NCHSAA Athletes Of The Year
Named At Annual Meeting

CHAPEL HILL—Tevin Hester of Granville Central High School and Lindsay Simpson of Franklin High School are the winners of the 2012 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 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.

"On behalf of our Board of Directors and the entire membership of the NCHSAA, we congratulate these outstanding student-athletes on their tremendous achievements during their high school careers," said Davis Whitleff, commissioner of the NCHSAA. "Both have extremely impressive credentials which are in the same vein as previous winners of this award, and we certainly wish them well in their future pursuits."

Hester played five different sports during his Granville Central career, including football, basketball, outdoor track, indoor track and cross country. He played only three years of football due to an injury suffered in summer basketball but ran cross country during that season. The other sports he competed in for four years each, was captain of the NCHSAA’s 23-sport program.

During football season, he ran for 19 touchdowns and 1,247 yards rushing, and followed that with 18.5 points per game in basketball. He is Granville Central’s all-time leading scorer in basketball.

In outdoor track, he is already the two-time conference athlete of the year and was the state champion in the 55 meters with a meet record of 6.39 seconds. He recorded the second best time ever by a North Carolinian in the 2012 New Balance national meet in the 60 meters and has earned all-American recognition in both indoor and outdoor track.

Hester, who won a WRAL-TV Extra Effort Award earlier this year, will attend Clemson University on a track and field scholarship.

Simpson has had a remarkable high school career as a star in volleyball and basketball. In volleyball she was a two-time Western North Carolina Athletic Conference Player of the Year, a four-year starter who averaged a remarkable 5.7 kills per game this season. She set school career records with 1,208 kills and 1,605 assists.

She has been one of the top scorers in the state in women’s basketball, finishing with 2,693 career points as the second all-time leading scorer in western North Carolina and her school’s career leader. She has been selected for the North Carolina Coaches Association East-West all-star basketball game and the Blue-White all-star game in western North Carolina on the basis of a 27.6 points per game average this season to go with 3.5 rebounds, 2.0 assist and 2.0 steals. As a junior, she averaged 30.1 points per game and in one game scored 27 points in a single quarter.

Simpson earned Associated Press all-state honors and was also the Western North Carolina Athletic Conference Player of the Year in basketball.

An outstanding student, she is a member of the National Honor Society and serves on the Student Council. She will continue her athletic and academic career at Western Carolina University next fall.

This is the 27th year in which awards have been given to the top overall male and female athletes.

NCHSAA ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

1985-86 Pam Doggett, Dudley
  Patrick Lennon, Whiteville

1986-87 Andrea Sinson, North Mecklenburg
  Robert Siler, Jordan-Matthews

1987-88 LeAnn Kennedy, Trinity
  Chester McClockton, Whiteville

1988-89 Danel 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 She Ra Ralph, Terry Sanford
  Ticou 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
  Derrelle Mitchell, R.I. Reynolds

2001-02 Katrelle Armwood, Durham School of Arts
  A.J. Davis, Northern Durham

2002-03 Anna Evans, Lumberton
  Drew Williamson, Cummings

2003-04 Eva Baucum, Forest Hills
  Jim Ollis, Polk County

2004-05 Jessie Sims, West Henderson
  Terrell Hudgins, Rocky Mount

2005-06 Megan Zullo, Farmville Central
  Kendric Burney, Southwest Onslow

2006-07 Gabby Mayo, Southeast Raleigh
  Dee Bost, Concord

2007-08 Jannetta Robinson, Pender
  E.J. Abrams-Ward, Thomasville

2008-09 Ali Ford, Freedom
  Tyler Shatley, East Burke

2009-10 Leah Mackley, Pender
  Kareem Martin, Roanoke Rapids

2009-10 Courtney Melvin, East Bladen
  Romar Morris, Salisbury

2011-12 Lindsay Simpson, Franklin
  Tevin Hester, Granville Central

About 200,000 athletes compete in the NCHSAA’s 23-sport program.
Weddington, Perquimans Receive Major Awards At NCHSAA Annual Meeting

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

Weddington High School is the sixth annual winner of the Exemplary School Award while Perquimans High School is the winner of the 2012 Sportsmanship Award.

The awards are given as a cooperative venture among the NCHSAA, 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 receives 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.

Weddington, in Union County, has been an Honor School of Excellence in the last three years and was recognized by Newsweek Magazine among the top high schools in America. The school had every one of its varsity teams during the fall and winter seasons of this academic year earn AAA Scholar-Athlete honors, and all Weddington teams earned team awards last year.

The school offers 24 sports and 36 different teams, and actually recognizes its own all-academic athletic team at the school. Many of the teams are involved in community service projects, including Serve for the Cure, Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity and a book drive that collected over 3,000 books for a local elementary school. In terms of its facilities, Weddington has recently resurfaced its track and tennis courts, was awarded a $5,000 grant from Home Depot to be used on the softball field, and has had Eagle Scout projects completed on campus to enhance the athletic complex.

The sportsmanship honor is designed to recognize a school that has been ejection free, has a plan to promote and implement good sportsmanship, is welcoming to visiting fans, makes appropriate accommodations for officials and their own fans demonstrate good sportsmanship.

Perquimans has long promoted sportsmanship and has been ejection free for over three years. Perquimans student-athletes and coaches have been involved in the Student Athlete Summer Institutes for many years as well as attending the Coach-Captain Retreats, part of the NCHSAA student services program, where many sportsmanship initiatives have been addressed.

This year a sportsmanship public address announcement was developed and then read before every Perquimans home sporting event, which was very well received by spectators from both competing schools and game officials. The school also makes it a point for its coaches to emphasize the positive values of sportsmanship during practice as well as contests. Michael Horwat, athletic director at Perquimans, says that the goal is to make “to continue to make Perquimans a respectful and distinguished school when it comes to 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.

“Weddington and Perquimans have set themselves apart during the 2011-12 academic year by earning these prestigious honors,” said Davis Whitfield, NCHSAA commissioner. “We applaud their commitments in the areas of sportsmanship and overall excellence.”

Greenville Rose won the inaugural Exemplary School award in 2007 while North Duplin was the Sportsmanship winner. In 2008, Watauga took the Exemplary School while Asheboro earned the Sportsmanship honor, and in 2009 Fayetteville Jack Britt was the Exemplary School with Hendersonville winning the Sportsmanship award. The 2010 winners were Charlotte Myers Park for the Exemplary School and Raleigh Sanderson for Sportsmanship, and last year Salisbury captured the Exemplary award while South Lenoir was the Sportsmanship winner.
East Burke Softball Star
Hits Safely In 16 Straight At Bats

CONNELLY SPRINGS—East Burke High School softball senior standout Taylor Burkhalter earned her way into the North Carolina High School Record Book.

Burkhalter had 16 consecutive hits over a five-game span before her streak was snapped.

It started on March 28 against Bandys, with hits in her last two at bats in a 6-0 victory. Then she went four for four in a 7-4 win over South Iredell, followed by three hits in three trips in a 5-2 victory against Bunker Hill.

Against Newton-Conover in the next game, on April 17, Burkhalter was again a perfect four for four as her team beat Newton-Conover 11-0. Then against West Caldwell on April 20, Taylor had three hits in three trips and also was hit by a pitch before she hit into a fielder’s choice that ended her streak of hitting safely.

Burkhalter had 11 singles and 5 doubles in her hitting spree.

Her 16 consecutive hits dropped a 13-consecutive hit performance achieved earlier in the season by Providence Grove’s Cassidy Brown into second place all time. ★
INDIANAPOLIS—Participation and fan interest in high school basketball remain strong throughout the nation, and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Basketball Rules Committee voted to retain one aspect of the sport that makes it unique from other levels of play.

