



Vines of Bunn, Surratt of East Lincoln Named Athletes Of Year By NCHSAA

CHAPEL HILL—Tainasha Vines of Bunn High School and Chazz Surratt of East Lincoln High School have been named winners of the 2015 Athlete of the Year awards by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA).

These are the top athletic awards given by the NCHSAA to honor the most outstanding male and female high school athletes in the state. They were presented at the Dean E. Smith Center on the University of North Carolina campus during the NCHSAA's Annual Meeting on Thursday.

Both of the winners were selected by a special panel that includes media representatives from across the state. They were each presented with the Pat Best Memorial Trophy, named for the former Goldsboro High principal and president of the NCHSAA who died unexpectedly in 1988.

"On behalf of our Board of Directors and the entire membership of the NCHSAA, we congratulate these outstanding student-athletes on their tremendous achievements during their high school careers," said Davis Whitfield, commissioner of the NCHSAA. "Both have extremely impressive credentials which are in the same vein as previous winners of this award, and we certainly wish them well in their future pursuits."

Surratt has been an amazing two-star star, leading East Lincoln to almost unprecedented success as the Mustangs football team went 16-0 and won the NCHSAA state championship and then the basketball team was unbeaten until it lost to four-time champ Kinston in the championship game.

Surratt, football Player of the Year in the Southern District Seven for the second consecutive year, was the Most Valuable Player in the state football final and finished the season with the third-best all-time record for touchdown responsibility with 73, including 51 TD passes and 22 rushing touchdowns. He threw for 4,338 yards and had 5,621 yards in total offense, giving him 11.657 for his career.

In basketball, he averaged 20.0 points per game, 6.7 rebounds, 8.0 assists and three steals a game this season. He was also Player of the Year in the SD7 in basketball and was the Most Valuable Player in the Western Regional. He did all of this during the season on a torn meniscus



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Chazz Surratt of East Lincoln, Tainasha Vines of Bunn Are NCHSAA Pat Best Memorial Award Winners

in his knee, suffered early in the football season, and had surgery right after basketball ended.

He has committed to Duke University to play football.

Vines has had a remarkable high school career in a variety of sports, including earning state championship last spring in the long jump and triple jump in outdoor track and is an excellent possibility to repeat.

In volleyball, she was a four-time all-conference selection and was the Northern Carolina Conference Player of the Year in that sport as a sophomore. She is the school's all-time leader in kills in that sport and led her team to the third round of the playoffs. And in basketball, she is a two-time Player of the Year in the conference and earned all-league honors four times. This year she averaged 20.7 points per game and 11.2 rebounds per game, and also posted a quadruple double, only the fourth one ever in NCHSAA history.

She will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on a track and field scholarship.

This is the 30th year in which awards have been given to the top overall male and female athletes. ★

NCHSAA ATHLETES OF THE YEAR Winners of the Pat Best Memorial Trophy

- 1985-86 Pam Doggett, Dudley
Patrick Lennon, Whiteville
- 1986-87 Andrea Stinson, North Mecklenburg
Robert Siler, Jordan-Matthews
- 1987-88 LeAnn Kennedy, Trinity
Chester McGlockton, Whiteville
- 1988-89 Danyel Parker, Clinton
Ethan Albright, Grimsley
- 1989-90 Karen Davis, Forbush
David Inman, Terry Sanford
- 1990-91 Christy Cagle, Hayesville
Mike Kendall, Albemarle
- 1991-92 Wendy Palmer, Person
Rusty LaRue, Northwest Guilford
- 1992-93 Holly Hill, Southwestern Randolph
Tyrone Westmoreland, South Iredell
- 1993-94 Jamie Parsons, Millbrook
Brian Roseboro, T. Wingate Andrews
- 1994-95 Aedrin Murray, Chatham Central
Na Brown, Reidsville
- 1995-96 Shea Ralph, Terry Sanford
Titcus Pettigrew, West Forsyth
- 1996-97 Jackie Houston, Kings Mountain
Tyrell Godwin, East Bladen
- 1997-98 Clifeteana McKiver, East Duplin
Julius Peppers, Southern Nash
Anna Tharrington, Southern Nash
- 1998-99 Nick Maddox, A.L. Brown
- 1999-2000 Courtney Willis, Terry Sanford
Manny DeShauteurs, Brevard
- 2000-01 Molly Pyles, Hendersonville
Derrelle Mitchell, R.J. Reynolds
- 2001-02 Katrell Armwood, Durham School of Arts
A.J. Davis, Northern Durham
- 2002-03 Anna Evans, Lumberton
Drew Williamson, Cummings
- 2003-04 Eva Baucom, Forest Hills
Jim Ollis, Polk County
- 2004-05 Jessie Sims, West Henderson
Terrell Hudgins, Rocky Mount
- 2005-06 Megan Zullo, Farmville Central
Kendric Burney, Southwest Onslow
- 2006-07 Gabby Mayo, Southeast Raleigh
Dee Bost, Concord
- 2007-08 Jannetta Robinson, Pender
E.J. Abrams-Ward, Thomasville
- 2008-09 Ali Ford, Freedom
Tyler Shatley, East Burke
- 2009-10 Leah Mackley, Pender
Kareem Martin, Roanoke Rapids
- 2009-10 Courtney Melvin, East Bladen
Romar Morris, Salisbury
- 2011-12 Lindsay Simpson, Franklin
Tevin Hester, Granville Central
- 2012-13 Hailey Cook, Hendersonville
T.J. Logan, Northern Guilford
- 2013-14 Blake Dodge, West Carteret
Marquavious Johnson, Knightdale
- 2014-15 Tainasha Vines, Bunn
Chazz Surratt, East Lincoln

Recipients Named For Eighth Annual Golden Whistle Merit Awards

CHAPEL HILL—Four outstanding individuals from the world of high school officiating have been honored with an award for lifetime achievement.

Wiley Barrett of Southern Pines, Charles A. “Slim” Carriker of Winston-Salem, Harry Helmer of Elm City and Larry Honeycutt of Wilmington are the recipients of the ninth annual Golden Whistle Merit Award, created in a partnership among the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA), the North Carolina Coaches Association (NCCA) and the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association (NCADA).

Criteria for the award include demonstrating leadership, performance, service and training for the betterment of officiating, possessing officiating abilities emulated by fellow officials, being regarded as a person of integrity and character, and a minimum of 10 years of experience as an active official.

They were presented their awards at the NCHSAA Annual Meeting at the Smith Center in Chapel Hill.

This year’s recipients of the Golden Whistle Merit Award included:

Wiley Barrett: Barrett owns the distinction of having played in an NCHSAA state basketball championship game, coaching a team to a state basketball championship, and then officiating in several state championship basketball games.

Barrett has officiated nearly 5,000 games during his NCHSAA career, including three football state title games and four basketball state championships. He has also worked the Shrine Bowl, two North Carolina Coaches Association all-star football games, and the North-South basketball classic.

He has served as a clinic leader and mentor to officials in football and basketball for over four decades in the Southeastern Officials Association. He has been a member for many years of the Moore County Board of Education and currently serves as chair of the Board of Trustees for the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Slim Carriker: Carriker has enjoyed a tremendous career in officiating at both the high school and collegiate levels.

He has been an NCHSAA football official for 44 years, an NCHSAA wrestling official for 20 and has also officiated in the South Atlantic Conference at the college level for 34 years, which has culminated with his induction into the South Atlantic Conference Hall of Fame.

A clinic leader for the North State Football Officials Association, he has ultimately been responsible for training more collegiate and National Football League officials in North Carolina than any other individual.

Carriker has worked an NCAA Division II national championship football game and is known for his mastery of successful game management.

Harry Helmer: Helmer has enjoyed an excellent career in officiating that includes 41 years as a high school football official. Helmer has been chosen to referee in six NCHSAA state football championship games, the first in 1979 and the most recent in 2014. He also worked the 2002 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

A graduate of Elm City High School and East Carolina University, where he played on the golf team, Helmer has served as clinic leader for the Wilson-area officials in the Coastal Plains Officials Association. He



(NCHSAA photo by John Bell)

NCHSAA Golden Whistle Award Winners, from left, Larry Honeycutt, Wiley Barrett, Harry Helmer, Slim Carriker

assigns middle school games and recreation department games in Nash and Wilson Counties.

He also officiated high school basketball for 10 years.

Helmer is considered a major recruiter of and mentor to young officials, and his commitment to fitness and effort has served as a model for all officials working in the program.

Larry Honeycutt: Larry began his officiating career while attending Wilmington College (now University of North Carolina at Wilmington) as a student, after quarterbacking Raleigh Broughton’s football team to a 1961 NCHSAA football title. He wound up returning to UNCW as a coach and faculty member in 1970.

During 47 years as a sports official, Honeycutt worked three NCHSAA state football championships, four soccer state championships and two more finals in basketball. He has also worked the state’s major all-star games in football and basketball, including the Shrine Bowl, and has even officiated the NCCA East-West all-star soccer game.

He has also officiated those three sports on the NCAA level and is one of the most respected officials in the state due to his broad experience and instructional leadership in multiple sports.

“These four are truly representative of excellence and leadership in officiating,” said Mark Dreibelbis, supervisor of officials for the NCHSAA. “We are extremely proud to honor these individuals who have demonstrated sacrifice and commitment.” ★

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.

NCHSAA Board Of Directors Takes Actions At Spring Meeting

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors completed its spring Board meeting on Wednesday at the NCHSAA offices with a large number of changes and adjustments.

Several items related specifically to health and safety, including the limitation on live action contact in football practice and requirements for coaches in certain sports.

The Board also approved a slightly different format for realignment, using what is called the 20%/30%/30%/20% modified model. The schools will not be divided into four equal classes in terms of numbers of schools, but will use those percentages, with 20 percent in the 4-A and 1-A classes and 30 percent in the other two. However, the non-football playing schools will be removed from the list when the lines are first drawn between classes, and then added back in for conferences to be developed. This alignment will be for the 2017-21 years, with approval by the Board at its meeting in May 2016.

