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Eight Named to Join NCHSAA Hall of Fame

CHAPEL HILL—Eight more outstanding individuals in the annals of state prep athletics have been selected for induction into the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Donnie Baxter of Asheboro, Ronnie Chavis of Pembroke, Lawrence Dunn of Raleigh, Doug Henderson of Greensboro, Lindsey Page of Burlington, Larry Rhodes of Gastonia, Robert Steele of Salisbury and Jim Taylor of Shelby have been named as the 27th group of inductees to join the prestigious hall. That brings to 148 the number enshrined.

The new inductees were honored during special halftime ceremonies at a football game at Kenan Stadium when North Carolina played East Carolina. The University of North Carolina designated the day as the 28th annual NCHSAA Day. The new class will officially be inducted at the special Hall of Fame banquet next spring in Chapel Hill.

The NCHSAA Hall of Fame is supported in part by a special grant from GlaxoSmithKline.

"These individuals joining the Association Hall of Fame this year have had a tremendous impact on high school athletics across North Carolina," said NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield. "Their accomplishments are impressive, but the character they exemplify and the lives they touched are truly representative of what the NCHSAA stands for. Their selection maintains the standards of excellence established by our previous inductees, and we are proud to honor these deserving individuals."

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(NCHSAA photo by John Bell)

NCHSAA Hall of Famers

The newest members of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame, who will be formally inducted in the spring at the Friday Center, were recognized during NCHSAA Day festivities at Kenan Stadium. They are, from left, Donnie Baxter, Ronnie Chavis, Lawrence Dunn, Doug Henderson, Lindsey Page, Larry Rhodes, Robert Steele and Jim Taylor.

Donnie Baxter

Donnie Baxter has excelled as a teacher and coach as well as an administrator during his illustrious career of well over 40 years.

Born in Pinehurst, he attended Elise High School in Robbins and then graduated from Appalachian State University in 1968. From there he launched into a coaching career that included stops at Ellerbe, Asheboro, Lexington and Eastern Randolph High Schools. He was on the coaching staff at Asheboro that won a title in the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association (WNCHSAA), and he was the head coach at Eastern Randolph when he led his team to the 1983 NCHSAA state 3-A football championship. His baseball team in '81 was the state runner-up.

From 1985 to 1995, Baxter was principal at Southwestern Randolph, and since 1999 he has been in the Randolph County central office as athletic director for the county schools.

Baxter has served as chairman of the NCHSAA Nominating Committee for Board of Directors selection and has also served on the Realignment Committee. He also helped with the establishment of the Randolph County Sports Council.

Ronnie Chavis

Ronnie Chavis compiled an impressive record as a coach, primarily in baseball, but is perhaps best known his role as an outstanding athletic administrator.

A graduate of Prospect High School in Robeson County, where he was all conference in two sports, Chavis went on to Pembroke State University, where his baseball team advanced to its division's College World Series.

He started his coaching career at Magnolia during the 1972-73 year then served as varsity baseball coach for 10 years at Pembroke before going to West Robeson. At West, he coached baseball and also served as athletic director. For over 20 years, he was director of athletics, health, physical education and driver education for the Public Schools of Robeson County before his retirement.

A member of the UNC-Pembroke Hall of Fame, Chavis served a four-year term on the NCHSAA Board of Directors and is also a former president of the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association. Ronnie has also been recognized nationally with a National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Citation

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and was the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) National Athletic Director of the Year in 2009.

Lawrence Dunn

Lawrence Dunn enjoyed an excellent coaching career in basketball and baseball as well as track and cross country at a couple of schools in Wake County.

A graduate of Berry O'Kelly High and then North Carolina A&T State University, where he was an outstanding basketball player, Dunn is probably best remembered for his success coaching basketball.

He guided the Garner women's basketball team to a state championship and a perfect record in the 1977-78 season. Then, from 1979 to 2001, he guided the Athens Drive men's basketball program to 445 victories against just 193 defeats. His teams won numerous conference championships in men's basketball and also captured titles in cross country.

Dunn coached the East squad in the North Carolina Coaches Association all-star basketball game in 1990.

He was involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and as advisor for the student council at Athens Drive.

Doug Henderson

Doug Henderson was an outstanding head coach in both football and track at several different stops.

A graduate of Ellerbe High School (1955) and the University of North Carolina (1959), he started his coaching career in 1959 at Shalotte High School and coached in five different decades. He had additional coaching stints at Elizabethtown, East Bladen and Western Guilford.

As a head football coach, Henderson saw his teams compile an overall mark of 216-102-5, including a mark of 107-47-3 at Western Guilford from 1972 through '89. His 1977 Western Guilford team won the NCHSAA state 3-A championship. In addition, he had two different streaks of 40-plus consecutive dual meet victories as a track and field coach.

Henderson is a former president of the North Carolina Coaches Association and helped to start the North Carolina Football Coaches Association, serving as its executive secretary from 1988 through 2003. He also served as a head coach in the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas, the NCCA East-West all-star game and the old North-South all-star game.

Lindsey Page

Lindsey Page had a stellar career as a basketball coach at Bartlett Yancey High School in Caswell County.

Born in Caswell County and a 1962 graduate of Elon College, Page began his teaching and coaching career right after that at Bartlett Yancey. For 34 years, he was the head men's basketball coach, winning seven conference championships and a North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A championship in 1988. His teams posted an outstanding 519-325 record during that stretch and the gymnasium was named in his honor in 1988.

He also coached baseball at the school for 15 seasons and was athletic director for 20 years. He came out of his coaching retirement in 1999 to coach the women's team at BY and posted 65 additional wins including a trip to the regional tournament, coaching through 2006.

He has been recognized by the NCHSAA before, with a Special Person Award in 1997 and a Distinguished Service Award a year later. He also coached in the North Carolina Coaches' Association East-West basketball all-star game in 1988.

Larry Rhodes

Larry Rhodes was an outstanding coach at a couple of Gaston County schools in a couple of different stops.

A graduate of High Point Central and then East Carolina University, Rhodes coached from 1956 through 1970 at Frank Ashley High in Gastonia and then the next 20 years at Gastonia Ashbrook. During his tenure as a men's varsity head basketball coach, Rhodes rolled up 336 victories to 174 losses, winning 10 conference championships and capturing the 1967 NCHSAA state 4-A basketball title.

He also coached golf for 33 seasons combined at the two schools, and then helped run a number of NCHSAA golf tournaments, earning numerous coach of the year honors in both golf and basketball.

He was the head coach at Ashbrook when it played West Charlotte in a game at the Charlotte Coliseum on February 28, 1979, that drew 10,076 fans.

The Ashbrook High gymnasium has been named in his honor.

Robert Steele

Robert Steele has been one of the state's most outstanding coaches in track and field for a number of years, helping to build North Rowan into a state powerhouse in the sport.

A graduate of East Rowan High and then Livingstone College in Salisbury in 1975, Steele coached from 1977 through '86 at Webb High School in Oxford, guiding his track team to six conference titles. Then he moved to North Rowan, where his teams have rolled up an incredible 15 NCHSAA state championships.

His men's track and field squads at North have earned 11 state crowns, including five in a row from 1994 through '98. He also served as an assistant football coach at both stops.

Steele has earned numerous Coach of the Year honors as well as a couple of national recognitions from the National Scholastic Sports Foundation, and has been honored for his community service in Rowan County.

Steele has previously been inducted into the Rowan-Salisbury Hall of Fame and the Livingstone College Hall of Fame.

Jim Taylor

Jim Taylor compiled a brilliant record as a head football coach, primarily at Shelby.

Taylor, a native of Franklin, attended Franklin High School, then Gardner-Webb Junior College and graduated from Western Carolina, playing football at both Gardner-Webb and WCU. He coached football at Polk Central for four years, from 1970 through '74, while also coaching track and serving as athletic director. His football teams at Polk Central went 28-12 overall.

From 1974 through 2005, Taylor coached at Shelby, taking over the helm of the Golden Lions in 1977. He guided Shelby to 10 conference titles, two NCHSAA state championships and two state runner-up finishes. His teams were an outstanding 201-54-2 in his 21 seasons as a head coach there.

Since 2005, he has served as the county athletic director for the Cleveland County Schools. He is a former president of the North Carolina Coaches Association and current executive secretary of the North Carolina Football Coaches Association.

The Hall of Fame plaques are on permanent display in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame room, located in the Simon F. Terrell Building in Chapel Hill that houses the Association offices.

