolina
- **1/19/08 @ 2:00pm** Holmes HS Outer Banks
- **1/20/08 @ 2:00pm** South Central HS Down East
- **1/20/08 @ 3:30pm** King’s Barbeque in Kinston Eastern
- **1/20/08 @ 3:00pm** Laney HS Cape Fear
- **1/20/08 @ 7:00pm** Middle Creek Community Center, Apex
- **1/27/08 @ 2:00pm** Graham Recreation Center ALCO
- **1/27/08 @ 2:00pm** N. Durham HS Durham
- **1/27/08 @ 3:00pm** Newton-Conover HS Western Piedmont
- **1/27/08 @ 3:00pm** Smoky Mountain HS Mountain West
- **1/27/08 @ 3:30pm** Wilson County Agriculture Center Eastern NC
- **1/27/08 @ 3:00pm** Eastern Randolph HS Mid-State
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- **1/28/08 @ 3:30pm** AB Tech WNCOA
- **2/3/08 @ 8:00pm** Atkins HS Northwest
- **2/4/08 @ 6:30pm** Vance HS Metrolina
- **2/4/08 @ 6:30pm** Twin City Edgewood Baptist Church, Winston-Salem
McGuinness Wins Second Straight, Rolls Past East Bladen 79-42

RALEIGH—Erinn Thompson pumped in 20 points, grabbed 16 rebounds and blocked five shots to earn Wendy's MVP honors, leading Bishop McGuinness to a convincing 79-42 triumph over East Bladen in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A women's basketball championship at Reynolds Coliseum.

Bishop McGuinness earned its 22nd consecutive victory and second straight state 1-A crown, finishing 32-1 overall. East Bladen wound up 25-7.

The Lady Villains spurted to an 18-7 first-quarter lead and were never headed, leading 42-23 at the half. Maggie Ronan scored 15 and had five assists for the winners and Sarah Foroudi added 11.

JaToya Kemp led East Bladen (25-7) with 30 points, although East shot only 25 percent from the floor for the game. Kemp was named her team's outstanding player while Katheryn Lyons won the corresponding award for Bishop McGuinness.

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DeGraffenreid Leads Smoky To State 2-A Women's Crown

CHAPEL HILL—Cetera DeGraffenreid, a North Carolina signee, scored 36 of her 42 points after intermission to lift Smoky Mountain to an 85-62 triumph over Graham in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A women's basketball championship at the Smith Center.

DeGraffenreid, a unanimous selection as the Wendy's MVP, hit 16 of 19 from the foul line and also handed out seven assists. She scored 16 consecutive points for her team at one stretch in the second half. The Smoky Mountain star finished her high school career with the second best total for an NCHSAA player at 3,081 points.

Amy Haggard contributed 18 points for Smoky Mountain (30-1), which shot 60 percent from the floor in the second half. Simone Robinson scored 18 points and hauled down 15 rebounds for Graham (31-2).

The Lady Mustangs led by just 55-51 entering the final quarter but outscored Graham 15-4 in the next 3:35 to put the game away.

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Strachan Paces Carver To Win Over SouthWest Edgecombe

RALEIGH—N.C. State-bound Brittany Strachan scored 29 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and blocked four shots to lead her Carver Yellow Jackets to a 58-49 victory over SouthWest Edgecombe in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A women's basketball championship at Reynolds Coliseum.

Strachan earned Wendy's MVP honors as Carver pulled away in the final four minutes of a close game. Danielle Hardy added a double-double (13 points, 14 rebounds) for Carver, which finished 29-3 and won a women's title for the first time since 2001.

The game featured four lead changes and six ties, including 41-all entering the fourth quarter.

SouthWest, in its eighth NCHSAA women's hoop championship, got 14 points from Monique Hudson and 12 from Monique Williams. SouthWest ended the year at 25-3 overall.

Monique Hudson was selected as the Most Outstanding Player from the runners-up while Danielle Hardy won that award for Carver.

