

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

100 TO REMEMBER – MALE ATHLETES

E.J. Abrams

Thomasville

Earned prestigious NCHSAA Male Athlete of Year in 2007-08 academic year as football, basketball and baseball player...played linebacker and QB for Bulldogs, rushing for 1,288 yards and throwing for more than 2,000 as senior as school won three straight NCHSAA titles...led Thomasville to regional basketball finals (20 ppg, 8 rpg) as senior...went to Tennessee to play football but wound up leaving school...is now on Winston-Salem State football roster.

Ethan Albright

Grimsley

Was NCHSAA Male Athlete of Year in 1988-89, playing football, basketball and baseball at Grimsley...he was conference Player of the Year as a senior in basketball...outstanding football player at the University of North Carolina who went on to great 16-year career in the National Football League... spent the majority of his professional career with the Washington Redskins but also played for Miami, San Diego and Buffalo, primarily as a long snapper...has coached high school softball since his football playing days.

Luke Appling

High Point

Had amazing 20-year career in major league baseball, spanning 1930 to 1950...grew up in High Point and then attended Oglethorpe College before embarking on baseball career...spent entire playing career with Chicago White Sox and had amazing career batting average of .310...had sizzling .388 mark in 1936 which led American League and also took AL batting crown in 1943...selected to baseball Hall of Fame in 1964...seven time All-Star...nicknamed "Old Aches and Pains"...died in 1991 at age of 83.

Scott Bankhead

Reidsville

Played for University of North Carolina after outstanding high school career at Reidsville before heading into professional baseball...pitched for five different organizations during his MLB time, from 1986 through 1995...drafted in first round by Kansas City and debuted with the Royals...pitched five years with Seattle Mariners and won 14 games in 1989...played for team USA in 1984 Summer Olympics.

Anthony Barbour

Garner

Had one of greatest seasons ever in NCHSAA high school football in 1987, leading Garner to NCHSAA state title and rushing for a then-NCHSAA single-season record of 3,125 yards...had 5,806 yards rushing for high school career...went on to N.C. State where he is school's fifth-leading rusher with total of 2,575 yards (5.4 per carry) from 1988 to '92...has been high school head football coach at various stops including Smithfield-Selma, Middle Creek and Southern Durham.

Bill Barnes

Was standout football and basketball player during collegiate days at Wake Forest...played third base on Wake's 1955 College World Series national championship team...was first ACC football player to rush for over 1,000 yards...went on to National Football League and played on Philadelphia Eagles 1961 NFL champions...also played for Washington and Minnesota in NFL and rushed for 3,421 yards in NFL career...inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1979.

Landis

Jim Beatty

Native of Charlotte who became first man in history to run a four-minute mile indoors, going 3:58.9 in Los Angeles in 1962...outstanding athlete at University of North Carolina who became one of the world's top distance runners...once held world record in two-mile...winner of 1962 Sullivan Award which goes to the nation's top amateur athlete...member of USA National Track and Field Hall of Fame and inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1963.

Charlotte Central

Bobby Bell

Great quarterback at Cleveland High School in old North Carolina High School Athletic Conference...went to University of Minnesota, where he was moved to defense and became all-American tackle...won Outland Trophy as nation's top lineman in 1962 and amazingly was third in Heisman Trophy voting...signed with Dallas Texans of AFL, one of first big names to sign with new league, and was a tremendous pass rusher as linebacker...named to all-time AFL team...member Pro Football Hall of Fame and North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.

Shelby

Jeff Bostic

A graduate of Greensboro Smith who had great collegiate football career at Clemson...was not drafted but played 13 years in the National Football League for Washington Redskins, playing center almost that entire time...one of the famous "Hogs" in Washington lore...participated on three Super Bowl championship teams and chosen one of 70 greatest players in Redskin history...started 149 games for Washington...played in Pro Bowl in 1983...member Clemson Hall of Fame and South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame.

Ben Smith

Ted Brown

Great career at High Point Andrews followed by a tremendous stint at North Carolina State...rushed for a school and Atlantic Coast Conference record 4,602 yards from 1975 through '78...jersey retired at N.C. State and he was a first-round NFL draft choice of the Minnesota Vikings...played eight seasons with the Vikings, scoring 53 touchdowns and rushing for a total of 4,546 yards in the professional ranks...inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1995.

T.W. Andrews

Na Brown

Winner of the NCHSAA Male Athlete of the Year honor for 1994-95 academic year...played football, basketball and baseball at Reidsville, finishing grid career as second all-time leading receiver in state history in receptions and third all-time in yards...played on 1994 state basketball championship team...had 165 catches for 2,086 yards and 14 scores while playing for University of North

Reidsville

Carolina...spent three years with Philadelphia Eagles of NFL, debuting in 1999, and has also played in Arena Football League.

Kelvin Bryant

Great player at Tarboro who had three 1,000-yard rushing seasons for UNC and finished career with 3,267 yards on ground for Tar Heels...scored six TDs in memorable game against ECU...signed with Philadelphia Stars of United States Football League and wound up second-leading rusher all-time in USFL in its three years of existence...rushed for 1,440 yards in '83 and 1,406 in '84...Stars won USFL title in both '84 and '85...played four years for Washington Redskins from 1986 through '90, rushing for 1,186 yards in that time...named one of Top 50 ACC Players of all-time.

Tarboro

Madison Bumgarner

Was Most Valuable Player in 2007 NCHSAA state 4-A baseball championship series as South Caldwell won title...was Gatorade's North Carolina Player of Year as prep senior with .424 average, 11-2 pitching mark and 1.05 ERA...after great high school career has gone on great career in professional baseball, including MLB debut in 2009 and excellent years with San Francisco Giants...was 16-11 with 3.37 ERA during 2012 season, which ended with Giants winning World Series...selected to All-Star Game in 2013.

