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D.H. Conley Principal Charles Long Will Serve As NCHSAA President For 2001-02 School Year

CHAPEL HILL—Charles Long, principal of D.H. Conley High School in Greenville, has been elevated from vice-president to president of the North Carolina High School Board of Directors for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Dr. Bill Harrison, superintendent of the Cumberland County schools, was selected as the Association vice-president. Martha Land, principal of Mount Tabor High School in Winston-Salem who last year served as president of the NCHSAA, moves into the role as immediate past president.

Long is a veteran high school principal in Pitt County and has been at D.H. Conley High School in Greenville since 1998. Before that, he served 16 years as principal at Farmville Central and was principal at Bertie for two years prior to going to Pitt County.

The NCHSAA president is a 1969 graduate of East Carolina University and then received his master's degree in education from ECU two years later. He served as a teacher in the Bertie County schools and then worked in the Bertie system as occupational educational director and personnel director before assuming duties as a principal.

An active member of the First Baptist Church in Farmville, Long was chosen as Pitt County's Principal of the Year in 1993 and is also involved in several professional organizations.

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 and then approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

New Board members will include Vann Pennell, principal of Camden High School; Larry McDonald, principal at Northwood High School in Pittsboro; Karen Cook, athletic director at Mitchell High School; and Ralph Robertson, principal at Richmond Senior High School.

"We believe that we will continue to have outstanding leadership," said NCHSAA executive director Charlie Adams. "We certainly look forward to Charles Long stepping into the role as president and we feel sure that he will give us the same sort of great direction we have gotten from our last several presidents. He has certainly been a valuable member of the Board in his previous years of service."

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



Charles Long

NCHSAA Day Is Set For Kenan Stadium

CHAPEL HILL—For the 17th year in a row, the University of North Carolina has chosen to honor the North Carolina High School Athletic Association during a football game at Kenan Stadium.

The September 15 match up between the Tar Heels and the Mustangs of Southern Methodist University will be NCHSAA Day. Game time for the intersectional battle will be 1:30 p.m..

The winners of the 2000-2001 Wachovia Cups for overall sports excellence in the state will be recognized, including Hendersonville, Charlotte Catholic, East Chapel Hill and Mount Tabor. The newest inductees into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame will also be introduced.

The NCHSAA, although a private non-profit corporation, is actually a part of the University of North Carolina's Continuing Education Division and was founded by the University back in 1913.

We are grateful to the University and athletic director Dick Baddour for once again recognizing the Association through NCHSAA Day," said Charlie Adams, NCHSAA executive director. "We have a long history with the university and it is great that we have a chance to highlight some of our programs on this special occasion."

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RECORD BREAKERS? Don't forget, if you have any potential state or national listings for the record book, there is a form in the current edition of the FormsBook 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) 962-7786. And don't forget to check the latest version of the state record book on line.

High School Athletes Outperform Nonathletes Again By Wide Margins In Massive Statewide Academic Study

7 Criteria Used For Comparison by ECU Doctoral Candidate Gary Overton

CHAPEL HILL—Another comprehensive, statewide study of the academic performance of high school student-athletes in North Carolina has once again revealed significant differences between athletes and nonathletes.

The study was done by Gary Overton, a doctoral candidate in the School of Education at East Carolina University, in collaboration with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association and its Student Services Division.

The actual title of the study is "A Qualitative Analysis of the Educational Performances of Athletes and Nonathletes in the High Schools of North Carolina." A total of over 125,000 high school students at 131 of the NCHSAA's member schools are included in the study. Every school using North Carolina's Student Information Management System (SIMS), which represents over 300 schools of the NCHSAA membership, was eligible to participate; NCHSAA member schools in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Cumberland County and Asheville city systems have their own student information systems and do not use SIMS.

This is the third study of student-athlete performance with which the NCHSAA has been involved, and in each study the performance of athletes far exceeds that of non-athletes. The first study was based on information from the 1994-95 academic year and the second was a study of a three-year period, from the 1993-94 academic year through the '95-'96 year.

For this latest study, seven different criteria were used to compare athletes and nonathletes, including grade point average, attendance rate, two different end-of-course testing components, discipline referrals, dropout rate and graduation rate, for the 1999-2000 academic year. Gibb Warrick of the Union County schools developed the actual computer program used by SIMS operators to gather the data.

Overton notes that it was the magnitude of the difference between athletes and nonathletes, which surprised him. "The most surprising aspect of the study was not that athletes as a whole do better, but the percentage of difference for each of the seven variables. To have a major difference in one would not have been surprising, but in all seven is a different story. And the differences held true for whatever comparison we were making or however we examined the data—by gender, by different ethnic groups, no matter how we did it."

Some of the major findings of the study include:

Grade Point Average: the mean GPA for athletes in the study was a 2.98, while the mean GPA for nonathletes was only 2.17; in every subgroup studied, the average GPA for athletes was higher than nonathletes, ranging from 17 percent to 23 percent higher depending on the subgroup.

Algebra End of Course Testing: the mean score for this particular end of course test was eight percent higher for athletes than non-athletes, with a 66.1 for athletes against a 57.9 for non-athletes.

English End of Course Testing: once again the mean score for athletes was higher, this time by 11 percent, with a mean score of 61.4 vs. a 50.8 for non-athletes.

Attendance: the average number of absences was significantly lower for athletes than nonathletes; the mean average number of days missed by athletes was 6.3 days per 180-day school year, as compared to 11.9 days for nonathletes. Basically, athletes averaged missing over one week less of school during the 1999-2000 school year than did the nonathletes.

Discipline referrals: the percentage of discipline referrals by the reporting schools was lower for the athlete group than the non-athlete group; referrals for athletes ran at a 33.3 percent while the referral percentage for nonathletes was 41.8 percent. That means that almost 10 percent more of the nonathlete population in reporting schools were referred for discipline problems than the athlete population.

Dropout rate: there was a dramatic difference in the dropout rate; the mean dropout percentage for athletes was a miniscule 0.6 percent, while the corresponding percentage for nonathletes was 10.32 percent. Stated differently, the dropout rate for athletes ran more than 12 times lower than the rate for the nonathletes group, and this gap has widened compared to the last study.

Graduation rate: again, the percentage of graduates was significantly higher for the athlete group than the non-athlete group; the mean graduation percentage for athletes was 99.4 percent as compared to 93.51 percent for nonathletes.

Overton points out that there are certain limitations to the study. Like the other studies done, it was voluntary, and not all schools utilize the SIMS program anyway, so the goal of having 100 percent of the NCHSAA member schools participating is not possible. The data collection instrument collected only certain data, and there is the possible impact of between-school differences on such items as grade point averages and discipline referrals. There was also no attempt to deal with the question as to why there might be a difference between the performances of the two groups in question.

Overton has a great athletic background. A former athlete at Ahoskie High School, he has been an instructor at East Carolina for 24 years and for 12 years served as the Pirate head baseball coach. "That's one reason I have been so interested in this topic," says Overton. "I've been to a large number of the high schools in North Carolina and we always emphasized academics when I was recruiting and coaching, so this was a natural thing for me to explore."

"This is just another great example of how in general our student-athletes are performing," said Que Tucker, associate executive director of the NCHSAA and the director of the Association's Student Services Division. "Gary's research is certainly in line with what we thought and gives us the most up-to-date indication of how our student-athletes are achieving in the classroom. The dropout statistic is particularly astounding."

NCHSAA's Charlie Adams Inducted To National Hall of Fame In Summer Ceremony

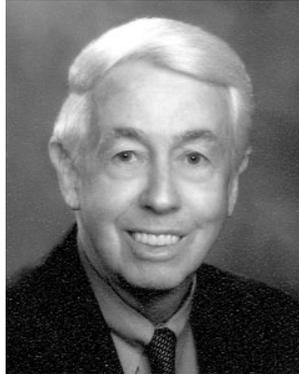
MAUI, HAWAII—North Carolina High School Athletic Association executive director Charlie Adams received one of the top honors of his outstanding career this summer.

The head of the NCHSAA was one of 10 inductees in the class of 2001 to the National High School Sports Hall of Fame. The 19th induction ceremonies for the Hall took place in July at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Maui in Hawaii as part of the 82nd annual summer meeting of the National Federation of State High School Associations.

"I am certainly very pleased for North Carolina and happy for the NCHSAA to be selected for the National High School Sports Hall of Fame," said Adams. "It is a great honor to be recognized in this way."

Executive director of the NCHSAA since 1984 and only the fifth person to hold that position in the history of the organization, Adams has become known nationally for a number of innovative approaches.

At the national level, Adams has been involved with the NFHS in numerous ways, including a four-year term on the National Federation Board of Directors and serving as president of the organization during the 1997-98 academic year, the only North Carolinian ever to serve in that role. He has also served the Federation as chair of its Marketing Committee, chairman of the Finance-Funding Committee of the NFHS Strategic Planning Committee and is currently serving on a committee dealing with the NCAA's proposal for deregulation of amateur athletics. For years he served as the chair of the Equipment



Charlie Adams

Committee of the National Football Rules Committee.

Keith Jackson, former high school standout and National Football League star, was among other inductees and made the acceptance speech on behalf of the Class of 2001.

Adams also made a presentation about corporate sponsorship at the national meeting, while deputy executive director Dick Knox moderated a panel about officiating.

Student Honored By Durham Sports Club In NCHSAA Sportsmanship Program With Russell Blunt Award

CHAPEL HILL—Southern Alamance High School two-sport athlete Markus Worth is the sixth annual state winner in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's "Be A Good Sport" program sponsored by the Durham Sports Club.

