Nine Named To Join NCHSAA Hall of Fame
Official Induction Ceremonies Set for April at Friday Center

CHAPEL HILL—Nine 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.

Gerald Austin of Greensboro, Pat Harrell of Hertford, Hoy Isaacs of Reidsville, Raymond “Buddy” Luper of Fayetteville, David Maynard of Burlington, Clarence Moore of Asheville, Pres Mull of Lexington, Tom Pryor of Edneyville and Stuart Tripp of Ayden have been chosen as the 17th group of inductees to join the prestigious hall. That brings to 84 the number enshrined.

The new inductees were honored during special halftime ceremonies at a football game at Kenan Stadium when North Carolina played Wake Forest. The University of North Carolina has designated the day as the 18th annual NCHSAA Day. The new class will officially be inducted at the special Hall of Fame banquet April 17 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.”

Gerald Austin

Gerald Austin, a native of Asheville, is a retired public school administrator who has served as a teacher, principal and associate superintendent, but he has really made a lasting impact as a game official.

Austin was a three-sport athlete at Clyde Erwin High School and later earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Western Carolina. His doctorate is from UNC-Greensboro.

Austin worked for many years as a high school game official in various sports, working several state championships. In 1973, he became a football and basketball official in the Atlantic Coast Conference and then applied to officiate in the National Football League. He was accepted by the NFL in 1982 and has worked 20 years in the NFL, including working as a referee since 1990. Austin has worked three Super Bowls, including XXXV in 2001.

He currently is head of The Austin Group, a leadership development organization. Austin was the associate superintendent of the Guilford County schools for seven years.

Pat Harrell

Pat Harrell has had a distinguished career in education, primarily as an outstanding administrator in a number of different school systems.

A 1961 graduate of East Carolina University, Harrell was a teacher and coach at the high school level before moving into administration. Among his tenures as a superintendent were from 1976-88 as head of the Perquimans County Schools and from 1988-93 in Dare County. He also assisted several systems as an interim superintendent, including Lee, Scotland and Nash-Rocky Mount.

Harrell served a term on the Board of Directors of the NCHSAA and served two terms as president, from 1988-90. He has received a number of honors from the NCHSAA for his involvement in athletics on a statewide level, and he also has been vitally involved in church and civic affairs.

He received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award for service to the state from Governor James B. Hunt.

Hoy Isaacs

The late Hoy Isaacs compiled a brilliant record in several sports, with two years at Statesville High School and then a phenomenal 37-year career at Reidsville.

A native of Watauga County and a 1943 graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College, Isaacs led his Reidsville basketball teams to 640 victories against just 285 losses. His 1973 squad won the NCHSAA state championship with a perfect 25-0 mark. He also coached the 1955 Reidsville baseball team to a state crown and won a couple of golf state championships during a 23-year stint in that sport. He was an 11-time conference coach of the year in golf and his teams qualified for the state tournament 20 years in a row. He also served as athletic director at Reidsville for 12 years.

Isaacs was one of the charter members of the North Carolina Coaches Association back in 1949 and coached in the East-West basketball game in 1972.

Raymond “Buddy” Luper

The late Buddy Luper was one of the state’s most respected coaches during his outstanding career, coaching football, basketball, track and golf.

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Luper won nine varsity letters at Rocky Mount Senior as an athlete and then had an excellent football career at Duke. After three years as football coach and athletic director at Hickory, Luper came to Fayetteville High School and worked at that school or in the school system for 33 years. From 1965 through ‘83, he served as an assistant superintendent Fayetteville city system in charge of athletics.

He posted an excellent 114-42-10 mark at Fayetteville as head football coach and was head coach of the North Carolina Shrine team in 1957. One of his former players at Fayetteville was current Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson.

Luper was president of the North Carolina Coaches Association in 1962-63 and then served a term on the Board of Directors of the NCHSAA.

David Maynard

David Maynard has enjoyed a great career in athletics, primarily in Burlington and Alamance County.

A graduate of Burlington’s Jordan Sellars Senior High, Maynard was a World War II veteran and then graduated from Johnson C. Smith University in 1950. After working as a teacher and coach at two different schools, including one in Virginia, he returned to Burlington in 1956 and enjoyed great success coaching at Jordan Sellars.

Maynard coached football, basketball, baseball and track during his tenure there. His track teams won 10 conference championships, while his basketball squads won four state championships and had four runner-up finishes in the old North Carolina High School Athletic Conference. The state titles came in 1958, ‘60, ‘62 and ‘66.

He has been a long-time member of the Burlington City Council, elected for six terms since 1977, and had also been very involved in other civic and church activities. He is a member of the Alamance County Sports Hall of Fame.

Clarence Moore

The late Clarence Moore was one of North Carolina’s top coaches during his career, which really spanned from 1928 through 1968.

A 1928 graduate of Shaw University, Moore first coached for six years at Highland High in Gastonia, where he was that school’s first football coach. He actually had two successful stints as a coach at Stephens-Lee High in Asheville, where he coached football, basketball and football from 1934-40 and again from 1948-68.

From 1941 through ‘47 he was the owner and manager of the famed Asheville Blues baseball team, which is recognized in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

His teams won North Carolina High School Athletic Conference state championships in three sports, going undefeated to win a 1957 state football championship, a baseball crown in ‘58, and then a basketball title in 1962. Moore was the high school coach for the legendary Henry Logan, who later was an all-American at Western Carolina.

Pres Mull

Presnell Mull was successful at every stop he made during his coaching career.

A native of McDowell County and a 1947 graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College, Mull began his career at Lenoir High, coaching football and girls’ basketball. His football teams were a spectacular 37-6-3 there.

