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North Carolina Athletic Directors Association Names 16th Hall Of Fame Class

Three members have been named by the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association as the 16th class for induction in its own Hall of Fame.

Bruce Hardin, Marion Kirby and Que Tucker will become the newest members of the NCADA Hall of Fame. The three were recognized at the annual North Carolina Athletic Directors Association state conference at the Grove Park Inn in March.

The NCADA Hall of Fame has been established to recognize achievement and excellence for athletic administration. The inductees are honored at the NCADA's annual state convention, and a permanent display honoring the athletic directors' Hall of Fame is located in the offices of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association in Chapel Hill. The new class brings to 61 the number in the Hall.

This year's inductees included:

BRUCE HARDIN

Bruce Hardin has been a very successful football coach at both the high school and collegiate level as well as an outstanding athletic director.

A graduate of Chase High School who earned his undergraduate degree at Appalachian State, Hardin's teams earned two state football titles and three runner-up finishes in 27 years as a high school head coach. Most recently he has been the head coach at Marvin Ridge High School, but he also served as Charlotte Providence (2001-03), Kannapolis A.L. Brown (1989-2000), West Charlotte (1980-89) and Charlotte Harding (1977-80), after serving as an assistant coach at Charlotte Olympic for 10 years. He was also his school's athletic director at several of those stops.

At the college level he served as an assistant coach at The Citadel and at the United States Military Academy, the latter from 2003-07.

Bruce was the head coach in both the North Carolina Coaches Association East-West game and the Shrine Bowl. He also was recognized by the NCHSAA with both coach of the year and athletic director of the year honors. He will be inducted into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame in April.

MARION KIRBY

A 1964 graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College, where he played on an NAIA national championship football team, Marion Kirby established himself as one of North Carolina's top coaches as well as an athletic administrator.

An all-state player in his hometown of Hickory, Kirby went on to graduate from L-R in 1964 after lettering four years in football. After a year as a graduate assistant at East Carolina, he went to John Holmes High School in Edenton and assumed the head coaching duties there through 1972, posting a mark of 59-14-3 and winning three conference titles.

Then Kirby went to Greensboro Page, where he established the Pirates as one of the state's top programs for over 20 years. His teams captured NCHSAA state 4-A championships in 1980, '83, '84 and '85 and were runners-up in '82. His Page teams went to the playoffs 16 times and won 13 league crowns. In all, 25 of his teams won at least seven games, and his career coaching mark at the prep level was 278-65-8.

A member of the Lenoir-Rhyne College Sports Hall of Fame, Kirby left Page to build Greensboro College's new football program from scratch, fielding its first team in 1997. He also served as athletic director at Guilford College.

He also has been a tireless worker for the North Carolina Coaches Association as secretary-treasurer for many years and is a member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

QUE TUCKER

Que Tucker is currently the deputy executive director of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association after an outstanding career as a women's basketball coach.

Que came to the NCHSAA in 1991 after a stint as an assistant coach for the N.C. State University women's basketball program. Prior to entering the collegiate ranks, she had been a very successful high school coach in both volleyball and basketball at Reidsville, from 1978 to '89.

A member of the Mars Hill College Athletic Hall of Fame, Que also served as a game official in volleyball, basketball and softball prior to her joining the NCHSAA staff.

She came to the NCHSAA to be in charge of the Association's student services program, which includes components of alcohol and other drug education and awareness, leadership training and the like. She was elevated to the role of deputy executive director in January of 2005, where she is responsible for overseeing the NCHSAA's 23-sport program.

She has also been very involved with the National Federation of State High School Associations as well as working closely with the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association and the N.C. Coaches Association.

Honorees in the charter class of the Hall of Fame, inducted in 1995, included NCHSAA executive director Charlie Adams, former Charlotte-Mecklenburg director of athletics Dave Harris, Russ Blunt of Durham's Hillside High School, long-time Greenville Rose athletic director and NCADA executive secretary Richard "Bud" Phillips; former High Point athletic administrator A.J. "Tony" Simeon, and Norma Harbin of Winston-Salem, the first female athletic director at a 4-A school in North Carolina.

Last year's inductees include Sandra Langley of Pinetops, Bob Catapano of Raleigh and Shelly Marsh of Smithfield. ★

Hillside "Pony Express" Basketball Team Honored

DURHAM—One of the most amazing high school basketball teams in North Carolina history was honored in January.

A golden era in Hillside High School basketball was honored in January when a championship banner was raised for the 1965 champions, who won the title in the old North Carolina High School Athletic Conference (NCHSAC).

The teams were known as the "Pony Express" because of their high-scoring offense under a legendary coach, the late Carl Easterling. The 1966 team did not win a state crown after the exploits of the team the year before, but it established some amazing marks.

The Hornets averaged 105 points per game and scored 147 in one outing. They broke the 100-point barrier 14 times—and all of this without the three-point shot.

A number of the surviving players from the teams of those two years were on hand for the celebration. ★

NCHSAA Board Of Directors Holds Winter Meeting

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors ended its three-day winter meeting at the Simon F. Terrell Building here with a number of actions.

The meeting concluded with a press conference where executive director-elect Davis Whitfield was introduced.

Whitfield addressed the Board and media and then a reception was held in his honor. He spoke about continuing the NCHSAA's legacy of service and leadership while continuing to build relationships and develop consensus.

The Board did take some actions honoring retiring executive director Charlie Adams. The main conference room in the Terrell Building has been named the Charlie Adams Conference Room. A Distinguished Service Award for regional meetings, one per region, was established to start in the fall of 2010, and the Most Valuable Player award given in the men's basketball championships will be named in honor of Charlie.

In addition, Brooks Matthews, principal at Triton High School, was named as vice-president of the Board to replace Daryl Barnes, who is retiring.

Among the other action items which were approved by the board included:

- a committee will be convened to study size of playoff brackets in all sports, number of games, etc., to meet and then report to Board at May meeting with recommendations
- approved 2009-10 budget, with conservative estimates of revenue, at about \$3.1 million, under last year's actual total; noted that there are some drops in corporate revenue;
- recommended specific idea to account for playoff dollars from teams who later are disqualified from the playoffs: distribution of moneys when a team which later forfeits and has to return money to NCHSAA as a result would go into fund that would help to offset expenses for extreme travel, etc., in football playoffs
- the Most Valuable Player awards given for women's basketball championships will be named in memory of Kay Yow

- recommend that the NCHSAA seek immediate affiliation with Orange County schools and with that, recommend that the Orange County superintendent would serve as ex-officio member of the Board and serve as member of finance committee
- approved insurance program with no increase in any premium; catastrophic is mandatory but others are optional
- approved regional meeting schedule for 2010 as presented, with Region 8 meeting to be held at WRESA
- approved incident and penalty report as presented
- approved \$25 late fee for official registration after two-week initial late period, which carries additional \$5 fee
- booking agents will have to undergo an annual renewal process by which they are accountable to NCHSAA, with deadlines to file with Association to provide time to review
- adjustment to selection process for booking agents: add to the process that the "search committee would make recommendation to the Supervisor of Officials (or designee) and an interview would be conducted by the NCHSAA before approval of recommendation for presentation to NCHSAA Board"
- recommend change in policy in all sports: if a team is disqualified due to an ineligible player after the first round of the playoffs and won the opening round game, the losing team will advance in its place
- approved DRAFT playoff calendar for 2010-11; changes in playoff structure, etc., could create some adjustments in calendar; fall sports start date would be set in draft of August 2
- approved lacrosse playoff structure: 32 team bracket for men, 24 for women
- recommended that the revised NCHSAA Pre-Participation Form for physicals become mandatory to satisfy the eligibility requirement, beginning 2010-11, without the optional statement about vaccinations ★

Interns Working Hard During Spring Semester In NCHSAA Offices

CHAPEL HILL—Another excellent group of students is working during the spring semester in the intern program sponsored by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

Interns customarily work six to eight hours a week as volunteers in the NCHSAA offices in addition to their regular academic load. They assist in everything from clerical duties to research on NCHSAA records to helping with Association publications and working at selected state championships. This spring, however, there are two interns from two different universities who are working internships to fulfill academic credit at their respective institutions.