South Caldwell

Tom Burleson

Great basketball player at Avery County High School who went on to star at North Carolina State...earned all-American honors as center on N.C. State's NCAA championship team in 1974...averaged 19 points and 12.7 rebounds per game for his collegiate career and was twice MVP in the ACC Tournament...played on U.S. Olympic team in 1972...played seven years in the NBA for three different teams, averaging 9.4 ppg for pro career... inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1996.

Avery

Kendric Burney

Earned the NCHSAA Male Athlete of the Year honor for the 2005-06 academic year...football, basketball and baseball star for the Stallions, including MVP of 2004 NCHSAA state football championship game as QB and DB...four-year starter at the University of North Carolina in football, starting 44 games and recording 210 tackles and 11 interceptions...has been with both St. Louis Rams and Carolina Panthers in NFL.

Southwest Onslow

Dennis Byrd

Tremendous athlete at Lincolnton who went on to stellar career at North Carolina State...was State's first consensus All-American in 1967 as member of famed "White Shoes Defense"...school retired his famous number 77 jersey in 2002...named to ACC's 50th Anniversary team...drafted in first round by Boston Patriots but was plagued by injuries and had eventually to get out of pro football after two seasons...taught and coached high school football for many years... inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 2007...died in 2010 at age of 63.

Lincolnton

Mike Caldwell

Had excellent major league career after setting some records in high school at Tarboro...once pitched 18 innings in a 1966 high school game against Washington and struck out 31...attended North Carolina State and then played major league baseball from 1971 through '84...the lefthanded hurler began career with San Diego and also pitched for Giants, Reds and Brewers, winning 137 games and posting career earned run average of 3.81...led American League with amazing 23 complete games in 1978 and posted 22-9 mark.

Tarboro

M.L. Carr

Multi-sport star at Wallace-Rose Hill who became one of greatest players in Guilford College history...as senior for Quakers, led Guilford to NAIA national championship by scoring 19 points and grabbing 12.5 rebounds per contest...played one year of pro basketball overseas and then played in both the ABA and NBA, most notably several years with Boston Celtics during which they won two NBA titles...had two stints as Celtics head coach...member NAIA Hall of Fame, Guilford College Hall and joined North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 2012.

Wallace-Rose Hill

Roger Craig

Enjoyed career as both player and manager in major league baseball...career as active player in majors went from 1955 through '66, as he pitched for five different teams...longest stint was seven years with Brooklyn/Los Angeles Dodgers...was member of three World Series championship teams... taken by New York Mets in expansion draft and was member of original '62 Mets team, winning 10 of their 40 victories in the inaugural year...from 1986 through 1992 managed San Francisco Giants...also managed Padres and served as pitching coach in several organizations....joined NC Sports Hall of Fame in 1985.

Durham

Carlester Crumpler

One of state's top high school football players, leading Fike to three consecutive NCHSAA state 4-A football titles...had four TD's in second half of '67 championship...rushed for 4,089 yards in high school career and scored 40 touchdowns, including 2,083 yards as senior, and also won state titles in track...went on to East Carolina where he ran for 2,889 yards and 37 touchdowns as Pirates won a pair of Southern Conference crowns...played in Canadian Football League briefly...inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 2002.

Wilson Fike

Alge Crumpler

Had terrific high school athletic career at New Hanover, including playing football and also earning state titles in discus and shot put, before going to the University of North Carolina...three-time all-ACC selection as tight end...played 10 years in National Football League for New England, Tennessee and Atlanta, with seven seasons with Falcons...caught 373 passes for 4,743 yards and 39 touchdowns...had 65 grabs for 877 yards in '05 season for Atlanta...selected for Pro Bowl four times.

New Hanover

Brad Daugherty

Outstanding high school basketball player who went on to star at the University of North Carolina...scored 1,912 points during Tar Heel career and two-time all-ACC first team selection...led conference in scoring and rebounding in 1986...number-one choice in NBA draft in '86 to Cleveland, where he played eight seasons...averaged 19 points per game in pro basketball and played in five NBA

Charles D. Owen

all-star games...number 43 retired by Cavaliers...has been both basketball and NASCAR analyst for ESPN...inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 2001.

Walter Davis

South Mecklenburg

Helped lead South Mecklenburg to three NCHSAA state 4-A basketball championships...went on to great career at University of North Carolina...scored 1,863 points during Tar Heel career and helped lead Heels to runner-up spot in '77 NCAA tournament...member of 1976 U.S. Olympic team...enjoyed terrific 15-season NBA career with Phoenix, Portland and Denver and played in six NBA all-star games...scored 19,521 points in NBA, average of 18.9 ppg... inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1996.

A.J. Davis

Northern Durham

Earned the designation as NCHSAA Male Athlete of year for 2001-02 academic year...great football and track star at Northern Durham...was MVP at 2002 NCHSAA state indoor track championships and won numerous individual state titles, both indoor and outdoor...played college football at North Carolina State...drafted by Detroit Lions in NFL and has been member of several different organizations, including Browns, Chiefs, Colts and Texans.

Lin Dawson

Kinston

Terrific high school career at Kinston who went on to star at North Carolina State University in football...drafted by New England Patriots of NFL in 1981 in eighth round but enjoyed 10-year career in professional football as tight end...selected as member of Patriots' "Team Of The Decade" for 1980's...charter member Kinston-Lenoir County Sports Hall of Fame...now runs Lin Dawson Organization, a comprehensive, organizational development-consulting firm.

Manny DeShauteurs

Brevard

Was the winner of NCHSAA Male Athlete of year for 1999-2000 academic year...three-sport star at Brevard, rushing for 6,632 yards in career and had senior season with 2,983 yards rushing, which then was fourth-best all-time...ran for 393 yards in a single game...four-time all-conference in wrestling with career mat mark of 109-7...four-time regional champ and state titlist in 1989...played football at Western Carolina.