After a couple years coaching in the college ranks at Appalachian, Mull went to Lexington Senior High. He had two stints there, first from 1954-58 in which his football teams posted a 42-14 mark. Then from 1962-73, his Lexington teams rolled up a 79-42-8 record and won the 1967 Western North Carolina High School Activities Association (WNCHSAA) championship. He also coached basketball and track and served as athletic director at Lexington.

His two Lexington tenures were around three years as head football coach at Catawba College in Salisbury.

Mull was the head coach of the North Carolina Shrine Bowl team in 1971. He also has been very involved in church and community activities in Lexington.

Tom Pryor

Tom Pryor has won more games as a women’s basketball coach than any other coach in North Carolina history.

A 1952 graduate of Edneyville High and then a 1957 graduate of N.C. State, Pryor coached women’s basketball for 43 years, with the great majority of that (1957-93) at Edneyville. He also was a head football coach for 13 seasons with a mark of 66-42-5 in that sport, to go with at least three years coaching track, golf, baseball and men’s basketball.

He rolled up an amazing 702-244 mark as a women’s coach, including 594-191 at Edneyville. He had only two losing seasons in his career; going 63-20 at Asheville School and then 59-23 at Polk County after leaving Edneyville.

Pryor served on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association and also umpired softball for 10 years.

Stuart Tripp

Stuart Tripp amassed an unbelievable record as a coach, almost all at his high school alma mater, Ayden.

A 1940 graduate of Ayden. Tripp then graduated from East Carolina in 1944 and then helped make Ayden into an athletic powerhouse. He coached football, basketball and baseball there from 1946-62, and then after a one-year stint at Tarboro returned to Ayden to coach basketball from 1965-68.

His overall football mark at Ayden was 93-39-4, including a mammoth 45-game win streak. His baseball teams compiled a 100-52 record, while in basketball his teams rolled up a 289-69 slate during his first stint and then went 72-4 in his final three years of coaching upon his return. His teams won seven conference championships in 15 years in football, six in 15 years in baseball, and 12 league titles, including a couple of state championships, in basketball.

Tripp served eight years as an elected official on the Ayden Board of Commissioners. A youth baseball facility in Ayden was constructed and named in his honor, with the money all raised from and by his former athletes.

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 that houses the Association offices.
THE NCHSAA HALL OF FAME

Class of 1987 (Charter Members)
Bob Jamieson, Greensboro
Leon Brogden, Wilmington
Dave Harris, Charlotte

Class of 1988
Tony Simeon, High Point
Wilburn C. Clary, Winston-Salem
L.J. “Hap” Perry, Chapel Hill

Class of 1989
Russell Blunt, Durham
Lee Stone, Asheboro

Class of 1990
Bill Eutsler, Rockingham
Harvey Reid, Wilson
Jay Robinson, Chapel Hill
Simon Terrell, Chapel Hill

Class of 1991
Thell Overman, Wallace
Frank Mock, Kinston*
Raymond Rhodes, Raleigh*
Richard “Bud” Phillips, Greenville

Class of 1992
Everette L. “Shu” Carlton, Gastonia
George J. Cushwa, Jr., Thomasville
Norma Harbin, Winston-Salem
James G. “Choppy” Wagner, Washington*
Modale Walsh, Robbinsville*
Everett L. “Shorty” Waters, Jacksonville
Thomas H. “Toby” Webb, Albemarle
John W. “Jack” Young, Ahoskie*

Class of 1993
Frank Barger, Hickory*
Donald Bonner, Lumberton
George Whitfield, Hamlet

Class of 1994
George “Buck” Hardee, Wilmington
Doris Howard, Fayetteville
Bruce Peterson, Asheville
Homer Thompson, Winston-Salem

Class of 1995
Willie Bradshaw, Durham
Robert P. Colvin, Robbinsville
Joe Paul Ehlen, Asheville
Augustus B. “Gus” Purrel, Charlotte
George W. Wingfield, Reidsville*

Class of 1996
Paul Gay, Sanford
John W. “Honey” Johnson, Elizabeth City*
Glenn Nixon, Clayton
Robert R. Sawyer, Greensboro

Class of 1997
Dr. Wiley “Army” Armstrong, Rocky Mount*
Chuck Clements, Gastonia*
David Lash, Winston-Salem*
Larry Lindsay, Wake Forest

Class of 1998
Gerald “Pearlie” Allen, Shelby
Norris “Pee Wee” Jones, Asheville
Bill Mayhew, Troutman
Dr. Craig Phillips, Raleigh
Mary Garber, Winston-Salem
Marvin “Red” Hoffman, Wilkesboro
Dr. Andy Miller, Asheville

Class of 1999
Charles “Babe” Howell, Webster
Paul Jones, Kinston
Jerry McGee, Elizabeth City
Jim Mills, Garner
Joe Mills, Raleigh
Donna Norman, High Point
Robert Paroli, Fayetteville

Class of 2000
Marion Kirby, Greensboro
Don Patrick, Newton
Hilda Worthington, Greenville
Charles England, Lexington*

Class of 2001
Jack Groce, Boone
Tom Northington, Greensboro
Walter Rogers, Roxboro
Wally Shelton, Mount Airy
John Swulford, Greensboro
Morris Walker, West Jefferson
Herd Young, Cary

Class of 2002
Cliff Brookshire, Brevard
Andrew Cozart, High Point
Bill Friday, Chapel Hill
Herman Hines, Reidsville
Bob Lee, Southern Pines
Ray Oxendine, Pembroke

Class of 2003
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Clarence Moore, Asheboro*
Pres Mull, Lexington
Tom Pryor, Edneyville
Stuart Tripp, Ayden

* posthumous induction

Jerry McGee Earns Prestigious National Award At Conference

INDIANAPOLIS—Jerry McGee, CAA, executive director of the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association (NCADA), is the recipient of the 2003 Thomas E. Frederick Award of Excellence presented by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA).

