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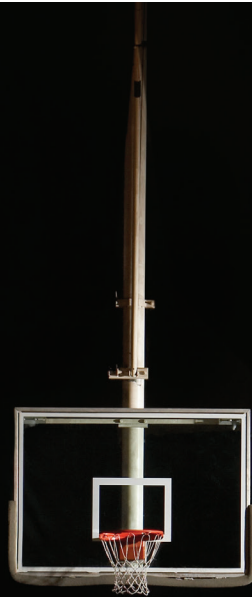
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He worked out early, practiced late,
and then studied deep into the night.

The next day, he did it all over again.

He knew the extra effort he made
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...would help him do even bigger things in life tomorrow.

High school sports:
A winning part of a complete education.

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North Carolina Athletic Directors Association.*

NCHSAA Board Of Directors Takes Actions At Winter Meeting

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors completed its winter Board meeting by taking actions in a number of different areas.

One of the significant changes the Board made is the elimination of the “pod” system for NCHSAA football playoffs in 2-A, 2-AA, 3-A, 3-AA, 4-A and 4-AA. The pods will be maintained in 1-A and 1-AA because of the extreme travel that can happen in those classifications. Even though the straight seeding will increase travel in other classifications, the Board noted that the NCHSAA has increased travel allotments and has returned much more money for the schools that may help offset increased travel costs.

Among the other major items approved by the Board:

- Information was shared about the upcoming 100th anniversary celebration for the NCHSAA, which will be held during 2013-14
- Approved playoff calendar for 2013-14
- Increased length of both men’s and women’s lacrosse seasons by one week, with no increase in number of games; effective 2014
- Approved summer dead period of two weeks for all sports in terms of off season work; one week during the week of the fourth of July and one week during NCCA coaches clinic
- Approved change in basketball start date for non-football playing schools; they may start

practice on October 15 and start playing games on first day of practice for football playing schools. Extra games must be completed prior to first playing date for football playing schools; those games will not count for seeding but it does give those schools additional revenue possibilities, and it actually goes back to a rule in place previously

- Recommend change in By Laws by changing time period for submitting proposed amendments; to change “no less than 20 days” before Annual Meeting to “by November 1”; this would be balloted to full membership, for 2013-14 school year, and would take a three-fourths majority of the total ballots distributed to pass
- Clarifying language in By Laws to say “Commissioner shall distribute” (instead of current language “mail”); the other adjustment would be “...three fourths of the total ballot distributed”; effective for 2013-14 academic year
- Clarifying language in current edition of Handbook relating to non-boarding parochial schools: “athletes shall not be given scholarship aid or other financial considerations with the exception of need-based aid as determined by an independent agency”; change would be for 2013-14 academic year
- Recommended moving forward with plans to renovate NCHSAA offices
- Restructured promotional points system for

officials; proposal places emphasis on earning points in clinics, state rules clinics and scrimmages, reduces weight on exam (which is on line) and adds points for varsity games worked.

- Created new booking association since North State Association currently has 129 schools; North State will then have 73 schools and new agency 48
- Approved changing title from “booking agent” to “regional supervisor of officials” for those positions—reflects duties more accurately and the expectations to teach, train and supervise
- Approved fee increase for officials; no increase in football, for instance since 2006; 10% increase per game fee per sport beginning 2014-15 school year (average \$6 per game), and fees remain the same until realignment year 2018-19. North Carolina is also one of few states that does not pay travel for officials.

The Board also agreed in principle on recommendations from two committees that have been operating during the fall. One set of recommendations came from the Non-Traditional Schools Committee and another from the Education and Athletics Committee. Further action will be taken at the Board meeting in May.

NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield said, “We had a number of difficult issues to address and our Board worked hard to determine what was in the best interest of our membership.” ★

Kickoff Celebration Starts NCHSAA Centennial Activities At Friday Center

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association officially began the celebration of its 100th anniversary with a special kickoff celebration in January.

The event was held at The Friday Center in Chapel Hill, and visitors came from all across the state.

Several speakers were part of the program. Two of the state’s outstanding coaches, Michael Gainey at Rocky Mount and former West Henderson coach Jan Stanley, now in the NCHSAA Hall of Fame, talked about their experiences in coaching and the value they had derived from working with the NCHSAA.

Two corporate sponsors addressed working with the Association from their perspective, including Lawrence Braxton of American Advantage and Chris Smith of the Eddie and Jo Allison Smith Family Foundation. Smith talked about his grandfather, the late Wilburn C. Clary, who is a member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

Current NCHSAA president Dr. Stewart Hobbs related how high school athletics had shaped him and executive director emeritus Charlie Adams reflected on the history of the organization.

NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield talked about the tag line

highlighting the celebration: “honoring the past, embracing the present and shaping the future.” He mentioned that a coffee table book about the NCHSAA and its history, authored by Raleigh News and Observer writer Tim Stevens, a member of the National High School Sports Hall of Fame, should be available in the spring.

Commissioner Whitfield also discussed plans for renovating the NCHSAA office building, which is 35 years old.

Former NCHSAA president Ralph Holloway, who is helping to organize some of the centennial activities, served as master of ceremonies.

An open house followed at the NCHSAA offices.

Sponsors of the kickoff event included American Advantage Marketing Group, the Chapel Hill-Orange County Visitors Bureau and the Eddie and Jo Allison Smith Family Foundation.

The year of festivities will end with a Gala Celebration event on January 11, 2014. During 2013, the NCHSAA has planned activities and opportunities for member schools, teams, players and fans to help celebrate the Centennial Year. A special web portal at the NCHSAA web site (www.nchsaa.org) contains a calendar of events, resources and other information for the Centennial Celebration. ★

Broughton High School Standout Named Gatorade Girls Cross Country Runner Of Year In State

CHICAGO—In its 28th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Megan Sullivan of Broughton High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade North Carolina Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year. Sullivan is the first Gatorade North Carolina Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year to be chosen from Broughton High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the racecourse, distinguishes Sullivan as North Carolina's best high school girls cross country runner.

The 5-foot-7 junior raced to the NCHSAA 4-A individual state championship this past season with a time of 17:48.03, clocking the fastest time among North Carolina competitors and leading the Caps to third place as a team. Sullivan placed 55th at the Nike Cross Nationals Southeast Regional championships in 19:05. She won four regular-season meets and recorded the state's top time at the Trinity/Valkyrie Invitational.

Sullivan has maintained a 3.66 weighted GPA in the classroom. In addition to annually completing more than 25 hours of community service for her school, including community-cleanup efforts and a service-mission trip to the Dominican Republic, she has volunteered on behalf of the Lacy Elementary School Fall Festival, the City of Oaks Marathon, a peer-mentoring program for special needs students and as part of her church's youth group.

"I inherited the girls cross country and track head coaching position after six years of coaching the boys team," said Broughton head coach David

Christian. "In doing so, I needed a leader and someone who could and would model the values and characteristics of success. Megan Sullivan has become that leader. She has not only been selected as the girls track and cross country MVP, but she models that role exceptionally—not just as our top runner and state champion, but as a team leader and a true supporter of her teammates' goals and successes."

Sullivan will begin her senior year of high school this fall.

The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade high school sports leadership team in partnership with USA TODAY High School Sports, which work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Sullivan joins Gatorade North Carolina Girls Cross Country Runners of the Year Sammy George (2011-12, Millbrook High School), and Darby Middlebrook (2010-11, Watauga High School) as recent NCHSAA athletes who have won the cross country award since its inception in 2007.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com. ★

NFHS Coach Education Program Launches Fundamentals of Coaching Baseball

INDIANAPOLIS—The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), in partnership with USA Baseball, has developed "Fundamentals of Coaching Baseball"—the latest online sport-specific course in its Coach Education Program available at www.nfhslearn.com.

Along with instructional demonstrations from Washington Nationals players and team manager Davey Johnson, the course is designed for interscholastic baseball coaches and is hosted by George Grande, legendary Cincinnati Reds broadcaster.

"We are pleased and excited to put together this coaches education program," Grande said. "For the last 40 years, I was a player, a coach and now a broadcaster in Major League Baseball. During that period of time, the goal has been to honor this game, and to make our young people as good as they can be in the game of baseball. That's what this course is all about."

"USA Baseball is excited to have partnered with the NFHS in the creation of the 'Fundamentals of Coaching Baseball' course," said Paul Seiler, USA Baseball executive director/chief executive officer. "We see the implementa-

tion of this course as a critical step in the development of youth and high school baseball coaches across the country. As the National Governing Body, we are proud to present such an impactful tool to coaches and, by extension, their players."

"We are proud of our partnership with USA Baseball and are pleased to be able to offer this course," said Tim Flannery, NFHS director of coach education. "It is an excellent tool and resource for teaching the skills of the game."

The course is divided into five units: Coaching Philosophy, Offense, Defense, Pitching and Team Strategies. These units teach the basic skills of throwing and catching, offensive skills, overview of each position's role, good team defense tactics, how to develop a practice plan and additional coaching tips that coaches can use to teach and help improve their teams. Additional resources, video demonstrations and references are also included within this course.

"Fundamentals of Coaching Baseball" will be a standard requirement for USA Baseball amateur National Team staff members beginning in 2013. The course, with its flexible online and mobile platforms, will also be phased in for coaches participating in USA Baseball sanctioned events

during the next few seasons.

The NFHS Coach Education Program offers 32 online courses, including the two core courses—"Fundamentals of Coaching" and "First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches." The NFHS also offers 14 sport-specific courses and 16 elective courses, including seven that are free.

All NFHS Coach Education Program courses are available at www.nfhslearn.com. ★

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

can always be found on the right side of the home page of the NCHSAA website, a helpful calendar function for member schools.

www.nchsaa.org

Clayton Somers Joins NCHSAA Staff

CHAPEL HILL—Clayton Somers has joined the staff of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, according to an announcement by commissioner Davis Whitfield.

Somers will take on the role as general counsel for the NCHSAA.