—Football contact limitations: to limit regular season and postseason football practice to maximum of 60 minutes of live action contact per group, per week; contact at game speed where players execute full tackles at a competitive pace, taking players to the ground, effective August 1, 2015.

—Approved during preseason football practice, the two-hour practice session of any double-practice day cannot include full contact, which includes “thudding.”

—Approved request to change wording on previously approved recommendation; recommend allowing 10 days of unlimited number skill development in football to begin 10 days prior to the start of exam period (state mandated final exams) for each school, excluding Memorial Day; due to timing of the recommendation, schools will have the flexibility to keep their prior plans for football skill development session based on approved recommendation during December 2014 meeting.

—Adopt standards for facilities hosting NCHSAA playoffs in all sports, including must be safe and protective of well being of participants and spectators; must have seating for participants and spectators, with one-third of the seating reserved for visiting spectators (sports other than football, which has its own seating requirements); must satisfy Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, have restroom facilities, have a means to teams and game officials to dress, conducive to charging admission, and be able to show upon request that lighting meets the NCHSAA minimum standards.

—Increased state championship medal distribution to champions and runners-up in selected sports.

—Regional basketball format—fourth round (regional semifinals) will now be at home of the higher seed rather than a neutral site; if there is indication the school doesn't have adequate seating, NCHSAA would help find

site; then the regional finals at a neutral site. Several large high schools have indicated willingness to host games in this regard. This will be effective for the 2015-16 season.

—The topic of allowing schools to participate in certain national events after NCHSAA state championships was discussed, and the member schools will weigh in at regional meetings this fall to provide the Board with additional feedback before any additional action is taken.

—Approved adding social media position statement in sportsmanship section of the Handbook.

—Approved hiring a part time Sports Medicine Director to help the NCHSAA and its member schools in the areas of health and safety.

—Approved protocol to utilize available video for sanctions in accordance with the NCHSAA ejection policy; it will be used to address players or teams for leaving the bench.

—Approved appointing Michael Niver to Assistant to Business and Championships and hiring part time employees to serve in receptionist role.

—Approved Steve McNeill as regional supervisor for Triangle Football Officials Association, Roy Turner as regional supervisor for Eastern Basketball Officials Association, and Jack Embry and Tim Sappenfield as regional supervisors for the Central Wrestling Officials Association.

—Approved that head cheerleading coaches take American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators Spirit Safety Course by August 1, 2016.

—Approved that each head pole vault coach that the NFHS Coaching Pole Vault course for 2015-16 school year.

—Require all NCHSAA member schools to have a Cardiac Safety Program with three specific components; an appropriate number of AEDs on campus, AED maintenance program, and required viewing of short AED/CPR video for all supervising adults, including teachers, coaches and administrators.

—NFHS Fundamentals of coaching certification update—since May 1, 2012, 13,623 coaches in the state have received national certification. North Carolina is seventh nationally with 466 Accredited Interscholastic Athletic Coaches and the state is first nationally with 61 Certified Interscholastic Coaches.

NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield said, “We had a lengthy agenda that included realignment, a number of health and safety issues and other matters. After careful consideration, the Board approved recommendations it believed to be in the best interest of our student-athletes and member schools.” ★

Broughton's Williams Named Recipient Of NCHSAA Tony Cullen Memorial Scholarship

CHAPEL HILL—Jack Williams of Broughton High School in Raleigh has been named the recipient of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's Tony Cullen Memorial Scholarship for 2014-15.

He was recognized during halftime of one of the NCHSAA state lacrosse championship matches.

The Tony Cullen Memorial Scholarship fund was created to honor former lacrosse player, coach, and official, Tony Cullen who passed away in 2002 following a courageous battle with cancer. The scholarship is

awarded annually and recognizes a lacrosse player for his achievements in the classroom, on the lacrosse field, and as a good citizen who has demonstrated leadership and good sportsmanship. To be considered for this award, the recipient must seek to continue his academic studies and play varsity men's lacrosse at a North Carolina college or university.

Cullen was an all-conference lacrosse player at Broughton who was involved in several community service projects during his high school years. He will continue his career at Catawba College. ★

NCHSAA Holds Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies For Renovated Offices

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association's newly renovated offices were open to the membership with an open house following the NCHSAA Annual Meeting at the Smith Center.

Guests at the Annual Meeting were invited to take shuttle buses from the Smith Center over to the Simon F. Terrell Building at 222 Finley Golf Course Road. NCHSAA president Dr. Bill Miller, superintendent of the Polk County schools, officially cut the ribbon so guests could tour the offices.

Among those on hand were NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield, former NCHSAA executive director Charlie Adams, members of the NCHSAA staff and Board of Directors, and friends and guests of the Association.

The Board of Directors had approved the project, the first major upgrade of the NCHSAA offices since the mid 1990's when a wing was added, and Whitfield really worked to spearhead the effort. Although the outside of the building and the footprint did not really change, the interior of the building was completely redone.

The building was upgraded substantially in terms of technology capabilities and the office configurations were changed. In addition, there are a variety of ways that the NCHSAA's impressive collection of sports memorabilia is now displayed, and many of the photographs that were



NCHSAA president Dr. Bill Miller cuts ribbon for official opening of renovated Simon Terrell building

framed and on display have been digitized.

The NCHSAA offices moved out of the location last June and into temporary housing down the street on Finley Golf Course Road for about 10 months, before moving back to its home a couple of weeks ago. The offices have been at 222 Finley Golf Course Road since 1979. ★

Coaches Earn Homer Thompson Sportsmanship Awards

CHAPEL HILL — Eight "coaches who make a difference" by virtue of their exemplary sportsmanship were honored by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association at the NCHSAA Annual Meeting.

The coaches were selected for the Homer Thompson Memorial Eight Who Make a Difference award. The award is named in honor of the late Homer Thompson, the long-time Winston-Salem Parkland coach and member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. Each honoree received the award at the Smith Center.

"Homer Thompson's name is affixed to this award because he certainly did make a difference in the lives of many and truly was an outstanding role model," said NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield.

The winners were chosen by a special committee based on nominations from the member schools. They will receive a plaque as part of the Association's student services program.

Coaches receiving this honor for 2014-15 include the following:

Region 1: Rob Maloney, athletic director and men's basketball coach, D.H. Conley High School, Greenville

Region 2: Rodney Orr, head men's basketball coach, Heide Trask High School, Rocky Point

Region 3: Brian Fullenkamp, head cross country and track and field coach, Enloe High School, Raleigh

Region 4: Bryan Till, head football coach, Terry Sanford High School, Fayetteville

Region 5: Woody Wall, head women's basketball coach, Rockingham County High School

Region 6: Johnny Sowell, head football, head men's basketball and head men's track and field coach, Monroe High School

Region 7: Nick Brown, head women's soccer coach, Lake Norman High School



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Eight Who Make A Difference Honorees, first row from left: Brian Till, Sue Moon, Brian Fullenkamp; second row: Nick Brown, Rob Maloney, Woody Wall, Rodney Orr, Johnny Sowell

Region 8: Sue Moon, head volleyball and head women's basketball coach, North Henderson High School

Each school had the opportunity to nominate one of its coaches for this award. "These coaches are excellent role models who provide support and encouragement to our young people," says Whitfield.

The North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company underwrites the recognition for high school coaches. ★

Green Hope, Southern Nash Receive Major Awards At NCHSAA Annual Meeting

CHAPEL HILL—Two major awards were presented to schools at the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Annual Meeting at the Smith Center on the University of North Carolina campus.

Green Hope High School in Wake County is the ninth annual winner of the Exemplary School Award while Southern Nash High School is the winner of the 2015 Sportsmanship Award.

The awards are given as a cooperative venture among the NCHSAA, the North Carolina Coaches Association and the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association. In addition to a trophy and a banner for display at the respective schools, each school receives a \$1000 cash award.

The Exemplary School Award recognizes the top overall school in the state in terms of the “total program,” including but not limited to athletic success, scope of athletic opportunities offered, facilities, community interest and involvement, academics and the like.

Since opening in 1999, Green Hope has excelled in the classroom and in athletic competition. In 2014, Green Hope was recognized as the top public high school in North Carolina by US News & World Report. Green Hope also recently received the highest School Performance Grade (SPG) among all high schools in Wake County as determined by NCDPI.

In the 15 years the school has been open, the school has won six Wells Fargo Conference Cups and five Wells Fargo State Cups for overall sports excellence. Approximately 1,000 student-athletes participate in sports at Green Hope every year, and this includes one of the largest and most successful cross-country programs in America.

In recent years, the athletic department has completed a variety of facility upgrades and has improved its relationship with local businesses and leaders in the community. Recent upgrades include a new sponsor wall and enhanced signage in the stadium and gymnasium, updated trophy cases, a new sound system in the gym, new conference championships banners, and improved safety equipment.

Athletic director Colin Fegeley says, “The success of our student-athletes in competition has been the result of great coaching, motivated young people, and a school community that supports all of our athletic programs.”

Southern Nash decided to address specifically doing a better job of showing sportsmanship to officials, the opposing teams and their fans as well as their own actions with teammates in an effort to eliminate ejections.

The school embarked upon a plan, the foundation of which is a slogan that Southern Nash is “all in for sportsmanship” and a 45-second sportsmanship video that highlights Southern Nash student-athletes talking about sportsmanship and providing specific examples of things they can do to show it.