Carl Eller

Winston-Salem Atkins

Led Atkins to North Carolina High School Athletic Conference football title in 1959...all-American defensive lineman at University of Minnesota...drafted in first round of both AFL and NFL drafts in 1964...spent 15 years in National Football League, 14 with Minnesota Vikings...named to Pro Bowl on six different occasions and was considered great pass rusher...played in four Super Bowls for Vikings...started 209 NFL games in career...inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1991...joined Pro Football Hall in 2004.

Johnny Evans

High Point Andrews

Great football player at High Point Andrews, playing in the 1973 Shrine Bowl and the '74 East-West all-star game...played for Lou Holtz at North Carolina State from 1974 to '77, where he was a quarterback and a punter who still holds some State records...Peach Bowl MVP in 1977...played three

years for the Cleveland Browns in the NFL and three years in the Canadian Football League...broadcaster on the N.C. State football network and director of Eastern North Carolina Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Brad Evans

Durham

Superlative multi-sport star at Durham High, a school that had great athletic tradition...was the Greensboro News and Record Athlete of the Year in both high school football and basketball during his senior year...great runner and passer in high school football...went on to play both sports at Duke...averaged 9.9 ppg during 1969-70 hoop season...caught a total of 29 passes during his Blue Devil football career and ranked in top 10 in ACC for yards per catch during the 1970 season.

Eric "Sleepy" Floyd

Gastonia Hunter Huss

Great basketball player at Hunter Huss while James Worthy was at cross-town rival Ashbrook...went on to star at Georgetown, where he was consensus first-team all-American...drafted in first round of NBA draft by New Jersey Nets and wound up playing for four teams in excellent 13-year career, including five and a half seasons with Houston Rockets...retired with 12,260 career points (12.8 ppg) and 5,175 career assists...scored 29 points in one quarter of NBA playoff game in 1987 for Golden State against Lakers.

Phil Ford

Rocky Mount

Star athlete at Rocky Mount who went on to great career at University of North Carolina...scored 2,290 points for Tar Heels (18.6 ppg for career)...ACC Player of Year in 1978 and three times all-ACC...ran the vaunted Four Corners offense for UNC...played for four NBA teams during professional career after earning NBA Rookie of the Year honors for Kansas City Kings in 1979...averaged 11.6 ppg, 6.4 assists in NBA...long-time assistant coach at UNC, also coached in NBA...inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1991.

Roman Gabriel

New Hanover

Three-sport star who played for Leon Brogden at New Hanover High...went on to North Carolina State where he was twice Atlantic Coast Conference football Player of Year, in 1960 and '61...enjoyed 17-year career in National Football League, primarily with Los Angeles Rams but also played for Philadelphia...tossed 201 touchdown passes in the NFL and threw for 29,444 yards in his career...NFL's Most Valuable Player in 1969...inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1971.

Bob Gantt

Durham

Was outstanding athlete in both football and basketball for powerhouse Durham High School teams in late 1930's...his Durham basketball team won 69 games in a row against top teams from all over the Southeast...went on to have an excellent athletic career at Duke, playing football, basketball and track for the Blue Devils...established several school kicking records during Duke football career...played a couple of years of professional basketball with the Washington Caps...joined North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1978.

Tyrell Godwin

East Bladen

Named winner of NCHSAA Male Athlete of year for 1996-97 academic year...football, basketball and track standout who attended University of North Carolina on prestigious Morehead Scholarship...rushed for 2,060 yards and 34 TDs during senior season at East Bladen...played both football and baseball at Carolina, including batting .391 in 1999...went into professional baseball and was in Blue Jays organization for four years before making brief major league appearance with Washington.

Tommy Greene

Whiteville

Had four home runs for Whiteville in a high school game in 1985 and also had amazing earned run average that season of 0.07...his 270 strikeouts that year is still an NCHSAA pitching record...made major league baseball debut in 1989 with Atlanta Braves...pitched eight seasons in the majors, five with Philadelphia Phillies...big 6-5 righthander went 16-4 with 3.42 earned run average in his best single season in 1993, when he worked 200 innings.

Josh Hamilton

Athens Drive

A remarkable story in major league baseball which he has written about in his autobiography *Beyond Belief*...batted .636 and drove in 56 runs for Athens Drive in 1998, when he was one of the top baseball prospects in the nation...first pro season was '99 and played in Futures Game in 2000...after battling drug addiction and being out of baseball, outfielder made remarkable comeback to play in majors starting in 2007 for Cincinnati, then Texas and now the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim...had 43 homers and 128 RBI in 2012 season for Rangers.

Leo Hart

Kinston

One of most decorated football players in Duke history after outstanding career at Kinston...posted what were at the time the top three single-season passing totals in Atlantic Coast Conference history...only player ever to lead ACC in total offense three times and earn three all-ACC selections at quarterback...threw for 6,116 yards in college career, including 2,236 as a senior... 2008 inductee into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.

Dickie Hemric

Jonesville

First Wake Forest all-American basketball player who was twice voted as the Player of the Year in the Atlantic Coast Conference...finished collegiate career with whopping 2,587 points and 1,802 rebounds, including grabbing 36 boards in '55 against Clemson, and twice led conference in rebounding...played two years for Boston Celtics in NBA... inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1972.

Scott Hoch

Broughton

Led Broughton to 1973 NCHSAA state golf title and was medalist in that championship...outstanding collegiate golfer at Wake Forest...turned pro in 1979...22 professional tournament championships in career, including 11 on PGA Tour and three on Champions tour...won Vardon Trophy for lowest stroke average on tour in 1986...lost in playoff for Masters title in '89...played on U.S. Walker Cup team as well as Ryder Cup and President's Cup.