“The experiences Clayton brings to the NCHSAA are unmatched. He will undoubtedly help us reach our vision of being the national model of state associations,” said Whitfield. “He brings a wide variety of skills including contract management, contract negotiation, human resources and a law background that should help us as we begin the next 100 years of the NCHSAA.”

Somers, who graduated from Wake Forest University’s School of Law, had been working for OnSport Strategies and then subsequently the

Wasserman Media Group in Raleigh since 2004. He served as executive vice-president, chief operating officer and legal counsel for two of the sports and entertainment company’s three operating divisions. He has extensive experience in human resources, also having served as vice-president of human resources during his tenure there.

A native of Reidsville, he is a graduate of Reidsville Senior High School and got his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina.

His civic affiliations have included a stint as president and a member of the Board of Directors of the Triangle Educational Advancement Foundation (TEAF), which annually operates the prestigious Holiday Invitational Basketball Tournament, now sponsored by HighSchoolOT.com. ★



CLAYTON SOMERS
NCHSAA General Counsel

More Communication Opportunities For High School Soccer Coaches With Players Built Into Rules Changes

INDIANAPOLIS—Clarifying when and how coaches can communicate with players highlighted the high school soccer rules changes approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Soccer Rules Committee at its January meeting in Indianapolis. These changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Effective with the 2013-14 season, coaches and players can communicate during a stoppage of play for an injury. Rule 3-3-1c(1) still requires a coach or appropriate health-care professional to have the approval of the referee before entering the field; however, teams may now huddle and receive coaching instruction during the stoppage, which previously was prohibited.

Another change in regard to communication involves electronic devices. While using electronic communication devices to communicate with on-field players is still prohibited, the use of electronic devices on the sideline is allowed.

“If a coach is on the bench and wants to use a tablet-type device to video and then at halftime show the players the rights and wrongs, they are able to do that,” said Mark Koski, NFHS director of sports and events and liaison to the Soccer Rules Committee.

Koski said the previous rule banned all communication devices, including cell phones, from the sideline. If such devices were found, a caution could have been issued.

Another of the seven rules changes involves the intentional fouling of a player who has an obvious goal-scoring opportunity. The new rule states that if a player commits a foul while attempting to deny an obvious goal-scoring opportunity and the goal is scored, that player will be issued a yellow card. If the foul is considered serious foul play, however, the player will still be issued a red card.

If a goal is not scored, the player who committed the foul will be issued a red card.

“The committee doesn’t want to penalize a team twice for the same play by having the goal scored against them, then to lose a player,” Koski said. “On the other hand, when a red card is issued when the shot is missed, the team is still suffering just a single blow.”

Revisions to two rules now require players to check in with the scorer/

timer—or the referee if there is not a scorer/timer in place—prior to entering the game when a goal is scored or when a player is injured and removed from the field. After checking in, the player must wait until he or she is beckoned onto the field by the referee.

This rule helps with game organization and allows officials to know who the players of record are,” Koski said.

At the start of the half, the players can enter the field of play without being beckoned by an official.

Another rules change for 2013-14 involves uniforms, specifically the use of tape on socks. Rule 4-1-1c requires both socks to be the same color and consist of a single dominant color. The change results in the use of tape that is applied outside of the sock, which now must be a similar color to the area of the sock to which it is applied.

The Soccer Rules Committee also approved a change to the definition of the “Free Kick.” The committee agreed that just tapping the top of the ball was not “putting it in play.” For the ball to be considered “in play,” it must be kicked and move.

Soccer is the fifth-most popular sport for boys and fourth among girls at the high school level. According to the 2011-12 High School Athletics Participation Survey, 411,757 boys are involved in soccer and 370,975 girls participate in the sport. ★

KEEP CHECKING THE WEB SITE!

Check the North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s site daily at

www.nchsaa.org

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

NCHSAA Rules and Regulations of Bygone Era Interesting

As part of the celebration of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's 100th anniversary, perhaps we are a little more aware of the history of the organization.

We thought readers of the Bulletin might enjoy seeing some of the rules and regulations from many years ago that member schools had to meet. You should find especially interesting the 1920 qualifying for the state baseball championships (winning three or four games!) or the football tiebreaking procedure in 1942 that if you lost the draw to get into the playoffs, and then the team you lost the draw to won the championship, then those two teams (yes, the two that were originally tied and drew) would have to meet to play off for the title.

Enjoy!

1920

Tennis

There will be contests in singles and doubles. A school may enter either the singles or doubles, or both. A school may enter only one man for the singles, and only two men for the doubles. The contests will be so arranged that the same man may take part in the singles and doubles if he desires.

Inter-Scholastic Track Meet

The points will be counted thus: 5 for first place, 3 for second place, 2 for third place, and 1 for fourth place. The relay race will not count in the scoring of points.

State Championship Contest in Baseball

Any baseball team representing a public high school that shall have played and won, up to and including May 1st, as many as three games from teams representing schools of similar rank and shall have lost none, or shall have played as many as four games with teams representing schools of similar rank and won 75 percent of them, shall be eligible to enter the championship series.

The committee will pay one-half the railway fare both ways, and will provide entertainment for these two teams while they are at the Hill.



1929

Article IX-Annual Dues

Membership in this association shall be contingent upon the payment by the member schools of such annual dues as the executive committee may deem necessary; provided, however, that the annual dues in any case shall not exceed ten dollars per year for any member school.

1940

The Class A Conferences Contest-Basketball

In connection with the state title game, the executive committee will make provision as follows: for entertainment at Chapel Hill of the two teams concerned, for a basketball to be used in the game, for officiating at the game, and for a trophy to be presented to the winning school. No additional guarantee is made. However, if the gate receipts at the state final game justify it, the committee will pay a small additional guarantee.

1942

Football

Tie Game Arrangement

In the event that two teams should play to a tie in any game, which has been scheduled on the elimination basis in the general high school football contest in 1942, the procedure which shall be followed is outlined thus:

The secretary will arrange for a drawing to be held between representatives of the two teams. The team which is winner in the drawing will accept the schedule and will proceed in the contest. In the event that the team which was lucky drawer should win in the regular state final game of the contest, then it will be necessary for this team to play a final deciding game for the state championship of the general contest against the team which lost in the drawing, if the team which lost in the drawing should wish to play this game. In the event that the team which was lucky drawer should lose in the contest, then both teams which participated in the drawing would be out of the contest. ★

Butler Coach Wins National Honor

SAN ANTONIO—Brian Hales of David Butler High School in Matthews has earned a prestigious national honor.

Hales was awarded the Xenith Coach of the Year Award at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl awards dinner in San Antonio, Texas, in conjunction with the high school all-star football game featuring the nation's top players.

The Xenith Coach of the Year Award is designed to honor the nation's top high school football coach. The recipient should display the greatest commitment to his players and his football program during the 2012 season.

Hales guided his Bulldogs to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-AA football championship in December as Butler rolled past Fayetteville Jack Britt by a score of 56-28, completing a perfect 15-0 season.

Another North Carolinian was a finalist for the U.S. Army-Pro Football Hall of Fame Award for Excellence. Melissa Macon of East Bladen High School was one of the 10 finalists for the awards. This program highlights top sophomore and junior athletes who exemplify similar strengths to Army Strong soldiers, who not only excel athletically but also academically and are active in their communities.

Pro football Hall of Famer Marcus Allen, the former Southern California star who played for both the Los Angeles Raiders and the Kansas City Chiefs in the National Football League, was the keynote speaker for the event. ★

Brian Hales (L) of Butler displays national award with NCHSAA deputy commissioner Que Tucker



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.

CHARLES ALSTON

ROCKY MOUNT—Charles Alston, a media representative and well known as Rocky Mount High School's expert on athletic history, died unexpectedly in mid-December.

Alston, age 54, was a 1976 graduate of Rocky Mount and graduated from North Carolina Wesleyan College in 1983.

He has been involved in high school athletics in some way for the past four decades. Most recently he had been helping to run the northcarolina.ihigh.com web site and covered a number of state championships on its behalf.

Charles had also done voluminous research on Rocky Mount athletic history.

ODIE BIGGS

WINSTON-SALEM—Odie Biggs, who coached football at several Forsyth County schools during his career, died in mid-January at the age of 83.

Biggs served four seasons as head coach at West Forsyth and for many years was an assistant at East Forsyth and at R.J. Reynolds. Biggs came to the Winston-Salem area in 1975 after a career spanning 24 years in the United States Army.

Biggs was born in Oklahoma and was a 1951 graduate of Oklahoma A&M, now Oklahoma State.

ED EMORY

WADESBORO—Veteran high school and college football coach Ed Emory passed away in early January at his home at the age of 75.

Among his stops as a successful high school coach were Brevard, Anson and Richmond Senior. He coached collegiately at Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, Clemson and East Carolina, leading the ECU Pirates program from 1980 through '84.

From 2001 to '06, he was the head coach at Richmond Senior High School, during which time the Raiders compiled a record of 77-7 and made three regional championship games.

He also had a stint in professional football, serving as the offensive coordinator for the Memphis Showboats in the United States Football League.

Emory was born in Lancaster, S.C., gradu-

ated from Camden Military Academy and then earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at East Carolina. He is a member of the East Carolina University Hall of Fame.

Outside of football, Emory had served on the Wadesboro Town Council and was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro.

Memorials may be made to the Coach Ed Emory Football Scholarship Endowment, c/o ECU Pirate Club, Ward Sports Medicine Building, Greenville, NC 27858.

FITZHUGH "TODDY" FENNELL

WILMINGTON—Fitzhugh "Toddy" Fennell, Jr., died late in November at the age of 83.

Fennell was a graduate of New Hanover High School and received a basketball scholarship to play at East Carolina Teachers' College (now East Carolina University), graduating in 1952.

He taught and coached in a number of public school systems before moving into administration at Cape Fear Technical Institute, now Cape Fear Community College. One of the highlights of his coaching career was guiding New Hanover to an NCHSAA state 4-A basketball championship in 1968.