Worth was recognized at the Durham Sports Club's luncheon meeting at the Croasdaile Country Club in June. The award is known as the Russell E. Blunt Be A Good Sport award, in honor of the long-time Durham Hillside coach who is a member of both the NCHSAA Hall of Fame and the National High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Worth was nominated by Southern Alamance counselor Brian Williams and selected as the award winner from Region 5 of the NCHSAA. Then Worth was selected by a special committee of the Durham Sports Club as the overall statewide winner. Every school in the state was given the opportunity to nominate a student-athlete who exemplifies the ideals of sportsmanship.

The Southern Alamance athlete participated in both track and basketball during his prep career. He has been a peer mentor, a member of the Sports Medicine Club and Spanish Club, and a member of the DREAM (Daring to Role Model Excellence as Athletic Mentors) Team.

In nominating Worth, Williams noted that "Markus consistently acts with class and maturity, even through a varsity career that produced fewer than five victories in three years. He validates the quote 'one person practicing sportsmanship is better than one hundred people preaching sportsmanship.' Markus has spoken to middle school students about the degrading effect poor sportsmanship has on the game and the value of sportsmanship beyond sports. On the court or off, Markus is a gentleman, a scholar and an outstanding contributor to the Southern community."

Southern Alamance received five hundred dollars for its athletic budget as a gift from the Durham Sports Club in honor of Worth.

Other regional winners were Ronald Whidbee of Pasquotank County, Braedin Baldwin of North Brunswick, Matthew Cockman of Raleigh Sanderson, Latonya Washington of Lumberton, Markus Worth of Southern Alamance, Ben Hart of East Gaston, Preston Holman of Ashe County and Lacey Grogan of Asheville Clyde Erwin.

Each of those schools received a one hundred dollar donation from the Durham Sports Club in honor of their respective student-athletes.

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The NCHSAA is pleased to bring you an expanded *Bulletin*, with more news and information for the membership

Coaches Association Holds East-West All-Star Games In Greensboro

GREENSBORO—The North Carolina Coaches' Association all-star games in Greensboro in July, featuring coaches and athletes from North Carolina High School Athletic Association member schools, were once again well-organized and competitive affairs.

The East swept to victory in the two soccer all-star games at UNC-Greensboro's soccer stadium which began the Clinic Week competition. In the men's game, the East scored two goals within 60 seconds of one another in the second half to take a 2-1 victory.

Terron Amos of New Bern, who was named the game's Most Outstanding Player, knocked in the game winner at the 49:56 mark. Josh Dickerson of Roanoke Rapids had the other East goal.

Ian White of Greensboro Grimsley tallied for the West, which led 1-0 at halftime.

Traci Broadwell of Wilson Hunt scored 24 seconds after halftime for the East to give it a 1-0 triumph in the women's all-star game. Broadwell, who is headed to UNC-Wilmington to play, was the game's Most Outstanding Player.

Safe And Sober Program To Be Made Available For NCHSAA Schools

CHAPEL HILL—Another program with great potential to benefit students will be offered by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association during the 2001-2002 academic year.

The program is a result of a partnership between Wendy's, which has been a sponsor of the Association's for the past several years, and the Ford Dealers Association of North and South Carolina. It will be available in NCHSAA member schools as well as in schools in the South Carolina High School League.

The program, "Safe and Sober Prom Night," targets juniors and seniors and its purpose is straightforward—to encourage students to stay "safe and sober" and pledge not to drink and drive on Prom Night.

During the spring a pilot program was conducted in the Fayetteville area with six schools, using two different variations of the program. A number of schools in the Forsyth County area have been using a version of "Safe and Sober" for some time. Schools are also reminded that this program is made available to all member schools wishing to participate and is not meant to displace an existing program but to enhance your local efforts.

Several weeks before a school's prom, a school will promote the time and place for juniors and seniors to sign up and take a pledge to be "safe and sober" on Prom Night. Various posters will be provided to the schools to promote this effort.

T-shirts will be purchased by the schools at a very nominal cost to be given to each student who signs the pledge, in addition to their receiving a Wendy's combo coupon valued at four dollars. Options include purchasing the shirts and giving one to each student who signs, or to purchase the shirts and then collect, say, five dollars from each student who signs the pledge and then gets a shirt and coupon. That can provide an excellent and fairly easy fundraising opportunity.

The program has been found to a simple but effective way to enhance awareness and encourage students to make good decisions.

Huddle Inc., is the group that will be managing the program on behalf of the NCHSAA, the SCHSL, Wendy's and the Ford Dealers of the Carolinas.

Additional details are available from NCHSAA Director of Development Karen DeHart.

In basketball action at the Greensboro Coliseum, the West stars swept both games over their East counterparts.

Rachel Stockdale of state champion High Point Central scored 17 points in 20 minutes before injuring her ankle late in the game as the West won the 27th annual women's game, 79-68. Stockdale, headed to N.C. State, was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

The West led 45-28 at halftime and extended it to 68-44 after three quarters before the East scored the first 13 points of the fourth period.

LaShonda Horton of Greenville Rose had 15 points and 12 rebounds for the East.

The men's contest saw the West take a 104-93 victory, the West's fifth straight victory. Brad Logan of East Rutherford was selected as the game's MVP with 13 points and four assists.

Adam Hefner of North Iredell led the winners with 15 points in a game which featured 200 field goal attempts.

The West led 47-42 at the halftime and then outscored the East 35-21 in the third quarter.

In the finale of the all-star games, the East scored in the fourth period to overcome the West 8-3 in the football contest at Jamieson Stadium. Dashaun Stephens of South Columbus bulled over from the three to cap an 11-play, 61-yard march with 4:47 left to play.

John Raptis of Butler in Charlotte kicked a field goal for the West points. The West still leads in the series 30-22-1.

In Memoriam

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 the membership.

Bill Taylor

KENANSVILLE—Bill Taylor, long time principal at James Kenan, died during the summer after a period of declining health.

Taylor was a former member of the North Carolina Athletic Officials Association as well as a former member of the NCHSAA Board of Directors. He was honored at the 2001 NCHSAA Annual Meeting as one of the major contributors to the NCHSAA.

He was an outstanding high school and college athlete who won a state football championship as a coach before moving into administration.

C.W. "Mac" McLean Jr.

WILSON—Mac McLean, long-time supporter of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association and career educator, died at the age of 62 in late July.

McLean worked for 40 years for the Beaufort County Schools in a variety of capacities. A graduate of Atlantic Christian College, he received his masters in education from East Carolina University. He was honored by the NCHSAA with its Regional Athletic Director of the Year award in 2001.

The family requested that memorial contributions be made to the Beaufort County Education Foundation, 321 Smaw Road, Washington, NC 27889.

Coca-Cola Scholar-Athlete Winners Named For Spring By NCHSAA

CHAPEL HILL—Over 8,300 individual awards have been earned by students for the spring semester from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association for achievements in the classroom as well as on the playing court or athletic field.

The NCHSAA has made the awards in the Coca-Cola Scholar-Athlete program, which includes recognition of varsity teams which attain certain grades as well as individual athletes.

A total of 4,437 student-athletes earned the individual Scholar-Athlete award, and 249 varsity teams in sports captured team honors.

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

In the team division, a varsity team earns Scholar-Athlete recognition by attaining a 3.1 aggregate GPA for that designated semester. The school receives a certificate from Coca-Cola honoring the accomplishment and each member of the squad will also receive a certificate. Over 3,900 individual awards were given in this category.

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

teams with the top three grade point averages in each sport.

"We are very proud of the achievements of the students involved in the Coca-Cola Scholar-Athlete program," said Charlie Adams, executive director of the NCHSAA. "We think this is definite proof that we have a tremendous number of athletes that are playing sports and succeeding in the classroom."

The Coca-Cola Scholar-Athlete program recognized well over 30,000 individuals during the course of the 2000-2001 academic year. The Scholar-Athlete recognition has completed 15 years as a part of the NCHSAA program.

COCA-COLA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAM AWARD WINNERS NCHSAA Spring Sports 2001

SPORT	SCHOOL	GPA
Softball	Union	3.842
Baseball	Kings Mountain and East Rowan (tie)	3.380
Men's Tennis	Greensboro Grimsley	3.815
Women's Soccer	Greensboro Grimsley	3.773
Men's Track	South Rowan	3.361
Women's Track	Southern Guilford	3.620
Men's Golf	Fayetteville Terry Sanford	3.912

Continuity, Stability Is Strong Suit For NCHSAA Staff

CHAPEL HILL—One of the things which North Carolina High School Athletic Association president Charles Long has noted about the NCHSAA is its stability.

After all, the organization was founded in 1913 and has been operating ever since, always with the best interest of North Carolina student-athletes at the heart of its mission.

But it's not just the organization itself which has great stability and continuity. The leadership of the Association, as provided by its executive directors and staff members, is also an example of strong continuity through the years.

In an era where the leadership in a school setting often regularly undergoes transition—just look at how often superintendents and principals change in our state now—the NCHSAA has enjoyed very little turnover in its administrative staff over the years.

In fact, the last three executive directors, including Hap Perry, Simon Terrell and now Charlie Adams, served in that capacity for at least 17 years and both Terrell and Adams were with the Association for many years before taking over as executive director.

We thought readers of the Bulletin might be interested to take a look at the years of service which have been rendered to the Association over the last 50 years or so.

