INAUGURAL NCHSAA FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS GAME NOTES

November 14, 2026

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association NCHSAA will crown its first three Flag Football State Champions on Saturday, November 14, at Helen and Leonard Moretz Stadium on the campus of Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory. The championships mark a historic milestone for the Association as the inaugural sanctioned season concludes with six teams competing for state titles.

The day begins with the 1A–6A Championship at 11 a.m., featuring Roxboro Community and Phillip O. Berry. Wakefield and Palisades will meet in the 8A Championship at 2 p.m., followed by Holly Springs and Cox Mill in the 7A Championship at 5 p.m. The East Regional Champions will be the home team on the scoreboard.

East Regional Champion

West Regional Champion

1A-6A Championship

Roxboro Community

Phillip O. Berry

7A Championship

Holly Springs

Cox Mill

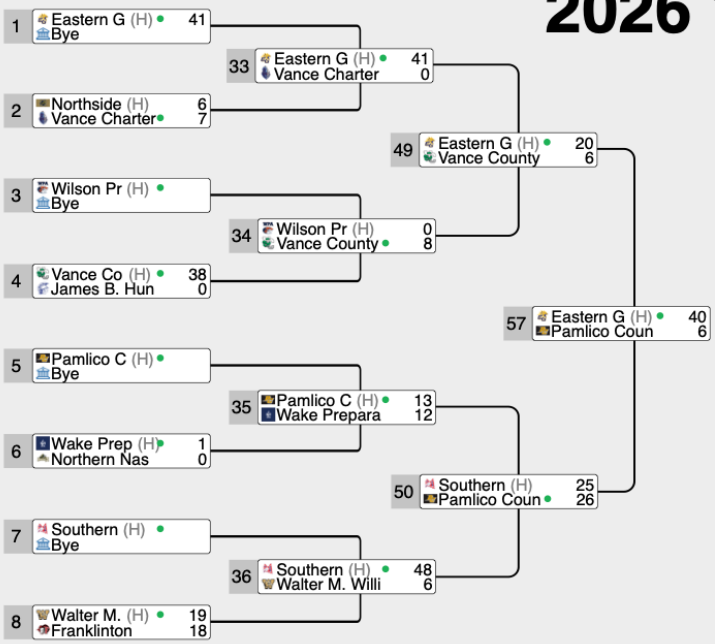
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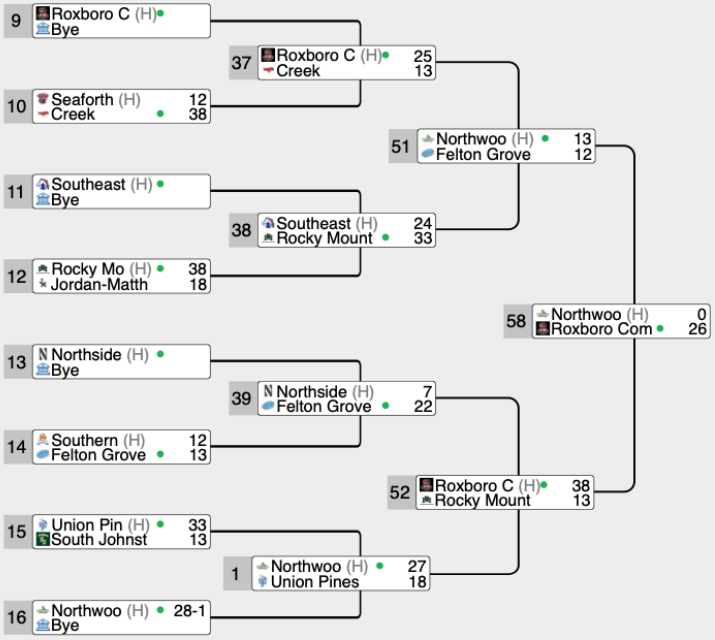
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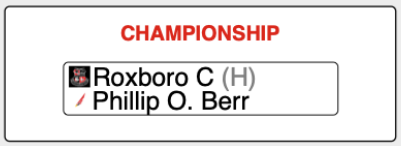
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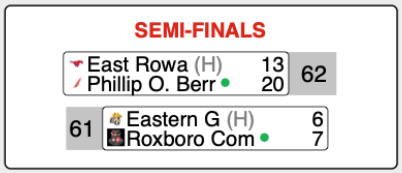
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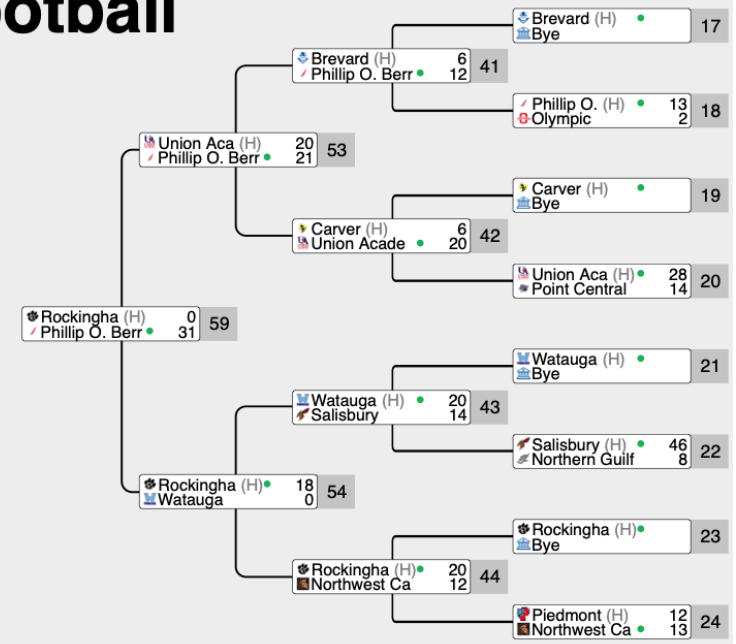