McGee received the NIAAA Award of Excellence in December in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the 34th annual National Conference of High School Directors of Athletics conducted by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

The Thomas E. Frederick Award of Excellence is a prestigious award presented each year to an NIAAA member whose loyalty to the association and contributions to the profession represent excellence in achievement.

The award is named after the late Thomas E. Frederick, who served as NFHS assistant and associate director for 22 years before his retirement in 1989. Frederick was responsible for starting the National Conference of High School Directors of Athletics in 1971 as well as the NIAAA in 1977.

McGee has made several successful contributions to education-based athletic programs - from an athlete in high school and college, to a teacher and coach at the high school and college levels, to his current role as athletic administrator.

McGee has been executive director of the NCADA since 1991, a position he held concurrently as director of athletics at Elizabeth City-Pasquotank (North Carolina) Public Schools until 1997.

As executive director of the NCADA, McGee coordinates North Carolina’s state athletic directors conference and has organized the state hall of fame for athletic administrators since 1995.

At the national level, McGee has been North Carolina’s state liaison to the NIAAA since 1991 and was part of the NIAAA Delegate Assembly from 1991 to 2001. He also is chairman of the NIAAA State Executive Directors Council and helped organize the first Executive Directors Summit in 2003.

He has also been very active with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, serving on the NCHSAA Board of Directors, the Awards Committee and the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

McGee has a long list of recognitions, including the NIAAA State Award of Merit in 1996, the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award in 1998 and the NFHS Citation in 1997.

In 1991, McGee was chosen NCHSAA athletic director of the year. In 1998, he was inducted into the NCADA Hall of Fame and the NCHSAA inducted McGee into its Hall of Fame in 1999.

McGee, who played collegiate football at Duke University, coached football at Kansas State University, Southern Illinois University, East Carolina University and Duke University before returning to high school administration at Elizabeth City Northeastern High School in 1976.
The items on this agenda were approved by the NCHSAA Board of Directors in December, 2001.

A - Realignment Officers
* Chairman for the next realignment - Bob McRae, Superintendent, Randolph County Schools
* Eastern Co-Chair - Tommy Nance, Superintendent, Columbus County (Regions 1, 2, 3 and 4)
* Western Co-Chair - Bill Church, Superintendent, Mt. Airy City Schools (Regions 5, 6, 7 and 8)
* Election for realignment committee representatives held at Regional Meeting, September, 2002. Ballots given to principal, or designee.
* NCHSAA staff members involved with putting together the initial plan are Charlie Adams and Dick Knox.
* Rick Strunk, NCHSAA, will be handling all paperwork. Any requests, concerns, or suggestions must be put in writing and sent to Rick's attention.

B - Realignment Procedures
* Realignment process will be for 2005-2009.
* Classification will be for all sports.
* Schools will play in classification.
* The NCHSAA Board of Directors reserves the right to place a school up or down in cases where the realignment committee believes there is an extreme geographic hardship and there is no negative affect on other schools.
* If request is approved, the committee has the right to recommend to the Board of Directors appropriate restrictions for the school(s) involved.
* Charlie Adams and Dick Knox will make the first draft of conference assignment. Information will not be released until it is mailed to all schools (approximately in February, 2004)
* After committee review, draft will be distributed to member schools.
* Use numbers provided by the SDPI for the best month out of the first two months. (Note: When classifying schools projected to open in the first year of realignment, enrollment will be established by the realignment committee using projections provided by the LEA, Superintendent and certified by the Board of Education.)
* Use grades 9-12 as the basis for aligning schools.
* Combination conferences will be allowed only when suitable conferences within classification cannot be identified.
* No three-level conference will be permitted.
* Every school must have a conference assignment.

C - Realignment Time Table
* September, 2002 - Elect realignment committee at the regional meetings. The committee will consist of 16 members, two per region in addition to the three officers.
* December, 2003/January 2004 - SDPI furnishes best month of the first two months using average daily membership (ADM) of each member school for the 2003-2004 year. Schools will then be divided into four classes, equal in size if possible.
* January, 2004 - at request of the membership the NCHSAA staff will put together a preliminary plan and distribute information.
* March, 2004 - Schools are required to attend either the East or West meeting to react to preliminary plan.
* April, 2004 - Realignment committee meets to review alternate proposals from membership - 2nd draft is distributed to schools for review.
* June, 2004 - Realignment Committee meets and finalizes conferences.
* October, 2004 - Deadline for appeals based on procedural errors.
* December, 2004 - NCHSAA Board of Directors consider appeals - finalize alignment.
* August, 2005 - New alignment begins.

D - Realignment Comments
* Process will be discussed at state AD's Conference, 2003.
* Process a focal point at the 2003 Regional Meetings.
* Process will be discussed with the City/County AD's, 2003 and 2004.
* Process will be on the NCHSAA board agenda, 2003.
* Process will be discussed at the State AD's Conference, 2004.
* Comments will be made at NCHSAA Annual Meeting, 2004.
Interns Have Another Outstanding Semester In NCHSAA Offices

CHAPEL HILL—Another excellent group of students worked during the fall 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 worked in the fall semester of 2003 include:

- Daniel Klutz, a junior at UNC and a graduate of West Rowan High School, where he played football; he is majoring in exercise and sports. His father Henry was a long-time high school principal and served a term on the NCHSAA Board of Directors.
- Lindsay Sauls, a junior at UNC and a graduate of Farmville Central High School, where she played volleyball and softball; she is a journalism/history double major and her father is the highly successful Farmville Central football coach and athletic director Dixon Sauls.

Large Turnouts For Regional Meetings Across North Carolina

CHAPEL HILL—For the 32nd 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 Western regions during the first week and the meetings in the East 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 each 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.