Brad Alford from Durham is a student from East Carolina University, and Rusty Hawkins from Chapel Hill is a student at Western Carolina, and both are working close to 40 hours a week in the office as part of their academic requirements.

Brad attended Southern Durham High School where he participated in soccer and golf. He is a graduate of Mount Olive College, where he played golf, and is working on his master's at ECU in exercise and sports science with a sport management concentration.

Rusty is an East Chapel Hill High School graduate who is slated to graduate from WCU this year with a degree in sport management.

Another intern from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has continued his work at the NCHSAA during the spring. Benjamin Reid is a UNC graduate who majored in exercise and sports science and is from Coral Gables, Florida, where he played basketball at Palmer Trinity School. He also worked during basketball season as the junior varsity men's basketball coach at Carrboro High School.

Wes Strunk, a sophomore at UNC, is continuing his work on the Wachovia Conference Cup program on behalf of that sponsor.

The NCHSAA began its intern program back in 1988. Since then almost 300 students, both undergraduate and graduate, from several different colleges and universities have worked at the Association. About two-thirds have come from Association member schools.

NCHSAA interns have gone on to a variety of graduate schools or occupations, including coaching and teaching, sports information, collegiate athletic administration, professional baseball umpiring and business, to name a few. Rick Strunk coordinates the general intern program. ★

Cary High School Gymnasium To Be Named In Honor Of Charlie Adams

CHAPEL HILL—Retired North Carolina High School Athletic Association executive director Charlie Adams has received a special honor from his hometown.

The Wake County Board of Education has approved the naming of the Cary High School gymnasium in honor of Adams, who was an outstanding athlete at Cary High and then later coached basketball there. He retired recently after a 42-year career with the NCHSAA, 25 as executive director.

It actually makes a unique double for the Adams family in terms of school buildings bearing the family name. Charlie's father, Henry R. Adams, served for many years on the Cary Advisory Board and later on the Wake County Board of Education and an elementary school not too far from Cary High is now known as the Henry R. Adams Elementary School. In addition, Charlie's mother taught for 40 years at Cary Elementary.

"I have never been in athletics for awards or accolades, but I must admit that I was speechless when Steve Holleman, one of my former captains and outstanding players, told me what was going to happen," said Adams. "I was blown away and was completely speechless, with tears streaming down my face.

"Both my family (the Adams) and my wife Sue's family (the Creels) were very involved with education and athletics through their careers back when Cary and the school were very small. I am very humbled by this award and would like to thank everyone who had anything to do with making this honor a reality."

Holleman, who also coached at Cary, was one of those who helped coordinate the process to get the gym named in honor of Adams.

"I am very fortunate to receive this great honor in a town and school that meant so much to me," said Adams. "I accept this tremendous honor on behalf of my Cary teams, my high school teammates, and for Cary High School and especially for the late Paul W. Cooper, my principal there as a student and later when I was a teacher/coach for him. I also remember Simon F. Terrell, my coach for my junior and senior years at Cary, and later I worked for 17 years as his assistant at the NCHSAA from 1967 to 1984.

"We always tried to provide a memory forever for our participants and this is certainly be a wonderful honor and later a memory for me and my family."

Kurt Glendenning, the Cary athletic director, said the school plans to have the official dedication early in the fall, possibly in conjunction with a Cary football game. "This is very important to our community," he said. "There are lots of people who will want to join in the celebration and we want to make sure we do it right. He was just the obvious person for this kind of honor and from his reaction, it appears this really means a lot to him. Everybody in the state knows who he is and it certainly puts a great label on our gymnasium."

Adams is a 1991 inductee into the East Carolina University Sports Hall of Fame and a charter member of the Cary High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He is also a member of the North Carolina Athletic Directors Hall of Fame, the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame, the National High School Sports Hall of Fame, and the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. He is also the only North Carolinian ever to serve as president of the National Federation of State High School Associations. ★

Awards Presented At Greater Raleigh Sports Council Evening Of Champions

CARY—Former North Carolina High School Athletic Association executive director Charlie Adams was among those who were honored at the 2010 Greater Raleigh Sports Council Evening of Champions at the Embassy Suites here in late February.

Adams, who served as the NCHSAA's executive director for 25 years, from 1967 until his retirement in early 2010, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Greater Raleigh Sports Council for his contributions to high school athletics both in the greater Raleigh area and statewide.

The Carquest Auto Parts Male High School Scholar-Athlete of the Year was Matt Frongello of Middle Creek. He has been named to the academic all-conference teams in three different sports, including soccer, football and baseball, and is senior class vice-president along with serving as sports editor of the school newspaper. The winner of the corresponding award for females was Holly Springs senior Julie Doran, a diver who has won four consecutive NCHSAA state championships in her event.

Nathan Baker of Green Hope was the Touchstone Energy Courage and Character Award. He was born mostly deaf and was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at the age of nine months. When he got to high school, doctors recommended he practice with the cross country team as physical activity definitely was helping improve his motor development and coordination problems.

He went from being prone to falls during his freshman year to running a time of 24:49 in his final high school race, much to the delight of his teammates.

Among other winners recognized was Charlie Montoyo, manager of the Durham Bulls who guided his team to the AAA national championship last September.

Montoyo earned the Capitol Broadcasting Company Sports Person of the Year Award.

John Forslund, television play-by-play voice of the Carolina Hurricanes of the National Hockey League, served as master of ceremonies. Duke University head football coach David Cutcliffe entertained the crowd as the keynote speaker. ★



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

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.

STEVE GABRIEL

ASHEVILLE—Steve Gabriel, formerly one of the state's most successful wrestling coaches, died at the age of 80 in mid-January.

Born in Lincoln County, Gabriel graduated from Appalachian State Teachers' College and then later returned to Boone to coach football and wrestling at the old Appalachian High School.

His wrestling teams there did not lose a dual meet for 13 years, and his teams won eight NCHSAA state championships in the sport from 1957 through '65.

In 1965, Gabriel accepted a job as financial aid director at Appalachian State and also coached wrestling there, retiring from ASU in 1989.

He is a member of the Appalachian State University Hall of Fame and the Watauga County Athletic Hall of Fame.

ARTHUR JAMES

JACKSONVILLE—Arthur James, the principal of Northside High School in Onslow County since 2004, died of cancer in mid-January.

James was a graduate of Georgetown High in Onslow County and later graduated from Hampton University. He had served as a middle school principal in the county before becoming principal at Northside.

The funeral service was held at the Northside gym.

TOM PRYOR

EDNEYVILLE—Long-time coach Tom Pryor passed away in mid-January at the age of 76 after a period of declining health. He was preceded in death by six brothers and three sisters.

Inducted into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame in 2003, Pryor won more games as a women's basketball coach than any other coach in North Carolina history.

Born in Bat Cave and a 1952 graduate of Edneyville High and then a 1957 graduate of N.C. State, Pryor coached women's basketball for 43 years, with the great majority of that (1957-93) at Edneyville. He also was a head football coach for 13 seasons with a mark of 66-42-5 in that sport, to go with at least three years coaching track, golf, baseball and men's basketball.

He rolled up an amazing 702-244 mark as a women's coach, including 594-191 at Edneyville. He had only two losing seasons in his career, going 63-20 at Asheville School and then 59-23 at Polk County after leaving Edneyville.

Pryor served on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association and also umpired softball for 10 years. The current gymnasium at North Henderson High School was named in his honor and the family received friends there after Tom's death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mount Moriah Baptist Church Building Fund, Box 29, Edneyville, NC 28727. ★

Northern Vance Soccer Program Earns National Recognition For Academic Achievement

For the second consecutive year, Northern Vance High School's soccer program has earned a prestigious honor.

