Six Named To Join NCHSAA Hall of Fame

Official Induction Ceremonies Slated For Spring Of 2003 At Chapel Hill’s Friday Center

CHAPEL HILL—Six more outstanding names in the annals of state prep athletics have been selected for induction into the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Dr. Bill Friday of Chapel Hill, Herman Hines of Reidsville, Bob Lee of Southern Pines, Cliff Brookshire of Brevard, Ray Oxendine of Pembroke and Andrea Cozart of High Point have been chosen as the 16th group of inductees to join the prestigious hall. That brings to 75 the number enshrined.

The new inductees were honored during special halftime ceremonies at a football game at Kenan Stadium this fall when North Carolina played Clemson. The University of North Carolina designated the day as the 18th annual NCHSAA Day. The new class will officially be inducted at the special Hall of Fame banquet next spring at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill.

The NCHSAA Hall of Fame is supported by a special grant from GlaxoSmithKline.

“These individuals joining the Association Hall of Fame this year have certainly had a tremendous impact on high school athletics across North Carolina,” says NCHSAA associate executive director Rick Strunk, who coordinates the Hall for the Association. “Their records are certainly impressive, but the character they exemplified and the lives they touched are really representative of what the NCHSAA stands for. Their selection maintains the high standards of excellence established by previous inductees, and we are proud to honor these deserving individuals.”

Cliff Brookshire

Cliff Brookshire put together an excellent career as a coach and athletic director at several schools in western North Carolina.

A native of Buncombe County and a 1955 graduate of Wake Forest, Brookshire was an assistant coach at Canton High for four years and then served as head coach and athletic director at Charles D. Owen, Brevard, Tuscola, and Enka.

He won 86 games during his 12 years as a head coach, including a 60-13 mark at Brevard where he won a state 3-A football championship and had two unbeaten teams. Brookshire was also the first football coach in Tuscola history.

During one stretch of 13 games over two seasons, his teams did not give up a single point.

He also coached what is reported to be one of the first integrated football teams in the state back in the early 1960’s at Brevard and played a key role in making that process as smooth as possible.

Brookshire coached in both the East-West all-star game and the Shrine Bowl games and also served a four-year term on the NCHSAA Board of Directors. He eventually got out of coaching to pursue business interests.

Andrea Cozart

Andrea Cozart has compiled a brilliant career of coaching in a variety of sports spanning over 30 years, all at High Point Central.

Cozart, a 1965 graduate of East Carolina, began her career at Central before there were varsity sports for women, organizing the Girls’ Athletic Association playdays at that time. But this pioneer for women’s athletics wound up coaching varsity tennis, women’s basketball, men’s and women’s swimming and advising the cheerleaders, all with great success.

Her Central tennis team was a perennial power and had finished first or second in the conference 21 times in 23 years. She took the women’s basketball job as an “interim” position and coached from 1983 to ’86 with a brilliant 67-3 mark and a state runner-up finish in 1985. And in swimming, both her men’s and women’s teams rolled up 40-plus consecutive dual-meet winning streaks, always contending for state crowns.

For many years she served as a director for NCHSAA regional events in both swimming and tennis. Andrea has also been very active at her church, Wesley Memorial United Methodist, in High Point.

Bill Friday

One of the great supporters of high school athletics in the state, Dr. William Friday is president emeritus of the University of North Carolina, having served 30 years as president of the university.

Friday’s leadership and stands for integrity and principal are known throughout the country. A former high school athlete himself at old Dallas High, Friday graduated from N.C. State in 1941 and then from law school at Carolina.

Throughout his career, he has been a great proponent of the NCHSAA, from helping provide university property for the Association’s current headquarters to keeping the concerns of high school athletics at the forefront during his work as co-chairman of the Knight Foundation National Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics.

He has been awarded numerous honorary degrees during his career and has been previously recognized by the NCHSAA on several occasions. He is also well known as the long-time host of the popular television show North Carolina People on UNC public television.
Six Named To Join NCHSAA Hall of Fame (cont.)

Herman Hines

Herman Hines has touched just about every base one could during his long career related to athletics.

A graduate of Darden High and a 1950 graduate of then North Carolina College, Hines embarked on a career in education that saw him teach, serve as a principal and even serve on the school board, all in his home area of Reidsville.

In athletics, he also made his mark serving as a game official at both the high school and collegiate levels for many years. Hines was a booking agent in basketball for the NCHSAA and then served a supervisor of officials, helping recruit and train officials.

Hines has been honored by induction in both the North Carolina Central University Hall of Fame (1985) and the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Officials Hall of Fame (1997).

Bob Lee

Bob Lee was an excellent coach who later served as a principal and superintendent, but one of his standout achievements was his leadership in organizing the state’s earliest attempts for championships in women’s basketball.

A graduate of Maxton High and Elon College (’45), Lee began his coaching career at Aberdeen High and quickly moved the women’s basketball team into one of the state’s best, but he also coached softball, baseball and football. In 1950 he became principal at Aberdeen although he continued to coach. He organized the first state basketball championship for women, before the games were recognized by the State Department of Public Instruction or the NCHSAA.

Lee served from 1959 to 1985 as superintendent of the Moore County schools and during that stint served as president of the NCHSAA Board of Directors. He has also been very involved in civic and church activities in Moore County.

Ray Oxendine

Ray Oxendine has been an athlete, teacher/coach and administrator during his years of involvement with the NCHSAA.

A graduate of Pembroke High School, Ray went on to Catawba College where he captained both the football and baseball teams, graduating in 1962. He taught and coached at Greensboro Grimsley and then did the same thing at the college level for a decade at Catawba, where he was the Carolinas Conference baseball coach of the year twice.

He wound up serving as principal at a number of NCHSAA member schools, including East Montgomery, West Montgomery, Purnell Swett, South Robeson and Scotland. And besides his involvement with the NCHSAA in that capacity, he continued to work during his career as an outstanding baseball umpire, working a number of state championship series.

Oxendine is a member of both the North Carolina American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame and the Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame plaques are on permanent display in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s Hall of Fame room, located in the Simon F. Terrell Building in Chapel Hill which houses the Association offices.
Advertisers Make Championship Programs Successful For Association

Whether it is at the local high school level, in a collegiate program, the professional ranks—or with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association—advertisers are critical to the success of a souvenir game program.

The NCHSAA has been able to produce outstanding championship programs in a number of different sports over the years, largely because of good support from Chapel Hill-Carrboro and the surrounding area. The books feature not only up-to-date information about the championship participants and lots of copy about special NCHSAA programs and activities, but they include advertisements for these supporting companies.

The Association wishes to salute those advertisers, whose ads you will be seeing in championship publications throughout the year, and we certainly hope you will take advantage of their goods and services when appropriate.

In addition to the support provided by the NCHSAA corporate sponsors, whose ads are also in the programs, the list for current advertisers for the 2002-2003 championship programs at this time includes:

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Wyndham Garden Hotel, Durham

Realignment Committee Selected By Vote At Regional Meetings

CHAPEL HILL—Members of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Realignment Committee for the next four-year period were elected at the NCHSAA’s regional meetings this fall.

Bob McRae, superintendent of the Randolph County schools and a veteran of previous realignments, had already agreed to serve as the overall chair of the effort. Tommy Nance, superintendent of the Columbus County schools will be the Eastern co-chair while Bill Church, Mount Airy City Schools superintendent, will be the Western co-chair.