Athletic director Robbie Kennedy notes that sportsmanship is emphasized to coaches in the school’s coaches meetings and is a major focus to the parents at the required parents meetings. The school arranges for someone to meet and greet both the officials as well as the visiting team when they arrive on campus. Kennedy says, “We needed to try and go the extra mile to reinforce what we wanted our athletic department to stand



Exemplary School winner Green Hope

(NCHSAA photo by John Bell)



Sportsmanship Award winner Southern Nash

(NCHSAA photo by John Bell)

for. I think we have achieved this with our video and our coaches and athletes have responded positively.”

“Green Hope and Southern Nash have set themselves apart during the 2014-15 academic year by earning these prestigious honors,” said Davis Whitfield, NCHSAA commissioner. “We applaud their commitments in the areas of sportsmanship and overall excellence.” ★

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..

State Award Winners Honored At 2015 NCHSAA Annual Meeting

CHAPEL HILL—Coaches, administrators and media representatives were among those receiving awards at the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 2015 Annual Meeting.

The event was held at the Dean E. Smith Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on Thursday, May 7, the day after the spring meeting of the NCHSAA's Board of Directors has concluded.

The Association annually presents these statewide awards in several different categories, all based on those "who have done the most for high school athletics" rather than a single accomplishment or having an outstanding won-loss record.

The awards are named in memory or in honor of outstanding individuals in each category, five of whom are current members of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame. The state winners for 2015 include:

- Doris Howard Female Coach of the Year: Pam Gainey of Rocky Mount High School began teaching in the Rocky Mount City Schools system in 1989 and starting coaching at Rocky Mount High in 1994. She has an excellent career record of 391-169, with 10 20-victory seasons, 11 conference championships and nine conference tournament titles. She has coached in the North Carolina Coaches Association basketball all-star game and the North Carolina-South Carolina all-star classic. A graduate of Goldsboro High School, where she was a three-sport athlete, Gainey went on to play basketball at East Carolina University, receiving her bachelor's degree there after earning the women's basketball team academic award and Best Defensive Player honor as a senior. Her master's degree is in exercise and sports science. She is married to Rocky Mount athletic director and men's basketball coach Michael Gainey.

- Harvey Reid Male Coach of the Year: Eddie Gray of Garner Magnet High School has distinguished himself as a high school men's basketball coach, guiding his team to the 2015 NCHSAA state 4-A men's basketball championship. In more than a quarter century as a head coach, Gray has led the Trojans to more than 450 victories and made 21 appearances in the NCHSAA playoffs. He has been a teacher and coach at Garner since 1977, serving as head men's basketball coach since 1990 after 10 years as the junior varsity coach and one as women's head coach. He also was an assistant football coach from 1978 through 2012 and coached track as well as cross country. He is a Garner graduate who earned his undergraduate degree at North Carolina State University and his masters at the University of North Carolina. He is also a high school and collegiate baseball umpire.

- Dave Harris Athletic Director of the Year: Rex Wells of Asheville High School has just recently announced his retirement after 23 years at Asheville. He has been very active in the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association, with 16 years total as an athletic director, and is a former past president of the NCADA. He was an outstanding wrestling coach for 25 years, with over 300 dual team victories before stepping down as Asheville's wrestling coach, and before that guided Brevard to a state wrestling championship and coached at Enka. He also coached football for 38 years and was defensive coordinator on two state champions. Wells graduated from Enka in 1973 and later from Western Carolina University. Wells has been the state director of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in recent years and was inducted himself in 2009 for his "lifetime service to wrestling." He was one of the 100 Administrators To Remember for the NCHSAA centennial celebration.

- Bob Deaton Principal of the Year: Carla Black of Concord High School is a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, currently serving a four-year term. She received her undergraduate degree in middle school education from Winston-Salem



(NCHSAA photo by John Bell)

Winners of the NCHSAA State Awards include, front row: Pam Gainey, Eddie Gray, Dr. Josh Bloom; second row: Rex Wells, James Alverson, Carla Black and Dwayne Stallings

State University and her masters in administration from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She has previously been named the Cabarrus County Educator of the Decade by the local chapter of the NAACP and was the winner this year of the Charlie Adams Distinguished Service Award for Region 6

- Bob McRae Superintendent of the Year: Dwayne Stallings of Perquimans County has over 30 years in as a public school education in North Carolina, including 21 as an administrator in Perquimans County. He has been the superintendent there for eight years and has served a term on the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors for the last six years. He also has served as a head coach or assistant coach in three different school systems during the teaching and coaching portion of his career.

- Tim Stevens Media Representative of the Year: James Alverson of radio station 99.9 The Fan in Raleigh is a former high school football player at Lee County, where he lettered three years under coach Charlie Groves. A 2009 magna cum laude graduate of North Carolina State University in media communication, James is the play-by-play voice of high school football and basketball on 99.9 the Fan and Buzz Sports Radio and is the assistant program director on the three sports stations under the Capitol Broadcasting banner. He hosts the weekly HighSchoolOT wrap up show on Saturday mornings during football season and also has broadcasted college baseball and softball, professional soccer and ACC men's and women's basketball. He is an active member of Providence Baptist Church in Raleigh.

- Elton Hawley Athletic Trainer of the Year: Dr. Josh Bloom of Carolina Family Practice and Sports Medicine is a partner physician there and is

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also medical director of the Carolina Sports Concussion Clinic. He is head medical team physician for the Carolina Hurricanes (NHL), and also team physician for USA Baseball and Cary High School. He is actively involved in sports concussion research, legislative initiatives, and education. He has also been a valuable member of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. Dr. Bloom attended Tulane University School of Medicine, where he completed his Medical Degree along with a Master's Degree in Public Health. Prior to medical school, he attended Dartmouth College, where he was an Academic All-American linebacker, as well Co-Captain and Team MVP. Dr. Bloom grew up in Alamosa, Colorado, where he was a state champion wrestler and an all-state linebacker.

In terms of background of the award's names, here are some highlights:

Doris Howard of Fayetteville was one of the state's most successful female coaches during a 41-year career at Hope Mills, Central and Cape Fear High Schools, winning 533 games in basketball, and is in the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

Harvey Reid, also an NCHSAA Hall of Famer, is the state's all-time

winningest basketball coach with over 800 victories, most of which came at Wilson Fike.

Dave Harris was the athletic director of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools from 1967 to '91 after an excellent football coaching career, primarily at Harding. He was a charter member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

Bob Deaton was one of the state's outstanding high school principals during a long career in education, primarily at Winston-Salem R.J. Reynolds, and was president of the NCHSAA in 1977-78.

Bob McRae is the former superintendent in Randolph County after a long career at Kings Mountain and was president of the NCHSAA in 1997-98. He has served as chair of the Realignment Committee as well as in other NCHSAA capacities.

Tim Stevens is the long time prep sports editor at the Raleigh News and Observer and has been recognized nationally for his work covering high school athletics, as a member of the National High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Elton Hawley is a native of Dunn who for many years was the athletic training coordinator for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools. He was the initial inductee into the North Carolina Athletic Trainer Association Hall of Fame. ★

Scholar-Athlete Winners Named By NCHSAA

CHAPEL HILL—Almost 21,000 individual awards have been given by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association to student-athletes for their achievements in the classroom as well as on the playing court or athletic field.

The NCHSAA made the awards in its Scholar-Athlete program presented by the North Carolina National Guard, which includes recognition of varsity teams which attain certain grades as well as individual athletes.

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.

For the fall semester of 2014, a total of 10,036 student-athletes were nominated by NCHSAA member schools and qualified for this award.

In the team division, a varsity team earns Scholar-Athlete recognition by attaining a 3.1 aggregate GPA on a straight 4.0 scale for that designated semester. The school receives a certificate from the NCHSAA honoring the accomplishment and each member of the squad receives a certificate. A total of 681 varsity teams and 10,790 individual athletes from across the state achieved this distinction.

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. North Davidson led the way with five teams earning top honors in their respective sports.

"We are extremely proud of the achievements of the students involved



(NCHSAA photo by John Bell)

Representatives of schools winning fall Scholar-Athlete team awards display their plaques presented at Annual Meeting

in our Scholar-Athlete program and are grateful to the North Carolina National Guard for its involvement," said Davis Whitfield, NCHSAA commissioner. "This demonstrates that we have a large number of athletes that are playing sports and also succeeding in the classroom." ★

NCHSAA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAM AWARD WINNERS Fall and Winter Sports (Fall Semester 2014)

Cheerleading	NW Cabarrus	3.960	Golf, Women	Hendersonville	3.904
Cross Country, Men	Jay Robinson	3.910	Indoor Track, Men	North Davidson	3.750
Cross Country, Women	North Davidson	3.880	Tennis, Women	Asheboro	3.791
Football	North Davidson	3.440	Indoor Track, Women	Northern Nash	3.887
Basketball, Men	North Davidson	3.850	Swimming, Men	Wilkes Central	3.800
Basketball, Women	NW Cabarrus	3.960	Swimming, Women	North Davidson	3.920
Soccer, Men	Chatham Charter	3.760	Wrestling	NCSSM	3.630

Natalie Tribble, Scott Braswell Named Toby Webb Award Winners

CHAPEL HILL— Natalie Tribble of North Iredell High School and Scott Braswell of Hoggard High School in Wilmington are the recipients of the 10th annual Toby Webb Coach of the Year Awards given by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

The two outstanding coaches were recognized at the NCHSAA's Annual Meeting at the Smith Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina.

The Webb Award is made possible through the generosity of gifts from individuals and companies through the NCHSAA Endowment and annually recognizes an outstanding male and female coach. To be eligible for the award, a coach must be nominated by school personnel at the NCHSAA member school where he or she coaches, to have coached for a minimum of 10 years, and have made major contributions to the success of high school athletics at the school, in the community and beyond.

Tribble has completed 14 years as a head coach at North Iredell, transforming a program that had a long drought of conference titles and state playoff appearances into a perennial contender and one that draws excellent crowds. The North Iredell team won the NCHSAA state 3-A championship in 2008, posting a perfect 26-0 record, and finished as runner-up in both 2010 and '11, with Tribble earning six North Piedmont Conference Coach of the Year honors over the past 15 years. This year the Raiders were 21-4 and advanced to the third round of the state playoffs.