The mission of the NCHSAA is to provide governance and leadership for interscholastic athletic programs that support and enrich the educational experience of students.

THE NCHSAA HALL OF FAME

Class of 1987

(Charter Members)

Bob Jamieson, Greensboro
Leon Brogden, Wilmington
Dave Harris, Charlotte

Class of 1988

Tony Simeon, High Point
Wilburn C. Clary, Winston-Salem
L.J. "Hap" Perry, Chapel Hill

Class of 1989

Russell Blunt, Durham
Lee Stone, Asheboro

Class of 1990

Bill Eutsler, Rockingham
Harvey Reid, Wilson
Jay Robinson, Chapel Hill
Simon Terrell, Chapel Hill

Class of 1991

Thell Overman, Wallace
Frank Mock, Kinston*
Raymond Rhodes, Raleigh*
Richard "Bud" Phillips, Greenville

Class of 1992

Everette L. "Shu" Carlton, Gastonia
George J. Cushwa, Jr., Thomasville
Norma Harbin, Winston-Salem
James G. "Choppy" Wagner, Washington*
Modeal Walsh, Robbinsville*
Everett L. "Shorty" Waters, Jacksonville
Henry Thomas "Toby" Webb, Albemarle
John W. "Jack" Young, Ahoskie*

Class of 1993

Frank Barger, Hickory*
Donald Bonner, Lumberton
George Whitfield, Hamlet

Class of 1994

George "Buck" Hardee, Wilmington
Doris Howard, Fayetteville
Bruce Peterson, Asheville
Homer Thompson, Winston-Salem

Class of 1995

Willie Bradshaw, Durham
Robert P. Colvin, Robbinsville
Joe Paul Eblen, Asheville

Augustus B. "Gus" Purcell, Charlotte
George W. Winfield, Reidsville*

Class of 1996

Paul Gay, Sanford
John W. "Honey" Johnson, Elizabeth City*
Glenn Nixon, Clayton
Robert R. Sawyer, Greensboro

Class of 1997

Dr. Wiley "Army" Armstrong, Rocky Mount*
Chuck Clements, Gastonia*
David Lash, Winston-Salem*
Larry Lindsay, Wake Forest

Class of 1998

Gerald "Pearlie" Allen, Shelby
Norris "Pee Wee" Jones, Asheville
Bill Mayhew, Troutman
Dr. Craig Phillips, Raleigh
Mary Garber, Winston-Salem
Marvin "Red" Hoffman, Wilkesboro
Dr. Andy Miller, Asheville

Class of 1999

Charles "Babe" Howell, Webster
Paul Jones, Kinston
Jerry McGee, Elizabeth City
Jim Mills, Garner
Joe Mills, Raleigh
Donna Norman, High Point
Robert Paroli, Fayetteville

Class of 2000

Marion Kirby, Greensboro
Don Patrick, Newton
Hilda Worthington, Greenville
Charles England, Lexington*

Class of 2001

Jack Groce, Boone
Tom Northington, Greensboro
Walter Rogers, Roxboro
Wally Shelton, Mount Airy
John Swofford, Greensboro
Morris Walker, West Jefferson
Herb Young, Cary

Class of 2002

Cliff Brookshire, Brevard
Andrea Cozart, High Point
Bill Friday, Chapel Hill
Herman Hines, Reidsville
Bob Lee, Southern Pines
Ray Oxendine, Pembroke

Class of 2003

Gerald Austin, Greensboro
Pat Harrell, Hertford
Hoy Isaacs, Reidsville*
Raymond "Buddy" Luper, Fayetteville*
David Maynard, Burlington
Clarence Moore, Asheville*
Pres Mull, Lexington
Tom Pryor, Edneyville
Stuart Tripp, Ayden

Class of 2004

Mike Brown, Wilmington
John Clougherty, Raleigh
James "Rabbit" Fulghum, Snow Hill
Ed Peeler, Shelby
Ned Sampson, Pembroke
Dave Smith, Washington
Kathy Stefanou, Raleigh
Carroll Wright, Clyde

Class of 2005

Tim Brayboy, Cary
Jim Burch, Cary
Dick Knox, Chapel Hill
Tom McQuaid, Beaufort*
Mike Raybon, Jamestown

Class of 2006

Al Black, Spring Lake
Pat Gainey, Taylorsville
Charlie Gregory, Randleman
Tommy Hunt, Durham
Joan Riggs, Swansboro
Don Saine, Gastonia

Class of 2007

Stuart Allen, Charlotte
Daryl Barnes, Lexington
Bob Brooks, Elizabeth City
Bill Carver, Fayetteville
Elton Hawley, Charlotte
Fred Lanford, Hudson
Bill Rucker, Black Mountain
Ronald Scott, Bear Creek

Class of 2008

Charlie Adams, Chapel Hill
Bill Bost. Catawba*
Ken Browning, Durham
Richard Hicks, Durham
Mac Morris, Greensboro
Jan Stanley, Hendersonville
Tim Stevens, Raleigh
Billy Widgeon, Morehead City

Class of 2009

Brad Faircloth, Greensboro
Gilbert Ferrell, Willson
Bruce Hardin, Charlotte
Jim Maxwell, Durham
Vicki Peoples, Raleigh
Carolyn Shannonhouse, Cary
Pete Stout, Salisbury

Class of 2010

Harvey Brooks, Trenton
Tunney Brooks, Lumberton
Tom Brown, Maiden
Bob Catapano, Raleigh
Joe Hunt, Hendersonville *
Carolyn Rogers, Hertford
Que Tucker, Morrisville

Class of 2011

Rosalie Bardin, Wilson
Sheila Boles, Wilmington
Jimmy Fleming, Creedmoor
John Frye, Vass
Jerry Johnson, Goldsboro
Mike Matheson, Newton*
John Morris, High Point*
Tom Suiter, Raleigh

Class of 2012

Donnie Baxter, Asheboro
Ronnie Chavis, Pembroke
Lawrence Dunn, Raleigh
Doug Henderson, Greensboro
Lindsay Page, Burlington
Larry Rhodes, Gastonia
Robert Steele, Salisbury
Jim Taylor, Shelby

- posthumous induction

RECORD BREAKERS?

Don't forget, if you have any potential state or national listings for the record book, there is a form on line to send that information for consideration. Help us to make our state and national books as inclusive and complete as possible.

Any questions call Rick Strunk at (919) 240-7367. And don't forget to check the latest version of the state record book on line!

Spring AAA Scholar-Athlete Winners Named By NCHSAA

CHAPEL HILL—Over 20,000 individual awards were earned by students in the spring semester for achievements in the classroom as well as on the playing court or athletic field.

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association made the awards in its AAA Scholar-Athlete program, which includes recognition of varsity teams that attain certain grades as well as individual athletes.

A total of 10,111 student-athletes earned the individual Scholar-Athlete award.

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

In the team division, a varsity team earns Scholar-Athlete recognition by attaining a 3.1 aggregate GPA for that designated semester. The school receives a certificate from the Association honoring the accomplishment and each member of the squad will also receive a certificate. A to-

tal of 10,042 individual awards were given in this category, and 536 varsity teams captured team honors.

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

In addition, the top three finishers in each sport will receive a cash incentive from AAA for its athletic department as part of the AAA Scholar-Athlete program.

"We are extremely proud of the achievements of these outstanding student-athletes," said Davis Whitfield, NCHSAA commissioner. "Our AAA Scholar-Athlete program demonstrates that we have a tremendous number of athletes who are participating in athletics and succeeding in the classroom."

Marvin Ridge captured top honors in both men's and women's lacrosse.

The Scholar-Athlete program recognized almost 40,000 individuals during the course of the

2010-11 academic year. This recognition has been a part of the NCHSAA program for 25 years.

AAA is one of the NCHSAA's major sponsors. In addition to its sponsorship with the NCHSAA of the Scholar-Athlete program, AAA is working hard on an initiative relative to distracted driving for teens which uses as its slogan, "You Drive. You Text. You Die."

AAA NCHSAA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAM AWARD WINNERS NCHSAA Spring Sports 2012

SCHOOL	SPORT	GPA
Hayesville	Softball	3.83
Southwest Guilford	Baseball	3.66
Chatham Central	Men's Tennis	3.84
Ashbrook	Women's Soccer	3.84
Weddington	Men's Track	3.48
North Gaston	Women's Track	3.78
Nash Central	Men's Golf	3.89
Marvin Ridge	Women's Lacrosse	3.66
Marvin Ridge	Men's Lacrosse	3.35

North Carolina High School Heisman Winners Announced By Wendy's

Two of North Carolina's most outstanding high school seniors have been honored with distinguished recognition as state winners of the 2012 Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

Kaitlyn Kent of South Iredell High School in Statesville and John Twomey-Kozak of Orange High School in Hillsborough will go on to compete for the national award that celebrates their hard work, dedication and exceptional records in athletics, academics and community leadership.