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) has notified Northern Vance that both its men's and women's soccer teams have received the NSCAA High School Team Academic Award for the 2008-2009 academic year.

To be eligible for the recognition, a team must have a minimum grade point average of 3.25 for the entire school year. For this program, the team GPA is determined by adding every player's GPA and then dividing by the number of players on the roster.

A total of 426 soccer teams across the nation were honored, but Northern Vance was one of only 68 schools in the United States which received the honor for both of its soccer teams.

The men's team had a GPA of 3.92, which tied it for ninth nationally out of 165 teams, while the women's program posted a 4.04 GPA on the weighted scale, putting it in a tie for 20th out of 261 female teams nationwide.

Northern Vance received its awards at the NSCAA National Convention held in Philadelphia in January.

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association adds its congratulations to Northern Vance on this outstanding achievement. ★

NCHSAA Board Of Directors Meet In Special Session

CHAPEL HILL—The Board of Directors of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association met in special session in early March to take action on some alternatives for the organization since it is leaving the University of North Carolina operational umbrella.

The motion was, as soon as reasonably possible, the NCHSAA pursue all legal steps necessary for it to become an independent voluntary association existing for the continued public service purpose of regulating interscholastic athletic competition for its member schools to ensure safety for all participants and to maintain consistency in the application, interpretation and enforcement of the rules for each sport while: 1) maintaining its status as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code; 2) protecting and preserving the employment and present benefits for its employees, including health insurance and retirement benefits; and, 3) ensuring that it comply with federal and state laws in regard to human resources and fiscal responsibility in its future operations.

The Board passed the motion and instructed the staff to explore appropriate options, and the NCHSAA is currently researching a number of options for moving forward in those areas listed above. ★

REGGIE BULLOCK OF KINSTON, which won the NCHSAA state 2-A men's basketball championship, has been named the Gatorade Men's Basketball Player of the Year in North Carolina. Bullock was the Wendy's Charlie Adams Most Valuable Player in that championship game.

NCHSAA Announces New Partnership With All American Swim Supply In Cary

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association and All American Swim Supply have entered into a three-year agreement naming All American Swim Supply as the title partner of the NCHSAA State Swimming and Diving Championships.

All American Swim Supply is a full service swim store and team dealer located at the Triangle Aquatic Center in Cary.

The partnership allows opportunities for NCHSAA swimming programs and individual athletes statewide to secure necessary swimming related accessories and products via the Internet, or in-store sales.

The All American Swim Supply-NCHSAA 2010 State Swimming and Diving Championships were held in February, all at Triangle Aquatic Center. Prior to these state events, All American Swim Supply was also on site at regional events the weekend before the finals.

"We are extremely pleased of the partnership we have established with All American Swim Supply and its staff," said Carolyn Shannonhouse, NCHSAA assistant executive director who coordinates the NCHSAA swimming and diving program. "We anticipate additional enhancements to our swimming program as a result of the

partnership and appreciate All American Swim Supply's desire to partner with the Association to showcase our high school swimming at its finest."

Davis Whitfield, NCHSAA executive director, noted, "We look forward to a productive and positive relationship with All American Swim Supply and believe this corporate partner can provide excellent service to our schools with swim programs."

All American Swim Supply strives to provide "quality service, great prices, and fast shipping." With stores in Alabama, Tennessee, and North Carolina, All American Swim Supply looks forward to supplying the swim team needs of NCHSAA member schools.

"All American Swim Supply is proud of our partnership with the NCHSAA," said owner Keith Haden. "We look forward to developing new relationships with swimmers and coaches in the North Carolina area."

For more information and to access All American Swim Supply's online store visit www.allamericanswim.com or reach the company locally at (919) 459-4045, ext 234. ★

North Carolina Downs Sandlappers 24-14 In 73rd Annual Shrine Bowl

SPARTANBURG, SC—A couple of West Rowan High School standouts, fresh off a North Carolina High School Athletic Association state championship, helped lead the North Carolina all-stars to a 24-14 victory over South Carolina in the 73rd annual Shrine Bowl at Gibbs Stadium at Wofford College.

North Carolina took advantage of four Sandlapper turnovers to account for all of its points, building up a 17-0 lead in the first half and then holding on to win.

Kevin Parks of West Rowan was named North Carolina's outstanding offensive player, leading the Tar Heel team with 19 rushing attempts for 97 net yards, while his high school teammate Chris Smith earned the defensive honor. Smith had a team-high eight tackles, including a pair of sacks, and scooped up a fumble and returned it 67 yards for a touchdown.

After the Smith TD, Ragsdale's Kasey Redfern hit a 40-yard field goal

for a 10-0 advantage after a South Carolina fumble. With a minute to go in the first half, Parks scored on a five-yard run for a 17-0 advantage.

South Carolina cut the margin to 17-14 before Northern Guilford's Keenan Allen, out of the Wildcat formation, scampered 32 yards for a TD with 2:31 to play. That capped an 80-yard, 10-play drive when another South Carolina fumble was lost deep in Tar Heel territory.

Josh Snead of Smithfield-Selma rushed for 33 yards in nine carries for the winners, while Kareem Martin of Roanoke Rapids was in on eight tackles, caused a fumble and recovered another one.

North Carolina held a slight edge in total offense, outgaining the Sandlappers 238-203.

The victory for North Carolina cut the South Carolina advantage in the series to 40-29-4. Veteran head coach Jim Oddo of Charlotte Catholic served as head coach for the North Carolina squad. ★

Chatham Central Names Gymnasium In Honor Of Coach Gerald Binkley

BEAR CREEK—Chatham Central High School has named its gymnasium in honor of long-time coach Gerald Binkley.

Binkley, a 1971 graduate of Pembroke State University, began his teaching and coaching career at the middle school level prior to arriving at Chatham Central in 1974 and generating outstanding records in two sports.

He coached junior varsity basketball at Chatham Central for seven years before eventually taking over the position of women's head coach in 1982 and had held that position ever since.

As of the dedication of the gym in February, his teams had won 538 games, including 11 conference championships, eight conference tournaments, 10 sectional championships, three regional championships and three state championships.

He also led the school's softball team from 1977-1999, compiling 388 wins including a dozen conference titles and finishing second in the state in 1987.

Approximately 60 former players were on hand for the event, held between the games of a basketball doubleheader against West Montgomery,

and were there in support of their former coach.

Ronald Scott, former Chatham Central athletic director and baseball coach and also a member of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, presented Binkley with a special scrapbook put together by former players and a replica of the plaque that will hang in the gym lobby stating "In Honor and Recognition of Gerald L. Binkley for his years of dedicated service to Chatham Central High School as a teacher and a coach." ★

CIERRA BURDICK OF DAVID BUTLER, who was named the Wendy's Kay Yow Most Valuable Player in the NCHSAA state 4-A women's basketball final as she led her team to victory, has been selected as the Gatorade Women's Basketball Player of the Year in North Carolina.

Union High School Creates “Pink Zone,” Raises Money For Cancer Research

CHAPEL HILL—A number of North Carolina High School Athletic Association member schools are very active in a number of community projects, but it would be hard to find one more involved or successful than Union High School in Sampson County.

Union, a 1-A school and member of the Tri-County Conference, has been a tremendous force in its community.

“We began raising money for the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund in February 2008,” says Julie Hunter, athletic director. “This year (2010) was our third consecutive year raising money for cancer research. Over the last three years, we have raised nearly \$14,000—a large majority of this money has been donated to the Kay Yow fund but we have also helped people in our community battling cancer.”

The school raises money by selling “Pink Zone” t-shirts, which they get for a good deal from a vendor and then sell for 10 dollars. This year the school sold over 300 shirts, with a lot of teachers and students purchasing them.

Union also holds all sorts of raffles for money, pocketbooks, mani-cures, pedicures, etc. All of the raffle prizes are always donated by local businesses or people in the community. Half-n-half tickets are always sold during the Pink Zone game and a student-faculty basketball game is held and students pay two dollars to attend.

