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Cumberland County Superintendent Bill Harrison to Serve as NCHSAA President for 2008-09 Academic Year



NCHSAA President Dr. Bill Harrison

CHAPEL HILL—Dr. Bill Harrison, superintendent of the Cumberland County schools, will serve as president of the North Carolina High School Board of Directors for the 2008-09 academic year.

This will be Harrison's second term as president, as he served in that capacity during the 2002-03 academic year.

Allison Sholar, superintendent of the Pender County schools, has been named

vice-president and Dr. Diane Frost, superintendent of Asheboro City Schools, will move into the role as immediate past president.

Harrison came to Cumberland County in 1997 after beginning his stint on the Board as the superintendent in Orange County. He also served as superintendent of the Hoke County schools from 1991 to '95.

Prior to that, Harrison was principal at Terry Sanford High School in Fayetteville and Walker Spivey Elementary there.

The NCHSAA president received his undergraduate degree in intermediate education from Methodist College in Fayetteville and earned his master's from East Carolina University. His doctorate in educational administration is from Vanderbilt.

His wife Judy has been an elementary school teacher and they have two children, William and Caroline. He has been on the board of the Fayetteville YMCA and the United Way of Cumberland County, and he currently serves on the North Carolina Commission on Professional Teaching Standards, appointed by then Governor James B. Hunt.

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, from Region 1, Julius Walker, superintendent of Washington County schools; from Region 2, Kathy Spencer, superintendent of Onslow County schools, and Patricia Burden, principal of Goldsboro High School; from Region 7, Rexanna Lowman, principal of East Burke High School; from Region 8, Regina Lambert, principal of A.C. Reynolds High School.

"I know that we will continue to have outstanding leadership," said NCHSAA executive director Charlie Adams. "We certainly look forward to Bill Harrison stepping into the role as president again, because he did a wonderful job when he was on the Board and served as president before. 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." ★

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

NCHSAA Student Services Schools of the Year Named for 2007-08

CHAPEL HILL—Four schools, one in each classification, have been named winners of the second annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association Student Services School of the Year Awards.

Perquimans High School in the 1-A classification, South Iredell among 2-A schools, Concord in the 3-A class and Hope Mills South View in 4-A earned the honor for the 2007-2008 academic year.

The award is designed to recognize schools for exemplary involvement and dedication to the NCHSAA Student Services program. That would include but would not be limited to such activities as the Student-Athlete Summer Institutes (SASI), NCHSAA Coach-Captain Retreats, coaches' education programs, DREAM Team (Daring to Role Model Excellence as Athletic Mentors) or Peer-Athlete Team Helpers (PATH).

Personnel involved with the Student Services program, such as directors of the Student-Athlete Summer Institutes (SASI) and facilitators working with the NCHSAA Coach-Captain Retreats, could nominate schools for the award. A special committee made the final selection.

Each of the four schools will receive a special award as well as a cash stipend of \$400. The winning schools will also provide a poster or portfolio illustrating their Student Services activities to be displayed at the NCHSAA regional meetings later in September.

"The Student Services program prepares student-athletes, coaches and other school personnel as mentors, role models and leaders," said Mark Dreibelbis, assistant executive director of the NCHSAA and director of the Student Services program. "These efforts truly do make a difference, and each school recognized here has exemplified the best of our program in developing outreach activities in their schools and communities. School-initiated projects promote positive values, respect, teamwork and sportsmanship, and we are very proud of what these schools have done." ★

NCHSAA, Nationwide Insurance Continue Partnership Highlighting Teen Safety

"Buckle Up" Campaign addresses number one killer of teens

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) and Nationwide Mutual Insurance announced today that they are joining forces once again to promote smart teen driving through the *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* campaign.

"Nationwide Insurance should be applauded for its continued commitment and support of the *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* campaign. On behalf of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, I want to thank Nationwide Insurance for recognizing the significance of this campaign. There is nothing more important North Carolina's youth and we all share in the responsibility for their safety," said Charlie Adams, executive director of the NCHSAA.

"The best way to keep teens safe on the road is by helping them become smart drivers," said Bill Windsor, associate vice president of safety for Nationwide. "*Buckle Up for a Successful Season* reminds teens that being a smart driver starts with fastening your seatbelt." Nationwide operates www.nationwidesmartride.com, a website dedicated to teen driving.

Vehicle crashes remain the number one cause of death for teenagers, accounting for roughly a third of all deaths in this age group. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), teenage drivers and passengers are among those least likely

to wear their seat belts. The *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* campaign has one simple yet powerful goal—to achieve a safer highway environment. The campaign, which commences with the upcoming high school football season, is in its second year.

Buckle Up for a Successful Season is a community-level traffic initiative that involves a large number of the 381 member schools that are part of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. The objective is to promote a safer highway environment by reminding and encouraging student-athletes, coaches, cheerleaders, band members, and fans to buckle up when going to school, practices, games—everywhere, every time. Signs, program advertising and events are among the techniques used at various high schools. ★

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Coaches Named by N.C. Coaches Association for All-Star Games in 2009

GREENSBORO—The North Carolina Coaches Association has announced coaches for its 2009 NCCA East-West all-star games.

The football game is scheduled for July 22 at Jamieson Stadium, and Raymond Cobb of SouthWest Edgecombe will head the East staff while Scott Cloninger of Lincolnton will be the head coach of the West team.

Assistant coaches for the East will include Grover Battle of Northern Nash, Brian Foster of Southern Nash, Kenneth Grantham of Greene Central, Ken Whitehurst of D.H. Conley and Jimmy Williams of East Wake.

The West football coaching staff will include Mooresville's Barclay Marsh, Steve Maennle of T.C. Roberson, Alex Mebane of Trinity, Baxter Morris of Albemarle and Dee Walsh of Robbinsville.

The East-West all-star basketball games are set for July 20. The East men's head coach will

be South Johnston's David Dewey, assisted by Todd Edge of Douglas Byrd. The West will be led by Howard West of Ronald Reagan with Greg McKenzie of East Rowan as the assistant.

Jamie Willoughby of Tarboro is the head coach of the East women's team, with Lewis Cummings of Western Harnett assisting. Ken Beatty of Forestview will guide the West women with Jeff Parham of South Caldwell the assistant coach.

For the Carolinas All-Star Classic, which pits teams from North Carolina against their counterparts from South Carolina in both men's and women's basketball. Reggie Peace of Lee Senior will head the North Carolina men's team with John Harder of Morehead the assistant coach. Tony Denning of Douglas Byrd will coach the North Carolina women, assisted by Murphy's Cissy Dyer. ★

National Hall of Famer

Jerry McGee of Elizabeth City, left, displays his National High School Hall of Fame award with NCHSAA executive director Charlie Adams. McGee, the long time executive director of the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association, was inducted into the prestigious Hall this summer in Washington, D.C., during the National Federation of State High School Associations annual summer meeting.



Good Sportsmanship, Respect Still Alive Among NCHSAA Schools

CHAPEL HILL—Every now and then a really “good news” story involving high school athletics comes along, and this is one of those situations.

East Columbus High School and Pender High School battle one another in a number of sports, but the softball team of East Columbus provided a wonderful gesture to its opponent during the 2008 spring softball season.

Janetta Robinson of Pender was selected as the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Female Athlete of the Year and was honored at the Annual Meeting in May at the Smith Center in Chapel Hill. After that honor, Janetta and her Pender teammates played East Columbus in softball.

After the game, East Columbus players signed the game ball and presented it to Janetta in honor of her honor as the Female Athlete of the Year.

Pender superintendent Allison Sholar noted, “It meant the world to me to hear about this in a time where we hear so much about unsportsmanlike conduct, fighting and other detrimental behavior. The East Columbus team gift to Janetta reflects the integrity of both the athletes and the coaches at that school, and we thank them for their gesture of sportsmanship and kindness.”

Larry Williamson is the head softball coach at East Columbus and Mark Bridgers is the principal. ★

Act of Kindness by Salisbury High School Lauded by Recipients

SALISBURY—This is a good news story about a member school in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

Andrew and Susan Davis recently moved to Salisbury from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Prior to living in New Mexico, they had lived in Winston-Salem for a number of years.

We’ll let the Davises tell the story in their own words, since they sent a letter to the NCHSAA (as well as to Salisbury High and the Rowan-Salisbury school system) containing this information and thanking the people involved:

“Since we have no children or grandchildren and no other relatives in the area, we had no one to help us unload the truck when we arrived. Susan suggested we call ahead to one of the local high schools and see if the football coach might know of some young people would like to make some spending money helping us unload the truck.

“I called Salisbury High School and explained our situation to Mr. Joe Pinyan, the school’s athletic director and head football coach. He said, ‘Sure, I’ll get some of my players together and we’ll help you unload the truck. We like to involve them in the community whenever we can.’

“Needless to say, we were stunned, and the point of this letter is to acknowledge this man’s selfless, unconditional generosity, especially at time when he’s no doubt up to his neck with the beginning of football season and was on his way out of town for a week on school business.