Here are the members of that important committee and the regions they will represent:

Region 1: Bob Dailey, athletic director, Pitt County schools; Anthony Parker, superintendent, Beaufort County schools;
Region 2: Homer Spring, athletic director, New Hanover County schools;
Region 3: Jimmy Tillman, principal, Wilson Fike; Jerry Smith, principal, Clayton;
Region 4: Fred McDaniel, athletic director, Cumberland County schools; Ronnie Chavis, athletic director, Robeson County schools;
Region 5: Kevin Firquin, principal, Central Davidson; Herb Goins, athletic director, Guilford County schools;
Region 6: Vicki Hamilton, athletic director, Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools; Lee Dedmon, principal, Highland School of Technology, Gastonia;
Region 7: Andy Anderson, principal, Hibriten; David Rothwell, athletic director, Iredell/Statesville schools;
Region 8: Si Simmons, athletic director, Smoky Mountain; Gary Shields, principal, Franklin.

“I think the membership has put together an outstanding committee,” says Charlie Adams, NCHSAA executive director. “These are all highly respected school people and several of them have valuable experience on previous realignments. With our excellent chairs and this strong committee, I think we’ll be able to tackle the always tough job of realignment effectively.”
Annual Whitfield Baseball Clinic Is January 11 In Goldsboro

GOLDSBORO—The baseball clinic run by North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Famer George Whitfield is set for its 31st annual renewal.

The clinic is scheduled for Goldsboro High School on Saturday, January 11,2003, and features another tremendous best lineup. Registration is scheduled from 7:45 to 9:15a.m., and then the clinic will run until 6 p.m.

The clinic is open to all players from Little League through high school, and all coaches at any level are welcome.

Cost of the clinic will be $55 for preregistration and $65 at the door. Lunch is included in the price. All fathers of student-athletes age 15 and younger registered for the clinic will be admitted free and will need only to pay seven dollars for lunch.

Here are some of the outstanding baseball people and topics that will be covered at this annual event:

• the 2003 high school baseball rules changes will be discussed by NCHSAA deputy executive director Dick Knox
• “What College Coaches and Scouts Are Looking For in Today’s Players,” featuring UNC-Wilmington head coach Mark Scalf, Wake Forest assistant coach Jamie Mabe, Arizona Diamondbacks national supervisor Howard McCullough, Atlanta Braves area scout Billy Best, and San Francisco Giant regional cross checker Bobby Myrick;
• “Practice Organization for the High School Coach,” Louisburg College head coach Billy Godwin and Florida International head coach Danny Price;
• “Off Season Conditioning and Drills for High School Players” will include Vanderbilt assistant coach Erik Bakich, Charlotte 49ers assistant coach Bo Durkac and South Central High School head coach Peanut Langston;
• Pitching will be covered by East Carolina assistant coach Tommy Eason, Coastal Carolina assistant Bill Jarman, Charlotte 49ers assistant Brandon Hall, Wake Forest assistant Michael Holmes and former Dodger and Yankee star Tommy John;
• Catching will feature Los Angeles Dodger rookie league manager Travis Barbary, East Carolina assistant Allen Osborne, Lenoir-Rhyne head coach Frank Pait, Campbell head coach Chip Smith, and long-time Greene Central High School head coach Rabbi Fulghum, now retired;
• Infield play instructors will be UNC-Greensboro assistant Neil Avent, Lenoir Community College head coach Lind Hartsell, Georgia Southern head coach Rodney Hennon, Virginia Military head coach Tom Slater, and Lee Senior High School head coach Charlie Swift;
• Outfield play will be covered by Ohio University head coach Joe Carbone, Campbell assistant Kent Cox, Pfeiffer head coach Chris Pollard, Mount Olive College head coach Carl Lancaster, and Atlanta Braves national crosschecker Paul Faulk;
• Hitting will be discussed by Methodist College head coach Tom Austin, Western Carolina head coach Todd Raleigh, Alabama assistant coach Danny Watkins, Barton head coach Todd Wilkinson, and former major league player Tommy Smith of the Cleveland Indians;
• Baserunning will include Stetson head coach Pete Dunn, Catawba head coach Jim Gantt, Coastal Carolina head coach Gary Gilmore, UNC-Wilmington assistant Scott Jackson and East Carolina head coach Randy Mazey.

Information will be mailed by Coach Whitfield to schools across the state in early December. Questions about the clinic may be directed to George at South Central High at (252) 321-3232 or at home at (252) 321-2833.

Large Turnouts For Regional Meetings Held Across North Carolina

CHAPEL HILL—For the 31st consecutive year, the North Carolina High School Athletic Association held its regional meetings across the state in September.

For a two-week span, the NCHSAA took to the road to hold meetings in each of the eight NCHSAA regions. This year’s schedule called for meetings to be held in the Eastern regions during the first week and the meetings in the West the following week.

NCHSAA executive director Charlie Adams and deputy executive director Dick Knox made the full tour, with other staff members joining them at specific locations. A member of the NCHSAA Board of Directors from that specific region serves as chairperson for the meeting.

The meetings included updates on NCHSAA rules and regulations, discussion items for future consideration, question and answer sessions, presentation of regional awards and other items.

Principals and athletic directors of NCHSAA member schools, along with superintendents or other central office personnel who work with athletics, are among the administrators who attend the meetings.

Among some of the items that were discussed in depth this year were the problems created by televising college football games on Friday night, the new subdivision plan for football for the 2002 playoffs, and realignment appeals for schools that have been affected by the opening of new schools, drastically changing enrollment for the existing NCHSAA members.

Representatives to serve on the Realignment Committee for the next four-year period were also elected at this year’s meetings.

Total attendance was outstanding throughout the state, with seven of the eight meetings topping the 100 mark for the first time.

The representatives of the North Carolina Coaches Association and the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association from the particular region also presented reports, and awards were given in several different categories in each region.

2002 NCHSAA Regional Meetings

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Jennette, Bedgood Honored At Wilson Fike

WILSON—Two outstanding individuals were recognized during the football season for their great contributions at Fike High School.

Both Dr. Tyson Jennette and the late C.H. “Buddy” Bedgood were honored during festivities surrounding the Fike-Triton football game in October.

Dr. Jennette, who has served as the team physician for Fike for many years, and the memory of Bedgood were honored with signs for the field and the stadium.

Dick Knox, deputy executive director of the NCHSAA and former coach at Fike, participated in the recognition.
NCHSAA Lists Student Services Sportsmanship Winners For 2001-2002 Year

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association has announced the winners of its seventh annual NCHSAA Student Services Sportsmanship Awards.

The winners for the 2001-2002 academic year include Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf of Wilson in the 1-A classification and West Bladen High School among 2-A schools. No award was given in either the 3-A or 4-A classification.

To be eligible for the Student Services Sportsmanship Awards, schools had to meet three criteria. First of all, the school could have no players or coaches ejected from any athletic contest during the course of the 2001-2002 academic year. The school also had to receive an overall positive rating from the game officials and booking agents who actually work with the school’s athletic program. Finally, the school had to submit an outline or written action plan of how it attempts to promote sportsmanship and positive behavior at its events, and those plans were evaluated by a special committee.

Although there were several 3-A and 4-A schools which were ejection-free, in the committee’s opinion the documentation of the action plans, with supporting information about how they promote sportsmanship, did not warrant the presentation of a statewide award.