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South View Stays Unbeaten, Rallies To Down Grimsley

CHAPEL HILL—South View rallied from 17 points down with 6:32 to go in the third quarter and hit some key free throws to upset Greensboro Grimsley 69-64 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A women's basketball championship at the Smith Center.

Guard Amber Calvin earned Wendy's MVP honors with 17 points, eight rebounds and 10 assists, including hitting 15 of 17 from the foul line to key the rally.

South View placed five in double figures. Samantha Ramirez scored 16 and Rakhee Smith 13 for the winners, who finished as the only unbeaten NCHSAA varsity team in the state.

Trumae Lucas tallied 33 points for Grimsley (30-2) and Krystin Fields added 21 and collected nine rebounds.

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Thomasville Races Past North Edgecombe In 1-A Men

RALEIGH—Chris Woods pumped in 23 points and grabbed 17 rebounds to lead Thomasville to its fifth state crown in the last 11 years as the Bulldogs beat North Edgecombe 86-76 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association men's 1-A basketball championship game at Reynolds Coliseum.

Woods was the Wendy's MVP, making 11 of 14 field goal attempts, as Thomasville won a hard-fought game that featured seven ties and nine lead changes. North Edgecombe actually led 40-39 at halftime with the Bulldogs up just one at 61-60 entering the final eight minutes.

Zach Perry added 15 for Thomasville, which shot 55.9 percent from the field in the second half. Jerby Cooper and Terrell Davis poured in 26 points each for North Edgecombe (22-7).

Perry was named the Most Outstanding Player for Thomasville while Davis earned the award for North, which was playing in a men's final for the first time in 43 years.

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Cummings Wins Again, Holds Off Starmount In 2-A Men By 52-49

CHAPEL HILL—Burlington Cummings won its second straight state men’s basketball title and third in four years as the Cavaliers held off Starmount by a 52-49 score in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A championship at the Smith Center.

The Cavaliers were led by the 23-point, 16-rebound effort of Dwight Jones, the Wendy’s MVP for the second consecutive year.

The game was knotted at 23-all at the half but the Cavaliers outscored Starmount 13-4 in the third quarter. Cummings led by 13 with 3:18 to play and held off a stirring Ram comeback that actually sliced the lead to two with 57 seconds remaining.

Victor Davila paced the Rams with 18 points, nine rebounds and seven blocked shots while Ferdinand Morales added 13. Davila was selected as the Most Outstanding Player for Starmount while freshman James Terrell, who had 12 points, earned the corresponding honor for the Cavaliers.

Cummings finished the year 30-2 overall and Starmount posted a 25-6 mark.

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Concord Gets Past Kinston 85-79 For 3-A Championship

RALEIGH—Concord made its return trip to the state finals successful as Wendy’s MVP Dee Bost fired in 27 points to lead the Spiders to an 85-79 victory over Kinston in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men’s basketball championship at Reynolds Coliseum.

Bost, who also quarterbacked Concord’s state championship football team in the fall, led the way for the Spiders, who were the hoop runners-up to Greensboro Dudley in 2006. Concord shot a blistering 60.8 percent from the floor for the game, including 65.2 in the second half.

The Spiders took the lead for good in the first minute of the final quarter and upped it to 13 at one point with 57 seconds remaining.

Lance Lewis added 17 and Danny Nieman 14 for the winners, while Curtis Hines tallied 17 for Kinston (29-3). Concord shot a blistering 60.8 percent from the floor for the game, including 65.2 in the second half. The Spiders took the lead for good in the first minute of the final quarter and upped it to 13 at one point.

Hines was named the Most Outstanding Player for Kinston while Lewis was the Concord recipient.

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New Hanover Downs Vance In Low Scoring 4-A Championship

CHAPEL HILL—Seven-footer Ty Walker had 12 points, six rebounds and eight blocked shots to lead Wilmington New Hanover over Charlotte Vance 39-35 in a low-scoring but taut North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men’s basketball championship at the Smith Center.