She is known for setting high standards both on and off the court for her players, but is also very much a players' coach. Many of her former players weighed in on the impact Coach Tribble had on them as they wrote letters of support for the Webb Award, citing how the lessons they learned playing volleyball had helped them in so many ways.

Tribble also helps the team get involved in service projects, such as Relay for Life and Dig Pink, and during the holidays the team has sung Christmas carols in nursing homes and hospitals. This year the team packed shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse.

Braswell has served as the head football coach at Hoggard since 1997 and has guided what has become one of the state's top programs under his leadership. Hoggard won the NCHSAA state 4-A championship in 2007 and went 13-1 this fall, losing in the Eastern finals to eventual state champion New Bern. He has earned the Mideastern Conference Coach of the Year honor 11 times and has posted an excellent 168-51 mark as a head coach. In 2013 the stadium at Hoggard was named Scott Braswell Stadium in his honor.

The Hoggard coach is very supportive of other teams at the school, even driving the bus to away games for other programs. He has been active in his church and the community in Wilmington, with such organizations as Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Habitat for Humanity, and recently was named "Inspiration Hero to Kids" by the Wilmington Children's Museum.

Braswell also has showed remarkable tenacity as he battled health issues. He had surgery at the Mayo Clinic in August to remove a rare mass on his spine, with the operation taking 25 hours over a two-day period. Despite the intrusive surgery, Scott was back on the sidelines just five weeks later, with one of his players noting that "Coach has the dedication that even cancer couldn't deter."

"Natalie and Scott are dedicated professionals who epitomize in many ways the role of coaches and the far-reaching impact they have," said NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield. "They are most deserving of this recognition and receiving the prestigious Toby Webb Award



(NCHSAA photo by John Bell)

Tony Webb Award winners Natalie Tribble of North Iredell, Scott Braswell of Hoggard

is a credit to their service and dedication to young people."

The awards are given in honor of Toby Webb, a member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame who was an outstanding coach as well as a principal and superintendent. He helped turn Albemarle into a football power and posted a brilliant 103-18-6 mark as a head coach there. ★



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

Sportsmanship Recognition for NCHSAA Student-Athletes As “Heart Of A Champion” Winners Honored At Luncheon

CHAPEL HILL—A total of 19 student-athletes from North Carolina High School Athletic Association member schools will be honored for their outstanding sportsmanship as winners of “Heart of a Champion” recognition.

The sportsmanship recognition is part of the program offered by the NCHSAA Student Services Division and is sponsored by the North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company. Mark Dreibelbis, NCHSAA assistant commissioner, and assistant director for student services Chiquana Dancy administer the program.

Each of the NCHSAA member schools had the opportunity to nominate one male and one female student-athlete for the recognition. The students must have participated in at least one varsity sport or activity, including cheerleading, during the 2014-15 school year, have not been ejected from any contest, and must have demonstrated outstanding citizenship and sportsmanship during their high school careers.

The students filled out an application questionnaire and then a school official, such as the principal or athletic director, also provided an evaluation.

The students will be honored Saturday at a luncheon at the Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel.

“We are proud of the achievements of this select group of student-athletes,” said NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield. “With recognitions such as these, we are continuing our emphasis on sportsmanship and the important lessons high school athletics teach.” ★

North Carolina Farm Bureau Heart of a Champion 2014-15 Honorees

Student Athlete	School	Nominator
Jaylen Barnes	Durham Jordan	Shelba Levins
Sophia Bhalla	Lincoln Charter	Joshua Williams
Kyran Bowman	Havelock	Daniel Griffie
Candice Corcoran	Eden Morehead	Daniel Villa
Lauren Davis	Clyde Erwin	David Ball
Haylee Gee	West Iredell	Buck Gatton
Sydney Gilliam	Hendersonville	B.J. Laughter
Hannah Harvey	North Iredell	Darla Cline
Amity Ikard	Maiden	multiple
Stephen Mabe	North Wilkes	multiple
Micah Marcin	Durham Jordan	Shelby Levins
Sophia McFarlane	Central Cabarrus	Brandon Blalock
Tyler McHargue	West Iredell	Buck Gatton
Andrew Moore	Mount Airy	Cody Atkins
William Myers IV	Clyde Erwin	David Ball
Amber Stallings	Perquimans	Laura Moreland
Parker Williams	West Rowan	Buck Gatton
Kaitlyn Wood	Smoky Mountain	Eric Toedtman
Taylor Wyatt	North Wilkes	multiple

Pre-Match Requirements for Referees Clarified In High School Wrestling

INDIANAPOLIS—A more standardized pre-match procedure requiring referees to perform skin checks or verify that skin checks had been completed on-site by an appropriate health-care professional was approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Wrestling Rules Committee at its recent meeting in Indianapolis.

This clarification of the skin-check rule for dual meets and tournaments, along with one other change recommended by the committee for the 2015-16 season, were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Under Rule 3-1-4a, the new pre-match procedure further clarifies the duties of wrestling referees before a dual meet begins. A new rule (3-1-5) will add the same inspection requirements before tournaments. The actual requirements were not changed, only written in clearer, more specific language.

“The skin-check rule has always been in the NFHS Wrestling Rules Book, but the committee felt it needed to be clarified and specified that this needed to be done,” said Bob Colgate, NFHS director of sports and sports medicine and liaison to the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee.

Alan Beste, executive director of the Iowa High School Athletic Association and chair of the Wrestling Rules Committee, said there continues to be national concern about communicable skin conditions in wrestling. Some of those conditions can pose significant health risks that may have lifelong effects.

“The two major rules changes reflect the committee’s feeling that it is important to emphasize this concern and give referees, who are the impartial parties at every competition, more responsibility in determining a wrestler’s readiness to compete safely,” Beste said.

The other rule change was to Rule 10-2-9, regarding a situation where two wrestlers in the championship bracket simultaneously cannot continue a match and the score is tied. A new criterion was added to the rule. The new criteria states, “the wrestler whose opponent has received an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty at any time during the match will continue in the consolation round.” If neither wrestler received an unsportsmanlike penalty, then the previously set criteria will be used to determine advancement to the consolation bracket. The committee added this new criterion to emphasize sportsmanship during competition.

“I think it’s a good change,” Colgate said. “It puts more emphasis on sportsmanship in wrestling, which the committee feels is very important.”

A complete listing of the wrestling rules changes is available on the NFHS website at www.nfhs.org. Click on “Activities & Sports” at the top of the home page, and select “Wrestling.”

According to the 2013-14 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, wrestling is the sixth-most popular boys sport nationwide with 269,514 participants. There were 9,904 girls who participated in the sport as well. ★

THE VISION for the NCHSAA is that it will be the national model for developing and inspiring greatness through interscholastic athletic experiences.

Excessive Contact Rule in High School Basketball Now Includes All Ball-Handlers On The Court

INDIANAPOLIS—The rule prohibiting excessive contact in high school basketball has been expanded to include all ball-handlers on the court, include post players.

This revision in Rule 10-6-12 and a new signal for officials were recommended by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Basketball Rules Committee at its recent meeting in Indianapolis. Both changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Last year, the rules committee added Article 12 to Rule 10-6 in an effort to eliminate excessive contact on ball-handlers and dribblers outside of the lane area. Beginning next season, excessive contact on any ball-handler will be a violation of the rules.

The new language states that “a player becomes a ball-handler when he/she receives the ball. This would include a player in a post position.”

The acts that constitute a foul when committed against a ball-handler are a) placing two hands on the player, b) placing an extended arm bar on the player, c) placing and keeping a hand on the player and d) contacting the player more than once with the same hand or alternating hands.

“The current rule covers the ball-handler/dribbler situations but ignores the action that goes on in the post area with the hands, arm bars, etc.,” said Theresia Wynns, NFHS director of sports and officials. “The additional language will clarify that the illegal acts should be ruled for every position on the floor.”

The rules committee also approved a new signal to be used after a basket is made and when there is a stoppage in play. The signal will be used by officials to indicate that the team in-bounding the ball may run the baseline. This signal would be used to restart play when a time-out is called or an injury occurs after a made basket.

In addition to these changes, the Basketball Rules Committee ap-

proved four points of emphasis for the 2015-16 season: post play, rebounding, protecting the free-throw shooter and NFHS mechanics and signals.

The committee noted that new information has been added to the rules book that addresses cleaning up post play and urged fouls to be called when violations occur. In addition, the committee emphasized that illegal tactics related to rebounding should be called since these violations are among the leading causes of injury in high school basketball.

Protecting the free-throw shooter is another area of emphasis for next season. The committee noted that the rule change last year allowing a player occupying a marked lane space to enter the lane on the release of the ball by the free thrower calls for added protection of the free-throw shooter.

The final point of emphasis concerns the use of NFHS mechanics and signals.

“Communication is vital to the game of basketball, to the officials and all others involved in the game,” Wynns said. “It is essential for officials to master and use only the NFHS-approved mechanics and signals.”

The rules committee also devoted significant time to updating the NFHS 2015-17 Basketball Officials Manual. Wynns said the revised publication will be improved and expanded to include diagrams helpful to new officials as well as the more experienced ones.

A complete listing of the basketball rules changes is available on the NFHS website at www.nfhs.org. Click on “Activities & Sports” at the top of the home page, and select “Basketball.”

According to the 2013-14 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, basketball is the third-most popular boys sports nationwide with 541,054 participants and second-most popular girls sport with 433,344 participants. In terms of school sponsorship, it ranks No. 1 for both boys and girls with 18,126 schools for boys and 17,754 for girls. ★

Schools Win NCHSAA Commissioner’s Cup Honors For Community Service

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association, in conjunction with Time Warner Cable, announced the winners in the Commissioner’s Cup competition for the 2014-15 academic year.