“Joe and three of his team members showed up, and drenched in sweat, worked non-stop. We had the truck unloaded in less than two hours!

“Unconditional random acts of kindness like this are priceless, and so are people like Joe Pinyan. People of such exceptional character are the ultimate asset to any organization. Salisbury High School, its athletic program, and especially the young men and women for whom he sets such a fine example as a leader and a human being are fortunate to have him around.

“We are so grateful to Coach Pinyan and these fine young men who literally saved the day for us. We would have been in a real bind had they not been so gracious.”

This act certainly exemplifies the spirit of high school athletics and the NCHSAA—we salute Joe Pinyan and the athletes at Salisbury High for caring about their community. ★

The National High School Sports Record Book

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

Recognition for NCHSAA Student-Athletes as “Heart of a Champion” Winners Honored at Radisson

CHAPEL HILL—A total of 25 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 the North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company. Mark Dreibelbis, NCHSAA assistant executive director, and student services assistant Chiquana Dancy 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 students must have participated in at least one varsity sport, including cheerleading, during the 2007-08 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.

The students were honored at a luncheon on in June at the Radisson Hotel in the Research Triangle Park.

North Carolina Farm Bureau Heart of a Champion 2008 Honorees:

Student Athlete	School
Annie Alvarez	Raleigh Sanderson
Mary Kathryn Anderson	West Bladen
Michele Avara	Matthews David Butler
Michael Bass	Fairmont
Robert Blanton	Matthews David Butler
Sarah Bowman	Alexander Central
Joseph Butler, IV	Lumberton
Amber Combs	North Wilkes
Christopher Crockett	South Stanly
Jade Farlow	South Stanly
Ethan Ford	Alexander Central
Kelsea Greene	McDowell
Caleb Hedden	Asheville Clyde A. Erwin
Brent Heideman, Jr.	Charlotte Providence
Anthony Hezar	Western Alamance
Christopher Jessup	Fayetteville Cape Fear
Olivia Langdon	South Johnston
Shalom Martinez	Asheville Clyde A. Erwin
Dennis McNair, Jr.	West Bladen
Courtney Meiggs	Camden County
Ryan Parker	South Johnston
Perry Simmons	Raleigh Sanderson
Hillary Taylor	Raleigh Millbrook
Jared Thompson	West Iredell
Yvette Wyatt	Burlington Williams

West Bladen Student Honored by Durham Sports Club with Russell Blunt Award

DURHAM—Mary Kathryn Anderson of West Bladen High School is the 13th annual state winner in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s “Be A Good Sport” program sponsored by the Durham Sports Club.

The winner 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 late 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.

Anderson was nominated by West Bladen athletic director Teresa Coleman and selected as a finalist for the award, along with several others, by an NCHSAA committee. Then a special committee of the Durham Sports Club selected Anderson 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 West Bladen senior was an outstanding three-sport athlete, playing volleyball, basketball and softball, but was also involved in student government and in West Bladen’s marching and symphonic honors band. She has won several honors in area science fairs. Mary Kathryn is an active member of Galeed Baptist Church, where she has gone on mission trips and also been involved in many other activities such as Relay for Life and Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan’s Purse.

“Mary Kathryn is one of the few people left who participates in three varsity sports,” says West Bladen athletic director Teresa Coleman. “She is also ranked in the top five in her class academically. She understand her role on each team and is a leader both in the classroom and with her athletic teams.”

West Bladen received a cash donation for its athletic budget as a gift from the Durham Sports Club in honor of Mary Kathryn. ★

East Beats West by 27-3 in All-Star Football Game

GREENSBORO—Despite a delay of over an hour due to thunderstorms, the East created some fireworks of its own and defeated its counterparts from the West 27-3 in the 60th annual North Carolina Coaches Association East-West all-star football game at Jamieson Stadium.

The East led just 6-3 after three quarters but erupted for 21 points in the final stanza.

Marquan Brown of Gray’s Creek, who broke several tackles en route to a 57-yard touchdown punt return in the fourth quarter and also recovered a fumble on defense, was named the game’s Offensive Most Valuable Player.

Defensive end Kamar Frost of Jones Senior was the defensive MVP.

After recovering a fumble on the opening kickoff, the East opened the scoring less than 90 seconds into the game on a nine-yard scoring run by Washington’s Travis Daniels.

Jamere Pugh of Southern Vance scored a TD for the East on a three-yard run and then Michael Adams of West Johnston broke loose for a 30-yard touchdown run with a minute to go to ice the game.

The West’s only points came on a field goal by Justin Matis of North Mecklenburg. ★



NCHSAA VISITOR

A recent visitor to the NCHSAA offices became a national sensation during the summer. Clay Council is the 71-year-old pitcher who threw to Texas Ranger star Josh Hamilton during his record breaking Home Run Derby charge during the 2008 All-Star Game festivities at Yankee Stadium. Council, who attended East Carolina and has coached Legion baseball in the Cary area for years, toured the facility and enjoyed the memorabilia, and then shared stories of his experience with the Derby and his relationship with Hamilton with the NCHSAA staff.

Heritage Biographies

As part of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's celebration of its 95th anniversary, we thought it would be appropriate to highlight just a few of the people who have been instrumental in the history of the NCHSAA. We will feature a handful of prominent figures in each edition of the Bulletin during this school year.

TIM BRAYBOY

Tim Brayboy's involvement in high school athletics in North Carolina has come in a variety of ways.

A graduate of Pembroke High School, Brayboy went on to play four years of varsity baseball at Pembroke State College and was later inducted into the UNC-Pembroke Athletic Hall of Fame. After graduation from Pembroke, he coached for several years at Canton Junior High before joining the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

He was on the DPI staff for 24 years, serving as director of middle school and junior high athletics and working closely with the NCHSAA. In addition, he enjoyed over 40 years as an outstanding game official in football and basketball, working 14 state championship contests and several major all-star games.

Brayboy has been inducted into the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame and is co-author of a book about the history of Indian high school basketball in Robeson and adjoining counties, entitled *Playing Before An Overflow Crowd*.

Tim was inducted into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame in 2006.

JOE EBLEN

Joe Eblen will go down as one of the greatest game officials in North Carolina history.

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

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

Eblen has been very involved in civic and community affairs, serving on a number of Asheville-area boards. He joined the NCHSAA Hall of Fame in 1995.

RICHARD HICKS

Richard Hicks has made significant contributions to high school athletics as a coach and administrator.

A graduate of Rocky Mount's Booker T. Washington High and North Carolina College (now North Carolina Central), Hicks was an outstanding coach before moving into administration. He coached football, baseball and basketball at Booker T. Washington and then later was the Rocky Mount Senior High basketball coach. He was at Rocky Mount from 1968 through '75, where he coached the legendary Phil Ford and coached in the East-West all-star game.

He was principal at junior high schools in Rocky Mount and in Orange County before serving as the principal at Hillside High in Durham. Hicks was president of the NCHSAA Board of Directors in 1994-95, and he is a member of the North Carolina Central Hall of Fame.

Richard will officially be inducted into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame in the spring of '09.

DORIS HOWARD

One of the winningest female coaches in the history of North Carolina, Doris Howard had a 41-year career as a teacher and coach in Cumberland County.

She retired after the 1987-88 season with a career coaching mark in women's basketball of 533-231 and joined the NCHSAA Hall of Fame in 1994.

Howard coached at Hope Mills, Central and Cape Fear High Schools, including 14 years at Central and then from 1969 to '88 at Cape Fear. She was a head coach in tennis, basketball and softball during her career. Her basketball teams at Central won nine regular-season and seven tournament championships, going 278-55. She directed Cape Fear to a state softball championship in 1978, had her team in the state finals three straight years, and compiled an impressive 123-13 mark in that sport over a six-year period.

Born in Timmonsville, S.C., and a 1947 graduate of Coker College, she received a Distinguished Service Award from the NCHSAA in 1989.

ANDY MILLER

Andy Miller was involved in just about every phase of high school athletics during his career.

A 1947 of Western Carolina after attending Brevard High, Miller taught and coached at both Raleigh Broughton and Salisbury Boyden and then served as principal at both Brevard and Watauga. He was superintendent of the Buncombe County schools from 1978-87 after a stint as an education professor at Appalachian State.

He served a term on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association and was involved with its Hall of Fame Committee for a number of years, serving as its initial chairman. He also officiated high school athletics for many years.

Miller has also been involved with civic and church activities, including the Lions Club. He was inducted into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame in the 1998-99 school year.

BOB SAWYER

Bob Sawyer put together an amazing career as an athlete, teacher, coach and athletic director, all affiliated with one school.

Bob was an individual state swimming champion on teams under the legendary Bob Jamieson that won the overall state title at Greensboro Senior High in 1954 and '55. He continued his brilliant swimming career at East Carolina, earning all-America honors and winning two national championships in the backstroke.

He returned to his high school alma mater in 1961 for a 30-year run at the school, which was later renamed Grimsley High, and achieved incredible success as a coach. His teams won 16 consecutive conference championships and an unprecedented 15 straight NCHSAA state titles in swimming. He also coached track, cross country and junior varsity football during his career.