NCHSAA Service Name

Position	Span	Yrs	
Hap Perry	Executive director	1948-66	17
Simon Terrell	Executive director	1959-66 (asst) 1967-84 (exec) 1984-86 (advisor)	27
Charlie Adams	Executive director	1967-84 (asst) 1984-present	34
Dick Knox	Deputy executive director	1984-present	17
Kaye Koenig	Executive asst-sports	1984-present	17
Rick Strunk	Associate executive director	1986-present	15
Carolyn Shannonhouse	Assistant executive director	1986-present	15
Que Tucker	Associate executive director	1991-present	10

Teachers Most Admired Profession, According To Nationwide Poll

FROM THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS
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Teachers are far and away the most admired career professionals in the national, in what may be to some a surprising finding in a nationwide poll.

That is the finding of Maritz Marketing Research Inc.—one of the nation's leading business research firms—which had the national poll it conducted to find the most admired career had surprising results. Not only did teachers lead the field, they beat the next most-admired career by a better than two to one margin.

The poll, conducted among 1,398 people, found that teachers were selected as the most admired by 57 percent of respondents. The

next most respected were doctors, selected by 25 percent.

After that, little seemed attractive to an apparently wary America. Social worker came in third with just eight percent. Fourth was athlete, with just 2.4 percent.

"I did not anticipate that teachers would come out on top in this poll at all," said Phil Wiseman, vice president for marketing for Maritz. "We thought doctors might come in first, or athletes."

"But when it comes right down to it, teachers do have the respect of the majority of America, even though the education system has come under scrutiny and criticism of late."

Who scored the lowest? Lawyers came in at 1.9 percent, and politicians at 0.9 percent. Corporate leaders didn't score at all.

Memorabilia Display Now Set At NCHSAA Offices

CHAPEL HILL—Visitors to the offices of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association are now in for a treat when they tour the building.

A display of sports memorabilia is now on display throughout the Simon F. Terrell Building. The items have come from athletes, coaches, officials and others who have been involved in the NCHSAA program.

There is a prominent display of balls, jerseys, shoes and other items from North Carolinians who starred in high school and went on to play collegiately, and then many who participated professionally in the NFL,

NBA or Major League Baseball. Memorabilia from some of the state's most successful coaches and officials is also on display.

Jerseys from many of the NCHSAA's Athletes of the Year are shown in the building's main conference room.

"We have been thrilled with the overall response to our request to get items to display in our office," said NCHSAA executive director Charlie Adams. "We believe lots of people who love high school athletics as we do will really enjoy seeing these mementos of some of the best our state has ever produced."



Note just a small portion of the memorabilia display in the back right of this photo taken in the NCHSAA offices during a meal at the Development Roundtable

NCHSAA Student Services Makes Individual Sportsmanship Awards

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association has announced eight individual winners of sportsmanship awards in the NCHSAA Student Services Team Recognition Program.

The Student Services Division of the NCHSAA recognizes schools whose teams have gone ejection free for the entire academic year. In an effort to expand that recognition, individuals from any

team which was ejection free may be submitted by their coach for further consideration.

These students must not only have exhibited good sportsmanship but exemplified citizenship, character and community spirit. Then all those individuals who were nominated are eligible for a drawing, each to receive a \$100 cash scholarship to help further their educations.

Winners of the special individual recognition include the following:

- volleyball player Michelle Glaser of Southern Wayne High School;
- women's basketball player Lindsay McKay of Lejeune High School;
- men's soccer player Carlos Benjume of North Moore High School;
- baseball player Graham Cousar of David Butler High School in Charlotte;
- men's cross country athlete Jency Markham of the Durham School of the Arts;
- cheerleader Megan Nance of Clayton High School;
- men's cross country athlete Nick Warner of Bunker Hill High School in Claremont;
- volleyball player Katie Rothwell of Statesville High School.

Coaches Listed For 2002 East-West All-Star Games

GREENSBORO—The North Carolina Coaches Association has announced its coaching staffs for the 2002 East-West all-star games, to be conducted in conjunction with the coaches' clinic.

Our congratulations to all the coaches who have received this prestigious honor!

Football

East head coach: Randy Ledford, South View; assistant coaches: Robbie Ellis, White Oak; Phillip Howard, Fuquay-Varina; Morton Jones, Warren County; Randy Raper, Wilson Hunt.

West head coach: Ron Greene, Burns; assistant coaches: Peter Gilchrist, West Charlotte; Mark Little, West Stanly; Russell Stone, West Forsyth; Rod White, Swain County.

Men's Basketball

East head coach: George Drawhorn, Wilson Fike; assistant coach: Tom McMahon, East Duplin.

West head coach: Jim Pappas, Northwood; assistant coach: Ken Napier, Shelby.

Women's Basketball

East head coach: Pam Gainey, Rocky Mount; assistant coach: Randy Yates, Lee County.

West head coach: John Ralls, Ledford; assistant coach: Bob Yow, Northwest Guilford.

Men's Soccer

East coach: Steven Turner, Jordan

West coach: David Fletcher, Morganton Freedom.

Women's Soccer

East coach: John Teller, Wilmington Hoggard

West coach: Zack Osborne, Greensboro Page.

Carolinas Classic Basketball

North Carolina men's head coach: Danny Anderson, West Caldwell; assistant coach: Lin Green, Wilson Beddingfield.

North Carolina women's head coach: Karen Cook, Mitchell; assistant coach: Anna Spear, Havelock.

Athletic Directors Busy During Coaches' Clinic Week In Greensboro

GREENSBORO—The North Carolina Athletic Directors' Association was busy during the week of the North Carolina Coaches' Association clinics.

The NCADA held its 17th annual summer breakfast at the Greensboro Coliseum, where among other items those in attendance heard an NCHSAA update from members of the Association staff. There was also a president's report, news from the retirees, National Federation information and city-county athletic director information.

Another exciting aspect of the NCADA involvement at the clinic was its summer leadership conference. During this time there were three special courses offered, including LTC 502 (Athletic Administration), LTC 509 (Communication, Leadership and Decision Making) and LTC 503 (Citizenship through Sports and the Fine Arts). Then as appropriate athletic directors were able to sit for the Certified Athletic Administrator (CAA) exam.

The athletic directors' organization has begun a strong network of committees to further the group's work and involve as many athletic directors as possible. Those committees met during the week, as well as regional AD meeting and an NCADA Board of Directors meeting.

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association enjoys its close and productive relationship with the NCADA.

Sportsmanship Recognized By NCHSAA In "Heart Of A Champion"

CHAPEL HILL—Some 50 student-athletes from North Carolina High School Athletic Association member schools have been recognized for their outstanding sportsmanship as winners of "Heart of a Champion" recognition.

The sportsmanship recognition is part of the program offered by the NCHSAA Student Services Division and is sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline. Que Tucker, NCHSAA associate executive director, and student services assistant Amy Peacock administer the program.

Each of the NCHSAA member schools had the opportunity to nominate one male and one female student-athlete for the recognition. The student must have participated in at least one varsity sport, including cheerleading, during the 2000-2001 school year, have not been ejected from any contest, and must have demonstrated outstanding citizenship and sportsmanship during their high school careers. The students filled out an application questionnaire and then a school official, such as the principal or athletic director, also provided an evaluation.

GlaxoSmithKline Heart of a Champion Honorees:

Apex High: Amanda McHenry
 Ashe County High: Preston Holman, Susan Hopkins
 Asheville High: Mary Dameron
 Bunker Hill High, Claremont: Lyndsi Little, Philip Powell
 Cary High: Megan Armstrong, Blake Stanley
 Central Davidson High: Jeff Mabe
 Clinton High: Amy Anderson

East Gaston High: Ben Hart
 East Rutherford High: Julie Byard
 Erwin, Clyde A. High, Asheville: Lacey Grogan, Nathan Radcliff
 Foard, Fred T. High : Hope Miller, James Raven
 Forestview High, Gastonia: Brianne Carpenter
 Greene Central High: Jon Davis
 Hertford County High: Nameir Majette
 High Point Central High: Rachel Stockdale, Brandon White
 Hoggard, John T. High, Wilmington: Brandon Ray
 Lexington Senior High: Larry Poole II
 Lumberton Senior High: Anna Evans, Latonya Washington
 Millbrook High, Raleigh: Rachel Emery, Eric Hoverstad
 North Brunswick High: Braeden Baldwin
 North Iredell High: Julie Forsyth, Katherine Lawson, Josh Lewis
 North Wilkes High: Steven Lee Wiles
 Northern Nash Senior High : Jontue Sumler
 Pasquotank County High: Evelynann Butt, Ronald Whidbee
 St. Stephens High, Hickory: Melissa Nolte, T.W. Teague
 J.O. Sanderson High, Raleigh: Matthew Cockman, Mariah Thorpe
 Smithfield-Selma High: Will Andrews
 South Stanly High : Shawn Gaines
 Southeast Halifax High: Antoine Alston
 Southern Alamance High: Ashley Holt, Markus Worth
 West Montgomery High: Rebecca Burton
 West Rowan High: Daniel Kluttz, Jenny Sloop
 West Stokes High: Tyler Barr, Amanda Wilson

North Carolinians To Be Honored At NIAAA National Convention

ORLANDO, FL—Two North Carolinians will be receiving prestigious national awards here in December.

Ronnie Chavis of the Robeson County schools and Dave Thomas of the Wayne County schools will be honored at the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) national convention at the Marriott World Center,

Coaches' Clinic In Greensboro Once Again Highly Successful

GREENSBORO—Over 5,000 coaches registered to participate in the North Carolina Coaches Association 2001 clinic here in July.