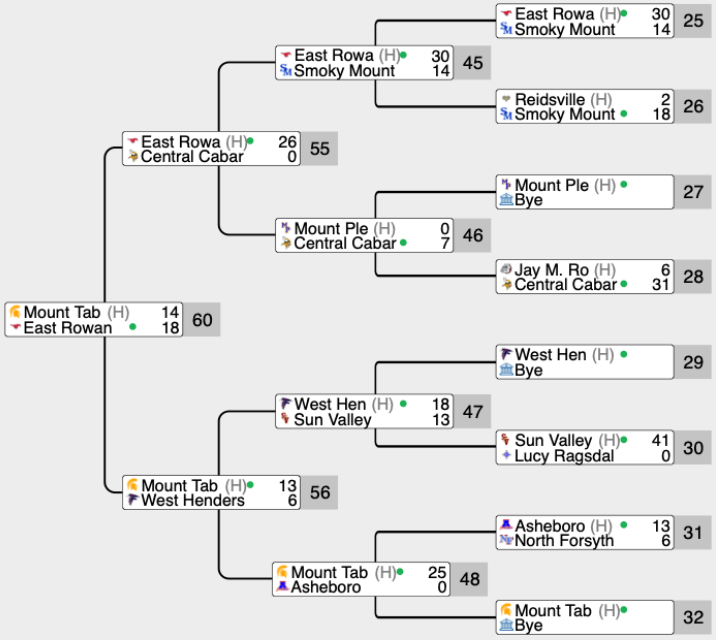








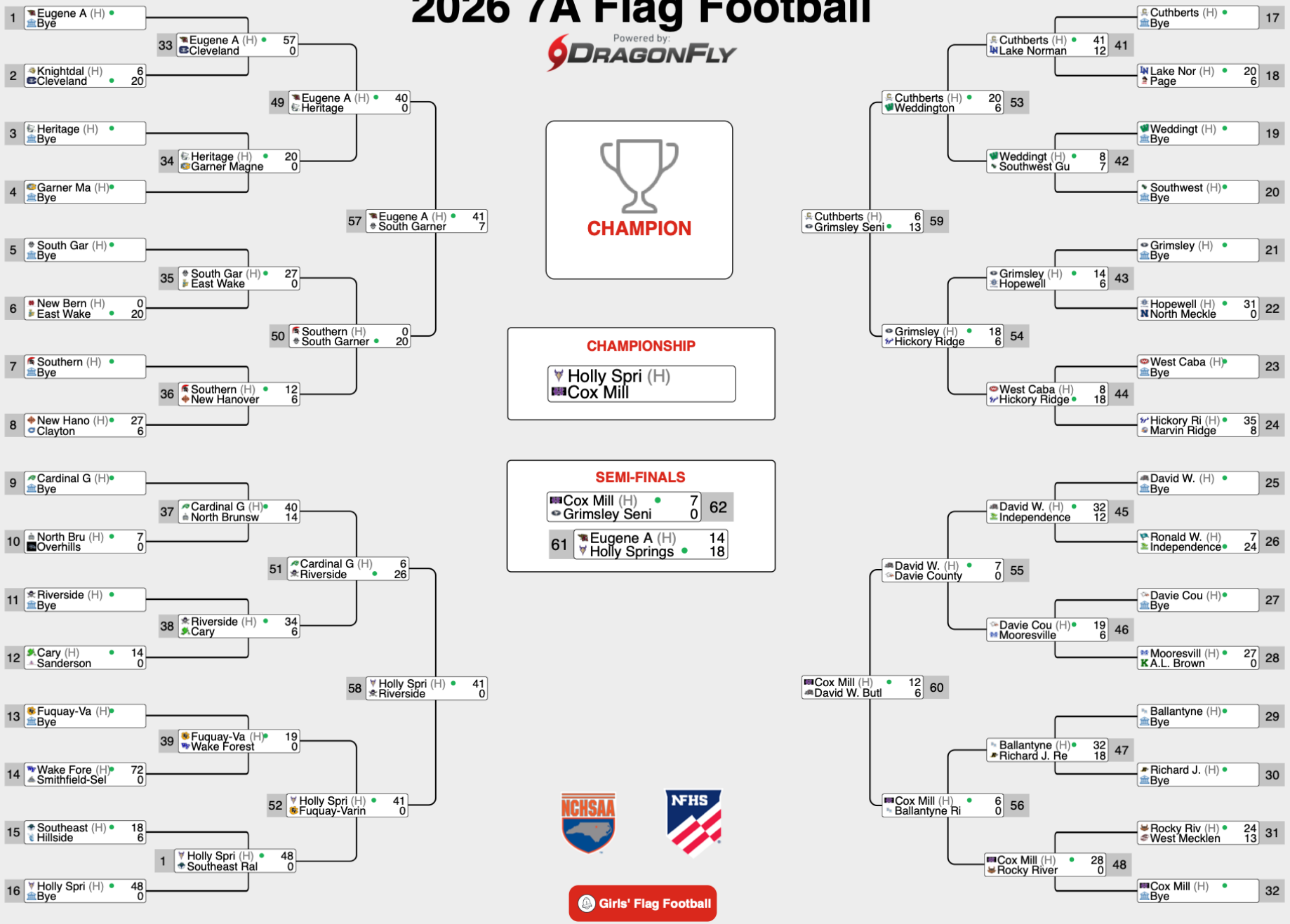




Girls' Flag Football

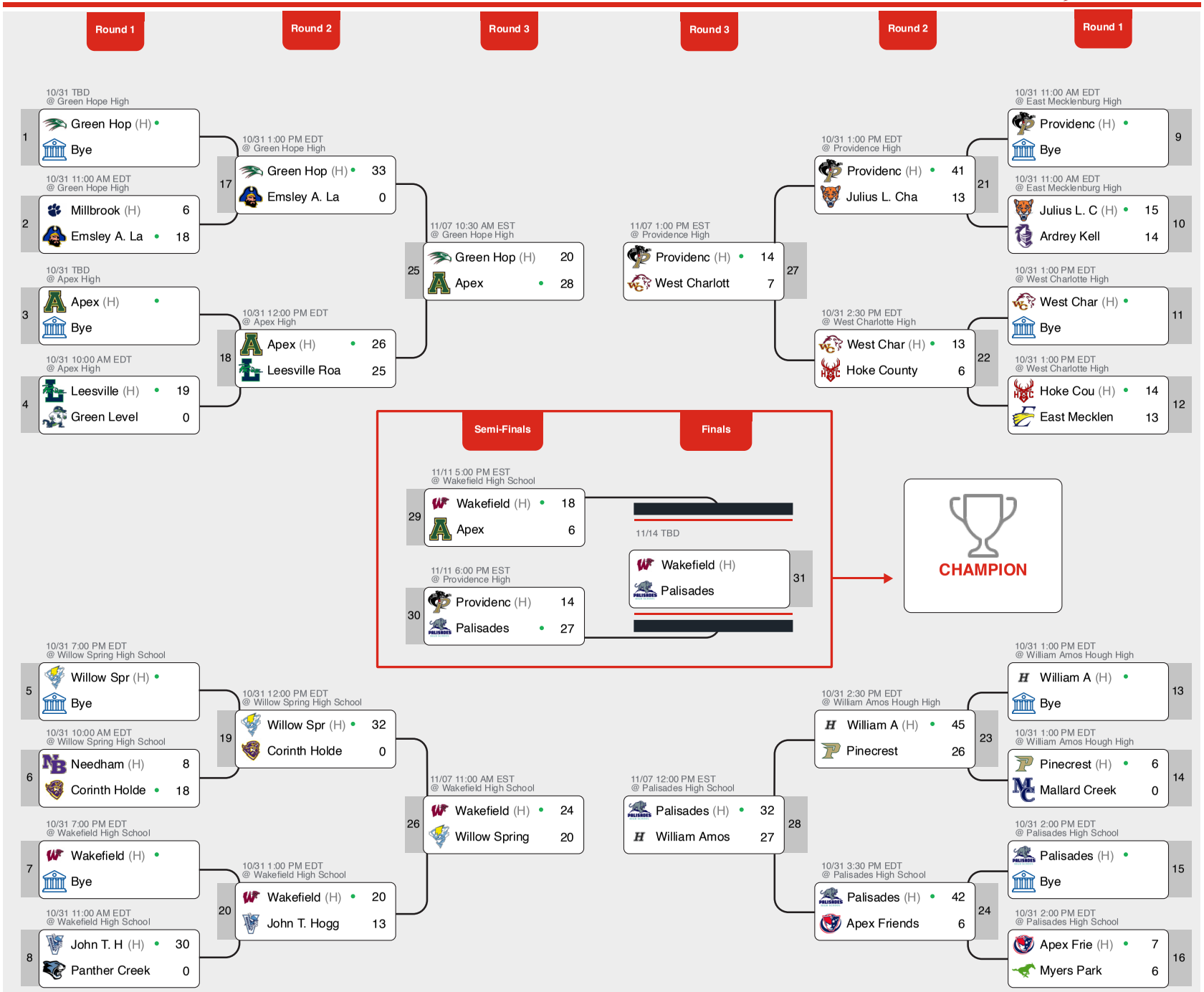
2026 7A Flag Football

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2026 8A Flag Football

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NCHSAA Championship Hub

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CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — The North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) has officially partnered with FlagStat, designating it as the statistics platform for flag football across the state.

“Our priority is always focused on serving our member schools and creating exceptional experiences for our student-athletes,” said NCHSAA Commissioner Brad Alford. “Our partnership with FlagStat brings best-in-class modernization to our growing number of flag football coaches and athletes across North Carolina.”

