Eight Named To Join NCHSAA Hall of Fame

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

Bobby Guthrie of Raleigh, Jack Huss of Rutherfordton, Lindsey Linker of Chapel Hill, Shelly Marsh of Smithfield, Dave Odom of Winston-Salem, Cindi Simmons of Webster, Sam Story of Burlington and Ron Vincent of Greenville have been named as the 27th group of inductees to join the prestigious hall. That brings to 156 the number enshrined.

The new inductees were honored during special halftime ceremonies at a football game at Kenan Stadium in late October, when North Carolina played Boston College. The University of North Carolina designated the day as the 29th annual NCHSAA Day. The new class will officially be inducted at the special Hall of Fame banquet next spring in Chapel Hill.

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

“These individuals joining the Association Hall of Fame this year have had a tremendous impact on high school athletics across North Carolina,” said NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield. “Their accomplishments are impressive, but the character they exemplify and the lives they touched are truly representative of what the NCHSAA stands for. Their selection maintains the standards of excellence established by our previous inductees, and we are proud to honor these deserving individuals.”

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Bobby Guthrie

Bobby Guthrie has excelled as a teacher and coach as well as an administrator during his illustrious career.

Born in Alamance County, he attended Southern Alamance High School and then graduated from University of North Carolina in 1974, where he was an outstanding baseball player. He started his coaching career by working three years at Scotland High, where he led his team to the NCHSAA state 4-A baseball championship. Then Guthrie embarked on college coaching, including 13 years at the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

After brief stints at Wilmington Laney and Apex, Guthrie became the senior administrator for athletics for the Wake County schools and earned a number of awards there.

A former member of the Boards of Directors of both the NCHSAA and the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association, Guthrie has also been recognized nationally for his contributions to coaches education. He was the National Federation Coach Educator of the Year in 2010 and is in the Southern Alamance Hall of Fame.

Jack Huss

Jack Huss has compiled an impressive slate as a high school and college coach but also has had a stellar career as an official.

A graduate of R-S Central, Huss was an outstanding football and baseball player at Lenoir-Rhyne College, graduating in 1969. He was one of the youngest head football coaches in the country at the college level when he coached at L-R from 1974 to 1980. He also served as head football coach at Richmond Senior (1980-83), Hunter Huss (1985-86) and R-S Central (1987-95), and also coached golf for 11 years and served as athletic director at R-S Central.

Huss began his officiating career while a college student and had to step away while coaching college football. But he has officiated high school basketball for almost 40 years in addition to six years at the college level. He has worked five different NCHSAA state championship basketball games and has called in five regionals and 30 sectional tournaments, earning the NCHSAA Golden Whistle Award for officiating excellence in 2012.

Huss was inducted into the Lenoir-Rhyne University Sports Hall of Fame in 1996.

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Lindsey Linker
Lindsey Linker has become known as one of the top tennis coaches in the history of North Carolina.

A graduate of Myers Park in Charlotte and then the University of North Carolina, Linker began her high school coaching at Chapel Hill in 1981 and was there for 10 seasons. Coaching both men’s and women’s teams there, her teams posted a 294-39 mark, won two NCHSAA state dual team titles and had four individual state champs.

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Linker has been very active in community activities and fundraisers and was the NCHSAA Doris Howard Coach of the Year in 2010. She is a founding board member of the North Carolina High School Tennis Coaches Association.

Shelly Marsh
Shelly Marsh was an outstanding head coach in basketball at several different stops as well as a well-respected administrator.

Born in Chatham County, Marsh went to J.S. Waters High School and then graduated from North Carolina A&T in 1965. He was successful at every coaching stop, starting at W.H. Robinson High in Pitt County in the old North Carolina High School Athletic Conference, with a record of 101-52, and then from 1973 to ’84 at Greenville D.H. Conley, where his teams went 219-102. He also coached at Havelock (158-81) and then Smoky Mountain High School when the Bulldogs rolled up a record of 294-39, won two NCHSAA state dual team titles and had four individual state champs.

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Dave Odom
Dave Odom had a stellar career as a collegiate basketball coach, after over a decade of success at the high school level.

A three-sport star at Goldsboro High School, Odom went on to Guilford College, where he was the school’s Athlete of the Year before graduating in 1965. From 1965 through ’76, Odom coached in the high school ranks, first at Goldsboro and then as head basketball coach at Durham.

Odom then moved to Wake Forest University as an assistant coach and wound up serving as head basketball coach at East Carolina, Wake Forest and South Carolina. His collegiate coaching mark as head coach was 409-274 and he guided teams to nine NCAA tournaments and six NIT events, including winning three NITs and a pair of ACC tournaments. All during that time, though, he remained supportive of efforts of the NCHSAA and even participated in several special events.

He has been inducted into many Halls of Fame, including Goldsboro High, Guilford College, Wake Forest, and the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame, among others.

Cindi Simmons
Cindi Simmons compiled a brilliant record as a coach in two different sports at Sylva-Webster and then Smoky Mountain High School when Sylva-Webster and Cullowhee merged.

A graduate of Hayesville High and then Western Carolina University, Simmons was a star high school and college athlete. She captained the WCU women’s basketball team in 1981-82 and was seventh on the school’s all-time scoring list. She went on to coach volleyball 26 seasons and basketball for 30, winning three state titles in volleyball and the 2007 NCHSAA 2-A title in basketball.

Her career mark in basketball was a stellar 512-279, and she won 11 conference championships and almost 400 matches in volleyball.

She has earned a number of previous honors, including the NCHSAA’s prestigious Toby Webb Coach of the Year award in 2008. She was the first female president of the North Carolina Coaches Association, during the 2005-06 academic year, and joined the Western Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000.

Sam Story
Sam Story has firmly established a reputation as one of the state’s top high school football coaches.

Story is a graduate of Burlington’s Walter Williams High School, where he later guided some great football teams himself. He graduated from Elon in 1969.

Story enjoyed a 40-year career as a coach and teacher, including 29 as a head football coach. He began his high school coaching at the old Gibsonville High for a year and then went to Southern Alamance. He was athletic director and football coach at Southern Alamance from 1973 to ’77, where his teams posted a great mark of 37-7. After several years as an assistant at Duke, Story went back to Williams where the Bulldogs rolled up a record of 201-98, including winning two NCHSAA 3-A state championships. He also won six conference track and field championships at Williams as a coach in that sport.

He coached in both the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and the North Carolina Coaches Association East-West all-star games, and has been president of the Alamance County Sports Council.

Ron Vincent
Ron Vincent has put together the most wins ever for a North Carolina high school coach in the sport of baseball.

Vincent, a native of Greenville, graduated from J.H. Rose High School in 1965 and then from East Carolina University in 1969. Then he embarked on his remarkable teaching and coaching career, all in Pitt County as well.

He coached for four years at Farmville Central and then came to Rose in 1973. Since that time he has built the Rampants into a perennial power, guiding his teams to an amazing record of 800-216, including a host of championships at various levels. Rose has won a total of six NCHSAA state baseball titles under Vincent, including crowns in 1975, 1997, ’99, 2003, ’04, and ’08.

Vincent is a member of St. James United Methodist Church in Greenville and has served on the Greenville Babe Ruth Board of Directors.

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. 

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES can always be found on the right side of the home page of the NCHSAA website, a helpful calendar function for member schools.
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, Asheboro

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. Cashwa, Jr., Thomasville
Norma Harbin, Winston-Salem
James G. "Choppy" Wagner, Washington*
Modeal Walsh, Robbinsville*
Everette L. "Shorty" Waters, Jacksonville
Henry Thomas "Toby" Webb, Albemarle
John W. "Jack" Young, Ahoskie*

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

Class of 1994
George "Buck" Hardee, Wilmington
Doris Howard, Fayetteville
Bruce Peterson, Asheboro
Homer Thompson, Winston-Salem

Class of 1995
Willie Bradshaw, Durham
Robert P. Colvin, Robbinsville
Joe Paul Ebel, Asheville
Augustus B. "Gus" Purcell, Charlotte

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 "Pearly" Allen, Shelby
Norris "Pee Wee" Jones, Asheboro
Bill Mayhew, Troutman
Dr. Craig Phillips, Raleigh
Mary Garber, Winston-Salem
Marvin "Red" Hoffman, Wilkesboro
Dr. Andy Miller, Asheboro

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 Swofford, Greensboro
Morris Walker, West Jefferson
Herb Young, Cary