Que Tucker, associate executive director of the NCHSAA and director of the Association’s Student Services Division, noted that 114 schools went through the entire academic year without having any players or coaches ejected from a contest. That represented an marked improvement, up from 92 in both 2000-2001 and the year before that. A total of 82 schools were ejection-free in 1998-99, and 75 schools went without an ejection during the 1997-98 year. The guidelines record ejections for unsportsmanlike acts such as fighting, taunting, profanity, obscene gestures or disrespectfully addressing or contacting officials.

“We are certainly pleased to recognize these schools as winners of this honor,” said Tucker. “It is part of our continuing commitment to provide opportunities and recognize schools which are promoting the kind of behavior we want to see as part of a wholesome athletic environment.”

Several other schools continued long streaks without a single player or coach ejected. Among 1-A schools, Ocracoke and Highlands completed their eighth years without an ejection while the North Carolina School for the Deaf in Morganton finished six years and Midway five. North Moore and Nantahala have had four straight.

In the 2-A classification, Bunn is working on a string of four consecutive years while Southwest Onslow has had three unblemished years.

At the 3-A level, both Bartlett Yancey and Southwestern Randolph wrapped up four straight ejection-free years while Clayton has been without an ejection for three straight years.

Among 4-A schools, Raleigh Sanderson has three straight years as an ejection-free school, with Fuquay-Varina, Wakefield, Winston-Salem R.J. Reynolds and North Forsyth all completing two consecutive years.

NCHSAA member schools also demonstrated that being ejection-free does not conflict with being competitive on the field or court, as three of the four winners of the 2001-2002 Wachovia Cups for overall sports excellence in the state also went the entire year without an ejection. Durham School of the Arts in 1-A, East Chapel Hill at the 3-A level and Winston-Salem Mount Tabor in 4-A were all Wachovia Cup winners while being ejection free.

All schools with no ejections for the year will receive a certificate of recognition. Those schools include:

Region 1 (10 schools): Bear Grass, Camden, Creswell, Currituck, Edenton John Holmes, Mattamuskeet, Pinetown Northside, Ocracoke, Southside, Williamston

Region 2 (20 schools): Cape Lookout Marine Science Charter, Greene Central, Hobblton, Jacksonville Northside, Jacksonville White Oak, Kinston, Lakewood, Lejeune, Midway, New Bern, North Brunswick, North Duplin, North Lenoir, Pamlico, Pikeville Charles B. Aycock, Richlands, Southwest Onslow, Wallace-Rose Hill, West Brunswick, Wilmington New Hanover

Region 3 (17 schools): Cameron Union Pines, Laurinburg Charter, North Moore, South Columbus, West Bladen, West Columbus

Region 4 (six schools): Cameron Union Pines, Laurinburg Charter, North Moore, South Columbus, West Bladen, West Columbus


Region 6 (15 schools): Belmont South Point, Charlotte Harding University, Charlotte E.E. Waddell, Cherryville, East Gaston, East Lincoln, East Mecklenburg, Highland School of Technology, Kings Mountain, Lincolnton, Monroe, Monroe Parkwood, North Gaston, North Stanly, Shelby Crest

Region 7 (16 schools): Alleghany, Ashe County, Claremont Bunker Hill, Elkin, Hickory, Mooresville, Newton Fred T. Fuard, Newton-Conover, North Carolina School for the Deaf, North Iredell, North Surry, North Wilkes, Statesville, West Iredell, West Wilkes, Wilkes Central


Stadium Named In Honor Of Coach Bob Paroli
At Douglas Byrd High School

FAYETTEVILLE—The Douglas Byrd High School football stadium has a new name.

The stadium was named for veteran coach Bob Paroli, who entered the 2002 season as the all-time winningest football coach in North Carolina high school history. He is currently in his 45th year of coaching and entered this season with a 324-149-1 career coaching mark.

Paroli, a graduate of North Carolina State, was inducted into the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 1999.

His coaching stops have included Benson (1958-64), Jacksonville (1964-65), New York Military Academy (1965-71), Wilson Fike (1971-76), Burlington Cummings (1976-80) and Fayetteville Doublas Byrd since 1980.

His Byrd teams made it to the state finals three straight years, from 1995 through ‘97.
Wendy’s Heisman Enters 9th Year; Nominations Urged From Schools

Now in its ninth year, the Wendy’s High School Heisman program continues to recognize the nation’s top high school seniors who excel in academics, athletics, and community service. To date, over 80,000 seniors nationwide have been nominated for their accomplishments through this program. In the state of North Carolina, there have been over 1,600 nominations submitted in the last eight years.

Last year, North Carolina had a nomination rate of approximately 40%, almost double the national nomination rate. Wendy’s long-term goal is to achieve 100% participation from North Carolina high schools.

As an incentive, Wendy’s will hold Heisman Banquets next fall in six cities across North Carolina: Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh, Greenville, and Wilmington. Each student nominated will be invited to attend along with his/her parents, and a representative from the respective high school he/she attends.

In April 2003, Heisman nomination packets will be mailed to the attention of senior guidance counselors across North Carolina. Wendy’s and the NCHSAA hope that representatives from member schools will nominate two deserving students for this program so that they can be honored at one of the banquets the following fall. At the banquets, Wendy’s representatives will present the school representative with a Heisman plaque commemorating the nominees submitted through your school.

The 2002-2003 school year marks the fifth year of a very successful partnership between the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, its member schools, and Wendy’s. In addition to the Wendy’s Heisman Program, Wendy’s and the Carolina Ford Dealers have teamed up to offer the annual ticket program as well as the Safe Sober Prom Night Program.

Representatives at NCHSAA member schools should feel free to contact your local field marketing manager for Wendy’s, Dave Lierman, at 919-325-2105 with any comments.

Thank you for your participation in these great programs and best wishes during the current school year to every school, administrators, and most importantly, the high school students!

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.

Richard A. “Dick” Hayes
SARATOGA—Long-time North Carolina High School Athletic Association game official Dick Hayes died in August at the age of 73.

Hayes had served as the county extension agent in both Wilson and Greene Counties during his professional career and was a member of the North Carolina State Fair Livestock Hall of Fame.

He was a registered NCHSAA official for 21 years.

Jerry L. Cartrette
WHITEVILLE—Jerry Cartrette, a retired teacher and coach, died in August at the age of 65.

Cartrette taught and coached several sports at Whiteville High School for 30 years before retiring. He also served the NCHSAA as a game official.

Cartrette served as head football coach at Whiteville from 1966-76 and was an assistant coach from 1979-84. He also coached, at one time or another, women’s basketball, baseball, track and golf, and also had a stint as athletic director.

Memorials may be made to the Jerry L. Cartrette Scholarship Fund, care of Whiteville High School, 413 North Lee Street, Whiteville, NC 28472.

H.B. “Bernie” Blaney
DURHAM—Bernie Blaney, who had been a successful high school coach in Durham, died late in September at Duke Medical Center.

Born in Coaldale, Pa., he had attended Duke on a football scholarship and graduated from there in 1952. He began his coaching career in the Durham city school system and guided Durham High to several state championships.

He had served later as director of the Madison-Mayodan recreation department and was retired from Unifit as the fitness director.

Blaney is survived by his wife, three children and five grandchildren.

