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Bill Miller To Serve As NCHSAA President For 2013-14 Academic Year



NCHSAA President Dr. Bill Miller,
superintendent of Polk County schools

CHAPEL HILL—Dr. Bill Miller, superintendent of the Polk County schools, will serve as president of the North Carolina High School Board of Directors for the 2013-14 academic year.

Miller, who was slated to be vice-president this year, was elevated to president when Kathy Spencer, the superintendent of Onslow County, retired. Spencer was the vice-president in 2012-13 who had been approved by the Executive Committee and then the membership for president for the coming year.

Maurice Green, superintendent of the Guilford County schools, will serve as vice-president. Former president Allison Sholar, superintendent of the Currituck County schools, will return to be the past president.

The new Board president is a 1980 graduate of Wingate University and did graduate work at both UNC Charlotte and the University of South Carolina.

After serving on the men's basketball staff at Wingate, Miller was a teacher and coach at the high school level for five years, serving as head men's basketball coach at the old Tryon High School as well as coaching tennis and golf at various times.

He went on to serve as principal at Polk County High School before moving into the Polk central office, where he was personnel director and assistant superintendent before assuming the superintendent's role.

Miller has previously served on the NCHSAA Realignment Committee, has been president of the WRESA Superintendents' Council and is currently chairman of the North Carolina Small Rural Schools Consortium.

New Board members were recommended by the NCHSAA's Nominating Committee, based on the requirements of the Association's constitution and by-laws. The member schools at eight regional meetings select nominees for consideration across the state, then from among those nominees individuals are selected by the Nominating Committee to fill the available slots. They are approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

The new Board members nominated were either filling vacancies produced by members going off the Board due to completion of their terms or those who are off due to retirement or leaving public school work.

Class 2A, Region 3—Eddie Ingram, superintendent, Franklin County schools; Class 1A, Region 7: Sandy George, principal, Mount Airy; Class 1A, Region 8: David Gentry, athletic director, Murphy; Class 4A, Region 4: Paul Hoggard, coach, Richmond.

Re-elected for full four-year terms were Carla Black, principal of Concord representing Class 3A, Region 6, and Ron Butler, athletic director for the Pitt County schools, representing Class 2A, Region 1 for full four-year terms.

The elevation of Green to vice-president and the retirement of Ingram left two vacancies on the Board that were later filled. Brad Craddock, principal of Glenn High School, and Dennis Sawyer, superintendent of the Roanoke Rapids City School system, will be joining the Board.

"These individuals will continue to provide outstanding leadership," said NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield. "We look forward to Bill Miller serving as president and the direction he will provide.

"We are also excited about those who will be joining the Board of Directors, which should help us to maintain an outstanding Board to serve our membership." ★

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2012-13 Wells Fargo Cup Final Standings Announced

CHAPEL HILL—Wells Fargo, along with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, announced the final standings in the Wells Fargo Cup competitions for the 2012-13 academic year.

The Wells Fargo Cup is sponsored by Wells Fargo and the NCHSAA. The award recognizes the high schools that achieve the best overall interscholastic athletic performance within each of the state's four competitive classifications. The Cup program has completed 34 years as part of the NCHSAA.

Three of last year's Wells Fargo Cup champions repeated the feat. Cary Green Hope maintained its lead after winter sports to capture the Cup in the final 4-A standings for the fourth consecutive year. Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons took the top spot in the 3-A classification with an excellent all around performance, while Carrboro was the Cup winner among 2-A schools for the second straight year. Lake Norman Charter earned its first Wells Fargo Cup among the 1-A schools, with Kernersville Bishop McGuinness in second after sharing the title in 2011-12.

"We sincerely appreciate Wells Fargo's commitment to our overall program in recognizing our champions," said Davis Whitfield, NCHSAA commissioner. "These schools which win the Wells Fargo Cup do a tremendous job with their overall athletic programs, and we are grateful for Wells Fargo's desire to recognize their achievements."

In the 4-A classification, Green Hope finished first with 555 points to hold off Raleigh Broughton at 477.5 for the crown. Wake County schools did extremely well as Green Hope and Broughton are two of eight Wake County high schools in the top 15 in the standings.

Green Hope preserved its title by winning the women's soccer state championship, earning points in women's lacrosse and also getting to the state quarterfinals in men's dual team tennis and baseball. Broughton had a top-four finish in men's tennis and placed fourth in men's golf to go with playoff points in men's lacrosse and women's outdoor track.

Cornelius W.A. Hough was third with 377.5 points, followed by Charlotte Providence (330) in fourth and a fifth-place tie between Charlotte Myers Park and Asheville T.C. Roberson with 315 points apiece.

Cardinal Gibbons held on to the top spot in the 3-A standings with playoff points in five different spring sports, including winning the men's dual team tennis championship and the women's soccer state crown. Gibbons recorded a whopping 705 points for its eighth straight Cup in two different classifications, but had to hold off a great surge by runner-up Waxhaw Marvin Ridge at 662.5.

Marvin Ridge's spring performance was remarkable in that it included playoff points in eight of the nine sports provided.

Charlotte Catholic placed third with 607.5 points, followed by Chapel Hill

(420), Northern Guilford (377.5) and Weddington (352.5). The top six schools in the 3-A standings are in the exact same order as they finished a year ago.

Carrboro had an impressive spring to secure its second consecutive Cup, rolling up 225 playoff points in the spring for its 612.5 total, well ahead of runner-up Cuthbertson at 442.5 points. Carrboro won the 2-A women's outdoor track crown and was the runner in men's dual team tennis among its top finishes. Cuthbertson was third in the 2-A women's outdoor track and field championships and placed in the top eight in both softball and women's soccer.

North Lincoln was third with 385 points, with its top spring performance a runner-up finish in the men's golf finals. Hillsborough Cedar Ridge, winner in men's outdoor track and field and the top 2-A men's team in lacrosse, was fourth with 380 point. Shelby and Corinth Holders tied for fifth with a total of 337.5 points.

In the 1-A classification, Lake Norman Charter, which was third last year, won its first Cup buoyed by a state championship in women's soccer and strong finishes in men's golf and men's lacrosse for 547.5 points. Bishop McGuinness collected playoff points for positions in four different sports, including winning the state 1-A men's golf crown, to take second with 512.5 points.

Hendersonville, the school that has recorded the most Cups of any NCHSAA school with 13, finished third in the 1-A standings with 467.5 points, with top four finishes in both women's soccer and baseball providing most of the Bearcats' playoff points. Durham North Carolina School of Science and Math was fourth with 345 points and Raleigh Charter took fifth with 325.

Wells Fargo Cup points are determined by a system based on performance in state championship events. All schools that finish in the top eight positions (plus ties) earn points. In the playoff events involving teams from more than one classification, Wells Fargo Cup points are awarded based on the school's standing against other schools in its own classification. If fewer than eight schools from a classification compete in a sport, only those schools that are represented are eligible to receive the Cup points.

Points are awarded for all sports as follows: 50 for first, 45 for second, 40 for third, 35 for fourth, 30 for fifth, 25 for sixth, 20 for seventh and 15 for eighth. In the event of a tie, the schools receive an equal number of points based on the number of teams that tie and the number of teams that finish higher in the standings. Five points are awarded for each sanctioned sport in which a school competes.

Wells Fargo Cup standings are announced three times each school year: once after the fall and then the winter sports, and concluding with the winner after the spring sports season ends.