Sawyer helped to host and direct countless NCHSAA state tournaments and events in several sports. A charter member of the East Carolina University Sports Hall of Fame, he guided Grimsley athletics as athletic director to numerous Wachovia Cup state titles, symbolic of the best overall interscholastic program in the state.

He was a member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame Class of '96. ★

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East, West Divide NCCA Basketball All-Star Games

GREENSBORO—The West women and the East men were the winners in the North Carolina Coaches Association all-star basketball games at the Greensboro Coliseum.

Trumae Lucas, who is headed to the University of Florida, was named the Most Valuable Player in the 34th annual women's game as she led the West to a 78-73 triumph.

Lucas, a former Greensboro Grimsley star, lifted her club to victory and scored seven of her game-high 21 points in the fourth quarter. Secily Ray of Thomasville, who will play at Wake Forest, added 13 points and 11 rebounds for the West, which won for the first time since 2005.

Kristin Fields, also from Grimsley, had 10 points and eight rebounds.

Shamia Brown of Hoke County, who is headed to High Point University, had 18 points and 12 rebounds to lead the East, while Raleigh Wakefield's Kristen Hanzer scored 16 points.

A 15-2 run late in the third quarter by the West extended a one-point halftime advantage to 65-56 after three periods. The East did battle back and actually tied the game in the final period before the West pulled it out.

Kinston's Bo Ingram poured in 24 points to lead the East to victory in the men's contest as his team scored a 99-93 triumph in the 60th game of the series. The East and the West have now each won 30 games in the men's competition.

The East never trailed, although the game was close and was knotted at 47 at halftime. The West was hurt by 27 turnovers in the game.

Starmount's Victor Davila led the West with 24 points while Marcus Wright of Winston-Salem Prep had 17 points, including five of seven from three-point range. ★

In Memorium

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

MARLIN MCNEAL

WILMINGTON—Long-time North Carolina High School Athletic Association official Marlin McNeal of Castle Hayne died at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in early May.

McNeal, known as "The Mailman," worked in a variety of sports, including 27 years as a volleyball official, 25 years in softball and 24 in baseball. He also had 13 years as a basketball official and 10 in football.

WARREN JONES

TARBORO—Veteran basketball coach Warren Ray Jones died in mid-May at the age of 68.

Jones earned 491 victories, eight regular season conference championships and had 23 winning seasons during a stellar career as varsity men's basketball coach at North Edgecombe High School. The North Edgecombe gymnasium was named in his honor in 1999, and his body lay in state in the lobby of the gymnasium on the day before his funeral.

Jones received his education from Conetoe High School, Shaw University and North Carolina A&T State University and also had served in the U.S. Army.

FLOYD WOODY

RALEIGH—Floyd Woody died at the age of 88 in mid-July after an excellent career in education.

Born in Canton, Woody worked for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in health and physical education from 1959 until his retirement in '82. Prior to that he had coached the Asheville Lee Edwards football team to a state championship in 1957.

He attended Wake Forest on a baseball scholarship, but after a career-ending injury he transferred to East Carolina, where he was a member of the only undefeated football team in school history.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Wake County, 1300 St. Mary's Street, 4th floor, Raleigh, NC 27605, or to the NCHSAA Endowment Fund.

SYLVESTER BULLOCK

HENDERSONVILLE—Veteran teacher and coach Sylvester Bulluck of Northern Vance High School died unexpectedly in early July at the age of 62.

Bullock graduated from the old Henderson Institute in 1964, attended North Carolina A&T State University and was a Vietnam veteran.

He taught carpentry at Northern Vance for many years and had served as the men's tennis coach there for the past 14 years while coaching women's tennis for the last eight years.

One of his coaching highlights occurred in 200 when his men's tennis team went undefeated during regular season play and reached the Final Four of the

NCHSAA dual team tournament.

His funeral was held at the Northern Vance gym.

RON MILLER

HOPE MILLS—Long-time men's basketball coach Ron Miller was found dead in his home in late July at the age of 68.

He coached basketball at South View High School for 26 years, retiring in 2001, and then later coached at Fayetteville Academy. He guided South View to the 1993 NCHSAA state 4-A championship.

Miller had been an outstanding athlete at Pembroke State (now UNC-Pembroke) and was inducted into the UNCP Hall of Fame.

The funeral service was held at the South View High School auditorium. The family requested that donations be made to the newly-created Ron Miller Scholarship at the UNC-Pembroke foundation.

ATLAS FRALEY

CHAPEL HILL—Chapel Hill High School football player Atlas Fraley was found dead in his home in mid-August after a morning football scrimmage.

The senior athlete called 911 during the afternoon and an emergency crew went to his house. However, his parents later found him at home that evening and he had died.

At the time of the printing of the *Bulletin*, an investigation was continuing as to the cause of death.

MATT GFELLER

WINSTON-SALEM—R.J. Reynolds High School football player Matt Gfeller died late in August after a result of a brain injury suffered in the opening game of the season.

Gfeller, a sophomore linebacker, was injured in the game against Page and was on life support at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center before his death. ★

NCHSAA to Add STAR Sportsmanship Program to Initiatives

CHAPEL HILL—Charlie Adams, executive director of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, has announced an effort to improve sportsmanship by utilizing an online sportsmanship education program that includes an emphasis on anti-bullying and the hazards of performance-enhancing substances.

Starting with the 2008-09 academic year, every student and coach in the state of North Carolina will have access to the STAR Sportsmanship(tm) program. North Carolina will be one of nine states using STAR on a statewide level next year. There are 381 member schools in the NCHSAA for the coming year, involving about 150,000 student-athletes and 6,000 coaches.

"Across the nation and even right here in North Carolina, we've seen an increase in certain incidents of poor sportsmanship. Even though the vast majority of our athletes and coaches are good sports, we have seen some incidents among players and fans that do cross the line," said Adams. "We have been working hard on this area for some time."

The NCHSAA has promoted a number of

sportsmanship initiatives in the past several years. The Association was one of the first to have an ejection policy that included a team component, so that if a team accrued a certain number of ejections for unsportsmanlike behavior, including fighting, it would be disqualified from post-season competition. In addition, the NCHSAA has developed an awards program, recognizing schools for being ejection-free and providing other sportsmanship awards.

"We believe the addition of the STAR Sportsmanship program to our set of initiatives will be very valuable," said Adams, "providing an important educational component to our efforts."

STAR Sportsmanship is an interactive, role-playing program designed to help student-athletes, coaches and parents make good decisions on and off the playing field. It also educates participants about the dangers of steroid abuse. STAR is being utilized across the country, and school districts and even entire states are seeing reductions in ejections as a result. STAR includes specialized programs that are designed for elementary, middle, and high school students; coaches,

parents and officials; and a remediation program for players with ejections or infractions.

STAR Sportsmanship has won numerous national education awards, including the 2007 Best Educational Software Award (BESSIE) and the 2006 Educational Software Review Award (EDDIE) as the best social skills website for middle and high school students. It has also been named as a finalist for the prestigious CODIE Award.

A pre-test and post-test will assess the program's impact on student attitudes and behaviors regarding sportsmanship. Participating schools will also track unsportsmanlike incidents, such as ejections, to help determine the impact of the pilot program. The "STAR Coaching" version includes parent training for pre-season orientation meetings. STAR Sportsmanship is published by Learning Through Sports (LTS), an online publisher of interactive educational programs featuring engaging sports activities.

For more information on LTS, call (866) 552-9192 or visit www.learningthroughsports.com. ★

Spring Scholar-Athlete Winners Named by North Carolina High School Athletic Association

CHAPEL HILL—Over 7,300 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 made the awards in its Scholar-Athlete program, which includes recognition of varsity teams which attain certain grades as well as individual athletes.

A total of 3,935 student-athletes earned the individual Scholar-Athlete award.

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

In the team division, a varsity team earns Scholar-Athlete recognition by attaining a 3.1 aggregate GPA for that designated semester. The school receives a certificate from the Association honoring the accomplishment and each member of the squad will also receive a certificate. A total of 3,551 individual awards were given in this category, and 224 varsity teams captured team honors.

A minimum of five individuals is necessary to constitute a team, and all team members must be included in figuring the team GPA. The team achieving the highest grade point average in the

state in its particular sport and submitting its application by the appropriate deadline receives a plaque commemorating that achievement.

West Stanly captured top honors in baseball for the second year in a row, while Greensboro Page earned first place in two different sports. The South Rowan softball team recorded a stellar 3.916 GPA, the highest for any team during the spring semester in any sport.

"We are very proud of the achievements of the students involved in our 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 Scholar-Athlete program recognized over 20,000 individuals during the course of the 2007-08 academic year. This recognition has been a part of the NCHSAA program for over 20 years.