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

Class of 2003
Gerald Austin, Greensboro
Pat Harrell, Hertford
Hoy Isaacs, Reidsville*
Raymond "Buddy" Luper, Fayetteville*
David Maynard, Burlington
Clarence Moore, Asheville*
Pensull, Lexington
Tom Pryor, Edneyville
Stuart Tripp, Ayden

Class of 2004
Mike Brown, Wilmington
John Clougherty, Raleigh
James "Rabbit" Fulghum, Snow Hill
Ed Peeler, Shelby
Ned Sampson, Pembroke
Dave Smith, Washington
Kathy Stefano, Raleigh
Carroll Wright, Clyde

Class of 2005
Tim Brayboy, Cary
Jim Burch, Cary
Dick Knox, Chapel Hill
Tom McQuaid, Beaufort*
Mike Raybon, Jamestown

Class of 2006
Al Black, Spring Lake
Pat Gainey, Taylorsville
Charlie Gregory, Randleman
Tommy Hunt, Durham
Joan Riggs, Swansboro
Don Saine, Gastonia

Class of 2007
Stuart Allen, Charlotte
Daryl Barnes, Lexington
Bob Brooks, Elizabeth City
Bill Carver, Fayetteville
Elton Hawley, Charlotte
Fred Lanford, Hudson
Bill Rucker, Black Mountain

Class of 2008
Charlie Adams, Chapel Hill
Bill Bost, Catawba*
Ken Browning, Durham
Richard Hicks, Durham
Mac Morris, Greensboro
Jan Stanley, Hendersonville
Tim Stevens, Raleigh
Billy Widgeon, Morehead City

Class of 2009
Brad Faircloth, Greensboro
Gilbert Ferrell, Wilson
Bruce Hardin, Charlotte
Jim Maxwell, Durham
Vicki Peoples, Raleigh
Carolyn Shannonhouse, Cary
Pete Stout, Salisbury

Class of 2010
Harvey Brooks, Trenton
Tunney Brooks, Lumberton
Tom Brown, Maiden
Bob Catapano, Raleigh
Joe Hunt, Hendersonville*
Carolyn Rogers, Hertford
Que Tucker, Morrisville

Class of 2011
Rosalie Bardin, Wilson
Sheila Boles, Wilmington
Jimmy Fleming, Creedmoor
John Frye, Vass
Jerry Johnson, Goldsboro
Mike Matheson, Newton*
John Morris, High Point*
Tom Suiter, Raleigh

Class of 2012
Donnie Baxter, Asheboro
Ronnie Chavis, Pembroke
Lawrence Dunn, Raleigh
Doug Henderson, Greensboro
Lindsay Page, Burlington
Larry Rhodes, Gastonia
Robert Steele, Salisbury
Jimi Taylor, Shelby

Class of 2013
Bobby Guthrie, Raleigh
Jack Huss, Rutherfordton
Lindsey Linke, Chapel Hill
Shelly Marsh, Smithfield
Dave Odom, Winston-Salem
Cindi Simmons, Webster
Sam Story, Burlington
Ron Vincent, Greenville

Class of 2014
Jim Taylor, Shelby

Class of 2015
Bill Carver, Fayetteville

Class of 2016
Bill Rucker, Black Mountain

Class of 2017
Bill Carver, Fayetteville

Class of 2018
Bill Rucker, Black Mountain

Class of 2019
Bill Carver, Fayetteville

Class of 2020
Bill Rucker, Black Mountain

* posthumous induction
NCHSAA Presents Awards At Regional Meetings

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association presented special awards at its just completed eight regional meetings across the state.

Commissioner Davis Whitfield of the NCHSAA, on behalf of the Association, presented both the Charlie Adams Distinguished Service Awards and the Special Person awards to recipients in each region.

The Charlie Adams Distinguished Service Awards are given per region and go to a person with at least 10 years experience in education and athletics who is still active in the field and has regularly gone “above and beyond” the call of duty at both the local and the state level. The Special Person award is similar but may go to a contributor to the NCHSAA who is not directly in coaching or education.

The award winners include:

REGION 1
Charlie Adams Distinguished Service
Kenny Meekins, Manteo—Kenny has been a highly successful baseball coach at both Princeton and at Manteo, guiding Princeton to an NCHSAA state I-A baseball title in both 1992 and ‘94, and then Manteo to a state crown in 1996. He has also served for years at Manteo as athletic director.

Special Person
Marvin Jarman, Rose—Marvin Jarman graduated from Rose in 1969 and was selected as Mr. School Spirit then, but the label is still very accurate. Marvin literally hardly ever misses a football, basketball or baseball game involving Rose and attends practices, clinics and conventions. The Rose athletic complex is actually located on Marvin Jarman Drive and there is no bigger supporter of high school athletics.

REGION 2
Charlie Adams Distinguished Service
Debra Bryant, Lejeune—Debra Bryant has been a successful coach in various sports at Lejeune and has also served at that Department of Defense school as athletic director for a number of years, dealing with some of the unusual situations that may occur with a Department of Defense school. She has previously been recognized as Teacher of the Year in the Lejeune schools and has been very involved with the NCHSAA.

Special Person
Ed Gilroy, Trask—Ed Gilroy has been at Trask since it opened and is well respected as an athletic director across the region. Ed was the first Pender County athletic director to earn the prestigious Certified Master Athletic Administrator designation, and he has served as a conference president. He’s been at Trask since 2002, and Pender 10 years before that, and is beginning his 36th year in the classroom. He’s also coached track and field for 28 years, cross country 12, been involved with football for 15 and has even coached basketball and golf. Trask has hosted NCHSAA regionals in both track and cross country and has hosted numerous conference championships. He also teaches the LTC courses for the North Carolina Athletic Director Association.

REGION 3
Charlie Adams Distinguished Service
Michael Gainey, Rocky Mount—Michael has been a highly successful teacher and coach at Rocky Mount in the Nash-Rocky Mount school system since 1989. A graduate of East Carolina University, Gainey has coached his Rocky Mount men’s basketball team to NCHSAA state championships in both 2010 and 2012 and has won numerous coach of the year honors. He also serves as his school’s athletic director, is a certified athletic administrator, and has been very supportive of the NCHSAA.

Special Person
Tamara Cole, Holly Springs—Tamara Cole is the co-chair of the health and physical education department at Holly Springs and coaches women’s golf as well as men’s and women’s swimming at the school. She has built the Holly Springs swimming program and has also been a great asset to the NCHSAA, helping to run the 4-A Eastern Regional swimming championships many times as well as being involved with numerous state championships.

REGION 4
Charlie Adams Distinguished Service
Michael Baker, Fairmont—Michael has been the long time athletic director and men’s basketball coach at Fairmont. He served a term on the North Carolina Athletic Directors Board of Directors, and from 2004 to 2007 served on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. He guided his team to an NCHSAA state basketball championship in 1994 and was also the Robeson County Teacher of the Year in 2007-08.

Special Person
Rich Wainwright, Pinehurst—Rich has been instrumental in helping to obtain one of the beautiful golf courses at Pinehurst for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association championships, which certainly provides “a memory forever” for our student-athletes and has been a great thrill for all those involved in the sport. The NCHSAA has greatly appreciated the great relationship it has with Rich, and he also helps coach the Pinecrest golf team.

REGION 5
Charlie Adams Distinguished Service
Jim Wilson, Rockingham County Schools—Jim is the athletic director for the Rockingham County schools and has been involved in so many different aspects of high school athletics. He has been on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association and has served as a conference president on numerous occasions.

Special Person
Curtis Swisher, Kernersville—Curtis Swisher is the town manager for the town of Kernersville, but it is completely appropriate that he is honored by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. He has worked very closely with the NCHSAA to make sure the experience at the state cross country championships at Beeson Park is a first-class one, and he has worked tirelessly toward that goal. The course now hosts several outstanding cross country events. He is very supportive of youth sports initiatives, including running, in the town of Kernersville.

THE MISSION of the NCHSAA is to provide governance and leadership for interscholastic athletic programs that support and enrich the educational experience of students.
REGION 6
Charlie Adams Distinguished Service

Doug Jones, Union County—Doug Jones is the athletic director for the Union County schools after serving at Monroe for many years. He is a graduate of Monroe High and a graduate of Wingate University. He has also coached at both the high school and collegiate levels, helping with the Wingate women’s basketball team for years.

Special Person
Scott Barringer—Scott Barringer has been one of the great advocates in the state for sports medicine and the health and welfare of our student athletes. He has served with distinction on the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and is a previous winner of the NCHSAA’s Elton Hawley Athletic Trainers Award. He has also served as president of the North Carolina Athletic Trainers Association Board of Directors.