“FlagStat has been conceived, and built, as the operating system for flag football,” said FlagStat CEO Bradley Metrock. “We are thrilled to partner with Commissioner Alford and the NCHSAA to bring this elite digital infrastructure to North Carolina’s high school programs.”

The agreement begins immediately, ensuring all participating NCHSAA member institutions have access to the FlagStat ecosystem ahead of upcoming competitive seasons.

About FlagStat

FlagStat is the operating system for flag football, consisting of:

FlagStat Go (iOS/Android), where flag football games are scored
FlagStat Recruit (iOS/Android), the flag football athlete social network
FlagStat League (iOS/Android), enabling multi-team administration
FlagStat Family (iOS/Android), where families follow their favorite athlete
FlagStat Tournament (iOS/Android), home of flag tournament management
The company is based in Birmingham, Alabama.

1A-6A East Regional Champion

Roxboro Community School Bulldogs

Location: Roxboro
Principal: Jeremy Martin

Record: 14-1
Conference Record: 2-0
Coaching Staff: Head Coach Michael Dodson, Justin Jones, (AD), Jeremy Martin
Statistician: Sarah Dodson

Players to Watch
#12 Katie Mann — Senior | Quarterback / Defensive Back
- 2,546 passing yards, 42 passing touchdowns, 70% completion rate
- 928 rushing yards, eight rushing touchdowns
- 10 interceptions
- Ranked No. 2 in 1A–6A total yards (3,474), No. 3 in passing yards and No. 5 in rushing yards
- Signed to play collegiate softball at Lenoir-Rhyne University