At its recent meeting in Indianapolis, the committee considered a proposal to add a shot clock to the high school rules but agreed that the sport played by about one million boys and girls in approximately 18,000 high schools is functioning well without it.

Although a shot clock has been employed at the college level for many years, results of the questionnaire that is sent to coaches, officials and state association administrators across the country did not indicate a strong desire to use the clock at the high school level.

"In addition to the fact that there is some concern about the costs associated with the use of a shot clock, the committee also expressed a belief that the game is typically played with an up-tempo style even without a shot clock," said Kent Summers, director of performing arts and sports at the NFHS. "In addition, the committee believes that coaches should have the option of a slower-paced game if they believe it makes their team more competitive in specific situations. This could be especially true for smaller schools with limited budgets, which comprise a significant number of the 18,000 basketball-playing schools. Since the NFHS writes rules for all sizes of schools and teams, it has to consider what is best for the masses."

The committee did approve one rule change and two major editorial changes, which subsequently were approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Rule 2-12 will now require the official scorer to wear a black-and-white vertically striped garment. Previously, this was a recommendation for schools.

"The players, coaches and officials need to be able to quickly and easily identify the official scorer, and making this a requirement should assist in that regard," Summers said.

One of the editorial revisions approved by the committee concerns changes made last year in a team-control foul. The following language will be added to Rule 4-19-7: "... including a member of the throw-in team from the start of the throw-in until player control is obtained inbound."

The committee noted that the team-control rule change last season introduced an unnecessary level of complexity to a number of rules. This additional language will allow all rules affected by the team-control definition change last season to revert to previous verbiage.

The other editorial change is Rule 2-2-4, which expands the timeframe for state associations to intercede in the event of unusual incidents from after a game, to before and during a contest.

In addition, the Basketball Rules Committee approved four points of emphasis for the 2012-13 season: 1) closely guarded situations, 2) contact above the shoulders, 3) intentional fouls and 4) guidelines to enforce illegal contact. Points of emphasis are specific rules that need more attention by players, coaches and officials.

Basketball is the second-most popular sport for girls and third-most popular for boys at the high school level, according to the 2010-11 High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS, with 438,933 girls and 545,844 boys participating nationwide. The sport ranks first in school sponsorship of girls and boys teams with 17,767 schools sponsoring the sport for girls and 18,150 sponsoring the sport for boys.

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AAA Scholar-Athlete Winners Named By NCHSAA

CHAPEL HILL—Over 18,000 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 AAA Scholar-Athlete program, which includes recognition of varsity teams which attain certain grades as well as individual athletes.

Individual AAA 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 2011, a total of 9,810 student-athletes were nominated by NCHSAA member schools and qualified for this award.

In the team division, a varsity team earns AAA 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 a whopping 609 varsity teams and 8,607 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.

Western Alamance, North Carolina School of Science and Math and Surry Central each had two team winners.

The top three teams in every sport will receive a cash award from AAA for their achievement, to be used in their athletic program.

“We are extremely proud of the achievements of the students involved in our AAA Scholar-Athlete program,” said Davis Whitfield, NCHSAA commissioner. “This demonstrates that we have a large number of athletes that are playing sports and also succeeding in the classroom.”

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NCHSAA AAA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAM AWARD WINNERS

Fall and Winter Sports (Fall Semester 2011)

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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, five of whom are current members of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. The state winners for 2012 include:

- **Doris Howard Female Coach of the Year**: Linda Richards of Newton-Conover has coached for 27 years, in both the Catawba County and the Newton-Conover systems. She was a highly successful volleyball coach at Fred T. Foard before moving to Newton-Conover, where her teams have also been outstanding. Foard won state championships in 1995, '96, '97 and 2002 under her tutelage, and Newton-Conover took the state crown this fall.

- **Harvey Reid Male Coach of the Year**: Chip Williams most recently has been the head football coach at Scotland County, one of his stops in a nearly 40 year career. A highly successful coach throughout his career, his stops have included Jacksonville, Bertie, Greenville Rose, New Bern, Greensboro Smith and Raleigh Wakefield in addition to Scotland. He has also served as an athletic director for over 25 years. He’s a graduate of Millbrook High School in Raleigh and attended East Carolina University.

- **Dave Harris Athletic Director of the Year**: Roy Turner of Ashley has been athletic director at the Wilmington school since 2006. Before that he had stints as athletic director at Southeast Guilford (1998-2006) and at Greensboro Dudley (1995-98). He has also been a head baseball coach at the high school level. Roy is currently on the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) Leadership Training National Faculty, and has been very involved in the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association. He is also an outstanding game official who has officiated both high school volleyball and basketball, including NCHSAA state basketball championships.

- **Bob Deaton Principal of the Year**: Tony George of West Stokes is a graduate of Mount Airy High School and a 1981 graduate of Pfeiffer University. He enjoyed an excellent coaching and teaching career prior to moving into administration. George coached at Mount Airy from 1983 through ‘97, coaching basketball and assisting in football. His teams won three conference titles and four conference tournament crowns. He has been an outstanding student advocate since moving into administration in 2001.

- **Bob McRae Superintendent of the Year**: Donald Andrews of Randolph County has been superintendent there since 2005, and prior to that served in that capacity in Harnett County. He was a teacher and coach for several years, earning four different coach of the year honors, before moving into administration, where he held roles as assistant principal and principal and then moved into central office administration. During this year he served as the Western chair of the Realignment Committee and has served in the NCHSAA on several committees. He earned his undergraduate degree at the University of North Carolina.

- **Tim Stevens Media Representative of the Year**: Tim Hawks of WGHP-TV in High Point has covered a great variety of events for his station through the years as a photojournalist. He serves as news and sports operation manager for WGHP since 2006 and has been at the station in some capacity since 1984. He has attended a large number of NCHSAA state championships on behalf of the station and has been great to work with on many levels. He has also done a number of feature pieces about high school athletes and is involved with the station’s show covering high school football.

- **Elton Hawley Athletic Trainer of the Year**: Angela Andrews of T.W. Andrews was named head athletic trainer at the High Point school in August through Murphy Wainer Orthopedics, where she has several years of athletic training experience. She is a certified athletic trainer who received her bachelor’s degree in athletic training from Stony Brook University in 2006 and her master’s in athletic training from Ohio University in 2010. She assists the physicians in the office at Murphy Wainer Orthopedics as well as coverage for all of the High Point Andrews athletic teams.

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.
Stalling Penalty Increased In High School Wrestling

INDIANAPOLIS—High school wrestlers who are called for a third stalling violation will receive a stiffer penalty beginning with the 2012-13 season. In addition to the two-point penalty assessed for a third stalling violation, the opponent will now have his or her choice of position on the next restart.

The stalling penalty revision was one of eight rules changes approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Wrestling Rules Committee at its recent meeting in Indianapolis. The changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

“The change to the third stalling penalty resulted from the committee’s desire to encourage wrestlers to wrestle aggressively by providing a greater incentive not to stall,” said Dale Pleimann, chair of the Wrestling Rules Committee and former assistant executive director of the Missouri State High School Activities Association. “No one likes to see a wrestler disqualified for stalling. The hope is that by increasing the third stalling penalty, a wrestler who has been penalized twice will be encouraged to pick up the pace and wrestle more aggressively.”

In other changes, the committee adjusted the current dual meet weigh-in procedure to align with the random draw.

Bob Colgate, NFHS director of sports and sports medicine and staff liaison to the Wrestling Rules Committee, said this change would provide maximum preparation and warm-up time for the first contestants scheduled to compete in a dual meet.