REGION 7
Charlie Adams Distinguished Service

Rexanna Lowman, Burke County—Rexanna Lowman is in the central office at Burke County Schools after a stint as principal at East Burke High School. She recently completed a four-year term on the NCHSAA Board of Directors. She did an outstanding job helping the Board deal with some major issues, speaking on behalf of the entire state but also representing Region 7 well.

Special Person
James Hayes, Mount Airy—James Hayes has been a long time coach and teacher at Mount Airy. He has been very instrumental in helping to run the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state tennis championships and has been a very successful coach. He has promoted the sport of tennis tirelessly, running youth camps in his area, and has been inducted into the Greater Mount Airy Sports Hall of Fame.

REGION 8
Charlie Adams Distinguished Service

David Ball, Clyde Erwin—David Ball is the veteran athletic director at Clyde Erwin High School and has been involved with the NCHSAA in a number of capacities. He has a major role with the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association and represents that organization on the Board of Directors of the NCHSAA. He is in his 35th year of teaching at Erwin.

Special Person
David Jones, Henderson County—David Jones is a veteran of the Henderson County school system, beginning his career as a teacher and coach there in 1978 and coached a men’s basketball team at Edneyville to a state title in 1984. He has touched about every base, including assistant principal, principal, senior director and then associate superintendent before being named superintendent in 2010. He has been recognized by the NCHSAA previously.

NCHSAA Regional Meetings Held Across State

CHAPEL HILL—For the 42nd consecutive year, the North Carolina High School Athletic Association has held its regional meetings across the state.

For a two-week span, NCHSAA staff takes 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 commissioner Davis Whitfield and deputy commissioner Que Tucker 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 served as chairperson for the meeting.

The meetings included updates on NCHSAA sports regulations, eligibility rules, emerging issues, question and answer sessions, presentation of 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 invited to attend the meetings.

The representatives of the North Carolina Coaches Association and the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association from the particular region also presented reports, and awards are given in different categories in each region. A member of the NCHSAA’s Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) also made a presentation.

The regional meeting swing started in Charlotte on Monday, September 17 and then went to Asheville, Wilkesboro and Greensboro. In the second week, week the meetings started in Fayetteville on Monday and then went to Kenansville, Greenville and Raleigh.

Richmond, Hoke Hold Special Event

Recently two North Carolina High School Athletic Association member schools collaborated on a unique athletic event.

Hoke County High School and Richmond Senior High School combined to put together a series of kickball games. Gary Brigman, athletic director at Hoke, and athletic director Kevin Mabe of Richmond came up with the idea to have the Exceptional Children’s students from each school compete in kickball.

The first set of games was played at Richmond Senior, with Richmond to travel to Hoke County High School at a later date. Brigman and Mabe noted that they hope other schools will participate in this activity, that all the participants really enjoyed the event and the sportsmanship exhibited was outstanding.

Others involved with putting this event together included the Hoke County Exceptional Children Department, the Hoke County athletic department, the Richmond Senior athletic department, and the Richmond County Exceptional Children Department.

Congratulations to these two schools for hosting such a meaningful event for all involved.
129 NCHSAA Schools Are Ejection Free For 2012-13 Academic Year

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association has announced that 129 member schools in the NCHSAA were ejection free in their athletic contests during the 2012-13 school year.

The schools were recognized at the Association’s regional meetings scheduled across the state. The 129 schools represent 32.3 percent of the NCHSAA’s member schools, based on the 396 member schools last year.

Two schools, A.L. Brown in Kannapolis and Winston-Salem Prep, successfully completed their fifth consecutive ejection free years, one of the milestones that the NCHSAA tracks.

The guidelines record ejections for unsportsmanlike acts such as fighting, taunting, profanity, obscene gestures or disrespectfully addressing or contacting officials.

The 2006-07 academic year was the best since the NCHSAA starting tracking ejections in 1997, with 202 schools earning ejection free status, which represented 54.8 percent of the member schools in that year. There were 113 ejection free schools in 2010-11, or 29 percent of the membership, and there were 127 ejection free schools during the 2011-12 academic year.

“We are proud that 128 schools were ejection free last year,” said NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield, “but we have to continue to make sportsmanship a priority and not lose focus until all member schools are also ejection free.”

All schools with no ejections for the year received a certificate of recognition at the recently completed NCHSAA regional meetings across the state. North Carolina Farm Bureau sponsors this as part of its initiative with the NCHSAA.

2012-2013 Ejection-Free Award Recipients

Region 1
Ayden-Grifton
Creswell
First Flight
Hertford County
Holmes, John A.
Ocracoke
Riverside-Martin
South Central
Southside
Washington

Region 2
Croatan
Eastern Wayne
Goldsboro
Jacksonville
Jones Senior
Kinston
Lakewood
Lejeune
New Bern
North Duplin
Pamlico County
Richlands

Region 3
Ayden-Grifton
Carrboro
Cary
East Wake Academy
Eastern NC School for the Deaf
Fike, Ralph L.
Franklin Academy
Fuquay-Varina
Garner
Gravette Central
Green Hope
Holly Springs
Middle Creek
Nash Central
Neuse Charter
North Carolina School of Science & Math
North Edgecombe
Northampton County
Northwest Halifax
Princeton
Raleigh Charter
Rocky Mount
Preparatory
Sanderson
South Johnston
Southwest Edgecombe
Tarboro
Voyager Academy
Weldon
West Johnston

Region 4
Cape Fear Senior
East Columbus
North Moore
Pinecrest
Seventy-First
South Robeson
Southern Lee
West Montgomery
Western Harnett
Westover

Region 5
Atkins
Bishop McGuinness
Carver
Chatham Central
Cummings
Dudley, James B.
East Davidson
Glenn, Robert B.
Jordan-Matthews
Ledford Senior
Lexington Senior
McMichael
Northeast Guilford
Northwest Guilford
Ragsdale
Randallman
Reidsville
Rockingham County
South Davidson
Southern Guilford
Southwest Guilford
Walkertown
Western Alamance
Winston-Salem Preparatory

Region 6
Berry Academy, Phillips O.
Brown, A.L.
East Gaston
Gariner
Highland School of Tech
Hough
Jesse Carson
Lincoln Charter
Marvin Ridge
North Gaston
North Lincoln
North Mecklenburg
Olympic
Parkwood
Providence
Queens Grant
Salisbury
Shelby
Sun Valley
Vance, Zebulon
West Charlotte
West Mecklenburg
West Rowan

Region 7
Christ the King
Davie
Hickory
Macon
NC School for the Deaf
North Surry
Pine Lake Preparatory
South Iredell
St. Stephens

Region 8
Andrews
Asheville
Avery
Blue Ridge
Franklin
McDowell
Mitchell
Mountain Heritage
Nantahala
North Buncombe
North Henderson
Polk County
Rosman

WELLS FARGO CUP WINNERS

Recipients of the Wells Fargo Cups for the 2012-13 academic year were recognized at Kenan Stadium during activities for NCHSAA Day. With the Cups are representatives of each of the four champion schools, which won the award for overall sports excellence in state playoff competition during the year. They are, from left, Green Hope High School in the 4-A classification, represented by principal Dr. Jim Hedrick; Cardinal Gibbons among 3-A schools, represented by athletic director Todd Schuler; Carrboro in the 2-A class, represented by athletic director April Ross; and Lake Norman Charter among 1-A schools, represented by athletic director Matthew Schlegel.
Spring AAA Scholar-Athlete Winners Named By North Carolina High School Athletic Association

CHAPEL HILL—High school students in the spring semester earned over 14,000 individual awards for achievements in the classroom as well as on the playing court or athletic field.

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association made the awards in its AAA Scholar-Athlete program, which includes recognition of varsity teams that attain certain grades as well as individual athletes.

A total of 5,468 student-athletes earned the individual Scholar-Athlete award.

Individual Scholar-Athletes attained at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester in which he or she competed. The award is based on first semester grades for fall and winter sports and second semester grades for spring sports, and the school submits the nomination form verifying the grade point average on behalf of the athlete or team.

In the team division, a varsity team earns Scholar-Athlete recognition by attaining a 3.1 aggregate GPA for that designated semester. The school receives a certificate from the Association honoring the accomplishment and each member of the squad will also receive a certificate. A total of 8,611 individual awards were given in this category, and 350 varsity teams captured team honors.

A minimum of five individuals is necessary to constitute a team, and all team members must be included in figuring the team GPA. The team achieving the highest grade point average in the state in its particular sport and submitting its application by the appropriate deadline receives a plaque commemorating that achievement.

In addition, the top three finishers in each sport will receive a cash incentive from AAA for its athletic department as part of the AAA Scholar-Athlete program.