#99 Karsyn Dodson — Sophomore | Wide Receiver / Quarterback / Defensive Back
- 65 receptions, 1,303 receiving yards, 22 receiving touchdowns
- 134 points scored, 13 interceptions, 47 flag pulls
- Ranked No. 1 in 1A–6A receiving yards, No. 3 in points scored, No. 4 in total touchdowns and No. 15 in interceptions

#2 Rayonna Parker — Junior | Running Back / Kicker / Defensive Back
- 358 rushing yards, 324 receiving yards
- 11 rushing touchdowns, three receiving touchdowns
- 12 interceptions, 50 flag pulls, 14 pass deflections
- Leads the state with 15 extra points made

#26 Lexi Powell — Junior | Wide Receiver / Defensive Back
- 42 receptions, 604 receiving yards, 12 receiving touchdowns
- 26 flag pulls, seven for loss, two sacks

#21 Kylie Bowers — Sophomore | Wide Receiver / Defensive Back
- 274 rushing yards, 187 receiving yards
- Eight combined rushing and receiving touchdowns
- 66 flag pulls, 18 for loss, three sacks, two interceptions

#32 Kaylyn Pope — Senior | Defensive Back
- Six interceptions, 33 flag pulls, three pass deflections
- Senior captain
- Signed to play collegiate softball at Averett University

Team Notes
- Roster consists primarily of softball players who won the 2026 NCHSAA 2A Softball State Championship.
- Inaugural flag football season; no players had previously played organized flag football.
- 14 consecutive victories.
- 2026 NCHSAA Eastern Regional Champions.
- A 2A school competing in the combined 1A–6A classification.
- 489 points scored (32.6 per game).
- 2,731 passing yards and 1,755 rushing yards (4,486 total).
- 44 passing touchdowns and 26 rushing touchdowns.
- 51 interceptions and 51 pass deflections.
- 325 flag pulls, including 30 for loss.
- Three players have double-digit interceptions: Karsyn Dodson (13), Rayonna Parker (12) and Katie Mann (10).
- The team experienced numerous game cancellations due to a shortage of officials.
- The Bulldogs lost their season opener to a 7A opponent before winning 14 consecutive games.

Roxboro Community School Bulldogs

#	Player	Grade	Pos. 1	Pos. 2
2	Rayonna Parker	11	RB	K
3	Abbi Mize	10	WR	
7	Allarry Bradsher	10	WR	
9	Joanna Woody	9	WR	
11	Alexa Evans	9	WR	
12	Katie Mann	12	QB	WR
20	Elizabeth Mojica	9	WR	
21	Kylie Bowers	10	WR	
22	Leah Griffin	11	S	
24	Sylvia West	9	WR	
26	Lexi Powell	11	WR	
32	Kaylyn Pope	12	WR	
88	Lauren Wynn	11	S	
99	Karsyn Dodson	10	WR	QB



1A-6A West Regional Champion

Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology Cardinals

Location: Charlotte
Principal: Marvin Moore

Record: 13-8
Conference Record: 7-7
Head Coach: Kelvin Brim
Assistant Coaches: Wes Curtis, Malchiya Coxe
Athletic Director: Tricia Barnes-Parkins, Team Manager: Kendall King
Athletic Trainer: Victoria Davenport

Players to Watch
#10 Laila Monroe — Freshman | Quarterback
- More than 2,000 passing yards this season
- 35 passing touchdowns
#7 Annabella Hall — Senior | Wide Receiver
- More than 1,000 all-purpose yards this season
- 19 total touchdowns
Additional Players Identified by Coaching Staff
- #16 Ava Williams — Linebacker
- #6 Annaria White — Linebacker

Starting Lineup

Offense	Defense
QB: #10 Laila Monroe	Rusher: #18 Zarinah Leake
RB: #5 Miracle Bailey	LB: #6 Annaria White
Center: #20 Janae Jackson	LB: #16 Ava Williams
WR: #7 Annabella Hall	LB: #18 Peyton White
WR: #8 Lauren Anderson	CB: #3 Nakaila Davis
WR: #12 Kristee Smith	CB: #13 Julia Miller
WR: #14 Carlani Durden	S: #4 Naima Courtney

Team Notes
- 13-8 overall record and 7-7 conference record.
- Freshman quarterback Laila Monroe has thrown for more than 2,000 yards and 35 touchdowns.
- Senior wide receiver Annabella Hall has recorded more than 1,000 all-purpose yards and 19 total touchdowns.
- The coaching staff identified consistency and a competitive mindset as keys to success.
- Winning playoff games on the road was identified as the team's biggest moment of the season.