Terry Holland

Outstanding athlete at Clinton who went on to star in basketball at Davidson from 1960 through '63 when program surged to national scene...led NCAA in field goal percentage in '63 season...went into college basketball coaching and was very successful at Davidson, coaching Wildcats to four Southern Conference crowns, and then won 326 games as head coach at Virginia, with two trips to Final Four...has served as athletic director at Davidson, Virginia and East Carolina... inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 2002.

Clinton

Torry Holt

Star football and basketball player at Eastern Guilford who caught 129 passes for 2,573 yards and 42 touchdowns during prep career...played for North Carolina State from 1995 to '98 where he was ACC Football Player of the Year and wound up with State record 3,379 career receiving yards...first round draft pick of St. Louis Rams in NFL and led league in receiving in 2000...920 receptions for whopping 13,382 yards in pro career with 74 TDs...named to Pro Bowl seven times...member of St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame and Guilford County Sports Hall.

Eastern Guilford

Ethan Horton

Great career as quarterback for the Wonders at A.L. Brown High in Kannapolis before heading to University of North Carolina to play football...changed from his high school position but was Associated Press ACC Player of Year as senior running back at North Carolina, rushing for 1,247 yards in 1984 after going for 1,107 yards in '83 ...NFL career spanning nine years as tight end for Kansas City, Los Angeles Raiders and Washington Redskins...caught 212 passes in NFL...has done television broadcasting work since playing days have ended...in Cabarrus County Hall of Fame.

Kannapolis A.L. Brown

Jim "Catfish" Hunter

Had brilliant major league pitching career after a dominant run in high school in a couple of sports...helped Perquimans to NCHSAA state 2-A baseball crown in 1963...pitched primarily with Athletics and Yankees from 1965 through '79, winning 224 games and posting career earned run average of 3.26...eight-time All-Star and winner of Cy Young Award with Oakland in 1974, when he won 25 games...played on five World Series champions and pitched perfect game in 1968...tragically died of ALS at the age of 53 in 1999.

Hertford

David Inman

Earned the designation as NCHSAA Male Athlete of year for 1989-90 academic year as standout in three sports...played football, baseball and wrestled in high school, winning 1990 state 4-A heavyweight wrestling title with perfect 34-0 mark...outstanding pitcher in baseball and offensive lineman in football...went to North Carolina State on full football grant-in-aid and played three years there, primarily as long snapper.

Terry Sanford

Antawn Jamison

Providence

Great high school basketball career at Charlotte Providence, followed by outstanding collegiate stint at the University of North Carolina...consensus collegiate national player of year in 1998, with 22.2 ppg and 10.5 rebounds...finished UNC career with 1,974 points and 1,027 rebounds...terrific NBA career with several teams, including Warriors, Mavericks, Wizards, Cavaliers and Lakers...has scored almost 20,000 points in NBA career (18.8 ppg).

Haywood Jeffires

Page

Great football and basketball player at Page...MVP of 1983 NCHSAA state 4-A basketball championship game as Pirates were unbeaten under coach Mac Morris...also outstanding receiver and defensive back at Page who went on to star at North Carolina State...first receiver chosen in 1987 NFL draft and three-time Pro Bowl selection with Houston Oilers...caught 515 passes during NFL career for 6,334 yards in 10 seasons...member of Guilford County Sports Hall of Fame.

Brad Johnson

Charles D. Owen

Great high school athlete in football and basketball at Owen who was also two-sport standout at Florida State...started as freshman in basketball for Seminoles and played QB for Bobby Bowden in football, starting several games as junior and senior and leading FSU to bowl victories...National Football League career spanned 16 years, including nine years with Vikings (two stints) and three with Tampa Bay...threw for 29,054 yards in NFL career and 166 touchdowns...threw for over 4,000 yards in 200 with Redskins...helped win a Super Bowl and twice a Pro Bowl selection.

Bobby Jones

South Mecklenburg

Helped lead South Mecklenburg to NCHSAA state 4-A basketball championships before becoming a star at the University of North Carolina...averaged 13.7 ppg and 8.9 rebounds for college career and was second team Associated Press all-American in 1974...had excellent pro basketball career starting with Denver in ABA and then Philadelphia in NBA, spanning 1975 through '86...played in all-star games in both ABA and NBA...only player ever to lead both leagues in field-goal percentage and was first-team all-Defense from 1977 through '84... joined North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1989.

Michael Jordan

Laney

Played basketball and baseball at Wilmington Laney and went on to star on basketball court for North Carolina...as freshman hit famous game-winning shot in 1982 NCAA championship game...twice first-team all-American who went on to storied career in NBA...five times Most Valuable Player in the NBA and led Chicago Bulls to six NBA championships...scored 32,292 points during amazing pro basketball career...inducted in Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame as well as North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.

Randy Jordan

Warren County

Tremendous football player and record-setting track star at Warren County, whose NCHSAA 2-A 200 meter dash mark has stood for over 25 years...held 100 meter mark for years and won six outdoor state titles...went on to play football at University of North Carolina and then enjoyed nine-year career in National Football League with Raiders and Jaguars...great special teams player...scored Jacksonville's

first NFL TD ever in 1995...after retirement as active player went into coaching...has had college stints at Nebraska and Texas A&M and currently coaches running backs at his alma mater, UNC.

Sonny Jurgensen

New Hanover

Three-sport athlete who starred at New Hanover and later was outstanding college football player at Duke, playing both quarterback and defensive back...led Blue Devils to two ACC championships and spot in 1954 Orange Bowl...had great career in National Football League with both Washington Redskins and Philadelphia Eagles...threw for 32,224 yards with 255 touchdown passes as an NFL quarterback... a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame and inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1971.