Julie also notes that the local newspaper helps promote the initiative by doing a feature story usually a week before the event, and the local hospital donates a free mammogram screening.

A local florist inflates pink balloons to use as decorations at the school, and this year, Union had a pink flag made and flew that on the flagpole at the front of the school for two weeks in February.

Eight sponsors donated money to help Union purchase pink uniforms that were worn for the first time this year and are shown in one of the pictures.

“Our Pink Zone event is usually held during our last regular season home basketball game, usually the second week in February,” says Julie. “The administration here at school and at the central office really supports our efforts. It’s our way of giving back to the community.”

Congratulations to Union High School on a tremendous effort! ★



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MEN'S SOCCER

Greensboro Page Rolls Past Green Hope 4-0 For State 4-A Men's Soccer Championship

CARY—Senior forward Rob Lovejoy scored a hat trick as he led Greensboro Page to a convincing 4-0 victory over Cary Green Hope in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men's soccer championship at WakeMed Soccer Park.

Lovejoy earned Most Valuable Player honors as Page won its fifth NCHSAA state championship in men's soccer but its first since 1991. The Pirates were playing in their eighth state final but this was Page's first berth in the championship in 15 years.

Page dominated play early and led 2-0 at the half on a pair of Lovejoy goals. In the 12th minute, he headed a ball down, controlled it and then shot and scored, and five minutes later tallied again to make it 2-0.

A penalty kick by Glen Long six minutes into the second half put the Pirates up 3-0, and then Lovejoy closed out the scoring in the 60th minute, scoring off an assist from sophomore midfielder Hassen Kouyateh.

The Pirates finished 22-0-2 and won their last 10 matches in a row, including outscoring its opponents 20-1 in the state playoffs. Green Hope, in the finals for the first time since 2001, ended the season 19-5-2 and suffered its first loss in 19 games.

Wendy's is the presenting sponsor of the NCHSAA sports program. The Raleigh Sports Consortium serves as a host city sponsor for these championships, along with the city of Raleigh and the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors' Bureau.

NCHSAA 2009 STATE 4-A MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP WakeMed Soccer Park

Cary Green Hope	0	0	—0
Greensboro Page	2	2	—4

SCORING

12th minute	Page—Rob Lovejoy
17th minute	Page—Rob Lovejoy
46th minute	Page—Glen Long penalty kick
60th minute	Page—Rob Lovejoy (Hassen Kouyateh)

Marvin Ridge Outlasts Chapel Hill In Sudden Death To Earn 3-A Men's Soccer Crown

CARY—Senior all-state forward Matt Risher scored in the first minute of sudden death overtime to lift Waxhaw Marvin Ridge to a thrilling 2-1 victory over Chapel Hill in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men's soccer at WakeMed Soccer Park.

Risher, with a goal and an assist, was named the Most Valuable Player of the final.

The teams battled to a 1-1 draw through 80 minutes of regulation play and then two 10-minute overtime periods before moving into sudden death.

After a scoreless first half, Kole Patterson tallied off a pass from Risher in the 43rd minute to give Marvin Ridge a 1-0 lead. But the Tigers battled back to tie it in the 63rd minute when Jamie Dell scored on a header and set the stage for the extra time.

In sudden death, Risher scored his 23rd goal of the season on an assist from Garrett Condon to give the Mavericks their first men's soccer state championship.

Marvin Ridge ended the season with a 20-match winning streak and the Mavericks wound up with a 22-2-1 record. One of the newer schools in the NCHSAA, Marvin Ridge was in only its third trip ever into postseason play.

Chapel Hill finished 19-8-1.

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NCHSAA 2009 STATE 3-A MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP WakeMed Soccer Park

Chapel Hill	0	1	0	0	0—1
Marvin Ridge	0	1	0	0	1—2

SCORING

43rd minute	MR—Kole Patterson (Matt Risher)
63rd minute	CH—Jamie Dell.
101st minute	MR—Matt Risher (Garrett Condon)

Aguirre Scores Twice To Lead Hendersonville Past Dixon In 1-A

CARY—Junior forward Brayan Aguirre knocked home a pair of goals to lead Hendersonville to a 3-0 triumph over Dixon in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A men's soccer championship at WakeMed Soccer Park.

Aguirre, the Western Highlands Conference Player of the Year this season, was voted the Most Valuable Player of the championship match.

Junior midfielder Lucas Freeman opened the scoring for the Bearcats in the eighth minute when his header found the back of the net off a corner kick by Jordan Gilliam, and then 15 minutes later Aguirre tallied his first goal off an assist from Pierce Carpenter to make it 2-0.

Hendersonville took a 3-0 advantage when Aguirre scored again five minutes into the second half, with midfielder Kyle Stuller getting the assist.

Will Patrick recorded the shutout in goal for the Bearcats.

Hendersonville, in its first trip to the state championship match, ended with a 20-4-1 record after an 0-2-1 start this season. The Bearcats outscored its opposition 25-0 in five playoff matches.

Dixon was in the state finals for the third time in the last seven years and had a 13-match winning streak snapped, finishing the season at 19-6-1. The Bulldogs won the '06 1-A title and were runners-up in '03.

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NCHSAA 2009 STATE 1-A MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS WakeMed Soccer Park

Dixon	0	0	—0
Hendersonville	2	1	—3

SCORING

8th minute	H—Lucas Freeman (Jordan Gilliam).
23rd minute	H—Brayan Aguirre (Pierce Carpenter).
45th minute	H—Brayan Aguirre (Kyle Stuller).

Shelby Nips Northwood 2-1 In NCHSAA 2-A Men's Soccer

CARY—Jerry Zeller's goal late in the game proved to be the game winner as the Golden Lions of Shelby slipped past Pittsboro Northwood 2-1 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A men's soccer championship at WakeMed Soccer Park.

Zeller's goal gave Shelby a 2-0 lead, but just three minutes later Northwood's Sam Lucier tallied off a throw-in to tie the game to cut it to 2-1 in the 77th minute, but the Golden Lions held on. Zeller, a diminutive sophomore midfielder, was voted the Most Valuable Player in the final.

Shelby opened the scoring in the fourth minute when Northwood had trouble clearing the ball and Kevin Petty was credited with the Golden Lion goal. It stayed 1-0 until Zeller's goal in the 74th minute.

Shelby was in the NCHSAA finals for the second consecutive year and ended the season 23-3-1, going 18-0-1 in its final 19 games. The Golden Lions took five one-goal decisions in the playoffs, including a dramatic penalty kick triumph over Surry Central in the Western Regional final.

The Chargers had a 14-match winning streak snapped to end at 19-3-2.

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NCHSAA 2009 STATE

2-A MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

WakeMed Soccer Park

Pittsboro Northwood	1	0	— 1
Shelby	1	1	— 2

SCORING

4th minute	S—Kevin Petty.
74th minute	S—Jerry Zeller.
77th minute	N—Sam Lucier.



FOOTBALL

Wallace-Rose Hill Nips Mount Airy In Overtime For 1-A Championship

WINSTON-SALEM—Omar Carr ran in the two-point conversion in overtime to lift the Bulldogs of Wallace-Rose Hill to a dramatic 38-37 victory over previously unbeaten and defending champion Mount Airy in a wild North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A football championship game at BB&T Field.

Mount Airy had taken a 30-27 lead early in the fourth quarter on a three-yard run by Andy Temoney, but the Granite Bears missed the extra point. That left the door open for a game-tying 38-yard field goal by Jose Flores with 2:08 to play that tied it at 30.

Mount Airy went first in the overtime and Ben Hinson hit tight end Stephen Hart for six yards and a score and Dylan Wright booted the point after. W-RH countered with Dawan McKenzie scoring on fourth-and-goal from the one, and then the Bulldogs made the decision to go for the win right there and Carr's conversion run clinched the crown.

Carr and Devonta Herring each ran for 117 yards for the winners, who had 296 yards rushing. Luke Wheeler had 80 yards in 12 carries and scored twice for Mount Airy while also catching five passes for 58 yards.