Paula Danielle McDonald
PEACHLAND—Paula Danielle McDonald, a coach at Central Cabarrus High School, was killed in an accident in early November at the age of 26.

A graduate of UNC-Pembroke, McDonald taught math at Central Cabarrus. She was the head coach of the junior varsity volleyball team, assisted with the varsity and was the swimming coach at Central. She was a native of Cabarrus County.

Memorials may be made to the Central Cabarrus High School Athletic Fund, 505 Highway 49 South, Concord, NC 28025 or to the charity of the donor’s choice.

Bob Culton
CHAPEL HILL—Long-time coach and athletic director at Chapel Hill High School Bob Culton died in November at the age of 83.


During his tenure, he had outstanding records in football, basketball, baseball and tennis. He posted a 178-72-4 mark from 1955-70 as head football coach, and was 428-115 in basketball.

His baseball teams were 166-55 under his tutelage and in tennis his squads won 170 and lost only 30.

Chapel Hill athletics also expanded during his stint as AD, as it was the first public school in the state to offer a soccer program.

Culton was in the inaugural class of the Chapel Hill High School Hall of Fame and in the fall of 2000 the football stadium was renamed as Culton-Peereman Stadium, in honor of him and former coach William Peereman.

Eddie Reneau
HENDERSONVILLE—East Henderson High School head football coach Eddie Reneau died suddenly of apparent cardiac arrest in November at the age of 43.

A native of Maryville, Tenn., Reneau came to East in 1999 after five years at Canton Pisgah. The 19-year coaching veteran had a 17-25 mark at East Henderson.
Inaugural Winners Named In Lowe's Hometown Hero Awards Program

WILKESBORO—Lowe's Home Improvement, in conjunction with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA), has selected its first two winners in the Lowe's Hometown Hero program.

Liza Schillo, from A.C. Reynolds High School in Asheville, was the September recipient of the Lowe's Hometown Hero award. T.W. Teague from St. Stephens High School in Hickory was the winner in August.

Lowe's Hometown Heroes program was established to acknowledge the accomplishments of North Carolina high school students who excel in the combined areas of academics, community service and athletics.

Liza has a long list of impressive academic, athletic and community achievements. She is the student council vice president, a member of the National Honor Society, student council treasurer (2001) and youth group vice president. Liza runs track and is the co-captain of the varsity track & field team.

The A.C. Reynolds student is an active participant in community service. She has served as a member of the Junior Civitan Club, Asheville Buncombe County Youth Council, Praise in Motion, Venturing, and Young Life Organizations and the NAACP.

Liza also spends significant time volunteering for MANNA, Habitat for Humanity and the Aston Park Nursing Home.

The August winner, TW also has a long list of impressive academic, athletic and community achievements. He is an honor roll student, yearbook editor, Interact Club president, student council member and a Hugh O'Brian Leadership representative for North Carolina. TW runs track and was selected as one of the NCHSAA's "Heart of Champion" award winners in 2001.

TW has actively served the community since the fifth grade, when he would go to the local Salvation Army once a week with his teacher to tutor students in their after-school program. Since then, he has volunteered for many charitable organizations including the Hickory Soup Kitchen, the Red Cross Bloodmobile, Catawba Valley Red Cross and others.

Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse, in conjunction with the Carolina Panthers, has joined together with the NCHSAA to offer the Lowe's Hometown Heroes recognition program. This program seeks to acknowledge high school students in North Carolina who have begun building their own strong foundations through personal commitment to their local community, academics and athletics. For more information about the program visit http://www.nchsaa.unc.edu/loweshometownhero.html.

Lowe's is a proud supporter of the American Red Cross and the United Way, as well as a number of not-for-profit organizations and programs that help communities across the country. Last year, Lowe's and its customers contributed more than $5 million for disaster relief.

The company is also a founding sponsor of The National Garden in Washington, D.C., a living, outdoor museum of America's native plant life, scheduled to open in 2004. Lowe's, a Fortune 100 company with 2001 sales of $22.1 billion, has more than 800 stores in 43 states. For more information, visit Lowes.com.

New Hanover County Athletes Perform Impressively In Classroom

WILMINGTON—New Hanover County student-athletes performed spectacularly well academically during the 2001-2002 school year, according to a report issued by the New Hanover County schools.

The school system used the same sorts of criteria that have been used in the statewide studies done by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association and came up with some amazing statistics.

As a school system, all of the student-athletes at the four county high schools (New Hanover, Hoggard, Laney and Ashley) combined to pass 98 percent of the courses they attempted and compiled a composite 3.3 grade point average. In fact, the athletes at Hoggard combined for a 3.713 GPA, and each of the four high schools had a composite GPA of better than 3.0 for their athletes.

Athletes in the system scored that 3.30 compared to 2.54 for non-athletes. The state average in the last survey was 2.98 for athletes, compared to a 2.17 for non-athletes.

Other comparisons were impressive as well. The dropout rate among student-athletes in the county was a miniscule 0.18 percent, compared to an 0.60 percent statewide among athletes. The mark was at 6.50% dropout for non-athletes in the county, and 10.52% for non-athletes statewide.

Scores on specific end-of-course testing looked like this: county athletes had a mean score of 68.8 on the algebra test, compared to 58.0 for non-athletes. The state comparison was 66.1 for athletes against 57.9 for non-athletes.

On the EOC in English, New Hanover County athletes had a mean score of 72.0, with non-athletes at 62.2. The state marks were 61.40 for athletes and 50.80 for non-athletes.

The attendance rates proved to be very similar when compared with the state averages. County student-athletes missed an average of 6.7 days compared to 11.3 for non-athletes. The state averages were 6.3 days for athletes, 11.9 for non-athletes.

We are grateful to Joe Miller, athletic director of the New Hanover County schools, for sharing this information. Once again it demonstrates that student-athletes at the high school are performing well in the classroom.

Stone Memorabilia Donated To Asheboro High School

ASHEBORO—A reception and memorabilia display for North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Famer, the late Lee J. Stone, was held prior to the Asheboro-Southeast Guilford football game in October.

Stone, who coached at Asheboro beginning in 1949, also was a big winner at Asheville Lee Edwards (where he coached Charlie Justice) and at Raleigh Broughton, where he won a state championship.

He won three Western North Carolina High School Activities Association titles at Asheboro and went 29 consecutive years without a losing season. Stone also served on the Asheboro City Board of Education for 22 years after his retirement from coaching.

The display included a number of items and awards from his career, including the NCHSAA Hall of Fame ring presented by the Association.

Superintendent Dr. Diane Frost, a member of the NCHSAA Board of Directors, and principal Dr. Larry Riggin made comments, along with long-time broadcaster and Stone friend Add Penfield and NCHSAA associate executive director Rick Strunk.
President’s Advisory Committee At Work For 2002-03 School Year

CHAPEL HILL—The President’s Advisory Committee has begun its work for the 2002-2003 school year.

Put together at the request of NCHSAA president Dr. Bill Harrison, superintendent of the Cumberland County schools, the committee had an orientation meeting during the summer and held its initial action meeting in October. The committee will also meet after the first of the year.

The October agenda included the NCHSAA audit, realignment, cheer competition, the number of classifications, expansion of playoffs, athletic trainers, the status of pole vault, an invitational lacrosse tournament, number of playoff passes, the Friday night televised college football situation with East Carolina, and various modes of communication.