The meeting at the new Murphy Football Center at Carter-Finley Stadium at North Carolina State University set an all-time regional meeting record in attendance with 170.

Hurricane Isabel forced postponement of the Region 1 and 2 meetings from their original September dates. Those meetings were held in October.

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.

2003 NCHSAA Regional Meetings

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Scholarships For Teachers Named In Honor Of Former NCHSAA Director

DURHAM—A special scholarship has been developed and named for one of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s former executive directors.

A new Honored Educator Scholarship has been established at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of teaching as a tribute to Simon Terrell, for whom the NCHSAA offices are named and who served as executive director of the organization from 1967 to 1984.

Willis Whichard of Chapel Hill, dean of the School of Law at Campbell University and vice-president of the Development Foundation of NCCAT, announced creation of the fund during the 45th class reunion at Durham High School in August.

The Simon F. Terrell Scholarships will go to teachers from Durham, Orange, Wake and Warren Counties. The NCCAT scholarship program makes it possible for the center to serve for teachers.

NCCAT offers a full complement of professional development activities on a year-round basis for teachers at pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade levels. More than 6,000 teachers attend the seminars each year.

Terrell was an outstanding coach and teacher at Durham High and also coached at John Graham in Warrenton and Cary before joining the NCHSAA. A native of Warrenton, Terrell earned both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

“Simon Terrell was more than just a coach. He was a teacher in every sense of the word. His subject was life, not just sports,” said Whichard, a student of Terrell’s at Durham High in the last 1950’s as he announced the scholarship. “His genuine interest in his students continues long after they left his classroom. Through them and the many people they have touched, his influence will linger long after both he and they are gone.”
**NCHSAA Board of Directors Holds Winter Meeting In Chapel Hill**

**CHAPEL HILL**—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors concluded its regular winter meeting on Wednesday at the Simon F. Terrell Building, the home of the NCHSAA offices.

President Ed Sadler, superintendent of the Gaston County schools, praised the Board for providing leadership for high school athletics and making difficult decisions.

The Board heard an announcement from deputy executive director Dick Knox that he was planning to retire on December 31, 2004. He has been with the NCHSAA for 20 years and was praised by both Sadler and executive director Charlie Adams for his great service.

The Board also voted to drop Laurinburg Charter School from the NCHSAA membership for several violations, including using non-certified officials and playing in a number of non-sanctioned tournaments in men’s basketball, and failing to respond to repeated requests for information. Laurinburg Charter appealed the decision of the Review/Officiating Committee to the full Board, but the Board upheld the decision.

The school could reapply for membership after a year.

The Board also voted to affirm the decision to move this year’s 1-A championship football games, scheduled for Wallace Wade Stadium in Durham, to Sunday afternoon and evening, December 7, because of a conflict with a nationally televised Duke basketball game.

Among the highlights, other actions included:

— a total of $119,234 will be returned to the NCHSAA member schools from the Endowment fund to help offset the cost of catastrophic insurance. The fund itself has grown to $4.8 million.

— ejections continue to decline in all sports. Football and men’s soccer are both down substantially in ejections for this year, with football currently at 60 ejections for all schools for the 2003 season.

— the beginning date of fall sports practice for 2004 has been set for Wednesday, July 28

— the starting time for the state track and field championships on a Friday will be moved from 3 p.m. to noon to get student-athletes home at an earlier hour

— in basketball, the sectional qualifiers to the regional tournament will be established, and then it will be determined which ones will go to the Eastern Regional and which ones head West. It might help reduce travel in certain situations for schools.

— ad hoc committees were appointed to study the length of seasons and the eligibility issue of a player transferring schools and playing for a second school in the same sport and the same sport season

— in bracketed team sports, the NCHSAA will go to playing at the higher seed throughout the rounds prior to the championship, and using a predetermined seeding priority when equal seeds meet. That way a number-one team would always be at home against a number-two, and if there were equal seeds the host would be predetermined by the seeding priority. The priority is already used in soccer and basketball.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held in Winston-Salem in early May.

**Carolina Panthers Unveil Wall Of Champions Highlighting Prep Football**

**CHARLOTTE**—The Carolina Panthers have unveiled a tribute to high school football at Ericsson Stadium.

The Wall of Champions was first displayed at the Atlanta Falcons—Carolina Panthers game in late September. The Wall of Champions features framed jerseys of all 2002 North and South Carolina high school football champions, both public and private schools, as well as the jersey of the 2002 Shrine Bowl champion. The display includes each team’s classification, record and head coach’s name. The Wall of Champions is located at the East gate concourse inside Ericsson Stadium.

“The Carolina Panthers are proud supporters of high school football in North and South Carolina. Prep football plays an important role in communities across the region and we are excited to recognize these teams which have achieved the highest on-field honor, that of state champion,” said Riley Fields, director of community relations for the Panthers.

Each season, the Panthers will update the display with current-year state champions. Some of the teams represented on the Carolina Panthers Wall of Champions are as follows:

**NCHSAA Champions**

Charlotte Independence (4AA)

Asheville A.C. Reynolds (4A)

Gastonia Ashbroook (3AA)

Winston-Salem Carver (3A)

Reidsville (2AA)

Burlington H. M. Cummings (2A)

Albemarle (1AA)

Elkin (1A)

Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas: North Carolina
Students Receive Lowe’s Hometown Hero Recognition

WILKESBORO—Lowe’s, in conjunction with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA), has announced several winners in the Lowe’s Hometown Heroes program.

Albert Blackmon, from North Surry High School in Mt. Airy, was the recipient of the October 2003 Lowe’s Hometown Hero award. Kim Holloway from the North Wilkes High School in Hays earned the September recognition.