NCHSAA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAM AWARD WINNERS NCHSAA Spring Sports 2008

SPORT	SCHOOL	GPA
Softball	South Rowan	3.916
Baseball	West Stanly	3.530
Men's Tennis	Greensboro Page	3.779
Women's Soccer	Greensboro Page	3.804
Men's Track	Northwest Guilford	3.472
Women's Track	East Rowan	3.730
Men's Golf	North Buncombe	3.637

West Women Win 1-0. Men Battle to Scoreless Tie in NCCA Soccer All-Star Games

GREENSBORO—The West women's team earned a victory and the men battled to a scoreless tie in the North Carolina Coaches' Association East-West all-star soccer games at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Lena Suarez of Huntersville Hopewell scored the only goal of the game as the West secured a 1-0 victory. Sarah Caldwell of Watauga and Kristin Alderin-Fleagle of East Forsyth combined for the shutout in goal for the winners, recording a total of 12 saves between them.

The West outshot the East 13-9 in the men's contest. Visili Dimopoulos of Wilmington Ashley came up with five saves in goals for the East while Collin Taylor of Morganton Freedom had two saves for the West. ★

INFORMATION SHEET

SCHOOL Don't forget that submission of this information is entirely on line this year. Remember, even if you've gotten your first page in for Directory purposes, it's important to have that second page of coaches information submitted, which is used in a variety of ways.

2008 Wachovia Cup Final Standings Announced

Wachovia Bank, N.A., and the North Carolina High School Athletic Association today announced the final standings for the 2007-08 academic year after the spring sports seasons in the Wachovia Cup competitions.

The Wachovia Cup award, sponsored by Wachovia Bank, N.A., and the NCHSAA, recognizes the high schools that achieve the best overall interscholastic athletic performances within each of the state's four competitive classifications. The Wachovia Cup program has concluded its 29th year.

Charlotte Myers Park moved back past winter leader Chapel Hill to take over first place in the final 4-A standings. Charlotte Catholic took the top spot among 3-A schools while Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons won the 2-A classification. With a strong spring, Hendersonville surged by Kernersville Bishop McGuinness to win among the 1-A schools.

In the 4-A classification, Myers Park's fourth-place finish in women's outdoor track made the difference as Myers Park finished with 387.5 points to 372.5 for Chapel Hill. Charlotte Providence was just back in third place at 370 points, with top spring finishes including second in men's golf, in the top eight in women's soccer and tied for third in baseball. Morrisville Green Hope was fourth in the overall standings and North Mecklenburg was fifth.

Charlotte Catholic remained first in the 3-A classification on the strength of a men's dual team tennis state championship and a finish in the top eight in women's soccer for a total of 470 points. Three-time defending Wachovia champ Asheville T.C. Roberson had 402.5 points and tied for second with Asheville High School. Roberson had state runner-up finishes in both women's soccer and women's outdoor track while Asheville placed third in men's outdoor track and sixth in women's outdoor track.

Cardinal Gibbons held on to the top spot among 2-A schools with playoff points in four different spring sports, including sweeping both the top spots in men's golf and men's dual team tennis. Gibbons had a total of 632.5 points, well ahead of second place Shelby at 355, which took

top honors in men's outdoor track, finished tied for third in women's soccer and was fourth among 2-A teams in men's golf. Women's soccer champion Kill Devil Hills First Flight was third with 347.5 points and baseball champ Orange placed fourth with a total of 317.5.

In the 1-A classification, Hendersonville tallied playoff points in four spring sports, including a state championship in men's outdoor track, a runner-up finish in men's tennis and fourth-place in women's outdoor track, to score 525 points and pass Bishop McGuinness. McGuinness was second with 467.5, finishing second in women's track, tied for third in women's soccer and in the top eight in baseball.

Hampstead Topsail, boosted by a pair of second-place finishes in men's golf and baseball, was third with a total of 415. The North Carolina School of Science and Math in Durham, state champions in men's dual team tennis, was fourth at 362.5.

Wachovia Cup points are determined by a system based on performance in state-championship events. All schools that finish in the top eight positions (plus ties) earn points. In the playoff events involving teams from more than one classification, 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 the 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 then the winter sports, and concluding with the winner after the spring sports season ends in June. The engraved silver cups are presented during NCHSAA Day activities at UNC-Chapel Hill each fall.

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FINAL WACHOVIA CUP STANDINGS 2007-08

1-A CLASSIFICATION		2-A CLASSIFICATION		3-A CLASSIFICATION		4-A CLASSIFICATION	
SCHOOL	POINTS	SCHOOL	POINTS	SCHOOL	POINTS	SCHOOL	POINTS
1. Hendersonville	525	1. Raleigh	632.5	1. Charlotte Catholic	470	1. Charlotte Myers Park	387.5
2. Kernersville	467.5	Cardinal Gibbons		2. Asheville	402.5	2. Chapel Hill	372.5
Bishop McGuinness		2. Shelby	355	Asheville T.C. Roberson	402.5	3. Charlotte Providence	370
3. Hampstead Topsail	415	3. Kill Devil Hills	347.5	4. Lake Norman	310	4. Morrisville Green Hope	335
4. N.C. School of Science and Math	382.5	4. Orange	317.5	5. Mooresville	300	5. North Mecklenburg	322.5
5. Polk County	345	5. West Henderson	305	6. Jacksonville	290	Matthews David Butler	322.5
6. Mount Airy	272.5	6. Salisbury	287.5	Wilson Fike	290	7. East Chapel Hill	320
7. East Surry	267.5	7. East Lincoln	277.5	8. Hickory	270	8. Raleigh Broughton	317.5
8. Siler City	207.5	8. Newton-Conover	272.5	9. Pfafftown Ronald Reagan	265	West Charlotte	317.5
Jordan-Matthews		9. Hillsborough	262.5	10. Burlington	257.5	10. New Bern	285
West Wilkes	207.5	Cedar Ridge		Walter Williams		11. Southeast Raleigh	272.5
East Wilkes	207.5	10. Lenoir Highbriten	247.5	11. Winston-Salem Parkland	255	12. Wilmington Hoggard	270
11. South Stokes	202	11. Ledford	240	Jacksonville White Oak	255	13. Apex	250
12. Avery County	200	12. Durham School of the Arts	215	Greensboro Dudley	255	14. Charlotte Ardrey Kell	240
13. Robbinsville	187.5	13. Burlington Cummings	212.5	14. Winterville	252.5	15. East Forsyth	235
Raleigh Charter	187.5	14. Southern Guilford	210	South Central		Greensboro Grimsley	235
15. Pender	185	15. Pittsboro Northwood	207.5	15. Greenville D.H. Conley	237.5	Cary	235
						Raleigh Leesville Road	235

Retrospective: A Look at NCHSAA History through *Bulletin* Pages

As part of the celebration of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's 95th anniversary, we thought it would be interesting to take a look back at previous editions of The Bulletin that have gone to the NCHSAA member schools.

Below is a sampling of headlines and story briefs about the Association from five, 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago. Some seem very current and others may be very surprising.

We hope you enjoy this special feature.

In the Fall Edition five years ago...

NCHSAA Lists Student Services Sportsmanship Winners

Que Tucker noted that 149 schools, not quite half of the NCHSAA membership, went ejection free in 2002-2003. That is the best ever, up from 114 schools the year before that went through the entire academic year without having any players or coaches ejected from a contest.

Regional Basketball

The NCHSAA has announced that the Western Regional Basketball Tournament will move to Winston-Salem's Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum and the Coliseum Annex after a long run in the Hickory area.

In the Fall Edition 10 years ago...

New School Honors NCHSAA President

The new Glenn C. Marlow Elementary School will be built in Henderson County, honoring the former North Carolina High School Athletic Association president. Marlow retired in 1990 after 40 years in education, 20 as a superintendent, and was president of the NCHSAA during the 1985-86 academic year.

Wachovia Cup Winners

Raleigh's Leesville Road, T.C. Roberson of Skyland, High Point Central and Hendersonville were the Wachovia Cup champions for the 1997-98 school year in the 4-A to 1-A classifications, respectively.

West Sweeps Past East in All-Stars

For the first time, one side swept all five North Carolina Coaches Association All-Star games here during the NCCA clinic week. The sports included both soccer games (men's and women's), both basketball games (men's and women's), and football.

In the Fall Edition 20 years ago...

Chester McGlockton Earns Top Honors

Chester McGlockton of Whiteville earned the top athletic award the North Carolina High School Athletic Association has to offer for 1987-88. McGlockton, who is headed to Clemson University on a football scholarship, was a Parade All-American, Bally All-American and two-time all-state selection on the gridiron.

Jamieson Joins National High School Hall

North Carolina's own Bob Jamieson, one of the more successful multi-sport coaches not only in the state but in the nation, added another great honor to his impressive list in July. Jameison was the first North Carolinian to be inducted into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame, and was one of 14 in the 1988 class inducted.

In the Fall Edition 30 years ago...

Contract Extended for Executive Director

The contract for Simon Terrell as Executive Director is to be extended for another four-year term (1978-1982). It was also recommended that the central office staff receive any

state-approved salary increase, with Mr. Terrell and Mr. Adams also receiving longevity pay as set by the state.

Financial Statements

The financial statements show total receipts of the Association from June 15, 1977, through April 15th, 1978, as \$521,601.80

New Waiver

The Executive Director was authorized to waive any NCHSAA regulations which would prohibit a high school student from participating on a squad that will represent the U.S.A. in international competition.