The committee examines specific issues and ideas and then makes recommendations to the NCHSAA Board of Directors for action.

Here are members of the President’s Advisory Committee:

Region 1: superintendent—Julius Walker, Washington County; principal—Allison Sholar, Currituck; athletic director/coach—Carolyn Rogers, Perquimans, Charles Simmons, Hartford.

Region 2: superintendent—Curtis Rains, Lenoir County; principal—Randi Bledsoe, Charles B. Aycock, Peggy Kelley, Southwest Onslow; athletic director/coach—Joe Miller, New Hanover County.

Region 3: superintendent—Larry Price, Wilson County; principal—George Kelley, Bunn; Cathy Moore, Sanderson; athletic director/coach—Pete Shankle, Southern Durham.

Region 4: superintendent—Donald Andrews, Harnett County; principal—Brooks Matthews, Triton; athletic director/coach—Cheryl Brewer, North Moore; Ronnie Chavis, Robeson County.

Region 5: superintendent—Bob McRae, Randolph County; principal—John Booth, South Stokes; athletic director/coach—John Moon, Eastern Alamance; Alfred Poe, Carver.

Region 6: superintendent—Jo Anne Byerly, Kannapolis City Schools; principal—Mike Matthews, Providence, Roger McSwain, Rutherford County; athletic director/coach—Ron Massey, A.L. Brown.

Region 7: superintendent—Donnie Johnson, Ashe County; principal—Linda Bost, Davie; athletic director/coach—Danny Anderson, West Caldwell; Richard Johnson, Hickory.

Region 8: superintendent—Theresa Banks, Madison County; Susan McHugh, Polk County; principal—Bobby Wilkins, Hendersonville; athletic director/coach—St Simmons, athletic director, Smoky Mountain.

New Book Explores “The Story of Indian Basketball” In Robeson, Surrounding Counties

A new book about a previously unexplored topic should be of great interest to fans of high school athletics.

Playing Before An Overflow Crowd is subtitle d The Story of Indian Basketball in Robeson, North Carolina, and Adjoining Counties 1939-67” and is published by Chapel Hill Press.

Tim Brayboy and Bruce Barton have co-authored this interesting story about the old Robeson County Indian High School Athletic Conference. In the beginning, games were often contested on outdoor dirt courts with players in their barefeet, but they were still cheered passionately by their supporters. Athletics were vitally important to the community.

The book “is a story of perseverance and passion that will strike a chord in sports enthusiasts everywhere.”

Brayboy worked for many years in the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and is an excellent football official who has worked NCHSAA state championships. Barton is the founder and first editor of the Carolina Indian Voice newspaper and is currently the coordinator of cultural activities with the Indian Education Program in the Public Schools of Robeson County.

The 200-plus page book retails for $19.95, with 6.5% sales tax ($1.30 per book) and four dollars shipping and handling per book. Checks may be made payable to Indian Basketball and orders may be sent to Tim Brayboy, 916 Union Street, Cary, NC 27511-3756 or Bruce Barton at Box 362, Pembroke, NC 28372-0362.
National Participation Sets Record For Fourth Straight Year

INDIANAPOLIS—For the 13th consecutive year, the number of students participating in high school athletics nationally has increased, setting an all-time high for participation.

Based on figures from the 50 state high school athletic/activity associations, plus the District of Columbia, that are members of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), participation for the 2001-02 school year rose by 62,292 students, to 6,767,515. This marked the fourth consecutive year that a record was established for participation in high school athletics.

Participation numbers for both boys and girls increased. Boys athletics experienced the greater increase, going up 39,448 participants, while girls participation increased by 22,844. The boys’ mark of 3,960,517 is the fourth-highest overall, and highest since 1977-78. The girls’ mark of 2,806,998 sets an all-time high for female participation.

For the second consecutive year, the biggest gain among girls was in competitive spirit squads, which saw an increase of 6,074 participants. This brought the number of total participants to 94,635, making it the ninth-most popular girls program.

Interns Having Another Outstanding Semester

CHAPEL HILL—Another excellent group of students is working this semester in the intern program sponsored by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

Interns customarily work six to eight hours a week as volunteers in the NCHSAA offices in addition to their regular academic load. They assist in everything from clerical duties to research on NCHSAA records to helping with Association publications and working at selected state championships.

Those University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill students who are working during the fall semester of 2002 include:

- James Wolfe, a sophomore at UNC and a graduate of North Duplin High School, where he played basketball, baseball and golf; he is majoring in exercise and sports science and English double major and his father is a former NCHSAA Board member and long-time Whiteville principal, Coleman Barbour;
- Kris Willett, a senior at Carolina and Chatham Central High School, where she was an excellent multi-sport athlete, including playing in the state tennis tournament; Kris is the current president of the Carolina Athletic Association on campus.
- Lindsay Strunk is working with the Wachovia Conference Board of Directors of the North Carolina High School Athletic Directors Association.

Following spirit was fast pitch softball, which had an increase of 5,763 participants. This was due, in part, to a decrease of 7,873 participants in slow pitch softball. Volleyball saw an increase of 4,310 more participants than last year, followed by an increase of 3,441 in the sport of basketball. The two sports rank third and first, respectively, among the most popular female sports. Soccer, the fifth-most popular female sport, saw an increase of 3,179 participants, bringing its total participation number to 295,256.

Fast pitch softball had the greatest increase in the number of schools, as an additional 1,630 schools offered the sport last year. Competitive spirit was offered in 893 more schools and volleyball was picked up by 486 schools.

Eleven-player football registered the largest increase among boys sports, adding 11,292 participants, while soccer added 6,251. Lacrosse (increase of 4,384), cross country (2,573) and bowling (2,482) also registered gains in male participation.

As for sponsorship, bowling enjoyed the largest increase, with 267 new programs. Outdoor track and field was second with an increase of 245 schools, followed by golf with 219.

Basketball remained the most popular sport for girls with 456,169 participants, followed by outdoor track and field (415,677), volleyball (395,124), fast pitch softball (355,960), soccer (295,256), cross country (160,178), tennis (160,114), swimming and diving (141,218), competitive spirit squads (94,635) and field hockey (60,737).

On the boys’ side, 11-player football again is the most popular sport with 1,023,712 participants, followed by basketball (540,597), outdoor track and field (494,022), baseball (451,674), soccer (399,101), wrestling (244,637), cross country (190,993), golf (163,299), tennis (139,483) and swimming and diving (90,698).

Texas remained the state with the most participants with 773,850. It is followed by California (656,245), New York (398,248), Illinois (301,626), Michigan (299,551), Pennsylvania (243,765), New Jersey (214,870), Florida (211,936) and Minnesota (211,693).

The participation survey has been compiled since 1971 by the NFHS through numbers it receives from its member associations.

Shelby Field Named In Honor Of Legendary Coach Pearley Allen

SHELBY—Shelby High School’s football field was officially named Pearley Allen Field in ceremonies at halftime of the Shelby-Burns game in September.

Gerald Allen enjoyed a career as one of the state’s most successful high school football coaches, including a 38-year stint at Shelby. He was inducted into the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 1998.

Allen was head football coach at Shelby for 21 years and coached the Golden Lion track program for 26 seasons. His football teams won 11 conference championships and five Western North Carolina High School Activities Association (WNC HSSAA) titles, posting an outstanding 175-49-14 record. He served as head coach of the North Carolina Shrine Bowl team in 1973 and coached in the East-West all-star game in 1970.