Lowe’s Hometown Heroes program acknowledges the accomplishments of North Carolina high school students who excel in the combined areas of academics, community service and athletics. Albert will receive an awards package including a plaque. On Albert’s behalf, North Surry High School will receive a $1,000 Lowe’s gift card and a $500 donation will be made to the Surry County Sheriff’s Christmas Fund, a charity chosen by Albert.

“Albert is an outstanding student and is currently ranked first in his class,” said Terri E. Mosley, North Surry’s principal. “He has received numerous academic honors, including a Morehead Scholar nomination. And while he could easily rest on his laurels and focus only on his own interests and pursuits, Albert continues to turn his attention outward to focus on others.”

A senior at North Surry, Albert has amassed more than 450 hours of volunteer community service during his high school career. Volunteer activities include membership in Youth Leadership Surry, the Student Council, working with Habitat for Humanity - Mt. Airy, raising money for the Surry County Sheriff’s Christmas Fund and organizing food drives.

He is an active member of North Surry’s DREAM Team and has participated in the Student Athlete Summer Institute program of NCHSAA. He is a two-sport athlete, running cross-country and playing golf. In addition to his accomplishments in class and in athletics, Albert received a Danforth “I Dare You” Leadership award, a national award given each year by the Danforth Foundation to high school juniors who exemplify leadership potential.

“Albert has inspired our student body, both by setting a strong example and by creating opportunities to become actively involved in community service projects,” said Shane Slate, North Surry’s athletic director.

Kim, a senior at North Wilkes, spends each season during the academic year participating in athletics, including volleyball, basketball and track. She was a member of the 2002-03 team honored in the NCHSAA Scholar-Athlete program for the highest GPA in the state among women’s basketball teams, and was co-captain of the track team her sophomore year. Kim entered her senior year with a 3.958 GPA.

“For some this would be too much, but Kim also consistently takes the most challenging courses in school,” said Michael Greene, North Wilkes High School’s women’s track coach and assistant basketball coach. “Not only does she take these courses but she excels in them, ranking near the top of her class.”

Kim is a member of North Wilkes High School’s Key Club and Beta Club, and through these organizations she helped in such projects as Adopt-A-Family at Christmas and coat and canned food drives. Outside of school, Kim has volunteered with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and is an active member of her church. She also holds down a part-time job.

Kim is constantly striving for excellence and is always looking for ways to improve and enhance her performance, be it on the court, on the track or in the classroom,” said John Worley, principal of North Wilkes High School. “She is a great student and great athlete, but above all, she is a tremendous person.”

“We are pleased to recognize all these student’s accomplishments with the Lowe’s Hometown Hero award,” said Gray Abercrombie, Lowe’s divisional marketing manager. Lowe’s, 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.

With 2002 sales of $26.5 billion, Lowe’s Companies, Inc. is a FORTUNE 100 company that serves approximately nine million customers a week at more than 900 home improvement stores in 45 states. In 2003, FORTUNE named Lowe’s America’s Most Admired Specialty Retailer. Based in Wilkesboro, N.C., the 57-year old company is the second-largest home improvement retailer in the world. For more information, visit Lowes.com.

Hickory Public Schools Recognize State Champs
In Unique Fashion

HICKORY—The Hickory Public Schools are celebrating their 100th anniversary this year, and the school system recently had what it called “an evening with our state champions” as part of “Celebrating a Century of Excellence.”

At halftime of a Hickory High School football game with nearby rival St. Stephens, the community recognized both current and former student-athletes from the school system who had earned state championships in either team or individual sports.

The Centennial Committee prepared a booklet that was distributed at the game, providing a listing of all the state championships won by the system’s student-athletes and a history of the 97 different titles won by individuals or teams in 14 different sports spanning seven different decades.

Hickory athletes have won crowns in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, the old Western North Carolina High School Activities Association and the North Carolina High School Athletic Conference, the organization for black high schools.

Ridgeway High in 1948 won an NCHSAC title in men’s basketball and was the first team from Hickory to earn a state crown.

One of the individual state champions, swimmer Cathy Burgess, captured a state swimming title at the age of 14 and later went on to swim at the University of North Carolina. She served as an intern in the NCHSAA offices who went on to become a middle school teacher and is now the current Hickory High swim coach.
NCHSAA Game Official Involved In Daring Rescue During Hurricane Isabel

KILL DEVIL HILLS—There are many stories involving Hurricane Isabel, but one particular compelling one involves an attempted rescue and a North Carolina High School Athletic Association game official.

The Associated Press reported that rescuers sent to help people trapped by the hurricane almost became victims themselves, spending nearly five hours in four feet of turbulent water after waves rolled their truck upside down.

Three people had called 911 for help, saying they were stuck with 40-foot lengths of rope, long enough to avoid being crushed by the truck if it rolled over again.

Eventually, the water ebbed enough for the rescuers themselves and the people whom they were to rescue to walk to the AP report, the three rescuers tied themselves to the truck with 40-foot lengths of rope, long enough to avoid being crushed by the truck if it rolled over again.

Oklahoma deputy Melvin Walston, who is a registered NCHSAA official, along with deputy George Bowman and Coast Guard officer Tim Pike were sent to rescue them. However, their truck dropped into a low spot on the sand-covered road and broke something in the drive train. And while they were trying to don life jackets, a wave broadsided the truck and knocked it on its side and a second wave turned the truck upside.

The two men tried to free Walston, who had been driving, and he finally escaped the vehicle before a third wave turned the truck on its side again.

As the rushing water threatened to sweep them away, according to the AP report, the three rescuers tied themselves to the truck with 40-foot lengths of rope, long enough to avoid being crushed by the truck if it rolled over again.

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NCHSAA Coach-Captain Retreat Attracts Students From Across North Carolina

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association held its fall 2003 Coach-Captain Retreat, the 18th in a series of successful events.