Three new rules were approved by the committee, including Rule 4-3-5, which states that wrestlers “may not wear wristbands, sweatbands or bicep bands during a match.” This rule was enacted in an effort to minimize risk of injury from wrestlers getting their fingers caught in an opponent’s wristband or sweatband.

Another new rule for 2012-13 is an exception to the 30-second tiebreaker. The new exception (8-2-1h) will read as follows:

“If the second injury time-out is taken at the conclusion of the first 30-second tiebreaker period and the opponent already has the choice at the beginning of the second 30-second tiebreaker period, the opponent would then have the added choice at the first restart after the beginning of the second 30-second tiebreaker period.”

This provision was a rule change last year for the regulation match and will now apply to the overtime as well.

Rule 10-2-9 will be added to next year’s rules to address what happens when two wrestlers in the championship bracket simultaneously cannot continue a match. If both wrestlers cannot continue because of disqualification for stalling or having their injury or blood time elapse, the wrestler who is leading on points at the time the match is terminated will continue in the consolation bracket. If the match is tied at the time of termination, neither wrestler will continue.

Following are the other three changes approved by the committee:

4-1-1a: Language has been updated to describe the wrestler’s singlet, and the change will also allow the T-shirt with no sleeves to be worn under the one-piece singlet when approved by the referee.

5-11-2i: Rules language was expanded to complete the near-fall and penalty sequence.

10-3-6 and 10-3-7: The tournament bracket format was revised to allow more flexibility in conducting a tournament.

“The NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee confirmed that the sport of high school wrestling is in great shape overall by making only a few changes to the scholastic rules,” Pleimann said.

Wrestling is the sixth-most popular sport for boys at the high school level with 273,732 participants in 10,407 schools during the 2010-11 season, according to the NFHS Athletics Participation Survey. In addition, 7,351 girls were involved in wrestling in 1,215 high schools.

NCHSAA Board Of Directors Completes Spring Meeting

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors completed its spring Board meeting at the NCHSAA offices.

“The Board had a very productive meeting,” said Davis Whitfield, commissioner. “We had a very challenging and comprehensive agenda, but the Board members engaged in thoughtful discussion and looked at our Association matters from a global perspective. I am pleased with the result of this Board session.”

Items which the Board studied and approved included:

– adoption of a “mercy rule” in soccer; if a goal differential of nine is reached by halftime or at any time in the second half, the game shall be terminated, to go into effect for 2012-13; at least one half of game must be completed

– approved going back to 12 weeks to play two-pound growth allowance for wrestling from January 1 to December 25

– approved four booking agents, including Mark Kadlecik in soccer, Triangle Officials Association; Leigh Harris in wrestling, Mountain Officials Association; David Culbeth in wrestling, Southeastern Officials Association; Brad Allen in basketball, Southeastern Officials Association

– approved requiring each non-faculty coach and newly hired coaches to take “Fundamentals of Coaching” course through the National Federation to be able to coach a team at an NCHSAA school; recommend all coaching staffs be certified in this area within three years

– added fine of $250 to Handbook if schools have non-compliant uniforms to NFHS rule codes

– discussed NCHSAA’s 100th Anniversary Celebration and timeline of events

– approved additional ways to return additional revenue to member schools; take operating budget overage and also review any extra interest income from Endowment, and half of that, based on a formula, will be distributed to schools which participated in bracketed team sports playoffs. Schools traveling would receive full share, hosting school would receive half share

– adopted structured rate of expense reimbursements for football playoffs from first round through regionals

– reviewed 2011-12 budget

– approved four-year contract for commissioner

– approved NCHSAA strategic plan after presentation from Dr. Larry Price, who helped to facilitate the strategic plan process

– a report from Paige King of Eastern Alamance High School of the NCHSAA’s Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC)

Earlier the Board had approved the realignment plan for 2013-17 after hearing appeals.
Recipients Named For Sixth Annual Golden Whistle Merit Awards

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

William Covington of High Point, Dan Dougherty of Jacksonville, Jack Huss of Rutherfordton and Neil Buie of Stedman are the recipients of the sixth annual Golden Whistle Merit Award, created in a partnership among the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA), the North Carolina Coaches Association (NCCA) and the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association (NCADA).

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.

They were presented their awards at the NCHSAA Annual Meeting at the Smith Center in Chapel Hill.

This year’s recipients of the Golden Whistle Merit Award include:

Neil Buie: Buie has been a leader in mentoring and training young officials, contributing to the success of countless NCHSAA officials. He has worked in five NCHSAA state championship baseball series and two state football title games. He has also officiated in both the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and the North Carolina Coaches Association East-West all-star game. A 1996 winner of the NCHSAA Distinguished Service Award, Buie has also been a dedicated volunteer for the Special Olympics, the North Carolina Senior Games and the North Carolina State games.

William Covington: Covington is an NCAA official who has officiated in five NCAA Division I tournaments and eight National Invitational Tournaments. He has officiated in a number of conferences, including the Colonial Athletic Association, Big South, Sun Belt, MEAC and CIAA, but has also served 24 years as a registered NCHSAA basketball official. He has officiated both 3-A and 4-A NCHSAA state championship games and regional tournaments and has served as a head clinician for officials’ evaluation. Covington has dedicated his service to the NCHSAA in terms of developing officials and has provided extensive training in teaching fundamentals.

Dan Dougherty: Dougherty began officiating in 1975 and was one of the youngest booking agents the NCHSAA has ever had, serving in that capacity for 20 years. He has been in charge of assigning officials for the NCHSAA state golf championships since 1995 and has also been very innovative in working with six-man and seven-man mechanics for football. He received the NCHSAA Distinguished Service Award in 2004, and perhaps the greatest service he has provided for officials serving under his leadership is outstanding professional teaching and expectations.

Jack Huss: Huss began his officiating career in 1966 while a student at Lenoir-Rhyne College. He coached college football at L-R from 1973 to ‘84 and also coached high school football, coaching in the North Carolina Coaches Association East-West all-star game. But his award is based on an outstanding career as a basketball official. He worked 10 years as a collegiate basketball official and officiated at the high school level for many years, including working an NCHSAA state championship game on five occasions: 1990, ‘92, ’96, 2000 and 2006. The current president of the Piedmont Officials Association, he has been the clinic leader for that organization since 1987.

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

JDL Fast Track Chosen As Site Of 2013 NCHSAA Indoor Track And Field

WINSTON-SALEM—JDL Fast Track today announced a partnership with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association to host its 2013 indoor track and field championships. The meet is scheduled for February 9, 2013.

“We are excited about JDL Fast Track becoming a championship venue for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, because a venue of this caliber will create a wonderful experience for our student-athletes,” said NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield. “This is a beautiful state of the art facility that should be a tremendous home for our indoor track and field championships. We look forward to a long and very positive relationship with the facility and all those who have expressed an interest in hosting our event.”

“The North Carolina indoor state high school meet was one of our early targets when we initially started discussing the project to build an indoor track. To realize that goal of bringing the indoor state meet to Winston-Salem after only one year is a tremendous milestone for us,” said David Shannon, owner of JDL Fast Track.

The NCHSAA state indoor meet is the third championship meet to move to JDL Fast Track, on the heels of NCAA Division I Southern Conference and Big South decisions to do so for 2013 and 2014.

About JDL Fast Track

JDL Fast Track, one of the premier indoor track and field facilities in the southeast, is the brainchild of two former Wake Forest University runners and current real estate developers, David Shannon and Craig Longhurst, who identified and fulfilled a need for an area indoor track facility for use by colleges, high schools, local track clubs and youth track organizations.