The Commissioner’s Cup is designed to recognize athletic teams or cheerleading squads at NCHSAA member schools and is based on community service efforts.

Two schools from each classification were awarded the NCHSAA Commissioner’s Cup at the NCHSAA Annual Meeting.

The winners included Pender and Swain County among the 1-A schools; Mount Pleasant and Monroe Parkwood in the 2-A classification; North Henderson and Southern Durham in 3-A; and Charlotte Catholic and Garner Magnet among the 4-A schools.

Each received a \$1,000 stipend for their respective team or school athletic program.

Schools identified a need within their community and created a plan to conduct the service project. Each team also obtained a sponsor, who could be a coach, faculty member, staff member or parent.

Then each group submitted a one-minute video of their project to ex-



(NCHSAA photo by John Bell)

One of the Commissioner’s Cup winners for service was Garner Magnet High School

plain how the team served, the impact of the project on the community, numbers served, and other pertinent information to be considered for the award. ★

Sixth Annual Adams Scholarship Winners Announced For NCHSAA

CHAPEL HILL—Elvie Sumner of Hobbton High School and Joseph Meyers of Holly Springs High School have been named winners of the sixth annual Charles Adams Endowed Scholarships awarded by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

The two outstanding student-athletes were recognized at the NCHSAA's Annual Meeting at the Dean E. Smith Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The scholarships are made possible through the generosity of donors to the fund in honor of the long-time NCHSAA executive director, who retired in 2010 after 42 years with the organization. He was inducted into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame in 2009, is a member of the National High School Sports Hall of Fame, and is also the only North Carolinian ever to serve as president of the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Sumner has participated in cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field during her career at Hobbton, but her story actually starts in Latvia. She was born there and was in an orphanage before being adopted and coming to the United States. She served as captain of the cross country team and made all-conference in that sport.

The Hobbton student has been a Junior Marshal and is a member of the Beta Club, taking a variety of Advanced Placement and honors classes.

She will continue her education at Appalachian State University and is interested in architecture.

Meyers is an outstanding wrestler who has lettered three years in the sport at Holly Springs and was captain of this year's squad. He took first place in the Eagle Invitational in the 126-pound class.

The Holly Springs student-athlete qualified for the "A" Honor Roll for four years, is a member of the National Honor Society and was a junior marshal. He is the founder and president of the "History of Gaming" club at his school and served as a student ambassador for a trip to China in 2012. Joseph is also a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society and a member of Colla Voce, the school's advanced choral ensemble.

He plans to attend North Carolina State University and the College of Engineering at NCSU.



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Adams Scholarship presentation included, from left, Sue Adams, Joseph of Holly Springs High School, Elvie Sumner of Hobbton High School, and former executive director Charlie Adams

One scholarship award annually recognizes a male wrestler in memory of Charlie and Sue's son Scott, who was the first individual wrestler from Chapel Hill High School to compete in the state wrestling championships. One goes to a female cross-country runner in honor of Charlie's daughter Michelle Adams Szwajkun, who participated in cross country at Chapel Hill and ran on the 1984 state championship team. Each recipient receives a \$1,500 scholarship to further his or her education at the college level.

"We are pleased to honor Charlie and his family with these scholarship awards and are proud of the accomplishments that these recipients have achieved," said Davis Whitfield, commissioner of the NCHSAA. ★

Western Alamance, Cedar Ridge Students Win NCHSAA Scholar-Athlete Essay Contest

CHAPEL HILL—Noah Thompson of Western Alamance High School and Hannah Wilkins of Cedar Ridge High School in Hillsborough have won top honors in the third NCHSAA Scholar-Athlete essay contest.

The NCHSAA Scholar-Athlete program, powered by the North Carolina National Guard, is one of the Association's most popular voluntary programs and recognizes excellence in the classroom as well as on the playing court or field.

As part of the program, the NCHSAA offered the essay contest, with student-athletes submitting a 400-word essay answering the question "How has becoming a Scholar-Athlete made a positive impact in your school/community?, with one male and one female winner being chosen from the pool of entries.

There were over 75 submissions representing 43 different high schools across the state, the most entries ever received in one of the NCHSAA essay contests. The winners received a Fitbit Flex fitness wristband and a gift pack from the NCHSAA.

Thompson, a senior who competed in soccer and swimming, wrote about how his involvement in athletics led him to participate in programs such as SASI (Student Athlete Summer Institutes) and his school's local

DREAM (Daring to Role Model Athletic Excellence) team. He noted that "being a student-athlete has allowed me to be a role model in the community while providing opportunities to improve skills I can use to impact the lives of others."

Other male finalists included Nolan Benson of Lexington and Jesse Lambert of Mount Pleasant.

Wilkins is a sophomore basketball player who described a situation where student-athletes from Cedar Ridge went to a middle school to share their stories. "Our status as student-athletes makes us diverse and engaged citizens of our high school community," she wrote. Viewing ourselves as multi-taskers and elegant masters of both academics and athletics became both empowering and humbling at the same time."

Mayowa Fageyinbo of Charlotte Myers Park and Victoria Schandavel of Hendersonville were the female finalists.

"We have received excellent responses from our student-athletes regarding our NCHSAA Scholar-Athlete Essay Contests," said NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield. "Congratulations to both Hannah and Noah, as they did a wonderful job with their submissions." ★

Two Win Courage Awards From NCHSAA

CHAPEL HILL—A veteran football coach and a student-athlete were honored by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association at its 2015 Annual Meeting with the NCHSAA's A.J. "Tony" Simeon Courage Award.

Dante Veltri of Carrboro High School and Scott Braswell of Wilmington Hoggard were presented with Courage Awards at the Smith Center at the NCHSAA Annual Meeting.

Veltri is a student-athlete at Carrboro High School who has certainly overcome adversity. This young man, who is a wrestler, missed his entire sophomore year due to cancer, undergoing treatment and the like. The school applied for a medical hardship, which was obviously granted and well documented, and Dante came back this year to compete. He wound up finishing fourth in the 120-pound division in the NCHSAA state wrestling championships.

Braswell, long time head football coach and athletic director at Hoggard in Wilmington, also

has showed remarkable tenacity as he battled health issues. He had surgery at the Mayo Clinic in August to remove a rare mass on his spine, with the operation taking 25 hours over a two-day period. Despite the intrusive surgery, Scott was back on the sidelines coaching just five weeks later, with one of his players noting that "Coach has the dedication that even cancer couldn't deter."

The Courage Awards are designed to honor individuals who, despite adversity, have demonstrated exemplary character and performance and, as a result, have been an inspiration to all those involved with the programs of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. They are named in honor of NCHSAA Hall of Famer Tony Simeon, a long-time coach at High Point Central.

"These two individuals are truly inspirational and exemplify what is great about high school athletics," said Davis Whitfield, commissioner of the NCHSAA. ★



(NCHSAA photo by John Bell)

Courage Award recipients Dante Veltri of Carrboro and coach Scott Braswell of Hoggard

North Moore, Hendersonville Students Earn NCHSAA's 9th Annual Pat Gainey Student Scholarships

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association announced today the winners of a special award established in the name of the late Pat Gainey.

Melanie Stewart of North Moore High School and Bradley Schmidt of Hendersonville High School have been named this year's winners of the Gainey Student Scholarship Award. They were honored at the NCHSAA Annual Meeting at the Smith Center on the University of North Carolina campus.

The award is in memory of Gainey, a native of Dunn who recorded a outstanding record in women's basketball at a couple of different stops during his coaching career and was a great supporter of women's athletics. His overall record at Pamlico was an incredible 93-6 in women's basketball and he also coached outstanding baseball teams there. He then moved to Taylorsville, where he coached from 1955-64. His women's basketball teams won five Western North Carolina High School Activities Association titles and at one point recorded 54 consecutive wins and an amazing 140 straight conference victories. His overall women's basketball mark was 358-57. He was inducted into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame in 2007.

The Gainey Student Scholarship Awards are available to NCHSAA member schools in counties having a poverty rate of 20 percent or more for children 17 and under. Student scholarship recipients can be either female athletes or male baseball

players meeting the established criteria.

Schmidt has played football, basketball and baseball all four years during his high school career, lettering in all three sports and serving as team captain of all three Bearcat varsity teams. He has also earned postseason honors, all-conference or all-area, in all three sports.

A straight A student who is ranked second in his senior class, Schmidt is president of the Key Club and also president of the National Honor Society and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He plans to attend the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and major in biomedical engineering.

Stewart is a four-year varsity tennis player at North Moore and also helped her school organize a swim team on which she competes. She led her tennis team in victories last year.

A member of the band at North Moore—and that includes the marching, pep, jazz and concert bands—Stewart attended the North Carolina Governor's School in instrumental music last summer. She is a member of the Key Club and also had had major roles in a number of school plays.

Stewart will enroll at North Carolina State University in the fall and plans to major in chemical engineering.

The award is made possible by a gift from Gainey's daughter, Mrs. Berry Jo Gainey Shoen, who currently resides in California.

"This award is a wonderful tribute to the legacy



(NCHSAA photo by John Bell)

Gainey Award recipients Melanie Stewart of North Moore and Bradley Schmidt of Hendersonville

of Pat Gainey and all that he did for high school athletics throughout his career," said NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield. Melanie and Bradley are outstanding representatives of the attributes that Pat embodied and emphasized." ★

Norris, Hough Named 10th Annual Clary Medal Winners For NCHSAA

CHAPEL HILL—Abby Norris of East Bladen High School and Connor Hough of Pamlico High School have been named the recipients of the 10th annual Clary Medals awarded by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

The two outstanding student-athletes were recognized at the NCHSAA's Annual Meeting at the Dean E. Smith Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The Clary Medal is made possible through the generosity of the Eddie and Jo Allison Smith Family Foundation through the NCHSAA Endowment. It annually recognizes an outstanding male and female student-athlete, who will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship to further his or her education at the college level.