Sessions were offered for coaches in basketball, football, baseball, cross country, softball, soccer, swimming, tennis, track, volleyball and wrestling, with outstanding clinicians from across the country providing their expertise.

Among the best known clinicians were Lou Holtz, head football coach from the University of South Carolina and his staff; head baseball coach Ray Tanner from South Carolina and his staff; Matt Doherty, head men's basketball coach at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Bobby Lutz, head men's basketball coach at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

In addition to those "X and O" sessions and the annual East-West all-star games in soccer, basketball and football, rules clinics were held. NCHSAA representatives Carolyn Shannonhouse and Dick Knox provided the latest updates in National Federation rules in a variety of sports.

There was also a large trade show in conjunction with the coaches' clinic. The 2001 clinic was the 53rd annual and is always one of the largest and best run in the nation.

scheduled for December 13-16.

Thomas will be receiving the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award. He currently is a member of the Board of Directors of the NCHSAA.

It is the fourth straight year that a North Carolinians has earned an NIAAA Distinguished Service Award. Jerry McGee, executive director of the NCADA, was a 1998 winner while Bill Carver, formerly of the Cumberland County schools, was recognized in 1999 and Rick Strunk of the NCHSAA in 2000.

Other NIAAA Distinguished Service winners from the state include Simon Terrell, Bud Phillips, Dave Harris and Charlie Adams.

Chavis will receive a National Federation Citation for his service.

He joins previous North Carolina honorees John Morris (1976), Jim Edens (1980), Dave Harris (1989), Willie Bradshaw (1990), Jerry McGee (1997) and Don Saine (1999).

Both Chavis and Thomas are former presidents of the state athletic directors association.

Intern Completes Summer Work At Association Offices

CHAPEL HILL—Brian Eason of Burlington served as an intern during the summer in the offices of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

Eason, a graduate of Cummings High, where he played tennis, is a senior at Winston-Salem State University in sports administration. He assisted in the NCHSAA offices from the middle of May until early August.

Brian worked primarily in the special programs area, updating records in various sports, updating Wachovia Cup information, doing research and assisting with the Scholar-Athlete program.

OUR NATIONAL INTERNET PARTNER, ihigh.com, has some great information about high school athletics in our state. Don't forget to visit northcarolinaihigh.com for championship results, feature stories and lots of interesting updates on what's happening in our state. There is also a link directly off the NCHSAA site.

North Carolina Hosts Nation In Development Roundtable In Chapel Hill

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association hosted a tremendously successful event in August.

The NCHSAA held a Development Roundtable, bringing together representatives from state associations all over the country, to discuss various aspects of their programs and share ideas on funding, alternative revenue sources and other items.

The event was organized by NCHSAA director of development Karen Dehart with assistance from Mary Vrnak and Kendra Sales.

The program gave states a chance to exchange ideas in an intimate setting with a great deal of discussion. State associa-

tions represented included New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Virginia, Mississippi, Tennessee, West Virginia, Maryland, Indiana, Louisiana, Illinois, Minnesota, California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, and Nebraska.

Attendees included executive directors, assistants or associate directors, directors of marketing and directors of development.

A variety of topics were discussed, including merchandising, TV and radio, special events, ball contracts, corporate sponsorships, special programs and their sponsorship, grants and foundations, and marketing firms.



Among those in attendance included from left executive directors Ken Tilley (Va), New Jersey assistant Ernie Finizio, Boyd Sands (New Jersey), Sherman Sylling (North Dakota) and Bob Ford (Connecticut).



NCHSAA's Rick Strunk discusses special programs.



Ernie Finizio of New Jersey chats with Roundtable organizer Karen Dehart.

Minnesota's Lisa Lissimore makes point.



Arizona executive director Harold Slemmer flanked by Arizona assistant Chuck Schmidt (right) and California's John Costello.



Many attendees went to a Durham Bulls game.

Mount Tabor, East Chapel Hill, Charlotte Catholic, Hendersonville Win Wachovia Cups For 2000-2001

Winston-Salem's Mount Tabor High School won its first Wachovia Cup, while Charlotte Catholic, East Chapel Hill and Hendersonville again placed atop their respective classifications in cup competition among members of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

Mount Tabor won in the 4-A classification for the state's largest schools, edging crosstown rival R.J. Reynolds. In the 3-A classification, East Chapel Hill won its third consecutive cup award, as did Charlotte Catholic in the 2-A classification. Hendersonville, a perennial 1-A powerhouse, won its fourth consecutive Wachovia Cup award.

The Wachovia Cup, sponsored by Wachovia Bank, N.A. and sanctioned by the NCHSAA, recognizes high schools that achieve the best overall interscholastic athletic performance within each of the state's four competitive classifications. The Wachovia Cup program has completed its 22nd year.

In 4-A spring sports competition, Mount Tabor was the state champion in men's track and took fifth in women's track, finishing with 460 points. R.J. Reynolds finished second with 417.5 points after winning the state title in women's track, finishing second in golf and reaching the quarterfinals in women's soccer.

Raleigh Leesville Road, a former Wachovia Cup winner, finished third with 397.5 points after taking third in men's track. Raleigh Broughton was fourth with 395 points, making a big run in the spring sports season with state titles in golf and women's track, a semifinal finish in men's tennis, a fourth-place finish in women's track and a tie for eighth in men's track. North Mecklenburg, the runner-up in men's track and a semifinalist in women's soccer, rounded out the top five with 340 points.

In the 3-A classification, East Chapel Hill finished with 492.5 points after taking second in men's tennis and reaching the semifinals in women's soccer. Jamestown Ragsdale, the men's track runner-up, was second with 440 points. High Point Andrews, which won state titles in men's and women's track and tied for fourth in golf, finished third with 377.5. Skyland T.C. Roberson, the men's tennis champion and women's soccer runner-up, was fourth with 337.5 points. Asheville, which reached the semifinals in women's soccer and finished seventh in men's track, was fifth with 355 points.

Charlotte Catholic, which built a huge lead through the winter sports season in the 2-A classification, finished seventh in golf and held off the competition with 425 points. Shelby, the 2-A baseball champ and runner-up in men's tennis, finished with 360 points. North Henderson, which finished third in women's track, was third overall with 317.5 points. North Rowan, the women's track champion, was fourth with 310, and Western Alamance, which finished second in men's tennis and reached the semifinals in baseball, was fifth with 305.5 points.

Hendersonville finished well ahead in the 1-A classification, finishing with 502.08 points after taking second among 1-A schools in women's track. Graham finished second with 330 points. The Durham School of the Arts, which tied for first in women's soccer and reached the semifinals in men's tennis, was third with 317.5 points. Fourth place went to 1-A golf champion Albemarle, which also reached the semifinals in men's tennis and tied for third in women's soccer, with 303.69 points. Burlington Cummings, which finished fourth in men's track among 1-A schools, was fifth overall with 302.5 points.

Wachovia Cup points are determined by a system based on performance in state-championship events. All schools that finish in the top eight position (plus ties) earn points. In playoff events involving teams from more than one classification, Wachovia 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 Wachovia 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.

Wachovia Cup standings are announced three times each school year, once after the fall and winter sports seasons and concluding with the winners after the spring sports season in June. The engraved silver cups are presented during NCHSAA Day activities at UNC-Chapel Hill each fall.

Class 1-A

1. Hendersonville	502.38
2. Graham	330.00
3. Durham School of the Arts	317.50
4. Albemarle	303.69
5. Burlington Cummings	302.50
6. South Davidson	280.00
7. Northside	270.00
8. East Surry	233.75
9. Murphy	230.00
10. Lejeune	218.33

Class 2-A

1. Charlotte Catholic	425.00
2. Shelby	360.00
3. North Henderson	317.50
4. North Rowan	310.00
5. Western Alamance	305.50
6. Statesville	280.50
7. Charles D. Owen	270.00
8. Lexington	250.00
9. Greene Central	235.00
10. High Point Central	232.50

Class 3-A

1. East Chapel Hill	492.50
2. Jamestown Ragsdale	440.00
3. High Point T.W. Andrews	377.50
Asheville T.C. Roberson	377.50
5. Asheville	355.00
6. Hickory	280.00
7. Wilson Fike	267.50
8. North Buncombe	252.50
9. Hickory St. Stephens	242.50
10. Southwest Guilford	217.50

Class 4-A

1. Winston-Salem Mount Tabor	460.00
2. Winston-Salem R.J.Reynolds	417.50
3. Raleigh Leesville Road	397.50
4. Raleigh Broughton	395.00
5. North Mecklenburg	340.00
6. Charlotte Providence	335.00
7. Chapel Hill	310.00
8. Charlotte Myers Park	282.50
9. Greenville Rose	250.00
10. Apex	230.00

TRACK & FIELD

CHAMPIONSHIP
REVIEW

Cummings Dominates In Women's Track; Pamlico Repeats As Men's 1-A Champ

RALEIGH—Burlington Cummings dominated the field and easily captured the women's team championship in the eighth annual North Carolina Athletic Association state 1-A outdoor track and field championships at the Paul Derr Track on the N.C. State campus.

Cummings outdistanced second-place Hendersonville by a whopping 41 points to take its second consecutive title and sixth state championship in the last eight years. The Cavaliers won four straight 2-A women's team crowns from 1994-97.