NCHSAA FINAL WELLS FARGO CUP STANDINGS 2012-13

1-A CLASSIFICATION

SCHOOL	POINTS
1. Lake Norman Charter	547.5
2. Bishop McGuinness	512.5
3. Hendersonville	467.5
4. N.C. Science & Math	345
5. Raleigh Charter	325
6. West Wilkes	310
7. Southwest Onslow	275
8. Monroe	262.5
9. North Rowan	240
10. East Surry	237.5
11. Mitchell	232.5
12. Elkin	222.5
Lincoln Charter	222.5
14. Winston-Salem Preparatory	205
15. Riverside (Martin)	200

2-A CLASSIFICATION

SCHOOL	POINTS
1. Carrboro	612.5
2. Waxhaw Cuthbertson	442.5
3. North Lincoln	385
4. Hillsborough Cedar Ridge	380
5. Shelby	337.5
Corinth Holders	337.5
7. South Iredell	322.5
8. Salisbury	297.5
9. Newton-Conover	292.5
Hampstead Topsail	292.5
11. Burlington Cummings	285
12. Swansboro	257.5
13. Pittsboro Northwood	237.5
14. Monroe Piedmont	227.5
15. Canton Pishah	222.5

3-A CLASSIFICATION

SCHOOL	POINTS
1. Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons	705
2. Waxhaw Marvin Ridge	662.5
3. Charlotte Catholic	607.5
4. Chapel Hill	420
5. Northern Guilford	377.5
6. Weddington	352.5
7. Hickory	282.5
Concord Jay Robinson	282.5
9. Jacksonville	275
10. West Carteret	265
11. Greenville D.H. Conley	247.5
12. Berry Academy	235
13. Eastern Alamance	217.5
14. Orange	200
Burlington Williams	200

4-A CLASSIFICATION

SCHOOL	POINTS
1. Cary Green Hope	555
2. Raleigh Broughton	477.5
3. Cornelius W.A. Hough	377.5
4. Charlotte Providence	330
5. Charlotte Myers Park	315
Asheville T.C. Roberson	315
7. East Chapel Hill	312.5
8. Charlotte Ardrey Kell	302.5
9. Southern Pines Pinecrest	300
10. Southeast Raleigh	282.5
11. Raleigh Wakefield	270
12. Cary	267.5
13. Raleigh Leesville Road	255
14. Raleigh Millbrook	250
15. Apex	248.67

Fred T. Foard Star Named Gatorade® North Carolina Softball Player Of The Year

CHICAGO—In its 28th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, has announced Lexi Shubert of Fred T. Foard High School in Catawba County as its 2012-13 Gatorade North Carolina Softball Player of the Year. Shubert is the first Gatorade North Carolina Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Fred T. Foard.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Shubert as North Carolina's best high school softball player.

The 5-foot-7 senior right-handed pitcher led the Tigers (23-5) to the Class 3A West semifinals this past season. Shubert posted a 23-5 record and a 0.51 ERA in the circle, striking out 328 batters in 190.2 innings pitched. She also batted .461 with two home runs, 12 doubles and 31 RBI. Shubert is a four-time All-Conference selection.

Shubert has maintained a 3.96 GPA in the

classroom. A member of the Student Council and a math tutor for middle school students, she has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics, Operation Christmas Child and a homeless shelter.

"Lexi Shubert is a phenomenal pitcher," said Jim Blanton, head coach at Hibriten High. "She can throw hard when she needs to, but it's her movement that is unbelievable. Her curve ball is late breaking and sharp breaking, almost impossible to hit."

Shubert has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on scholarship at the University of South Carolina Upstate this fall.

The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade high school sports

leadership team in partnership with USA TODAY High School Sports, which work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Shubert joins recent Gatorade North Carolina Softball Players of the Year Lexi Davis (2011-12, Porter Ridge High School), Chelsea Wilkinson (2010-11 & 2009-10, Alexander Central High School), Tisha Mahon (2008-09, North Davidson), Chelsea Leonard (2007-08, Central Davidson), and Ashton Ward (2006-07, Butler) among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit www.gatorade.com/poy. ★

West Downs East In NCCA Football All-Star Game

HIGH POINT—A big screen play resulting in a touchdown was the difference as the West came from behind to beat the East 14-7 in the 2013 North Carolina Coaches Association all-star football game at Simeon Stadium.

It was the first time in the history of the all-star series that the game was not held at Jamieson Stadium in Greensboro, but the contest had to be moved due to construction at the stadium site.

Morganton Freedom's David Burgess took the screen from Garrett Young of East Lincoln and rambled 79 yards for the decisive score with 5:13 left to go, and then Hendersonville's Desean Jackson ran for the two-point conversion for a 14-7 advantage.

Tyriek Able of Greensboro Ben Smith intercepted an East pass in the end zone the final play of the game to preserve the victory.

The East led 7-0 at the half despite a 173-33 advantage in yardage that the West held. Josh Joyner of Wilson Hunt scored the East TD on a three-yard run with 7:33 to play before halftime and Thomas Evanoff of Raleigh Athens Drive kicked the point after.

Burgess, who was named the game's offensive Most Valuable Player, scored the other TD for the West on a 19-yard run.

Jarod Richardson of Nash Central was the game's defensive MVP. He had a game-high 11 tackles for the East, including four stops behind the line of scrimmage. ★

East Sweeps NCCA Basketball All-Star Games

GREENSBORO—The East took both ends of the 2013 North Carolina Coaches Association all-star basketball doubleheader at the Greensboro Coliseum.

The East All-Stars captured the women's game 67-60, and then in the men's contest the East rolled to a convincing 107-84 triumph.

Harnett Central's DeAnneisha Jackson was selected as the Most Valuable Player in the women's game as she was one of three East players who scored 12 points to lead the winners.

J'Kyra Brown of Rocky Mount and Mylea McKenith of Durham Hillside also scored 12 points apiece.

Myliia Garner of Jordan-Matthews led all scorers with 16 points for the West, including hitting seven of eight from the foul line. Terri Rogers of Eastern Alamance pulled down a game-high 13 rebounds for the West.

The West had a chance to cut the lead to two with 1:20 to go but failed to convert and then the East stars hit four straight free throws to ice the game.

Tyrone Outlaw of Person scored 16 points and hauled down seven rebounds to lead the East to victory in the night's second game and earn MVP honors. Devonte Graham of Raleigh Broughton was the high scorer in the game with 20 points and Chapel Hill's Anthony Van Hook scored 16 points.

The East led 44-36 at halftime and continued to build on its margin.

Sam Hunt of Greensboro Dudley had 18 points to lead the West, while Clay Byrd of East Burke knocked in four three-pointers and added 16 points for the West squad and Mount Tabor's Deion Robinson scored 15.

The first game in the men's basketball series was played in 1949 and the women's series started in 1975. ★

THE VISION for the NCHSAA is that it will be the national model for developing and inspiring greatness through interscholastic athletic experiences.

Sports Participation Increases Nationally For 24th Consecutive Year

INDIANAPOLIS—Participation in high school sports increased for the 24th consecutive year in 2012-13 and passed the 7.7 million mark for the first time, according to the annual High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Based on figures from the 51 NFHS-member state high school associations, which includes the District of Columbia, sports participation for the 2012-13 school year reached an all-time high of 7,713,577 participants – an increase of 21,057 from the previous year.

An additional 15,190 girls participated in high school sports last year, moving the girls all-time record to 3,222,723 and marking the 24th consecutive year for an increase in the number of female participants. After its first decrease in 20 years last year, boys participation started on the upswing again with an additional 5,867 participants. The boys total of 4,490,854 is second all-time to the 4,494,406 in 2010-11.

“While we recognize that many schools are experiencing challenges with funding high school sports programs, we are encouraged that schools are responding to the challenges and that more and more students are involved in high school sports,” said Bob Gardner, NFHS executive di-

rector. “Playing sports within the school setting continues to be the desire of more than 55 percent of students enrolled in our nation’s high schools.”

Eight of the top 10 girls sports registered increases in participation in 2012-13, led by competitive spirit squads (8,201), outdoor track and field (4,172), and swimming and diving (3,536). Lacrosse, cross country, volleyball, soccer and tennis also had additional female participants, while basketball and fast-pitch softball had minor declines.

Five of the top 10 boys sports showed increases in participation, led by outdoor track and field (5,044), swimming and diving (4,354), and basketball (3,387). Cross country and baseball also registered gains among top 10 sports.

Eleven-player football remains the top sport for boys with 1,086,627 participants in 2012-13, although the number of players has decreased slightly each of the past four years, including a drop of 9,366 from 2011-12 to 2012-13.

In terms of combined participation, track and field, and swimming and diving registered the best overall gains. Track and field had an increase of more than 9,100 participants when combining girls and boys, while swimming and diving was up almost 8,000 participants.

Girls sports outside the top 10 that recorded

increases in participants and could be emerging sports for females are bowling (25,450 participants in 2012-13), ice hockey (9,447), wrestling (8,727) and flag football (7,019).

A sizeable increase in “adapted sports” participation also contributed to the rise in 2012-13 figures. With seven states offering these programs for students with disabilities in 14 sports, the number of participants rose almost 3,000 to 8,747 (girls and boys combined).

The top 10 states by participants remained in the same order as last year, with Texas and California topping the list with 798,333 and 777,545, respectively. The remainder of the top 10 was New York (389,475), Illinois (339,944), Ohio (327,919), Pennsylvania (315,492), Michigan (304,438), New Jersey (270,423), Florida (243,397) and Minnesota (230,421). Although only one of the top 10 states registered an increase in participation (New Jersey), overall, 30 states reported higher figures from the previous year.