To be eligible for the award, a student must be a senior at an NCHSAA member school, participate on at least two athletic teams, maintain at least a 3.2 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale, and demonstrate excellence in athletic participation, extra-curricular activities and community service.

Norris has been an excellent athlete at East Bladen, competing in varsity volleyball, basketball and softball. She has served as captain of all three teams and also earned all-conference honors in all three. She is a four-year player in volleyball and was the Four County Conference Player of the Year in the fall, and last year she was the East Bladen High School Female Athlete of the Year.

She has excelled academically, ranked

number one in her class, and is also active in a number of extra-curricular activities. She has been involved in student government, including vice-president of the Student Government Association, is president of the National Beta club and served as captain for the Science Olympiad team for her school.

Abby will be enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall and plans to major in biology. Her parents are both teachers and she is the niece of veteran Chapel Hill High School women's basketball coach Sherry Norris.

Hough has been a four-year varsity football player and wrestler, starting four years in football and leading the team in tackles as a linebacker in both his junior and senior seasons. He was a two-time conference champion and four-time state qualifier in wrestling, earning more than 100 career victories.

He is an outstanding student who is ranked number one in his class and is also a member of the Spanish Club, serves as treasurer of the Beta Club and is a member of the Leadership Information for Tomorrow (LIFT) Club and its leadership council. Hough was also involved with extensive Hurricane Irene cleanup as a volunteer a few years ago.

Connor has been accepted at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he will start school in the fall.

The award is in memory of Wilburn Columbus Clary, a member of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame who was an outstanding coach



(NCHSAA photo by John Bell)

Clary Medal honorees Abby Norris of East Bladen and Connor Hough of Pamlico

and game official. He served as the executive secretary of the old Western North Carolina High School Activities Association from 1948 through 1977, when its schools joined the NCHSAA. Clary was also the first collegiate football official to be inducted into the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

“Both of these award winners are exemplary citizens and student-athletes,” said Davis Whitfield, NCHSAA commissioner. “Abby and Connor are outstanding selections for the Clary Medals, one of the top awards the NCHSAA can present to a student.” ★

In Memoriam

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

CARL CECIL “COTTON” BOLICK

CRAMERTON—Carl Cecil “Cotton” Bolick, a coach and athletic director for many years, died in late April at the age of 91.

A native of Lincoln County, Bolick was an outstanding athlete at the old Cramerton High and later enlisted in the Army Air Corps and fought in World War II. He was shot down over Germany and spent 18 months in a prisoner of war camp.

After the war, he wound graduating from Catawba College and then embarked on a teaching and coaching career. His career included stops at Lee Woodard in Asheville and Charles Coon in Wilson, and then 25

years at West Mecklenburg High School. He compiled a record as a head baseball coach of 287-148 and was athletic director at West for 20 years.

After his retirement at West Mecklenburg, he served as athletic director at Charlotte Country Day for eight years. He is a member of the West Mecklenburg High School Hall of Fame and was inducted into the North Carolina Athletic Directors Hall of Fame in 2001.

HANEY CATCHINGS

FAYETTEVILLE—Former high school football coach Haney Catchings, who

coached at several schools in the Fayetteville area, died in mid-April at the age of 66.

Catchings had been a head coach at both E.E. Smith and 71st in Fayetteville and most recently had been the head football coach at New Century Middle School. His stint at 71st as head coach was during 2001 and '02, while he headed the E.E. Smith program in 2007 and '08.

He arrived in Fayetteville in 1996 to serve as offensive coordinator at Fayetteville State University, working there three years before serving as an assistant at Scotland for a year. Other coaching stints included working as an assistant at Westover and Hoke County. ★

Durham Jordan Women's Soccer Player Brianna Pinto Earns Gatorade State Player of Year Award for North Carolina

CHICAGO—In its 30th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, has announced Brianna Pinto of Jordan High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade North Carolina Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Pinto is the first Gatorade North Carolina Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Jordan 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 field, distinguishes Pinto as North Carolina's best high school girls soccer player.

The 5-foot-5 freshman midfielder scored 21 goals and passed for nine assists this past season, leading the Falcons (14- 4-1) to the Class 4A state tournament. Pinto missed five games due to multiple commitments with the U.S. Soccer Under-17 Women's National Team. She is rated as the No. 5 recruit in the nation for the Class of 2018 by TopDrawerSoccer.com.

Pinto has maintained an A average in the classroom. A member of the John Hope

Franklin Young Scholars program, she has volunteered locally with Habitat for Humanity and on behalf of her local chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"It's hard not to notice Brianna Pinto—she's a fantastic player," said Michele Miller, head coach of Cardinal Gibbons High. "What makes Brianna so dangerous is that she has speed but she also has tactical awareness. She knows how to utilize her assets to create goals for herself and her teammates."

Pinto has made a verbal commitment to play soccer on an athletic scholarship at the University of North Carolina beginning in the fall of 2018.

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 partner-

ship 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.

Pinto joins recent Gatorade North Carolina Girls Soccer Players of the Year Morgan Reid (2013-14, Cardinal Gibbons High School), Alexis Shaffer (2012-13 & 2011-12, Green Hope High School), Caroline Lindquist (2010-11, Ravenscroft School), Mollie Pathman (2009-10 & 2008-09, Durham Academy), Nicole Danford (2007-08, Green Hope High School), and Nicole Panek (2006-07, Mount Tabor High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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 www.gatorade.com/poy. ★

NCHSAA Names Scholarship Winners for New Program at Meeting

CHAPEL HILL—Zahria Buchanan of Maiden High School and Kytel Collins-Jackson of Scotland High School are the first recipients of the NCHSAA Scholarship Awards, which were presented at the NCHSAA Annual Meeting at the Smith Center on Thursday.

These awards are new to the NCHSAA and are presented to student-athletes who meet the academic criteria as well as athletic involvement and sound character. The funds for the scholarships come from donations designated to the Endowment for this purpose as well as a corporate gift. Regional winners were selected and then the two overall state winners came from

the regional recipients.

Each regional winner receives a \$750 scholarship to the college or university of their choice, and the overall state winners receive an additional \$1000 each.

Buchanan was a four-year basketball player at Maiden and an excellent student, with a 3.963 weighted GPA and a member of her school's Beta Club. She will be heading to Winston-Salem State University in the fall.

Jackson is a four-year varsity soccer and cross-country participant at his school. He is president of the National Honor Society and sports a 4.40 weighted grade point average, and

he's also active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Key Club and the Technology Student Association. He will go to N.C. State University in the fall.

The other regional winners included the following:

Ezekiel Martin	Eastern Wayne
Chinonso Ejere	Heritage
Pablo Preciado	Cedar Ridge
Dionicia Alvarez Reyes	John M. Morehead
Juan Pagan-Gonzalez	SW Guilford
Tico Crocker II	Kings Mountain
Devanie Cunningham	A.C. Reynolds ★

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◀ President Bill Miller addresses crowd



Commissioner Davis Whitfield talks about actions by NCHSAA Board of Directors ▶

Greg Grantham (center) accepts retiree award from Bill Miller and Davis Whitfield ▼



◀ Winners of Awards from National Federation include, first row: Randy McDonough, Lindsey Linker, Monte Sherrill; second row: Maurice Atwood, Nichole Jackson, Bart Whitney and Tim Queen



Chiquana Dancy (L) of NCHSAA with representatives of Student Athlete Advisory Council ▼





MEN'S TENNIS

Pine Lake Prep's Vicario Wins NCHSAA 1-A Singles Crown

CARY—Max Vicario of Mooresville Pine Lake Prep rolled to the singles title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A men's tennis championships at the Cary Tennis Center.

Vicario cruised past Zuri Kent-Smith of Queen's Grant 6-0, 6-1 in the championship match. It was only the second singles defeat of the year suffered by Kent-Smith, who had advanced to the finals with a grueling three-set victory on Friday afternoon in a match lasting three hours and 15 minutes.

Harrison Tseng and Joseph Fisher of Raleigh Charter combined to win the 1-A doubles crown, beating the Elkin duo of Ryan Schell and Chad Vestal in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3. Schell had earned the 1-A singles championship a year ago and elected to compete in doubles this year, while Vestal was part of the Elkin team that was runner-up in the state tournament last year.

NCHSAA 2015 MEN'S 1-A STATE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS Cary Tennis Center

SINGLES—CHAMPIONSHIP

Max Vicario (Mooresville Pine Lake Prep) def. Zuri Kent-Smith (Matthews Queen's Grant) 6-0, 6-1.

DOUBLES—CHAMPIONSHIP

Harrison Tseng-Joseph Fisher (Raleigh Charter) def. Ryan Schell-Chad Vestal (Elkin) 6-4, 6-2.

Shelby's Parker Wins 2-A Singles, Carrboro Doubles Takes Title

CARY—Shelby's Marshall Parker won his second singles championship in the last three years in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A men's tennis championships at the Cary Tennis Center.

Parker won the opening set in the championship match against Brevard's Joseph Schrader 6-3, but Schrader bounced back with a 6-3 victory in the second set to even the match. But then Parker clinched it with a 6-2 triumph in the decisive set.

Parker had beaten Hendersonville's Jacob Fuqua in straight sets in a morning semifinal to get the championship match. Fuqua won the 1-A championship in 2013 and then was the runner-up at 2-A year ago when Hendersonville moved up to 2-A due to realignment.

The doubles championship was an all-Carrboro affair, with Max Fritsch and Jake Zinn of the Jaguarrs teaming to win the doubles title for the second consecutive year. Fritsch and Zinn beat teammates Jason Wykoff and Sean Ross for the state championship, 6-1, 6-4.