“We are extremely proud of the achievements of these outstanding student-athletes,” said Davis Whitfield, NCHSAA commissioner. “Our AAA Scholar-Athlete program demonstrates that we have a tremendous number of athletes who are participating in athletics and succeeding in the classroom.”

Weddington captured top honors in both men’s and women’s lacrosse and Salisbury was also a double winner.

The Scholar-Athlete program recognized over 40,000 individuals during the course of the 2012-13 academic year. There were 886 varsity teams that earned the team award during the academic year. The Scholar-Athlete recognition has been a part of the NCHSAA program for over 25 years.

AAA NCHSAA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAM AWARD WINNERS
NCHSAA Spring Sports 2013

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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 42nd annual renewal.

The clinic is scheduled for Goldsboro High School on Saturday, January 11, 2014, and features another tremendous lineup. Registration is scheduled from 7:30 to 9:00 a.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. High school and middle school coaches may receive one unit of continuing education credit.

Dave Odom, former head basketball coach at Wake Forest and at South Carolina, will be the kickoff speaker at 9:05, followed by Dr. Chris Hasty, who will speak on injury prevention for today’s baseball players.

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

- “What College Coaches and Scouts Are Looking for in Today’s Athletes” will be discussed by Methodist University head coach Tom Austin, Atlanta Braves scout Billy Best, Ferrum head coach Ryan Brittle, East Carolina head coach Billy Godwin and Coastal Carolina assistant Joe Hastings.
- “Practice Organization for the High School Coach” will include Rick Robinson, head coach at Young Harris College (GA), and Mount Olive assistant Rob Watt.
- “Indoor and On-Field Drills To Become a Better Player” will be discussed by Myrtle Beach (SC) High School head coach Tim Christy, George Mason assistant Tag Montague, Richmond assistant Tanner Biagini, and Voyager Academy head coach Pete Shankle.
- Pitching will be covered by North Carolina assistant coach Scott Forbes, Campbell assistant Rick McCarty, pitching coach Sam Narron of the Auburn Doubledays in the Washington National organization, Furman assistant Mike Ranson and East Carolina assistant Dan Roszel.
- Catching will feature Pitt Community College head coach Tommy Eason, Virginia Military Institute head coach Marlin Ikemberry, Charlotte assistant coach Kris Rochelle, Liberty assistant Garrett Quinn and UNC-Greensboro assistant Joey Holcomb.
- Infield play instructors will be Central Florida retired head coach Jay Bergman, Brunswick Community College head coach Robbie Allen, former major league manager Dave Bristol, Georgia Southern head coach Rodney Hennon, and UNC-Wilmington head coach Mark Scalf.
- Outfield play will be covered by Washington Nationals scout Paul Faulk, Catawba head coach Jim Gantt, Mount Olive head coach Carl Lancaster, Georgia Southern assistant Chris Moore and East Carolina assistant Ben Sanderson.
- Base Running will feature Campbell head coach Greg Goff, N.C. State assistant Chris Hart, U.S. Military Academy assistant Matt Reid, Louisburg head coach Keith Shumate and Davidson assistant Rucker Taylor.
- Hitting will be discussed by Virginia Commonwealth assistant Kurt Elbin, UNC-Greensboro head coach Link Jarrett, Duke assistant J.J. Jordan, Richmond assistant Matt Tyner and N.C. State assistant Brian Ward.
- Coach Whitfield will mail information to schools across the state in November. The only charge for the clinic is a pre-registration fee of $60 per person, which includes lunch. Any school or team that registers six or more people will be charged $50 per person.
- Registration at the door will be $70.
- Players 15 years of age and under may have their fathers attend for free, and they can eat lunch for just seven dollars.
- Questions about the clinic may be directed to George at (919) 778-6013 or write him at 216 Hardingwood Drive, Goldsboro, NC 27534.
LARRY CARPENTER

GASTONIA—Ashbrook High School guidance counselor Larry Carpenter died in late September after a difficult three-year battle with multiple myeloma. He was 47 years old.

Carpenter worked at Ashbrook for 14 years and held a similar position at Bessemer City High School for seven years before that.

Born in Gastonia, Carpenter was a 1984 graduate of Ashbrook and then graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He earned his masters’ degree from Winthrop University.

Carpenter served as the athletic trainer for North Carolina in the 2005 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and was a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association. He was a lifelong member of Lutheran Chapel Church in Gastonia.

MARVIN “RED” HOFFMAN

WILKESBORO—Marvin “Red” Hoffman, an outstanding head football coach and administrator and member of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, died at his home in early September at the age of 90.

Hoffman compiled a tremendous record as a head football coach and athletic administration during his career in Wilkes County.

A graduate of Statesville High and Appalachian State University, Hoffman built powerhouses at Wilkesboro High (1948-52) and then at Wilkes Central (1952-76). His career football coaching mark was an incredible 178-98-7, and his teams won seven conference titles in addition to the 1962 Western North Carolina High School Activities Association crown. He coached in both the Shrine Bowl and the East-West all-star games.

Hoffman served as athletic director for Wilkes County from 1976 until his retirement in ’85. He joined the NCHSAA Hall in the class inducted during the 1998-99 academic year and was the state athletic director of the year in 1978-79. The Wilkes Central field house was dedicated in his honor in 1993.

Burial, with full military honors by the U.S. Army, was at Mountlawn Memorial Park.

RONNIE GALLAGHER

SALISBURY—Ronnie Gallagher, sports editor of the Salisbury Post, died suddenly at the end of August.

According to the Post, Gallagher woke up early one morning with a severe upset stomach, went to an area hospital and died. He was 57 years old.

Gallagher became sports editor at the Salisbury Post in 1997 after joining the Post staff two and a half years earlier. He came to the Post after serving as sports editor of the Davie County Enterprise for nine years and had also worked for the Lexington Dispatch.

He was well known in the sports media community and was honored as the North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s Media Representative of the Year in 2005. He had also won numerous awards from the North Carolina Press Association.

He was a graduate of North Davidson High School. Gallagher had recently been hospitalized for a minor heart attack, according to the paper, but had returned to work.

A remembrance celebration was held at West Rowan High School.

PATRICIA RAYE ROBERTSON

FAYETTEVILLE—Patricia Raye Robertson, a long-time game official in softball and volleyball, died in early September after a long battle with cancer.

She had officiated for over 30 years and was a member of the USSSA’s North Carolina Hall of fame as an umpire.

She was the sister of Jimmy Raye, a former football star at E.E. Smith High School in Fayetteville and Michigan State University who has been a National Football League assistant coach for many years.

In Memorium

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

West Bladen Volleyball Team Does Great Service For Ronald McDonald House

BLADENBORO—The West Bladen High School volleyball team enjoyed a good year on the court, but their achievements off the court were outstanding.

The West Bladen volleyball team recently presented a check for $3,000 to Kenneth Rust, representing the Ronald McDonald House in Chapel Hill, in memory of Jude Mills. Jude was 17 months old when he died of a rare genetic disorder and was the child of a West Bladen faculty member.

The team sponsored bake sales, held a silent auction, sold half and half tickets and then sold Red Knight shirts to raise the money. The team and fans were dressed in red at the volleyball match with rival East Bladen. East even donated $100 to the cause.

Rust is the owner of several McDonald’s restaurants in Robeson, Cumberland and Columbus Counties. He noted that the Ronald McDonald House in Chapel Hill, the first of its kind in North Carolina, is going to be enlarged and a drive is underway to raise funds for that, and the donation will go to that fund.

The Mills family stayed at the Chapel Hill Ronald McDonald House on several occasions while Jude was receiving treatment. Interestingly enough, the house is located on the same road as the offices of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

Our thanks to West Bladen High School for the information and congratulations to this volleyball team. We also acknowledge BladenOnLine.com for additional information.

West Bladen Community Service

Members of the West Bladen High School volleyball team display the red shirts and a check indicating the money it raised through various activities to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Chapel Hill in memory of a child of a West Bladen faculty member. (Photo courtesy West Bladen).
**Coach-Captain Retreat Attracts Students From 15 Member Schools**

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association held its fall 2013 Coach-Captain Retreat in mid-October, the 33rd in the history of this program.

The event, part of the Association’s Student Services program, was held at the Radisson RTP 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. The retreats 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.

“The Coach-Captain Retreat is just one example of the tremendous programs offered through the NCHSAA for our member schools,” said Davis Whitfield, commissioner of the NCHSAA. “Our staff and the facilitators do a great job of developing the content for the retreats and coordinating the activities, so this program will reach schools and student-athletes all over the state.”