The participation survey has been compiled since 1971 by the NFHS through numbers it receives from its member associations. The complete 2012-13 High School Athletics Participation Survey is available on the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org. ★



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The NCHSAA is pleased to bring you
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and information for the membership.

Coaches Named By NCCA For Coaching Duties In Various All-Star Games

GREENSBORO—The North Carolina Coaches Association has selected the coaches for its 2014 series of East-West all-star games.

In men’s basketball, Michael Baker of Fairmont will be the head coach of the East squad, assisted by Raleigh Millbrook’s Scott McInnes, while the West will be headed by Aubrey Holifield of Shelby with Lee Reavis of Northwest Guilford assisting.

Michelle Wood of East Chapel Hill will be the head coach of the East women’s team, assisted by East Wake’s Toni Vick. The West head coach will be Scott Waugh of Wilkes Central, with Shawyn Newton of Southeast Guilford the assistant.

The NCCA also selects the coaches North Carolina-South Carolina all-star basketball games. Mike Absher of Davie will guide the North Carolina men’s squad, with Steve Robinson of Wallace-Rose Hill the assistant coach. Darlene Joyner of Northwest Guilford will serve as head coach of the North Carolina women’s team, assisted by Tracie Taylor of Fayetteville Seventy-First.

Matt Edwards of Raleigh Millbrook has been named the head coach of the East team in men’s soccer, while Northern Guilford’s Andrew Hultberg will coach the West Squad. The women’s soccer game coaches are Glenn Griffin of Wilson Beddingfield for the East and Scott Bilton of West Forsyth for the West.

The coaching staffs for the football game are also set. Brian Foster of Southern Nash will serve as the East head coach. His assistants will include Richard Bailey of Scotland, Robert Britt of Rosewood, Kim Cain of West Bladen, Steve Mallard of Hobbton and Wes Mattera of Edenton Holmes.

West Rowan’s Scott Young will be the West head coach. His staff will include Brett Chappell of Canton Pisgah, Mark Holcomb of North Davidson, Jeremy Funderburk of Wilkes Central, Keith Phillips of Ashe County and Lin Stadler of Rockingham County.

Congratulations to all of these fine coaches named by the North Carolina Coaches Association to participate in these prestigious games. ★

West Carteret Standout Named Gatorade® North Carolina Boys Track & Field Athlete Of The Year

CHICAGO—In its 28th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, has named John Crossley of West Carteret High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade North Carolina Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Crossley is the first Gatorade North Carolina Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from West Carteret High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the track, distinguishes Crossley as North Carolina's best high school boys track & field athlete.

The 6-foot, 150-pound senior won the New Balance Nationals Outdoor championship in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:48:01, which ranked as the nation's No. 2 performance among prep competitors in 2013 at the time of his selection. Crossley also won the 800 with a time of 1:54.14 and the 1600 in 4:21.25 at the Class 3A state championship meet this spring.

Crossley has maintained a 3.92 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics, a soup kitchen and a pet-adoption agency.

"John has matured into the most well-rounded, elite distance runner I've ever coached," said Shelton Mayo, West Carteret cross country coach. "He's showed dedication, leadership and character."

Crossley has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in cross coun-

try and track and field on an athletic scholarship at East Carolina University this fall.

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Crossley joins recent Gatorade North Carolina Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Craig Engels (2011-12, Ronald Reagan), Eric Winfrey (2010-11, Douglas Byrd), Isaac Presson (2009-10, Asheville), Wayne Davis (2008-09, Southeast Raleigh), Dylan Ferris (2007-08, East Forsyth), and Johnny Dutch (2006-2007, Clayton) among the state's list of former award winners.

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NCHSAA Celebrates 100th Anniversary At N.C. Coaches Clinic

GREENSBORO—The celebration of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's 100th anniversary continued during the annual North Carolina Coaches' Association clinic at the Greensboro Coliseum complex.

Hundreds of coaches attended a luncheon where they were praised for their great service to the NCHSAA program. Commissioner Davis Whitfield addressed the group and also showed a video produced by Time Warner Cable highlighting the Association's first century.

Whitfield reiterated the theme of the centennial celebration: "Honoring the Past, Embracing the Present and Shaping the Future."

Those attending the luncheon also received a special 100th anniversary gift from the NCHSAA.

The US Army ROTC and Wilson Sporting Goods helped to sponsor the event.

The annual North Carolina Coaches' Association clinic, which also includes the East-West all-star games, is one of the largest multi-sport clinics in the country. ★

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS



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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.

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.

KEVIN CALLAHAN

GREENSBORO—Veteran coach Kevin Callahan, who had just retired after 34 years in education, died suddenly in his sleep in late July at the age of 56.

He had served as an assistant baseball coach at Southeast Guilford during the 2013 season and compiled a 376-200 mark during 24 years as a head coach, including coaching Southeast Guilford into the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A baseball championship series in 2001.

Callahan had been helping to coach a junior American Legion baseball team this summer. He was a graduate of Dudley High School in Greensboro and then graduated from East Carolina University.

He had started a new career since his retirement, working for Graham Sporting Goods.

JOE EBLEN

ASHEVILLE—Joe Eblen, a member of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, passed away after a period of declining health at the age of 87.

A member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame class of 1995, he will go down as one of the greatest game officials in North Carolina history.

A long-time resident of Asheville, Eblen is a 1948 graduate of the University of Tennessee who coached junior high school football, basketball and baseball, compiling winning percentages of better than .800 in all three sports. However, he is best known in athletics for his work as an official.

He helped to organize the officials association in Asheville, worked as a booking agent

for 12 years and was president of the Western North Carolina Officials Association for four years. Amazingly, he worked well over 50 years as a certified football official in the state. He worked numerous state football championships in addition to the Shrine Bowl and the East-West all-star game, and for years he also officiated high school basketball.

Eblen was very involved in civic and community affairs, serving on a number of Asheville-area boards. He started the Eblen Foundation for cystic fibrosis and other chronic diseases.

He is also a member of the Western North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.

JACK HOLLEY

TEACHEY—Jack Holley, one of the state's most successful high school football coaches, died at his home in late May after a prolonged illness at the age of 74.

Holley wound up his career with the most victories ever of any high school football coach in the state with an amazing record of 412-96-9.

A 1957 New Hanover High School graduate, Holley played high school football, basketball and baseball under coach Leon Brogden, a charter member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. His teammates included former NFL Most Valuable Player and N.C. State star Roman Gabriel.

His coaching included building the old Tabor City High School in Columbus County into a football powerhouse as well as a lengthy stay at Wallace-Rose Hill in Duplin County. He guided teams to NCHSAA championship games on five occasions. He also coached at Hallsboro, West Columbus and South Columbus.

After he had left the public schools, he coached Harrells Christian Academy to an N.C. Independent Schools Athletic Association state football championship. He coached for a total of 44 years.

Holley is a member of the Guilford College Hall of Fame and the Greater Wilmington Sports Hall of Fame.

EVAN RAINES

FAYETTEVILLE—Evan Raines of Fayetteville Seventy-First High School collapsed at the end of football practice in early August and died.

Raines, who was a junior defensive end on the team, was 16 years of age.

The funeral was held at Kingdom Impact Global Ministries. Principal Myron Williams announced at the funeral that the number 40 jersey which Raines wore would be retired by the school.

CHRIS SMITH

DURHAM—Former Southern Alamance High School track and field coach Chris Smith died in early August at the age of 54, according to the Burlington Times-News.

Smith had served as Southern Alamance's head track and field coach from 1983-94, and was he was an assistant coach for the football and wrestling teams during much of that time.

He moved into administration in 1994 but remained an assistant coach in football until he left Southern Alamance in 2000 to take a position at East Chapel Hill.

Smith retired from East Chapel Hill three years ago. He was also on the football and wrestling coaching staffs at East Chapel Hill. ★

East Wins One, Ties One In NCCA Soccer All-Star Games

GREENSBORO—The East scored a narrow 2-1 victory over the West in the North Carolina Coaches Association men's all-star soccer game on Tuesday night at the UNC Greensboro Soccer Stadium.

The East win came after the two women's teams battled to a 2-2 draw.

Owen Ryan of the Durham School of the Arts knocked home what proved to be the game-winning goal in the 50th minute. East goalkeeper Jared Miller of Franklinton, who had some spectacular saves including one on a penalty kick, was voted the game MVP.