Red Springs was third with 45 points, followed by Northampton-West with 40 and the Durham School of the Arts with 35 points.

Cynethia Rooks of Northampton-West was the Most Valuable Performer in the women's meet, winning the 100, 200 and 400.

In men's competition, Pamlico repeated as the champion, slipping past a tightly bunched field. Pamlico had 55 points to 47 for second-place South Robeson. Rosewood was third with 43, followed by Burlington Cummings at 41 and Albemarle with 39 points.

Mike Hinton of Cummings captured the men's MVP by winning three events, including the two hurdle events and the triple jump.

2001 NCHSAA 1-A State Track And Field Championships Paul Derr Track, N.C. State University

WOMEN'S RESULTS

TEAM SCORES (Top Ten): 1. Burlington Cummings, 118; 2. Hendersonville, 77; 3. Redsprings, 45; 4. Northampton-West, 40; 5. Durham School Of The Arts, 35; 6. Murphy, 26; 7. Southside, 21; 8. Boonville Starmount, 20; 9. Mount Airy, 19; 10. Rosewood, 15.

MEN'S RESULTS

TEAM SCORES (Top Ten): 1. Pamlico, 55; 2. South Robeson 47; 3. Rosewood, 43; 4. Cummings, 41; 5. Albemarle, 39; 6. North Stokes, 37; 7. Perquimans, 25; 8. Polk County, 24; 9. Murphy, 23; 10. West Davidson 22; 10. Graham, 22.

North Rowan Women, North Henderson Men Take 2-A Titles

CHARLOTTE—North Rowan's women and North Henderson's men prevailed over the competition and a couple of lengthy delays due to power failures at the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A track and field championships at the Irwin Belk Track on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

With the meet delayed twice due to power outages at the track, the North Rowan women held on to score 70 points and outdistance runner-up Southern Vance by 15. North Henderson was third with 32 points, followed by Brevard at 31 and Edenton Holmes with 30.

Latasha Pharr of North Rowan, who entered the meet as the three-time Most Valuable Performer of the championships, had another great night. She won the triple jump and both hurdle events and finished second in the long jump to earn the MVP and lead her team to its third consecutive state championship.

Heidi Sloop of West Wilkes won both the 1600 and 3200 and Katrina Lewis of Southeast Halifax was also a double champion, taking first in both the shot put and discus.

Excellent depth by the North Henderson men enabled the Knights to take the team crown for the second time in three years with 72 points, outscoring second-place High Point Central. Lexington was third with 41 points, followed by Northern Vance at 32 and Lincolnton with 27.

John Henderson was among the leaders for the state champions, winning the 3200 meters and taking second in the 1600.

Emmanuel Carr of Wallace-Rose Hill won both the 200 and 400 while MVP Derrek Bryant of High Point Central captured first place in both the long jump and triple jump.

TEAM SCORES FOR WOMEN: 1. North Rowan, 70; 2. Southern Vance, 55; 3. North Henderson, 32; 4. Brevard, 31; 5. Edenton-Holmes, 30; 6. Ledford, 24; 7. South Stokes, 20.50; 8. Swansboro, 20; 8. West Wilkes, 20; 10. Surry Central, 19; 11. Southern Guilford, 18; 11. Statesville, 18; 13. Salisbury, 16; 13. East Carteret, 16; 15. Hibriten, 14; 16. Bessemer City, 11; 17. West Brunswick, 10; 17. Wallace Rose Hill, 10; 19. Northwood, 9; 19. Western Alamance, 9; 21. Monroe, 8.75; 22. East Davidson, 8; 22. High Point Central, 8; 22. Lexington, 8; 22. Mt. Pleasant, 8; 26. Forbush, 7; 27. Greene Central, 6.75; 28. Forest Hills, 6; 28. Currituck, 6; 28. West Columbus, 6; 31. Bunker Hill, 4; 31. St. Paul, 4; 31. Richlands, 4; 34. Charlotte Catholic, 3; 34. Union Pines, 3; 36. South Brunswick, 2.75; 37. West Lincoln, 2; 37. Owen, 2; 39. McMichael, 1.25; 40. Mitchell, 1; 40.

Newton-Conover, 1; 40. Southwest Onslow, 1; 40. Weddington, 1; 40. Warren County, 1; 40. North Stanly, 1; 40. Northern Vance, 1.

TEAM SCORES FOR MEN: 1. North Henderson, 72; 2. High Point Central, 60; 3. Lexington, 41; 4. Northern Vance, 32; 5. Lincolnton, 27; 6. Union Pines, 24; 6. Parkwood, 24; 8. Wallace Rose Hill, 22; 8. Brevard, 22; 10. Statesville, 19; 11. North Rowan, 18; 11. Surry Central, 18; 13. Western Alamance, 15; 13. Reidsville, 15; 15. South Columbus, 13; 16. Mt. Pleasant, 10; 16. Southern Vance, 10; 18. Monroe, 8; 18. Richlands, 8; 18. Whiteville, 8; 18. Swansboro, 8; 18. West Brunswick, 8; 23. Tarboro, 7; 24. Eastern Alamance, 6; 24. Croatan, 6; 24. Forest Hills, 6; 24. Warren County, 6; 24. Mountain Heritage, 6; 24. Northwood, 6; 30. West Iredell, 4; 30. Bunker Hill, 4; 30. South Stokes, 4; 33. Currituck, 3; 34. Southeast Halifax, 2; 34. Avery, 2; 34. Southwest Onslow, 2; 34. West Caldwell, 2; 34. Shelby, 2; 34. Charlotte Catholic, 2; 34. East Carteret, 2; 41. Farmville, 1; 41. Pisgah, 1; 41. Southwest Randolph, 1; 41. Greene Central, 1.

Winston-Salem Schools Fare Well In 4-A Track And Field

CHARLOTTE—At least a couple of schools from Winston-Salem at the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A track and field championships at the Irwin Belk Track at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Winston-Salem Mount Tabor swept to the team title in the men's field while Winston-Salem R.J. Reynolds took top honors among the women in a battle that went right down to the final race, the four by 400 meter relay.

Reynolds won its first NCHSAA track championship since 1986, the last year that the women's meet was open and all schools competed for one title. The Demons and Southeast Raleigh were tied with 52 points apiece entering that last race, but R.J. Reynolds sprinted to victory while Southeast failed to complete the race.

A protest was filed with a claim of bumping during the third leg of that race, but the games committee upheld the results and Reynolds finished with 62 points, 10 ahead of Southeast, with Raleigh Millbrook in third with 37, Raleigh Broughton fourth at 30, and Mount Tabor fifth at 29.75.

Bernadette Washington of R.J. Reynolds was selected as the Most Valuable Performer in the women's meet, winning the 200 and finishing second in the 100. Rachel Kitson of Chapel Hill won both the 1600 and 3200 meter events.

Mount Tabor's men tallied 54 points, 10 ahead of runner-up North Mecklenburg, while Raleigh Leesville Road was third with 34. Northern Durham (32) was fourth while Charlotte Vance, Charlotte Independence and Greenville Rose tied for fifth.

Senior Mike Loyd, who helped lead his Mount Tabor team to the title, was named the men's MVP. He won the 200 meters, took second in both the 100 and the 110 high hurdles, and ran a leg on the 3200 meter relay team which took second.

Robert Boulware of Vance won both hurdle events and North Mecklenburg's Stephen Haas took the distance double at 1600 and 3200 meters.

**NCHSAA 2001 STATE 4-A
TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Irwin Belk Track
University of North Carolina at Charlotte**

WOMEN'S RESULTS

SCORES FOR WOMEN: 1. RJ Reynolds, 62; 2. SE Raleigh, 52; 3. Millbrook, 37; 4. Broughton, 30; 5. Mount Tabor, 29.75; 6. Wake Forest Rolesville, 26; 7. West Charlotte, 23; 8. Chapel Hill, 20; 9. Westover, 18; 9. Independence, 18; 11. Grimsley, 14; 11. Garner, 14; 11. AC Reynolds, 14; 14. Pinecrest, 13; 15. Leesville Road, 12.75; 16. Watauga, 12; 16. Durham Jordan, 12; 18. Davie County, 10; 18. Scotland, 10; 20. J.H. Rose, 9; 20. Apex, 9; 20. Seventy-First, 9; 20. Olympic, 9; 20. NW Guilford, 9; 25. East Mecklenburg, 8; 25. North Forsyth, 8; 27. South Rowan, 7; 28. Garinger, 6; 28. Freedom, 6; 28. Vance, 6; 31. Jacksonville, 5; 31. Jack Britt, 5; 33. South Johnston, 4.75; 34. Enloe, 4; 34. Cary, 4; 34. Providence, 4; 34. Anson, 4; 38. East Burke, 3; 38. Hoke County, 3; 40. North Mecklenburg, 2.75; 41. Northern Nash, 2; 42. Eastern Wayne, 1; 42. Butler, 1; 42. Lee County, 1.