The privately owned, dedicated indoor track and field facility, which opened in January 2012, houses a 200-meter oval track with a Mondo track surface—the same surface that will be used at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Field event areas include two pole vault runways, two long/triple jump runways, one high jump apron and one throws area. The facility also includes a 100-meter warm-up track, office and meeting-room space, a training room, and hospitality suites for coaches’ or conference officials’ meetings at large events. ★
7.6 Million Reasons To Keep High School Sports

By Bob Gardner
Executive Director, National Federation

I'm not quite sure what qualifies a former college basketball coach to assess the state of high school sports, but last week in USA Today's online edition, the following headline caught my attention: "Former college coach proposes ending high school sports." Wow!

This article, which originally was published in the Reno (Nevada) Gazette-Journal, contained thoughts and ideas of Len Stevens, a former college basketball coach and current executive director of the Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Stevens suggests we should "kick it (high school sports) to the curb" and go the way of the European model focusing solely on club sports.

The author of the article, Dan Hinxman, suggests that Mr. Stevens’ thoughts might be preposterous, ludicrous and, perhaps, downright offensive to some individuals. Mr. Hinxman is correct. As the head of an organization that provides leadership to 51 state high school associations, 19,000 high schools and more than 7.6 million student-athletes involved in high school sports, I am pleased to report that funeral arrangements have been cancelled.

What Mr. Stevens probably doesn't know is that many of those countries employing the “European model” would trade their model in an instant for the education-based philosophy of high school sports in the United States. After listening to my report at the 9th International Session for Educators at the International Olympic Academy in Greece last summer, representatives from many nations marveled that our programs receive little or no government support in our schools, and the universal wish of the delegates from other nations was that their programs could be more like ours.

Mr. Stevens suggests that since club sports have been growing in the United States we should end high school sports and go exclusively with club sports, which “would answer a lot of problems and put the high school focus back where it belongs—on education.”

What Mr. Stevens doesn’t account for is that if sports were removed from American high schools, the focus would not be on education. The focus would be on trying to locate students who abruptly left school—dropouts—when sports were taken away.

And, by the way, the education component is the singular unique component of the U.S. model. Student-athletes learn much more than how to set a screen in basketball or cover the first-base bag in baseball. While the number of teacher-coaches has dwindled, most schools that employ out-of-school coaches require those individuals to complete an education course, such as the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course.

On the other hand, club sports lack an educational component. These programs exist solely for the purpose of improving one’s athletic skills and, through that process, hopefully landing a college scholarship. The team concept rarely exists and there is no overall philosophy to help prepare students for life after school, which is a major goal of education-based sports within the schools.

Mr. Stevens also noted that no one attends games any more. Really? A survey conducted by the NFHS last year indicated that more than 510 million people attended high school sporting events during the 2009-10 school year. On Friday nights in the fall, there are 7,000 high school games being played every week. On winter nights—two to three times a week—there are about 18,000 girls and boys basketball games being played. More than 7.6 million high school students compete in high school sports, and those numbers have risen for 22 consecutive years.

How many of those 7.6 million kids would still be around if the only option was to join a club team? The clubs only want the very best athletes, and fees can range from $5,000 to $10,000 a year to be involved with a year-round travel team.

A large majority of high school students who are involved in sports are there to have fun, to be with their friends, to compete and learn and to be a part of a team. Kids have a need to be needed and to be a part of something positive, to be involved with their peers and coaches who care. Many students involved in sports do not have a support system at home—their high school teammates and coaches are their lifeblood. This concept simply does not exist through club sports.

At our recent National Athletic Directors Conference in Indianapolis, several high school athletic directors talked about their days as high school athletes and the importance of these programs.

Monica Maxwell, a middle school athletic director from Indianapolis, said, "I knew I wanted to get out of my neighborhood. If it wasn't going to be through athletics, it was going to be through the military... I think that story—my story—is a story of many athletes. They know that their ticket out of their neighborhoods is going to be athletics.”

Lanness Robinson, an athletic director from Tampa, Florida, said, "If I didn't maintain a 3.5 grade-point average, my mom wouldn't let me play sports. That's the only reason I tried because otherwise I didn't care. I believe that athletics is the greatest dropout prevention program that we have... I think the three most identifiable people on the school campus... are the head football coach, the principal and the quarterback. What does that say about school? I've read stories where schools have actually made the decision to cut programs and I think in most cases, they reinstate athletic programs because they found that it doesn't work.”

John Evers, a retired athletic director from Indiana, said "When good things happen—if a team is making a great playoff run—the community comes together. That's not something you often get outside of athletics. I've never seen a town rally around a chemistry class, but I have seen them rally around a team of kids doing something special.”

Becky Oakes, director of sports at the NFHS, said in a recent issue of High School Today, "Students enjoy the school-community identity that comes with playing in high school. In general, high school coaches will treat each student as part of the team and the community; this is the selling point that high schools have far over any club team.”

Certainly, there are challenges in many states, mainly due to funding issues. But even in those situations when funds become tight, more often than not the community responds because it sees the value of these programs for young people. With all due respect to Mr. Stevens, there are 7.6 million reasons we're going to keep sports within our schools.

About the Author: Bob Gardner is executive director of the Indianapolis-based National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), the national leadership organization for high school athletic and activity programs.
**In Memorium**

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.

**ALTON “TUNNEY” BROOKS**

EDENTON—Alton “Tunney” Brooks, who compiled an impressive record as a coach in several sports, died here in early May after a period of declining health. He was 84 years old.

Brooks joined the NCHSAA Hall of Fame in the class of 2010-11.

A graduate of Wilson’s Charles Coon High and a two-sport captain at Wake Forest, Brooks coached at Holmes from 1953 to ’57 and then went to Lumberton as head baseball and basketball coach and assistant football coach. His teams won 291 games in men’s basketball and a number of conference titles, and the also wound up serving 10 years as head football coach at Lumberton with a 72-41-4 slate.

On top of his coaching he served athletic director at Lumberton for 30 years, from 1960 until his retirement in 1989.

Brooks was the Civitan Outstanding Citizen of Robeson County in 1970, and the Lumberton High School football stadium was named in his honor in 1992.

A memorial service was held for Tunney at Lumberton High School.

Memorials may be made to The Alton G. Brooks Scholarship Fund, LHS Booster Club, P.O. Box 3726, Lumberton, N.C., 28359 or to Vidant Hospice Service, P.O. Box 272, Ahoskie, N.C., 27910.

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**Seventh Annual Clary Medal Winners Named For NCHSAA**

CHAPEL HILL—Nancy Ford of Smoky Mountain High School and Maddox Stamey of East Rutherford High School are the recipients of the seventh annual 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 $2,000 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, extra-curricular activities and community service.

Ford has been an excellent three-sport athlete at Smoky Mountain, competing in soccer, cross country and outdoor track and lettering three times in cross country and outdoor track. She set a couple of school records in track last year and was a conference champion in cross country, setting course records on three different occasions.

She has excelled academically while serving on the Student Council, in the National Honors Society, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She has been very active at Webster Baptist Church and has been on mission trips to West Virginia and Nicaragua. Ford plans to continue her education at Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C.

Stamey has played four sports during his East Rutherford career, including four years of football and basketball to go with track and golf. He is a two-time Most Valuable Player of the East football team, serving as its captain and quarterback, and is a two-time all South Mountain Athletic Conference selection in both football and basketball. East won the NCHSAA state 2-A men’s basketball crown in 2011.

The East Rutherford student body president and an outstanding student, Stamey is a member of the National Honor Society as well as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has gone on several mission trips through Bethany Baptist Church and has participated for two years in a reading program with a nearby elementary school. He will enroll at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this fall.