"Colleges want well-rounded students and with admissions growing more selective, a national award like the Wendy's High School Heisman can really help students stand out," said Archie Griffin, two-time collegiate Heisman Trophy winner. "Kaitlyn and John are inspirations to others in their school and community, and we're honored to welcome them into the Heisman family."

Awarded in conjunction with the collegiate Heisman, the Wendy's High School Heisman, now in its 19th year, has set the standard for high school student-athletes and gained tremendous prestige among universities and colleges nationwide.

Kent and Twomey-Kozak were chosen from 45,000 applicants, surviving rounds that nar-

rowed contenders to one male and one female winner from each school, and then to North Carolina's respected group of 20 State Finalists.

Kent and Twomey-Kozak will compete against winners from other regions across the country for a chance to be named one of 12 National Finalists in Wendy's annual quest to find the nation's top scholar-athletes. These 12 outstanding students will go on to compete for the National Winner title in New York City on December 7.

National Finalists will be featured during a televised ceremony on ESPN networks and will receive gold medals and \$2,000 awards for their high schools. One male and one female National Winner will each receive a crystal Wendy's High School Heisman trophy, a \$500 Wendy's gift card, and a donation from Wendy's in the amount of \$10,000 to their respective high school.

Additionally, the winners will be recognized during the collegiate Heisman Trophy broadcast December 8 on ESPN2.

For more information about the High School Heisman program and to view all the state winners and finalists, visit www.WendysHeisman.com. ★

Farmville Central Honors Former Coach Dixon Sauls

FARMVILLE—Farmville Central High School has bestowed a major honor on a former coach and athletic director.

The Farmville football field was officially named the R. Dixon Sauls Athletic Field in honor of the man who served the school as a head football coach, track coach and athletic director for many years. According to the Greenville Daily Reflector, the ceremonies took place at Farmville's home football game in August against South Central.

Sauls, a native of Farmville, served the school from 1984 to 2007 as head football coach. He was the Jaguars' track coach for 19 years and was athletic director for eight. Under Sauls the Jaguars won 11 conference football titles and the 2003 squad was the runner-up in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state championship, losing to three-time champ Albemarle in the 1-AA final.

A number of former FCHS athletes who had played for Coach Sauls were on hand for the ceremony, including Dennis Tripp, who played on the first team Sauls coaches at Farmville Central and later went on to play in the National Football League for the New York Giants. ★

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.

MIKE CROWELL

DENTON—Mike Crowell, head football and wrestling coach at South Davidson High School died suddenly at the end of September, according to various media reports.

Crowell had been at South Davidson for almost 30 years. He was in his fifth year as head football coach and had guided South to an NCHSAA state 1-A dual team wrestling championship in 2003 in a sport he had coached for many years.

School officials said Sunday that Crowell died of an apparent heart attack.

He graduated from Denton High School in 1978 and played baseball at Pfeiffer College.

BRADLEY FAIRCLOTH

GREENSBORO—Long-time Atlantic Coast Conference football official and conference administrator Bradley Faircloth died in late August after a long battle with a brain tumor which was inoperable.

Faircloth, 82, was inducted into the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 2009 on the basis of his great career in officiating.

A native of Fayetteville, Faircloth was a graduate of Greensboro Senior High School and then Duke University. He began his officiating career in 1958, working high school games and then collegiate contests. He officiated in over 200 college football games, including seven bowls, during his career.

Faircloth became the ACC's supervisor of football officials in 1983, took on additional duties as assistant commissioner in 1984, and then served with the conference until 1998.

DR. WILLIAM FRIDAY

CHAPEL HILL—One of the great supporters of high school athletics in the state, Dr. William Friday, in mid-October at the age of 92. He was inducted into the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in the class of 2002.

Friday was president emeritus of the University of North Carolina, having served 30 years as president of the university from 1956 to 1986.

Friday's leadership and stands for integrity and principle are known throughout the country. A former high school athlete himself at old Dallas High, Friday graduated from N.C. State in 1941 and then from law school at Carolina.

Throughout his career, he was a great proponent of the NCHSAA, from helping provide university property for the Association's current headquarters to keeping the concerns of high school athletics at the forefront during his work as co-chairman of the Knight Foundation National Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics.

Friday stepped down from the Knight Commission in 2005, and he was presented with the Gerald R. Ford Award for his leadership and advocacy by the NCAA.

A middle school in his hometown of Dallas is named in his honor, as are the William and Ida Friday Institute for Educational Innovation at N.C. State and the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education at UNC-Chapel Hill. He was born in Virginia, grew up in Gaston County and earned his undergraduate degree from North Carolina State. He earned his law degree from UNC.

He had been awarded numerous honorary degrees during his career and has been previously recognized by the NCHSAA on several occasions. He was also well known as the long-time host of the popular television show *North Carolina People* on UNC public television, having started in that role in 1971.

JERRY GOODMAN

ROCKINGHAM—Former Richmond Senior High School athletic director Jerry Goodman died in early November at his home at the age of 73.

He was a 1957 graduate of Rockingham High School, where he lettered in four sports and went on to play baseball at Wake Forest.

Goodman began his teaching and coaching career at Rockingham High School in 1962 and then moved to Richmond in '72 to teach and coach basketball and cross country. He served as Hamlet Junior High as an assistant principal and then went back to Richmond as assistant principal and athletic director before his retirement in 2003.

TAVARIUS HALL

LAURINBURG—Tavarius Hall, a student at Scotland High School, died during an off-season wrestling workout in late September.

The 17-year-old junior went into cardiac arrest during a workout, according to Scotland County emergency officials.

Scotland County schools' public information officer Andy Cagle said Hall started experiencing distress at the practice and the school's athletic trainer was called in.

Hall was taken to Scotland Memorial Hospital where he later died.

This was Hall's first year at Scotland High School, as he spent the last two years at St. Paul's High School in Robeson County.

JOSHUA POWELL

CERRO GORDO—Joshua Powell, a student at West Columbus High School, died in an accident in late September.

Powell, 16, was a junior at West Columbus and an offensive guard for the varsity football team. He was a talented musician and a member of Hinson's Crossroads Baptist Church.

National Athletic Directors Conference Set In Texas

SAN ANTONIO—The 2012 National Athletic Directors Conference—cosponsored by the National Federation of State High School Associations and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association—will be held in December.

The conference is scheduled for December

14-18 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas.

This year's conference will feature many relevant state association breakout sessions as well as networking opportunities for interscholastic athletic directors and a number of outstanding speakers.

North Carolina's athletic directors who are members of the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association have always had a sizable contingent at the event and a number of athletic directors from our state have been involved as speakers. ★

NCHSAA Fall 2012 Coach-Captain Retreat Attracts Students From 13 Schools To Weekend Event At Radisson RTP

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association held its fall 2012 Coach-Captain Retreat in mid-October, the 33rd in the history of this program.

The event, part of the Association's Student Services program, was held at the Radisson RTP and attracted students from all over North Carolina.

Retreat teams include student-athletes who will be captains or leaders of their athletic squads in the coming year, a coach from the school and a parent representative. The retreats are designed to promote the concept of "teamwork." Issues such as leadership development, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, violence prevention strategies and academic success are addressed at these retreats, the first of which was held in the spring of '95.

The retreats are designed to help student-athletes define leadership qualities, identify key issues that affect them, learn to communicate effectively with other students and adults about these issues, and then to understand what captains can do to use their influence to prevent problems and promote healthy lifestyles.

"The Coach-Captain Retreat is just one example of the tremendous programs offered through the NCHSAA for our member schools," said Davis Whitfield, commissioner of the NCHSAA.

"Our staff and the facilitators do a great job of developing the content for the retreats and coordinating the activities, so this program will reach schools and student-athletes all over the state."

Facilitators included the following NCHSAA Student Services Trainers: Mike Brown, retired athletic director from the New Hanover County schools and president of B&M Associates; P.J. Taylor, retired teacher/coach at Williamston High and former safe and drug free schools coordinator for the Martin County Schools who is also an NCHSAA volleyball official; Susan Cox, retired from the Perquimans County schools; Faye Corbin, teacher and coach at Hope Mills South View High School; Larry Ratliff, teacher and coach at Southern Guilford High School; Teresa Coleman, teacher at Bladenboro Middle School and Central SASI director; and Mike Greene, teacher and coach at North Wilkes High School.