Active in civic and church activities, Allen served as chairman of the Shelby City Parks and Recreation Board and is a member of the Cleveland County Hall of Fame. He also served on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina High School Athletic Directors Association.
NCHSAA Schools Excel In Sportsmanship Over The Years

CHAPEL HILL—A total of 71 North Carolina High School Athletic Association member schools have gone at least three of the last seven academic years without having a single player ejected from a contest for an unsportsmanlike act.

The NCHSAA also announced that three 1-A schools, including Ocracoke, the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf in Wilson and Highlands, have not recorded an ejection since the NCHSAA began tracking complete statistics during the 1995-96 school year.

"Obviously, different size schools have different numbers of teams and thus might have more exposure to having players ejected," said Que Tucker, associate director of the NCHSAA and head of the Student Services Division of the Association, which has been recognizing schools for exemplary sportsmanship. "But it would appear that many NCHSAA schools are taking sportsmanship very seriously and really concentrating on this area."

A total of four schools, including Bear Grass, Princeton, the North Carolina School for the Deaf in Morganton and Nantahala, went through six of the seven years ejection free.

There are eight NCHSAA members who recorded perfect slates five times: Bartlett Yancey, Midway, Franklinton, Jamesville, Northwest Halifax, Chatham Central, West Davidson, and Swain.

Several schools are working on lengthy streaks in the ejection-free department. Besides the three without an ejection over seven years, NCSD has gone the last six years without an ejection. Midway has a five-year streak, while a total of seven schools have not had an ejection in this program since the 1997-98 academic year: Bunn, North Moore, Bartlett Yancey, Southwestern Randolph, East Gaston, Nantahala and Swain County.

The NCHSAA was one of the first state associations in the nation to push its sportsmanship initiative in such a broad based manner. The Board of Directors first took action for the 1995-96 school year and now the policy covers any athlete, coach or other individual ejected from a contest for fighting; biting observed by an official; taunting, baiting or spitting toward an opponent; profanity directed toward an official or opponent; obscene gestures; and disrespectfully addressing an official.

Players ejected from a contest sit out what amounts to about one week's competition, including the next game in football and the next two contests in other sports. Players receiving two ejections for unacceptable behavior as defined by those specific actions are suspended from all sports for the remainder of that sports season.

In addition, the NCHSAA has a team component that could keep a qualifier out of postseason play. If a team has accumulated six or more ejections during the regular season or has more than three ejections for fighting, then a team will lose its playoff privileges. That means one single "bench-clearing" incident could cost a team a berth in the playoffs. Since the initiation of this policy, however, no school qualifying for NCHSAA postseason play has lost its berth due to accumulated ejections.

**Information On NCAA Requirements Available For NCHSAA Member Schools**

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has asked the NCHSAA to communicate with its member schools about a couple of changes that will affect prospective student-athletes.

One would be a change in the NCAA initial-eligibility requirements, and the other is the availability of new, user-friendly, Web-based enhancements involving the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse.

The Division I membership of the NCAA is considering changes in the academic eligibility standards for practice, competition and the receipt of athletic scholarships during a student’s first year in college. One change is an increase in the core-course requirement from 13 to 14. The additional core course may be completed in any of the current academic areas.

Additionally, changes to the test score/grade-point average index have been proposed and are available for review. You may access the proposed changes through the NCAA Web site at www.ncaa.org, selecting the Prospect/Parent page from a pull-down menu of Custom Home Pages near the top of the front page. Comments on the proposed changes to the Division I initial-eligibility standards may be made by contacting the NCAA at academics@ncaa.org.

In an effort to simplify and streamline the initial-eligibility certification process for prospective student-athletes, in August the NCAA introduced on-line registration for the Clearinghouse. The NCAA is asking that all prospective collegiate student-athletes from North Carolina who wish to register with the Clearinghouse do so on line.

Those prospective student-athletes can complete the clearinghouse application on line, access their information using a PIN-protected system, and have e-mail access to the clearinghouse. High school personnel will also have email access to the clearinghouse.

The clearinghouse Web site may be accessed through that same Prospect/Parent custom home page on the NCAA web site or by going directly to www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

We wanted to make this information available to NCHSAA member schools as soon as it was shared with us. We hope that this is useful to you.
Atlantic Coast Conference Lists League Championships Held In North Carolina

GREENSBORO—The Atlantic Coast Conference has listed a number of its conference championships for the coming year that may be of interest to North Carolina High School Athletic Association member schools.

The conference has always believed that NCHSAA member schools, coaches and athletes might want to attend an ACC championship being held in the state of North Carolina.

Here is a list of sports, dates, sites and contacts for information on a variety of ACC events being held in our state:

- women's swimming and diving at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on February 20-22, 2003; for more information contact Dave Lohse at (919) 962-1376;
- men's swimming and diving at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on February 27-March 1, 2003; for more information contact Dave Lohse at (919) 962-1376;
- men's and women's indoor track and field at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on February 21-22, 2003; for more information contact David Applegate at (919) 843-6397;
- women's basketball at the Greensboro Coliseum on March 7-10, 2003; for more information contact Kara McBurney at (336) 854-8787;
- wrestling at Appalachian State University in Boone on March 8, 2003; for more information contact Davis Whitfield at (336) 854-8787;
- men's basketball at the Greensboro Coliseum on March 13-16, 2003; for more information contact Kathy Hunt at (336) 854-8787;
- men's and women's tennis at Millbrook Exchange Tennis Center in Raleigh on April 17-20, 2003; for more information contact Davis Whitfield at (336) 854-8787;
- women's golf at Salem Glen Country Club in Clemmons on April 18-20, 2003; for more information contact Davis Whitfield at (336) 854-8787;
- men's golf at Old North State Club at Uwharrie Point in New London on April 18-20, 2003; for more information contact Davis Whitfield at (336) 854-8787;
- men's and women's outdoor track and field at N.C. State on April 18-19, 2003; for more information contact Jason Corriner at (919) 515-2102.

The Bulletin is pleased to provide this service to its readers.

Southern Alamance Student Earns Special Recognition

Mary Jessica Honeycutt of Southern Alamance High School is one of 50 student-athletes being recognized nationally.

Honeycutt, a 2002 graduate of Southern Alamance now attending Elon University, is the North Carolina state finalist for the title of Secret SportsGirl of the Year.

Secret Anti-Perspirant awards the national honor to one young female athlete who embodies self-esteem and serves as a role model for other teens.

At Southern Alamance, Honeycutt was involved in dance as well as playing volleyball and softball. She helped lead her softball team to an NCHSAA state championship and one runner-up finish. She was also part of the DREAM team at Southern.

The Southern Alamance graduate will receive $250 for her school sports program or for a sports camp of her choice in recognition of her accomplishments.

The 50 state finalists were chosen from more than 1,200 nominations submitted by coaches, teachers, athletic directors, parents and students from across the country.

Mathias Of Jordan-Matthews Remains Unbeaten, Wins 1-A Women’s Singles

CARY—Top-seeded Helen Mathias of Siler City Jordan-Matthews put together a dominating performance to win the singles championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association women’s state 1-A tennis championships at the Cary Tennis Center.