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

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

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

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

Facilitators included the following NCHSAA Student Services Trainers: Mike Brown, retired athletic director from the New Hanover County schools and president of B&M Associates; P.J. Taylor, former coach at Williamston High and safe and drug free schools coordinator for the Martin County Schools; Beth Jaharias, early childhood specialist and former teacher from Raleigh; Ralph Holloway, principal at East Carteret High School and former athletic director and coach; and Joey Womble, an alternative school director for the Washington County schools.

Other facilitators included Patrick Gunn, a coach at Topsail High School; Teresa Coleman, a coach at West Bladen, and Faye Corbin, a coach at Hope Mills South View.

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

There were over 110 participants in the retreat, with a total of 77 student-athletes and 35 adults attending. The adult total included 21 coaches, representing a total of 19 different schools.

Teams at the retreat represented the following schools:

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Lake Norman Among Winners
In Inaugural NCHSAA
Cheerleading Event

RALEIGH—Lake Norman High School of Mooresville captured top honors in the super large division as the North Carolina High School Athletic Association held its first-ever cheerleading invitational championship at Reynolds Coliseum.

Over 80 teams competed in the inaugural event. Lake Norman won in the category for teams with 22 or more members. Erwin Triton was the winner in the large varsity division (17 to 21 members) while Cherryville finished first in the medium varsity division (13 to 16 members).

Hempstead Topsail took grabbed top honors among small varsity teams (five to 12 members).

Southeast Raleigh won the junior varsity division while Apex Middle Creek was first in the high school non-tumble category.

Lindsey Craven of Eastern Randolph won the varsity individual category while the Rockstars of Southeast Guilford placed first in the varsity all-girl partner stunt competition.
Mathias Of Jordan-Matthews Wins Second Straight 1-A Singles Championship

CARY—Sophomore Helen Mathias of Siler City Jordan-Matthews captured her second consecutive North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A women’s singles championship at the Cary Tennis Center.

Mathias, the top seed, and second-seeded Kasey Mabe of North Stokes battled in a two and half hour marathon in the championship match, with two of the three sets going to tiebreakers, including the decisive final set. Mathias prevailed 6-1, 6-7(5), 7-6(1).

The Jordan-Matthews standout now has a record of 63-0 in NCHSAA singles play during her career.

In doubles, the top-seeded pair of Mary Elizabeth Rouse and Jessica Eileen of Hendersonville took the title in straight sets over Lindsey Phillips and Amy Stockhouse of Jordan-Matthews, 6-0, 7-5.

NCHSAA 2003 STATE 1-A WOMEN’S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Cary Tennis Center, Cary

Singles Championship
Helen Mathias (Siler City Jordan-Matthews) def. Kasey Mabe (North Stokes) 6-1, 6-7(5), 7-6(1).

Doubles Championship
Mary Elizabeth Rouse-Jessica Eblen (Hendersonville) def. Lindsey Phillips-Amy Stackhouse (Siler City Jordan-Matthews) 6-0, 7-5.

Second-Seeded Cloer Wins 2-A Singles; Wilkes Central Pair Takes Doubles Title

CARY—Second-seeded Brittany Cloer of Brevard beat top-seeded Meg Dlugos of Charlotte Catholic to win the singles championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A women’s tennis championships at the Cary Tennis Center.

Cloer defeated third-seeded Cassidy Spencer of Wilkes Central in a morning semifinal to move into the championship match against Dlugos, who beat the number-four seed, Swansboro’s Kathleen Olson, in straight sets. Cloer then rolled to a 6-4, 6-1 triumph in the final.

In doubles, the top-seeded team of Emily Mathis and Alexis Elmore of Wilkes Central took an easy 6-2, 6-0 victory in the championship match over Charlotte Catholic’s Anne Dunaway and Jenna Siskey, after winning their morning semifinal in straight sets at love.

NCHSAA 2003 STATE 2-A WOMEN’S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Cary Tennis Center, Cary

Singles Semifinals
Meg Dlugos (Charlotte Catholic) def. Kathleen Olson (Swansboro) 6-1, 6-1; Brittany Cloer (Brevard) def. Cassidy Spencer (Wilkes Central) 6-2,6-0.

Singles Championship
Cloer (Brevard) def. Dlugos (Charlotte Catholic) 6-4, 6-1.

Doubles Semifinals
Emily Mathis-Alexis Elmore (Wilkes Central) def. Allison Somers-Milica Dragas (Salisbury) 6-0, 6-0; Anne Dunaway-Jenna Siskey (Charlotte Catholic) def. Britney Kane-Rachel Heidmann (Brevard) 6-4, 1-6, 6-1.

Doubles Championship
Mathis-Elmore (Wilkes Central) def. Dunaway-Siskey (Charlotte Catholic) 6-2, 6-0.

Fred T. Foard’s Isenhour Takes Second Straight Title; East Chapel Hill Wins Doubles

BURLINGTON—Junior Lauren Isenhour of Newton Fred T. Foard battled past Hickory’s Emily Mauser to win her second consecutive North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A women’s singles tennis crown at the Burlington Tennis Center.

Isenhour downed the talented 14-year-old freshman 6-3, 6-2 in an all-Catawba County championship match. It was the third time the two had played this season, with Mauser dealing Isenhour her only loss of the season earlier in the year while Isenhour took the matchups in the regional and state championships.

Both survived very difficult morning semifinal battles that went three sets. Isenhour beat German foreign exchange student Stephanie Reinhartz of East Rowan, rallying to win 3-6, 6-2, 6-3. Mauser rallied from 4-1 down in the final set to oust Stephanie Parkinson of Monroe Weddington, 5-7, 6-3, 7-6(7).