Coach-Captain retreats are organized and administered by NCHSAA assistant commissioner Mark Dreibelbis and assistant director Chiquana Dancy.

"Student Services is the 'value-added' division of the NCHSAA," said Dreibelbis. "The Coach/Captain Retreat emphasizes the responsibility of student-athletes to take their leadership skills and implement programs promoting positive life

skills and total development through athletics to both their school and community. Having the opportunity to develop these initiatives and assist in their implementation is what Student Services is all about. Our programs make a difference and create winners for life."

Teams always conclude their retreat experience by developing an action plan, to be taken back and executed in their local school. Among the components of the action plan could be bulletin boards in the school, public service announcements for the school intercom, a community service project, a special newsletter for student-athletes or other school/community ideas generated by the team itself.

In addition to the staff, there were 81 participants in the retreat, with a total of 60 student-athletes and 21 adults attending. The adult total included 14 coaches or administrators and seven parents of athletes.

Teams at the retreat represented the following 13 schools:

Alexander Central, David Butler, Concord, Eastern Guilford, Lexington, McDowell, Millbrook, North Wilkes, Northside (Beaufort County), Panther Creek, River Mill Academy, South View, and Woods Charter. ★

NCHSAA Assistant Commissioner Appointed To Prestigious Post



MARK DREIBELBIS

INDIANAPOLIS—A member of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association staff has been appointed to an important National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) committee.

Assistant commissioner Mark Dreibelbis of the NCHSAA, supervisor of officials and director of the Association's student services program, has been appointed to the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee. The committee develops the playing rules for high school basketball which are used nationally.

As the supervisor of officials for the NCHSAA, Dreibelbis is in charge of NFHS rules interpretations and the training/supervision of all officials in the NCHSAA program. He also oversees the assigning of booking agents for all sports and directs the assigning of officials for all playoff and state championships.

Mark also currently serves on the NFHS Football Rules Committee, the NFHS/NCAA Football Advisory Committee, and he is chairperson of the NFHS Football Equipment sub-committee.

A native of Charlotte, he joined the NCHSAA in 2005 after an outstanding career at Appalachian State University in collegiate athletic administration. ★



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

NCHSAA and MaxPreps.com Sign Multi-Year Agreement

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association and MaxPreps.com, the online high school sports leader and a CBSSports.com site, have signed a partnership agreement for the next three years.

The selection of MaxPreps.com as the Association's "Official Statistician and Digital Media Partner" will give NCHSAA member schools a single location to report all Box Score information.

MaxPreps.com provides schools with a publishing platform which allows schools to keep their statistics in real time along with mobile extensions and easy-to-use stat keeping interfaces for each sport. The NCHSAA will use the data collected from the MaxPreps.com platform to help to manage their regular season standings, post-season qualifiers, state record book, NCHSAA stat leaderboards, media publications, and much more. Schools will need to update

their Box Score information on MaxPreps.com after each contest in order to efficiently manage these initiatives.

NCHSAA Commissioner Davis Whitfield announced, "The North Carolina High School Athletic Association is pleased to renew its partnership with MaxPreps and expand our existing relationship. We anticipate that the utilization of the various MaxPreps technologies will streamline our reporting and playoff qualification processes and enhance the efficiency across many of our Association initiatives."

MaxPreps.com, the nation's most visited site for high school sports information and results, has been on the prep sports scene since 2002 and successfully partnered with other state athletic associations.

"MaxPreps.com is honored to partner with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association and looks forward to deepening our

strong relationship. Our platform will allow the NCHSAA to launch multiple initiatives around the content we will provide, while streamlining the playoff qualification process. We firmly believe North Carolina high school sports will be very well served" said Andy Beal, MaxPreps.com Founder and President. "We look forward to continuing our official relationship with the NCHSAA and stand ready to serve its member schools."

Founded in August 2002, MaxPreps.com is headquartered in Cameron Park, California and is a unit of CBS Interactive. For more information about MaxPreps.com and for the latest high school sports news, scores, and expert analysis, please visit maxpreps.com.

The mission of the NCHSAA is to provide governance and leadership for interscholastic athletic programs that support and enrich the educational experience of students. ★

127 NCHSAA Schools Are Ejection Free For 2011-12 Year

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association announced today that 127 member schools in the NCHSAA were ejection free in their athletic contests during the 2011-12 school year.

The schools were recognized at the Association's recently completed regional meetings held across the state. The 127 schools represent 32.6 percent of the NCHSAA's member schools, based on the 390 member schools last year.

Two schools, including Jones Senior and Gray Stone Day in Misenheimer, completed their fifth consecutive year without an ejection in any sports.

The guidelines record ejections for unsportsmanlike acts such as fighting, taunting, profanity, obscene gestures or disrespectfully addressing or contacting officials.

The 2006-07 academic year was the best since the NCHSAA starting tracking ejections in 1997, with 202 schools earning ejection free status, which represented 54.8 percent of the member schools in that year. There were 113 ejection free schools in 2010-11, or 29 percent of the membership.

"We are proud that 127 schools were ejection free last year," said NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield, "but we have to continue to make sportsmanship a priority and not lose focus until all member schools are also ejection free."

All schools with no ejections for the year received a certificate of recognition at the recently completed NCHSAA regional meetings across the state. North Carolina Farm Bureau sponsors this as part of its initiative with the NCHSAA.

2011-2012 Ejection-Free Award Recipients

Region 1 Cape Hatteras Mattamuskeet Northeastern Northside (Beaufort) Ocracoke Perquimans South Creek Southside Washington	Region 3 Cardinal Gibbons Corinth-Holders Durham School of the Arts Eastern NC School for the Deaf Fike Franklin Academy Franklinton Hunt Kestrel Heights Leesville Road Louisburg North Johnston Princeton Raleigh Charter Rocky Mount Rocky Mount Preparatory Roxboro Community Southeast Halifax Southern Durham Southern Nash Southwest Edgecombe	Voyager Academy Warren County Region 4 East Bladen Lee County North Moore Pine Forest Scotland South Robeson Triton West Bladen West Montgomery Western Harnett	Graham Jordan-Matthews North Stokes Northern Guilford Providence Grove River Mill Academy Smith, Ben L. South Davidson West Forsyth Western Alamance Wheatmore Winston-Salem Preparatory	Gray Stone Day* Harding University Hickory Ridge Hopewell Hough Kings Mountain Lincoln Charter North Stanly Olympic Porter Ridge Providence Salisbury South Stanly Sun Valley Weddington West Charlotte West Lincoln	Statesville Watauga West Iredell Region 8 Andrews East Henderson East Rutherford Hayesville Hendersonville Hiwassee Dam McDowell Mitchell Mountain Heritage Nantahala North Henderson Owen, Charles D. Polk County A.C. Reynolds Robbinsville Smoky Mountain
Region 2 Ashley Croatan Heide Trask Hobbs Jones* Lakewood Midway North Brunswick North Duplin North Lenoir Rosewood South Lenoir White Oak		Region 5 Andrews, T.W. Asheboro Atkins Bishop McGuinness Central Davidson Chatham Central Cummings East Forsyth Glenn, Robert B.	Region 6 Anson Senior Ashbrook Berry Academy, Phillip O. Brown, A.L. Butler Charlotte Catholic Cherryville Cuthbertson East Mecklenburg	Region 7 Bandys Challenger Early College Mount Airy NC School for the Deaf North Surry Pine Lake Preparatory	*5th Consecutive Ejection-free Year Recipient

NCHSAA Presents Awards At Regional Meetings

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association presented special awards at its just completed eight regional meetings across the state.

Commissioner Davis Whitfield of the NCHSAA, on behalf of the Association, presented both the Charlie Adams Distinguished Service Awards and the Special Person awards to recipients in each region.

The Charlie Adams Distinguished Service Awards are given per region and go to a person with at least 10 years experience in education and athletics who is still active in the field and has regularly gone “above and beyond” the call of duty at both the local and the state level. The Special Person award is similar but may go to a contributor to the NCHSAA who is not directly in coaching or education.