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 of these award winners are exemplary citizens and student-athletes,” said Davis Whitfield, NCHSAA commissioner. “Nancy and Maddox are outstanding selections for the Clary Medals, one of the top awards the NCHSAA can present to a student.” ★

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**UPDATING SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Make sure your school has updated your school information on line. Schools are urged to keep this information current to make sure email notices and the like go to the appropriate personnel.
North Duplin Student Earns NCHSAA’s Sixth Annual Gainey Student Scholarship

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association announced the winner of a special award established in the name of the late Pat Gainey.

James Kornegay of North Duplin High School was named this year’s winner of the Gainey Student Scholarship Award. He was honored at the NCHSAA Annual Meeting at the Smith Center on the University of North Carolina campus.

The award is in memory of Gainey, a native of Dunn who recorded a outstanding record in women’s basketball at a couple of different stops during his coaching career and was a great supporter of women’s athletics. His overall record at Pamlico was an incredible 93-6 in women’s basketball and he also coached 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 School Activities Association titles and at one point recorded 54 consecutive wins and an amazing 140 straight conference victories. His overall women’s basketball mark was 358-57. He was inducted into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame in 2007.

The Gainey Student Scholarship Awards are available to NCHSAA member schools in counties having a poverty rate of 20 percent or more for children 17 and under. Student scholarship recipients alternate annually between a female athlete and a male baseball player meeting the established criteria.

Kornegay is a four-year varsity player in three sports at North Duplin, including football, basketball and baseball, and is already a two-time all-conference selection in baseball. He has also been a starter for his American Legion baseball team.

He is president of the senior class at North Duplin and serves on the Student Council and is a member of the Beta Club. He has also tutored at-risk elementary children in his community.

Kornegay’s goal is to become a teacher and coach, to have the same kind of positive impact on student-athletes that his own coaches have been able to provide.

The award is made possible by a gift from Gainey’s daughter, Mrs. Berry Jo Gainey Shoem, who currently resides in Port Townsend, Washington.

“This award is a wonderful tribute to the legacy of Pat Gainey and all that he did for high school athletics throughout his career,” said NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield. “James is an outstanding representative of the attributes that Pat embodied and emphasized.”

Dr. Fred Mueller To Receive NFHS Award Of Merit At National Federation Meeting

INDIANAPOLIS—Fred Mueller, Ph.D., director of the National Center for Catastrophic Sports Injury Research (NCCSIR) in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, for the past 30 years, has been chosen as the recipient of the 2012 Award of Merit from the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Mueller, a coach and professor at the University of North Carolina (UNC) since 1966, will receive the prestigious award July 9 at the NFHS Summer Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.

As director of the NCCSIR since 1982, Mueller has become the country’s leading authority on catastrophic injury research. Mueller has worked closely with the NFHS, NCAA and other national sports organizations in studying injuries and helping to minimize risk for student-athletes.

Mueller collects data from the various sports organizations throughout the year and produces the annual Catastrophic Injury Report, which is used in an effort to prevent serious injuries at the high school level.

“Dr. Mueller’s work on behalf of student-athletes in collecting and studying data on catastrophic injuries has proved valuable to the NFHS and the millions of athletes who have participated in high school sports,” said NFHS Executive Director Bob Gardner. “We are pleased to be able to recognize Dr. Mueller’s invaluable service through the presentation of our Award of Merit.”

Mueller began his association with the University of North Carolina 36 years ago when he enrolled as a student. After graduating in 1961 and then serving two years as a high school coach in Florida and two years as a professor at Montclair State College in New Jersey, Mueller returned to the Chapel Hill campus for good in 1966.

Mueller has served as freshman football coach (1966-67), physical education instructor (1968-70), head lacrosse coach (1968-71), assistant professor (1970-74), associate professor (1974-80) and professor (1980-present). From 1995 to 2005, Mueller was chairman of the Department of Physical Education, Exercise and Sport Science at UNC.

Mueller has received many research grants to study injuries, including grants from the American Football Coaches Association, NCAA, USA Baseball, Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association and Major League Baseball.

In addition to receiving his bachelor’s degree from UNC in 1961, Mueller also earned his master’s in physical education (1964) and his doctorate in education (1970) from North Carolina. He has also been honored by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.
Sherry Norris, Terry Frazier Named Toby Webb Award Winners
For North Carolina High School Athletic Association

CHAPEL HILL—Sherry Norris of Chapel Hill High School and Terry Frazier of Roanoke Rapids High School are the recipients of the seventh annual Toby Webb Coach of the Year Awards given by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

The two outstanding coaches were recognized at the NCHSAA’s Annual Meeting 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.

Frazier has taught and coached at Roanoke Rapids for 33 years and has led a variety of sports, including the somewhat unusual responsibility of coaching three different varsity sports in the last 18 years. He is currently the head coach in men’s and women’s soccer as well as men’s basketball, and during the 2009-10 year all three won conference championships.

During 20 years as the head men’s soccer coach, Frazier has seen his teams post a terrific 398-64-15 mark, with a record of 331-53-9 entering this season with the women. He has also won 339 games as the men’s basketball coach. Frazier has held soccer and basketball camps for community children and is well known for his care and concern for his athletes both on and off the playing court or field.

Norris has coached varsity women’s basketball and volleyball at Chapel Hill for 35 years and also coached softball for five years. She is approaching 700 career wins in volleyball and 500 victories in basketball, and her teams have won a pair of NCHSAA state titles in volleyball, in 1994 and 2003, and one in basketball (1981). She is a National Board Certified Teacher who has taught elementary physical education for 35 years.

An active member of Cross Roads Baptist Church in Hillsborough, where she teaches Sunday school and also heads the puppet ministry, Sherry has coordinated the Jump Rope for Heart event at Seawell Elementary for many years, raising thousands of dollars for the American Heart Association.

“Sherry and Terry are dedicated professionals who epitomize in many ways the role of coaches and the far-reaching impact they have,” said NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield. “They are most deserving of this recognition and receiving the prestigious Toby Webb Award is a credit to their service and dedication to young people.”

The awards are given 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 Albemarle into a football power and posted a brilliant 103-18-6 mark as a head coach there.

Former UNC athletic director Dick Baddour receives Special Person award from NCHSAA; Commissioner Davis Whitfield is at left, president Brooks Matthews at right.
Coaches Earn Homer Thompson Sportsmanship Awards From NCHSAA

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

The coaches have been 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.

“Homer Thompson's name is affixed to this award because he certainly did make a difference in the lives of many and truly was an outstanding role model,” said NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield.

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

Coaches receiving this honor for 2011-12 include the following:

Region 1: Barbara Hill, volleyball coach and athletic director, Columbia High School
Region 2: Kevin Motsinger, head football coach, New Hanover High School, Wilmington
Region 3: Russell Weinstein, head football coach, Roanoke Rapids High School
Region 4: Philip Hart, head men’s basketball coach, Douglas Byrd High School, Fayetteville
Region 5: Dan Tricarico, head baseball coach, East Davidson High School
Region 6: Gosnell White, head men’s basketball and softball coach, Marvin Ridge High School, Waxhaw
Region 7: Jonathan Huggins, head men’s basketball coach, Forbush High School, East Bend
Region 8: Mike Sexton, head football coach, Clyde Erwin High School, Asheville

Each school had the opportunity to nominate one of its coaches for this award. “These coaches are excellent role models who provide support and encouragement to our young people,” said Whitfield.

The North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company underwrites the recognition.