NCHSAA 2015 MEN'S 2-A STATE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS Cary Tennis Center

SINGLES—SEMIFINALS

Marshall Parker (Shelby) def. Jacob Fuqua (Hendersonville) 6-1, 6-3; Joseph Schrader (Brevard) def. Ryan Reid (Newton-Conover) 6-2, 6-1.

SINGLES—CHAMPIONSHIP

Parker (Shelby) def. Schrader (Brevard) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

DOUBLES—SEMIFINALS

Max Fritsch-Jake Zinn (Carrboro) def. Andy McCall-Joe Roberts (Brevard) 6-2, 6-4; Jason Wykoff-Sean Ross (Carrboro) def. Daniel Lee-Guy Blanc (Durham NC School of Science and Math) 6-4, 6-2.

DOUBLES—CHAMPIONSHIP

Fritsch-Zinn (Carrboro) def. Wykoff-Ross (Carrboro) 6-1, 6-4

Marvin Ridge Players Impressive In NCHSAA 3-A Tennis

BURLINGTON—Marvin Ridge High School players took three of the four slots in the finals in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men's tennis championships at the Burlington Parks and Recreation Tennis Center and wound up with the doubles crown.

In fact, the doubles championship was an all-Marvin Ridge event, with Hayden Wohlfarth and Woody Watson beating teammates John Hatala and Avanish Madhavarm for the state championship in a tough three-set match, 6-7(4), 6-3, 6-4.

Hatala and Madhavarm teamed to form the number-one doubles team for Marvin Ridge during the season, with Wohlfarth and Watson at number two. But Wohlfarth and Watson beat their teammates in both the regional finals and then for the state title.

Matt Galush of Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons completed an excellent career, culminating it with the state singles championship. Galush spurred to a 5-2 lead over George Lovitt of Marvin Ridge in the opening set and seemed on the verge of an easy victory, but Lovitt battled back gamely to even the set at 6-6 before losing in a tiebreaker. Galush then poured it on with a 6-1 win in the second set to earn the title.

Galush qualified for the NCHSAA state tournament all four years and was a part of two doubles state championships. His record in state tournament competition was an amazing 15-1, with this his first trip to the finals as a singles player.

NCHSAA 2015 MEN'S 3-A STATE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS Burlington Tennis Center:

SINGLES—SEMIFINALS

Matt Galush (Cardinal Gibbons) def. Austin Allen (Asheboro) 6-1, 6-0; George Lovitt (Waxhaw Marvin Ridge) def. Mark Fujino (Northern Guilford) 6-4, 6-4.

SINGLES—CHAMPIONSHIP

Galush (Cardinal Gibbons) def. Lovitt (Marvin Ridge) 7-6(0), 6-1.

DOUBLES—SEMIFINALS

John Hatala-Avanish Madhavarm (Waxhaw Marvin Ridge) def. Sahil Vasa-William Hatt (Weddington) 6-3, 6-3; Hayden Wohlfarth-Woody Watson (Waxhaw Marvin Ridge) def. Ben Williams-Dylan Dinkins (Cameron Union Pines) 6-2, 6-4.

DOUBLES—CHAMPIONSHIP

Wohlfarth-Watson (Marvin Ridge) def. Hatala-Madhavarm (Marvin Ridge) 6-7(4), 6-3, 6-4.

Stachowiak Of Middle Creek Wins Singles In 4-A Tennis; Wakefield Doubles Earns Title

RALEIGH—Nick Stachowiak of Apex Middle Creek made it two singles state titles in the last three years by winning the championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men's tennis championships at the Millbrook Exchange Park.

Stachowiak, the 2013 singles champ, was unable to play last year due to injury, but his return to the championship match was successful as he outlasted Clayton's Klein Evans in three sets, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2. The Middle Creek standout did not lose a single game in his two victories on the opening to get to the finals.

The doubles final was an all-Wake County affair, with Bo Boyden and Jensen Martin of Wakefield taking the title. The Wakefield team downed Austin Cobb and Josiah Schainblatt of Millbrook 6-1, 6-3.

Boyden was the 2013 4-A singles runner-up and captured the singles state title last year, but elected to play doubles in this year's tournament.

The tournament had three rounds of competition on the first day, with the possibility of inclement weather coming, leaving only the championships to be completed on the second day of play.

NCHSAA 2015 MEN'S 4-A STATE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Millbrook Exchange Park, Raleigh:

SINGLES—CHAMPIONSHIP

Nick Stachowiak (Middle Creek) def. Klein Evans (Clayton) 6-1, 4-6, 6-2

DOUBLES—CHAMPIONSHIP

Bo Boyden-Jensen Martin (Raleigh Wakefield) def. Austin Cobb-Josiah Schainblatt (Raleigh Millbrook) 6-1, 6-3.



OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Malia Ellington Is MVP Again; Winston-Salem Prep Women, North Stokes Men Score In 1-A

GREENSBORO—Senior Malia Ellington of Community School of Davidson won three individual events anchored a winning relay team to earn Most Valuable Performer honors in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association women's state 1-A track and field championships at the Irwin Belk Track at North Carolina State A&T University.

It was the second consecutive state MVP performance for Ellington, who had a grueling day in winning the 800, 1600 and 3200 meter events. In the last event of the day, she anchored the winning four by 400 relay team which set a new 1-A meet record in a time of 4:04.26.

Deonica Reid won a pair of events to lead Winston-Salem Prep to the women's team title. Reid was a double individual winner, taking first place in both the 100 and 200, and also ran a leg on the victorious on the four by 200 relay team as Prep was strong in the relays.

Winston-Salem Prep scored 64 points, with Community School of Davidson at 56, primarily based on Ellington's performance. Then came Swain and Louisburg tied for third with 48 and Robbinsville in fifth with 37.

A total of 49 schools scored points in the women's championship meet.

Senior Kylie Polsgrove of Avery County had a great meet and was also a three-time individual winner on the day, taking first place in the high jump

and both hurdle events. Louisburg's Vanisha Wilshire was a double winner, finishing first in the long jump and setting a new 1-A record in the triple jump by recording a leap of 39 feet, four inches.

In the men's championships, North Stokes rolled to its second consecutive NCHSAA team title, paced by Laith Nickell's victory in the pole vault and Justin Kenard taking top honors in the 800. North Stokes recorded points to 60 points to 42 for second-place Rosewood, which vaulted into second by winning the four by 400 relay.

Chocowinity Southside and Research Triangle tied for third with 34, followed by Raleigh Charter (31) and Hayesville (30). There were 47 teams which scored in the men's meet.

Trevor Carr of Camden was selected as the meet MVP, as he won the triple jump, finished second in the 200 and third in the 400.

Senior Jacob Whitaker of Andrews won both the shot put and discus in the men's meet while Zach Boone of Mitchell was a double winner in the 1600 and 3200.

The Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Greensboro Sports Commission serve as the host city sponsors for the event. The 2-A championships are scheduled for Saturday.

Moore Leads Cummings To Team Crown, North Brunswick Takes 2-A Men's Track Title

GREENSBORO—Kayla Moore won two individual events and anchored a victorious relay team to lead Burlington Cummings to the women's team championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A track and field championships at the Irwin Belk Track at North Carolina State A&T University.

Moore won both hurdle events and ran the anchor leg on the winning four by 100 relay team as Cummings used its depth in the sprints and good field events performances to win its 12th NCHSAA state women's track title since 1987.

Cummings tallied 72 points, holding off Carrboro in second with 66. Then came in order North Rowan (42.50), Durham School of the Arts (28), Valdese Draughn 27 and Newton-Conover (24).

A total of 51 schools scored points in the women's meet.

Carrboro's Maysa Araba set a new 2-A women's record in the 1600 with a winning time of 4:55.81, and then broke her own 2-A state mark in the 800 with a time of 2:15.18 to earn the meet's Most Valuable Performer honor. She also anchored the four by 400 relay team for Carrboro that finished second. Payton Russell of North Rowan established a new 2-A mark in the 400 with a time of 55.70 seconds.

Samantha Layko of Newport Croatan was a double winner in field events, capturing first place in both the discus and the shot put.

The men's team race was a tightly contested affair among four or five teams for most of the day, but when it was over North Brunswick pulled away to win the team title, led by Jayhlen Washington's victories in both the long jump and triple jump. Washington was the men's MVP.

North Brunswick scored 53 points, with runner-up Bunn at 37. Claremont Bunker Hill was third at 35.5, followed by North Pitt (33.5), Monroe Central Academy (30) and Carrboro (28.5). There were 56 teams scoring points in the men's meet.

Dylan Andrade of Forbush broke the 2-A men's record in the 300 meter hurdles, breaking the tape in 37.48 seconds and winning by just .04 of a second over Reidsville's Elliott Graves, and Elijah Inuwa of Monroe Central Academy ran 1:51.70 in the 800 for a new 2-A standard. North Johnston's Dylan Pinder won all four wheelchair events in which he participated.

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Sun Valley's Lotharp Big In 3-A Track; Southern Guilford, Marvin Ridge Are Team Champions

GREENSBORO—Junior Kadarius Lotharp of Sun Valley had a hand in four state championship performances in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A track and field championships at the Irwin Belk Track at North Carolina State A&T University.

Lotharp earned meet Most Valuable Performer honors by setting a new state all-classification record with a time of 10.35 seconds in the 100 meters, breaking a 10-year old mark. He also won the 200 and ran legs on victorious 400 and 800 meter relay squads.

Despite Lotharp's heroics, Sun Valley fell a bit short of the team championship as Waxhaw Marvin Ridge scored 60 points to 44 for runner-up Sun Valley. West Carteret was third with 34 points, followed by Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons (32) and Asheville (25). A total of 60 teams scored points in the men's meet.