Concord Jay Robinson's Jason Andrejchak scored in the 25th minute to give the West an early 1-0 lead. Gage Novaria of Wake Forest Heritage tied the game at 1-1 for the East on a nifty assist from Connor Francis of Raleigh

Sanderson.

In the women's game, Rachel Cox of Greensboro Grimsley scored a goal and added an assist to lead the way for the West and was chosen as the game's Most Valuable Player. Jackie Nariedka of East Forsyth scored the other West goal on a penalty kick and assisted Cox on her tally.

Cox, who is headed to North Carolina State University, scored with 18:27 left to go to give the West a 2-1 lead. The East tied it less than five minutes later when Nancy Kirk of Fayetteville Jack Britt scored unassisted.

Christina Gibbons of Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons scored the other East goal, assisted by Caroline Brown of Raleigh Broughton. ★

NCHSAA Day Set For Kenan Stadium In October Against BC

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association will be recognized by the University of North Carolina on Saturday, October 26 at Kenan Stadium.

The North Carolina-Boston College football game has been designated as the 29th annual NCHSAA Day. The university actually spearheaded the founding of the NCHSAA in 1913.

Special halftime activities will highlight NCHSAA Day. The winners of the Wells Fargo Cup for the 2012-13 academic year, symbolic of the best overall interscholastic sports program in

the state, will be honored. The winners include Lake Norman Charter in the 1-A classification, Carrboro among 2-A schools; Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons in the 3-A classification, and Green Hope High School of Cary in the 4-A class.

In addition, the newest members of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame will be recognized. They include 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. These eight have been named as the 27th group of inductees to join the prestigious hall, bringing to 156 the number enshrined.

They will formally be inducted into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame next spring during the Hall's annual banquet and induction ceremonies at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill.

"We appreciate the university's willingness to recognize the North Carolina High School Athletic Association on this occasion," says Davis Whitfield, commissioner of the NCHSAA. ★

Patrick Stephenson Named To NCHSAA Staff

CHAPEL HILL—Patrick Stephenson has joined the staff of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association as the assistant director of sponsorships and marketing, according to an announcement by NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield.

Stephenson fills a position that was held by Kyle Milks during the 2012-13 academic year. Milks resigned to return to his native country of Canada.

Stephenson attended Garner High School, where he played tennis, and was a dean's list student at North Carolina State University, graduating in May with a degree in sport management.

The newest NCHSAA staff member has extensive experience assisting in athletics at N.C. State, serving as a marketing and promotions volunteer or game day operations with such sports as baseball, basketball, tennis and gymnastics. He also worked as a product development intern at Premier Sports Travel in Cary.

He has also helped coach men's varsity tennis at Garner. ★

Our State Magazine Features Special "Friday Nights"

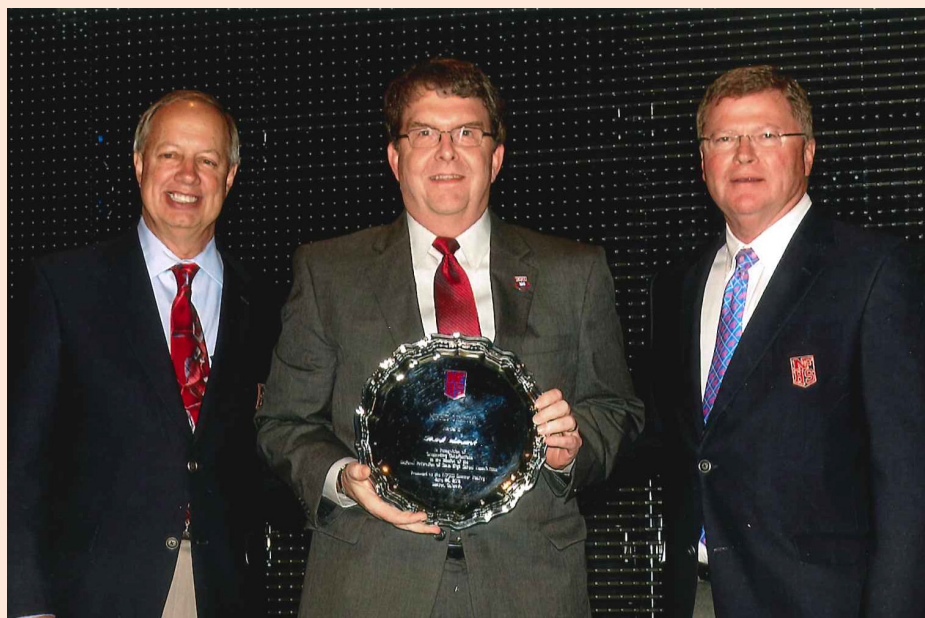
The September issue of the *Our State* magazine may be of particular interest to fans of high school athletics.

Our State is considered North Carolina's premier statewide magazine devoted to travel, history, people and places, and the September issue focuses on "Friday Night Favorites", including fish camps in the state that are great places to eat and Friday night football, among other things.

There is a beautiful pictorial feature of the well known Richmond-Scotland football rivalry, with some behind the scenes pictures and a story by Megan Crotty entitled "The Only Game In Town."

Andy Griffith's famous "What It Was Was Football" is also featured in the magazine. ★

NCHSAA's Strunk Receives NFHS Citation



Rick Strunk, center, associate commissioner of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, was honored with a National Federation Citation at the summer meeting of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) in Denver, Colorado. The NFHS Citation is one of the most highly regarded achievements in high school athletics and performing arts. Strunk has been a member of the NCHSAA staff since 1986 and is a former chairperson of the National Records Committee. At left is NFHS executive director Bob Gardner and at right is NFHS president Kevin Charles of Delaware. (Photo courtesy NFHS)

Pole Vault Planting Box Padding Will Be Required For 2014-15 High School Track And Field Season

INDIANAPOLIS—The installation of pole vault planting box padding permitted under Rule 7-5-24 will be a requirement in high school track and field beginning with the 2014-15 season.

This was one of 13 rules changes approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Track and Field Rules Committee at its June meeting in Indianapolis. All rules changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

“Several of these major rules changes are areas the committee has discussed and monitored for the past two or three years,” said Becky Oakes, NFHS director of sports and staff liaison for track and field.

Pole vault planting box padding that meets ASTM specification standards was allowed this past season and will be permitted in 2013-14 before being required in 2014-15. The padding can be incorporated into the design of the planting box or can be an addition to an existing planting box.

“The committee viewed this as one of the areas of pole vault where padding meeting the specific ASTM specification standard has the potential to prevent or minimize the severity of an injury that may occur to a vaulter landing in the plant box,” Oakes said.

Another change in the pole vault will limit a competitor to one minute to initiate a trial after being called for the attempt (more than three entrants). If two or three competitors remain, the allowable time is three minutes; if only one remains, the time limit is five minutes. The time limit for consecutive trials remains unchanged at three minutes.

With an increasing number of track and field participants wearing compression-style garments under their uniform shorts as foundation garments, Rule 4-3-1c(7) was modified to require only those visible garments worn under the uniform bottom that extend below the knees to be unadorned and of a single, solid color. Current NFHS rules regarding logos and insignias apply to knee-length or longer garments. There are no longer restrictions to visible garments worn under the uniform bottom if they terminate above the knees.

“The committee is continuing to address uniform rules to ensure that they are practical for today’s high school athletes,” Oakes said. “It is also working to make the penalties for non-compliance fit the severity of the violation and preserve the integrity and spirit of the rule on uniforms.”

Rule 3-2-8 now permits the use of electronic devices in unrestricted areas and coaching boxes, providing the location does not interfere with progress of the meet as determined by the meet referee. With this allowance, some supporting rules have been established.

Electronic devices shall not be used to transmit information to the competitor during the race or trial, nor are they permitted to be used for any review of an official’s decision. However, state associations may also have policies in place to further address the use of electronic devices.

Violation of these rules will result in competitor disqualification from the event and team personnel disqualification from further participation in the meet for unsporting conduct.

“This rule clarifies that coaches can use electronic devices and share information with their athletes as long as the devices are being used

in accordance with the stated rule,” Oakes said. “This is an opportunity for coaches to use available technology as a coaching tool and increase the opportunity for good coaching.”

Two rules were added to the “Meet Officials and Their Duties” section. Rule 3-1-2 states that the meet referee, other meet officials or the jury of appeals shall not set aside any rule. Additionally, Rule 3-2-7 permits official communication equipment to include wireless communication devices, among officials, for aiding in matters related to the meet.