Mount Airy had a 31-game winning streak snapped as the Granite Bears finished 15-1 overall, while Wallace-Rose Hill closed at 14-2.

Outstanding Player Awards: Mount Airy—Outstanding Defensive Player,

LB Stephen Hart; Outstanding Offensive Player, RB Luke Wheeler; Wallace-Rose Hill—Outstanding Defensive Player—DB Torrey Hall; Outstanding Offensive Player—RB Devonta Herring. Wendy's MVP—RB Omar Carr, Wallace-Rose Hill.

Albemarle Pulls Away From Southwest Onslow In 1-AA

WINSTON-SALEM—A.J. Little rambled for 214 yards in 19 carries and scored twice, once on a 94-yard touchdown scamper, to lead Albemarle to a 45-21 victory over Southwest Onslow for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-AA football championship at BB&T Field.

It was a battle of unbeaten teams, with Albemarle completing a 16-0 season and Southwest ending 15-1. The Bulldogs rushed for 340 yards and held the Stallions to nine first downs and 161 yards in total offense, with Shontigo Parker in on 15 tackles for Albemarle.

Albemarle led just 10-7 when Little scored his first TD on a one-yard burst, but then Chanda Hall took the ensuing kickoff 83 yards for a score to cut it to 17-14 with the 6:20 left in the first half.

Albemarle responded with Little's 94-yard scoring run with 2:35 remaining in the first half to make it 24-14, and then got a pair of third-quarter rushing touchdowns by Rusty Parks, capping relatively short drives, to put the Bulldogs firmly in control.

A 61-yard TD run by Simeon Marshall for Southwest closed the scoring in the final minute of play.

Parks rushed for 101 yards in 19 carries for the winners, who captured their fourth NCHSAA football title in the last nine years.

Outstanding Player Awards: Albemarle—Outstanding Defensive Player, LB Shontigo Parker; Outstanding Offensive Player, RB Rusty Parks; Southwest Onslow—Outstanding Defensive Player—LB Kevon Jordan ; Outstanding Offensive Player—RB Simeon Marshall. Wendy's MVP—RB A.J. Little, Albemarle.

Tarboro Downs Mountain Heritage 28-3 For State 2-A Football Title

CHAPEL HILL—Tarboro had a pair of running backs top the 100-yard rushing mark as the Vikings downed Burnsville Mountain Heritage 28-3 for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A football championship at Kenan Stadium.

Chris Lane, named the Wendy's Most Valuable Player, rushed for 110 yards in just five carries and a pair of touchdowns while Damarius Harper picked up 113 yards and scored a TD as the Vikings rallied from an early 3-0 deficit.

Mountain Heritage actually had possession of the ball for 11:07 of the first quarter but managed just a 29-yard field goal by Hector Martinez to take a 3-0 lead.

Harper then capped an 85-yard drive in seven plays with a four-yard scoring run to put the Vikings up 7-3, followed by Lane's first TD on an 18-yard run that capped a 60-yard march for a 14-3 halftime advantage.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Lane broke loose for a 40-yard TD to move the count to 21-3, and then Chris Cabbagestalk picked off a pass and ran it in from 42 yards out to close the scoring.

Mountain Heritage, seeking its first state team championship in any sport, capped the most successful year in school history with a 13-3 record. Casey Randolph rushed for 106 yards in 30 attempts for the Cougars and also had four tackles.

Michael Graham had 15 tackles and Brandon Richardson 13 for the winners, who finished 15-1 overall.

Outstanding Player Awards: Mountain Heritage—Outstanding Defensive Player, DB Clay Parker; Outstanding Offensive Player, RB Casey Randolph; Tarboro—Outstanding Defensive Player—DE Chris Cabbagestalk; Outstanding Offensive Player—RB Damarius Harper. Wendy's MVP—RB Chris Lane, Tarboro.

Reidsville Keeps Winning Streak Alive, Beats Newton-Conover

CHAPEL HILL—Tyrell Houghton passed for 291 yards and three touchdowns to lead Reidsville to its 48th consecutive victory, a 28-6 decision over Newton-Conover in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-AA football championship at Kenan Stadium.

Houghton earned the Wendy's Most Valuable Player honor as he helped the Rams engineer four long scoring drives, ranging in distance from 63 to 80 yards, and he also led the Rams in rushing with 49 yards in 13 tries. Reidsville rolled up 432 yards offense for the Red Devils.

Houghton's first scoring toss to Denzel Blackwell covered 17 yards and then he completed the two-point conversion pass to Lyshod Graves for an 8-0 lead with 5:26 left in the opening period. The Red Devils came back and cut it to 8-3 on a 20-yard field goal by Spence Linquist.

It appeared the Red Devils had stopped the Rams on the next drive and forced a Reidsville punt, but a roughing the kicker penalty kept the drive going, ultimately ending in a two-yard scoring run by Denzel Blackwell for a 14-3 lead. Then less than three minutes later Houghton connected with Kenzel Doe for 31 yards and a touchdown for a 22-3 margin.

Graves caught seven passes for 110 yards for the winners, while Octavius Harden ran for 58 yards in 17 tries and Sam Royal had 46 yards in 11 attempts for the Red Devils. Ty Brown and Jordan Gibbs had 10 tackles each for N-C and Paul Forney was in on eight stops.

Newton-Conover, which had won the 2-A title a year ago, finished 14-2 overall.

Outstanding Player Awards: Newton-Conover—Outstanding Defensive Player, LB Paul Forney; Outstanding Offensive Player, QB Sam Royall; Reidsville—Outstanding Defensive Player—FS Kenzel Doe; Outstanding Offensive Player—WR Lyshod Graves. Wendy's MVP—QB Tyrell Houghton, Reidsville.

West Rowan Builds Big Lead, Then Rallies Past Eastern Alamance 28-21

RALEIGH—West Rowan built a big lead, saw Eastern Alamance come roaring back, and then scored a fourth-quarter touchdown to earn a 28-21 victory in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A football championship at Carter-Finley Stadium.

Kevin Parks, the NCHSAA's all-time leading career rusher, scored all three West touchdowns and ran for 154 yards in 29 carries, although Eastern limited him to his season low.

The Falcons spurted to a 20-0 lead in the game's first 13 minutes on scoring runs by Parks of three, four and 54 yards, but Eastern struck twice before halftime to slice the intermission lead to 20-14.

Lamar Ivey hit Donald Mattocks with a 54-yard touchdown pass and then Elliott Powell capped a seven-play, 73-yard march with a three-yard TD run for the Eagles. Then Eastern took the second half kickoff and moved 60 yards in eighth plays, culminating in a one-yard TD run by Ivey as Eastern took the lead 21-20 when Tripp Hupman hit the PAT.

An interception by Dominique Noble of West gave the Falcons the ball at the Eastern 29 late in the third quarter, and from there it took West seven plays to score with Parks going in from the seven and then B.J. Sherrill passing to Jon Crucitti for the two-point conversion.

Ivey led Eastern with 49 yards rushing in 29 carries and also threw for 169 yards. However, the West defense sacked him nine times.

Eastern Alamance finished the year 14-2 while West won its second straight NCHSAA football title and its 30th game in a row.

Outstanding Player Awards: West Rowan—Outstanding Defensive Player, LB Chris Smith; Outstanding Offensive Player, WR Jon Crucitti; Eastern Alamance—Outstanding Defensive Player—DB Donald Mattocks; Outstanding Offensive Player—QB Lamar Ivey. Wendy's MVP—RB Kevin Parks, South Rowan.

South Point Rallies To Win Behind Five TD's By Crumbley

CHAPEL HILL—Aaron Crumbley scored five touchdowns and earned the Wendy's Most Valuable Player award as South Point rallied to beat South Johnston 42-28 in a wild North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-AA football championship at Kenan Stadium.

Crumbley carried the ball a whopping 38 times for 122 yards, although his longest run was an 11-yard scoring run with 3:26 to play to break a 28-all tie. Quarterback Josh Justice then put the game on ice, after the Red Raider defense held, when he broke loose on a 42-yard scoring run with just 38 seconds remaining.