Following his retirement from Cape Fear, Fennell had served as a pastor at several churches.

JAMES GARMON

TROY—James Garmon, who for many years coached football at West Montgomery High School, died after an extended illness on mid-January at the age of 83.

A graduate of Catawba College who earned a masters in education at the University of North Carolina, Garmon taught in Apex for 11 years before moving to West Montgomery. He coached at West Montgomery for 22 years and the Most Valuable Player for the season at West was named in his honor starting in 2010. He taught history and driver's education during his career.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice or to the James W. Garmon Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o West Montgomery High School, 147 Warrior Drive, Mt. Gilead, NC 27306.

BILL HARRINGTON

RALEIGH—Sanderson High School's first men's basketball coach died in mid-January at the age of 85.

Bill Harrington, who guided Sanderson's basketball program when the school opened during the 1968-69 academic year, coached at the Raleigh school for 14 seasons. He also coached softball, golf and cross country during his career. He had also been a successful coach at the junior high school level prior to that at Daniels High School in Raleigh.

Harrington was born in Greenville, N.C., and earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution may be made to Hayes Barton Baptist Church, 1800 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27608.

GEORGE MACKLIN

REIDSVILLE—George "Buck" Macklin, who spent a lifetime in education, passed away in mid-December at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro at the age of 59.

Macklin worked at Reidsville High School and Greensboro Dudley in administration and also was an elementary school principal. He also served as an assistant superintendent in the Brunswick County schools for a number of years.

George was a 1971 graduate of Reidsville High School and then lettered four years in track and football at Winston-Salem State University. He earned his master's at North Carolina A&T.

The memorial service was held in the Reidsville High School auditorium.

AUSTIN MACEMORE

BOONVILLE—Former Starmount High School soccer player and wrestler Austin Macemore died in late January following a second battle with cancer. He was 19 years of age.

Macemore graduated from Starmount in 2012, and he earned a Heart of a Champion Award from the NCHSAA. He was a four-year standout in two sports for Starmount.

In Memorium Continued

ROYCE MCNEILL

PEMBROKE—A long-time coach and athletic director, Royce McNeill, died at the age of 71 in mid-November after battling cancer.

A native of Robeson County, McNeill served as athletic director at Purnell Swett for many years and was also involved in the North Carolina High School Athletic Directors Association.

The funeral was held at Prospect United Methodist Church.

LEO PEGRAM

CARY—Long-time game official Leo Pegram died in early January at the age of 80.

Pegram officiated both basketball and football for 43 years for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. Born in Chatham County and a graduate of Apex High School, he was employed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation for 40 years before retiring.

He was also involved with Little League Baseball and other sports programs in the area.

The funeral was held at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, where he was a charter member. Memorials may be made to Greenwood Forest Baptist Church Memorial Fund, 110 SE Maynard Road, Cary, NC 27511.

TERRY STAMEY

ASHEVILLE —Long time two-sport official Terry Stamey died on New Year's Day.

A veteran football and wrestling official, Stamey passed away after being hospitalized for a little over a week with a serious infection in his neck. He was 50 years of age.

A resident of Haywood County, Stamey had worked games during the 2012 football season and had previously worked in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state football championship games in 2010.

He had also officiated in a number of NCHSAA wrestling tournaments. He worked high school wrestling for 29 years and football for almost 20 seasons.

In memory of Stamey, Enka High School announced that the 10th annual Air Force Enka Duals wrestling tournament in January would be dedicated to Stamey. After expenses for the event, money was donated to the Stamey family.

HOGAN TEEM

CLAYTON—Hogan Teem, a senior baseball player at Clayton High School, collapsed and then died during a conditioning training session in mid-December.

He was 17 years old.

He was transported to WakeMed from the school after receiving CPR on site but died at the hospital.

Teem had played outfield at Clayton and also played travel baseball. A memorial service was held at First Baptist Church in Clayton.

RANDY TILLEY

GOLDSBORO —A veteran of many years of high school basketball coaching, Randy Tilley, died in mid-November. He was 57 years old.

A resident of Mount Olive, he began his coaching career at Wayne Country Day School but spent a number of years as head coach at both Goldsboro and Southern Wayne.

RYAN WOOD

CLEMMONS—Ryan Wood, a 16-year-old sophomore at West Forsyth High School, died in early January after a courageous battle with an aggressive form of cancer.

Wood had played junior varsity football at West Forsyth.

Students at West Forsyth utilized Twitter to share Ryan's story and requests for prayer, and it became internationally known. He received messages of encouragement from North Carolina, elsewhere in the United States and around the world. ★

NCHSAA Partners With Public Address Organization

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) has become an Affiliate Member of the National Association of Sports Public Address Announcers (NASPAA). The NASPAA is the professional association for sports public address announcers.

"We are delighted that the NCHSAA has become an Affiliate Member," commented Brad Rumble, NASPAA Executive Director. "We look forward to being of service to NCHSAA member schools by providing their P.A. announcers with training, education and professional development opportunities. We are grateful to the NCHSAA for its support to help make that possible."

"The NCHSAA is excited about partnering with the NASPAA," remarked Davis Whitfield, NCHSAA Commissioner. "We look forward to helping raise the level of professionalism of North Carolina high school P.A. announcers by encouraging them to become NASPAA members and taking advantage of NASPAA's many resources."

The recent completion of NASPAA's new website offers members the largest collection of articles, tips, forms, scripts and information about P.A.

announcing in the country, access to game/event audio announcements, and an online certification course which can be taken for college credit.

Other benefits include mentoring, a critique and evaluation service, an announcing credentials listing service for members who are seeking P.A. announcing opportunities, and auto notification of P.A. announcing jobs posted by schools, organizations and teams with the NASPAA, P.A. announcers' clinics, NASPAA embroidered apparel, and a national awards program named after Bob Sheppard, legendary stadium announcer for the New York Yankees, who was the consummate professional.

By becoming an Affiliate Member, the NCHSAA will be entitled to offer its members a special NASPAA membership package at a substantial discount. The membership special will include a one-year NASPAA membership, The Voice Above the Crowd and CD, NASPAA Online Certification Course and a discount on the Sound Director music software program.

Information about the NASPAA may be found at www.naspaa.net. ★

Signal Sequence for Officials Altered in High School Volleyball

INDIANAPOLIS—In an effort to improve the flow of play in high school volleyball, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Volleyball Rules Committee has altered the signal sequence for officials.

The committee approved this significant change to Rule 5-2-1, along with seven other rules revisions, at its January meeting in Indianapolis. All changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Rule 5-2-1 now permits the fault-calling referee to indicate the result of a play-point or replay—followed by the nature of the fault. This change allows the scorer to immediately record the score and prepare for other responsibilities such as substitutions and recording time-outs. The committee said play is more consistent since there is no delay in knowing which team will have the next serve.

“By changing the signal sequence, this will allow the scorer to perform his/her duties of recording the score, then moving on to substitutions, in a much more timely fashion,” said Becky Oakes, director of sports and liaison to the Volleyball Rules Committee. “This improves the overall opportunity for accuracy and keeping up with play by the scorer.”

Among the other rules changes for the 2013-14 season, four deal with officials procedures and mechanics. In Rule 5-3-4b, instead of reporting to the end lines at the end of a set, teams now will be directed to their appropriate team benches. In 5-3-4e, instead of reporting to the end lines at the end of a match, teams now will follow any local or state protocols.

Rule 5-3-4d clarifies the protocol and mechanics for the second referee to follow when conducting the coin toss for the deciding set, while Rule 5-3-4e states that the second referee shall initial the scoresheet for the final verification of match results.

“I would say that there was an overall trend—not only in rules changes, but editorial changes [as well]—that really focused in on mechanics and protocol of the officials,” Oakes said. “There were several protocols or mechanics that weren’t really addressed, and by not being addressed, there have been inconsistencies in how [the rules] were administered. This [inconsistency] led to other problems, complications or confusion during the match.”

Other changes to take effect in 2013-14 are the use of electronic communication devices. Devices are permitted during a match; however,

they may not be used for any review of a referee’s decision. Rule 4-1-4 states that it is no longer an automatic violation for a towel to be tucked in a player’s uniform waistband. Also, Rule 5-1-1 states that all contest officials shall be secured by the host school. Line judges, unless determined otherwise by state association policy, shall be secured in the same fashion. Finally, Rule 11-4-2 grants a special time-out to be called by the referee when a team has an injured player, no time-outs remaining and no legal/exceptional substitutes available. This will impact only those teams with six players on the roster.

The complete listing of all rules changes approved by the committee is available on the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org. Click on “Athletics & Fine Arts Activities” on the home page, and select “Volleyball.”

Volleyball is the third-most popular girls sport and 13th-most popular boys sport at the high school level according to the 2011-12 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey. There are 418,903 girls at 15,569 high schools and 49,467 boys at 2,180 high schools participating nationwide. ★

North Carolina Soccer Players Recognized

A number of men’s soccer players from North Carolina High School Athletic Association member schools have been recognized by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

One player—Ade Taiwo of Cardinal Gibbons High School—was named to the NSCAA All-American team as a junior forward. Two midfielders, including Aaron Sparks of Jacksonville and Jacob LaFrancis of Newton-Conover, earned Scholar All-American honors for the NSCAA.

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America also picks various all-region teams, and North Carolina is in Region III which includes a number of the mid-Atlantic states.

Besides Taiwo, who was named to the All-American team, there were eight other players from NCHSAA schools who were named to the all-Region III unit. They include senior goalkeeper Justin Savinon of Wilmington Ashley; four midfielders, including senior Hussein Ali of Myers Park, sophomore Brendan McDonough of Charlotte Catholic, senior Carlos Sevilla of Hickory and senior Aaron Sparks of Jacksonville; and four forwards, including junior Connor Francis of Raleigh Sanderson, senior Ben Grossfuss of Lee Senior, junior Austin Stamey of Asheville T.C. Roberson, along with Taiwo.