In another rules change, vaulting poles are no longer inspected by the implement inspector. They are now to be inspected by the field referee or head field judge prior to warm-ups, according to changes made to Rules 3-19-3 and 7-5-5. The committee believes that implement inspectors have more expertise in throwing implements, and this change ensures a more efficient and practical process for inspections of vaulting poles on site.

In the javelin (Rule 6-6-1 Note), specific diameter dimensions of the rubber tip were removed from the rule to align with the current process of manufacturing the equipment.

Finally, Rule 6-2-9 requires a pass to be communicated to the event judge by the competitor before the start of the trial clock.

Outdoor track and field is the second-most popular sport for boys at the high school level with 575,628 participants, and the most popular sport for girls with 468,747 participants, according to the 2011-12 NFHS Athletics Participation Survey. The sport ranks second in school sponsorship with 16,218 schools offering the sport for boys and 16,143 sponsoring the sport for girls. ★

North Carolina Strong In Seventh Annual Clash Of The Carolinas Soccer All-Star Matches

CHARLESTON—The North Carolina high school all-stars won one and tied one in the seventh annual Clash of the Carolinas soccer matches at Blackbaud Stadium.

In the men’s game, North Carolina topped South Carolina by a 2-0 count and the women’s game ended in a 3-3 tie.

Gary O’Neill of Wilmington Ashley, who was named North Carolina’s Most Valuable Player in the men’s game, scored the first goal in the 65th minute. Jacksonville’s Aaron Sparks made it 2-0 13 minutes later.

North Carolina has a 3-1-3 edge in the men’s series.

In the women’s game, South Carolina scored in stoppage time to rally from a 2-0 deficit and earn a tie.

Christina Gibbons was named the Most Valuable Player for the North Carolina team in the women’s contest. The Cardinal Gibbons graduate figured in all the scoring, tallying two goals and an assist. She will continue her career at Duke University.

The North Carolina stars hold a 5-1-1 edge in the women’s series. ★

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.

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONS

2012-13 ACADEMIC YEAR

(Head Coach in Parentheses)

FALL SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL

- 1A—HENDERSONVILLE (Brooke Stanley)
- 2A—NORTH SURRY (Shane Slate)
- 3A—CARDINAL GIBBONS (Logan Barber)
- 4A—ARDREY KELL (Zoe Bell)

WOMEN'S GOLF

- 1A/2A—SALISBURY (Dale Snyder)
- 3A—LEDFORD (John Ralls)
- 4A—ARDREY KELL (Bart Whitney)

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

- 1A—BISHOP MCGUINNESS (Robert Youtz)
- 2A—CARRBORO (Mimi O'Grady)
- 3A—CARDINAL GIBBONS (Nick Mangum)
- 4A—GREEN HOPE (Mike Miragliuolo)

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

- 1A—BISHOP MCGUINNESS (Robert Youtz)
- 2A—NORTH LINCOLN (Matt Reep)
- 3A—CARDINAL GIBBONS (Nick Mangum)
- 4A—BROUGHTON (Dave Christian)

WOMEN'S TENNIS (DUAL TEAM)

- 1A—MOUNT AIRY (Scott Kniskern)
- 2A—SALISBURY (Chris Myers)
- 3A—CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC (Jo Cabana)
- 4A—BROUGHTON (Laura Davidson)

MEN'S SOCCER

- 1A—SOUTHWEST ONSLOW (John Sweeney)
- 2A—CUTHBERTSON (Nelson Garner)
- 3A—JACKSONVILLE (David Miller)
- 4A—GREEN HOPE (Richard Huxford)

FOOTBALL

- 1A—PLYMOUTH (Robert Cody)
- 1AA—SOUTHWEST ONSLOW (Phil Padgett)
- 2A—EAST LINCOLN (Mike Byus)
- 2AA—SOUTH IREDELL (Scott Miller)
- 3A—HAVELOCK (Jim Bob Bryant)
- 3AA—NORTHERN GUILFORD (Johnny Roscoe)
- 4A—NEW BERN (Bobby Curlings)
- 4AA—DAVID BUTLER (Brian Hales)

WINTER SPORTS

WRESTLING (DUAL TEAM)

- 1A—WEST WILKES (Brian Brown)
- 2A—NEWTON-CONOVER (Ed Clark)
- 3A—FRED T. FOARD (Mike Carey)
- 4A—PARKLAND (Maurice Atwood)

WRESTLING (TOURNAMENT)

- 1A—NORTH ROWAN (Tim Pittman)
- 2A—CROATAN (David Perry)
- 3A—ORANGE (Bob Shriner)
- 4A—PARKLAND (Maurice Atwood)

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK

- 1A/2A/3A—WEST CARTERET (Edward Mullis)
- 4A—WAKEFIELD (Ann Graham)

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK

- 1A/2A/3A—CUMMINGS (Donald Davis)
- 4A—KNIGHTDALE (David Castell)

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

- 1A/2A—RALEIGH CHARTER (Matt Mosher)
- 3A—CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC (Brian Gross)
- 4A—W.A. HOUGH (Timothy Queen)

MEN'S SWIMMING

- 1A/2A—N.C. SCIENCE AND MATH (Mike Neubauer)
- 3A—CARDINAL GIBBONS (Jonah Turner)
- 4A—GREEN HOPE (Lauren Nosal)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- 1A—BISHOP MCGUINNESS (Brian Robinson)
- 2A—KINSTON (Hubert Quinerly)
- 3A—HARDING UNIVERSITY (Anthony Jones)
- 4A—MILLBROOK (Chris East)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- 1A—WINSTON-SALEM PREP (Andre Gould)
- 2A—KINSTON (Perry Tyndall)
- 3A—J.F. WEBB (Leo Brunelli)
- 4A—OLYMPIC (Ty Baumgardner)

SPRING SPORTS

MEN'S GOLF

- 1A—BISHOP MCGUINNESS (Pearse Mahon)
- 2A—NEWTON-CONOVER (John Echerd)
- 3A—FORESTVIEW (Ken Beaty)
- 4A—PINECREST (Jennifer Kearney)

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

- 1A—HEIDE TRASK (Bill Mercier)
- 2A—CEDAR RIDGE (Larry Faucette)
- 3A—NORTHERN GUILFORD (Richard Burton)
- 4A—KNIGHTDALE (David Castell)

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

- 1A—MONROE (Nikki Jackson)
- 2A—CARRBORO (Melvin Griffin)
- 3A—BERRY ACADEMY (Erica Little)
- 4A—SOUTHEAST RALEIGH (Elizabeth Gary)

MEN'S TENNIS (DUAL TEAM)

- 1A—ELKIN (Tony Duncan)
- 2A—SHELBY (Jackson Martin)
- 3A—CARDINAL GIBBONS (Andrew Tuttle)
- 4A—MILLBROOK (Scott Wofford)

WOMEN'S SOCCER

- 1A—LAKE NORMAN CHARTER (Justin Valenti)
- 2A—SWANSBORO (Doug Kidd)
- 3A—CARDINAL GIBBONS (Michele Miller)
- 4A—GREEN HOPE (Bobby Peterson)

LACROSSE

- Women—EAST CHAPEL HILL (Michele Michaels)
- Men—APEX (John Hayden)

BASEBALL

- 1A—SOUTH STANLY (Terry Tucker)
- 2A—PIEDMONT (Milt Flow)
- 3A—WEDDINGTON (Travis Poole)
- 4A—SOUTH MECKLENBURG (Jon Tuscan)

SOFTBALL

- 1A—WEST WILKES (Michael Woodruff)
- 2A—WEST STANLY (Wesley Kidd)
- 3A—D.H. CONLEY (Wayne Deans)
- 4A—ALEXANDER CENTRAL (Monte Sherrill)

Changes In Substitution Procedures Highlight Rules Changes For High School Men's Lacrosse For 2014 Season

INDIANAPOLIS—Major changes in substitution procedures in high school men's lacrosse will take effect with the 2014 season. For stoppages of play due to an out-of-bounds ball, a horn will no longer be sounded to allow time for substitution. Instead, players may substitute "on the fly" as they can during normal play.

This was one of 19 rules changes approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Boys Lacrosse Rules Committee at its July meeting in Indianapolis. All rules changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

While substitution may occur during playing action, Rule 4-22 lists the various conditions under which substitution may occur. In addition, substitution may take place while play is suspended as follows: end of a period, scoring of a goal, injury time-out, equipment adjustment, after a time-serving penalty and during a team time-out.