The award winners include:

REGION 1

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: Joe Tkach, Beaufort County Schools—Joe Tkach is in the central office of the Beaufort County Schools, working with both athletics and driver education. He also serves as one of the state booking agents in wrestling, providing service to the membership by heading up the Eastern Wrestling Officials Association for the NCHSAA. He has been a coach, athletic director and even recently served in an interim principal capacity.

Special Person: Herman Little, Northeastern (retired)—a veteran coach, teacher and administrator Herman Little recently announced his retirement at Northeastern High School. Little had been athletic director at Northeastern for the past eight years and had 37 years in education, including a stint at Northeastern since 1988. In addition to his teaching there, he helped coach track and football and also served as wrestling coach. He was also serving a term on the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors that was scheduled to run through June of 2013.

Special Person: Suzanne Heath—a resident of Chocowinity, Suzanne is a long time high school, NCAA and USA swimming official. She has been one of our state clinicians for swimming for many years and serves as the head referee at both the 1A/2A and 3A state championships and assists at the 4A meet. She has worked several 3A regional events and also continues to train and work with officials in eastern North Carolina and helping line up officials for schools for regular season meets. Suzanne also reviews and revises the referee's exam each year.

REGION 2

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: Greg Grantham, White Oak—Greg has served for a

number of years as the athletic director at White Oak High School and spent many seasons coaching basketball there, starting his service to the school in 1993. He has been involved with the NCHSAA in a number of ways, most recently serving with the North Carolina Basketball Coaches Association, which has helped the Association put together a plan to seed the state basketball playoffs. He is a graduate of Southern Wayne High School and Coker College, and has previously taught and coached at Rosewood and SouthWest Edgecombe.

Special Person: Debbie Philyaw, Jones—Philyaw has coached women's basketball for 26 years and has also served Jones Senior as athletic director. She has also coached volleyball, and softball. She won the prestigious Toby Webb Award from the NCHSAA in 2010. She has been very involved in the NCHSAA's student services program, participating in the Student Athlete Summer Institute (SASI) for close to 20 years. In addition to teaching at Jones Senior, Debbie also volunteers as a firefighter and EMT attendant in the town of Comfort and at athletic events. She is a member of the Jones County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, ensuring proper procedures are followed and personnel receive appropriate training.

REGION 3

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: Larry McDonald, Durham Public Schools—McDonald is the Director of Athletics/Health/Driver Education for Durham Public Schools. He served as principal of Southern Durham High School from 2001-2004. Prior to that, he was principal of Northwood in Chatham for two years, and associate principal at Orange in Hillsborough. Larry was a teacher and coach at the high school level for a number of years in the Cumberland County and Wake County school systems during the 1980s and 1990s, and served several years teaching and coaching in college. He did an outstanding job serving a full four-year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the NCHSAAA.

Special Person: Carolyn Reitz, retired—Reitz taught and coached at Sanderson High School for many years but one of the major accomplishments she has had in terms of the NCHSAA has been her involvement with golf. She has been both a regional and state championship director for both women's and men's golf, serving an important role to make sure that student-athletes and coaches have that appropriate championship experience.

REGION 4

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: George Norris, Richmond County—Norris is the superintendent of the Richmond County school system and had the challenging task of providing leadership

as the chairperson of the Realignment Committee, which completed its work last May. A graduate of Methodist College with his doctorate from Campbell. George began his career in education teaching at E.E. Smith High and later was assistant principal there. He served as principal at Hobbton and has also filled the role as superintendent in Hertford County and Nash-Rocky Mount and Richmond in addition to a system in Tennessee.

Special Person: Teresa Coleman—Coleman has done a tremendous job working with the NCHSAA Student Services Program. She has been teaching in Bladen County for over 20 years, including stints at Bladenboro and West Bladen High Schools. She is a graduate of Campbell University and has earned her national board teaching certification in physical education. She is a trainer for the Student Services program and has extensive experience with both the Coach-Captain Retreats as well as working directly with the Central Student Athletic Summer Institute, or SASI.

REGION 5

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: Leigh Hebbard, Guilford County Schools—Hebbard, in the central office of the Guilford County schools, attended Roanoke High and then graduated from East Carolina in 1986 with a degree in health and physical education.

He began his career in education in 1987 as a teacher and athletic trainer at High Point Andrews and moved to a similar role at Eastern Guilford in 1993. The following year he was selected as athletic director at Eastern Guilford and remained in that position until filling an assistant principal vacancy at Eastern Guilford in January of 2006 and is now director of activities, athletics and drivers' education for Guilford County. He has also served as director for the NCHSAA Individual State Wrestling Tournament for a number of years.

Special Person: Bob Owens, Elon University—Owens has been a tremendous asset to the NCHSAA in many ways, primarily as serving as the state director for the 3-A state tennis championships. A graduate of Guilford College, where he was a two-time all-American in football, Bob is in his 11th season as the assistant coach of the Elon University men's and women's tennis programs after serving for many years as the tennis coach at Northeast Guilford. He was a six-time conference coach of the year.

REGION 6

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: Ken Konstanty, Olympic—Ken Konstanty is the athletic director at Olympic and also teaches civics and economics in the School of Biotechnology at Olympic. Besides his athletic director duties, Ken has served as a conference president and has also

helped to host regional wrestling championships for the NCHSAA.

Special Person; Greg Hinson, Mount Pleasant High School—Hinson is the wrestling coach at Mount Pleasant High School and guided his wrestling team to the team championship in the 2007 state wrestling championships held at Lawrence Joel Coliseum. He has done tremendous work, though, in another sport, and that is in track and field, doing a terrific job as the public address announcer for the state championships in that sport.

REGION 8 AWARD PRESENTED IN REGION 6

Mike Kernodle, R-S Central High School—Kernodle received a Special Person Award in this region since his school regularly attends this particular regional meeting annually, although the school is actually located in Region 8. He is the swimming coach at R-S Central and for many years has done a wonderful job serving as the meet director of the NCHSAA 3-A Western Regional swimming and diving championships. He also has served as chair of the NCHSAA Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee, which has recommended a number of positive changes in the

regulations of the sport that have been approved by the NCHSAA Board of Directors.

REGION 7

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service; Chris Skabo, West Wilkes—Skabo is the athletic director at West Wilkes High School and recently completed a four-year term on the NCHSAA Board of Directors. He did an outstanding job helping the Board deal with some major issues, speaking on behalf of the entire state but representing Region 7. He served as the chairperson of the Review and Officiating committee while on the Board.

Special Person: Sandra Torrence—Torrence was a long time athletic director at South Iredell High School, but she did not end her service to schools when she retired from that position. She continues to do double duty by serving as a conference president for two different conferences, both the North Piedmont and the South Piedmont, and taking care of the variety of tasks that are required for the conference president, with everything from Wells Fargo points to play-off qualifiers in a variety of sports.

REGION 8

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: Rex Wells, Asheville—Wells is the veteran athletic director at Asheville High School and has been involved with the NCHSAA in a number of capacities. He has served as a conference president and has also been active in the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association, serving on the Board of Directors. Rex has also been recognized by the NIAAA with a State Award of Merit.

Special Person: Jennifer Brooks, McDowell—Brooks is the women's basketball coach at McDowell, which is known as a perennial power in the sport. Jennifer actually was a star player at McDowell when her teams got to the state championship game twice, and then went on to become the leading scorer in Montreat College women's basketball history and is a member of the Montreat Hall of Fame. She has been a leader in terms of involvement with the NCHSAA Student Services program, including bringing her teams to Coach-Captain retreats and with both SASI and Dream Teams at her school. ★

NCHSAA Regional Meetings Held

CHAPEL HILL—For the 41st consecutive year, the North Carolina High School Athletic Association held its regional meetings across the state.

For a two-week span, NCHSAA staff takes to the road to hold meetings in each of the eight NCHSAA regions. This year's schedule called for meetings to be held in the Western regions during the first week and the meetings in the East the following week.

NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield and deputy commissioner Que Tucker made the full tour, with other staff members joining them at specific locations.

A member of the NCHSAA Board of Directors from that specific region served as chairperson for the meeting.

The meetings included updates on NCHSAA sports regulations, eligibility rules, emerging issues, question and answer sessions, presentation of awards and other items.

Principals and athletic directors of NCHSAA member schools, along with superintendents or other central office personnel who work with athletics, are among the administrators invited to attend the meetings.

The representatives of the North Carolina Coaches Association and the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association from the particular region also presented reports, and awards are given in different categories in each region. A member of the NCHSAA's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) also made a presentation.