In the Fall Edition 40 years ago...

New Procedure for Grading Officials

Grading cards and an Annual Officiating Report for a season's play will be sent to each school prior to the football and basketball seasons. The grading scale is from 10-1. Problems within the 10-5 range should be discussed with the local booking agent. When giving a grade of 4 or below, a written report must be sent to the NCAOA office immediately following the game. In order for a grade of 4 or below to be recorded, the report must give a specific rule missed in a specific play situation not involving judgment.

Spring Sports

In commenting on the report, Mr. Mock mentioned that in the baseball play-offs this spring the Association netted \$2,532.39 and had a deficit of \$4,954.19 for the sports of track, tennis, and golf.

1968 National Football Rules Changes

1-2-6: A flag or a soft flexible pylon shall be placed at each intersection of a sideline and goal line and at each intersection of the in-bounds line extended and the endline.

1-3-5 No mechanical visual aid equipment may be used for any coaching purpose any time during the game. ★



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MEN'S GOLF

Welden Takes Individual Crown. East Surry Wins Fourth Straight

BUIES CREEK—John Welden of East Surry came from behind and won his second consecutive state individual title in the 11th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A men's golf championships at the Keith Hills Country Club.

Welden had a 73 in the final round to go with a 71 on Monday for an even par 144 total, six shots ahead of the field. Andrew Bateman of Andrews and David Kostval knotted for second with 150 scores, and Bateman captured second on the third hole of a sudden death playoff with a birdie.

Joe Ondish of Topsail birdied the second sudden death hole to take fourth over East Surry's Ethan Grimmer after both finished with 153 totals.

East Surry rallied from a five-shot deficit entering the final day of play to take the team title for the fourth consecutive year with a 610 total, seven shots ahead of Topsail.

A total of 81 golfers competed in the two-day tournament. Wendy's and the Carolinas Ford Dealers are the presenting sponsors of the NCHSAA sports program.

Cardinal Gibbons Edges Ledford In Tight 2-A Golf Championship

SOUTHERN PINES—Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons held off defending champion Ledford to win the 23rd annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A men's golf championships by a single shot at the Longleaf Golf and Country Club.

It was a reversal of last year's results where Ledford won the state title and Cardinal Gibbons finished second. Gibbons held a three-shot advantage over Ledford and West Henderson entering Tuesday's play.

Cardinal Gibbons shot a 597 to edge Ledford by a shot, while West Henderson was back in third at 618. The best four of six individual scores count toward the team total.

Ryan Lavelle of Gibbons helped his team to victory by winning individual medalist honors.

A total of 84 golfers competed in the two-day tournament. Wendy's and the Carolinas Ford Dealers are the presenting sponsors of the NCHSAA sports program.

Freshman Register of Williams Takes Individual 3-A Honors, Fike Earns Team Title

FOX FIRE VILLAGE—Freshman Robert Register of Burlington Williams had a one-over par 73 annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men's golf championships at the Fox Fire Resort and Country Club.

Register was in second place behind 2006 champion Michael Muscatell of Charlotte Catholic after the opening round in difficult, blustery conditions. But Muscatell wound up with a final-round 81 to finish in ninth, tied with defending individual champion Robert Hoadley of Cameron Union Pines.

Senior Harold Varner of Gastonia Forestview beat junior Daniel Claytor of Northern Nash on the first hole of sudden death to claim second place. Varner parred the par five playoff hole while Claytor bogied to place third after each finished at 147, two shots off the pace.

Fike, with a stellar 302 score on the final day, took the team title with a 609 total, six shots ahead of Forestview, the first day leader.

A total of 84 golfers participated in the two-day tournament. Wendy's and the Carolinas Ford Dealers are the presenting sponsors of the NCHSAA sports program.

Fields of Pinecrest Shoots 67 To Lead Team to 4-A Golf Title

PINEHURST—Jack Fields of Southern Pines Pinecrest fired a blistering four-under 67 in the final round to win top individual honors in the 72nd annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men's golf championships at Pinehurst number six.

Fields finished with a 138 total, four under par and four shots ahead of Charlotte Providence's Nik Peterson. Jonathan Miles of Wilmington Hoggard was in third place, six shots off the pace.

Fields' heroics helped lift Pinecrest to the team championship, rallying from third place after the first day and spoiling Morrisville Green Hope's bid for a third consecutive state team championship.

Pinecrest finished with a 586, six shots ahead of Providence and 10 strokes better than third place Green Hope.

A total of 84 golfers competed in the two-day tournament. Wendy's and the Carolinas Ford Dealers are the presenting sponsors of the NCHSAA sports program.



TRACK AND FIELD

Walker Wins Four Events to Lead Cummings Women; Shelby Takes Men's 2-A Crown

GREENSBORO—Sherice Walker of Burlington Cummings swept to victory in four individual events to lead her team to the team title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association women's 2-A track and field championships at the Irwin Belk Track on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University on Friday.

Walker earned the Most Valuable Performer award in the meet by capturing first place in both hurdle events, the triple jump and the long jump as Cummings won its third consecutive NCHSAA women's title.

Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons, paced by victories by Heather Beichner in both the 800 and 1600, finished second with 80.5 points. Hillsborough Cedar Ridge was third with 67, followed by Lenoir Hibriten with 40.25 and Swansboro with 31.50 points.

There were 49 teams that tallied points in the women's meet.

Shelby held off perennial men's track power North Rowan in the men's competition, scoring 61.50 points to 36 for North, which was seeking its fifth title in the last six years and 10th in the last 15. Black Mountain Charles D. Owen was third with 29 points, with Southern Guilford fourth at 27.50, Monroe fifth with 27 and Madison sixth with 26.

Madison's Josey Weaver earned the men's MVP award, winning the pole vault by clearing 13 feet, six inches and also winning the 3200 meters.

A total of 54 schools scored points in the men's meet.

The Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Greensboro Sports Commission, and Chick-Fil-A of downtown Greensboro served as the host city sponsors for the event, and Wendy's and the Carolina Ford Dealers are the presenting sponsors of the NCHSAA sports program.

New Bern Wins Third Straight Men's 4-A Track Championship, David Butler Takes Women's Title

GREENSBORO—New Bern rolled to its third consecutive team title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association men's 4-A track and field championships at the Irwin Belk Track on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University.

The Bears recorded 64 points to 48 for runner-up Matthews David Butler. Southeast Raleigh was third with 44, followed by East Forsyth with 41 and Raleigh Wakefield with 36. A total of 45 schools scored points in the 4-A men's meet.

Dylan Ferris of East Forsyth was chosen the Most Valuable Performer in the men's meet, winning both the 800 and 1600. Spencer Adams of Butler had a strong showing that helped his team finish second, winning the 110 high hurdles and anchoring a couple of victorious relays in the four by 100 and four by 200.

Scott Houston of Northwest Guilford set an all-classification record in the pole vault, clearing 16 feet even. He eclipsed the standard set by Southwest Guilford's Daniel Keller in 2005 by three inches and bettered the 4-A mark Houston himself established a year ago by seven inches.

Raleigh Wakefield's T.J. Graham set a new 4-A record in the 100 with a 10.44 clocking and also won the 200.

Jacinda Evans of Southern Durham had a phenomenal performance en route to winning the women's Most Valuable Performer award. She took first place in four events, including the 100, 200, long jump and triple jump.

Butler earned its first NCHSAA women's track and field team crown, holding off second-place Charlotte Myers Park 58-48. Southeast Raleigh was third with 45, followed by West Charlotte (32) and Apex (28). There were 46 schools scoring points in the women's meet.

The Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Greensboro Sports Commission, and Chick-Fil-A of downtown Greensboro served as the host city sponsors for the event, and Wendy's and the Carolina Ford Dealers are the presenting sponsors of the NCHSAA sports program.

Mooresville Men, Jacksonville Women Take Team Titles in State 3-A Track and Field

GREENSBORO—Senior Jamel Allison of Mooresville earned Most Valuable Performer honors to lead Mooresville to the state team championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association men's 3-A track and field championships at the Irwin Belk Track on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University.

Allison captured first place in both the triple jump and the long jump, finishing eighth in the high jump and running a leg on the four by 100 relay team.

Mooresville tallied 75.5 points in the men's standings to 56 for runner-up Winston-Salem Carver. Asheville was third with 52 and Jacksonville White Oak and Cameron Union Pines each had 34 points to tie for fourth. A total of 51 schools scored points in the men's meet.

Jacksonville took the women's title with 74 points, with defending champ Asheville T.C. Roberson the runner-up with 53.50, just ahead of Western Guilford with 52. Greensboro Dudley was fourth with 41 points and Jamestown Ragsdale fifth at 36.

A total of 55 schools scored points in the women's meet.

Senior Kelsey McCorkle of South Central took a pair of individual first places in the 100 and 200 and earned the women's MVP award.

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Hendersonville, Winston-Salem Prep Are Team Champs in 1-A

GREENSBORO—Hendersonville held on to take the team title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association men's 1-A track and field championships at the Irwin Belk Track on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University.