A new article was added to Rule 7-2 to reduce congestion in the penalty area. A maximum of three players from the same team can be in the penalty area serving penalties at the same time. The penalty time of any additional player(s) shall not start until the penalty time of one of the three players in the penalty area expires.

Kent Summers, NFHS director of performing arts and sports and liaison to the Boys Lacrosse Rules Committee, said any additional penalized player(s) shall wait in the bench area immediately next to the scorer's table but not in the table area. A team shall not be required to play with fewer than seven on-field players solely because of players serving penalties. In addition, a player's penalty cannot be released by a goal until he is in the penalty area and the time on his penalty has started to elapse.

"The Boys Lacrosse Rules Committee believes this change should minimize risk for participants and clarify procedures for administration of penalties and substitution," Summers said.

In another change designed to minimize risk, the committee added a fifth example of an illegal body-check. Rule 5-3-5 will state that an illegal body-check is one that targets a player in a defenseless position. This includes but is not limited to: a) body-checking a player from his "blind side"; b) body-checking a player who has his head down in an attempt to play a loose ball; and c) body-checking a player whose head is turned away to receive a pass, even if that player turns toward the contact immediately before

the body-check. A minimum of a two- or three-minute non releasable penalty is assessed for this violation.

"Intentional player-to-player collisions with players in a defenseless position are a concern, and this revision will reinforce the need to eliminate these collisions from the game," Summers said.

In Rule 5-4 – Checks Involving the Head/Neck – the penalty for a violation was strengthened by dropping the possibility of a one-minute penalty. Thus, a minimum two- or three-minute non releasable penalty will now be enforced for this violation. Summers said this increased penalty will reinforce the need to eliminate hits to the head/neck from the game.

Besides the substitution procedures changes, the committee altered three other rules in Rule 4 – Play of the Game. In Rule 4-4-3, during the faceoff in all penalty situations, there now must be four players in the defensive area and three players in the offensive area. An exception is when a team has three players in the penalty area, a player may come out of his defensive area to take the faceoff but must remain onside.

In Rule 4-10 regarding offside, a team now is considered offside when it has more than six players in its offensive half of the field, including players in the penalty box, or more than seven players in its defensive half of the field, including players in the penalty box.

"The unfair advantage in an offside situation is created by too many players on one side of the field – not too few," Summers said. "This change lets the foul reflect the unfair advantage and minimizes risk by allowing officials to 'count forward,' keeping their attention on the active side of the field."

In Rule 4-12, Article 4 and Article 5 were deleted to address confusion with enforcement of the offside rule.

As with other NFHS rules committee, the Boys Lacrosse Rules Committee revised the rule regarding use of electronic devices. Rule 1-10-2 will now allow the use of electronic equipment by coaches and players on the sideline. However, Rule 6-6-3 still prohibits the use of electronic devices to communicate with any of the 10 on-field players.

Rules 2-6-1 and 2-6-7 were revised to state that the officials' authority concludes when they leave the "immediate playing facility" rather than when they leave the "field of play."

"Officials should continue to have some jurisdiction if there is an incident after they step off the 'field of play,'" Summers said. "This revision is consistent with the language that gives state associations the ability to address situations that happen before, during and after the game."

In Rule 2-5, it is now recommended that a minimum of three officials be used to control the game (referee, umpire and field judge). While not a requirement, Summers said this change in philosophy is indicated in order to better control play, especially with the increased speed of the game.

Following are other changes approved by the Boys Lacrosse Rules Committee:

Rules 1-2-7, 8, 9: Increases the size of the substitution/table area to allow more space for players to get on and off the field and create better sight-lines for table personnel.

Rule 1-7-5: Any crosse used in a faceoff may not have tape on the plastic throat of the head.

Rule 1-9-1: Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, legal numbers are 0-99. This would prohibit double-digit numbers from zero through 9 (00, 01, 02, etc.).

Rule 1-10-1h: Eye shade that is not a solid stroke or includes words, numbers logos or other symbols within the eye shade is prohibited.

Rule 2-5-2: Part (e) of the recommended uniform for officials was changed as follows: "black stirrup socks with white over-the-calf crew socks on top or knee-length one-piece white with 4-inch black top or short black socks that cover the ankle."

Rule 2-6-1 Note: Clarifies that the officials maintain jurisdiction of interrupted and/or suspended contests.

Rule 2-10-1: At the start of each period, a minimum of four balls should be spaced equidistant from each other five yards beyond the end line and four on both sidelines. On the bench side, balls should be placed at the scorer's table.

Rule 7-8-2k: During a Flag Down situation (Slow Whistle), the officials will now stop play to enforce penalties on a second defensive foul "during the final two minutes of regulation play with the team that is ahead and possessing the ball in the goal/attack area, unless a scoring play is imminent."

According to the 2011-12 NFHS Athletics Participation Survey, 2,338 schools sponsor boys lacrosse at the high school level with 100,641 participants nationwide. ★

THE MISSION of the NCHSAA is to provide governance and leadership for interscholastic athletic programs that support and enrich the educational experience of students.

NFHS Concussion Course Has Now Exceeded One Million Mark

INDIANAPOLIS—One million concussion courses have now been taken by coaches and other individuals since the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) developed the online course in May 2010.

“Concussion in Sports—What You Need to Know” is a course about how a person can recognize signs and symptoms of a concussion and the appropriate action to take. The course includes each state’s return-to-play guidelines required for high schools.

“We place great emphasis on concussion recognition and treatment, and the extraordinary success of our online course has been gratifying,” said Bob Gardner, NFHS executive director. “The course is 20 minutes long and it’s free. We commend everyone who has taken it.”

The NFHS and its Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) have worked with the CDC

on recent updates to the concussion course. Recommendations have been added regarding the prevention of concussions, and the course test has been updated. The tests (pre-test and post-test) now include 11 questions and provide immediate feedback to the user, thereby creating a better learning experience.

Dr. Michael Koester, former chair of the NFHS SMAC and director of the Sports Concussion Program at the Slocum Center for Orthopedics and Sports Medicine in Eugene, Oregon, is the on-screen host of the concussion course. Individuals have access to the course’s printable resources, including a parent’s guide to concussion in sports, a coach’s guide, an athlete fact sheet and materials to implement a protocol for concussion treatment.

“In addition to coaches, we are pleased that many contest officials, administrators, parents and students are among the one million individuals who have taken the concussion

course,” said Tim Flannery, NFHS director of coach education.

The NFHS has been a leader among national sports organizations in establishing guidelines to deal with concussions. In 2008, the SMAC advocated that a concussed athlete must be removed from play and not allowed to play on the same day. For the past four years, all NFHS rules publications have contained guidelines for the management of a student exhibiting signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion.

A total of 34 online courses are now offered through the NFHS Coach Education Program, including the two core courses – “Fundamentals of Coaching” and “First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches.” The NFHS also offers 14 sport-specific courses and 18 elective courses, including 13 that are free.

All NFHS Coach Education Program courses are available at www.nfhslearn.com. ★

New Rules Regarding Electronic Devices Among Changes Approved In High School Softball Rules For Coming Year

INDIANAPOLIS—Two new rules regarding the use of electronic devices in high school softball were among the five changes approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Softball Rules Committee at its June meeting in Indianapolis. All rules changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

With the addition of Rule 1-8-6, team personnel are permitted to use electronic devices to transmit or record information pertaining to their players or team’s performances. This is to be done only in the team’s bench or dugout areas, and the information obtained may be used for coaching purposes during the game.

“The committee felt that with the advancement of technology, it was time to allow electronic devices to be used,” said Theresia Wynns, NFHS director of sports and officials education and staff liaison for softball. “It focused on what was good for softball and that the devices could be a useful tool to aid in coaching.”

According to Rule 3-6-11, information obtained by electronic devices shall not be used to review decisions made by the umpires.

Wynns said that the committee strongly opposed the use of information obtained by the electronic devices to dispute an umpire about a specific call on the field.

“The committee did not want to give teams a competitive advantage,” she said. “It also did not want to hamper the progress of the game.”

In other changes, the committee established definitions for “team members” and “team personnel.”

Team members are players listed on the team’s roster and lineup as submitted to the umpire at the pregame meeting. Team personnel consist of all school representatives located in the team dugout, including but not limited to coaches, managers, certified athletic trainers and scorekeepers.

The committee also revised Rule 1-5-2c by eliminating “smooth” from the description of the taper, noting that not all bats have smooth tapers.