Congratulations to all these student-athletes recognized by the NSCAA.

Radio PSA’s Provided Through NCHSAA Efforts

CHAPEL HILL—Radio stations across the state of North have received four special public service announcements about high school athletics.

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association, in partnership with the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association, produced a series of two 60-second and two 30-second public service announcements. They are designed to help listeners understand the essential role that high school athletics plays in providing teenagers with a complete educational experience.

It is part of a nationwide campaign for 2013 entitled “High School Sports: A Winning Part of a Complete Education” from the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA).

Radio stations across the country provided more than seven million dollars in documented media exposure for the positive message of high school athletics in the 2012 campaign.

“Many will agree that the most valuable resource we have here in North Carolina is our young people,” said NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield. “If we teach them, nurture them and give them the tools they need to succeed, their potential—and, therefore, the potential of our state—knows no bounds. This program is designed to help accomplish that goal.” ★

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.

Additional Rules Approved In High School Football Regarding Helmets Coming Off Players

INDIANAPOLIS—In an effort to continue minimizing the risk of injury in high school football, three additional rules will take effect next season to address helmets coming off players' heads during games.

These three risk-minimization additions were among 10 rules changes approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Football Rules Committee at its January meeting in Indianapolis. All rules changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

As a follow-up to last year's rules change that requires players to sit out one play if their helmet comes off while the ball is live, the committee approved three additional rules that are extensions of last year's change.

An illegal personal contact foul was added to Rule 9-4-3 to state that "no player or nonplayer shall initiate contact with an opposing player whose helmet has come completely off."

In addition, a new listing in Rule 9-6-4 will state that it is illegal participation "for a player whose helmet comes completely off during a down to continue to participate beyond the immediate action in which the player is engaged."

"With its continued focus on risk minimization, the committee determined that a helmet-less player shall not block, tackle or otherwise participate beyond the immediate action in which the player is engaged when the helmet came completely off," said Bob Colgate, NFHS director of sports and sports medicine. "The penalty would be a live-ball, basic-spot foul."

The committee also added language to Rule 3-5-10 to clarify that if the helmet comes completely off during the down or subsequent dead-ball action related to the down—and is not directly attributable to a foul by the opponent—the player must leave the game for at least one down,

with the exception of halftime or overtime intermission. When this occurs, an official's time-out shall be called.

"Player safety has been and will continue to be the top priority for members of the NFHS Football Rules Committee," said Brad Garrett, chair of the NFHS Football Rules Committee and assistant executive director of the Oregon School Activities Association. "These rules changes regarding helmet-less players are more examples of the group's commitment to minimize risk within the game."

Perhaps the most significant rules change next season will be one that reduces the penalty for pass interference. While the 15-yard penalty will remain for both offensive and defensive pass interference, the loss of down has been removed for offensive pass interference and the automatic first down has been eliminated for defensive pass interference.

"Offensive and defensive pass interference and the penalty structure related to these fouls has been debated many times in recent years," Garrett said. "Proposals that either deleted the loss of down or the automatic first down—but not both—failed to gain support among committee members. The proposal to eliminate both components, thus not upsetting the balance between offense and defense, was the key factor in the adoption of the new rule."

Another change at high school football games next year will be the expanded use of communication devices. In specific situations, coaches, players and nonplayers will be allowed to use any form of communication technology.

This expansion of the rule allows the use of communication devices during authorized conferences outside the nine-yard marks, on the sidelines and during the halftime intermission. Use of communication devices by players except confer-

ences outside the nine-yard mark continues to be prohibited.

In Rule 2-4-1, the committee clarified the rule approved last year regarding the definition of a catch, which stated that a receiver is required to establish possession of the ball and contact the ground inbounds while maintaining possession—regardless of the opponent's action.

"The committee clarified the definition of a catch such that an airborne player who has forward progress stopped inbounds and is carried out of bounds by an opponent before contacting the ground is awarded a catch at the spot of forward progress," Colgate said.

In Rule 9-3-8, the committee added another provision to the rule enacted last year regarding contact by the kicking team against members of the receiving team. The new provision stipulates that the kicking team may initiate contact once the receiving team has initiated a block within the neutral zone.

The committee also approved the addition of a 15-yard penalty to the existing option of accepting an awarded fair catch for kick-catch interference.

Finally, in Rule 8-3-3, the committee clarified that the touchdown scoring team is the only team that can score on a try, and in Rule 1-5-3 the committee modified the rule regarding the wearing of towels.

Football is the No. 1 participatory sport for boys at the high school level with 1,121,744 participants in the 2011-12 school year, according to the High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS through its member state associations. In addition, the survey indicated there were 1,805 girls who played football in 2011-12. ★

Special Donation Made To NCHSAA Endowment

CHAPEL HILL—A special presentation and large donation to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association was part of the activity surrounding winter NCHSAA Board of Directors meeting.

Rick Wooten, a regional supervisor of officials in the sport of lacrosse, made a presentation of a donation of \$20,197 for the NCHSAA Endowment to Commissioner Davis Whitfield. The money came from various members of the

lacrosse community across the state of North Carolina.

Wooten made the presentation on behalf of the Tony Cullen Memorial Scholarship Fund, which honors a former lacrosse player and coach. There will be one to two scholarships to lacrosse players given annually from the fund and based on criteria developed for the award.

A special committee will determine recipients for the award in coming years. ★

RECORD BREAKERS?

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A Look Back at Spring Bulletins

10 Years Ago—Spring Bulletin 2003

NCHSAA, State Farm Insurance Team Up on Special Program

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association and State Farm Insurance Company have joined together to offer a new awards program recognizing female high school athletes statewide who excel on and off the playing field or court.

North Carolina Winners Named in Wendy's High School Heisman Program

Two North Carolina high school seniors received national recognition when Darrian Bynum of Weldon High School and Anna Evans of Lumberton High School were named North Carolina State Winners for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

Mr. NCHSAA Football Awards Listed For 2002 Season By northcarolina.ihigh.com

Independence quarterback Chris Leak becomes the first repeat winner in the Mr. NCHSAA Football awards, winning the 4-A Mr. NCHSAA award for the second year. Leak led independence to its third straight state title last fall, finishing his season going 336 of 584 for 5,193 yards and 64 touchdowns.

15 Years Ago—Spring Bulletin 1998

NCHSAA Logo Will Have New Look For the Future

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association will have a new look in 1998. The NCHSAA will begin to use a brand new logo this year that reflects the Association's great tradition but also provides an updated look.

All-Star Basketball Games Scheduled

Top high school basketball players from North Carolina will play their counterparts from South Carolina for the first time in a pair of special all-star games in March.

Federation, AAU hold Landmark Meeting for Discussion of Concerns

For the first time in the history of the two organizations, the memberships of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) came together in January to discuss a variety of concerns. The meeting between 120 key representatives of the National Federation, which is based in Kansas City and includes 51 state associations, and the AAU's associations occurred in Marco Island, Florida, during the NFHS winter meeting.

Richmond Takes 4-A Title, Beats Douglas Byrd 27-7

The largest crowd to watch an NCHSAA football final since the games moved to a neutral site in 1988 saw Richmond finish the season with a perfect 15-0 mark in winning its fifth NCHSAA football title.

25 Years Ago—Spring Bulletin 1988

32-Team Bracket Will Now Be Standard in Various Sports

The NCHSAA Board of Directors made one move at its December meeting that might affect any classified team sport that uses a 32-team playoff format. The brackets which are developed for football, which uses 32 teams in each of the four classes, will now be used in any sport that calls for a 32-team draw. That will bring some consistency to the procedure and member schools will more easily realize with whom they might be paired in playoffs if the same brackets are utilized.

North Carolina Trainer Wins National Honor

West Charlotte High School's Kirby Patterson, who earlier was named Athletic Trainer of the Year in North Carolina, has been named National High School Athletic Trained of the Year. Patterson received \$1,000 for the athletic training fund at West Charlotte and is the first North Carolinian ever to win the national award.

Rule Changes Made For 1988 High School Football

Offensive blockers in high school will have an additional technique to employ, beginning with the 1988 season. Meeting in January in Colorado Springs, the National Federation Football Rules Committee approved an additional technique for offensive blockers which allowed them to fully extend their arms and use open hands. This new technique does not replace the former method, but permits an additional style of blocking. This addition to Rule 2-2-2 was one of 15 rule changes made by the committee.

Salisbury's Susan Saunders in Tennis All-American

Susan Saunders of Salisbury High School, who has won the last three NCHSAA women's singles championships in the 1-A/2-A classification, has earned All-American honors from Prince.

45 Years Ago—Spring Bulletin 1968

New Track Format

Schools will be divided into two classes for the sectional and state meets. Class I will include schools playing A and AA football and schools not playing football with enrollments under 500. Class II will include schools playing AAA and AAAA football and schools not playing football with enrollments over 500.

Each school will be responsible for defraying expenses incurred while participating in the sectional meets. Travel allowed for the state meet will be two cents per mile per person, including coach, for the number qualifying. Since going to two classes will almost double the previous expense, the minimum travel will be five cents per mile.

State Basketball Tournaments

The Wildcats of New Hanover High in Wilmington returned to the throne this year-last occupied by them in 1962-by defeating West Charlotte 61-58 in the final game of the tournament, played in the Grimsley High School gym in Greensboro, February 28,29 and March 1 and 2. The game was witnessed by a state-wide TV audience, plus some 1,250 ringside fans.

Swimming

Grimsley High won its fourth consecutive championships in the meet held at Chapel Hill on March 9 when the Greensboro school chalked up 47½ points, edging out runner-up North Mecklenburg.

NCCA Football Game Site Moving For 2013

HIGH POINT—The North Carolina Coaches Association has announced that the 65th East-West All-Star football game will be played at A.J. Simeon Stadium in July of 2013.