Facilitators included the following NCHSAA Student Services Trainers: Faye Corbin, teacher and coach at Hope Mills South View High School; Teresa Coleman, teacher at Bladenboro Middle School and Central SASI director; Mike Greene, teacher and coach at North Wilkes High School; Sheba Levins, teacher and athletic director at Woods Charter School; and Larry Ratliff, teacher and coach at Southern Guilford High School.

Coach-Captain retreats are organized and administered by NCHSAA assistant commissioner Mark Dreibelbis and assistant director Chiquana Dancy.

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

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

In addition to the staff, there were 98 participants in the retreat, with a total of 71 student-athletes and 27 adults attending. The adult total included 17 coaches or administrators and 10 parents of athletes.

Teams at the retreat represented the following 15 schools: Alexander Central, Ayden-Grifton, Bunker Hill, David Butler, McDowell, Myers Park, North Wilkes, Panther Creek, River Mill Academy, Rockingham County, South Brunswick, Weldon, West Brunswick, West Carteret, and Woods Charter.

**NFHS Rules Publications Now Available As E-Books**

INDIANAPOLIS—Rules books and case books produced by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) are now available for purchase online in electronic-book format.

The NFHS, which has written and published playing rules for high school sports throughout most of its 94-year history, is offering its rules publications in e-book format through iiTunes for Apple users. In addition, the Kindle version is being sold on Amazon.

All 2013-14 rules books and case books for fall sports are available for purchase through Amazon, and will be followed later in the year by winter and spring sports. The 2013 NFHS Football Rules Book is now available through iTunes, and rules books for field hockey, soccer and volleyball will be available soon, as well as case books in football and volleyball. Winter and spring rules publications will also follow later in the year for Apple users on iTunes.

“Production of rules publications has been one of the most important functions of the NFHS throughout its history, so we are excited to be able to offer this material in a way that meets current advancements in technology,” said Bob Gardner, NFHS executive director. “We believe these e-books will be a great supplement to our printed publications.”

Currently, the NFHS writes playing rules for 16 sports for girls and boys competition at the high school level, and annually publishes about 25 rules books, case books, officials manuals and handbooks. More than 1.3 million copies of rules-related publications are distributed annually throughout the world.

The NFHS writes playing rules in the sports of baseball, basketball, cross country, field hockey, football, girls gymnastics, ice hockey, boys lacrosse, soccer, softball, spirit, swimming and diving, track and field, volleyball, water polo and wrestling.

NFHS playing rules are written specifically for varsity competition among student-athletes of high school age and are intended to maintain the sound traditions of the sport, preserve the balance between offense and defense, encourage sportsmanship and minimize the inherent risk of injury for participants.
National Federation Responds To Report On Sports-Related Concussions

INDIANAPOLIS—Late last month, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and the National Research Council (NRC) released a detailed report on “Sports-Related Concussions in Youth—Improving the Science, Changing the Culture.”

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), which has been a leader among national sports organizations in the area of concussion awareness and management the past five years, fully cooperated with the preparation of the report and is in support of many of the report’s recommendations.

“We support the report’s conclusion that a culture change is a national priority,” said Bob Gardner, NFHS executive director. “Concussions are not ‘dings’—they are serious medical conditions that need to be addressed. I am pleased to report that the NFHS places its highest priority on risk minimization for the 7.7 million participants in high school sports.”

In 2008, the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee advocated that a concussed athlete shall be immediately removed from play and not return until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional. For the past four years, all NFHS rules publications have contained guidelines for the management of an athlete exhibiting signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion.

In addition, with help from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the NFHS developed a free, 20-minute online course “Concussion in Sports—What You Need to Know.” More than 1.2 million administrators, coaches, officials, athletes, parents and health-care professionals have taken the course since 2010. (See www.nfhslearn.com)

The NFHS also agrees that injury surveillance is important to help prevent future injuries. Since 2005, the National High School Sports-Related Injury Surveillance Study (High School RIO), commissioned by the NFHS and compiled by Dr. Dawn Comstock, principal investigator from the Pediatric Injury Prevention, Education and Research (PIPER) program at the Colorado School of Public Health and Colorado Children’s Hospital in Aurora, Colorado, has been collecting injury surveillance data for the NFHS.

The NFHS also works with the National Center for Catastrophic Sports Injury Research (NCCSIR) at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, which has been collecting catastrophic injury data on all sports for more than 35 years.

“The NFHS strives to minimize risk for all high school athletes in all sports,” Gardner said. “The athletic community – administrators, coaches, officials, athletes, parents and health-care professionals – should know that this support system of rules, education and research exists to provide a safer environment for all athletes in all sports. We hope the report will encourage all these leaders in the high school athletic community to recognize and respond more effectively to concussions.”

Soccer Field At Northwest Guilford Named For Bob Yow

GREENSBORO — The Guilford County Board of Education approved a proposal to name the Northwest Guilford High School soccer field in honor of a long-time teacher and coach at the school.

The soccer field at Northwest is named for Bob Yow, a longtime coach of both men’s and women’s soccer as well as women’s basketball.

Yow, who passed away in May 2012, was a respected teacher and held several leadership positions at the school during a tenure of over 30 years at Northwest.

Northwest Guilford held a ceremony to dedicate the field in October when Northwest played Ragsdale.

INTERNS

Two of the college students who are working in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association offices during the fall semester are Jordan DeWalt-Ondijo of Duke University and Kali Whitaker of the University of North Carolina. Jordan is a member of the Duke football team and Kali is a Davie High School graduate attending UNC.
Additional Classification Championship Coming To NCHSAA Indoor Track

CHAPEL HILL—Another classified state championship is being added to the number offered by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

The numbers of schools with indoor track teams has grown to the point that the sport will move from two classifications to three for championships for the coming season.

There will be a separate 3-A championship for both women's and men's teams this year, so there will be 4-A, 3-A and 1-A/2-A meets for indoor track.

All of the championships will be held at JDL FastTrack in Winston-Salem. The scheduled date for the championship meets was Saturday, February 8, 2014, but with three different classifications now competing championships will now be held on both Friday and Saturday of that weekend. Final details and schedules are still being worked out by the NCHSAA.

“The number of schools offering indoor track has met our requirements to add another championship classification, which is why we are making the adjustment,” said NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield.

“This will only enhance the championship experience for indoor track with the addition of the 3-A meets. However, we do have some work to do regarding how we will schedule these on that weekend. We certainly appreciate our great host venue, JDL FastTrack, working with us.”

The addition of the men's and women's championships in 3-A indoor track brings to 89 the number of team champions crowned in NCHSAA sports.

West Carteret Court Named For NCHSAA Hall Of Famer

BEAUFORT—West Carteret High School will name its basketball court in honor of retired basketball coach Billy Widgeon, according to a report in the Carteret County Times-News.

The Carteret County Board of Education has approved the naming. The board unanimously approved waiving the one-year waiting period, and then in a second motion, they approved naming the basketball court in Widgeon's honor.

Widgeon is a member of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, joining in 2009.

He starred on the 1953 Newport High School team that won the state 1-A basketball title and then led Atlantic Christian College (now Barton) to the NAIA national basketball championship in 1955.

He is also a member of the West Carteret Hall of Fame and the Barton College Hall of Fame.

Widgeon coached at Bailey High School from 1957 to 1964, where he directed the girls' basketball team to a state record of 107 straight victories.

He took over coaching at West Carteret in 1965. During the next 23 seasons, he led the Patriots to 342 victories, winning nine regular season conference titles and eight conference tournament titles. He also coached golf 27 seasons.

NCHSAA Staff Members Attend NFHS Section 3 Meeting In Savannah

SAVANNAH, GA—Several staff members from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association attended the National Federation Section 3 meeting here in early September.

Commissioner Davis Whitfield, deputy commissioner Que Tucker and assistant commissioners Carolyn Shannonhouse and Mark Dreibelbis attended the meeting. The annual event gives association executive directors and commissioners, along with selected staff, from across the region a chance to exchange ideas and discuss issues.

Section 3 states include North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana. The Georgia High School Association served as the official host.

NFHS executive director Bob Gardner was also in attendance.

Hoggard Names Football Stadium For Scott Braswell

WILMINGTON—Hoggard High School has named its football stadium in honor of its current head football coach.

The facility is now known as Scott Braswell Stadium.

Braswell came to Hoggard from Charlotte's Olympic High in 1997 and has rolled up 146 victories and a .750 overall winning percentage during his tenure at Hoggard. That includes 10 conference championships, two Hoggard players who are currently in the National Football League, and a 2007 North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A football championship.