Third Annual Adams Scholarship Winners Announced For NCHSAA

CHAPEL HILL—Takeisha J. Smith of St. Pauls High School and Jaret Grady of South Lenoir High School have been named winners of the third annual Charles Adams Endowed Scholarships 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 scholarships are made possible through the generosity of donors to the fund in honor of the long-time NCHSAA executive director, who retired in 2010 after 42 years with the organization. He was inducted into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame in 2009 and is also the only North Carolinian ever to serve as president of the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Smith has competed in three sports throughout her St. Pauls career, including volleyball, cross country, and track and field, and she has earned multiple all conference honors in both cross country and track.

A member of the National Honor Society and Science Club, she has taken honors courses throughout her high school career. She is also active in her church youth group and has worked during the summers at a day care center. She plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte to continue her education.

Grady has been an outstanding wrestler as well as participating in cross country at South Lenoir, playing both sports for four years and earning seven letters. He has served three years as co-captain of the wrestling team and twice qualified for the NCHSAA state wrestling tournament while setting a school record for individual victories in the sport.

He is a member of the South Lenoir National Honor Society with a grade point average of better than 4.0, and he has also worked with the Feed the Hungry charity. He will begin his college education at Lenoir Community College before transferring to a four-year institution.

One scholarship award annually recognizes a male wrestler in memory of Charlie and Sue’s son Scott, who was the first individual wrestler from Chapel Hill High School to compete in the state wrestling championships. One goes to a female cross-country runner in honor of Charlie’s daughter Michelle Adams Szwajkun, who participated in cross country at Chapel Hill and ran on the 1984 state championship team. Each recipient receives a $1,500 scholarship to further his or her education at the college level.

“We are pleased to honor Charlie and his family with these scholarship awards and are proud of the accomplishments that these recipients have achieved,” said Davis Whitfield, commissioner of the NCHSAA.
More Scenes From 2012 NCHSAA Annual Meeting

President Brooks Matthews, principal at Triton, reflects on his years with Board of Directors

Broughton ROTC presented colors

Commissioner Davis Whitfield addresses audience

Rev. Dr. Mitch Simpson speaks to group

Kalen Perry of Croatan High School addresses audience about Student Athlete Advisory Council

School representatives of AAA Scholar-Athlete team award winners for fall of 2011
Charlotte Catholic’s Johnson Makes History In State 3-A Men’s Tennis

BURLINGTON—Kyle Johnson of Charlotte Catholic made history in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men’s tennis championships at the Burlington Tennis Center.

Johnson became the only player to win four consecutive men’s singles titles in NCHSAA history, taking the championship with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Matt Daly of Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons. Johnson had defeated Eric Greene of Western Alamance in straight sets in a morning semifinal.

On eight occasions, a men’s player has won at least three singles crowns, counting Johnson entering this championship. Will Rollinson of Cardinal Gibbons had the most recent accomplishment of that feat, winning titles from 2006-08 in the 2-A classification.

The Charlotte Catholic star lost only one set in four years of competition at the regional and state tournament level, and his overall high school career record in singles is an amazing 89-7.

In doubles, the Statesville duo of Parks Thompson and Julian Hawkins took the state championship with a 6-2, 6-3 triumph over Killian Steer and Matt Galush of Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons.

Greensboro Page’s Ansari Wins Singles, R.J. Reynolds Pair Captures Doubles Title

RALEIGH—Austin Ansari of Greensboro Page won both his matches on the final day of play to take the single championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men’s tennis championships at Millbrook Exchange Park.

Ansari defeated Graham Duncan of Apex 6-2, 6-4 in the finals after rolling in his morning semifinal in straight 6-2 sets over Mike Roberts of Charlotte Ardrey Kell.

Chad Hoskins and Paul Yamane of Winston-Salem R.J. Reynolds triumphed in the doubles championship, beating Greensboro Grimsley’s Will Albright and Graham Pearson 6-3, 6-1.

Albright and Pearson had earned their berth in the finals by rallying from a set down to win their semifinal match over Bo Boyden and Jensen Martin of Raleigh Wakefield.

Yamane had been a part of the R.J. Reynolds state runner-up duo a year ago, as he and Jack Riauzzi fell to Quinn Carmean and Sean Carmean of Raleigh Millbrook in the championship match.
NCHSAA 4-A STATE MEN’S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Millbrook Exchange Park, Raleigh

SINGLES—SEMIFINALS
Graham Duncan (Apex) def. Kelly Patch (Cary Green Hope) 6-1, 6-0; Austin Ansari (Greensboro Page) def. Mike Roberts (Charlotte Ardrey Kell) 6-2, 6-2.

SINGLES—CHAMPIONSHIP
Ansari (Page) def. Duncan (Apex) 6-2, 6-4.

DOUBLES—SEMIFINALS
Will Albright-Graham Pearson (Greensboro Grimsley) def. Bo Boyden-Jensen Martin (Raleigh Wakefield) 1-6, 6-4, 6-2; Chad Hoskins-Paul Yamane (Winston-Salem R.J. Reynolds) def. Chris Mahan-Sean Carmean (Raleigh Millbrook) 6-2, 6-3.

DOUBLES—CHAMPIONSHIP
Hoskins-Yamane (R.J. Reynolds) def. Albright-Pearson (Grimsley) 6-3, 6-1.

GRIFF’S RIVIERA

Monroe Women, North Rowan Men Take Team Titles In State 1-A Track And Field

GREENSBORO—It was a big day for the Collins family, including sophomore Reneazia and senior Janieyah, as they led their Monroe team to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A women’s track and field team championship in convincing fashion at the Irwin Belk Track at North Carolina A&T.

Monroe rolled up 101 points, with Hendersonville well back in second place with 54. Reneazia Collins won both the 100 meter high hurdles and the 400 and took second place in the 200, while Janieyah took top honors in the 300 intermediate hurdles and the 200, and finished second in the 100. Both ran legs on the victorious four by 200 relay team which set a new state 1-A record, breaking a mark set by Monroe a year ago and three of the four runners who set that mark last year helped to break it this time.

Janieyah Collins was selected as the meet’s Most Outstanding Performer.

Several teams were tightly bunched in the standings behind the top two. Third place went to North Stokes with 42 points, followed by North Rowan in fourth with 41 and West Wilkes in fifth place with 40 points. A total of 42 schools scored in the women’s meet.

Hailey Cooke of Hendersonville was a double winner, taking top honors in both the discus and the shot put.

Johnny Oglesby, named the men’s Most Outstanding Performer, helped lead North Rowan to the team victory in the 1-A competition. He finished first in both hurdle events as the Cavaliers captured their second consecutive crown and 11th state track and field championship since 1994.

North Rowan held off Durham’s N.C. School of Science and Math with 79 points to 75 for the runners-up. Monroe was third with 52, followed by Pamlico (43.33) and Mount Airy (27). There were 48 schools scoring in the men’s competition.

Cherryville’s Trentarious Friday set a new 1-A record in the 400 meters with a time of 48.12, beating the field by more than three seconds.

Levi Rolles of Science and Math took first place in both distance events, the 1600 and 3200.

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Carrboro Takes Women’s Crown, Cedar Ridge Tops In Men In State 2-A Track And Field

GREENSBORO—Grace Morken of Carrboro won two events, both the 800 and the 1600, to lead her team to its second consecutive North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A women’s track and field team championship at the Irwin Belk Track at North Carolina A&T.

Carrboro tallied 67 points to hold off runner-up Burlington Cummings with 52. Washaw Cathbertson and Bunn tied for third with 49 points and High Point Andrews was fifth with 40.

A total of 50 schools scored in the women’s meet.