Charlie Justice

Asheville Lee Edwards

Had phenomenal high school career at Lee Edwards, averaging 265 yards rushing per game in 1942 and averaging 18.6 yards per carry...went on to University of North Carolina where he led Tar Heels to two Sugar Bowls and one Cotton Bowl as single wing tailback...collegiate totals included 3,774 yards rushing and 2,362 yards passing and was twice runner-up for Heisman Trophy...went on to play four seasons with Washington Redskins in NFL...inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1963...died in 2003.

Mike Kendall

Albemarle

Was named NCHSAA Male Athlete of year for 1990-91 academic year and was one of best high school wrestlers in North Carolina history...four-time NCHSAA state wrestling champion, from 1988 through '91, and posted perfect record for entire high school career at 153-0...wrestled at University of North Carolina from 1994 through '94 and was an ACC champion...wound up being excellent high school wrestling coach at several stops, including 10 years at Chapel Hill.

Rusty LaRue

Northwest Guilford

Earned the designation as NCHSAA Male Athlete of year for 1991-92 academic year after great Northwest Guilford career...played football, basketball and baseball during his career at Wake Forest...broke eight NCAA records for passing as quarterback during senior year at Wake, including one game with 55 completions...finished hoops at Wake first in career three-point field goal percentage...played for Bulls, Jazz and Warriors in NBA as well as overseas in eight-year pro career...has coached at high school and college levels...member Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame.

Chris Leak

Charlotte Independence

Basically rewrote NCHSAA football record book with amazing passing stats...all-time leader in yards passing with 15,593 yards for his career 1999-2002...has only 5000-yard season in NCHSAA history at 5,193 and national mark for TD passes in career...Independence won four state titles during his career...went on to star at University of Florida and led Gators to 2007 BCS national championship, earning MVP honors in game...has played in Canadian Football League, winning Grey Cup with Montreal, and Arena League

Meadowlark Lemon

Was outstanding football and basketball player at Williston High in old North Carolina High School Athletic Conference...attended Florida A&M but is best known as the "Clown Prince of Basketball," playing in over 5,000 games for the Harlem Globetrotters all over the world...with Trotters from 1953 through '76 and again in '93...for a while had his own traveling basketball teams, known as Meadowlark Lemon's Bucketeers and also the Shooting Stars... 1975 induction into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.

Williston

Patrick Lennon

Winner of NCHSAA Male Athlete of the Year in 1985-86, the first year the award was given, after great multi-sport career at Whiteville...drafted in first round by Mariners in 1986 amateur baseball draft...long professional baseball career, including six years in majors with Mariners, Blue Jays, Royals and A's...had .265 career average in MLB and .295 in minors, including 12 years at AAA level...hit .293 for Oakland in 56 games in 1997.

Whiteville

Buck Leonard

First North Carolinian to be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame after great career in Negro Leagues...first baseman who played semi-pro ball in Rocky Mount before signing with Baltimore Stars...spent most of his baseball career with famous Homestead Grays, from 1936 through '50...helped Grays win nine league titles and played in 12 Negro League all-star games...great hitter and fielder...inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1973...died in 1997.

Rocky Mount

Albert Long

Great high school multi-sport athlete at Durham High who became the only four-sport letterman in University of North Carolina history...lettered in baseball (3 times), football, basketball and track...graduate of UNC and won Patterson Medal as university's top athlete in 1955...for many years has been active speaker at churches and schools...member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes Hall of Champions.

Durham

Tommy Love

Tremendous football player for strong Sylva-Webster teams who helped integrate that school...played both tailback and quarterback in high school, running for more than 1,800 yards and 32 TDs and throwing for more than 1,700 yards...one of first African-America football players in Shrine Bowl and ran for 147 yards in that game...recruited all over the country and signed with Michigan State, where he led Spartans in rushing as sophomore in 1968...tragically died of heart attack at age of 22...Tommy Love Award at Michigan State still honors Most Improved Player.

Sylva-Webster

Dwight Lowry

Born in Lumberton and wound up playing four years in major league baseball, primarily with the Detroit Tigers...career spanned 1984 through '87, with best year a .307 batting average in part-time action in 1986...attended the University of North Carolina before heading into professional baseball...after active playing days, managed in the Tigers minor league organization...died suddenly of a heart attack in 1997.

Pembroke

John Lucas

Fantastic athlete in both tennis and basketball at Hillside...won NCHSAA state 4-A singles tennis championship in 1970, '71 and '72...went on to play basketball at University of Maryland, where he was all-Atlantic Coast Conference three times and twice won ACC singles championship in tennis...then embarked on NBA career with six different teams and also served as head coach of both San Antonio Spurs and Philadelphia 76ers...spoke at some of NCHSAA Chemical Awareness Conferences when those were held.

Durham Hillside

Nick Maddox

Winner of NCHSAA Male Athlete of the Year in 1998-99 after starring at A.L. Brown...Three-sport star for Wonders, with 6,654 yards rushing in high school and whopping 650 points scored with 114 TDs...continued career at Florida State, where he played extensively at both receiver and running back...helped lead Seminoles to 1999 national championship...spent a couple of years in National Football League with Cleveland Browns and Carolina Panthers...

Kannapolis A.L. Brown

Danny Manning

Great basketball player at high school, college and pro level...one of great players in University of Kansas history, who left school as all-time leading scorer and rebounder...college Player of Year in 1988 as Jayhawks won NCAA title...lengthy NBA career after being drafted by Clippers...longest stints with Clippers and Suns, scoring 12,367 points in NBA from 1998 through '2003, averaging 14.0 ppg...assistant coach at Kansas for several years and was part of a national title as an assistant, and then head coach at Tulsa after retiring as player.