The ball-control South Point offense overcame five turnovers and had a whopping 33:47 time of possession to 14:11 for South Johnston while rolling up 27 first downs.

South Johnston led 28-14 at halftime primarily on the strength of big plays by wide receiver Dee Williams. He caught a pair of touchdown passes from Patrick Dunnigan and returned a kickoff 87 yards for a score, all in the space of about 10 minutes of action. He finished with eight receptions for 96 yards, giving him 101 catches for the year.

The other Trojan score came on a 40-yard scamper by Anthony Crumity, who led South Johnston's rushing with 84 yards in 13 carries.

Justice ran for 107 yards for the winners, who captured their third NCHSAA football title in posting a 14-2 record. South Johnston, enjoying its best football season in school history, ended 14-2.

Outstanding Player Awards: South Johnston—Outstanding Defensive Player, LB Josh Barbour; Outstanding Offensive Player, WR Dee Williams; South Point—Outstanding Defensive Player—LB Jordan Forney; Outstanding Offensive Player—QB Josh Justice. Wendy's MVP—QB Aaron Crumbley, South Point.

A.C. Reynolds Nips Harnett Central 14-13 To Earn 4-A Championship

RALEIGH—In a dramatic finish, A.C. Reynolds held off Harnett Central 14-13 to win the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A football championship at Carter-Finley Stadium.

A.C. Reynolds had built a 14-0 halftime lead and then saw the Trojans come back on a pair of touchdown passes from Brian Taylor to sophomore receiver Kendrick Baker. The second of those scoring tosses came with just 48 seconds left to play to cut the Rocket lead to 14-13, capping a rapid eight-play, 90-yard drive.

Harnett Central elected to go for two for the win, but the Rockets' defense stopped Jarrod Spears short of the goal line.

However, it wasn't over as Harnett Central recovered an onside kick and had a couple of other chances. One came on an option pass where the receiver was open but the Trojans couldn't make the connection. Harnett Central advanced the ball to the 26-yard line where the Trojans lined up for a 42-yard field goal on the final play of the game.

But the kick by Taylor was blocked by Reynolds' Ben Councill to end the game.

Caleb Pressley ran for one touchdown and threw for another for the Rockets, earning the Wendy's Most Valuable Player/ He rushed for 65 yards in 13 tries and threw for an additional 115. Spears had 101 rushing for Harnett Central and Taylor was 187 of 29 through the air for 194 yards.

A.C. Reynolds posted a 14-2 record while Harnett Central, playing in its first ever NCHSAA football final, lost for the first time in 16 outings.

Outstanding Player Awards: A.C. Reynolds—Outstanding Defensive Player, LB Patrick Blalock; Outstanding Offensive Player, QB Caleb Pressley; Harnett Central—Outstanding Defensive Player—LB Dylan Kinton; Outstanding Offensive Player—QB Brian Taylor. Wendy's MVP—QB Caleb Pressley, A.C. Reynolds.

Butler Explodes Past Jack Britt To Clinch 4-AA Championship

RALEIGH—Christian LeMay fired three touchdown passes and Matthews David Butler blew open a close game to down Fayetteville Jack Britt 48-17 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-AA football championship at Carter-Finley Stadium.

LeMay threw for 189 yards and finished the season with 44 touchdown tosses against just two interceptions as he won the Wendy's Most Valuable Player award for the game.

Britt and Butler battled on equal terms throughout the first half. The Buccaneers scored on the second play from scrimmage on an 80-yard scamper by Greg Bryant and Eric Johnson tallied on a seven-yard run, around a pair of LeMay touchdown passes, and it was 14-14.

Vaughn Bandy of Butler kicked a 37-yard field goal with five seconds left in the first half to make it 20-17, and then Britt fumbled the ensuing kickoff and Dominique Brewer scooped up the loose ball and ran it in to put the Bulldogs suddenly ahead 27-17 and with all the momentum.

Butler then put it away with three second-half TDs.

Jahwan Edwards finished the night with 154 yards rushing in 18 attempts for the Bulldogs. Britt had a pair of rushers top the 100-yard mark, with Johnson picking up 139 in 23 tries and Bryant rushing for 108 in 11 carries. Britt was able to complete only three passes on the night.

Butler won its first ever NCHSAA football crown and completed a perfect 15-0 record while Britt wound up 15-1.

Outstanding Player Awards: Butler—Outstanding Defensive Player, DB DiMikael Burse; Outstanding Offensive Player, RB Jahwan Edwards; Jack Britt—Outstanding Defensive Player—DB Michael Edwards; Outstanding Offensive Player—RB Eric Johnson. Wendy's MVP—QB Christian LeMay, Butler.



SWIMMING AND DIVING

Providence, East Chapel Hill Earn Team Crowns In 4-A Swimming And Diving Championships

CARY—Charlotte Providence captured its first state men's swimming championship since 1998 on Thursday in the 4-A All American Swim Supply-NCHSAA 2010 State Swimming and Diving Championships at the Triangle Aquatic Center.

Providence won its fourth state title all-time as the Panthers rolled up 257 points to 188 for runner-up North Mecklenburg. Lake Norman was third with 184, followed by South Mecklenburg at 183 and Cary Green Hope with 154.

The first four team finishers all qualified to the state meet out of the West Regional.

It was a good night for the Darmody family, as freshman Kyle Darmody of Providence won the 50 free and anchored state championship performances in both the 200 medley relay and the 200 free relay. He was second in the 100 free.

Junior Kip Darmody took first in the 100 backstroke, breaking his own state 4-A mark set a year ago, in 49.12 seconds.

Green Hope's Dominick Glavich, a junior, captured a pair of state individual titles in the 200 individual medley and 100 breast and earned the meet's Most Valuable Performer. Sanderson's Matt Taylor was also a double winner in the 100 and 200 free.

East Chapel Hill rolled to victory in the women's competition, tallying 231

points to 144 for second-place Cary in winning its first state title since 2005 and eighth all-time. Cary Panther Creek was third at 134 and Lake Norman and Apex Middle Creek tied for fourth with 129 each.

West Johnston's Sarah Henry was the MVP in the women's meet, earning two first-place finishes and setting new state 4-A records in both the 200 free (1:53.33) and the 500 free (4:46.69).

Julie Doran of Holly Springs won her fourth consecutive state title in one-meter diving, while Cary senior Torrey Bussey won a pair of events, the 200 individual medley and the 100 breast.

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Charlotte Catholic, Cardinal Gibbons Win Team Titles In 3-A Swimming And Diving

CARY—Junior Erin Gaeckle helped lead Charlotte Catholic's women to their ninth consecutive state championship in two different classifications with a strong performance in the 3-A All American Swim Supply-NCHSAA 2010 State Swimming and Diving Championships at the Triangle Aquatic Center.

Catholic won its fifth straight 3-A title after four consecutive 1-A/2-A crowns as Gaeckle earned the Most Valuable Performer award with a great all-around effort. The Charlotte Catholic junior won the 200 freestyle, set a new state 3-A record in the 100 back and was a member of two record-setting relay teams in the 200 medley and the 400 free.

Catholic tallied 432 points to outdistance runner-up Chapel Hill at 246. Waynesville Tuscola was third with 238, followed by Waxhaw Marvin Ridge (205) and Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons (167). A total of 38 schools recorded points in the women's meet.

Ashlyn Koletic of the state champions was also a double winner, taking the 50 free and the 100 butterfly. Katherine Plevka of Weddington set a new state standard in the 200 intermediate medley by almost three seconds with a time of 2:04.70, and Chris McDonough of Catholic broke her own state record in the 100 breaststroke.

Junior Graham Williams of Hickory was named the MVP of the men's meet but Cardinal Gibbons rolled to the team championship. Williams won both the 200 free and the 500 free, the only male swimmer to win two individual events.