The regional meeting swing started in Charlotte on Monday, September 17 and then went to Asheville, Wilkesboro and Greensboro. During the second week, the meetings started in Fayetteville on Monday and then went to Kenansville, Greenville and Raleigh. ★

Web Portal Outlines 100th Anniversary Possibilities

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association is gearing up to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the organization, and there are lots of opportunities to participate.

The NCHSAA has added a portal on its web site that directs visitors lots of information, including a schedule of events, for activities that will highlight the 100th anniversary, starting with the kickoff event and an open house on January 12, 2013.

There will several opportunities for individuals to participate. For instance, as part of the celebration, we want to hear from people in terms of "what is your most memorable experience related to high school athletics? What impact has participation in interscholastic athletics made on your life?" You can do that at My Story on the 100th site.

Resources primarily for member schools will also be made available on the site. Currently there are special 100th anniversary public address announcements found under 100th Resources as well as the special anniversary logo.

Visitors to the NCHSAA website are encouraged to click on the "Our 100th Anniversary" link to keep up with the latest news about the celebration and its various activities. ★

CHECK 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.



Ongoing Community Service Shines With Soccer At C.D. Owen

BLACK MOUNTAIN—Charles D. Owen High School and head men's soccer coach Tate McQueen have embarked upon a fascinating partnership with a big community service component.

Coach McQueen and Terry Hughes at Asheville Christian Academy worked together

to create the annual Sourwood Community Shield, to promote healthy competition built around a service component for both our teams to share in by advocating for the Buncombe County Special Olympics Soccer Program.

Owen and ACA played for the Sourwood Bowl in October, a dramatic game that Owen won 2-1 in overtime. The Sourwood Bowl is, in fact, literally a shallow bowl made by local artisan Dave Ogren. The bowl went to Owen to the winning team and with it comes the responsibility of using the Bowl in the Spirit of Soccer, to pass around at every home match to raise much needed funding for Buncombe County Special Olympics Soccer.

In fact, the first time the Bowl was used in that regard was at an Owen junior varsity football game where more than \$300 was raised for Special Olympics.

At the conclusion of the season the donations were presented to the Buncombe County Special Olympics. As coach McQueen said, "The really uplifting element to this is that it goes further than raising money alone; we will raise awareness and develop relationships, too."

The coaching staffs and players from both Asheville Christian Academy and Charles D. Owen came together to host a soccer clinic with the Special Olympics soccer participants to teach skills and techniques.

The clinic culminated with the Special Olympic players playing games on the Warhorse Stadium field, allowing these players to experience what many high school athletes might come to take for granted—to play the game under the lights in a stadium setting.

On Owen's Senior Night, the Owen players were escorted out to the field for player introductions with each of our players paired with a player from

the Special Olympics. At halftime the Special Olympians had an opportunity to play in front of the high school fans.

McQueen notes, "Unlike many charitable projects that are single events, this has the ability to take on a life of its own through inspiring other schools across the state to establish similar relationships with cross town / cross section rivals. This endeavor can be customized and individualized in terms of the type of "trophy" that is played for and used in collecting season long donations. Another example of how this can expand is that Charles D. Owen and Asheville Christian Academy will play in the following seasons a home and away series using aggregate scoring like in European competitions to determine the Bowl winner.

"Additionally, we will host a season opening Friday / Saturday double header with Owen playing Asheville Christian Academy in one game and having another two schools play Friday night. The next day Owen and Asheville Christian Academy will each face one of the other two schools. We are going to reach out to a private school like Carolina Day School and another public school like Hendersonville High School. Hopefully, each participating school will help spread the seeds of service to their area and this can catch on across the state throughout high school soccer to support the Special Olympics.

"The opportunities are endless and the impact is immeasurable; it simply comes down to effort and celebrating our role as coaches being educators in life."

"We are hopeful that this simple gesture of service and the introduction of an ongoing long-term service component between two competitors will be adopted throughout the state," said McQueen. "We hope that Special Olympics and their Project Unity Program will see new relationships created across all of North Carolina. While we compete against each other on the field of play, we join forces off the field to give back to our community, instill powerful values like empathy, compassion and leadership with our student athletes. While Owen won the actual Sourwood Challenge game, it was secondary to the greater victory of coming together to connect with our community through the Spirit of Soccer."

For more information feel free to contact Coach Tate MacQueen at Charles D. Owen High School at (828) 319-9052 ★



Here is the actual award presented to the winner of the Sourwood Challenge



**Inaugural Challenge Match
Sourwood Community Shield
Charles D. Owen vs Asheville Christian Academy
October 4, 2012**

Photos courtesy Charles D. Owen High School



WOMEN'S TENNIS

Lake Norman Charter's Archer Takes NCHSAA 1-A Singles Title

CARY—Hannah Archer of Lake Norman Charter upended Mount Airy's Jordan Jackson for the singles crown in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A women's tennis championships at the Cary Tennis Center.

Archer defeated defending state champ Jackson in impressive fashion by 6-0, 6-4 to improve her singles mark on the season to 17-3. She won three of her six sets at love in the state tournament and dropped only seven games in six sets.

It was the second straight weekend Archer had topped her Mount Airy rival, as Archer won last weekend in the regional final.

The Misenheimer Gray Stone Day team of Libby Fowler and Brooke Herlocker played brilliantly en route to winning the state doubles championship, rolling past Davi Barbour and Haley Thomas of Mount Airy by 6-1, 6-0.

NCHSAA 1-A WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cary Tennis Center, Cary

Singles—Championship

Hannah Archer (Lake Norman Charter) def. Jordan Jackson (Mount Airy) 6-0, 6-4.

Doubles—Championship

Libby Fowler-Brooke Herlocker (Misenheimer Gray Stone Day) def. Davi Barbour-Haley Thomas (Mount Airy) 6-1, 6-0.

Shelby's Bridges Wins 2-A Singles Title; Brevard Pair Takes Doubles Championship

CARY—Shelby's Nancy Bridges captured the singles championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A women's tennis tournament at the Cary Tennis Center.

Bridges rolled past Hunter Hall of Brevard in straight sets by 6-1, 6-2 to take the title. The Shelby standout had defeated defending state champion Kalli Karas of Cuthbertson in Friday's semifinals.

Hall was very impressive on Friday in winning her three matches, taking five of her six sets at love.

In doubles, the Brevard team of Emma McLeod and Taylor Snowdon outlasted Katelyn Storey and Anna Flynn of Salisbury in a tough three-set match, winning 6-4, 3-6, 6-1. The Brevard pair had beaten another Salisbury duo, Sallie Kate Meyerhoeffer and Alexandra Drye, in a three-setter on Friday in the semifinals.

The decision had been made on Friday to play three rounds with the threat of inclement weather on Saturday, so only the championship matches were played on the tournament's final day.

NCHSAA 2-A WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cary Tennis Center, Cary

Singles—Championship

Nancy Bridges (Shelby) def. Hunter Hall (Brevard) 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles—Championship

Emma McLeod-Taylor Snowdon (Brevard) def. Katelyn Storey-Anna Flynn (Salisbury) 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

DeMoss Wins 3-A Singles Championship; Weddington Team Earns Doubles Crown

BURLINGTON—Masey DeMoss of Mayodan Dalton McMichael won a pair of matches to take the singles championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A women's tennis tournament at the Burlington Tennis Center.

DeMoss won the state title with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over freshman Sarah Jiang of Cox Mill in the championship match. She had advanced to the finals with a morning semifinal win in three sets over last year's state runner-up, Alix Theodossiou of Asheville.

DeMoss finished second in the state tournament in 2010 to Asheville's MacKenzie LaSure.

The Weddington team of Emma Yates and Heidi Swope battled back to win the state doubles championship, defeating the Charlotte Catholic team of Grace Deering and Rachel Tomchin. Yates and Swope burst to a 4-1 lead in the first set but the Catholic team battled back to take it 6-4. Then the Weddington duo put it together in impressive fashion by winning 6-1, 6-3 to clinch the crown.

Yates and Swope beat another Charlotte Catholic team, Caroline Smith and Christine Kessel, in the morning semifinals.

NCHSAA 3-A WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Burlington Tennis Center, Burlington

Singles—Semifinals

Sarah Jiang (Concord Cox Mill) def. Ashton Walker (Pikeville Charles B. Aycock) 6-2, 6-1; Masey DeMoss (Mayodan McMichael) def. Alix Theodossiou (Asheville) 6-1, 0-6, 6-2.