MEN'S RESULTS

SCORES FOR MEN: 1. Mount Tabor, 54; 2. North Mecklenburg, 44; 3. Leesville Road, 34; 4. Northern Durham, 32; 5. Vance, 27; 5. Independence, 27; 5. J.H. Rose, 27; 8. Scotland, 25; 8. Broughton, 25; 10. Ashbrook, 24; 11. Jacksonville, 22; 11. RJ Reynolds, 22; 13. South Mecklenburg, 21; 14. Garner, 16; 14. Lumberton, 16; 16. Chapel Hill, 11; 16. D.H. Conley, 11; 18. Olympic, 10; 18. Millbrook, 10; 18. SE Raleigh, 10; 21. Cary, 9; 22. Eastern Wayne, 8; 22. North Forsyth, 8; 22. Jack Britt, 8; 22. Grimsley, 8; 26. Laney, 6; 26. Pinecrest, 6; 26. E.E. Smit, 6; 29. Apex, 5; 29. Northern Nash, 5; 31. Hunter Huss, 4; 31. AC Reynolds, 4; 31. Davie County, 4; 34. Hoggard, 3; 35. Lee County, 2; 35. Westover, 2; 37. New Bern, 1; 37. Durham Jordan, 1.

**High Point Andrews Sweeps
NCHSAA State 3-A Track Titles**

RALEIGH—T. W. Andrews of High Point made it a sweep as the Red Raiders captured both the men's and women's championships in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A outdoor track and field championships at the Paul Derr Track on the N.C. State campus.

High Point Andrews tallied 76 points to 53 for Durham Hillside in taking the women's crown. Charlotte Harding, Western Guilford and Western Harnett were all knotted in third with 48 points.

Andrews was powered by two relay victories and first-place finishes by Nasheena Quick in the 100 meters and Sheena Dawkins in the long jump.

Tatyana Kirichenko of Western Guilford was selected as the Most Valuable Performer in the women's meet, winning both the pole vault and the triple jump, taking second in the 100 high hurdles and fourth in the long jump. Her 11-foot height in the pole vault set a new NCHSAA 3-A mark, which she had shared from the 2000 meet.

The Raiders outdueled nearby rival Jamestown Ragsdale in the men's competition, scoring 52 points to 40 for the runners-up. Jamaal Brand led High Point Andrews with victories in both hurdle events. The Raiders, who won six consecutive track titles from 1988 through '93, won their first team track championship since 1996.

Jacksonville White Oak paced third in the team standings with 31 points, followed by Oxford Webb with 30 points and Wilson Fike with 28.

Brett Wilson of Northeast Guilford earned the MVP honors on the men's side by winning both the 200 and 400.

**NCHSAA 15th ANNUAL STATE 3-A OUTDOOR
TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Paul Derr Track, North Carolina State University**

WOMEN'S 3-A RESULTS

TEAM SCORES FOR WOMEN (Top Ten): 1. High Point T.W. Andrews, 76; 2. Durham Hillside, 53; 3. Charlotte Harding, 48; 3. Western Guilford, 48; 3. Western Harnett, 48; 6. Greensboro Ben Smith, 40; 7. Greensboro Dudley, 30; 7. North Buncombe, 30; 9. Southern Nash, 29.33; 10. Asheville T.C. Roberson, 24.

MEN'S RESULTS

TEAM SCORES FOR MEN (Top Ten): 1. High Point T.W. Andrews, 52; 2. Jamestown Ragsdale, 40; 3. Jacksonville White Oak, 31; 4. Oxford Webb, 30; 5. Wilson Fike, 28; 5. Northeast Guilford, 28; 7. Asheville, 26; 8. Southern Durham, 21; 9. Western Guilford, 20; 10. Fuquay-Varina, 19.

MEN'S GOLF



**Caps Take State 4-A Crown
By Whopping 48 Shots**

PINEHURST—Records fell as Raleigh Broughton completed its domination of the 63rd annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men's golf championships, taking the team title at Pinehurst course number six on Tuesday.

The Caps won an unprecedented fourth consecutive NCHSAA golf championship and did so by an amazing 48 shots. The two-day team score of 569 shattered the old mark of 580, which had also been held by Broughton and set back in 1998.

Broughton's Rand Williams fired a six-under 66 on Tuesday to take individual honors. The Caps dominated there, too, as four Broughton golfers finished in the top six and a fifth was tied for eighth. The best four of six individual scores count toward the team total.

Williams won by three shots over Andrew Lewis of Winston-Salem Reynolds, finishing with a six-under total of 136. That is the second best 36-hole score in NCHSAA championship history, trailing only the 134 recorded by John Carter III of East Davidson in the 1999 2-A championships at Broken Arrow in Statesville.

Wendy's is the presenting sponsor of the golf championships.

**NCHSAA 63rd ANNUAL CLASS AAAA
MEN'S STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
Pinehurst number six, Pinehurst**

TEAM SCORES-FINAL 36 HOLE TOTALS

Pl	Team	Score
1.	Raleigh Broughton	287-282—569
2.	Winston-Salem R.J. Reynolds	315-302—617
3.	Morrisville Green Hope	313-307—620
4.	Greensboro Grimsley	317-311—628
	West Forsyth	314-314—628
6.	Greenville Rose	314-317—631
7.	Charlotte Myers Park	320-313—633
	Fayetteville Terry Sanford	328-305—633
9.	Charlotte Providence	318-316—634
10.	Durham Jordan	321-318—639
11.	New Bern	318-326—644
12.	Shelby Crest	318-327—645

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS-TOP FIVE

1.	Rand Williams, Raleigh Broughton	66-70—136
2.	Andrew Lewis, W-Salem R.J. Reynolds	73-66—139
3.	Russell Killough, Charlotte Independence	65-77—142
4.	James Morgan, Raleigh Broughton	71-72—143
5.	Webb Simpson, Raleigh Broughton	75-69—144

**Hickory Wins Team Title,
Richardson Takes Playoff**

VASS—Jerry Richardson of Burlington Walter Williams birdied the second sudden death playoff hole to win the individual championship in the 16th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men's golf championships at Woodlake Golf Course.

Richardson, a sophomore, and Hickory's Nathan Ward finished in a deadlock at even par 144 for 36 holes to force the playoff. Josh Talton of Smithfield-Selma finished third, one shot off the pace.

Hickory, the first day leader in the team standings, held off a strong

comeback by defending state 3-A champion Burlington Williams to win the team championship. The Red Tornadoes put together a 298 score on the second day for a 597 total, five shots ahead of Williams. Williams, which had been tied for sixth after the opening day, fired a second-day 292 to challenge for the top spot. Smithfield-Selma finished third, 15 shots back at 612.

Wendy's is the presenting sponsor of the golf championships.

**NCHSAA 16TH ANNUAL CLASS AAA
MEN'S STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
Woodlake Golf Course, Vass**

TEAM SCORES-FINAL 36-HOLE TOTALS

1. Hickory	299-298—597
2. Burlington Walter Williams	310-292—602
3. Smithfield-Selma	303-309—612
4. High Point T.W. Andrews Wilson Hunt	304-312—616 312-304—616
5. Asheville T.C. Roberson Central Davidson	309-311—620 310-310—620
8. Wilson Fike	306-315—621
9. Jacksonville White Oak	310-314—624
10. Eden Morehead	318-322—640
11. Kings Mountain	327-322—649
12. R-S Central	332-327—659

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS-TOP FIVE

1. Jerry Richardson, Burlington Williams	71-73—144*
2. Nathan Ward, Hickory	74-70—144
3. Josh Talton, Smithfield-Selma	70-75—145
4. Dustin Barr, South Iredell	73-74—147
5. Jonathan Woodall, Wilson Hunt Jeremy Ray, Winston-Salem Parkland Rodney Thomas, Central Davidson	79-69—148 73-75—148 72-76—148

*won on second hole of sudden death playoff

**Shelby's Reynolds Wins,
Western Alamance Takes Team**

CHAPEL HILL—Tripp Reynolds of Shelby held off teammate Ben Goforth and the rest of the field to take the individual championship in the 16th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A men's golf championships at Finley Golf Course on the campus of the University of North Carolina.

Reynolds, a junior, fired rounds of 70 and 71 for a three-under par 141 on the par-72, 6,444-yard layout to take the title over Goforth by two shots. Defending champion Steven Sherck of Statesville was third.

Reynolds continued his run of strong finishes in the state tournament. He was sixth as a freshman and finished fourth in last year's event.

Western Alamance pulled away from its five-stroke edge after the opening day of play, recording a 298 on Tuesday for a 596 total, 14 shots ahead of a trio of schools.

Defending team champion Charlotte Catholic, which won the tournament by 15 shots a year ago, recorded a 620 total to wind up seventh in the 12-team field.

**NCHSAA 16TH ANNUAL STATE
2-A MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
Finley Golf Course, UNC at Chapel Hill
Par 72, 6444 yards**

TEAM STANDINGS—FINAL

1. Western Alamance	298-298—596
2. Statesville	308-302—610*
3. Lenoir Hibriten	312-298—610*
4. Shelby	306-304—610*
5. Black Mountain Charles D. Owen	310-304—614
6. Mayodan Dalton McMichael	303-314—617
7. Charlotte Catholic	311-309—620
8. Marshville Forest Hills	321-326—647
9. Edenton Holmes	326-324—650
10. Southwestern Randolph	329-327—656
11. Whiteville	335-325—660
12. Croatan	346-332—680

*standings determined by score of fifth place golfer each day to break the tie

**Lowman Storms Back To Take
Individual Crown In 1-A Golf**

CHAPEL HILL—Chris Lowman of Siler City Jordan-Matthews fired a three-under par 69 to storm back and take the individual championship in the fourth North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A men's golf championship at Finley Golf Course at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Lowman, who had 76 on the opening day of play, finished with a one-over 145 for the tournament. He was three shots ahead of Alleghany's Dustin Shaw, who had an even par 72 for a 148 total.