Mathias, a sophomore, downed Hendersonville’s Jeanne-Marie LaBorde in the final in straight sets at love. The Jordan-Matthews player finished the season unbeaten in singles matches at 34-0.

An unseeded North Stokes pair took the doubles championship in a grueling three-set match. Mallory Williams and Kasey Mabe of North Stokes outlasted the top-seeded team, Elizabeth Rouse and Jessica Eblen of Hendersonville, by 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

It marked the fifth consecutive year that a North Stokes duo has won the NCHSAA state 1-A doubles crown.

NCHSAA 2002 WOMEN’S STATE 1-A TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cary Tennis Center, Cary

Singles Championship
Helen Mathias (Siler City Jordan-Matthews) def. Jeanne-Marie LaBorde (Hendersonville) 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles Championship
Mallory Williams-Kasey Mabe (North Stokes) def. Mary Elizabeth Rouse-Jessica Eblen (Hendersonville) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

Freshman Mathis In Singles, Greene Central Pair In Doubles Takes Championships In 2-A

CARY—Top-seeded freshman Emily Mathis of Wilkes Central rolled to the singles championship of the North Carolina High
School Athletic Association state 2-A women’s tennis tournament at the Cary Tennis Center.

Mathis beat Meg Dlugos of Charlotte Catholic in a morning semifinal in straight 6-1 sets and then beat second-seeded Renee Sanders of Graham in the championship, also in straight 6-1 sets. She lost only four games in her four matches in the state championships.

Greene Central’s top-seeded doubles duo of Allison Cobb and Amy Beaman earned the first state championship ever for Greene Central in tennis. Cobb and Beaman had to rally to defeat Barbara Mathis and Mary Fesperman of Wilkes Central in three sets, 2-6, 6-1 and 6-4.

NCHSAA 2002 WOMEN’S STATE 2-A TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Cary Tennis Center, Cary

Singles—Semifinals
Emily Mathis (Wilkes Central) def. Meg Dlugos (Charlotte Catholic) 6-1, 6-1;
Renee Sanders (Graham) def. Mary Katherine Fitzgerald (Newton-Conover) 7-5, 4-6, 6-1.

Singles—Championship
Mathis (Wilkes Central) def. Sanders (Graham) 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles—Semifinals
Allison Cobb-Amy Beaman (Greene Central) def. Emily Boehling-Leslie Burns (Edenton Holmes) 6-4, 6-2;
Barbara Mathis-Mary Fesperman (Wilkes Central) def. Karen Kolman-Jenna Siskey (Charlotte Catholic) 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles—Championship
Cobb-Beaman (Greene Central) def. Mathis-Fesperman (Wilkes Central) 2-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Wilson Fike Team Repeats,
Foard’s Isenhour Takes Crown In 3-A Tennis Championship

BURLINGTON—The doubles team of Alli Benton and K.K. Walston of Wilson Fike successfully defended its title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A women’s tennis championships at the Burlington Parks and Recreation Tennis Center.

Benton and Walston, the top seeds, rolled past Amanda Clark and Jennifer Phillips of Asheville T.C. Roberson in straight 6-1 sets to win the crown. The Fike team is the first women’s doubles team to repeat as state titlists in 3-A since the sport moved to play by classifications in 1985.

Saturday morning’s semifinal was a battle for the Fike pair, as they hung on to beat Alison Curtin and Liz Boak of East Chapel Hill 6-1, 2-6, 6-4. East Chapel Hill had two teams in the semifinals, but neither advanced to the championship.

Top-seeded Lauren Isenhour of Newton Fred T. Foard and second-seeded Rachel Rhoney of Hickory St. Stephens battled in an all-Catawba County singles championship, with Isenhour winning her second straight three-set marathon of the day, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3. Rhoney finished as the 3-A runner-up for the second year in a row.

NCHSAA 2002 WOMEN’S STATE 3-A TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Burlington Recreation and Parks Tennis Center

Singles—Semifinals
Lauren Isenhour (Newton Fred T. Foard) def. Hannah Priest (Cameron Union Pines) 0-6, 6-4, 6-0; Rachel Rhoney (Hickory St. Stephens) def. Ashley Harris (Beltmout South Point) 7-6(4), 6-2.

Singles—Championship
Isenhour (Fred T. Foard) def. Rhoney (St. Stephens) 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

Doubles—Semifinals
Alli Benton-K.K. Walston (Wilson Fike) def. Alison Curtis-Liz Boak (East Chapel Hill) 6-1, 2-6, 6-4; Amanda Clark-Jennifer Phillips (Asheville T.C. Roberson) def. Julia Howard-Whitney Draper (East Chapel Hill) 6-3, 6-3.

Doubles—Championship
Benton-Walston (Wilson Fike) def. Clark-Phillips (Asheville T.C. Roberson) 6-1, 6-1.

Broughton Players Win 4-A Singles, Doubles Titles

RALEIGH—Top-seeded and defending singles champion Christine Simpson of Raleigh Broughton won her second consecutive state title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association women’s state 4-A tennis championships at the Millbrook Exchange Park.

Simpson downed second-seeded Kara Worsley of Winston-Salem R.J. Reynolds in the championship match, 6-0, 6-4, after beating fourth-seeded Hanes Harris of Wilmington New Hanover in straight sets in a morning semifinal.

Worsley had beaten Hampton Williams of Broughton in her semifinal, avoiding an all-Broughton singles championship.

But it was an all-Broughton doubles final, with the top-seeded pair of Julia Roach and Bonnie Baird beating teammates Frances Blanton and Emily Wade 6-2 and 6-4. Roach and Baird were the 4-A doubles runners-up in 2001 in another all-Broughton championship.

NCHSAA 2002 WOMEN’S STATE 4-A TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Millbrook Exchange Park, Raleigh

Singles—Semifinals
Christine Simpson (Raleigh Broughton) def. Hanes Harris (Wilmington New Hanover) 6-4, 6-3; Kara Worsley (Winston-Salem R. J. Reynolds) def. Hampton Williams (Raleigh Broughton) 7-5, 6-2.

Singles—Championship
Simpson (Broughton) def. Worsley (Winston-Salem Reynolds) 6-0, 6-4.

Doubles—Semifinals
Bonnie Baird-Julia Roach (Raleigh Broughton) def. Lauren Barry-Allison Barry (Raleigh Wakefield) 6-4, 6-1; Frances Blanton-Emily Wade (Raleigh Broughton) def. Lisa Suggs-Samantha Van (Fayetteville Terry Sanford) 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

Doubles—Championship
Baird-Roach (Broughton) def. Blanton-Wade (Broughton) 6-2, 6-4.
Dynasties Continue To Roll
In Women's Dual Team Tennis
Championships At Cary

CARY—A couple of dynasties continued their winning ways in the 13th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association women’s state dual team tennis championships at the Cary Tennis Center.

Both East Chapel Hill and Raleigh Broughton won their fifth consecutive NCHSAA state titles in their respective classifications. East Chapel Hill captured another 3-A crown in beating Statesville for the second successive year in the finals by a 5-0 count, while Broughton defeated Greensboro Page by 5-0 to win the 4-A championship.

East Chapel Hill, under head coach Lindsey Linker, finished at 19-2 overall while Statesville finished at 15-6. Broughton, coached by Steve Spivey, was undefeated in 22 matches while Page closed at 18-2.