Greensboro Page

Pete Maravich

Born in Aliquippa, PA., and had memorable high school basketball season at Raleigh Broughton...played in North Carolina Coaches Association East-West game and was MVP in 1965...set incredible scoring marks at LSU, scoring 3,667 points in three-year career and averaging amazing 44.2 ppg in college...played for Jazz, Hawks and Celtics in 10-year NBA career and was five-time NBA All-Star...scored 15,948 points in NBA (24.2 ppg) and averaged 5.4 assists...on NBA's 50th anniversary team...member Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Raleigh Broughton

Kareem Martin

Winner of NCHSAA Male Athlete of the Year award in 2009-10 after great football, basketball and track career at Roanoke Rapids...was league defensive player of year as senior in football and also conference basketball player of year...went on to University of North Carolina and has been outstanding for Tar Heels in his first three seasons, starting throughout his time with UNC...eight sacks in first three years with Heels and preseason all-conference pick for 2013 season.

Roanoke Rapids

Cedric Maxwell

Kinston native who became a collegiate and professional basketball star...played at the University of North Carolina Charlotte from 1973 to '77, leading 49ers to amazing Final Four appearance in 1977...scored 1,824 points and hauled down 1,117 rebounds during UNCC career...first-round pick in NBA draft by Boston Celtics and played for Boston 1977-85...also played for Clippers and Rockets

Kinston

...MVP of 1981 NBA Finals...scored 10,465 points in NBA career, averaging 12.5 ppg... inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1998.

Bob McAdoo

Basketball star at Ben Smith before going to junior college and then playing one year at the University of North Carolina, leading Tar Heels to Final Four in 1972...second pick overall in NBA draft by Buffalo Braves, for whom he played from 1973 through '77...played for six other teams before retiring in 1986...was NBA Rookie of Year in '73 and league MVP two years later...led NBA in scoring three times, averaging more than 30 ppg each year, and had career average of 22.1 ppg...scored 18,787 points in NBA... inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1993.

Greensboro Ben Smith

Mike McGee

Outstanding player and coach who was an all-American tackle at Duke (played both ways) and won 1959 Outland Trophy as nation's top lineman...1960 McKelvin Award winner as ACC's top athlete...drafted by St. Louis Cardinals in NFL but career was cut short in pro football by serious injury...went on to be head football coach at Duke and East Carolina and also served as director of athletics at Cincinnati, Southern California and South Carolina... inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1991 and also member of National Football Foundation Hall of Fame.

Elizabeth City

Chester McGlockton

Winner of NCHSAA Male Athlete of the Year in 1987-88, the third year the award was given, after great multi-sport career at Whiteville, leading team to NCHSAA state 2-A football title in senior year...was standout collegiate player at Clemson...played 12 seasons as defensive tackle in National Football League, including six for Los Angeles/Oakland Raiders, after being drafted in first round...four-time Pro Bowl selection...ended NFL career with 51 sacks...coached a year at Stanford after retiring as player...died suddenly in 2011 at age of 42.

Whiteville

Horace "Bones" McKinney

Starred on Durham High School's powerhouse basketball teams, considered among best in state history, that won 69 consecutive games...entered N.C. State and led Southern Conference in scoring in 1942, then drafted into U.S. Army and returned after war to enroll at UNC...led team to runner-up finish in NCAA tournament...played with Washington Capitols for five years and then a year with Boston Celtics, averaging 9.4 ppg as pro player...long-time coach at Wake Forest and also coached Carolina Cougars in ABA...inducted into North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1970...died in 1997.

Durham

Paul Miller

Great athlete at Ayden that led several high school teams to great success, leading teams to state titles in football, basketball and baseball during prep career...played football and baseball at University of North Carolina...was all-ACC as quarterback in 1971, throwing for 1,041 yards, as well as making ACC all-academic team...first recipient of ACC's Brian Piccolo Award to league's "most courageous player"...has gone on to be very successful in business.

Ayden

Jackie Murdock

Raleigh

Helped lead Raleigh (Hugh Morson High) to 1953 NCHSAA state basketball championship and then was MVP in '53 East-West North Carolina Coaches Association all-star game...standout in basketball at Wake Forest 1954-57 and also played baseball two years...averaged 14.9 ppg for career and was first-team all-ACC and Converse All-American in 1957...spent one year as Wake Forest basketball coach in 1966...was also standout fast-pitch softball player for many years after college...member of North Carolina Softball Hall of Fame and joined North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1990.

Freddie "Curly" Neal

Greensboro Dudley

Played on Dudley team that won 1961 North Carolina High School Athletic Conference championship and went on to great career at Johnson C. Smith, averaging 23 points per game in college...joined Harlem Globetrotters in 1963 and became known worldwide for his dribbling prowess...played in more than 6,000 games in 97 different countries and the Trotters retired his number 22...member of 2008 class of North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame and 2006 class of Guilford County Sports Hall of Fame.

Hakeem Nicks

Charlotte Independence

One of greatest receivers in NCHSAA football history who has also achieved greatness in both the collegiate and professional ranks...had 1,815 yards receiving for Independence in 2005, at the time second-best prep mark in state history, and was MVP of 4-AA championship...star receiver at North Carolina with several school records, catching 181 passes for 2,840 yards and 21 TDs...in first four years with New York Giants in NFL, grabbed 255 passes for 3,726 yards and 27 TDs, and was key player in Giant Super Bowl championship win over Patriots.

Trot Nixon

New Hanover

Had lengthy major league baseball career after outstanding high school seasons at New Hanover...batted .519 and drove home 56 runs in senior season in high school in 1993...made debut in majors in September of 1996 and played until 2008, primarily with Boston Red Sox...274 career batting average in 1,092 games and had career high 28 home runs in 2003 season...was Red Sox Rookie of Year in 1999 and was on Boston World Series winner in 2004

Otis Nixon

West Columbus

Born in Columbus County and went on to lengthy major league baseball career...played for a number of teams, with multi-year stints with Indians, Expos, and Braves, among others...made major league debut in 1983...speedy switch-hitting outfielder had career batting average in MLB of .270 in career of over 1,700 games...stole 72 bases for Atlanta in 1991 season and had over 600 steals for career.