Brant Stovall of North Stokes, the runner-up in the 2000 1-A tournament and the first day leader by three shots, unfortunately became ill and was unable to compete on Tuesday. Defending champion Matthew McIntyre of Tar Heel finished seven shots behind Lowman in a tie for fifth.

Alleghany recorded a 306 on Tuesday to take the team title by 11 shots over Albemarle.

**NCHSAA 4th ANNUAL CLASS A
MEN'S STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS—2001
Finley Golf Course, UNC at Chapel Hill
Par 72, 6444 yards**

TEAM SCORES-FINAL STANDINGS

1. Alleghany	311-306—617
2. Albemarle	313-313—626
3. Siler City Jordan-Matthews	324-314—638
4. North Stokes	318-326—644
5. Graham	331-326—657
6. Williamston	338-346—684

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS-FINAL STANDINGS

1. Chris Lowman, Jordan-Matthews	76-69—145
2. Dustin Shaw, Alleghany	76-72—148
3. Jake Lowder, Albemarle	75-74—149
4. Matt Cook, Murphy	77-74—151
5. Matthew McIntyre, Tar Heel Cory Higgins, Alleghany Josh Vogler, North Stokes	75-77—152 76-76—152 78-74—152

MEN'S TENNIS



**Third-Seeded John Isner
Of Page Wins 4-A Men's Singles**

CHAPEL HILL—Third-seeded John Isner of Greensboro Page captured the singles title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A tennis championships at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center at the University of North Carolina.

Isner beat top-seeded Will Plyler of Raleigh Broughton in the championship match in straight sets of 6-1 and 6-4.

In doubles, the top-seeded duo of Stephen Mantzouris and Bryant Tran of Fayetteville Terry Sanford rolled to the title, beating the Charlotte Myers Park team of Stuart Lynas and Dennis Myers in the final, 6-1, 7-5.

The Terry Sanford pair didn't lose a set in the state tournament and took three of their four sets at love on the first day.

**T.C. Roberson Players Win
Singles, Doubles Crowns In 3-A**

BURLINGTON—Defending champion Brad Pomeroy of Asheville T.C. Roberson made it two in a row by winning the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men's tennis singles championship at the Burlington Tennis Center.

Pomeroy, a junior who dropped only three games in four sets on the

first day of play, beat Asheville sophomore Jack DePaolo in straight 6-1 sets to earn the championship.

In doubles, the top-seeded team of Jonathan Clark and J.R. Gudger of T.C. Roberson outlasted Kent Whitener and Mark Weaver of Fred T. Foard in Catawba County in a tough three-set match for the championship, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3.

All-Lexington Doubles Final Highlights Men's 2-A Tennis

RALEIGH—Teammates wound up doing battle for a state championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association men's 2-A tennis championships.

Two teams from Lexington Senior High School collided for the doubles crown, with the second-seeded pair, Matt Simeon and Chad Frye, downing the third-seeded team of Chris Cagle and Spencer Cagle by 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 for the championship.

It was the first time since 1993 that two teams from the same school made it to the 2-A doubles final, with teams from Union Pines accomplishing that feat back in '93.

In singles, Keith Criscoe of Cameron Union Pines took the title, rolling over Russ Burns of Avery by 6-1, 6-0 in the finals.

Criscoe got to the championship by beating top-seeded Jonathan Walker of Western Alamance 6-3, 6-1 in one semifinal. Walker had been a part of the last three NCHSAA state 2-A doubles champions, but this year elected to play singles in the tournament.

Burns had advanced to the finals by ousting the defending singles champ, Jay Chitty of Shelby, in the semis.

Hendersonville's Alexander Wins Singles, Elkin Doubles

BURLINGTON—Jeff Alexander of Hendersonville took the singles championship as the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's fourth annual 1-A men's tennis championships concluded at the Burlington Tennis Center.

Alexander defeated Matt Jones of Burlington Cummings in a tough three-set match Saturday afternoon for the championship. Alexander won the first set in a tiebreaker but was thumped in the second set 6-1 before coming back to clinch with a 6-2 score in the decisive set. Jones courageously battled through difficult leg cramps in the final set.

It was the third time in the four years of the separate 1-A tournament that a Hendersonville player captured the singles title. Jeremy Ledford of Hendersonville won the 1999 and 2000 championships.

Peter Mariani and Jimmy Pearson of Elkin teamed to take the doubles crown, beating David Beaver and Kenny Johnson of Albemarle in straight sets for the title.

MEN'S DUAL TEAM TENNIS



Bids For Four In A Row Fall Short At Dual Team Tennis

CHAPEL HILL—Both East Chapel Hill and Western Alamance were seeking their fourth consecutive North Carolina High School Athletic Association state dual team tennis championships in their respective classifications, but their bids fell short.

East Chapel Hill was stopped by Asheville T.C. Roberson 5-3 in the 3-A classification, while Shelby upended Western Alamance by the same score in the 2-A final at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center at the University of North Carolina.

The 4-A championship was a battle of unbeaten, but after Fayetteville Terry Sanford and Greensboro Page split matches in singles, the Pirates swept the doubles to give Page the state crown, 6-3, and a perfect 22-0 dual-match record. Terry Sanford wound up 19-1.

Elkin dropped only the number-one singles match and rolled to a 5-1 triumph over Graham for the 1-A championship. The doubles were not played since Elkin (17-2) had clinched the title. Graham closed at 14-6 overall.

East Chapel Hill had beaten T.C. Roberson in each of the last three 3-A title matches, but this time the Rams came out on top by sweeping the doubles that were played. The Rams finished 21-1 while East Chapel Hill completed a 19-4 year.

Shelby won the last four singles matches in its victory over Western Alamance, with a key victory at number six by David Rybnicek, who battled back to win in a tiebreaker. Shelby won for the 14th time in 17 matches while Western dropped to 22-4.

WOMEN'S SOCCER



Henderson's Hat Trick Leads Richlands To 3-1 Victory

RALEIGH—Dana Henderson of Richlands had a hat trick—and scored her three goals in the space of four and a half minutes in the first half—to lead the Wildcats to a 3-1 victory over Monroe Parkwood in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 1-A/2-A women's soccer championship at Method Road Stadium.

Henderson, a 5-3 junior striker, was selected as the Most Valuable Player of the championship as Richlands successfully defended its state title. The Wildcats finished with an 18-3-1 mark while Parkwood dropped to 22-3 on its first trip to the title match.

All-state freshman Brittany Forshay scored Parkwood's lone goal.

NCHSAA STATE 1-A/2-A WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP Method Road Stadium, N.C. State, Raleigh

	1st	2nd		Final
Richlands	3	0	—	3
Monroe Parkwood	1	0	—	1

Scoring:

16:57- Richlands—Dana Henderson
20:36- Richlands—Dana Henderson
21:27- Richlands—Dana Henderson
24:25- Parkwood—Brittany Forshay

Southwest Guilford Explodes In Second Half To Beat Roberson

RALEIGH—After a scoreless first half, Southwest Guilford exploded for four goals, including two by Kelly Whitaker, as the Cowgirls defeated Asheville T.C. Roberson 4-1 to earn the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A women's soccer championship at Method Road Stadium at N.C. State.

Whitaker, a 5-6 sophomore forward who was named the Most Valuable Player in the championship, notched her 30th and 31st goals of the season.

The Cowgirls grabbed a 1-0 lead as Erin Sides scored her 25th goal of the year less than three minutes into the second half, and then Laura Allen made it 2-0 less than three minutes later.

Then Whitaker's two goals put it out of reach before Katie Polonsky got T.C. Roberson on the board with just 4:09 to play.

Southwest Guilford ended the season with a 24-3 mark and won its first women's soccer state title since 1997. T.C. Roberson finished 24-5 and had an eight-match winning streak snapped.

NCHSAA STATE 3-A WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP Method Road Stadium, N.C. State University

	1st	2nd		Final
Southwest Guilford	0	4	—	4
Asheville T.C. Roberson	0	1	—	1

SCORING

42:17 SW Guilford—Erin Sides
 44:51 SW Guilford—Laura Allen
 47:38 SW Guilford—Kelly Whitaker
 60:11 SW Guilford—Kelly Whitaker
 76:51 T.C. Roberson—Katie Polansky

Raleigh Broughton Wins Fourth Consecutive Crown

RALEIGH—Goalkeeper Andrea Hinshaw made three big saves during the penalty kick session and Raleigh Broughton slipped past Charlotte Providence 3-2 to win the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's state 4-A women's soccer championship on Saturday at Method Road Stadium at N.C. State.

After the teams had battled through regulation time, overtime and then the sudden death period knotted at 2-2, the game went to penalty kicks. Hinshaw saved three of the four Providence attempts and the Caps connected on their first three to earn the tiebreaker. She was named the Most Valuable Player of the 4-A final for the second straight year.

It was Broughton's fourth consecutive NCHSAA state championship and the ninth time in the last 10 years the Caps have made the final game, including the last eight in a row. Broughton finished an unbeaten season at 26-0-2 while Providence lost for the first time after 23 straight wins.

NCHSAA 4-A Women's Soccer State Championship Method Road Stadium—Raleigh

	1st	2nd	OT	OT	SD	PKs		
Broughton	0	2	0	0	0	1	—	3
Providence	0	2	0	0	0	0	—	2

Broughton won on penalty kicks, 3-2.