Hendersonville rolled to the 1-A title by shutting out Rosewood 6-0, getting a win at love from this year’s 1-A singles runner-up, Jeanne-Marie Laborde. Hendersonville wound up with a 13-6 overall record while Rosewood was 17-5.

In the 2-A final, Wilkes Central won a couple of singles matches after split sets and defeated Greene Central by 5-1. Wilkes Central’s Emily Mathis, the 2002 state 2-A singles champ, won her match at number-one singles against Allison Cobb.

Since winners had already been determined in each of the four championships by the end of singles play, doubles were not played and singles matches which were in progress were halted. In the case of split sets, then a 12-point tiebreaker is played to determine the winner of that individual match.

Southern Vance, Foard, Providence, Rosman Win NCHSAA Volleyball Titles

RALEIGH—In a battle of two undefeated teams, Southern Vance put together some hot streaks and came back to down West Iredell three games to one to win the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A volleyball championship in the 27th annual event at Reynolds Coliseum.

Southern Vance’s victory ended a perfect 36-0 season while West Iredell suffered its first loss after 34 consecutive victories.

The match was tight throughout, as West Iredell won the opener 15-7. Then in game two Southern reeled off nine unanswered points and went on to a 15-5 victory, and in game three put together an 8-1 run at the end to rally for a 15-13 triumph. Game four was a seesaw affair, tied several times, before Southern broke a 14-14 deadlock to clinch the title.

Southern’s Arlene Mitchell, a 5-7 senior hitter, was chosen as championship game MVP.

The final match of the evening saw Fred T. Foard of Catawba County win the 3-A championship in three straight games over East Chapel Hill, by final scores of 15-5, 16-14, 15-6.

Foard completed a perfect 30-0 season and it was the Tigers’ first volleyball championship since they won three straight crowns from 1995-97.

East Chapel Hill finished at 24-10 and was making its fifth straight appearance in a state final.
Foard coasted to victory in the first game but the second contest was pivotal. It was close from the beginning and was finally tied at 14 with a number of sides out before Audra Harrison’s spikes proved decisive in the 16-14 battle. The Tigers then took an 8-0 lead in the final game and held on to sweep.

Harrison, a junior middle hitter for Foard, was selected as the championship MVP.

In other action, Charlotte Providence battled back after losing the first game to sweep three straight and capture the state 4-A championship.

Providence dropped its opener to Wilmington Hoggard by 15-8 after Hoggard had opened a 5-0 lead. But Providence evened it with a 15-5 second-game triumph and then put together a 12-1 run in game three to win again by 15-5. The decisive game was tied several times down the stretch before the Panthers broke a 14-14 tie to win it, 16-14.

Providence senior setter Cami Small was named the Most Valuable Player of the 4-A championship. Providence won its 16th straight match and ended the season with a 32-4 record. Wilmington Hoggard, finishing as runner-up for the second consecutive year, concluded a 32-5 season.

In the 1-A championship, Rosman took control early and defeated Midway in three straight games by scores of 15-3, 15-6, and 15-8.

The third game was close with Rosman holding a 6-5 lead before the Tigers reeled off seven straight points to take command.

Rosman’s height and power at the net was too much for Midway, led by the spikes outside hitter Heather Koontz. The Tiger senior was named the 1-A MVP.

Rosman won for the 33rd time in 35 starts while Midway finished with a 24-2 mark.

The Mount Tabor women’s team captured its second straight NCHSAA team crown with 64 points to 82 for runner-up Charlotte Providence. Watauga was third, followed by Chapel Hill and Northwest Guilford.

Durham Jordan’s Katherine Merrill took the individual title with a time of 19:10.15, less than five seconds ahead of Tsehay Dagnachew of Jacksonville.

East Chapel Hill ran to the 3-A men’s title with 61 points to 81 for second-place Asheville T.C. Roberson, breaking a two-year hold on the title by Brevard. Monroe Weddington was third, trailed by East Rowan and Eastern Wayne.

Harnett Central junior Jesus Rojas was the individual champ in 16:42.37, just under four seconds ahead of Taylor Little of T.C. Roberson. David Christopher, East Chapel Hill’s leading runner, was third overall.

Roberson nipped Monroe Weddington by four points to take the 3-A women’s title, with Eastern Wayne in third place. Maggie Kovach of T.C. Roberson was a convincing individual champion in 19:38.50, almost 25 seconds ahead of runner-up freshman Heather Goldstein of Weddington.

**Excellent Performances Recorded By Runners In 1-A, 2-A Cross Country**

CLEMMONS—North Henderson had four of the top 17 individual finishers and rolled to a convincing victory in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A men’s cross championships at Tanglewood Park.

North Henderson tallied 40 points to win by a solid 66-point margin over runner-up Croatian for its second consecutive men’s cross-country state crown. East Davidson was third with 113, followed by High Point Andrews at 140 and Roanoke Rapids at 154.

Ashe County’s Preston Holman, a senior, was the individual 2-A men’s champ with a winning time of 16:55:23, just over 18 seconds ahead of Harrison Johnson of High Point Andrews.

Freshman Leigh Ann Taylor of Monroe was the individual champ for the women in the 2-A classification with a time of 19:43.72, a whopping margin of almost 37 seconds ahead of runner-up sophomore Brittany Box of Charlotte Catholic.

But the Catholic women dominated the field with a remarkable team score of 24, taking five of the first 11 positions for team runners. North Henderson, winners of two team titles since ’97, was the runner-up with 105 points, followed by Brevard, Pittsboro Northwood and Black Mountain Charles D. Owen.

Charlotte Catholic should be a power for years to come, too; three of its top four finishers were freshmen.

In the 1-A classification, senior Kasey Smith of South Stokes won her second consecutive women’s individual title, beating Princeton’s Summer Graham to the finish line by better than 17 seconds. Hendersonville captured its second straight NCHSAA team title with 51 points, eight ahead of Murphy. Hayesville was third, followed by East Wilkes and then Pinetown Northside in a strong showing of Western schools.

Surry Central once again dominated the 1-A men’s race, winning for the second straight year. Surry Central’s amazing 26 points was just four away from the all-time low of 22 it set last year.

The top four individual finishers were all from Surry Central, paced by champion Eric Martinez in 17:02.03, over 26 seconds ahead of teammate Jonathan Merritt.

Murphy was second with 53 points, followed by Lejeune (112), Hayesville (179) and Albemarle (181).
Top Coaching Marks
Listed As Reported By Schools

Each school in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association is required to complete a School Information Sheet, and this document contains a lot of facts and figures about each of the NCHSAA’s 350 member schools. This information is used in a variety of ways, including sports mailings, entries in the NCHSAA Directory, and the listing of coaches’ career records.

Association intern James Wolfe, from North Duplin, did an outstanding job going through the information sheets, compiling their lists and following up with phone calls where necessary so that this list might be published. The following lists are not intended to be comprehensive or complete, but are based on those schools which returned School Information Sheets containing this information.

We have taken care to make this list as accurate as possible. These records are for active coaches only, and if a coach at your school or in your area is not listed, it is probably because the records were not included on the form. If there are additions or corrections, please let us know because we want it to be as accurate as possible.

This has become sort of an annual tradition in the Bulletin. We appreciate all those schools which take the time to submit the information, and we appreciate the efforts of our interns to do the research.

We are glad to recognize these outstanding teachers and coaches from across the state of North Carolina.

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