Singles—Championship

DeMoss (McMichael) def. Jiang (Cox Mill) 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles—Semifinals

Grace Deering-Rachel Tomchin (Charlotte Catholic) def. Randi Price-Kaley Price (Nash Central) 6-0, 6-1; Emma Yates-Heidi Swope (Weddington) def. Caroline Smith-Christine Kessel (Charlotte Catholic) 6-3, 6-0.

Doubles—Championship

Yates-Swope (Weddington) def. Deering-Tomchin (Charlotte Catholic) 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

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.

Broughton's Kane Is 4-A Singles Champion; Panther Creek Pair Earns Doubles Championship

RALEIGH—Raleigh Broughton's Maggie Kane overcame Chloe Willetts of Winston-Salem R.J. Reynolds to win the singles championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A women's tennis tournament at the indoor courts at North Carolina State University.

The matches were moved indoors from the Millbrook Exchange Park due to the threat of inclement weather.

Willetts, who was seeking her second individual title after winning the 2009 crown as a freshman, fell to Kane by 7-5, 6-0. Kane teamed with her sister Katie to win the doubles crown in 2010 and then the Broughton pair finished second in doubles last year.

Last year's singles finalists, champion Hannah Templeton of Greensboro Page and runner-up McKayla Zupan of Wilmington Hoggard, won their opening round matches on Friday but each lost in the quarterfinals. The decision had been made on Friday to play three rounds with the threat of inclement weather on Saturday, so only the championship matches were played on the tournament's final day.

The all-Wake County state doubles championship went to the Cary Panther Creek team of Sammi Smith and Jordan Strickland. Smith and Strickland had a fairly easy time in the finals with a convincing 6-0, 6-2 triumph over Adrienne Overcash and Kara Summerford of Broughton, 6-0, 6-2.

NCHSAA 4-A WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS Millbrook Exchange Park, Raleigh

Singles—Championship

Maggie Kane (Raleigh Broughton) def. Chloe Willetts (Winston-Salem R. J. Reynolds) 7-5, 6-0.

Doubles—Championship

Sammi Smith-Jordan Strickland (Cary Panther Creek) def. Adrienne Overcash-Kara Summerford (Raleigh Broughton) 6-0, 6-2.



WOMEN'S DUAL TEAM TENNIS

Salisbury, Charlotte Catholic Broughton, Mount Airy Win In Dual Team Tennis

BURLINGTON—Salisbury earned its fifth consecutive state championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state women's dual team tennis championships at the Burlington Tennis Center.

The Hornets rolled past Greene Central by a 5-0 score in the 2-A final, winning all the completed matches in straight sets and taking five of those sets at love.

Salisbury was in the finals for the 12th time and captured its ninth NCHSAA state dual team title, finishing the season with a 21-2 mark. Greene Central was in the finals for the 11th time with a pair of previous state championships and wound up 21-3 overall.

The 3-A final was the closest of the day, with unbeaten Nash Central and Charlotte Catholic splitting 3-3 in singles action and two of the matches going to the third-set tiebreaker.

But Catholic won the second and third doubles contests to take a 5-3 victory, improving its final season record to 20-6. The Cougars have now nine NCHSAA championships in 10 trips to the dual team finals.

Nash Central lost for the first time this season after 19 consecutive wins.

Raleigh Broughton completed a perfect 24-0 season as the Caps won the state 4-A title. Broughton rolled past previously unbeaten Greensboro Grimsley by a 5-1 count, winning four of the six singles matches in straight sets. The Caps were led by number-one singles player Maggie Kane, who won the 4-A singles championship in the individual tournament last weekend.

Broughton was in the women's dual team finals for a record 15th time and won a record 11th championship. Grimsley (20-1), whose lone winner was Alex Silver in the number-two singles, was the defending champion.

In the 1-A final, Mount Airy rolled past Durham's North Carolina School of Science and Math 5-0, winning all five of the singles matches which were completed in straight sets and only losing six games total in those five.

Jordan Jackson, Mount Airy's number-one player in singles, was the state runner-up in the individual tournament last week.

Mount Airy ended the season at 22-2 overall while NCSSM finished 15-4.



WOMEN'S GOLF

Athens Drive's Bae Wins In Playoff; Ardrey Kell Captures Team Crown

PINEHURST—Sarah Bae of Raleigh Athens Drive won a playoff to take the individual championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A women's golf championships at Pinehurst number six.

Bae and Ashley Osiecki of New Bern finished 36 holes knotted at 152, three shots ahead of the field and 10 over par in difficult playing conditions. Osiecki had a 73 and Bae a 74 in the final round. The two golfers played the 18th hole even and then Bae won it with a birdie on the second playoff hole when they played the 18th again.

Meghan Symonds of Cary Green Hope and Hannah Craver of Pfafftown Reagan finished deadlocked for third at 155, three shots back. Then three golfers wound up in a tie for fifth at 157, including Shelby Osiecki of New Bern, Allyson Markiewicz of Charlotte Ardrey Kell and Gabby Weiss of Southern Pines Pinecrest.

Defending individual champion Victoria Allred of Pfafftown Reagan finished tied for 10th.

Ardrey Kell pulled away in the tight team standings to finish with a 490 total, 11 shots ahead of Pinecrest at 501. Green Hope was third at 504 and Reagan fourth at 508.

The best three scores of a team counted toward the team totals, and a total of 12 teams and 78 golfers competed in the event, the 10th year that the sport has been classified. It was the second time that three separate championships have been held and the 32nd year for state championship competition in the sport.

UPDATING SCHOOL INFORMATION—

Schools are urged to keep this information current throughout the year to make sure email notices go to the appropriate personnel, so if you have changes, please make sure you make the appropriate adjustments in your school information on line with the NCHSAA.

Salisbury Rolls To Huge Win In 1-A/2-A Women's Golf, Rusher Takes Second Consecutive Title

FOXFIRE VILLAGE—Defending champion Isabella Rusher of Salisbury fired the only par round of the entire tournament on the final day to pull away and win the individual crown in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's state 1-A/2-A women's golf championships at the West Course at the Foxfire Resort and Golf Club in Foxfire Village.

Rusher won the championship for the second consecutive year but did so much more easily this time. She won the title by a single shot a year ago, but her even par 71 on the second day gave her a 146 total, four over par for the tournament, under cold and blustery conditions. The course was set at par 71 and a 5,765-yard layout for the championship.

North Surry's Kasey Tolbert had two rounds of 79 for a 158 total, good for second place eight shots back. Rusher's teammate Grace Yatawara was third at 161, 15 shots out of first.

Defending champion Salisbury, which rolled to the 1-A/2-A team championship a year ago by a whopping 33 shots, really blew the field away this time, winning by an incredible 60 strokes. The Hornets recorded a team score of 244 on Tuesday for a 490 total, with Hendersonville in second at 550. Newport Croatan tied with North Surry for third at 560.

The best three scores of a team counted toward the team totals, and a total of 13 teams and 78 golfers competed in the event, the tenth year that the sport has been classified. It was the second year that three separate championships have been held and the 32nd year for state championship competition in the sport.

Aycock's Simmons Wins Second Straight 3-A Title; Ledford Captures Team Crown Again

SOUTHERN PINES—Tara Simmons of Pikeville Charles B. Aycock won her second consecutive individual state title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's state 3-A women's golf championships at the Longleaf Golf and Country Club.

Simmons was one shot back entering the final day of play, but her consistent 77-77—154 under difficult playing conditions gave her the title by four shots. Chandler Danielson of West Henderson was second with a 158 total, and first-day leader Ashley Sloup of South Brunswick had an 83 in the final round for 159.

The championship layout was a par 71 and 5,770 yards.

Ledford, the defending 3-A team champion, made it two in a row with a 251 team total on Tuesday for a 506, 12 shots ahead of the field. Ledford had opened a nine-shot lead after the first day. West Henderson was second with a 518 total and then Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons was well back in third at 539.

The best three scores of a team counted toward the team totals, and a total of 12 teams and 78 golfers are competing in the event, the 10th year that the sport has been classified. It was the second time that three separate championships have been held and the 32nd year for state championship competition in the sport.

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VOLLEYBALL

Hendersonville Sweeps Raleigh Charter In 1-A Volleyball Final

RALEIGH—Senior outside hitter Hailey Cook led Hendersonville to a three-set sweep over Raleigh Charter for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A volleyball championship at Reynolds Coliseum on the N.C. State campus.