SCORING

43rd min- Broughton, Ellie Sharpe
 47th min - Broughton, Providence own goal
 69th min - Providence, Kelli Doherty
 72nd min - Providence, Amanda Andrews

BASEBALL



Lee Senior Comes On To Down Southeast Guilford In 4-A

ZEBULON—Senior catcher Jason Brown was selected as the Most Valuable Player as Lee Senior outscored Southeast Guilford 9-5 in the decisive third game to clinch the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A baseball championship series.

Brown played a key role in three different Yellow Jacket scoring frames as Lee won the 4-A crown for the first time since 1996. The Jackets finished the season at 26-3 while Southeast wound up 22-6.

Brown blasted a long three-run homer in the first inning after the Falcons had broken on top in their half of the first with a couple of runs. He delivered a run-scoring single in the Jackets' three-run fourth, and then in the sixth he doubled and scored on pinch hitter Chance Carpenter's base hit. He finished with a three-for-four performance and four RBI.

Relief pitcher Lincoln Smith also played a big role in the Jacket victory. The junior righthander, who had pitched only nine innings all sea-

son, came on the fourth with the game tied after the first three

Southeast batters hit safely. He shut the door on the Falcons, giving up only one hit during his stint.

Mike McClain went three for four at the plate for Southeast Guilford, including a triple that drove home a run in the opening inning.

The Yellow Jackets had taken the first game, rallying for a 4-3 victory with MVP Brown getting a couple of key hits. Southeast forced the Sunday contest by taking a 7-3 decision in game two.

Franklin Wins State 3-A Baseball Series In 7th, 7-6

RALEIGH—Ray Gill's bases-loaded single to center in the top of the seventh inning scored Ben Vanhook with the winning run and gave Franklin a dramatic 7-6 victory over Southern Durham in the third and decisive game of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A baseball championship series at Doak Field at N.C. State.

Gill's base hit broke a 6-6 tie and gave the Panthers their first-ever NCHSAA baseball title, and it came after Southern Durham had rallied from a 6-2 deficit to tie the game in the sixth.

Franklin had surged ahead 6-2 in the fourth on the strength of a three-run homer by senior shortstop Gary Morris, his eighth of the year. Then the Spartans came storming back with a four-run frame, keyed by a two-run double by second baseman Daniel Abbruscato, who had a tremendous series for Southern.

Abbruscato went three for three on Sunday after going four-for-four with four RBI in the opener. Justin Ramsey had a pair of hits, including a double, for the Spartans, who finished the season at 22-6 overall.

Craig Younce went three for three for the winners and Morris had two hits, including his home run.

Franklin wound up the season 23-4.

Gill, who had five hits in the series, was selected as the Most Valuable Player of the championship.

Franklin had evened the series with another dramatic finish, scoring four runs in the seventh to rally for a 4-3 victory in the second game and force the Sunday contest.

Shelby Hangs On To Edge Greene Central In 2-A

RALEIGH—Senior Brody Taylor earned Most Valuable Player honors as he led the Golden Lions of Shelby to a dramatic 6-5 victory over Greene Central in the third and final game of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A baseball championship series at Doak Field at North Carolina State University.

Taylor picked up both Shelby victories on the mound, including four and one-third innings of relief on Sunday. He struck out six during that stint for a total of 15 in the series and also delivered five hits in seven at-bats as Shelby won its first NCHSAA baseball title since 1930.

The Golden Lions fell behind the defending 2-A state champs 3-0 in the first inning, bounced back to knot the game at 3-3 in the second, and then took the lead for good with three more runs in the fourth.

However, the Rams scored once in the bottom of the seventh when Patrick Cobb's base hit drove home a run to cut it to 6-5. With runners on the corners and one out, Shelby then turned a perfect 4-6-3 double play to end the game. It was particularly interesting because Lion shortstop Michael Strickland had suffered through a tough five-error day, but made a perfect pivot and throw on the twin killing to end the game.

John Turner had three hits for the Golden Lions, who wound up 27-4 for the season. Brooks Wood had a big game for the Rams, hitting safety four times in four trips, and Marc Sutton had two hits.

The Rams finished the year 23-6.

Shelby had won the opening game of the series by a 6-2 count, but Greene Central forced the extra day of play by evening the series with a 7-5 victory in the second game.

Cherryville Completes Sweep Of Williamston To Win 1-A

ZEBULON—Cherryville's Justin McLeymore used both his bat and his arm to lead the Ironmen to a 7-2 victory over Williamston and a sweep of the best-of-three North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A baseball championship series at Five County Stadium.

McLeymore was named Most Valuable Player in the series. The senior righthander pitched a total of nine and two-thirds innings on the day, picking up the victory earlier and then coming in when Williamston had loaded the bases in game two and pitching out of the jam without any further damage.

He had three hits and walked twice in the two games and also threw a Williamston runner out at the plate with a tremendous strike from the outfield when he was not pitching.

The victory was Cherryville's 25th in 30 outings this season, and the Ironmen won their 51st baseball playoff game since 1980—the most of any NCHSAA team in any classification. Williamston, in its third trip to the finals in seven years, finished 21-7.

Cherryville broke on top 3-0 in the second inning, keyed by Patrick Kiser's two-run double. The Tigers came back in the third to cut it to 3-2, stringing together four hits, including run-scoring singles by Patrick Swift and Richie Brown.

But in the fifth, the Ironmen erupted for three more runs to take command. Soph shortstop Josh McSwain drove home two with a single and then a bases-loaded walk on a full count issued to Kiser forced in another run.

Earlier the Ironmen had rallied from a 4-1 deficit to take a 6-4 eighth-inning win in the series opener. Shane Summer had a two-run double in the Cherryville sixth and then singled and scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch in the eighth.

FAST PITCH SOFTBALL



David Butler Wins State 4-A Softball Title Over Hoggard

RALEIGH—Kristen Bowen limited Wilmington Hoggard to three hits and struck out 10 to lead Charlotte David Butler to a 1-0 victory over the Vikings and the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A fast-pitch softball championship at Walnut Creek Softball Complex.

The sophomore righthander was named the Most Valuable Player of the championship as she earned all three victories in the tournament on the mound for Butler. Bowen ended the season with a 21-1 pitching mark.

Kristen Kimball's single scored Tracy Adkins with the only run of the game, breaking a scoreless tie in the sixth inning. Adkins and Wendi Cochran each had two hits for the state champs. Marie Watson was the losing pitcher in the final.

Butler won for the 24th time in 26 outings while Hoggard finished at 21-9.

Central Cabarrus, Southern Alamance Have Great Dual

RALEIGH—Kelly Allen drove home Evan Miller with the only run of the game and star pitcher Crystal Cox make it stand up as Central Cabarrus nipped Southern Alamance 1-0 in the championship game of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A fast pitch

softball tournament at Walnut Creek Softball Complex.

Cox, a junior righthander, pitched a pair of no-hitters in the tournament and yielded just four base hits in five games, striking out 65 and earning Most Valuable Player honors.

Cox was bidding for a third no-hitter in the final game, but a single and two walks by Southern Alamance loaded the bases in the seventh before the Central Cabarrus pitcher struck out Traci Shoffner to end the game, Cox's 10 strikeout of the contest.

The decisive game was forced Sunday afternoon when Cox once again fired a no-hitter against the Patriots, shutting them out 5-0 and striking out 12 to give Southern its first loss in the tournament. Evan Miller, Kathy Allen, Elizabeth Stamey and Cox each had two hits for Central Cabarrus.

The two teams battled one another three times in the double-elimination event. On Saturday afternoon in the winner's bracket final, Southern Alamance slipped past Central 2-1 despite being no-hit by Cox, snapping a winning streak by the defending state champions at 54 games.

Central Cabarrus ended the season with a 30-1 mark while Southern Alamance wound up 26-4.

Southwestern Randolph Wins 2-A Crown, Beats Forbush

RALEIGH—Lee Harris smashed a long two-run homer in the first inning and Southwestern Randolph made it stand up as the Cougars slipped past East Bend Forbush 2-1 in the championship game of the North Carolina High School

Athletic Association state 2-A fast-pitch softball tournament at Walnut Creek Softball Complex.

Harris had two hits in three trips to the plate and the senior third baseman was named the Most Valuable Player of the double-elimination tournament. Southwestern won all three games it played in the two-day event, including a 2-0 victory over Forbush in its opening game.

Senior righthander Jennifer Hurley went the distance on the mound for Southwestern Randolph, earning her 25th victory of the year against just three losses. Southwestern's final overall record was 28-3, while Forbush finished 27-4.

Rachel McCollum had both Forbush hits in the championship game.

Cherryville Nips Northside In Extra Innings In 1-A Softball

RALEIGH—Cherryville pushed across a run in the eighth inning to nip Pinetown Northside 2-1 in the championship game in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A fast-pitch softball tournament at Walnut Creek Softball Complex.

Cherryville pitcher Summer Maffett, who won the decisive contest, was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. Cherryville duplicated the feat of the Ironmen baseball team, which won the 2001 NCHSAA state 1-A title in that sport.

Cherryville broke a 1-1 tie in extra innings when Jessica Heavner singled and then Erica Beam laid down a bunt that was mishandled, allowing Heavner to come around and score.

Ashley Heavner and Katie Davis each had two hits for the state champs, who concluded a 24-7 season. Kim Woolard went three for three for Northside, which also ended the year at 24-7.

Northside blanked Cherryville earlier on Sunday afternoon by a 4-0 count, the third straight win Northside scored in the tournament after dropping its opener to Camden, to force the decisive game.

The Northside win also snapped a streak of four consecutive state playoff games in which Cherryville trailed in the seventh inning and then rallied to win.



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