Braswell has been the only Hoggard head coach in the 13-year history of the Vikings' on-campus stadium. The ceremony was held prior to an early regular season game between Hoggard and Purnell Swett, a game which Hoggard won by a score of 45-14.

The National High School Sports Record Book can be purchased from the National Federation of State High School Associations. A number of North Carolinians are among the national record holders. More information is available at (317) 972-6900.

UPDATING SCHOOL INFORMATION— Schools are urged to keep this information current throughout the year to make sure email notices go to the appropriate personnel, so if you have changes, please make sure you make the appropriate adjustments in your school information on line with the NCHSAA.
WOMEN’S TENNIS

Gray Stone Doubles Team Wins Title For Second Straight Year; COD’s Mudge Takes Singles

CARY—Courtney Mudge of Community School of Davidson defeated teammate Marisa Deininger for the singles championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A women’s tennis championships at the Cary Tennis Center.

Mudge took the title in two tough sets by 7-6 (3), 7-6 (2). She won a pair of matches on the opening day, taking three of those four sets at love.

The doubles final was a rematch of last year’s championship and the Misenheimer Gray Stone Day team of Libby Fowler and Brooke Herlocker made it two straight state titles. The Gray Stone Day pair rallied to beat Mount Airy’s Davie Barbour and Haley Thomas, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Fowler and Herlocker won last year’s state final by a score of 6-1, 6-0, but Barbour and Thomas topped the Gray Stone team in the regional championship, 6-3, 6-3.

NCHSAA 2013 WOMEN’S 1-A STATE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Cary Tennis Center, Cary
Singles—Championship
Courtney Mudge (Community School of Davidson) def. Marisa Deininger (Community School of Davidson) 7-6 (3), 7-6 (2).

Doubles—Championship
Libby Fowler-Brooke Herlocker (Misenheimer Gray Stone Day) def. Davi Barbour-Haley Thomas (Mount Airy) 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Bandys Singles Player Takes 2-A Championship; Salisbury Duo Beats Defending Doubles Champs

CARY—Cassidy Shell of Catawba Bandys earned the singles championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A women’s tennis tournament at the Cary Tennis Center.

Shell defeated Nancy Bridges of Shelby 6-2, 6-0 in the title match. Shell had beaten Anni Neiss of Franklin in the semifinals while Bridges outlasted Hannah Archer of Lake Norman Charter in three sets.

The Salisbury doubles team of Alexandra Drye and Madeline Hoskins took the state championship by beating the defending champs, Taylor Snowden and Emma McLeod, in the final.

NCHSAA 2013 WOMEN’S 2-A STATE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Cary Tennis Center, Cary
Singles—Semifinals
Sarah Jiang (Concord Cox Mill) def. Adrienne Haynes (Asheville) 6-2, 2-6, 6-1; Heidi Swope (Weddington) def. Helen Zhang (Fayetteville Terry Sanford) 6-2, 6-1.

Singles—Championship
Swope (Weddington) def. Jiang (Cox Mill) 6-3, 6-0.

Doubles—Semifinals
Natalie Freeman-Summer Jacobs (Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons) def. Claire Lieberman-Huda McGraw (Fayetteville Terry Sanford) 6-3, 2-6, 7-6(3); Devin Knors–Lizzie Galush (Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons) def. Chandler Brice-Tanner Brice (Rocky Mount) 6-0, 6-3.

Doubles—Championship
Knors-Galush (Cardinal Gibbons) def. Freeman-Jacobs (Cardinal Gibbons) 6-3, 6-3.

Wakefield’s Boyden Wins 4-A Singles Crown; Panther Creek Pair Defends Doubles Title

RALEIGH—Raleigh Wakefield’s Suzanne Boyden stopped the bid by Maggie Kane of Raleigh Broughton to win a second consecutive singles state title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 4-A women’s tennis tournament at the Millbrook Exchange Park.

Boyden, a sophomore, defeated Kane by 7-5, 6-2, dramatically rallying from 5-0 down in the first set. Boyden had beaten Kane earlier in the Cape Fear Tournament finals and then defeated her in the regionals.

In doubles, the Cary Panther Creek pair of Sammi Smith and Jordan Strickland, both sophomores, won the state title for the second straight year. Strickland and Smith defeated Jamie Rogers and Hannah Jabusch of Cary in a tough three-set match, outlasting their nearby rivals 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

Seven of the eight qualifiers to Saturday’s semifinals, from six different schools, were from Wake County, including all four doubles teams. Chelsea Sawyer of West Forsyth was the only non-Wake County participant left in the tournament on the final day.
NCHSAA 2013 WOMEN’S 4-A
STATE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Millbrook Exchange Park, Raleigh

Singles—Semifinals
  Maggie Kane (Raleigh Broughton) def. Bailey Edwards ( Holly Springs ) 6-2, 6-3; Suzanne Boyden ( Raleigh Wakefield ) def. Chelsea Sawyer ( West Forsyth ) 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Singles—Championship
  Boyden ( Wakefield ) def. Kane ( Broughton ) 7-5, 6-2.

Doubles—Semifinals
  Jamie Rogers-Hannah Jabusch ( Cary ) def. Lauren McCorquodale-Savannah Taranto ( Raleigh Millbrook ) 6-3, 6-1; Sammi Smith-Jordan Strickland ( Cary Panther Creek ) def. Adrienne Overcash-Alison Austin ( Raleigh Broughton ) 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles—Championship
  Smith-Strickland ( Panther Creek ) def. Rogers-Jabusch ( Cary ) 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.

WOMEN’S GOLF

Athens Drive’s Migliaccio Wins Women’s 4-A Golf Crown, Ardrey Kell Repeats As Champion

PINEHURST—Emilia Migliaccio of Raleigh Athens Drive maintained the lead she had built after the opening day and held on to win the individual title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A women’s golf championships at Pinehurst number six.

Migliaccio and Megan Cullip of Charlotte Ardrey Kell were tied for the lead after Monday's opening round with 73s. Migliaccio had a four-over 76 in the final round for a 149 total, two shots ahead of Meghan Symons of Green Hope and Moon Cheong of Ardrey Kell.

Cullip had an 84 in the final round to fall out of contention. There were 10 golfers within five shots of the lead entering the final 18 holes.

Par was set at 72 and the layout was 5,735 yards.

Defending team champion Ardrey Kell made it two in a row and three titles in the last four years, taking the crown with a score of 477, 12 shots ahead of Green Hope after holding a 10-stroke advantage after Monday's rounds. Southern Pines Pinecrest was third at 494 and Holly Springs placed fourth at 509.

The best three scores of a team counted toward the team totals, and a total of 11 teams and 78 individual golfers competed in the event, the 11th year that the sport has been classified. It was the third time that three separate championships have been held and the 33rd year for state championship competition in the sport.

Salisbury Rolls To 57-Shot Win In 1-A/2-A; Elkin’s Winebarger Is Medalist In Championship

SOUTHERN PINES—Salisbury built a convincing lead after the first day and then kept rolling on the final day to take the team title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s state 1-A/2-A women’s golf championships at the Longleaf Golf and Country Club.

Salisbury won its third consecutive state crown, expanding its 34-shot lead after the first day to card a 474 and win by a whopping 57 shots over Newport Croatian, at 531. Elkin was third at 533.

Elkin’s Annika Winebarger took the individual crown with a nine-over par total of 151, three shots ahead of teammate Mary Frances Hall.

Winebarger had the low round on Monday at 74 and added a 77 in the final 18 holes.

Two-time defending champion Isabella Rusher of Salisbury finished in a deadlock for second with Hall with rounds of 75-79. Leann Domitrovits of Croatian was fourth, five shots back.

The course was set at par 71 and 5,770 yards for the championship.

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VOLLEYBALL

Starmount Sweeps Raleigh Charter In 1-A Volleyball Championship

RALEIGH—Boonville Starmount’s Erin Barr had 17 assists and three kills to lead her team to a convincing three-set sweep of Raleigh Charter for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A volleyball championship at Reynolds Coliseum on the N.C. State campus.

Starmount had little trouble in rolling to victories of 25-10, 25-14 and 25-15.

Barr, a 5-8 senior setter, was named the Most Valuable Player of the championship.

Haley Hartman had eight kills and Hunter Welborn seven for the Rams, who finished the season 27-6. Starmount won its fourth NCHSAA state volleyball crown in five final appearances, with previous titles in 2003, ’04 and ’10.

Joanna Powers led Raleigh Charter with 11 kills. The Phoenix, who had an 11-match winning streak snapped, finished the season 21-4 overall.