Grimsley's Jamieson Stadium in Greensboro has been the site for the high school all-star game for the previous 64 years. The move is necessitated due to a construction project at Jamieson Stadium.

Although the site of the game in 2013 will be different, many of the features of the event will remain the same. The game, one of the highlights of the annual week of the North Carolina Coaches Association clinic, features graduating seniors from across the state and a fireworks display at halftime.

Former East-West all-star Ethan Albright, who played collegiately at North Carolina after an outstanding career at Grimsley in Greensboro, will lead a youth football clinic the day of the game, with participants attending the all-star game that evening. Albright also has enjoyed a lengthy career in the National Football League.

South Carolina Downs North Carolina 23-19 In 2012 Shrine Bowl

SPARTANBURG, SC—South Carolina rallied to come back and beat the North Carolina all-stars 23-19 in the 76th annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas at Gibbs Stadium at Wofford College.

The Tar Heel squad was led by Pharoh Cooper of Havelock, who led the North Carolina team in rushing, receiving and return yards. He was named the North Carolina team's Offensive Most Valuable Player.

Although Cooper has committed to continue his career at the University of South Carolina as a defensive back, he often lined up as a wildcat quarterback in the offensive backfield. He raced 45 yards for a touchdown late in the third quarter to give North Carolina a 13-9 lead before the Sandlappers came back.

Cooper finished the game with 104 yards rushing on 11 carries and also grabbed three passes for 39 yards. He returned five punts for 94 yards and also had a 15-yard kickoff return.

T.J. Logan of Northern Guilford rushed for 38 yards in 13 tries for the North Carolina team and Khris Francis of Durham Hillside picked up 33 yards rushing in four carries.

South Carolina put together a couple of long scoring drives in the fourth quarter to grab a 23-13 lead, before North Carolina sliced the deficit. T.C. Roberson quarterback Noah Suber tallied on a 10-yard run with 36 seconds to go to make it 23-19, but South Carolina recovered the ensuing onside kick.

Suber also scored North Carolina's initial touchdown. South Carolina leads the series 42-30-4.

THE NCHSAA HALL OF FAME BANQUET
is scheduled for the Friday Center in Chapel Hill
on Saturday, April 13.

CHAMPIONSHIP REVIEW



MEN'S SOCCER

Southwest Onslow Blanks Lake Norman Charter To Capture 1-A Men's Soccer Title

RALEIGH—Southwest Onslow goalkeeper Nicholas Matics was selected as the Most Valuable Player as he helped lead his Stallions to a 2-0 victory over Lake Norman Charter in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A men's soccer championship at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University.

Matics was credited with six saves on the afternoon. The Stallions, with a stout defense and Matics in goal, allowed only 13 goals in their 18-game season.

Sophomore midfielder Paul Bishop put Southwest Onslow on the board in the ninth minute as he won a challenge for the ball and then tucked it into the net for a 1-0 Stallion lead.

That goal stood until the 67th minute when Austin Tausch, Southwest's leading scorer on the season, crossed a ball that wound up deflecting off a Lake Norman defender and going into the net for a 2-0 advantage.

For the game, Lake Norman Charter had seven shots on goal to four for the Stallions and had a 5-1 edge in corner kicks.

Both teams were playing in their first NCHSAA men's soccer championship, although the Stallions have made it to the regional level on four occasions. Southwest finished the season with a 14-2-2 record and won its final 12 matches, while Lake Norman Charter wound up 19-4-1 overall.

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 2012 STATE MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS Dail Soccer Field, Raleigh

1-A CHAMPIONSHIP

Southwest Onslow	0	2	—	2
Lake Norman Charter	0	0	—	0

SCORING

9th minute	SWO—Paul Bishop
67th minute	SWO—own goal

Cuthbertson Explodes For 4-1 Win Over Carrboro To Earn NCHSAA 2-A Men's Soccer Crown

RALEIGH—Senior forward Thomas Vigdor scored a pair of second-half goals to lead Waxhaw Cuthbertson to a convincing 4-1 decision over Carrboro in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A men's soccer championship at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University.

The Cavaliers broke a 1-1 tie with a three-goal barrage in about a 12-minute span late in the second half. Vigdor was named the Most Valuable Player of the championship.

His first goal came in the 65th minute after a great assist from Jason Drain

to make it 2-1. Then Obi Collins, the Cavs' leading scorer on the year, tallied with an assist from Evan Martinez to make it 3-1.

Vigdor clinched it with his second goal, this one in the 77th minute, for the final margin.

Cuthbertson jumped on top quickly, scoring in the fifth minute when senior midfielder Michael Proctor found the back of the net for a 1-0 advantage. For a good portion of the first half after that, however, Carrboro dominated possession and kept the ball in the Cavalier end.

Carrboro finally got the equalizer in the 58th minute on a brilliant shot off the right wing outside the box by senior Alex Callaham to make it 1-1.

The Cavaliers, who have won the last four Rocky River Conference titles, earned their first NCHSAA state men's soccer championship and finished the season with a 23-3-2 mark. Carrboro was in the final for the second consecutive year, having lost to Salisbury in last year's championship. The Jaguars finished 18-7-3.

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NCHSAA 2012 STATE MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS Dail Soccer Field, Raleigh

2-A CHAMPIONSHIP

Carrboro	0	1	—	1
Cuthbertson	1	3	—	4

SCORING

5th minute	CUT—Michael Proctor (Travis Whitt)
58th minute	CARR—Alex Callaham
65th minute	CUT—Thomas Vigdor (Jason Drain)
75th minute	CUT—Obi Collins
77th minute	CUT—Thomas Vigdor

Jacksonville Nips Hickory In OT In 3-A Men's Soccer Championship

CARY—Sophomore midfielder Chris Tziatzos knocked in the winning goal in the second overtime to lift Jacksonville to a dramatic 2-1 victory over Hickory in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men's soccer championship at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University.

Tziatzos, who came on as a sub in the second half, buried the game winner into the left side of the net with just 3:18 remaining in the second 10-minute overtime after Hickory failed to clear the ball out of its own end. He was named the Most Valuable Player of the final. Jacksonville played the final 35 minutes of regulation and all the extra time a man down.

Jacksonville had gotten the game-tying goal with just 2:40 left to play in regulation when Cormick Brennan found the back of the net after a wild scramble for the ball in front of the Hickory goal to knot the game at 1-1.

The Red Tornadoes grabbed a 1-0 lead early in the second half on a penalty kick by senior midfielder Conner Hartman after Jacksonville was called for a handball in the box. Hickory also had a couple of great scoring chances in the final 10 minutes but failed to convert before the Cardinals got the equalizer.

For most of the game, Hickory effectively contained the explosive Cardinal attack which had outscored its opposition 36-4 in its previous five playoff games. Hickory had a total of 11 shots, four on goal, while the Cards attempted 17 total shots with five of those on goal. The Tornadoes held an 11-8 edge in corner kicks.

Both teams were in the championship match for the fourth time, and each carried a 1-2 championship record into this final. Jacksonville finished the

year with a 26-1 mark and won its final 24 in a row, with the only loss to 4-A state runner-up Charlotte Myers Park. Hickory had an 18-match winning streak snapped and the Red Tornadoes wound up 27-2.

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NCHSAA 2012 STATE MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS Dail Soccer Field, Raleigh

3-A CHAMPIONSHIP

			OT	OT		
Jacksonville	0	1	0	1	—	2
Hickory	0	1	0	0	—	1

SCORING

45th minute	H—penalty kick Conner Hartman
78th minute	J—Cormick Brennan
97th minute	J—Chris Tziatzos

Green Hope Blanks Myers Park 2-0 To Capture Top Honors In 4-A

RALEIGH—Green Hope scored the only goals of the game in the final 14 minutes as the Falcons won their second consecutive North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men's soccer championship, beating Charlotte Myers Park 2-0 at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University.

The contest was a rematch of last year's 4-A state championship, in which Green Hope prevailed 2-1 in overtime.

Green Hope senior goalkeeper Sam Bissette, a 6-4 junior who made six saves and a couple of the spectacular variety, was named the championship Most Valuable Player. He helped keep Myers Park at bay, especially in the first half when the Mustangs seemed to have the edge in play, and then secured two saves on point-blank shots in the second half.

Green Hope captain Joshua Kennedy finally broke the scoreless tie in the 66th minute off an assist from Cole Dixon to give the Falcons a 1-0 lead. Then in the game's final two minutes with Myers Park pressing forward, Zack Compton got loose on a breakaway and put it in near post to secure the victory. Compton had come on as a sub in the second half.

The Falcons had eight shots on goal to seven for Myers Park, and the Falcons had two corner kick opportunities to one for the Mustangs.

The Falcons finished with a record of 24-2 and won their second NCHSAA crown in four trips to the championship match. Myers Park ended the year 20-4, with the Mustangs making their third consecutive appearance in the finals and sixth overall. Myers Park won its only soccer title in 2008.

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NCHSAA 2012 STATE MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS Dail Soccer Field, Raleigh

4-A CHAMPIONSHIP

Cary Green Hope	0	2	—	2
Charlotte Myers Park	0	0	—	0

SCORING

66th minute	GH—Joshua Kennedy (Cole Dixon)
78th minute	GH—Zack Compton



FOOTBALL

Plymouth Hangs On To Beat Murphy To Claim 1-A Title 20-15

RALEIGH—Plymouth scored a touchdown with 1:46 to go and then held on as the Vikings defeated perennial power Murphy 20-15 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A football championship at Carter-Finley Stadium.

Plymouth quarterback Sharmondez Ferebee, who was named the game's Most Valuable Player, tossed a 38-yard scoring pass to DeAndre Phelps with 1:46 left to play to put the Vikings in front, capping a five-play, 80-yard drive. Plymouth had entered the fourth quarter down 15-8.

But Murphy countered and marched down the field with time running out, getting down to the Plymouth 19-yard line. A pass fell incomplete in the end zone on the final play of the game as Plymouth held on for its second NCHSAA title and first since 2007.