Pronunciation Guide

Name	Pronunciation
Carlani Durden	Car-lawn-ee
Naima Courtney	Nye eemah
Shaniya Osborne	Sha-nye-ah
Nakaila Davis	Nah-Kay-lah
Annaria White	Ah-nar-ree-ah
Annaliese Miller	Anna-lease
Agnele Adjete	Angel
Zarinah Leake	Zah-ree-nah

Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology
Cardinals

#	Player	Grade	Position
1	Shaniya Osborne	12	DB
2	Jada Jeter	11	LB
3	Nakaila Davis	12	DB
4	Naima Courtney	11	LB
5	Miracle Bailey	12	RB
6	Annaria White	12	LB
7	Annabella Hall	12	WR
8	Lauren Anderson	11	WR
9	Maiya Shelley	10	WR
10	Laila Monroe	9	WR
11	Gia Brown	11	ATH
12	Kristee Smith	11	ATH
13	Julia Miller	12	DB
14	Carlani Durden	11	WR

#	Player	Grade	Position
15	Annaliese Miller	10	DB
16	Ava Williams	10	LB
17	Agnele Adjete	10	RB
18	Zarinah Leake	10	R
19	Peyton White	10	LB
20	Janae Jackson	12	LB



7A East Regional Champion



Holly Springs High School Golden Hawks

Location: Holly Springs
Principal: Gary Duvall

Record: 18-0
Conference Record: 10-0
Coaching Staff: John Smith, Jeffery Fishback,
Athletic Director: Rod Whitesell
Team Personnel: Aymeria Hale, Julie Cicero

Players to Watch
- #8 Ella Suciu
- #10 Jade Kirschner
- #24 Adaora Mogbo
- #23 Dijah Dialla

Team Notes
- 18-0 overall record.
- 10-0 conference record.
- The coaching staff identified quarterback play and elite defense as keys to success.
- Comeback victory over Ashley in the Regional Final.

Pronunciation Guide

Name	Pronunciation
Lila Acheampong	Uh-cham-pong
Ella Suciu	Sue-Choo
Gina Cicero	Siss-ero
Gianna Migliore	Mig-Lor
Hannah Thiemke	Tim Key
Adaora Mogbo	Moe Bow
Giuliana Sconiers	Scawn-urs

Holly Springs High School Golden Hawks

#	Player	Grade
1	ELLA BUNKER	10
2	MIA RODGERS	10
3	MADDIE JEAN	11
4	AHKERIYAH HALE	11
5	LILA ACHEAMPONG	12
6	CATALINA GARRIDO	12
7	AVA WILLIAMS	12
8	ELLA SUCIU	10
9	RAEGAN HERRING	12
10	JADE KIRSCHNER	9
11	GINA CICERO	12
12	TAYLOR ARMSWORTHY	10
13	MYA JAMES	11
14	BRAELYN OATES	10

#	Player	Grade
15	AVERY HOVERMAN	10
16	GIANNA MIGLIORE	9
17	SARAH BOWDEN	9
18	LUCY FULK	10
19	HANNAH THIEMKE	11
20	EMERSYN HENRY	10
21	DIJAH DIALLO	10
22	CATE ANDERSON	12
24	ADAORA MOGBO	11
25	GIULIANA SCONIERS	10



7A West Regional Champion

Cox Mill High School Chargers

Location: Concord
Principal: Dr. Meghan Frazier

Record: 22-0
Conference Record: 14-0
Coaching Staff: Head Coach Brandon Berry, Travis Plummer, Nate Frink, Jon Carvin, Gaston Shealy
Additional Personnel: AD Brad Hinson, Morgan Plummer

Players to Watch
- #2 Allie Berry (QB): Gardner-Webb University. Ranked in the top five in both passing yards and rushing yards.
- Biz Radack (WR/DB): Returned late in the season from a preseason injury and made an impact on both sides of the ball.
- Kinsie Carvin (WR/DB): Played both offense and defense throughout the season.
- Xurie Thomas (LB)
- Jael Coleman: Played both ways throughout the season.
- Shadn Hassan (WR)
- Jaya Kerns (LB)
- Mazari Little (Rusher)
- Meadow Palmer (LB)
- Payton Peterson: Nationally ranked punter.