Gibbons scored 249 points to take its third consecutive crown, 50 points ahead of runner-up Charlotte Catholic. Chapel Hill was third with 191, followed by Concord Jay Robinson at 152 and Marvin Ridge at 143.

Jacob White of Marvin Ridge captured first place in the 50 free and also swam a leg on the victorious 200 free relay team.

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West Davidson, Carrboro Capture Top Spots In 1-A/2-A Swimming And Diving Championships

CARY—Led by senior Kelly Ann Baird, West Davidson slipped past Carrboro to win the women's team championship in the 1-A/2-A All American Swim Supply-NCHSAA 2010 State Swimming and Diving Championships at the Triangle Aquatic Center.

It went down to the final event, with West Davidson winning the 400 free-style relay to edge Carrboro 248-242. Both teams were tied with 208 points going into that race. Rounding out the top five were Lake Norman Charter (217), Elkin (145), and Salisbury (136).

Baird earned the women's Most Valuable Performer award as she recorded first places in the 200 and 500 freestyle. In both events, she qualified for an

automatic All-American time and broke her own 1A/2A record in the 500 free from last year by more than two seconds. She also anchored the final leg of the deciding 400 freestyle.

In men's competition, Carrboro rolled to victory with a score of 368 points, topping the second-place team, Kernersville Bishop McGuinness (166), by a whopping 202 points. Lake Norman Charter was third with 164, followed by Raleigh Charter at 151 and West Davidson at 150.

The men's MVP was Raleigh Charter sophomore Joe Bonk, as he took first place in both the 50 and 100 freestyle and also anchored a leg in the victorious 200 free relay. In both individual events, he qualified for an automatic All-American time and set two new 1A/2A records. In the 50 free, he broke the old record from 2008 in the morning preliminary competition, and bested himself in the evening session with a faster time by more than half a second.

Peter Brumm of Lake Norman Charter was a double winner, taking both the 200 free and the 100 butterfly, while Michael Thomson of Durham School of the Arts also won two individual events, the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke.

The meet had been postponed to Monday due to inclement weather.

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WRESTLING

Dual Team Wrestling Championships Decided

Despite the fact that inclement weather forced postponement of all four championship matches, the North Carolina High School Athletic Association dual team wrestling championships were finally held.

The 4-A championship in Winston-Salem, a rare battle of defending champions, saw host Parkland down Cary by a score of 38-14. Parkland won last year's 3-A crown before moving up to 4-A in the new realignment while Cary won the 2009 4-A title.

Parkland ran its perfect record in duals to 42-0 while Cary lost for the first time in 35 matches. It was the fourth consecutive crown Parkland in two different classifications, while Cary made its 10th straight appearance in the dual-team finals. The Imps, the all-time leader in postseason dual victories with 77, had won the last three 4-A crowns and five of the last six.

Parkland now has a streak of 178 consecutive dual team victories.

Newport Croatan captured the 2-A championship, as it traveled to Monroe and downed host Piedmont by 36-18. Croatan won its first NCHSAA dual team title and finished the dual season with a perfect 17-0 mark while Piedmont lost for only the second time in 45 dual matches.

The 1-A class held both its regional rounds and finals at West Montgomery, and West Wilkes won a pair of matches to earn the state title after finishing as runner-up a year ago.

West Wilkes rolled past Rosewood 60-9 in the championship match, with 119-pounder J.J. LaPlante of West Wilkes earning the Most Valuable Performer award for the finals. West finished dual team competition with a record of 18-3 while Rosewood posted a 31-8 mark.

West Wilkes downed Robbinsville 36-33 in the Western final while Rosewood won the final individual match to slip past host West Montgomery 36-34 for the Eastern crown.

Concord Jay Robinson rallied from a 26-3 deficit and came back to nip

Orange 35-32 before a big crown at Orange in the 3-A final.

Robinson 135-pounder Devonte Andujar was named the Most Valuable Performer, as his victory in the final match of the night lifted Robinson to the state championship.

Orange was seeking its third consecutive state dual team title, although its last two were at the 2-A level as Orange moved to 3-A in the current realignment. The Panthers finished with a 32-4 dual team record.

Robinson, in winning its first NCHSAA mat crown, ended the dual-team campaign with a mark of 24-2.



INDOOR TRACK

Asheville Men, Burlington Cummings Women Take Team Titles In 1-A/2-A/3-A

CHAPEL HILL—Isaac Presson won two individual events to help lead Asheville to the men's team title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A/2-A/3-A indoor track and field championships at the Eddie Smith Indoor Arena on the campus of the University of North Carolina.

Presson, a senior, captured first place in both the 1000 and the 1600 and was second in the 3200, earning meet Most Valuable Performer honors as Asheville tallied 62 points to 53 for runner-up Waxhaw Marvin Ridge.

Presson's time of 4:17.96 in the 1600 meters was a new 1-A/2-A/3-A state meet record.

Fayetteville Douglas Byrd finished in third in the team standings with 34, followed by Eastern Alamance (22) and Nash Central (19). A total of 56 schools scored points in the men's meet.

Torri Tillman paced Marvin Ridge to the second place finish with victories in the long jump and the 55 meters.

Burlington Cummings won its fourth consecutive women's team title, keeping its streak intact since the sport was reclassified. Cummings edged Weddington 49-46, with Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons in third with 42 points. North Rowan was fourth with 29 and Northern Guilford fifth with 26. A total of 51 schools in the women's meet broke into the scoring column.

Sarah Rapp of Cardinal Gibbons was named the women's MVP, as she won both distance races at 1600 and 3200 meters and was second in the 1000.

Kortney Williams of Cummings won the triple jump while Francesca Evans of the state champs was winning the 500.

Erin Tucker of Concord Jay Robinson was a double winner, capturing both the 55 and the 55 hurdles,

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Southeast Raleigh Sweeps Titles In 4-A Indoor Championships

CHAPEL HILL—Steven Bell of Southeast Raleigh won both the triple jump and long jump to lead his school to its third men's state team championship in the last four years and a sweep of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A indoor track and field championships at the Eddie Smith Indoor Arena on the UNC campus.

Southeast Raleigh and Raleigh Wakefield finished one-two in both the men's and the women's competition.

Bell won two events and finished fourth in the long jump to take Most Valuable Performer honors in the men's meet. Southeast tallied 48 points to 40 for Wakefield, with Knightdale in third at 28. Charlotte Vance was fourth with 27 and Charlotte Ardrey Kell fifth with 25. A total of 43 schools scored in the men's meet.

Junior Jarrett Samuels was also a double winner, as the Charlotte Vance standout took first place in both the long jump and the 300 meters.

A victory in the final event of the night secured the title for the Southeast women as the four by 400 relay team set a new state record in the process, breaking the old mark set by Mount Tabor in 2009 by about three seconds.

Southeast Raleigh had 48 points to 43.5 for runner-up Raleigh Wakefield, followed by Matthews David Butler (37), Southern Pines Pinecrest (36), Asheville T.C. Roberson (27) and Durham Jordan (26). A total of 43 schools scored in the women's meet.

Southeast also got victories by Dannielle Davis in the 55 meter hurdles and Ebony Scott in the 55 dash in taking the women's team title for the fourth time in the last five years.

Hannah Hensly of Pinecrest was the women's MVP, finishing as runner-up in both the long jump and high jump while taking fifth in the triple jump.

Cary's women's four by 800 relay team set a new state mark in that event in 9:30.90, shattering the old standard by almost 10 seconds.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Bishop McGuinness Wins Fifth Straight Title, Downs Williamston

CHAPEL HILL—Bishop McGuinness captured its fifth consecutive North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A women's basketball championship by downing previously unbeaten Williamston 55-46 at the Smith Center.

McGuinness finished the year 23-7 overall while Williamston lost for the first time after 29 consecutive victories.

Junior Megan Buckland earned her second consecutive state championship honor, taking the Wendy's Kay Yow Most Valuable Player despite a second-half injury which put her on the bench. She had 15 points to lead the Lady Villians, including three three-pointers.