Fast-pitch softball is the fifth-most popular sport for girls at the high school level, according to the 2011-12 NFHS Athletics Participation Survey, with 367,023 participants nationwide. The sport ranks fourth in school sponsorship with 14,142 schools offering the sport. ★

KEEP CHECKING THE WEB SITE!

Check the North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s site daily at

www.nchsaa.org

for all sorts of important information, including updated regional assignments and locations in several sports, the latest brackets and up-to-the minute sports news.

RECORD BREAKERS?

Don’t forget, if you have any potential state or national listings for the record book, there is a form on line to send that information for consideration.

Help us to make our state and national books as inclusive and complete as possible.

Any questions call Rick Strunk at (919) 240-7367. And don’t forget to check the latest version of the state record book on line!



Celebrating The Century: A Look Back At Previous NCHSAA Bulletins

10 Years Ago—Fall 2003

- **NCHSAA Lists Student Services Sportsmanship Winners**
-Que Tucker noted that 149 schools, not quite half of the NCHSAA membership, went ejection free in 2002-2003. That is the best ever, up from 114 schools the year before that went through the entire academic year without having any players or coaches ejected from a contest.
- **The NCHSAA has announced that the West Regional Basketball Tournament will move ...**
...to Winston-Salem (Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum and the Coliseum Annex after a long run in the Hickory area
- **Athletic Administrators from across the nation meet in North Carolina for Special Summit**
The North Carolina High School Athletic Association building was the site of a special meeting in June that was a big success. Executive directors from 22 state athletic director organizations were present...During the summit, the group addressed common problems with which they deal as well as discussing elements of their individual job descriptions with their organizations.

15 Years Ago—Fall 1998

- **NCHSAA TV Show Returns for Fall**
The North Carolina High School Athletic Association's television show is returning for a second season beginning this fall. The weekly television show North Carolina High School Xtra can be seen on Fox Sports South on cable television across the state in areas which offer that service.
- **The new Glenn C. Marlow Elementary School will be built in Henderson County**, honoring the former North Carolina High School Athletic Association president. Marlow retired in 1990 after 40 years in education, 20 as a superintendent, and was president of the NCHSAA during the 1985-86 academic year.
- **Leesville Road, T.C. Roberson, High Point Central and Hendersonville** were the Wachovia Cup champions for the 1997-98 school year in the 4-A to 1-A classifications, respectively.
- **West Sweeps Past East In All-Star Contests**
For the first time, one side swept all five North Carolina Coaches Association All-Star games here during the NCCA clinic week. The sports included both soccer games (men's and women's), both basketball games (men's and women's), and football.
- **N.C. Coaches Association Lists All-Time Top All-Stars**
Notables:
Football:
Yancey Thigpen, SouthWest Edgecombe, '87
Chester McGlockton, Whiteville, '88
Natrone Means, Central Cabarrus, '90
Basketball:
Rodney Rogers, Durham Hillside, '90
Donald Williams, Garner, '91
Antwan Jamison, Charlotte Providence, '95

25 Years Ago—Fall 1988

- **New Statewide Grid Scoreboard Makes Its Debut**
The Capital Sports Network and affiliated radio stations will be airing the "North Carolina High School Football Scoreboard" twice every Saturday morning. The five-minute show will be hosted by Eddie Thomas of Raleigh, who has hosted and produced similar scoreboard programs in the past.
- **Chester McGlockton Earns Top Honors**
Chester McGlockton of Whiteville earned the top athletic award the North Carolina High School Athletic Association has to offer for 1987-88. McGlockton, who is headed to Clemson University on a football scholarship, was a Parade All-American, Bally All-American and two-time all-state selection on the gridiron.
- **Bob Jamieson Joins National High School Sports Hall**
North Carolina's own Bob Jamieson, one of the more successful multi-sport coaches not only in the state but in the nation, added another great honor to his impressive list in July. Jamieson was the first North Carolinian to be inducted into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame, and was one of 14 in the 1988 class inducted.
- **Familiar Names Reappear As Wachovia Cup Champions**
The third time was certainly the charm for 4A Greensboro Grimsley, 3A High Point Andrews, 2A Salisbury, and 1A Hendersonville. The four schools, which won back-to-back Wachovia Cup awards for interscholastic athletic excellence in 1985-86 and 1986-87, repeated their performances this past season, a sweep unprecedented in the nine-year history of the awards program.

45 Years Ago—1968

- **Spring Sports**
In commenting on the report, Mr. Mock mentioned that in the baseball playoffs this spring the Association netted \$2,532.39 and had a deficit of \$4,954.19 for the sports of track, tennis, and golf.
- **C. Wayne Bradburn, newly elected president of the NCHSAA**, has served on the Board of Control for four years. Holder of A.B. and M.A. degrees from Western Carolina University and the University of Tennessee, respectively. Mr. Bradburn has touched all bases; having served as a player, coach, principal and superintendent. His twenty-three years of experience and dedication to the cause of athletics in the high school portends a successful year ahead under his leadership.
- **New Procedure for Grading Officials**
Grading cards and an Annual Officiating Report for a season's play will be sent to each school prior to the football and basketball seasons. The grading scale is from 10-1. Problems within the 10-5 range should be discussed with the local booking agent. When giving a grade of 4 or below, a written report must be sent to the NCAOA office immediately following the game. In order for a grade of 4 or below to be recorded, the report must give a specific rule missed in a specific play situation not involving judgement.
- **1968 Football Rules Changes**
1-2-6: A flag or a soft flexible pylon shall be placed at each intersection of a sideline and goal line and at each intersection of the inbounds line extended and the endline.
1-3-5: No mechanical visual aid equipment may be used for any coaching purpose any time during the game. ★



SOFTBALL

West Wilkes Tops South Creek To Capture 1-A Softball Crown

RALEIGH—Courtney Lackey of West Wilkes fired a two-hitter to lead the Blackhawks to a 4-1 victory over Robersonville South Creek in the third and decisive game in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A softball championship series at Walnut Creek Softball Complex.

Lackey struck out seven in getting her second victory of the day and earned championship Most Valuable Player honors. She had fanned eight and given up just four hits earlier in the day as West Wilkes evened the series with an 11-1 decision.

Lakyn Rutledge and Kaitlyn Pierce each had two hits for the Blackhawks, who got two runs in the first and single runs in the third and fourth in the decisive game. South Creek's only run was a homer by Kimberly Mobley in the fifth.

South Creek, which had won the opener 4-3, finished 24-6 on the season, while West Wilkes, making its first trip ever to the NCHSAA softball championships, wound up 29-5.

West Stanly Sweeps South Granville In 2-A

RALEIGH—Walker Barbee's hit up the middle drove home two runs in the bottom of the sixth to lift West Stanly to a 4-3 decision over South Granville in game two of the series to clinch the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A softball championship at Walnut Creek Softball Complex.

South Granville had scored single runs in each of the first three innings before the Colts got two in the fourth and then grabbed the lead for good in the sixth. Barbee's hit was only the second hit of the game for West Stanly.

Savannah Blalock of West Stanly was named the championship series Most Valuable Player. In the opener on Friday night, Blalock pitched a complete game and had two hits to help West Stanly snap an 18-game South Granville winning streak by a score of 8-5, and she went the distance again on Saturday, yielding just four hits.

Freshman Savannah Tilley of South Granville had a triple and double in three trips to the plate for the Vikings. Jenna Davis was the losing pitcher.

The victorious Colts, making their first trip to the finals since 2003, finished the season at 28-4. West Stanly had faced South Granville before in the championship, losing in the finals in both 1996 and '98.

South Granville, a perennial softball power over the years but back in the championship for the first time since 2002, ended the year 24-3.

D.H. Conley Wins Game 3 To Take 3-A Championship

RALEIGH—Junior outfielder Danielle Nadeau had three hits and three runs batted in as the Vikings beat Concord Jay Robinson 12-7 in the third and decisive game to clinch the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A softball championship series at Walnut Creek Softball Complex.

Nadeau was selected as the championship series Most Valuable Player.

Conley had sprinted to a 4-0 lead but Robinson tied it with four in its half of the second. The Vikings responded with a five-spot in the third and cruised from there, banging out 12 hits. Rikki Peter also had three hit for Conley, including a triple, and knocked in three runs for the winners.

Alyssa Sciaudone had three hits and three RBI for Jay Robinson while Tori Zavodny drove home a pair of runs.

Kesler Singleton was the winning pitcher while Keleigh Romine got the loss.

D.H. Conley had evened the series earlier by erupting for six runs in the top of the fifth to come from behind to take a 6-4 victory. Rachel Weidner was the winning pitcher and Singleton had two hits in three trips to the plate for the winners.