New Hanover led just 19-17 at the half and by nine with 5:53 to go before Vance rallied and actually took the lead with 1:37 to play on a basket by Al’Lonzo Coleman, who had 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Cougars (28-4).

A jumper by James Beatty gave New Hanover the lead again with 49 seconds to play at 36-35 and then two free throws by Cedric Baker and one by David Pellom secured the victory for the Wildcats (29-4).

Vance, which had made 12 three-pointers in the Western Regional championship, went just one of 10 behind the arc.

New Hanover earned its 13th NCHSAA men’s basketball crown but first since 1968.

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WRESTLING

Cary Wins Team Title
In NCHSAA 4-A Wrestling

WINSTON-SALEM—Two-time defending champion Cary made it three in a row by rolling to the team title in the 2007 North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A wrestling championships at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

The Imps, who have won now earned four of the last five 4-A crowns under veteran coach Jerry Winterton, had a 15-point margin over the field after Friday’s first day of action and added to it throughout the day Saturday. Cary tallied a total of 189 points to 114 for runner-up Durham Riverside.

Winston-Salem Mount Tabor placed third with 95.5 points, followed by Southern Pines Pinecrest with 71 points and Fayetteville Jack Britt was fifth with 62.5.

Senior Justin Sparrow of East Gaston at 160 pounds won his fourth consecutive individual state championship, edging Mikal McKeel of Asheville A.C. Reynolds 1-0 in the championship match. Sparrow was named the tournament’s Most Outstanding Wrestler.

Colton Palmer of Durham Riverside was the 145-pound state champion and finished the season with a record of 91-0, a national record for victories in a single season.

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Championship Finals – 4A

103—Joey Farnsworth (Cary) m.d. Sam Ransdell (Pinecrest) 9-0;
112—Corey Mock (Chapel Hill) m.d. Kevin Brown (Pinecrest) 9-1;
119—Brandon Davis (Page) d. Travis Coffey (Watauga) 8-7;
125—Morgan Atkinson (Riverside) d. Scott Norris (Green Hope) 6-2;
130—Walt Cutts (Northwest Guilford) d. Chris Ange (Davie Co) 3-1 (OT);
135—Justin Koren (Cary) d. Joel Barnette (Davie Co) 7-0;
140—Lawrence Manne (West Forsyth) d. Savva Kostis (Watauga) 8-4;
145—Colton Palmer (Riverside) d. Ethan Creek (Britt,Jack) 7-2;
152—Thomas Ferguson (Cary) p. Tim Paige (Mt Tabor) 5:28;
Parkland Holds Off Ragsdale To Win 3-A Wrestling Title

WINSTON-SALEM—Winston-Salem Parkland outdueled Jamestown Ragsdale in a close team race to take the team title in the 2007 North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A wrestling championships at the Lawrence Joel Veteran Memorial Coliseum.

Parkland, which won the NCHSAA dual team championship earlier this month, scored 141.5 points and held off runner-up Ragsdale with 130, although Ragsdale earned state titles in each of the first three classifications. Patrick Graham at 103, Mickey Humphrey at 112 and Jacob Creed at 119 each earned individual championships, followed by Ragsdale’s Alex Cooke at 160.

Enka moved into third place with 91.5 points, followed by High Point T.W. Andrews with 86 and defending tournament champion Eden Morehead with 80.5 points.

Senior Phillip Goodwin of Belmont South Point was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler of the 3-A championships, winning the state title at 130 pounds for his second individual state crown.

Mount Pleasant Earns Championship In 1-A/2-A

WINSTON-SALEM—Mount Pleasant completed an impressive run to the team championship on Saturday night in the 2007 North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A/2-A wrestling championships at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Mount Pleasant held a 27-point margin over the field after Friday's action and pulled away in convincing fashion with its depth, although Mount Pleasant only had one individual state champion. Jose Sanchez at 125 pounds. Mount Pleasant recorded 135.5 points to 82 for second-place Mayodan Dalton McMichael.

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