Starting Lineup

Offense	Defense
QB: #2 Allie Berry	R: Mazari Little
C: #33 Emily Fortin	LB: Jaya Kerns
B: #10 Kyndall Dowdy	LB: Xurie Thomas
WR: #4 Azarea King	LB: Jael Coleman
WR: #20 Biz Radack	DB: Kinsie Carvin
WR: #12 Kinsie Carvin	DB: Biz Radack
WR: #17 Jael Coleman	S: Grier Shealy

Team Notes
- 22-0 overall record and 14-0 conference record.
- Defeated Grimsley in the semifinals to advance to the State Championship.
- Biz Radack returned late in the season from a pre-season injury and made an impact on both sides of the ball.
- Jael Coleman and Kinsie Carvin played both offense and defense throughout the season.
- Payton Peterson is a nationally ranked punter.
- Allie Berry ranks in the top 10 in both passing yards and rushing yards.
-Mazari Little had 31 sacks and 82 flag pulls, including 21 for losses. So she had 52 pulls behind the line of scrimmage…she is a GAME CHANGER!
-Xurie Thomas had 12 interceptions (four of which she ran back for touchdowns) and 77 flag pulls on the season. Ball hawk. Great player.
- The coaching staff emphasized the team's depth and significant playing time for every player.
- The team's stated keys to success include living its CHARGER values, speaking positively to one another, putting in the work as players and coaches, and focusing on effort and attitude.
Team Motto: "Our strength is in our depth."

Pronunciation Guide

Number	Name	Pronunciation
0	Marissa Krolikiewicz	kroll-i-KEV-itch
1	Shadn Hassan	shAy-din
3	Jaya Kerns	JAY-uh
4	Azarea King	uh-ZAR-ee-yuh
5	Mazari Little	muh-ZAR-ee
13	Gracyn Shealy	Grayson
15	Zurielle (Xurie) Thomas	ZUR-ee
16	Aubrey Nixon	AHH-bree
17	Jael Coleman	Jay-ELLE

Cox Mill High School Chargers

#	Player	Grade	
0	Marissa Krolikiewicz	11	
1	Shadn Hassan	12	
2	Allie Berry	12	QB
3	Jaya Kerns	12	
4	Azarea King	12	
5	Mazari Little	12	
6	Morgan Ingram	12	
7	Payton Peterson	12	
8	Grier Shealy	12	
9	Bailey Green	12	
10	Kyndall Dowdy	11	
11	Misa Samuel	12	
12	Kinsie Carvin	9	
13	Gracyn Shealy	11	
14	Alexis Savage	11	
15	Zurielle (Xurie) Thomas	11	
16	Aubrey Nixon	11	
17	Jael Coleman	10	
20	Elizabeth (Biz) Radack	10	
21	Lia Freeman	12	
22	Haley Batten	10	
24	Payton Clemency	11	
25	Arrow Casteel	11	
26	Kennedy Vinson	9	
27	Haylee Farmer	9	
28	Kennedi Thomas	10	
29	Meadow Palmer	9	
30	Maria Sanchez	11	
31	Mila Kemp	9	
32	Alayna Freeman	9	
33	Emily Fortin	11	



8A East Regional Champion



Wakefield High School Wolverines

Location: Raleigh
Principal: Malik Bazzell

Record: 20-1
Conference Record: 14-0
Coaching Staff: Head Coach Kyle Bayer, Peyton Thomas, Russ Williams,
Athletic Director: Chancey Wolfe
Athletic Trainer: Brent Dorenkamp
Manager: Makaiden Swift
Statistics: Jeffrey De Pena and Madeline Wallace

Players to Watch
Quinn Pope — Quarterback
- 2025 MaxPreps North Carolina Player of the Year
- Leads the state in passing yards (3,734) and total yards (4,575)
- 66 passing touchdowns and 10 rushing touchdowns
Nikki Amend — Tight End / Wide Receiver
- 117 receptions, 1,471 receiving yards, 26 touchdowns
- Division I basketball — Queens
Sara Barlett — Running Back / Wide Receiver
- 1,715 total yards
- 28 total touchdowns (rushing, receiving, interception returns and punt returns)
- Also threw one touchdown pass
Jamiya Hodge — Defensive Rusher
- 35.5 sacks

Starting Lineup

Offense	Defense
QB: Quinn Pope	R: Jamiya Hodge
RB/WR: Sara Barlett	LB: Taylor Wallace
TE/WR: Nikki Amend	LB: Ali Plunkett
WR: Blythe Ruff	LB: Sara Barlett
WR: Ali Plunkett	CB: Korryn Dixon
C: Taylor Wallace	CB: Gracelyn Capel
B: Camryn Veasey	S: Leah McDuffee

Team Notes
- Wakefield's only loss came against St. Anne-Pacelli, four-time Georgia Independent State Champions, in a Top 25 national matchup.
- The coaching staff identified team chemistry, top talent and execution of practice as keys to success.
- The loss to St. Anne-Pacelli created a new sense of urgency that helped the team prepare for postseason adversity.