The Vikings wound up 15-1 overall while Murphy, in its ninth state championship game, finished with a 13-3 record.

Ferebee threw two touchdown passes in the contest and Quadree Pettiford rushed for 98 yards in 13 tries for the winners. Murphy's balanced rushing attack, which netted 278 yards on the day, was paced by Gaige Cox with 63 yards and James Posey with 56.

Post-Game Awards: Murphy—Outstanding Offensive Player, RB James Posey; Outstanding Defensive Player, LB Matt Guthrie; Plymouth—Outstanding Offensive Player, RB Quadree Pettiford; Outstanding Defensive Player, LB Keimon Blount. Most Valuable Player: Plymouth QB Sharmondez Ferebee.

Southwest Onslow Takes Down Swain 44-34 To Earn 1-AA Crown

RALEIGH—A pair of long touchdown runs by J'Veon Walker helped lift Southwest Onslow to a 44-34 decision over Swain County in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-AA football championship at Carter-Finley Stadium.

Walker, who was named the Most Valuable Player of the championship, broke loose for a 40-yard scoring run on the first play from scrimmage and later returned the second-half kickoff 94 yards for a TD after the Maroon Devils had cut it to 16-13.

Then the Stallions fought off a big Swain rally in the final minutes. Down 37-13, Swain closed to within 37-34 with 1:22 to play when quarterback Raymuis Smith, who threw for 438 yards on the day, hit Greg Tisho with a 10-yard scoring strike and then the two connected on the two-point conversion.

But DaMonta Winbush, who had 123 yards rushing in 20 carries, returned the onside kickoff attempt 42 yards for a score to secure the win. Shak Pershey led the Stallion running attack with 140 yards in 14 tries and a pair of TDs.

Swain suffered its first loss after 15 consecutive victories on the season and Southwest Onslow, winning its fourth NCHSAA state football title in six visits to the finals, ended the year 14-1.

Post-Game Awards: Swain—Outstanding Offensive Player, QB Raymuis Smith; Outstanding Defensive Player, LB Payton Parker; Southwest Onslow—Outstanding Offensive Player, QB Shak Pershey; Outstanding Defensive Player, LB Joseph Holmes. Most Valuable Player: Southwest Onslow WR/Returner J'Veon Walker.

East Lincoln Nips Tarboro In 2-A In Battle Of Undefeated Squads

WINSTON-SALEM—Garrett Young tossed a fourth-quarter scoring pass to Tyler Brock to lift East Lincoln to a 24-20 win over defending state champion Tarboro in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A football championship at BB&T Field.

Young, the Mustang quarterback, completed 18 of 36 passes for 192 yards and two touchdowns and was voted the Most Valuable Player of the championship.

East Lincoln had forged ahead 10-0 before the Vikings came back to assume a 20-17 advantage entering the final period. Quentin Roberson scored on runs of 62 and 21 yards and Travonne Marshall tallied on a 43-yard scamper to put Tarboro in the lead. Roberson finished the game with 203 yards in 27 rushes.

That set the stage for a 10-play, 80-yard march capped by the 13-yard scoring pass to Brock with 7:55 left to play.

Tarboro then set off on a 15-play drive that got to the East Lincoln 20, but the Mustangs held on fourth and two at that point and ran out the clock.

Tarboro suffered its first loss in 15 starts, playing in its seventh state title game and looking for its fourth consecutive championship. East Lincoln, 16-0 for the season, won its first NCHSAA football title.

2-A

Post-Game Awards: Tarboro—Outstanding Offensive Player, RB Quentin Roberson; Outstanding Defensive Player, DE Tyquan Lewis; East Lincoln—Outstanding Offensive Player, WR Jesse Earnhardt; Outstanding Defensive Player, DE Dallas Lawing. Most Valuable Player: East Lincoln QB Garrett Young.

South Iredell Slips Past Carrboro 30-27, Wins 2-AA Championship

RALEIGH—LaChaston Smith bulled over from the one with 19 seconds to go to lift South Iredell to a 30-27 victory over Carrboro in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-AA football championship at Carter-Finley Stadium.

Carrboro had grabbed the advantage with just 2:37 to go after the Jaguars went on a seven-play, 80-yard march capped by a 12-yard scoring run by quarterback Alex McVeigh. The Vikings then began a drive from their own 38 and moved to the Carrboro one with a first and goal. Smith was stopped twice before making his way into the end zone on third down.

Smith finished with 152 yards rushing in 29 carries and scored three touchdowns to earn championship Most Valuable Player honors. McVeigh led the Carrboro attack, rushing for 101 yards and two scores and also completing eight of 20 passes for 172, although three were picked off.

Carrboro had scored in the game's first minute, opening the contest with a 56-yard pass completion from McVeigh to Marlin Johnson to set up a McVeigh TD run. However, less than three minutes later South Iredell tied the game on a 26-yard run by Smith after a Jaguar lost fumble gave the Vikings a scoring opportunity.

Carrboro had its best season in school history, finishing 15-1 overall, while South Iredell made its first visit to the NCHSAA football finals successful and wound up 14-2 overall.

Post-Game Awards: Carrboro—Outstanding Offensive Player, QB Alex McVeigh; Outstanding Defensive Player, DB Rowe Mellott; South Iredell—Outstanding Offensive Player, QB Davin King; Outstanding Defensive Player, DB Michael Fisher. Most Valuable Player: South Iredell RB LaChaston Smith.

Havelock Races Past Concord For 55-21 Victory In 3-A Final

WINSTON-SALEM—Havelock blew open a close game and scored 35 points in the second half en route to a 55-21 victory over Concord in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A football championship at BB&T Field.

Concord, with B.J. Beecher throwing a pair of touchdown passes, led 21-14 late in the first half before Havelock cut it to 21-20 on a scoring strike from Pharoh Cooper to Harry Caldwell with 12 seconds left before halftime.

In the second half, though, it was all Rams. Derrell Scott scored two touchdowns and A.J. Coplan rambled 61 yards with a fumble recovery for a TD among the Havelock highlights.

Cooper was named the game's Most Valuable Player as he carried the ball nine times for 81 yards and a score and completed seven of 17 passes for 64 yards and two touchdowns. He also picked off a pass and raced 87 yards for a score. Scott led the Havelock rushing attack with 145 yards in 18 tries.

Beecher completed 22 of 36 through the air for the Spiders for 267 yards and three scores. Rocky Reid picked up 61 yards rushing in 13 carries for Concord.

Havelock successfully defended its state title and ended the year with a 15-1 record. Concord, in its third NCHSAA title game and first since 2006, finished 13-3.

Post-Game Awards: Concord—Outstanding Offensive Player, QB B.J. Beecher; Outstanding Defensive Player, LB Jerry Burk; Havelock—Outstanding Offensive Player, RB Derrell Scott; Outstanding Defensive Player, DB Deshone Godette. Most Valuable Player: Havelock QB Pharoh Cooper.

Logan Runs For 510 Yards As Northern Guilford Wins In 3-AA

WINSTON-SALEM—T.J. Logan of Northern Guilford set an all-time North Carolina High School Athletic Association single-game rushing record as the Nighthawks ran past Charlotte Catholic 64-26 in the NCHSAA state 3-AA football championship at BB&T Field.

Logan carried 28 times for a whopping 510 yards and scored eight touchdowns, with four runs of 73 yards or more. His scoring runs covered distances of 46, 27, 80, 85, 19, 14, 82 and 73 yards as he won the game's Most Valuable Player award. He also intercepted a pass defensively.

The eight touchdowns were the most by an individual in a neutral site championship game.

The Nighthawks led 29-14 at the half, but Catholic scored to cut it to 29-20. Then Northern Guilford exploded for 28 unanswered points to enable the Nighthawks to win their third consecutive state championship and finish the season a perfect 15-0.

Elijah Hood led the way for the Cougars with 34 carries for 152 yards and two scores.

Charlotte Catholic, making its sixth appearance in an NCHSAA football final, finished the year 13-2 under veteran head coach Jim Oddo.

Post-Game Awards: Charlotte Catholic—Outstanding Offensive Player, RB Elijah Hood; Outstanding Defensive Player, DE Karrington King; Northern Guilford—Outstanding Offensive Player, QB Austin Coltrane; Outstanding Defensive Player, DT Austin Simmons. Most Valuable Player: Northern Guilford RB T.J. Logan.

New Bern Outlasts Porter Ridge 39-38 In Wild 4-A Championship

CHAPEL HILL—Quarterback Josh Taylor helped engineer a long drive in the final minutes to lift New Bern to a come-from-behind 39-38 victory over Porter Ridge in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A football championship at Kenan Stadium.

Taylor, who was the game's Most Valuable Player, rushed for 146 yards in the contest and also completed 14 of 21 passes for 160 more. The Bears, who finished unbeaten in 15 starts, put together a 15-play, 80-yard drive that consumed 5:45 on the clock, the longest drive in terms of time of the entire game, to get the winning score with just 26 seconds to go.

Jac Watkins of New Bern, who scored four touchdowns, went over from the two to put the Bears in front after his team had gotten a key stop in the shootout earlier in the fourth quarter.

The Pirates' Chris Duffy had recovered a Bear fumble at the New Bern 13, but the Bears held and forced a 26-yard field goal by Matt Wogan that made the score 38-33.

The teams exploded for 35 points in the first quarter, which ended with the Pirates on top 21-14. Duffy scored all three Porter Ridge touchdowns in the opening period and wound up with 130 yards rushing in 16 tries for the game. Jerriek Robbins led the Pirates with 174 yards in 19 carries.

There were seven turnovers in the wild contest, five by New Bern.

After the New Bern score late in the game, the Bears kicked off and the ball was not handled cleanly so the Pirates started at their own five. Zahair Cherry of New Bern intercepted a desperation pass on the last play of the game.