Chris Paul

West Forsyth

Tremendous basketball player at West Forsyth, averaging better than 30 ppg and 9.5 assists as senior and scored 61 points in a game as tribute to grandfather, who was killed at age of 61...went on to star at nearby Wake Forest for two years, where he was consensus All-American and had his number retired there...has won two Olympic gold medals as member of USA team...has been star in NBA for New Orleans Hornets and then Los Angeles Clippers...MVP of NBA all-star game in 2013...has averaged 18.8 ppg and 9.5 assists for first eight years of pro career.

Julius Peppers

Three-sport star in football, basketball and track and Southern Nash and was NCHSAA Male Athlete of the Year in 1998, including rushing for 3,501 yards in prep career and league player of the year in basketball...football and basketball standout at University of North Carolina...has played for Carolina Panthers and Chicago Bears in NFL, with eight Pro Bowl selections in 11 years...111.5 sacks during that time.

Southern Nash

Gaylord Perry

Helped lead Williamston to 1955 NCHSAA Class A baseball championship...made major league debut in April of 1962 and pitched in big leagues for 21 years...first 10 years with San Francisco Giants but also played for Indians, Rangers, Padres, Braves, and Mariners in addition to stints with Royals and Yankees...won 314 games and pitched over 5,000 MLB innings...earned Cy Young Award twice and was first person to win it once in each league (Giants in 1972, Padres in 1978)...elected to baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown in 1991...attended Campbell University.

Williamston

Jim Perry

Helped lead Williamston to 1955 NCHSAA Class A baseball championship...pitched in major leagues from 1959 to 1975, primarily with Minnesota Twins...also pitched for Indians and Tigers...won 215 games during major league career, including 24 in 1970 for Twins, the year he won the Cy Young Award...recorded 1,576 strikeouts in career and had ERA of 3.45...three times in MLB All-Star Game...attended Campbell University and baseball stadium there is named in his honor...member of Minnesota Twins Hall of Fame.

Williamston

Carl Pickens

One of great receivers in NCHSAA history, with 1,536 yards in senior season in 1987 and over 3,000 for prep career...led Murphy to back-to-back NCHSAA state 1-A football titles and unbeaten seasons...went on to University of Tennessee where he played three years, 1989-91, and caught 109 passes for 1,875 yards and 13 TDs...was NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year in 1992 with Cincinnati Bengals and caught 100 passes during '96 season...540 receptions for 7,129 yards and 63 scores during nine-year NFL career.

Murphy

Jethro Pugh

After great career at Bertie, went to Elizabeth City State University, where he was two-time all-CIAA and eventually had his jersey retired there...went on to National Football League at only 20 years of age and played for Dallas Cowboys for entire career of 14 seasons...helped Cowboys two five NFC titles and two Super Bowls...sacks not an official stat during Pugh's career but great pass rusher averaged 12.5 sacks for period of 1968 through '72...member of CIAA Hall of Fame (1979) and North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame (1980).

Windsor

Rodney Rogers

Great basketball player at Hillside who went on to star at Wake Forest...averaged 28.3 ppg and 12.3 rebounds as senior for Hornets...was ACC Player of Year for Deacons in 1993 and posted career marks of 19.3 ppg and 7.9 rebounds...jersey number 54 retired at Wake Forest...drafted by Denver Nuggets

Durham Hillside

and played for six other NBA teams during pro career, scoring total of 9,468 points (10.9 ppg)...NBA Sixth Man of Year in 2000...suffered tragic dirt back accident in 2008 and was paralyzed from shoulders down.

Heath Shuler

Swain County

Outstanding athlete who quarterbacked Swain County to 1990 NCHSAA state 1-A title (Maroon Devils' third straight) and was MVP of championship game...had stellar career at University of Tennessee and was second in voting for Heisman Trophy in 1993...held most UT passing records before Peyton Manning played for Volunteers...drafted in first round of NFL draft by Redskins and also played for New Orleans Saints...threw for 3,691 yards as pro quarterback...served six years in U.S. House of Representatives.

Robert Siler

Jordan-Matthews

Earned the designation as NCHSAA Male Athlete of year for 1986-87 academic year, the second year the award was presented...scored 37 TDs in senior football season, scored 19 ppg and grabbed seven rebounds as senior, and also set school's triple jump record...played 94 basketball games at Wake Forest and averaged 9.4 ppg for his career, 10.7 ppg as senior, despite injuries...briefly played professional basketball overseas.

Webb Simpson

Raleigh Broughton

Outstanding high school golfer at Broughton who went on to star as collegiate player at Wake Forest...led Broughton to NCHSAA state title and was individual champ in 2004 tournament at Pinehurst...three-time all-American and ACC Player of Year in 2008...turned professional in 2008, playing on Nationwide Tour and then PGA Tour...biggest win of career was victory at 2012 U.S. Open at Olympic Club in San Francisco...2012 Ryder Cup team...currently resides in Charlotte.

Enos Slaughter

Roxboro

Had tremendous major league baseball career from 1938 through 1959 with St. Louis Cardinals and New York Yankees after high school in Roxboro...had .300 career batting average in 2,380 major league games...played on four World Series championship teams...had number 9 retired by St. Louis Cardinals in 1996...selected to major league All-Star Game on 10 different occasions...had National League leading 130 runs batted in for 1946 season...elected to baseball Hall of Fame in 1985...died in 2002.