The Bearcats tallied 66.20 points to outdistance second-place South Stokes with 52. Polk was third with 45, followed by Union with 42.20 and Thomasville with 40. There were 41 schools scoring points in the men's meet.

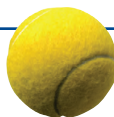
Polk's John Wolfe swept victories in both the 800 and the 1600 and earned Most Valuable Performer honors in the men's meet. Corey Wilkinson of Siler City Jordan-Matthews was a double winner, winning the 100 in 10.71 seconds and the 200 in 22.02 seconds.

Winston-Salem Prep won its first women's team title, scoring 63 points to 49.33 for runner-up West Wilkes. Three teams were tightly bunched thereafter, with Kernersville Bishop McGuinness placing third with 39 points, Hendersonville fourth with 38 and then Avery in fifth with 37.33.

A total of 39 schools tallied points in the women's meet.

Jania Bogle of Princeton was the women's MVP. She took a pair of individual state titles, winning the 100 in a time of 12.47 seconds and taking the 200 in 25.30 while also finishing second in the long jump.

The Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Greensboro Sports Commission, and Chick-Fil-A of downtown Greensboro served as the host city sponsors for the event, and Wendy's and the Carolina Ford Dealers are the presenting sponsors of the NCHSAA sports program.



TENNIS

West Montgomery's Harrison Takes 1-A Singles Crown, Hendersonville Doubles Win

CARY—West Montgomery's Grant Harrison reversed the results from the regional tournament to win the singles championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A men's tennis championships at the Cary Tennis Center.

Harrison, the runner-up in the West regional, downed Akash Dadlani of Albemarle, the West regional champ, in straight 6-3 sets for the singles title. Both

Defending singles champ Tyler Grove of Hendersonville elected to play doubles this time around and earned another state title. Grove and Robert Beal defeated Nickolus John and Dusty Roberson of Mount Airy 6-2, 6-3, for the doubles crown.

The Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Raleigh Sports Consortium are the host city sponsors for these tennis championships. Wendy's and the Carolina Ford Dealers are presenting sponsors of the NCHSAA sports program.

NCHSAA 2008 STATE 1-A MEN'S TENNIS TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cary Tennis Center, Cary

Singles Championship

Grant Harrison (West Montgomery) def. Akash Dadlani (Albemarle) 6-3, 6-3.

Doubles Championship

Tyler Grove/Robert Beal (Hendersonville) def. Nickolus John/Dusty Roberson (Mount Airy) 6-2, 6-3.

Will Rollinson Takes Third Straight 2-A Singles Crown

CARY—Will Rollinson of Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons beat teammate Michael Reilly to win his third consecutive singles championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A men's tennis tournament at the Cary Tennis Center.

Rollinson dropped the first set in the final match by 6-3, but then came back to win 6-2, 6-1. He had beaten Carrboro's Amir Najmabadi in the morning semifinals while Reilly was eliminating last year's runner-up, Graham's Tyler Cook.

Defending doubles state titlists Ryan Daly and Jonathan Fedorkowicz of Cardinal Gibbons made it two titles in a row, as the duo downed William Gray and Taylor Sullivan of Kill Devil Hills First Flight for the second consecutive year in the finals, 6-2, 6-3.

The Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Raleigh Sports Consortium are the host city sponsors for these tennis championships. Wendy's and the Carolina Ford Dealers are presenting sponsors of the NCHSAA sports program

NCHSAA 2008 STATE 2-A MEN'S TENNIS TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cary Tennis Center, Cary

Singles Semifinals

Michael Reilly (Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons) def. Tyler Cook (Graham) 6-2, 6-2; Will Rollinson (Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons) def. Amir Najmabadi (Carrboro) 6-2, 6-1.

Singles Championship

Rollinson (Cardinal Gibbons) def. Reilly (Cardinal Gibbons) 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles Semifinals

William Gray/Taylor Sullivan (Kill Devil Hills First Flight) def. Chris Geaslen/Chris Betz (Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons) 6-4, 7-6(5); Ryan Daly/Jonathan Fedorkowicz (Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons) def. Ethan Caudell/Bradley Walters (Saint Pauls) 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles Championship

Daly-Fedorkowicz (Cardinal Gibbons) def. Gray-Sullivan (First Flight) 6-2, 6-3.

T.C. Roberson's Wright Is 3-A Singles Champ, Statesville Pair Captures Doubles Title

BURLINGTON—Jacob Wright of Asheville T.C. Roberson earned the singles title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men's tennis tournament championships at the Burlington Tennis Center.

Wright defeated Charlotte Catholic's Daniel Tobben in a morning semifinal and then outdueled freshman Luke Synn of Hickory 6-0, 7-6(3) in the championship match.

Synn had knocked off surprising Trey McKee of Lake Norman in the semis, after McKee, the number four player qualifying from the West regional, had earned a couple of upset victories on Friday.

The Hickory player's quest for a title was an attempt to keep championships in the family since Synn's sister, Stephani, won the state 3-A women's singles title in the fall.

Luke Gillis and Tripp Hawkins of Statesville earned the doubles title, beating Southeast Guilford's Travis Sandman and Evan Hurley in a tough three-set match. The Statesville duo won the first set 6-1, dropped the second 6-3 and then took the decisive set 6-4.

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NCHSAA 2008 STATE 3-A MEN'S

TENNIS TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Burlington Tennis Center

Singles Semifinals

Luke Synn (Hickory) def. Trey McKee (Lake Norman) 6-3, 6-1; Jacob Wright (Asheville T.C. Roberson) def. Daniel Tobben (Charlotte Catholic) 6-1, 6-1.

Singles Championship

Wright (T.C. Roberson) def. Synn (Hickory) 6-0, 7-6 (5).

Doubles Semifinals

Luke Gillis-Tripp Hawkins (Statesville) def. Michael Huber-David Anderson (Charlotte Catholic) 6-2, 6-2; Travis Sandman-Evan Hurley (Southeast Guilford) def. Adam Blaser-Ross Powell (Burlington Williams) 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles Championship

Gillis-Hawkins (Statesville) def. Sandman-Hurley (Southeast Guilford) 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.

Noble Wins 4-A Men's Tennis Singles Crown, Grimsley Team Takes Doubles Championship

CHAPEL HILL—Ryan Noble of Fayetteville Terry Sanford held off a determined Andrew Malizia of Chapel Hill to win the singles title at the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men's tennis tournament championships at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina.

Noble beat Malizia in a tough three-setter, 6-2, 6-7(6), 6-1 to win the crown after beating Morrisville Green Hope's Jake Bowling in a morning semifinal.

It was not a Terry Sanford sweep this time, however, as the Terry Sanford duo of Andrew Bock and Ryan Anderson fell to Greensboro Grimsley's Connor Sherwood and Jon Roy in the doubles final in straight sets by 6-1, 6-2.

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NCHSAA 2008 STATE 4-A MEN'S

TENNIS TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Singles Semifinals

Ryan Noble (Fayetteville Terry Sanford) def. Jake Bowling (Morrisville Green Hope) 6-0, 6-2;

Andrew Malizia (Chapel Hill) def. Landon Kinsey (Greensboro Page) 6-3, 6-3.

Singles Championship

Noble (Terry Sanford) def. Malizia (Chapel Hill) 6-2, 6-7 (6), 6-1.

Doubles Semifinals

Andrew Bock-Ryan Anderson (Fayetteville Terry Sanford) def. Brendan O'Connor-Ryan Forbes (Charlotte Ardrey Kell) 7-6(5), 6-2; Connor Sherwood-Jon Roy (Greensboro Grimsley) def. Viking Edeback-Wesley Barrett (Apex) 6-2, 7-6 (3).

Doubles Championship

Sherwood-Roy (Grimsley) def. Bock-Anderson (Terry Sanford) 6-1, 6-2.



WOMEN'S DUAL TEAM TENNIS

East Chapel Hill, Catholic, Gibbons, Science and Math Take State Titles

BURLINGTON—East Chapel Hill won its second state title in three years, rolling past Charlotte Ardrey Kell 5-0 to capture the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men's dual team tennis championship at the Burlington Tennis Center.

East Chapel Hill swept the second through six singles matches to clinch the crown and run the Wildcats' dual team mark to 22-4 overall. Ardrey Kell, a school which just opened last year, suffered its first loss after 17 consecutive wins.

Two of the five completed singles matches split sets, but East's Sam Weissler and Kassim Alani both won their 10-point tiebreakers to secure the win. Tim Bayus of East Chapel Hill was awarded the MVP for his senior leadership on the young team even though his match was not completed.

Charlotte Catholic also had little trouble in winning the 3-A title, taking all of the singles decisions en route to a 6-0 victory over previously unbeaten Southern Nash.

Daniel Tobben, Catholic's number one singles player, led the way and was named the match's Most Valuable Player as the Cougars prevailed in straight sets in each match. It was Charlotte Catholic's fifth NCHSAA men's dual team championship but first at the 3-A level. Catholic had won 2-A crowns in 2004 and '05 and the combined 1-A/2-A class before that in 1992 and '97.

Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons lost only eight games in its 12 sets and easily defeated Newton-Conover 6-0 in a rematch of last year's 2-A final.

Three-time singles state champion Will Rollinson won at the number-one position and was selected MVP of the match.

The 1-A championship was the most closely contested of the day and the only one that went into doubles play, as Durham's North Carolina School of Science and Math outlasted Hendersonville 5-2.

Hendersonville won the top two singles matches, including at number-one by state singles champ Tyler Grove. But NCSSM won the remaining four matches and then Joe Gitt and Keith Funkhouser at number-three doubles teamed to win the deciding contest.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Leesville Road Blanks Ardrey Kell 3-0 for Women's 4-A Title

RALEIGH—Raleigh Leesville Road scored two goals in the game's first 11 minutes and rolled to a 3-0 victory over Charlotte Ardrey Kell in the 23rd annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association's women's 4-A soccer championship at Paul Derr Stadium at N.C. State.

Junior forward Nitang Jones of Leesville Road, with a goal and an assist, was named the Most Valuable Player of the championship as the Pride won its ninth straight match, finishing 24-2 in winning its first NCHSAA women's soccer title.

Sophomore Faren Frizelle opened the scoring in the seventh minute for the winners, the first goal scored against Ardrey Kell in six playoff matches this spring. Then just four minutes later freshman Stephanie Bronson found the back of the net on a cross from the corner from Jones to make it 2-0.

Jones tallied in the 65th minute to close out the scoring.

The Pride outshot Ardrey Kell just 10-9, but the Knights managed only a single shot on goal in the final 40 minutes.

Ardrey Kell, a school in only its second year of existence, finished the season 19-3-3.

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First Flight Nighthawks Outfly Forbush Falcons for 2-A Crown

RALEIGH—Kristina Argiroff's goal proved to be the difference as Kill Devil Hills First Flight downed East Bend Forbush 2-1 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's women's 2-A soccer championship at Paul Derr Stadium at N.C. State.

Argiroff, who was named the championship's Most Valuable Player, scored her 28th goal of the season in the 26th minute off a pass from Samantha Hennessey to give the Nighthawks a 2-0 lead. That was after First Flight freshman Ede Sager opened the scoring in the 10th minute on a perfectly placed free kick from about 30 yards out that wound up in the upper left corner.

Forbush sliced the lead to 2-1 early in the second half as senior midfielder Kelly Wood lofted a long shot into the goal.

First Flight, a school in its fourth year of operation, won its initial NCHSAA women's soccer crown and finished with a 22-2 record, including a season-ending 11-match winning streak. Forbush had a 17-match win streak snapped and finished 22-4 overall.

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Dixon Defense Key in 1-0 Women's Soccer 1-A Championship Victory over Polk

RALEIGH—Dixon's defense made an early goal stand up in a 1-0 victory over Polk County in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's women's 1-A soccer championship at Paul Derr Stadium at N.C. State.

The only goal of the game came in the contest's 14th minute, with Paige Schoonover assisting Chelsea D'Zurilla on her 19th goal of the season. D'Zurilla's long shot was misplayed and just trickled into the goal.

Polk County pressed forward in an effort to tie in the game's final minutes and dominated the ball but just could not break the Dixon defense. Junior defender Jaime Edens, who was selected as the game's Most Valuable Player, keyed the defensive effort along with senior keeper Leslie Thompson. The Lady Wolverines outshot Dixon 13-7 on the day.

Both teams were making their initial trip to an NCHSAA women's soccer final. Dixon wound up 16-2-2 overall after advancing into the playoffs as a

wild card, but won more playoff games in this run to the state title-five-then it had in the history of women's soccer at the school. Polk ended its year 16-6-2.

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White Oak Beats T.C. Roberson By 4-0 Count to Win 3-A Soccer Title

RALEIGH—Angela Cole had two goals and Stephanie Rose added a goal and an assist as Jacksonville White Oak rolled to a convincing 4-0 victory over previously unbeaten Asheville T.C. Roberson in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's women's 3-A soccer championship at Paul Derr Stadium at N.C. State.

White Oak won its third consecutive state championship and was in the finals for the fourth consecutive year. The Lady Vikings finished the season with a 21-1-1 mark and won their last 10 in a row.

Cole, a sophomore midfielder, opened the scoring in the 39th minute, tallying off a ball served in the box by Rose, who was chosen the championship Most Valuable Player. Then the Lady Vikings put it away with two goals in a three-minute stretch early in the second half.

Freshman Emma Barber knocked in a cross from Amanda Fenton in the 49th minute to put White Oak ahead 2-0, and then three minutes later Rose ripped a rocket to the back of the net, scoring her 43rd goal of the season, off a pass from Kristal Tucker to run the count to 3-0.

Cole got the final goal of the game with less than five minutes to play. White Oak had 13 shots on goal for the game to just five for Roberson.

The loss for T.C. Roberson was its first of the year after 28 consecutive victories. Roberson was in the finals for the sixth time, but is still seeking its first state championship in women's soccer.

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BASEBALL

Cherryville Sweeps Topsail, Takes 1-A Baseball Championship

GREENSBORO—Bryan DaCanal was a perfect four for four and Seth Freeman added three hits as Cherryville rolled past Hampstead Topsail 11-0 in the second game of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A baseball championship series at UNCG Baseball Stadium.

The victory gave the Ironmen a sweep of the best of three series. Cherryville had taken the opening game on by a 2-0 count, with Nate Thornburg's two-run double in the fourth driving in the only runs of the game.

Freeman, who was five for seven in the series and pitched a complete-game victory Friday night, was named the Most Valuable Player.

Cherryville jumped on top with three in the first, keyed by a two-run triple by DaCanal, and then blew it open with four in the third. Freeman's two-run single got that inning going.

The Ironmen pounded out 15 hits off four Topsail pitchers, with starter Brock Jaeger, who left the game in the third, taking the loss. Thomas Bess, who pitched the first five innings for Cherryville, was the winner.

Cherryville finished the season 24-7 and won its last 10 in a row en route to its sixth NCHSAA state baseball championship since 1980 and first since 2001. Topsail ended the year 24-8 overall, its seventh consecutive 20-win season, and made its first trip to a state baseball final.

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Orange Rallies in Seventh Again To Win State 2-A Championship

GREENSBORO—Carvel Copeland delivered a two-out single in the bottom of the seventh to drive home the winning run as Orange rallied for three in the final frame to beat East Rutherford 3-2 and clinch the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A baseball championship series at UNCG Baseball Stadium.

It gave the Panthers their first NCHSAA baseball championship and a sweep of the Cavaliers, with both games ending in similar fashion. In the opening game, Orange erupted for four runs in the seventh to break open a close game and score a 6-1 triumph.

Copeland, who had two hits in game two and went three for seven in the two games plus making a number of outstanding defensive plays in center field, was named MVP of the series.

East had taken a 2-0 lead in the fifth, scoring one run on a sacrifice fly by losing pitcher Cullen Park and another on a wild pitch. The Cavs held that advantage until the decisive seventh.

After a hit, a strikeout and an error, winning pitcher Jake Manzulich delivered a run-scoring single to help his own cause and cut the lead to 2-1. Then with two outs, pinch hitter Josh Pettiford came off the bench to deliver a clutch game-tying single, followed by Copeland's base hit that brought in the winning run as Orange won for the 27th time in 30 starts.

Copeland, Manzulich and Larry McDonald each had two hits for the Panthers. Seth Baldwin and Michael Milam each hit safely twice for East, which finished 22-11 and was making its sixth appearance in the finals.

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Rocky Mount Outlasts East Rowan To Win Decisive Game in 3-A

ZEBULON—Chris Berry had three hits and four runs batted in as Rocky Mount outlasted East Rowan by an 8-6 score in the decisive third game of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 3-A baseball championship series at Five County Stadium.

Berry had two doubles as Rocky Mount won its fifth NCHSAA state baseball championship in history, but first since 1980 as the Gryphons finished the year 27-6 overall. Brian Goodwin of the Gryphons, who tripled in two official trips, scored three times and was intentionally passed twice in the decisive game, was voted the Most Valuable Player of the series.

Rocky Mount led 2-1 after one inning and then the Gryphons erupted for four runs in the second to take command. Dillon Cockrell started the rally with a double and scored on a single by Gabe Brown. Then after an intentional walk, Chris Berry delivered a two-run double and then Ben Fish, the school's single-season RBI record holder, doubled home a run to open up a 6-1 lead.

East cut it to 6-3 in the third on a pair of sacrifice flies by Zach Smith and Micah Jarrett, but Rocky Mount answered with two more runs in the fourth. Goodwin tripled off the center field wall and scored on a single by Berry, and later Berry came around after a hit batter, fielder's choice and a wild pitch to make it 8-3.

But the Mustangs were not through, tallying three in the home half of the sixth to slice the margin to 8-6, chasing Gryphon starter Benton Ross. Austin Shull had a double for an RBI in the inning, which also included runs scoring on an error and a fielder's choice.