Porter Ridge, in the finals for the second consecutive year, completed a 13-2 campaign. New Bern made its fifth trip to the NCHSAA finals and won its second title.

Post-Game Awards: Porter Ridge—Outstanding Offensive Player, RB Jerriek Robbins; Outstanding Defensive Player, LB Bruce Randall; New Bern—Outstanding Offensive Player, RB Jac Watkins; Outstanding Defensive Player, DB Cypress Borden. Most Valuable Player: New Bern QB Josh Taylor.

David Butler Races Past Britt By 56-28 Count In 4-AA Final

CHAPEL HILL—Quarterback Riley Ferguson threw for 301 yards and five touchdowns as Matthews David Butler rolled past Fayetteville Jack Britt 56-28 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-AA football championship at Kenan Stadium.

Butler exploded to a 28-0 lead in the first quarter and was never really threatened en route to a perfect 15-0 record for the season. Britt finished at 13-3.

The Bulldogs put together four impressive scoring drives in the opening period, covering 68, 63, 71 and 55 yards, and never looked back. Ferguson's five touchdown passes equaled the most ever in a neutral site championship since the games moved to that format in 1989. He completed 20 of 29 on the day.

Butler had less than two minutes of time of possession in each of the second and third quarters but the Bulldogs were still on top 56-14 at the end of three with their quick-strike capability.

Josh Glisson scored four touchdowns for the winners, two rushing and two receiving, and ran for 140 yards on the day.

Quarterback Mark McRae led a gallant effort by the Buccaneers, completing 18 of 34 for 230 yards and three scores.

Butler ran its record to 3-0 in NCHSAA state championship games, adding to its titles in 2009 and '10. Britt was in the finals for the fourth time but is still looking for its initial title in football.

Post-Game Awards: Jack Britt—Outstanding Offensive Player, QB Mark McRae; Outstanding Defensive Player, LB Dylan Clayton; Butler—Outstanding Offensive Player, RB Josh Glisson; Outstanding Defensive Player, LB Sean Wiggins. Most Valuable Player: Butler QB Riley Ferguson.



CHEERLEADING

Awards Given In NCHSAA Invitational Cheerleading

RALEIGH—Apex Middle Creek captured the Carolina Cup in the 10th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state invitational cheerleading championships at the Raleigh Convention Center.

Cheer Ltd., Inc., the NCHSAA's corporate partner that assists with the invitational championship, has established the Carolina Cup to recognize annually the top high school varsity cheerleading team in the state. It goes to the varsity-level team that earns the highest cumulative score in the whole competition, regardless of the division in which it competes.

Middle Creek scored 128.6 points, the highest score of the entire event, to win the large varsity division and grab the Carolina Cup.

Ledford, Raleigh Millbrook, Jamestown Ragsdale, Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons, North Gaston and Raleigh Sanderson are the previous winners of the Cup.

Ledford earned the title in the super large varsity division. Cornelius W.A. Hough was the top squad in the medium varsity division and Raleigh Leesville Road was the champion in the small varsity division.

In other varsity results, the non tumble categories went to Canton Pisgah in the large and North Buncombe in the small.

East Forsyth took top honors in the small varsity co-ed division while Davie was the winner of the large varsity co-ed competition. Northern Vance was first in the high school non-mount category.

In junior varsity competition, Weddington was the champion in the small junior varsity division while Greenville D.H. Conley took the large jayvee category and Eastern Guilford captured the junior varsity non-tumble division.

A total of 119 teams registered to participate in the event.



SWIMMING AND DIVING

Hough, Green Hope Capture State 4-A Swimming Team Titles

CARY—Emily Allen helped lead Cornelius W.A. Hough to its second consecutive team title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A swimming and diving championships at the Triangle Aquatic Center.

Allen won both the 50 and the 100 freestyle events and swam the anchor legs on two victorious relay teams to lift Hough to the crown and earn Most Valuable Performer honors, Allen set new NCHSAA all-classification records in both her individual events with All-American Automatic times in both.

Hough scored 323 points to 236 for runner-up Cary Green Hope. Cary Panther Creek was third at 182, followed by Charlotte Providence (167), Greensboro Grimsley (160) and Cary (159). A total of 35 schools scored in the women's meet.

It was the ninth time in the last 12 years that a Charlotte-Mecklenburg school won the NCHSAA state 4-A women's crown, with Providence earning six of those between 2002 and '09.

Hannah Moore of Green Hope captured top honors in both the 100 backstroke and the 500 free and also swam the leadoff leg on the first-place 200



W.A. Hough team displays championship banner for winning NCHSAA state 4-A crown

medley relay team. She set a new all-classification record of 54.37 seconds in the 100 back, breaking the old mark but just .03 of a second.

South Mecklenburg's Alexandra Martelle also took two individual titles, winning both the 100 breaststroke and the 200 individual medley.

Green Hope, which won a pair of relay events, captured the men's championship by scoring 259 points, with Hough in second at 190. The Green Hope state title snapped a string of four consecutive crowns won by Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools on the men's side.

South Mecklenburg was third with 175, followed by East Chapel Hill (168) and defending state champ Providence (157). There were 44 schools scoring points in the men's meet.

Colin Ellington of Holly Springs was the MVP of the men's meet. Ellington was a double winner, finishing first in both the 200 individual medley and the 100 free. He established a new all-classification state record in the 100 free of 44.87 seconds and had All-American Automatic times in both events.

John Manchester of Hough also swam to two individual titles, taking both the 100 backstroke and the 200 free.

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Charlotte Catholic Women, Cardinal Gibbons Men Win As Records Fall In 3-A Swimming

CARY—Records fell all over the place as Charlotte Catholic rolled to its eighth consecutive 3-A women's title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A swimming and diving championships at the Triangle Aquatic Center.

Catholic won with a whopping 469 points in earning its 12th straight NCHSAA crown over two different classifications. Waxhaw Marvin Ridge was second with 258, followed by Chapel Hill (228), Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons (184) and Concord Jay Robinson (133). A total of 30 schools scored in the women's competition.

Nora McCullagh and Lauren Rhodes were double individual winners for the state champs, with McCullagh winning the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke and Rhodes taking the 100 free and 200 free. Rhodes shattered her own state 3-A mark in the 200 by well over two seconds, in a time of 1:47.98.

McCullagh was named the Most Outstanding Swimmer in the women's meet, as she achieved All-American Automatic times in both of her individual events and set a new all-classification record in the 50 free with a blistering 22.92 seconds. She also swam on two victorious relay teams.

In all, the Cougar women set nine new state 3-A records, including five

all-classification marks, and won all but two events. The Cougars set an all-classification record in the 200 medley relay with a winning time of 1:45.52, established a new mark in the 200 free relay by over two seconds, and set a new 400 free relay mark record. Catholic's Elsa Welshofer sprinted to a time of 54.69 seconds in the 100 fly, another all-classification record.

Cardinal Gibbons held on to win its fourth consecutive state 3-A men's crown and sixth in a row over two classifications, led by Bailey Maloney. Maloney, who took top honors in both the 50 free and 100 free and swam the anchor leg on the record-setting 200 free relay team and the winning 400 free relay, was the MOS of the men's championship.

Gibbons recorded 312 points to 283 for Charlotte Catholic, followed by Chapel Hill (212), Jay Robinson (149) and Marvin Ridge (132). A total of 40 schools recorded points in the men's meet.

Dalton Shaw of Greenville D.H. Conley established a new 3-A record in the 200 IM in 1:51.63, breaking an eight-year old mark previously held by Southwest Guilford's Chris Spooner.

The 4-A championships were held on Thursday and then the 1-A/2-A schools will compete on Saturday, all at the Triangle Aquatics Center.

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Ontjes Leads Raleigh Charter Women, NCSSM Men Win 1-A/2-A

CARY—Olivia Ontjes led Raleigh Charter to a third consecutive women's team championship in convincing fashion in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A/2-A swimming and diving championships at the Triangle Aquatic Center.

Ontjes earned Most Outstanding Swimmer honors in the meet with individual titles in the 100 freestyle and the 100 breast, setting a new 1-A/2-A record in the 100 free and recording All-American Automatic times in both events. She also swam on two victorious relay teams.

Raleigh Charter amassed a whopping 376 points, well ahead of runner-up Carrboro with 161. Lincoln Charter was third at 154 with Lake Norman Charter and Pittsboro Northwood tied for fourth with 148 points. A total of 43 schools scored in the women's meet.

Christian Lappin of Lincoln Charter took two individual crowns, winning both the 50 freestyle and the 100 butterfly.

Jacob Vosburgh of Durham North Carolina School of Science and Math turned in an excellent performance to lead his team to the men's championship, winning both the 200 free and the 500 free and swimming anchor on the victorious 200 free relay quartet. He set a 1A/2A record of 4:38.38 in the 500.

NCSSM tallied 281 points to 237.5 for second-place Carrboro, which was the three-time defending champion. Lake Norman Charter was third at 214, with Shelby (168) in fourth and Kernersville Bishop McGuinness (112) in fifth. There were 39 schools scoring points in the men's championship.

Parker Campbell of Shelby was the men's MOS, setting a pair of 1-A/2-A records while winning both the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke.

Tarboro's Cameron Anderson was a double individual winner among the men, taking first in the 100 free and finishing in a dead heat for first in the 50 free with Carrboro's Justin Morrell. Thomas Bilden of Carrboro established a 1-A/2-A mark in the 100 butterfly.

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INDOOR TRACK

Cummings Takes Men's Crown, West Carteret Women In 1-A/2-A/3-A Indoor Track

WINSTON-SALEM—Isaiah Moore of Burlington Cummings won a pair of events to lead Burlington Cummings to the men's team title in the seventh annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A/2-A/3-A indoor track and field championships at JDL Fast Track.