It was an all-East Chapel Hill state doubles championship, with the team of Shea Huxtable and Whitney Draper downing teammates Julia Howard and Liz Boak 6-3, 6-3.

The state final was a rematch of the Mideast Regional championship but a reversal of those results.

NCHSAA 2003 STATE 3-A WOMEN’S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Burlington Tennis Center, Burlington

Singles Semifinals
Lauren Isenhour (Newton Fred T. Foard) def. Stephanie Reinhartz (East Rowan) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; Emily Mauser (Hickory) def. Stephanie Parkinson (Monroe Weddington) 5-7, 6-3, 7-6(7).

Singles Championship
Isenhour (Fred T. Foard) def. Mauser (Hickory) 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles Semifinals
Shea Huxtable-Whitney Draper (East Chapel Hill) def. Sara Fender-Emily Carriel (Gastonia Forestview) 6-1, 6-0; Julia Howard-Liz Boak (East Chapel Hill) def. Kate Miners-Ashley Thompson (Monroe Piedmont) 6-4, 6-3.

Doubles Championship
Huxtable-Draper (East Chapel Hill) def. Howard-Boak (East Chapel Hill) 6-3, 6-3.

Newman Of Greensboro Page Snaps Broughton Singles Title Streak; Caps Win Doubles

RALEIGH—Catherine Newman of Greensboro Page outlasted Raleigh Broughton’s Julia Roach to take the singles title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A women’s tennis championships at the Millbrook Exchange Park.

Newman defeated Roach in three sets, 6-3, 4-6 and 6-3, to take the crown and snap a streak of eight consecutive years in which a Broughton player had won the NCHSAA 4-A women’s single crown.

Roach survived a marathon three-set match in a morning semifinal that lasted three hours and 15 minutes. Roach downed North Mecklenburg’s Teresa Wang in a taut affair, 6-7(4), 7-6(5) and 6-3.

Broughton did keep its streak in doubles alive, however, with a doubles team from the Raleigh school winning for the third consecutive year.

Broughton’s Hampton Williams and Frances Blanton scored a 6-1, 6-4 triumph over top-seeded Mallory Cook and Jessica Cook of Scotland in the finals.
**Broughton, East Chapel Hill Continue Streaks In Dual Team Tennis Finals**

**BURLINGTON**—Both Raleigh Broughton and East Chapel Hill ran their strings of consecutive state championships to six in the 14th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association women’s dual team tennis championships at the Burlington Tennis Center. Broughton won its sixth straight 4-A crown and eighth title in the last nine years as the Caps overpowered Greensboro Page 5-1. East Chapel Hill once again captured the 3-A championship, downing Monroe Weddington 5-2.

State 4-A singles champion Catherine Newman of Page won at the number one singles but Broughton swept the remaining singles, including winning two matches in straight sets at love. Broughton concluded the season with a perfect 26-0 record while Page finished 20-2.

East Chapel Hill won four of the six singles and then Julia Howard and Liz Boak clinched the title for the Wildcats with a win at the second doubles. East wound up 21-6 while Weddington was 17-2.

Charlotte Catholic took the 2-A title, defeating Greene Central 6-2. It was Greene Central’s sixth straight trip to the championships but the Rams are still looking for that elusive first state title.

Catholic won its fifth state dual team title and closed the season at 24-1 while Greene Central was 27-2.

Siler City Jordan-Matthews completed a perfect 24-0 season and won handily, beating Seven Springs Spring Creek 8-1. The two-time state 1-A singles champion, sophomore Helen Mathias of Jordan-Matthews, easily won her match at the number-one singles to keep her perfect high school record intact, not having lost a match in her high school career.

Spring Creek, in its first state team championship appearance in any sport, closed an 18-4 campaign.

**STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES**

**CLASS 4-A: RAILEIGH BROUGHTON 5, GREENSBORO PAGE 1**

Singles: Catherine Newman (P) def. Julia Roach 6-3, 6-0; Hampton Williams (B) def. Bonnie Gregory 6-1, 4-6; Frances Blanton (B) def. Brooke Walter 6-1, 6-4; Amanda Cash (B) def. Ginny Hager 6-0, 6-0; McKenley Mann (B) def. Preston Stakias 6-0, 6-0; Ali Dixon (B) def. Ali Steinborn 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles: not played since outcome was already determined.

**CLASS 3-A: EAST CHAPEL HILL 5, MONROE WEDDINGTON 2**

Singles: Stephanie Parkison (W) def. Shea Huxtable 7-6, 6-4; Julia Howard (ECH) def. Meghan Reynolds 6-0, 6-0; Megan DeBell (W) def. Liz Boak 6-4, 3-6; Whitney Draper (ECH) def. Rachel Gauspolh 6-1, 6-1; Lauren Held (ECH) def. Britt Jenrich 6-2, 6-1; Claire Darling (ECH) def. Stephanie Bowan 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles: Huxtable-Draper (ECH) led Parkison-Gauspolh 9-5 when match halted; Howard-Boak (ECH) def. Reynolds-DeBell 10-3; Jenrich-Bowan (W) led Held-Darling 7-6 when match halted.

**CLASS 2-A: CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC 6, GREENE CENTRAL 2**

Singles: Michelle Alexander (CC) def. Meredith Rouse 6-0, 6-0; Meg Diugos (CC) def. Melissa Beddard 6-1, 6-0; Sarah Moore (GC) def. Anne Dungan 3-6, 6-3; Summer Chase (GC) def. Liz Tans 6-2, 4-6; Jena Siskey (CC) def. Christi Murphy 6-4, 6-3; Caroline Kuttner (CC) def. Holly Mace 7-5, 7-5.

Doubles: Alexander-Diugos (CC) def. Rouse-Chase 10-1; Dunaway-Siskey (CC) def. Beddard-Moore 10-2; Kuttner-Ally Leahy (CC) led Murphy-Ashley Harrell 6-5 when match halted.