Cook, whose size at 6-2 was hard for Raleigh Charter to handle, was named the championship match Most Valuable Player as the Bearcats rolled to the title, 25-20, 25-22 and 25-20.

Cook slammed home 14 kills for the Bearcats, while Victoria Shandevell and Blaire Hawkins each had eight digs for the winners. Clara Leonard led Raleigh Charter with nine kills and 13 digs.

Hendersonville won its 10th state volleyball championship in 12 appearances in the final, both of which are the top marks for any NCHSAA school. The Bearcats won their last title on the end of a three-year championship reign in 2007.

Hendersonville ended the year with a 21-6 mark, winning its last 13 in a row, while Raleigh Charter, in the championship match for the first time, ended 22-6.

The Bearcats are coached by Brooke Stanley, in her first year at Hendersonville and the daughter of NCHSAA Hall of Fame member Jan Stanley.

North Surry Outlasts South Granville In Dramatic 2-A Match

RALEIGH—Junior middle hitter Malaya Johnson was named the Most Valuable Player as she helped lead North Surry to a dramatic five-set victory over South Granville for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A volleyball championship at Reynolds Coliseum on the N.C. State campus.

North Surry seemed to be in command, taking the first two sets 25-19 and 26-24, before South Granville stormed back to even the match with 25-19 and 25-16 victories. But the Greyhounds prevailed in the decisive set, finally winning 19-17.

Johnson had 12 kills and 12 blocks for the winners while Kristina Rumplach added 11 kills. The Greyhound Abby Golding was credited with 21 digs.

Senior outside hitter Mary Catherine Preddy led South Granville with 18 kills and Logan Bradshaw added 10.

North Surry finished the year at 33-2 and was in the championship match for the third time. The Greyhounds had beaten Hillsborough Cedar Ridge for the 2009 2-A title and were the state runners-up back in 1988. South Granville, in its first volleyball championship, wound up 22-6.

Cardinal Gibbons Sweeps Carson In 3-A Volleyball

RALEIGH—Middle blocker Haleigh Nelson was a force as Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons won its fourth consecutive North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A volleyball championship at Reynolds Coliseum on the N.C. State campus.

Gibbons swept China Grove Jesse Carson in three straight by 26-24, 25-18 and 25-20.

Nelson, who will continue her career at the University of Wisconsin, was

named the championship match Most Valuable Player. The 6-3 senior recorded 12 kills and the Crusaders also got excellent play from freshman Briley Brind'Amour, who had 15 kills. Junior libero Bianca Gartner had 13 digs for the winners.

Senior middle hitter Amiee Cloninger had 12 kills for Jesse Carson and setter Michaela White was credited with 16 digs.

Gibbons finished the season 21-3 and improved its mark in NCHSAA volleyball finals to 7-1. Carson, making its first trip ever to the championship and seeking its first state team title in any sport, ended its best year ever at 35-4.

Ardrey Kell Upends Leesville Road With Sweep In State 4-A Volleyball

RALEIGH—Senior outside hitter Rachel Eppley sparked Charlotte Ardrey Kell to a sweep of previously unbeaten Raleigh Leesville Road to win the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A volleyball championship at Reynolds Coliseum on the N.C. State campus.

Eppley, who will continue her volleyball career on that same Reynolds Coliseum floor for N.C. State, was selected as the championship Most Valuable Player as Kell won the title by scores of 29-27, 25-22 and 25-17.

Eppley led the Huskies with eight kills and 25 digs.

Senior outside hitter Sasha Karelov had an excellent match for Leesville with 13 kills and 22 digs.

Ardrey Kell, which was the state runner-up in 2009, won its first NCHSAA state volleyball title in the school's seventh year of existence. The Huskies capped a 31-1 season under veteran head coach Zoe Bell.

Leesville Road had entered the NCHSAA championship with a perfect 27-0 mark.

(101) and Raleigh Broughton (128).

Junior Megan Sullivan of Broughton was the individual champion, winning in a time of 17:48.03, just over three seconds ahead of second-place Pegah Kamrani of East Chapel Hill.

A Wake County school earned the men's 4-A team title for a sixth straight year, as Raleigh Broughton ran to the title with an outstanding score of 41. The Caps had four runners in the top 12 and won the championship for the second straight year.

Bakri Abushouk, a senior at Cary, was the individual champion in a time of 15:31.57, over 18 seconds ahead of Mount Tabor's Dalton Nickel. William Roberson of Broughton was the Caps' top runner, placing third.

Gibbons, Bishop Both Are Double Winners In Cross Country

Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons and Kernersville Bishop McGuinness were also double winners in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state cross country championships at Beeson Park.

Gibbons took both the men's and women's titles in the 3-A competition, while Bishop swept the team crowns in the 1-A classification.

Cardinal Gibbons and Chapel Hill had a great duel in the men's race, with Gibbons scoring 42 points for a five-point edge over the Tigers. Weddington was third with 107.

Gibbons, which won for the men's title for second straight year, had five of the top 12 runners in scoring positions but held off a great effort by Chapel Hill, which had all seven of its runners at 30th or better. Sophomore Tanis Baldwin of East Henderson was dominant, winning the individual title by more than 25 seconds in a time of 15:28.30. John Crossley of West Carteret was second.

On the women's side in 3-A, Gibbons and Chapel Hill were one-two, with the Crusaders winning their third straight title with 31 points to 74 for Chapel Hill. Waxhaw Marvin Ridge took third with 100 points.

Gibbons had a great performance, with five runners in the top 13 scoring positions and all seven finishing 28th or better, led by junior Mary Grace Doggett. Doggett took the individual crown in a time of 18:02.82, less than five seconds ahead of freshman Gibbons teammate Sophia Ebihara. Natalie Andrejchak of Concord Jay Robinson was third.

Senior Dylan Johnson of Hayesville was the 1-A men's champion in a time of 15:59.93, just over 10 seconds ahead of Robbinsville's Frank Cline. But the depth of the Bishop men—with five runners in the top 16 scoring spots—enabled the Villains to take the title.

Bishop had 49 points to 76 for Lake Norman Charter, with defending champ North Carolina School of Science and Math just back in third with 77 points.

Bishop is the sixth different school to win the NCHSAA men's 1-A title in the last six years.

Sophomore Sophia Bhalla of Lincoln Charter traveled the course in 18:53.94 to win the 1-A women's individual crown, almost 25 seconds ahead of freshman Hannah Zenker of Franklin Academy. The depth of the Bishop McGuinness team made a difference in the women's race, too, with five runners in the top 20 scoring spots as Bishop recorded 58 points. Lincoln Charter was second with 83 and defending champ Lake Norman Charter placed third with 91 points.



CROSS COUNTRY

Carrboro's Morken Wins Third Straight; Green Hope Women Take 4-A Cross Country For Fourth Year

KERNERSVILLE—Grace Morken of Carrboro won her third consecutive 2-A individual championship and she led her team to its fourth straight state crown in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state cross country championships at Beeson Park.

Morken outdueled teammate Maysa Aruba, crossing the finish line in a time of 18:42.49 with a winning margin of just 0.19 second, as Carrboro placed four individuals in the top six.

Carrboro rolled to victory with a brilliant 30 points to 96 for runner-up Waxhaw Cuthbertson, with North Lincoln third with 106.

Carrboro was third in the 2-A men's competition, with North Lincoln holding off Hillsborough Cedar Ridge for the crown. North Lincoln won its second straight team crown with 44 points, six ahead of Cedar Ridge, with Carrboro third at 106.

A.J. Tucker of Cedar Ridge took top individual honors for the second straight year in a time of 15:53.03, over 16 seconds ahead of runner-up Andrew Fea of North Lincoln.

In the 4-A women's competition, Cary Green Hope earned its fourth consecutive state crown, tallying 83 points to hold off Charlotte Providence



WELLS FARGO WINNERS



The winners of the Wells Fargo Cup were recognized during NCHSAA Day activities at Kenan Stadium this fall. Pictured are, from left, NCHSAA president Dr. Stewart Hobbs; Green Hope athletic director Wayne Bragg and principal Jim Hedrick; Carrboro athletic director April Ross; athletic director Greg Jarvis and principal Joan Barber from the North Carolina School of Science and Math; Bishop McGuinness athletic director Jeff Stoller; Cardinal Gibbons athletic director Todd Schuler; Wells Fargo representative Juan Austin, and NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield. Bishop McGuinness and NCSSM tied for first among 1-A schools, Carrboro took the 2-A award, Cardinal Gibbons was the winner in 3-A and Green Hope in 4-A.

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