Ledford Rolls To Third Straight Crown In 3-A; Lee County’s Shomee Wins Individual Honors

FOXFIRE VILLAGE—Ledford rolled to its third consecutive team championship on Tuesday in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s state 3-A women’s golf championships at the Foxfire Resort and Golf Club.

Ledford held just a six-shot advantage of Northern Guilford entering the final day of play but then recorded a 248 as a team for a 498 total, 29 shots ahead of Northern Guilford and West Henderson, who tied for second. Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons was fourth at 536.

Siranom Shomee of Lee County emerged from the pack of contenders in the individual race to take the championship, firing a two-over par 73 on Tuesday for a 149 total, one shot better than South Brunswick’s Ashley Sloup.

Abby Parsons of Cameron Union Pines, who also had a 73 in the final round, was third at 151.

The championship layout was a par 71 and 5,787 yards.

The best three scores of a team counted toward the team totals, and a total of 11 teams and 78 individual golfers competed in the event, the 11th year that the sport has been classified. It was the third time that three separate championships have been held and the 33rd year for state championship competition in the sport.
Born Leads Hendersonville To State 2-A Volleyball Title

RALEIGH—Outside hitter Cassie Born had nine kills to lead Hendersonville past Trinity Wheatmore in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A volleyball championship at Reynolds Coliseum on the N.C. State campus.

Hendersonville took the title in four closely contested sets, with scores of 25-20, 26-24, 22-25 and 25-21.

Born, a junior, was named the Most Valuable Player of the championship.

Caylie Shue also had an outstanding overall effort for the winners, with 12 kills. Amber Wheeler, Micayla Bedoian and Jamie Lee Zullo each had eight kills apiece for Hendersonville.

The Bearcats won their 11th state volleyball championship in 13 appearances in the final, both of which are the top marks for any NCHSAA school. Hendersonville ended the campaign with a 24-5 record and earned its second consecutive state title after winning the 1-A crown a year ago but moving up in the new realignment period.

Wheatmore, a relatively new school, finished 27-2 overall in its first trip to an NCHSSA volleyball championship. Casey Hawkins had a great defensive effort for the Warriors with 19 digs, while senior Kathryn Johnson had 10 kills and 16 digs for Wheatmore.

Cardinal Gibbons Wins Fifth Consecutive Title In 3-A Volleyball Championship

RALEIGH—In a battle of undefeated teams, Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons defeated China Grove Jesse Carson in three straight sets to capture the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A volleyball championship at Reynolds Coliseum on the N.C. State campus.

Cardinal Gibbons became the first NCHSSA school to win five consecutive state championships, downing Carson by scores of 25-19, 25-13 and 26-24.

The Crusaders, who finished the year perfect in 28 starts, now have an amazing postseason record in NCHSSA play of 37-1 and have been in the finals nine times with eight state crowns.

Senior setter Cheyenne Wood, who helped initiate the Crusader attack throughout the contest, was named the Most Valuable Player of the championship match.

Outside hitter Amy Robertson connected on 10 kills for the winners and Carmen Sigmon led the Crusaders in digs with 15.

Jesse Carson, in the finals for the second consecutive year against Gibbons, finished the season with a 34-1 record. Hannah Elmore and Madison West each had seven kills for the Cougars.

Wakefield Defeats Hough In 4-A Volleyball Final

RALEIGH—Outside hitter Darian Mack led the way as Raleigh Wakefield outlasted Cornelius W.A. Hough in four sets to take the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A volleyball championship at Reynolds Coliseum on the N.C. State campus.

Mack, a 6-1 senior, was a unanimous selection as Most Valuable Player of the championship with Wakefield prevailing 25-22, 25-19, 20-25 and 25-22. She was credited with a game-high 20 kills.

Wakefield played excellent volleyball in winning the first two sets, sparked by some big kills by Mack. Hough battled back, however, with outside hitter Julia Brown making several key plays, to take the third set.

Brown has committed to play at N.C. State.

The fourth set stayed tight until a Wakefield spurt put the Wolverines up 19-13. The Huskies kept scrapping and pulled within two four times before Wakefield finally put it away with a kill by Mack ending it at 25-22.

Jordan Glass had 13 digs for the winners. Brown led Hough with 10 kills and libero Maddie Lippy had 12 digs for the Huskies.

Both schools were making their initial appearances in the NCHSAA volleyball championships. Wakefield finished the season with a record of 25-2 while Hough posted a 32-2 slate.

Salisbury, Cardinal Gibbons, Panther Creek, Mount Airy Win Women's Dual Team Tennis

BURLINGTON—Salisbury rolled to its sixth consecutive state title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association women's dual team tennis championships at the Burlington Tennis Center.

Salisbury captured a 5-1 victory over Durham North Carolina School of Science and Math in the 2-A final, losing only at number-one singles and then sweeping the rest of the singles matches.

The Hornets were in the finals for the ninth straight year and are now 10-3 in NCHSSA women's dual team state finals. Salisbury finished with an 18-3 dual team mark while Science and Math suffered its first loss in 18 dual matches.

NCSSM made its fifth consecutive state championship appearance in two different classifications.

Cary Panther Creek swept the top five singles to grab a 5-1 victory over Charlotte Ardrey Kell in the 4-A championship, dealing Ardrey Kell its first loss of the dual-team season after 15 straight wins.

The Panther Creek wins included triumphs at number two and number three by Sammi Smith and Jordan Strickland, respectively. The pair had teamed to win the state doubles title last weekend.

Panther Creek finished 21-1 overall and won its first NCHSSA women's dual team tennis title.

In the 3-A final, Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons lost at the number-one singles and then swept the remaining singles for a convincing 5-1 victory over Weddington.

Weddington's Heidi Swope, who won the NCHSSA state 3-A singles title in the individual tournament, won her match at love but the Crusaders won all but one of the remaining matches in straight sets.

Gibbons finished a 28-1 dual-team season and won their second NCHSSA dual team crown in five finals appearances. Weddington wound up 13-5 in dual matches.

Mount Airy had little trouble in rolling to a 6-0 victory over Raleigh Charter in the 1-A championship, giving the Bears their third consecutive state title.

Bishop McGuinness Sweeps 1-A Titles; Weddington, Cardinal Gibbons Are 3-A Winners

KERNERSVILLE—Kernersville Bishop McGuinness, running close to home, successfully defended both its men's and women's team titles in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 1-A cross country championships at the Ivey Redmon Sports Complex in the morning session of championships.
**MEN’S SOCCER**

Hansson Is MVP, Leading Wallace-Rose Hill To NCHSAA 1-A Men’s Soccer Title In Shootout

RALEIGH—Senior goalkeeper Viktor Hansson of Wallace-Rose Hill made the key save and scored the game winner as the Bulldogs edged North Moore 3-2 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A men’s soccer championship at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University.

After 80 minutes of regulation time ended at 2-2, the teams battled through two 10-minute overtime periods and two five-minute golden goal sessions before heading into penalty kicks. Hansson, who made a dramatic save on a North Moore penalty kick in regulation and then stopped the Mustangs’ first attempt in the shootout, converted Wallace-Rose Hill’s fifth and final PK in the shoot as the Bulldogs got the winning goal on a 4-3 edge in PKs.

North Moore led most of the way in regulation, but Wallace-Rose Hill managed to tie the game in dramatic fashion. Senior Phillip Trappe scored his second goal of the day for the Bulldogs on a shot from the left side with only eight seconds showing on the clock, knotting the game at 2-2.

Junior forward Pedro Ugarte scored both of North Moore’s goals.

North Moore had 13 total shots, 10 on goal, while W-RH had eight of its 22 total shots on goal.

Both teams were playing in their first NCHSAA men’s soccer championship. Wallace-Rose Hill, which was the number-one seeded team in the Eastern bracket, ended the season with a 13-match winning streak and finished the season 23-3.

North Moore had a nine-match winning streak snapped and finished 20-4-1.

The Raleigh Sports Consortium served as a host city sponsor for the championship, along with the city of Raleigh and the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors’ Bureau.

Marvin Ridge Outscores Jacksonville In Wild 6-5 Match To Win 3-A Men’s Soccer

RALEIGH—Klint Parker of Waxhaw Marvin Ridge scored the game-winning goal in the 78th minute in a wild 6-5 victory over defending champion Jacksonville for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men’s soccer championship at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University.

It was the highest scoring NCHSAA men’s soccer final in history, with the 11 total goals, and four goals were scored in the final 10 minutes.

Senior midfielder Kyle Enoch of Marvin Ridge, who had two goals and an assist, was name the Most Valuable Player of the championship.