The Cummings junior established a new 1-A/2-A/3-A record in the 55 hurdles with a winning time of 7.44 seconds and also took first place in the high jump to win the meet's Most Valuable Performer award. The Cavaliers tallied 36 points, with North Lincoln second with 27 points and Northeast Guilford a point back in third with 26. Weddington, North Forsyth and Charlotte Berry Academy were tied for fourth with 22 points. A total of 63 schools tallied points in the men's meet.

West Carteret's John Crossley shattered the classification record in the 1000 by over four seconds in 2:30.34.

The women's championship was tightly contested, with four teams within a single point of first place entering the final couple of events before West Carteret prevailed. West scored 41 total points with Waxhaw Marvin Ridge and Monroe tied for second at 34. High Point T.W. Andrews and Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons were deadlocked in fourth with 31 points. There were 54 schools scoring in the women's championship.

Blake Dodge, a junior at West Carteret, had a great performance in the women's meet to earn MVP honors. She won both the 1000 and the 1600, setting a classification record in the 1000, and ran the lead leg on two winning relay teams, in the 1600 and the 3200.

The Cummings women, which had taken the team title five times in the last six years, finished in a tie for 10th.

Knightdale Men, Wakefield Women Take 4-A Indoor Track; Cary's Abushouk Wins Three Individual Championships

WINSTON-SALEM—Knightdale held off Cary, clinching the team championship on the final event, to win the men's title in the 27th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A indoor track and field championships at JDL Fast Track.

Knightdale held a slim lead entering the final event, the 1600 meter relay, but won the event to clinch its second consecutive championship. Knightdale shared the title with Southeast Guilford a year ago.

Knightdale held a 65-54 edge over runner-up Cary, followed by Southeast Raleigh (43), Fayetteville Terry Sanford (31) and Jamestown Ragsdale (23). A total of 50 schools scored points in the men's meet.

Cary senior Bakri Abushouk, who won the NCHSAA 4-A individual cross country title in the fall, had a tremendous meet, capturing three individual titles to earn Most Valuable Performer honors. He took first place in the 1000, 1600 and 3200.

Jon Beyle of East Chapel Hill broke a 23-year old all-classification record in the shot put with a distance of 61 feet, 10 inches—just short of four feet beyond the old mark. The Knightdale four by 400 relay team finished in a time of 8:01.07, better than four seconds faster than the former overall record.

In the women's meet, Tyra Lea led Wakefield to its third straight women's title. Lea won the triple jump and took first in a record time in the 300 meters to earn MVP honors.

Wakefield tallied 80 points to 72 for second-place Southeast Raleigh.

Winston-Salem Parkland was third with 32 points, followed by Asheville T.C. Roberson (31) and Cary Green Hope (29). There were 40 schools which scored in the women's meet.

Sabrina Moore, a senior at North Mecklenburg, was a double winner with victories in both the long jump and the 55 dash. Wakefield's Kristen Lee cleared 12 feet, six inches in the pole vault for a new all-classification mark.



DUAL TEAM WRESTLING

Parkland Survives Great Britt Effort To Win 4-A Dual Team Wrestling

FAYETTEVILLE—Winston-Salem Parkland won its seventh consecutive North Carolina High School Athletic Association state dual team wrestling championship, but it wasn't easy.

Parkland had to come from behind and win the final two matches of the day to score a 28-20 victory over Fayetteville Jack Britt, taking the 4-A championship in front of the Britt home crowd.

Britt had rolled up five consecutive decisions to build a 20-12 lead before Parkland came back. With Britt on top 20-18, Jeremy Ward of Parkland at 132 pounds won on the only pin of the day to put the Mustangs ahead 24-20 with just one match to go. But with the Buccaneers needing a pin to capture the crown, Chucky Hedrick of Parkland won by major decision at 138 to clinch the title.

Parkland finished the dual team season with a perfect 48-0 mark and won its fourth straight 4-A title after winning three at the 3-A level. The Mustangs have an amazing 52-8 all-time record in NCHSAA postseason play and have reported won 313 dual matches in succession.

Britt finished with a record of 33-8 overall.

Fred T. Foard Wins State 3-A Dual Team Wrestling Over Morehead

NEWTON—Fred T. Foard downed Eden Morehead 41-27 before its home crowd to win the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A dual team wrestling championship.

The victorious Tigers earned their 39th victory in 41 dual team matches on the season and won their first dual team championship.

Ben Hughes of Foard, who won by a pin in the 138-pound weight class, was named the MVP of the championship match. The Tigers also got pins from Trevor Cook at 160, Caleb Bumgarner at 170, Cameron Wilfong at 195 and Dylan Curtis at 285.

Morehead finished dual team competition with a 21-7 mark. The Panthers had won five previous NCHSAA dual team championships but were in the finals for the first time since 2008.

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Newton-Conover Nips Croatan For 2-A Dual Team Title

NEWPORT—Newton-Conover nipped perennial power Croatan 31-30 to capture the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A dual team wrestling championship at Croatan High School.

Franklin Wepner, the 132-pounder for the victorious Red Devils who won his match by a pin, was named the MVP of the championship match.

Colin Minor's victory by a forfeit in the final match of the night at 182 proved to be the difference. Andrew Colburn of Croatan won by a decision by a 9-2 count over Austin Minor at 170, just one point short of a major decision that could have changed the outcome.

Jarren Pitts at 220 pounds and Jonte Parker at 126 also won via pins for the Red Devils. Kyle Colburn (195) and Ben Skiba (106) were the Croatan winners on pins.

Newton-Conover finished the campaign with a 43-5 dual match record. The Red Devils

had beaten defending state champion Piedmont on in the state semifinals to advance to the championship match, which was

Newton-Conover's fourth title match appearance. The Red Devils were state dual team runners-up three straight years in 2007-09.

Croatan made its fourth straight finals appearance and won state crowns in 2010 and

'11 before finishing as runner-up to Piedmont last year. The Cougars were 31-5 in dual team action.

West Wilkes Wins Fourth Straight Dual Team Wrestling Final

MILLERS CREEK—West Wilkes won its fourth consecutive North Carolina High School Athletic Association state dual team wrestling championship, taking the 1-A title with a 41-25 victory over visiting North Rowan.

The winners were led by Eithen Sheets in the 285-pound class and Jorge Lima at 152. They were named co-MVP's of the championship match.

West was in the finals for the fifth consecutive year and finished the dual team season with a 17-1 record. North Rowan, in the championship for the second time in the last three years, lost for only the third time in 30 starts.



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TOURNAMENT WRESTLING

Championships Decided In Wrestling Tournament

GREENSBORO—After almost 1,300 matches and three grueling days of competition, the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state wrestling championships at the Greensboro Coliseum wrapped up the championship matches in all four classifications.

Individual weight class champions in 56 different divisions across the four classifications were crowned.

Winston-Salem Parkland won its seventh state tournament team title in two different classifications in the last eight years, and its third in the last four years at the 4-A level. Parkland and Fayetteville Jack Britt were one-two, just as they had been two weeks ago in the dual team championships.

Parkland scored 133 points to 112 for Britt, followed by Lake Norman (82), Cornelius W.A. Hough (75.5) and defending champ Southern Pines Pinecrest (75). A total of 73 schools were represented in the 4-A tournament.

Two Parkland wrestlers were in the finals, Jeremy Ward at 132 and Marcus Cross at 145, but did not win. Cross lost to Jake DeAngelo of Southern Alamance 3-2 in the 145 final as DeAngelo finished unbeaten in 52 matches.

Nick Kee of Scotland County was the champion in the 170-pound class for the second straight year and finished the season an amazing 61-0 to earn Most Outstanding Wrestler honors.

Orange rolled to its second consecutive 3-A tournament championship by virtue of having nine wrestlers remaining in Saturday's action, including four in the championship finals, twice as many as any other school, although none of them earned individual state crowns. The Panthers, under veteran coach Bob Shriner, collected 106.5 points to 98 for second-place Concord Jay Robinson.

North Gaston was third with 86.5 points, followed by Hickory St. Stephens (78) and Cameron Union Pines (65). There were 81 3-A schools with wrestlers in the tournament.

Enka's Kacee Hutchinson, the 195-pound champion, was voted the 3-A Most Outstanding Wrestler.

Newport Croatan captured the 2-A team title for the third time in four years with a total of 120.5 points, with Newton-Conover the runner-up at 100. The Red Devils defeated Croatan by a single point in the 2-A dual team championships two weeks ago.

Defending tournament champion Trinity, which had the most wrestlers of any 2-A school in the championship finals with three, was tied for third with Monroe Piedmont at 83 points, followed by North Surry and Hampstead Topsail knotted at 69 in fifth. A total of 66 schools competed in the 2-A tournament.

One of the outstanding 2-A finals occurred at 146 pounds, as Chase senior Josh Stephens completed a perfect 52-0 season by outpointing Ashe County's Michael Elliott (46-2) 10-8.

West Lincoln's Clay Alguire, the 138-pound champion, was the Most Outstanding Wrestler in the 2-A event.

In the 1-A classification, three schools entered the championship round within three team points of one another: North Rowan, Ayden-Grifton and West Wilkes, although Ayden-Grifton had one more wrestler in the championship round than the other two. When it was over, North Rowan rallied to win it with 88.5 points, a three-point margin over defending champ West Wilkes. Ayden-Grifton was third with 74, followed by Robbinsville (70.5) and Hendersonville (59). A total of 35 schools qualified wrestlers to the 1-A tournament.

North Rowan earned the team title by virtue of individual state championships by Marc Gonzalez at 113, Damon Ellis at 120 and William Robertson at 285.

Jorge Lima of West Wilkes, the champ at 145 pounds, was named the 1-A Most Outstanding Wrestler. Rosewood's Nick Quillen won his 126-pound final with a pin in the first 30 seconds to finish the season with a record of 59-1.

This was the fourth consecutive year the event has been held at the Greensboro Coliseum. The host city sponsors for the wrestling championships included the Greensboro Sports Commission, the Greensboro Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Greensboro Sports Council. The NCHSAA has been offering a wrestling championship since the 1930's.

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