Senior Francesca Evans of Cummings was named the meet’s Most Outstanding Performer. She finished first in the triple jump and had runner-up finishes in both of the hurdle events. Morken set a new 2-A state record in the 800 with a time of 2:18.26, while Marissa Bellamy of Bunn established a new 2-A mark in the 400 with a time of 55.73.

Nora McKiver of T.W. Andrews was a double winner in the hurdles.

Hillsborough Cedar Ridge held off Cummings for the men’s crown, outscoring the Cavaliers 67-59. Carrboro was third with 38 points while Beddingfield, Northside and Valdese Draughin were knotted at fourth with 33 points. A total of 50 teams tallied points in the men’s championships.

Isaiah Moore of Cummings, a sophomore, won the top individual award on the men’s side. His Most Outstanding Performer award was based on his winning the 110 high hurdles, finishing second in the long jump, fifth in the 300 hurdle and seventh in the long jump.

Adam Manns of Draughin took two individual titles, in the discus and the shot. Tervin Hester of Granville Central, who last week was named the NCHSAA Athlete of the Year, was the champion in the 100 with a time of 10.56 seconds.

Ethan Smith of Cedar Ridge established a new state 2-A record in the pole vault by clearing 15 feet, three inches in the pole vault.

Proffitt Leads North Buncombe In Wild State 3-A Women’s Track; Berry Academy Captures Men’s

GREENSBORO—It went right down to the last event on Friday in a wild chase for the team title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A women’s track and field championships at the Irwin Belk Track at North Carolina A&T.

Seven teams were within four points of the lead entering the four by 400 meter relay, but when it was over North Buncombe had rallied to slip into first place.

Led by Sage Proffitt, the meet’s Most Outstanding Performer, North Buncombe scored 34 points to 30 for second-place Fayetteville Westover. There was a three-way tie for third among Wilson Fike, Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons and Washaw Marvin Ridge with 29 each, and then Charlotte Catholic and Chapel Hill tied for sixth, just six points back, with 28 points.

Proffitt ran the anchor leg on the four by 400 relay team which finished fourth and secured the team title for North Buncombe. She also won the pole vault, clearing 11-6, and placed third in the 800.

A total of 55 schools scored in the women’s meet.

Nyshedra Brown of West Craven won both the 100 and the 200 and eclipsed the 3-A standard in the 100 meters by a mere .02 of a second, recording a time of 11.77 seconds. Ariel Davis of Northern Guilford set a new state 3-A record in the women’s 110 high hurdles.

In men’s competition, Charlotte’s Berry Academy, buoyed by winning three relays and getting individual championships from Cameron Hudson in the 100 and Larry Gibson in the 400, grabbed the team title. Berry had 65 points to 47 points for runner-up Northern Guilford in winning its second consecutive state title as it won the 2-A crown last year before moving into the 3-A ranks.

Hudson was the meet’s Most Outstanding Performer award as he helped Berry to the title. Besides winning the 100, he was second in the long jump, ran...
behind his charging teammate. Jacksonville White Oak finished third with 41 points, followed by defending 3-A champ Fayetteville Douglas Byrd with 38 and Wilson Fike with 32. A total of 55 teams tallied points in the men's championships. Jacksonville's Wesley Tucker was a double winner, taking first place in both hurdle events, and Fike's Josh King took top honors in the high jump and triple jump.

**Knightdale, Wakefield Repeat As Team Champs In State 4-A Track And Field Championships**

GREENSBORO—The defending team champions held on to their titles in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A track and field championships at the Irwin Belk Track at North Carolina A&T.

Knightdale won its second consecutive men's crown and Wakefield took the women's title for the third straight year.

Knightdale's depth, winning two relays and getting a 200 meters title from Joseph Horton, helped lift the Knights 61 points to 38 for Pfafftown Ronald Reagan. Raleigh Enloe was third with 37 points, followed by Scotland (31) and Raleigh Broughton (28).

A total of 61 teams tallied points in the men's championships.

Reagan's Craig Engles was voted the meet's Most Outstanding Performer. He was an individual winner in two events, taking top honors in the 800 and the 1600, and ran a leg on the victorious four by 800 relay team.

East Chapel Hill junior Jon Beyle was the champion in both the discus and the shot put.

In the women's meet, Raleigh Wakefield recorded 60 points to 35 for runner-up West Mecklenburg. Durham Jordan was third with 34, with Greensboro Dudley and Western Guilford knotted in fourth with 32 points each.

A total of 51 schools scored in the women's meet.

Senior Alexis Perry of Durham Jordan earned the meet's Most Outstanding Performer award. She was a double state champion, taking top honors in both the long jump and the high jump, finished second in the 100 meter high hurdles and also ran a leg on the four by 100 relay team for Jordan.

Alexis Murphy, a senior at Apex, was the champ in both the 100 and the 200, winning in times of 11.66 and 23.96 seconds, respectively.

Two long-standing records were broken in the women's meet. Shelby Howell of Wilmington New Hanover eclipsed a 27-year old mark in the 800 meters, winning in a time of 2:11.99 to break the mark set by Mary Anne Carrarher of Lee County in 1985. Raleigh Millbrook's Samantha George broke a 20-year old 4-A record, winning the 1600 in 4:51.54, just .05 seconds faster than the time Amy Herrmann of Charlotte Providence ran to establish the mark back in 1992.

East Forsyth's Sydney White broke her own 4-A pole vault record by two inches as she cleared 12 feet, nine inches, and the Wakefield four by 400 relay team broke its own mark set two years ago in a time of 3:47.72.

**MEN'S GOLF**

**Johnson Wins Second Straight 1-A Golf Title; Bishop Rolls To Team Victory At Keith Hills**

BUIES CREEK—Stanhope Johnson of Kernersville Bishop McGuinness fired a four-under par 68 on the final day to take his second consecutive individual championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A men's golf championships at the Keith Hills Country Club.

Johnson entered the day four shots behind teammate William Whitacre in the 15th annual tournament, and they were the only players who had sub-par rounds on Monday. But Whitacre had a 73 in the final round to finish one shot behind his charging teammate.

Nick Adams of Rosewood placed third overall with a 141 total after an outstanding 67 on Tuesday, the lowest round of the day.

The championship was contested on a par-72, 6,625-yard layout for the NCHSAA event.

Led by Whitacre and Johnson, Bishop McGuinness opened up a 22-stroke lead over the field after the first day and then steamrolled to a 52-shot victory in the team standings. The Villains' team score of 578 is the lowest in the history of the 1-A tournament.

Lake Norman Charter was runner-up with a 630 total, and East Surry was third at 640. The best four of six individual scores counted toward the team total.

Prior to 1986, all NCHSAA schools competed for a single title in an open tournament. Play went to three classifications in 1986 and then to four classes beginning with the 1998 tournaments.

A total of 84 golfers began play in the two-day tournament.

**NCHSAA 2012 MEN'S 1-A GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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**Coalson Wins Sudden Death Playoff In 2-A Golf; Salisbury Takes Team Title**

SOUTHERN PINES—Taylor Coalson of North Surry won on the second hole of a sudden death playoff to take his second straight individual state crown in the 27th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A men's golf championships at the Longleaf Golf and Country Club.

Coalson and Salisbury's Alex Nianouris led the way on Monday with scores of one-under 70 on the par-71, 6,600-yard layout, and then both shot 70 in the final round as well, forcing the playoff.

The Salisbury golfer finished in a tie for fourth in last year's state tournament. Eric Edwards of Salisbury, with a 69 in the final round, was third at 142 and Clinton’s Festus Turlington placed fourth, four shots back.