Pronunciation Guide

Name	Pronunciation
Jamiya Hodge	juh-my-ah
Blythe Ruff	Blithe
Amirah Lightfoot	ah-meer-ah
Korryn Dixon	kuh-rinn
Olivia Seguin	sayg-in
Eniyah Gordon	ah-nye-ah
Nikki Amend	Om-end
Gracelyn Capel	Kay-pull
Lizabelle Naprstek	Lisa-bell napper-steck

Wakefield High School Wolverines

#	Player	Grade	Pos. 1	Pos. 2
1	Jamiya Hodge	12	R	
2	Blythe Ruff	12	WR	
3	Quinn Pope	11	QB	
4	Anna Cochran	10	LB	WR
5	Amirah Lightfoot	11	B	R
6	Korryn Dixon	11	DB	WR
7	Jewel Higginbotham	9	RB	WR
8	Olivia Seguin	9	QB	ATH
9	Caroline Roberson	10	R	DB
10	Leah McDuffee	10	WR	S
11	Ali Plunkett	10	LB	WR
12	Eniyah Gordon	11	WR	
13	Hannah Booth	9	R	LB
14	Nikki Amend	12	ATH	WR
15	Gracelyn Capel	11	DB	
16	Lizabelle Naprstek	10	LB	ATH
17	Lyla Long	9	LB	DB
18	Ella Leonhardt	12	P	DB
19	Taylor Wallace	12	LB	C
20	Camryn Veasey	12	S	B
21	Sara Barlett	12	RB	WR
22	Molly Bagwell	10	C	LB



8A West Regional Champion



Palisades High School Pumas

Location: Charlotte
Principal: Erik Olejarczyk

Record: 16-2
Conference Record: 8-2
Coaching Staff: Head Coach Keisha Hamilton-Stewart, Will Jones, Quinton Littlejohn, Jaelin Register
Additional Personnel: AD Lisa Oberlin-Carlisle
Athletic Trainer: Jade Gail
Statistician: Erin Young

Players to Watch
- #25 Brooklyn Young (QB)
- #1 Miracle Moore (WR/DB)
- #6 Zoey Williams (WR/LB)
- #7 Marianna Sara (WR/LB)

Starting Lineup

Offense	Defense
QB: #25 Brooklyn Young	DB: #1 Miracle Moore
WR: #1 Miracle Moore	DB: #8 Amiyah Lockhart
WR: #6 Zoey Williams	LB: #6 Zoey Williams
WR: #7 Marianna Sara	LB: #7 Marianna Sara
WR: #11 Meyah Brown	Rusher: #10 Iszii James
Blocker: #12 Destiny Price	LB: #12 Destiny Price
Center: #15 Taylor Mills	Rusher: #16 Miyah Brown

Team Notes
- 16-2 overall record and 8-2 conference record.
- Three consecutive CMS Championships.
- Five total losses in five years of girls' flag football.
- Won the Regional Championship after trailing Providence 14-0.
- Providence had defeated Palisades 14-0 earlier in the season.
- The coaching staff identified consistency, practice, game planning, execution and trust in teammates as keys to success.

Palisades High School Pumas

#	Player	Grade
1	Miracle Moore	12
2	Z'yon Sanders	11
3	Jaidah Hicks	11
6	Zoey Williams	11
7	Marianna Sara	11
8	Amiyah Lockhart	12
10	Iszii James	11
11	Meyah Brown	12
12	Destiny Price	12
15	Taylor Mills	12
16	Miyah Brown	12
19	Railyn Hampton	10
22	Londyn Burkett	10
25	Brooklyn Young	12
30	Cameryn Wynn	12
31	Rachel Vargas	12

#	Player	Grade
35	McKaela Bethea	10
38	Takyah Cole	10