Bishop spurred to a 15-4 first-quarter lead and never trailed, holding the Lady Tigers at bay.

Sammi Goldsmith scored 14 for the winners and Erin Fitzgerald added 11, while Katie Paschal paced Williamston with 18. Paschal finished her high school career among the top scoring women's basketball players in North Carolina history.

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Post-Game Awards: Williamston Most Outstanding Player: Zakkeya Morris; Bishop McGuinness Most Outstanding Player: Sammi Goldsmith; Wendy's Kay Yow MVP: Megan Buckland, Bishop McGuinness.

Salisbury Beats East Bladen In Battle Of Undefeated Teams

RALEIGH—In a rare battle of unbeaten teams, Salisbury downed East Bladen 49-37 to capture the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A women's basketball championship at Reynolds Coliseum.

Salisbury completed a perfect 29-0 season and won its second consecutive state title while East Bladen finished at 29-1.

Shanequa Phifer of Salisbury was the Wendy's Kay Yow MVP for the second consecutive year as she paced the Hornets with 14 points, four rebounds and two assists.

Salisbury put the game away with a 14-4 edge in the third quarter and held East Bladen to just 23.1 percent shooting in the second half. East also had 24 turnovers for the game.

Ashia Holmes added 11 points for Salisbury while C.J. Melvin had a 17-point, 12-rebound game for East Bladen.

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Post-Game Awards: East Bladen Most Outstanding Player: C.J. Melvin; Salisbury Most Outstanding Player: Ashia Holmes; Wendy's Kay Yow MVP: Shanequa Phifer, Salisbury.

Forestview Beats South Central To Capture 3-A Championship

CHAPEL HILL—Shannon Smith scored 26 points, including hitting 13 of 15 from the foul line, and handed out six assists to lead Forestview to a 62-55 victory over South Central for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A women's basketball title at the Smith Center.

Forestview led 17-8 after one quarter and didn't trail thereafter, leading by as many as 16 in the second half before holding off a South Central comeback.

The Jaguars also scored 24 points off 26 South Central turnovers.

Smith was the Wendy's Kay Yow MVP and got help from Kelsey Harris (13 points) and Bre Armstrong (10 points). Danielle Butts scored 17 and pulled down 12 rebounds for South Central while JaNesha Ebron added 16 points.

Forestview, in winning its first NCHSAA team title, finished with a 27-2 overall record while South Central wound up 28-5.

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Post-Game Awards: South Central Most Outstanding Player: Danielle Butts; Forestview Most Outstanding Player: Kelsey Harris; Wendy's Kay Yow MVP: Shannon Smith, Forestview.

Butler Explodes For Big Win Over Green Hope By 87-61

RALEIGH—Cierra Burdick had a monster game to lead David Butler to a convincing 87-61 triumph over Green Hope in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A women's basketball championship at Reynolds Coliseum.

Burdick poured in 28 points, grabbed 14 rebounds, handed out four assists and had three steals and two blocks as Butler blew it open early. The 87 points was a record for a 4-A women's team in the final.

The Bulldogs raced to a 42-19 halftime lead and then shot a sizzling 65.5 percent from the floor in the second half, leading by as many as 31 points on one occasion.

Clair Watkin added 20 for the winners while Quay Barrino chipped in 15 and Mayhana Dunovant had 10.

High-scoring sophomore Kristen Gaffney had 25 for Green Hope, although she was limited to seven for 20 shooting, and Caitlyn Ranson scored 21.

Green Hope suffered its first loss after 31 consecutive wins while Butler wound up 25-4.

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Post-Game Awards: Green Hope Most Outstanding Player: Kristen Gaffney; Butler Most Outstanding Player: Clair Watkin; Wendy's Kay Yow MVP: Cierra Burdick, Butler.



MEN'S BASKETBALL

Monroe Gets Past Goldsboro For 1-A Men's Championship

CHAPEL HILL—Issac Blakeney poured in 24 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead Monroe to a 62-46 win over Goldsboro for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A men's basketball championship at the Smith Center.

Blakeney, a 6-5 senior center, helped Monroe to its first NCHSAA state basketball title since 1980 and completed a 32-1 campaign for the Redhawks. Jamison Crowder added 20 points.

The Redhawks outscored Goldsboro 21-4 in the third quarter to take control.

RaSean Brewington pumped in 27 points, including 16 in a red-hot first quarter, and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Cougars.

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Post-Game Awards: Goldsboro Most Outstanding Player: RaSean Brewington; Monroe Most Outstanding Player: Jamison Crowder; Wendy's Charlie Adams MVP: Issac Blakeney, Monroe.

Kinston Gets Past West Caldwell By 51-29 In 2-A Championship

RALEIGH—Kinston earned its seventh all-time North Carolina High School Athletic Association men's basketball championship by beating West Caldwell 51-29 for the 2-A title at Reynolds Coliseum.

The Vikings (28-4) defeated patient West Caldwell team, which did not want to get into a running game. West actually held at 10-7 lead after one period but only scored four points in the second quarter, enduring an eight-minute drought that spanned from the second to the third stanza.

Reggie Bullock, a North Carolina recruit, had 15 points and 10 rebounds for the winners to earn the Wendy's Charlie Adams MVP award. Dallas Best added 15 for Kinston, hitting all six of his field goal attempts.

West Caldwell, which finished 27-3 overall, got 11 points from Kendall Jones. The Warriors shot just 26.7 percent from the field for the contest.

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Post-Game Awards: West Caldwell Most Outstanding Player: Kendall Jones; Kinston Most Outstanding Player: Dory Hines; Wendy's Charlie Adams MVP: Reggie Bullock, Kinston.

Rocky Mount Holds Off Concord In Exciting 3-A Championship

CHAPEL HILL—Tashawn Mabry of Rocky Mount pumped in 26 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked five shots as the Gryphons held off Concord 84-79 for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men's basketball championship.

Rocky Mount led 24-20 after one quarter and expanded the lead to 70-58 with 3:31 to play, only to have the Spiders put together a dramatic rally to cut it to three in less than 90 seconds. But Rocky Mount hit a couple of key buckets and made some free throws to preserve the victory.

The game featured 11 ties and six lead changes.

Detrail Jenkins added 15 points and 11 boards for the Gryphons, scoring seven of his points in the final quarter.

Jacquise Moore had a big game for Concord, with 28 points, including 11 of 16 at the foul line, and 11 rebounds. Jalen Cannady added 17 points.

It was Rocky Mount's fourth NCHSAA hoop title but first since 1982 as the Gryphons posted a 24-3 record. Concord finished 25-7 overall.

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Post-Game Awards: Concord Most Outstanding Player: Jacquise Moore; Rocky Mount Most Outstanding Player: Darius McKnight; Wendy's Charlie Adams MVP: Tashawn Mabry, Rocky Mount.

Lake Norman Beats Terry Sanford To Earn 4-A Title By 63-49

RALEIGH—Paul Larsen and Reggie Price were a lethal one-two punch as they led Lake Norman to its first North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men's basketball title with a 63-49 victory over Fayetteville Terry Sanford in the championship game at Reynolds Coliseum.

Larsen was tough inside, with 18 points and eight rebounds, to earn the Wendy's Charlie Adams MVP, while Reggie Price scored 11 of his game-high 20 points in the final period.

Lake Norman shot 51.4 percent from the floor for the game and rallied from a 41-40 deficit at the end of three quarters. The Wildcats helped their cause by hitting 15 of 19 free throws down the stretch.

Lake Norman ended the season with a 26-3 record.

Terry Sanford, playing in its second consecutive state championship, suffered its first loss after 31 straight wins. Chris Wilson paced the Bulldogs with 13 points and Robert Carpenter added 11.

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Post-Game Awards: Terry Sanford Most Outstanding Player: Chris Wilson; Lake Norman Most Outstanding Player: Reggie Price; Wendy's Charlie Adams MVP: Paul Larsen, Lake Norman.

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