Vic Sorrell

Cary, Clayton

Was great high school pitcher at both Cary and Clayton, helping Clayton to 1926 NCHSAA championship...played baseball at Wake Forest, winning his last eight games his junior season...signed with Detroit Tigers and played for Tigers from 1928 to '37, winning 92 games and playing on couple of pennant-winning clubs and a World Series champion in 1935 when Detroit beat Cubs in six games...managed briefly in minor leagues and then was head baseball coach at N.C. State for 21 years...member North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame, joining in 1999.

Jerry Stackhouse

Great basketball player at Kinston before going to Oak Hill Academy and then starring in both collegiate ranks and NBA...had 20 points and 12 boards in 1992 NCHSAA 4-A final but Kinston fell to West Charlotte...two-time Parade All-American in high school...first pick by Sixers in NBA draft after earning national Player of Year honors as North Carolina Tar Heel...has played for eight different teams in lengthy pro hoop career, with longest stint with Mavericks...almost 1,000 NBA games and a total of 16,409 points (16.9 ppg).

Kinston

Steve Streater

Great athlete at Sylva-Webster who holds some NCHSAA pitching records that will never be broken... won 23 games in a single season as S-W won NCHSAA state title and 61 during his career...had 12 shutouts one season...played football at University of North Carolina and earned all-ACC honor as both punter and defensive back...averaged 43 yards per punt as senior...signed with Washington Redskins but was paralyzed in automobile accident in 1981...died in 2009 at age of 50.

Sylva-Webster

Danny Talbott

One of greatest all-around athletes in NCHSAA history, leading Rocky Mount to state championships in football, basketball and baseball in same academic year...played football and baseball at University of North Carolina and was ACC Football Player of Year in '65 (as QB and DB) and winner of McKelvin Award as conference's top athlete in 1966...helped UNC to College World Series and had .357 career average for Heels...drafted by 49ers in NFL draft and also played minor league baseball...joined North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.

Rocky Mount

David Thompson

Superlative player at Crest who went on to All-American status at North Carolina State...scored 29.9 ppg as senior with Wolfpack and led NCSU to NCAA national title in 1974...three-time ACC Player of Year...known as "Skywalker"...first pick in overall by Hawks in 1975 NBA draft but signed with Denver Nuggets of ABA...scored 13,422 points in pro career and tallied amazing 73 points in one game...averaged 22.1 ppg for career with single season high of 27.2...1996 inductee into Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame

Crest

Charles Waddell

Superlative multi-sport athlete at Pinecrest who is the last three-sport letterman at the University of North Carolina, earning letters in football, track and basketball...all-ACC in football and was Sporting News All-American with 41 catches for 571 yards...won prestigious Patterson Medal at UNC in 1975, highest athletic award school offers...played in NFL for Bucs, Seahawks and Chargers but was injured...worked with Richardson Sports for 10 years, working on advertising and sponsorships for Carolina Panthers...joined South Carolina staff as associate athletic director in 2006.

Pinecrest

Tyrone Westmoreland

Earned the designation as NCHSAA Male Athlete of year for 1992-93 academic year...finished his prep football career with 6,602 yards rushing, which was second all-time at that juncture...four-time all-conference in football and scored a whopping 92 career TDs...great wrestler who earned state title in

South Iredell

that sport and finished second in state three times, with career mark of 124-3...also ran track successfully...member of South Iredell High School Hall of Fame.

Hoyt Wilhelm

Joined major league baseball Hall of Fame in 1985 after great career as relief pitcher...born in Huntersville, attended high school in Cornelius and didn't make majors until age 29...pitched for nine different organizations and pitched until the age of 50 in 1972...longest stints with teams included Giants, Orioles and White Sox...appeared in 1,070 games and had 227 saves in career with career ERA of 2.52...no hit the Yankees in 1958...died in 2002...served in World War II.

Huntersville

Dominique Wilkins

Born in Paris, when father was stationed overseas, and later family settled in "the original" Washington...Helped lead Pam Pack to back-to-back NCHSAA state 3-A men's basketball state crowns in 1978 and '79 and was two-time championship MVP...starred at University of Georgia with 21.6 ppg for his three years with Bulldogs...enjoyed great NBA career with four different teams, with Atlanta Hawks retiring his jersey number 21...nine-time NBA all-star and winner of two NBA dunk contests... 26,668 points and 7,169 rebounds in pro career...known as "Human Highlight Film."

Washington

Tim Wilkison

Was the number-one ranked junior tennis player in the United States and went on to play professional tennis for over 25 years...the lefthanded star won six singles crowns and nine doubles championships during his pro career...earned nickname "Dr. Dirt" for his diving volleys at Wimbledon, where he advanced to doubles semifinals in 1979...career high singles ranking of 23rd in the world in 1986...also played Davis Cup for United States team.

Shelby

Buck Williams

Led Rocky Mount to NCHSAA state 4-A basketball crown in 1978...went to Maryland, where he led ACC in rebounding twice...named to 1980 U.S. Olympic team...lengthy career in NBA, playing a whopping 18 seasons and 1,307 games...1982 NBA Rookie of Year toiled for Portland, New Jersey and New York...averaged 13 points and 10 rebounds a game during career and played in three NBA all-star games...named to North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.

Rocky Mount

James Worthy

Great basketball player at Ashbrook who went on to stellar career at University of North Carolina, leading Tar Heels to 1982 NCAA national championship...Most Valuable Player in '82 ACC tournament, Eastern Regional and Final Four...1982 McKelvin Award winner as ACC's top athlete...played 12 seasons for Los Angeles Lakers in NBA, including seven all-star game appearances...Lakers won three NBA championships during his tenure and he was named one of top 50 players of NBA's first half century...scored 16,320 points in NBA...joined N.C. Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.

Gastonia Ashbrook