Jay Robinson had come from a run down in the seventh and grabbed an eight-inning 4-2 victory in the series opener, with Romine getting the win.

The Vikings, who won the 2011 NCHSAA state championship, finished the season with a 24-6 record while Jay Robinson wound up 29-4.

Alexander Takes Two From Wake Forest-Rolesville

RALEIGH—Mia Blochaviak had three hits and Alexander Central scored in all but one inning en route to a convincing 10-2 decision over Wake Forest-Rolesville to sweep the best-of-three North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A softball championship series at Walnut Creek Softball Complex.

Bailey Rhoney, who was the winning pitcher in game two while yielding only three hits, was named the championship Most Valuable Player.

Taylor Wike and Kiana Millsaps each had two hits for Alexander in a 10-hit attack, and Allison Scarboro went two for three for WF-R. Brittany Dahle was the losing pitcher.

Alexander Central finished its season at 33-1, the best mark among any of the eight teams competing in the NCHSAA softball championships. The Cougars were in their sixth trip to Walnut Creek since 1996 and 11th all time to the finals, and have won a total of eight NCHSAA softball titles, four in slow pitch and now four in fast pitch.

Wake Forest-Rolesville, in its third trip to the finals, finished at 20-5.

In the series opener, Alexander Central took advantage of five Wake Forest-Rolesville errors and blew open a close game with four runs in the seventh, taking a 10-5 win. Blochaviak had three hits for the winners in that one.



BASEBALL

South Stanly Takes 1-A Baseball Title With 14-12 Victory In Decisive Third Game

GREENSBORO—Chase Poplin's three-run homer in the six-run second inning got South Stanly off and running and the Rowdy Rebel Bulls rolled past Midway 14-12 in the third and decisive game of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A baseball championship series at NewBridge Bank Park.

Poplin, who was four for five at the plate, drove home four runs and scored three times. He also the winning pitcher, pitching three and one-third innings in relief, and earned championship series Most Valuable Player honors.

South Stanly led 12-2 at one point but Midway refused to quit, scoring five runs in the fourth to make it 12-7, and then closing the gap to two runs in the final frame.

Every starter for South Stanly had at least one hit in an 18-hit assault. Vance Deese was three for four with four RBI.

Designated hitter Tyler Pope led Midway with three hits in three trips, including a double, and Luke Clark was three for four. Heath Smith drove in three runs for the Raiders.

In the series opener, pitcher Russ Weiker limited Midway to just one hit

and went two for four at the plate himself to lead the Rebel Bulls to a 3-0 triumph. But Midway tied the series in Saturday's earlier game, with Taylor Calcutt hitting a pair of homers and driving in six runs to lead the Raiders to a wild 16-12 triumph, so the two teams combined to score 54 runs on Saturday alone.

South Stanly was in the finals for the fourth in the last five years and earned its second consecutive state 1-A championship, finishing the season with a record of 30-6. Midway, in the championship series for the first time since 1981, wound up 27-5.

This was the 97th year for baseball championships in the NCHSAA.

Caldwell's Hit Drives In Winning Runs As Piedmont Clinches

ZEBULON—Jonathan Caldwell's bases loaded single to right field in the bottom of the seventh brought home two runs and lifted Monroe Piedmont to a come-from-behind 9-8 victory over North Brunswick in the second game of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A baseball championship series at Five County Stadium.

The win gave the Panthers a sweep of the series after taking the opener 9-3.

Cameron Price of Piedmont, with three hits and three runs batted in for game two after going three for three in the opener, was voted the championship series Most Valuable Player. He also went the first five innings on the mound for the Panthers in game two, with Colby Barnette getting the win in relief.

The seesaw battle saw Piedmont spurt to a 5-0 lead, North Brunswick tie it with five in third, and then Piedmont went ahead 7-5 with two in the fourth. The Scorpions countered with three in the top of the sixth to hold an 8-7 lead into the final inning.

Barnette and Hunter Jones singled in the seventh for Piedmont and Nigel Hester walked, setting the stage for Caldwell's game-winner.

Jacob Shumate (3-3) was charged with the loss.

Barnette had three hits and Jones hit safely twice for the winners, who finished 30-3 overall and were back in the NCHSAA baseball finals for the third time but the first time since 1984.

The Scorpions, in the championship series for the first time since 1996, got two hits apiece from Jared Strange and Chris Graham. Strange, Kevon Perkins and Randy Clark each had two RBI for North, which ended the season with a record of 17-13.

Weddington Outscores Conley 17-14 In Game Three In 3-A Baseball Championship Series

GREENSBORO—Weddington led most of the way, blew it open with seven runs in the seventh and then hung on to defeat a valiant Greenville D.H. Conley team 17-14 in the third and final game of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A baseball championship series at NewBridge Bank Park.

The game ended after midnight.

The Warriors took the series two games to one. Daniel Calabretta of Weddington, who hit for the cycle in the wild contest, had four of the Warriors' 17 hits and scored four times to earn the championship series Most Valuable Player award.

Jeff Welch was four for five for the winners and drove in three runs, and he was eight for 11 in the series. For Conley, Matt Boyd had a big night with four hits, including a pair of doubles, in five at bats and four RBI.

Weddington led 17-7 in the seventh, with a key blow a bases loaded double by Welch with two outs which cleared the bases. However, the Vikings made it interesting by answering with seven of their own in the bottom of the seventh before the game ended just after midnight. Ryan Maness had a bloop single that scored two for the Vikings and brought the tying run to the plate before Graham Wadsworth retired Bryant Packard to end the game.

Weddington opened up a 3-0 lead early, but the Vikings battled back and finally took the advantage when Boyd delivered a two-out, two-run double in the bottom of the third to give Conley the lead for the first time at 4-3.

The Warriors answered with Chris Simpson's two-out, two-run single with the bases loaded knotting the game at 5-5 in the fourth, and then Weddington's Davis Norred smacked a two-run single with the bases loaded to put the Warriors up 7-5.

Calabretta lined a long two-run homer out in the top of the fifth for a 9-5 advantage, followed by a run-scoring double by Chris Simpson to deep center to make it 10-5.

The Vikings sliced into the margin when Boyd delivered another two-out double in the bottom of the fifth to make it 10-6, but he was gunned down trying to stretch it to three by centerfielder Alex Bostic.

Tyler Garrett's single knocked in Aaron Martin, who had opened the sixth with a base hit, to put Conley to within 10-7, but Weddington exploded for seven runs in the top of the seventh.

Conley had won the second game of the series earlier in the day, outlasting the Bulldogs 7-6, paced by three hits apiece by Maness and Michael Fuller. Weddington won the opening game by 12-5 as Sean Collins drove in five runs.

Weddington, which won the state title last year, finished 24-11 overall while Conley ended 28-5. The Vikings were in the championship for the third time, with previous state crowns in 2005 and '06.

South Meck Wins 4-A Baseball Championship Over Fuquay-Varina

ZEBULON—South Mecklenburg rallied from a 4-0 deficit with seven unanswered runs to take a 7-4 victory in the third and decisive game of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A baseball championship series at Five County Stadium.

Brooks Kennedy, Michael Smith and Luke Miller each had two hits in the Sabres 11-hit attack.

Earl Oliver of South Mecklenburg was named the championship series Most Valuable Player. Oliver went the distance on the mound in game two earlier in the day, giving up five hits while fanning four and walking two in a taut 2-1 win. Fuquay-Varina got a run in the sixth to break a 2-2 deadlock and win the opening game, 3-2.

In the decisive game, the Bengals took a 1-0 lead in the first on a sacrifice fly by Brett Daniels after a couple of hits, and then pushed three across in the second for a 4-0 lead.

But the Sabres stormed back to tie the game with four runs in the second, with the key blow a two-run single by Michael Smith, and then Max Bazin's RBI single in the third gave South Meck the lead for good at 5-4.

South added a pair of runs in the fourth on a hit batter, a walk, and singles by Miller and Kennedy.

Austin Wynn went the distance on the mound for South and allowed only one earned run, scattering nine hits. Daniels got the loss for Fuquay-Varina, although he paced the Bengals offense with three this in three trips. Lucas Scott and Nick Stuart had two hits apiece for the Bengals.

South Mecklenburg, in its fourth trip to the NCHSAA baseball championships, finished 27-7 overall and won its first state baseball title since 1989. The Bengals, who won the 4-A title in 2002, ended 27-6.

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