Justin Roland collected two hits in four at bats, including a double and a triple, for East while Shull and Noah Holmes also had two hits apiece.

East Rowan had forced the third and decisive game earlier on Saturday as Jarrett went three for four at the plate to lead the Mustangs to a 6-2 victory in game two. East scored three in the first inning and held the Gryphons at bay as Justin Roland earned the pitching win. William Barringer had three hits in four at-bats for Rocky Mount and Grant Johnson was two for three in game two.

Rocky Mount had opened the series with a 7-4 victory, with Jim Leggett going the distance on the mound for the victory for his eighth victory of the year, allowing just three hits.

East Rowan was back in the finals for the first time since 1995 and ended the year 29-5.

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Rose Beats Ardrey Kell Twice, Sweeps 4-A Baseball Crown

ZEBULON- Gray Garner's single in the bottom of the seventh brought home the winning run to lift Greenville Rose to a dramatic 4-3 win over Charlotte Ardrey Kell in the second game of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A baseball championship series at Five County Stadium.

The victory gave the Rampants a sweep of the best of three series and provided Rose with its fifth NCHSAA state baseball championship since 1997, with all five wins in the state championships over a Charlotte-Mecklenburg team. The Rampants finished with a 28-3 overall record and won their last 13 games in succession.

Rose had battled back to win the opener on Friday night by a 5-3 score in extra innings, with Clark Massey's two-run double in the eighth lifting the Rampants to victory. Massey, who had several clutch defensive plays on Saturday, was named the Most Valuable Player of the championship series.

Senior second baseman Garner led Rose in the second game with two hits. His final inning game-winner scored Patrick Roy, who had driven in the tying run moments earlier with a triple.

Both teams scored single runs in the first and then Kell took a 3-1 lead with two in its half of the second, on back-to-back doubles by Logan Ratledge and Brett Nyenhuis and then a run-scoring single by Jack Reinheimer.

Paul McIntosh was the winning pitcher, going the route and scattering seven hits while striking out two and walking one. Alex Wood was the losing pitcher for Ardrey Kell, a school just in its second year of existence. The Knights wound up 28-6 overall but remarkably lost all six of those games in a final at-bat.

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SOFTBALL

David Butler Wins Third Consecutive NCHSAA State Softball Title at 4-A Level

RALEIGH—McKenzie Morenus hit a two-run home run in a big fourth inning as defending state champion Matthews David Butler rallied to beat North Davidson 5-3 in the championship game of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A softball championships at Walnut Creek Softball Complex.

Butler finished the season a perfect 28-0 while North Davidson wound up 27-5, with both losses in the state tournament to Butler.

Melinda Collins of Butler was named the MVP.

The victorious Bulldogs had trailed 2-0 entering the fourth before exploding for five runs.

Butler had rallied from a 2-0 deficit against North in its tournament opener and went on to win 5-2, and then blanked Durham Riverside 1-0. Orr had limited both teams to just two hits each in earning the pitching victories Friday night, striking out a total of 28.

Earlier on the second day of play, North Davidson advanced to the championship game with a convincing 11-0 six-inning victory over Durham Riverside, which eliminated the Pirates. North took advantage of three walks and an error to produce three runs in the first but then ended the game with a six-run sixth inning.

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NCHSAA 2008 STATE 4-A SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Walnut Creek Softball Complex, Raleigh

State Semifinals

Matthews David Butler 5,
North Davidson 2
Durham Riverside 2,
Apex Middle Creek 1

Elimination Game

North Davidson 2, Middle Creek 1

Loser's Bracket Final

North Davidson 11, Riverside 0
(6 innings)

Winner's Bracket Final

David Butler 1, Riverside 0

Championship Game

David Butler 5, North Davidson 3

South Central Beats Southwestern Randolph in 3-A

RALEIGH—Andrea Britt had two hits and drove in two runs as Winterville South Central blanked Southwestern Randolph 3-0 to earn the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A softball championship at Walnut Creek Softball Complex.

Britt, a senior infielder, was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

Kimberly Boltinhouse and freshman Morgan Davis also had two hits apiece in South Central's nine-hit attack. Caitlin Wainwright was the winning pitcher, holding Southwestern Randolph to just one hit and fanning seven in firing the shutout. Anna Maness was charged with the loss.

South Central finished 25-2 in winning its initial NCHSAA state softball crown. Southwestern Randolph closed the year at 24-4.

Southwestern, the defending state champs but a young team this year with only three seniors on the roster, advanced to the title game by beating Triton earlier on Saturday by a 4-0 count on a five-hit shutout by Maness, who helped her own cause with a two-run homer. Amelia Frye also had two hits and an RBI for the winners, while Stephanie Wood had two hits in three trips for Triton.

Triton ended its year at 22-7.

South Central had opened play Friday night with a 6-3 victory over Erwin Triton to advance to play Southwestern. Wainwright got the win in both of the Falcons' victories on the first day of the tournament. Shakemia Edwards had two hits for the winners in their first game, and then Carly Hobbs was the big hitter in the second contest with a three for four night including a home run.

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NCHSAA 2008 STATE 3-A SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Walnut Creek Softball Complex, Raleigh

State Semifinals

Southwestern Randolph 1,
Enka 0 (9 innings)
Winterville South Central 6,
Erwin Triton 3

Elimination Game

Triton 1, Enka 0 (9 innings)

Loser's Bracket Final

Southwestern Randolph 4, Triton 0

Winner's Bracket Final

South Central 9,
Southwestern Randolph 8

Championship Game

South Central 3, Southwestern
Randolph 0

Leonard Leads Central Davidson To State 2-A Softball Crown

RALEIGH—Chelsea Leonard of Central Davidson continued her dominant play, firing a one-hit shutout in the championship game as Central Davidson blanked South Lenoir 7-0 to win the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A softball championship at Walnut Creek Softball Complex.

Leonard was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament for the second consecutive year as Central completed a perfect 32-0 season, with Leonard winning 29 of those.

She fanned 12 in the final game, her third consecutive one-hitter in the state tournament. She fired a one-hit shutout in the tournament's opening game, a 2-0 victory over Canton Pisgah in which she struck out 16 and did not walk a batter, and followed with a 15-strikeout, one-hit blanking of South Lenoir.

Central scored one in the first, two in the second and then four in the third en route to the win against South Lenoir pitcher Kayla Cole. Nicole Perry, Hannah Buie, Whitney Lohr and Kara Lohr each had two hits for the winners.

Kara Tucker had the lone base hit for South Lenoir, which ended the year 21-6 overall.

South Lenoir had gotten past Canton Pisgah 3-1 earlier on Saturday in the finals of the loser's bracket. Cole was the winning pitcher, fanning nine, and she also had two hits and two runs batted in. Pisgah was eliminated with a record of 22-7.

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NCHSAA 2008 STATE 2-A SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Walnut Creek Softball Complex, Raleigh

State Semifinals

Central Davidson 2,
Canton Pisgah 0
South Lenoir 3, West Stokes 2

Elimination Game

Pisgah 5, West Stokes 0

Loser's Bracket Final

South Lenoir 3, Pisgah 1

Winner's Bracket Final

Central Davidson 1, South Lenoir 0

Championship Game

Central Davidson 7, South Lenoir 0

Shelton Pitches East Surry To State 1-A Softball Title

RALEIGH—Sophomore pitcher Hayley Shelton fired a three-hit shutout in the title game to earn Most Valuable Player honors as East Surry blanked Swain 6-0 to win the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A softball championship at Walnut Creek Softball Complex.

Shelton and Swain pitcher Katie Jo Moss were engaged in a scoreless duel after five innings but East Surry exploded for six runs in the sixth to put the game away. Shelton finished the game with 14 strikeouts.

Paige Honeycutt had three hits for the winners while Brooke Thomas, Samantha Smith, Beth Isaacs and Kaitlin Shinault had two hits apiece. East Surry, which won a state championship in 2005, completed a 30-2 season while Swain wound up with a school record 27 victories against four losses in its third straight trip to Walnut Creek.

Swain advanced to the championship with a 6-0 triumph over East Carteret earlier in the day as Cook tossed a three-hit shutout, striking out six. Sophomore catcher Kayla Myers led the 13-hit attack for Swain with a three for four performance. East Carteret ended its season 23-3.

East Surry had opened on Friday night with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Swain, with Shelton firing a one-hitter for the winners and striking out 16, outdueling Kristen Cook, who got her first loss of the year.

But the Lady Cards' second game was a much easier five-inning affair, an 11-1 win over East Carteret as junior catcher Paige Honeycutt drove home four runs and Courtney Simmons had four hits in four at bats.

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NCHSAA 2008 STATE 1-A SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Walnut Creek Softball Complex, Raleigh

State Semifinals

East Surry 1, Swain 0
East Carteret 4, Manteo 2
(8 innings)

Elimination Game

Swain 2, Manteo 1

Loser's Bracket Final

Swain 6, East Carteret 0

Winner's Bracket Final

East Surry 11, East Carteret 1
(5 innings)

Championship Game

East Surry 6, Swain 0

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