Jacksonville opened the scoring in the first three minutes on a goal by Tyler Moore, but Marvin Ridge erupted for four unanswered tallies to take a 4-1 lead at halftime. The Cardinals battled back with three unanswered goals themselves, in a 16-minute span, and finally tied the game in the 70th minute on Moore’s second goal of the match.

The tie didn’t last long, because Enoch scored off an assist from Will Green, who had three assists and a goal on the day, less than a minute later for a 5-4 Maverick lead.

The Cardinals weren’t through, with Dylan Elliott knotting the game again, this time at 5-5 in the 75th minute, setting the stage for Parker’s dramatic game winner with just 1:27 showing on the clock, his second goal of the day and 24th of the season.

**STREAKS CONTINUE IN 4-A FOR BROUGHTON, GREEN HOPE; EAST LINCOLN, NCSSM TAKE TOP HONORS IN 2-A CLASSIFICATION**

KERNERSVILLE—Two championship streaks continued Saturday afternoon for a couple of Wake County schools in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A cross country championships at the Ivey Redmon Sports Complex in the afternoon championship session.

Raleigh Broughton’s men won their third consecutive NCHSAA team championship—the seventh in a row by a Wake County school in the 4-A event—and Cary Green Hope notched its fifth straight state title in the women’s 4-A race.

Broughton, with four of the top 10 scoring runners representing the Caps, scored 49 points to 72 for Winston-Salem Mount Tabor. Apex was third with 123.

Charlotte Providence senior Wyatt Maxey took top individual honors in the 4-A men’s race, with a winning time of 15:17.55, less than a second ahead of Mount Tabor’s Ian Milder. William Roberson of Broughton was the Caps’ top finisher, coming in third.

Green Hope (81 points) held off Asheville T.C. Roberson (91) and Charlotte Myers Park (97) in the women’s race, with sophomore Elly Henes the top Green Hope finisher, taking third.

Kayla Montgomery of Mount Tabor was the individual champ in 17:29.12, over 11 seconds ahead of team-mate Sophie Ebihara. Gibbons, with four runners in the top eight scoring positions, won the women’s 3-A team title for the fourth consecutive year with 37 points. Waxhaw Marvin Ridge finished in second place with 73 points and West Carteret was third with 111.

**FAYETTEVILLE—Junior Maysa Araba of Carrboro took top individual honors in the 3-A women’s race in a time of 17:57.07, ahead of teammate Sophie Ebihara. Gibbons, with four runners in the top eight scoring positions, won the women’s 3-A team title for the fourth consecutive year with 37 points. Waxhaw Marvin Ridge finished in second place with 73 points and West Carteret was third with 111.**

**THE MEN’S 1-A TEAM RACE WAS EXTREMELY TIGHT, WITH ONLY EIGHT POINTS SEPARATING THE TOP THREE TEAMS. BISHOP RECORDS 90 POINTS IN THE MEN’S STANDINGS TO 95 FOR RESEARCH TRIANGLE AND 98 FOR ELKIN.**

Zach Boone of Mitchell was the individual 1-A champion, winning in a time of 15:51.84, almost 22 seconds ahead of Chris O’Brien of Raleigh Charter.

The victory by the Bishop McGuinness team in the women’s championship was a little easier, with Bishop getting 60 points to 98 for runner-up Lincoln Charter. Community School of Davidson placed third with 109 points, led by individual champion Malia Ellington. Ellington won in 19:05.13, 14 seconds ahead of Franklin Academy’s Hannah Zenker.

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Marvin Ridge had eight shots on goal to six for Jacksonville. Both teams were in the attack mode as each had eight corner kicks.

Jacksonville was making its fifth visit to the NCHSAA finals since 2005, with a 2-2 mark in previous title matches including an overtime win over Hickory in last year’s championship. Marvin Ridge was in the final for the second time, with its previous appearance resulting in a state title in 2009.

Marvin Ridge finished the year with a 22-1-4 and a nine-match winning streak. Jacksonville, which had won seven straight entering the final, finished 20-5-1.

The Raleigh Sports Consortium served as a host city sponsor for this championship, along with the city of Raleigh and the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors’ Bureau.

Cardelle Goal Lifts Salisbury
To Victory In 2-A Men’s Soccer

RALEIGH—Senior midfielder Bobby Cardelle knocked in the game-winning goal in the 48th minute to lift Salisbury to a 2-1 victory over Kill Devil Hills First Flight in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A men’s soccer championship at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University.

Cardelle, who scored his 45th goal of the season and also had an assist in the championship, was named Most Valuable Player of the match. The Hornets victory ended First Flight’s dream of an unbeaten season as the Nighthawks finished 23-1.

The first half ended deadlocked at 1-1. First Flight opened the scoring in the 12th minute on a unique goal by junior midfielder Jay Cueva, who was being shielded from the ball by a defender but was able to poke it through for a 1-0 lead. Salisbury countered in the 33rd minute when Emmy Turcios tallied his 25th goal of the year off an assist from Cardelle.

Salisbury’s stout defensive effort kept the high-powered Nighthawk off for the most of the night.

The Hornets had 11 shots, four on goal, to 12 for First Flight, three of which were on goal. First Flight had five corner kick opportunities to two for Salisbury.

Salisbury was in the championship match for the second time in three years, as the Hornets beat Carrboro in overtime to win the 2011 2-A crown. The Hornets ended the season on a 25-match winning streak and wound up 27-1 overall.

First Flight participated in its first NCHSAA men’s soccer final.

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T.C. Roberson Edges Raleigh Sanderson 2-1
To Capture NCHSAA 4-A Men’s Soccer

RALEIGH—Cam Wood’s header in the 66th minute proved to be the difference as Asheville T.C. Roberson edged Raleigh Sanderson 2-1 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men’s soccer championship at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University.

Wood’s header off a throw-in from Connor Cowan found the back of the net and lifted Roberson to its third NCHSAA championship all-time in the Rams’ sixth appearance in the finals. The Rams finished a brilliant season undefeated at 27-0-2 and won its last 21 straight.

Senior forward Austin Stamey, who had an outstanding all-around game and assisted on Roberson’s first goal, was named the championship Most Valuable Player.

Alex Lewis connected from point-blank range off an assist from Stamey in the second minute as the Rams jumped on top immediately 1-0, which was the halftime score.

Then Sanderson tied it in the first minute of the second half on an own-goal, when a ball deflected off a Roberson defender and went into the net.

Goalkeeper Kevin Rhash had two saves for the winners while Sanderson keeper Walker Lozaw was credited five saves. Roberson had the edge in total shots 13-9, with a 7-3 advantage in shots on goal and a 7-3 edge in corner kicks.

Both teams in the 4-A final have great soccer traditions. Sanderson was in the finals for the 14th time and had won or shared 11 state championships, but the Spartans were in the championship game for the first time since 1996. Sanderson finished 23-7-1.

T.C. Roberson earned its first 4-A crown, with previous titles in 2002 and ’03 in the 3-A classification, and outscored its playoffs foes 24-5 on its run to the championship.

The Raleigh Sports Consortium served as a host city sponsor for this championship, along with the city of Raleigh and the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors’ Bureau.

CHEERLEADING

Awards Given In NCHSAA Invitational Cheerleading; Hough Takes Carolina Cup

RALEIGH—W.A. Hough captured the Carolina Cup in the 11th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state invitational cheerleading championships at the Raleigh Convention Center.

Cheer Ltd., Inc., the NCHSAA’s corporate partner that assists with the invitational championship, has established the Carolina Cup to recognize annually the top high school varsity cheerleading team in the state. It goes to the varsity-level team that earns the highest cumulative score in the whole competition, regardless of the division in which it competes.

Hough scored 130.8 points, the highest score of the entire event, to win the large varsity division and grab the Carolina Cup.

Middle Creek, Ledford, Raleigh Millbrook, Jamestown Ragsdale, Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons, North Gaston and Raleigh Sanderson are the previous winners of the Cup.

Ledford earned the title in the super large varsity division. Waxhaw Marvin Ridge was the top squad in the medium varsity division and Asheville T.C. Roberson was the champion in the small varsity division.

In other varsity results, the non tumble categories went to East Bend Forbush in the large, North Buncombe in the medium and Hampstead Topsail in the small.

Davie took top honors in the small varsity co-ed division. Greensboro Dudley was first in the high school non-mount category.

In junior varsity competition, Cary Panther Creek was the champion in the small junior varsity division while Raleigh Millbrook took the large junior varsity category and Eastern Guilford captured the junior varsity non-tumble division.

A total of 140 teams registered to participate in the event.