Nianouris and Edwards helped lead Salisbury to the top of the team standings. The Hornets, seeking their second consecutive state team championship, built up a solid 13-shot lead on the first day and then rolled to a convincing victory with an outstanding 283, winning by 31 shots over runner-up North Lincoln, which won the team title in 2009 and 2010.

Newton-Conover shot a 620 team total, good for third place. The best four of six individual scores counted toward the team total.

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Longleaf Golf and Country Club, Southern Pines

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** Asheboro’s Brantley Is Medalist In 3-A Golf; Gastonia Forestview Wins Team Championship**

FOXFIRE VILLAGE—Asheboro’s Daniel Brantley had a two-under par 70 on Tuesday to come from behind and capture the top individual spot in the 27th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men’s golf championships at the Foxfire Golf and Country Club.

Brantley, a senior who was in third place after Monday’s opening round, won by two shots over freshman Brandon Katsoudas of Waxhaw Marvin Ridge and junior Will Long of Gastonia Forestview, who were knotted at 144. Long charged into contention with a 69 on Tuesday.

Long then took second place on the second hold of a sudden death playoff with a par when Katsoudas bogeyed, dropping the Margin Ridge player into contention with a 69 on Tuesday.

The best round of the day belong to Nick Stafford of Belmont South Point, who fired a blistering 68 but had to pair it with a Monday 79. He wound up at third place.

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Foxfire Golf and Country Club

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**Note: Long took second place on second hole of a playoff with Katsoudas.**

**Freshman Saleeby Takes Medalist Honors, Broughton Captures Team Title In 4-A Golf**

PINEHURST—Freshman Stephen Saleeby of Raleigh Broughton held on for the individual title in the 76th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men’s golf championships at Pinehurst number eight.

Freshman Saleeby fired a five-under par 67 in the first round to race to a five-shot lead over the field and then carded a 73 on the final day for a 140 total, two shots ahead of Pinecrest’s Joshua Martin. Martin had a 69 in the final round.

Andrew Klasing of Charlotte Ardrey Kell and Broughton’s Harrison Rhodes tied for third at 144, and Klasing then birdied the first playoff hole to earn the third place medal.

The championship was held on a par-72 layout set at 6,698 yards for the NCHSAA event.

Raleigh Broughton, which had a string of five consecutive state titles from 1998 through ’02 and last won it in 2004, fired an outstanding team score of 288 on Monday to carry a 12-shot advantage into the final day of play. The Caps then held off Pinecrest to finish with a 582 total, just three shots ahead of the runners-up. A Wake County school has now won the 4-A men’s championship 13 times in the last 15 finals.

Charlotte Myers Park was third at 597 and Ardrey Kell fourth at 599. Cary Green Hope, which won the 4-A team title four times in the last six years, finished sixth. The best four of six individual scores count toward the team total.

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Pinheurst Resort and Country Club

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**LACROSSE**

**Lake Norman Nips Gibbons 9-8 In NCHSAA Men's Lacrosse Final**

CARY—Lake Norman rallied in the second half and then held off Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons 9-8 in a dramatic North Carolina High School Athletic Association's state men's lacrosse championship at WakeMed Soccer Park.

Lake Norman seemed to have things under control late in the third annual championship, but Jeff Williams of Gibbons tallied with 15 seconds remaining to cut it to 9-8 and then a last second shot by the Crusaders hit the post.

Lake Norman scored twice within less than 50 seconds midway through the fourth quarter, with goals by Austin Grassey and John King breaking a 6-6 tie and giving the Wildcats the lead. The Wildcats were able to maintain possession of the ball for a good portion of the remainder of the game, although Cardinal Gibbons did have two excellent opportunities in the final 1:30 in addition to the late goal.

The game was tied at 3-3 at the end of the first quarter, but the Crusaders took command and held Lake Norman scoreless in the second period to forge a 5-3 halftime advantage. Then the Wildcats came back, rallying in the third to tie the game at 6-6.

Junior defenseman Kyle Gradert of Lake Norman, with an excellent all-around game, was selected as the game's Most Valuable Player. He scored a goal and also had a huge defensive stop in the third quarter. Gibbons goalie Pete Shammas also came up with several outstanding saves throughout the night.

The championship was a battle of undefeated teams, with Lake Norman finishing a perfect 23-0 season while Gibbons wound up 20-1.

The lacrosse state championships are currently conducted as an “open” tournament, with all classifications competing for a single crown. Myers Park and Northwest Guilford won the two previous NCHSAA men’s lacrosse titles.

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**Green Hope Rolls Past Charlotte Catholic In Women’s Lacrosse**

CARY—Cary Green Hope took complete command after halftime and rolled past Charlotte Catholic 17-6 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s third annual state women's lacrosse championship at WakeMed Soccer Park.

The game was fairly close at intermission with the Falcons leading 9-4, but Green Hope dominated in the second half to earn the victory, scoring a couple quick goals to take command. The Falcons completed a perfect 20-0 season while Catholic wound up 19-2, with both losses to Green Hope. The Cougars had lost to Green Hope 9-8 in a regular season encounter.

Midfielder Maggie Auslander, who has been one of Green Hope’s leaders all year long and scored five goals in the final, was selected as the Most Valuable Player of the championship.

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**MEN’S DUAL TEAM TENNIS**

**R.J. Reynolds Wins 3rd Straight Tennis Title; Gibbons, Shelby, Hendersonville Also Take Crowns**

BURLINGTON—Winston-Salem R.J. Reynolds notched its third consecutive North Carolina High School Athletic Association 4-A state championship in the 22nd annual state men’s dual team finals at the Burlington Tennis Center.

In the 4-A championship, R.J. Reynolds defeated Raleigh Wakefield 5-0 in a match that was much closer than the score would indicate. Three of the five completed singles matches split sets, but each time the Reynolds player won the decisive tiebreaker.

Jack Riazi, the number-three singles players for Reynolds, was named the Most Valuable Player of the championship.

Wakefield, in its first dual team final ever, finished 19-2 overall while R.J. Reynolds wound up 21-1.

Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons won its sixth NCHSAA dual team title, downing Waxhaw Marvin Ridge 5-2 for the 3-A title.

The Crusaders (24-4) took four of the six singles and then the number-two doubles team of Matt Galush and Pierce Beary won their match to clinch the title.

Matt Daly of Cardinal Gibbons, who was the state runner-up in singles to four-time champion Kyle Johnson of Charlotte Catholic last weekend in the individual tournament, won his match at number-one singles in straight sets. Galush, who also won at the number three singles, was the championship MVP.

Marvin Ridge finished the season with a 19-2 record.

Shelby captured four of the five singles victories in straight sets as the Golden Lions topped Carrboro 5-1 for the 2-A championship.

Ray Webb Parker, who advanced to the semifinals of the individual tournament last weekend and won in a tiebreaker at number-one singles in the dual team finals, was selected as the championship Most Valuable Player.

Shelby finished with a perfect 22-0 mark while Carrboro, which qualified for the championship with a Friday regional win over Hampstead Topsail, earned the year at 19-4.

Hendersonville, in the finals for the fifth time, earned its third 1-A dual team title with a 5-1 victory over Raleigh Charter, sweeping to victory in the first five singles matches. However, some of them were very competitive as three of the matches split sets and went to tiebreakers.

Hendersonville’s Jacob Fuqua, the 1-A state singles runner-up last weekend and winner at Saturday’s number-one singles, was the match MVP. The Bearcats completed an unbeaten season at 19-0.

Raleigh Charter, which defeated the North Carolina School for Science and Math on Friday afternoon to advance to the finals, lost for only the second time in 17 matches.

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