**CLASS 1-A: SILER CITY JORDAN-MATTHEWS 8, SEVEN SPRINGS 1**

Singles: Helen Mathias (J-M) def. Stacy Smith 6-0, 6-1; Lindsey Phillips (J-M) def. Sarah Warren 6-1, 6-0; Amy Stackhouse (J-M) def. Stephanie Parkison (W) def. Shea Huxtable 7-6, 6-4; Rebekah Wrenn (J-M) def. Kelly Murphy 6-1, 6-0; Haley Deaton (J-M) def. Melanie Harlow 6-0, 6-0; Lauren Hadley (J-M) def. Sarah Bragg 6-2, 6-0.


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**WOMEN’S GOLF**

**Richmond’s Wright Wins Crown, Leads Team To Title In NCHSAA Women’s 4-A Golf**

**PINEHURST**—Richmond’s Whitney Wright had a four-over par 76 in the rain to capture the individual championship in the 23rd annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state women’s golf championships at Pinehurst number eight.

Wright tied for second in the 2002 championship, nine shots behind eventual winner Blair Lamb of East Henderson. Lamb competed this year in the 1-A/2-A/3-A championship, winning that individual title.

Richmond took the team championship for the second consecutive year with a 318 total, two shots ahead of Chapel Hill. Raleigh Millbrook was third at 323, seven shots off the pace.

**NCHSAA 2003 WOMEN’S STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Pinehurst number eight**

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VOLLEYBALL

Millbrook’s Hutchins Wins Men’s 4-A Race; Jordan’s Merrill Defends Crown

CLEMONS—Senior Nick Hutchins of Raleigh Millbrook took top honors among the individuals in the men’s 4-A race at the 2003 North Carolina High School Athletic Association state cross country championships at Tanglewood Park.

Hutchins covered the course in 15:43.25, almost 25 seconds ahead of Mount Tabor’s Ryan Curran.

Hope Mills South View’s Robert Longoria was third, and he led the way for the Tigers to the men’s 4-A team crown. South View had four runners in the top 11 to slip past defending champion Chapel Hill, 50-70. Morrisville Green Hope was third.

Senior Katherine Merrill of Durham Jordan successfully defended her 4-A women’s individual title, nipping Chapel Hill’s Lindsey Nidolski by less than a second. Charlotte Providence took team honors with 70 points, with Chapel Hill in second at 98 points.

Senior Jeremy Hyder of Hickory beat defending 3-A champ Jesus Rojas of Harnett Central to the finish line by just over three seconds in the men’s race with a winning time of 16:37.58. In the team standings, East Chapel Hill’s men placed five in the top 15 to score 34 points and win the team title for the second straight year, with 93 points for runner-up Matthews Weddington.

Weddington’s women took top honors, however, winning the 3-A meet with 72 points to 109 for Asheville T.C. Roberson. East Chapel Hill was third with 111.

Freshman Claire Duval of Roberson was the women’s 3-A individual winner in 19:55.64, about 20 seconds ahead of Weddington’s Heather Goldstein.

Surry Central Men Continue Dominance; Monroe’s Taylor Wins Second Straight Crown


Taylor covered the course in a time of 19:30.21, winning easily. Her time was more than a minute faster than runner-up Jennifer Jones of West Stokes. Freshman Christina Storm of North Henderson was third.

Charlotte Catholic, with four runners placing in the top nine, took the women’s 2-A team title for the second consecutive year with 37 points, while Brevard was runner-up with 76. Wilkes Central placed third with 88.

Senior Daniel Slaydon of Reidsville earned top honors among the 2-A men, winning in a time of 16:50.50. He was just over 15 seconds ahead of East Davidson’s Nick Schilly, with Javier Acesto of North Henderson in third.

East Davidson’s men won the 2-A team crown with 65 points, followed by North Henderson at 92 and Black Mountain Charles D. Owen at 118.

Surry Central’s men continued their dominance in the 1-A ranks, scoring an all-time record low of 20 points to win the meet with a whopping 108 points over runner-up Durham School of the Arts. Surry placed five runners in the first seven in the team scoring, getting awfully close to a perfect score.

Neil Waldron of Polk County, who was 10th last year, won the individual 1-A title in a time of 17:12.06, just .63 seconds ahead of Surry Central sophomore Miguel Ocampo. Surry’s Fabrician Rodriguez was third.

Hayesville’s women won the 1-A team title with 57 points, snapping Hendersonville’s two-year hold on the top spot. East Wilkes was second with 99 points and Surry Central was in third at 112.

Surry Central senior Kala Robertson was the individual winner among the 1-A women in a time of 19:41.61, about 24 seconds faster than Princeton’s Summer Graham, in second place.

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Pictured here are two of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's top basketball players of all time. Current Eastern Alamance star JamesOn Curry (left) already holds a number of state records and broke the NCHSAA career scoring mark in mid-December. He began the season not too far behind the long-time record holder, Lawrence "Cotton" Clayton, who played at Zeb Vance High in Kittrell from 1956-59. Clayton scored 2,758 points during his prep career.

NCHSAA Record Holders

THE MOUNT AIRY MUSEUM has unveiled a tribute to legendary coach Wally Shelton, a member of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Shelton's teams won five state championships in football and he coached football, men's and women's basketball and baseball at the school for 27 years.
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 Daniel Kluttz, a UNC student from West Rowan, did an outstanding job going through the information sheets, compiling these lists. The following lists are not intended to be comprehensive or complete, but are based information submitted by schools that returned that portion of the School Information Sheets.

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.

In some cases, the NCHSAA did not receive updated figures for these coaches so listed are the last available figures we received.

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