Junior Tyson Fortenberry of Gastonia Ashbrook was a double winner, taking first in both the discus and the shot put, while Corey Thompson of East Gaston took state individual titles in both hurdle events. East Henderson's Tanis Baldwin captured top honors in both the 800 and 1600.

Wilson Fike's Ian West cleared 16 feet even in the pole vault, a new state 3-A record and tying the all-classification record.

Led by MVP Kylie McMillan, Southern Guilford won the women's team title with 61 points, with Marvin Ridge in second. McMillan won both hurdle events to help her team to victory.

Marvin Ridge tallied 39 points, followed by Cardinal Gibbons (35), Eastern Guilford (32) and Chapel Hill (28). There were 59 schools scoring points in the women's meet.

Anna Vess of Asheville A.C. Reynolds won both the 800 and the 1600, while Courtney Warren of Pikeville Charles B. Aycock was tough in the sprints, taking first in the 100 and 200.

Murphy Of Apex, Howe Of Mallard Creek Are MVPs; Parkland, Mallard Creek Win

GREENSBORO—Ebony Williams helped propel Winston-Salem Parkland to its second consecutive state team championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A track and field championships at the Irwin Belk Track at North Carolina State A&T University.

Williams was a double individual winner, taking first place in the 100 meter high hurdles, setting a new NCHSAA all-classification record in the process, and winning the 300 meter hurdle event. She also ran a leg on the record-setting four by 200 relay team.

Parkland rolled to the team championship by recording 95 points, with Kaitlin Sherman adding to the cause by winning the 100 meters and McKinley McNeill taking first in the 400 and anchoring the winning four by 400 relay quartet. A surge by Cary in the final event but it in second at 59.5 points while Apex was third at 58, followed by High Point Central (40) and Charlotte Mallard Creek (33).

A total of 46 schools scored points in the championship meet.

Sydnei Murphy of Apex also had an excellent meet and was named the championship MVP, winning both the long jump and the triple jump and finishing third in both the 100 and 200. Green Hope's Elly Henes was a double winner in distance events, taking top honors in both the 1600 and 3200, shattering the all-classification mark by almost seven seconds in the 3200 with a time of 10:39.47.

Mallard Creek's depth and strength in the relays—the Mavericks won both the four by 100 and four by 200—helped propel the team to victory in the men's meet. Mallard Creek tallied 56 points to 38 for runner-up Durham Hillside. Then came, in order, Southeast Raleigh (31), Hope Mills South View (26) and a tie for fifth between Northwest Guilford and Fayetteville Jack Britt with 24 points each. There were 65 teams scoring points in the men's meet.

Keon Howe of Mallard Creek, the meet MVP, cleared 16 feet even to tie the existing NCHSAA record in and also soared 6-10 to win the high jump. South View's Philip Hall won both the 1600 and 3200.

The Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Greensboro Sports Commission serve as the host city sponsors for the event.



MEN'S GOLF

Ehrhardt Takes Top Honors In 1-A Men's Golf Championships

FOXFIRE VILLAGE—Reilly Ehrhardt of Kernersville Bishop McGuinness fired a three-under par 69 to win the individual championship in the 18th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A men's golf championships on the Grey Fox Course at the Foxfire Golf and Country Club.

Ehrhardt, who led by two shots after Monday's action, had a score of 142 for the tournament, two under par and nine shots ahead of Bishop teammate Kevin Sowinski.

Bishop McGuinness, gunning for its fifth consecutive NCHSAA 1-A title, had a 294 as a team on Tuesday for a 598 total, a whopping 44 shots ahead of Lincoln Charter. Boonville Starmount was third at 674.

The best four of five individual scores count toward the team total.

The course was set at par 72 and 6,641 yards for the championship.

Prior to 1986, all NCHSAA schools competed for a single title in an open tournament. Play went to three classifications in 1986 and then to four classes beginning with the 1998 tournaments.

A total of 72 golfers competed in the two-day tournament.

NCHSAA 2015 MEN'S 1-A GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS Foxfire Golf and Country Club—Final Results

TEAM STANDINGS			
Bishop McGuinness	304	294	598
Lincoln Charter	323	319	642
Starmount	333	341	674
Comm. Schl Davidson	341	346	687
Pine Lake Preparatory	349	345	694
East Surry	351	350	701
Franklin Academy	360	354	714
Whiteville	377	376	753
Lakewood	370	387	757
Pinetown Northside	401	383	784
Lejeune	396	388	784
Manteo	404	389	793

Cole Jefferys Wins Again In 2-A; Newton-Conover Takes Team

WHISPERING PINES—Defending individual champion Cole Jefferys of SouthWest Edgecombe won his second state championship in the 30th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A men's golf championships on the Pines Course at the Country Club of Whispering Pines.

Jefferys recorded a 36-hole total of one-over 145, adding an even par 72 on Tuesday to go with his Monday 73 that gave him sole possession of

first place after one round. He won by a whopping 10 shots over Garrett Wickline of East Duplin.

The championship was held on a par 72 layout set at 6,695 yards for the NCHSAA event.

Newton-Conover stormed back on the second day to shoot a 317 as a team to give the Red Devils a 648 total and the team championship for the third consecutive year. South Stokes and Wilkes Central battled in a playoff for the second spot after finishing at 660, with Wilkes Central taking second on the first playoff hole.

The best four of five individual scores counted toward the team total.

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A total of 72 golfers competed in the two-day event.

NCHSAA 2015 MEN'S 2-A GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS Country Club of Whispering Pines—Final Results

Newton-Conover	331	317	648
Wilkes Central	333	327	660*
South Stokes	323	337	660
Washington	335	334	669
Reidsville	342	339	681
East Duplin	343	339	682
Roanoke Rapids	340	348	688
Shelby	346	350	696
Clinton	344	355	699
East Davidson	352	351	703
Franklin	369	347	716
Farmville Central	358	360	718

*took second on first playoff hole

East Rowan's Lyerly Wins In Golf; Forestview Wins Fourth Straight

SOUTHERN PINES—East Rowan's Nick Lyerly fired a four-under par 67 and held off a red-hot Patrick Stephenson take the individual championship in the 30th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men's golf championships at the Longleaf Golf and Country Club.

Lyerly had a 36-hole total of 138, four under for the tournament, and had a stretch on the second day where he made three birdies in a five-hole span to take control.

South Johnston's Stephenson, who was tied for 18th after the opening round of play with a 75, fired a 65 in the final round, including six birdies and four on the back nine. He wound up with a two-under par total of 140, two shots back.

Four golfers were tied for third with even par totals of 142, including Stephen Carroll of Concord, Isaac Nycum of Canton Pisgah, Dalton Maudin of Lee Senior and Avery Price of Gastonia Forestview.

First-day leader Michael Sardinia of Cuthbertson had a 73 in the final round for a 143 total.

The course was set at par 71 and 6,513 yards for the NCHSAA championship.

Forestview and East Rowan each carded team scores of 295 on the first day to enter the final round in a tie. But Forestview put together a 290 score as a team in the final round to win the team title by five shots over East Rowan with Waxhaw Marvin Ridge third. It was Forestview's fourth consecutive state crown.

Prior to 1986, all NCHSAA schools competed for a single title in an open tournament. Play went to three classifications in 1986 and then to four classes beginning with the 1998 tournaments.

A total of 72 golfers participated in the two-day tournament.

NCHSAA 2015 MEN'S 3-A GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS Longleaf Golf and Country Club Southern Pines—Final Results

TEAM STANDINGS

Gastonia Forestview	295	290	585
East Rowan	295	295	590
Marvin Ridge	303	291	594
Lee Senior	316	295	611
Cuthbertson	306	313	619
Corinth Holders	310	310	620
Rockingham County	309	311	620
South Point	312	320	632
Kings Mountain	314	327	641
Cardinal Gibbons	320	323	643
West Brunswick	319	332	651
Wilson Hunt	327	327	654

Eric Bae Of Pinecrest Is Medalist In 4-A, Leads Team To State Title

PINEHURST—Eric Bae of Southern Pines Pinecrest had the only sub-par round of the first day and added another one Tuesday to take the individual championship in the 79th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men's golf championships at Pinehurst Country Club number four.

Bae had back-to-back rounds of 70 for a 140 total, four under par and two shots ahead of Raleigh Leesville Road's Doc Redman. Redman had a two-under 70 on Tuesday for a 142 total.

Bryce Hendrix of Greenville D.H. Conley also recorded a 70 on the final day for a 143 total, one under par, to tie for third with Raleigh Broughton's Stephen Saleeby.

The course was laid out at 6,715 yards for Tuesday's final round. Monday's round was held on Pinehurst number two.

Bae's sub-par rounds helped propel Pinecrest to the team championship by six shots over defending champion Raleigh Broughton. Pinecrest had a 586 total to Broughton's 592, with first day team leader Myers Park in third at 584.

The best four of five individual scores counted toward the team total.

Prior to 1986, all NCHSAA schools competed for a single title in an open tournament. Play went to three classifications in 1986 and then to four classes beginning with the 1998 tournaments.

A total of 72 golfers began play in the two-day tournament. Action is scheduled to resume at eight o'clock on Tuesday morning with play moving to Pinehurst number four, which will play at par 72 and 6,715 yards.

NCHSAA 2015 MEN'S 4-A GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS Pinehurst Country Club, no.4 : Final Results (first round was at Pinehurst number two)

TEAM STANDINGS

Pinecrest	302	284	586
Raleigh Broughton	304	288	592
Charlotte Myers Park	300	294	594
Charlotte Catholic	318	298	616
Cornelius W.A. Hough	315	303	618
Raleigh Leesville Road	317	304	621
Cary Panther Creek	317	307	624
Greensboro Page	323	304	627
R.J. Reynolds	326	305	631
Greenville D.H. Conley	319	314	633
Pfafftown Reagan	340	314	654
Scotland	344	313	657



MEN'S DUAL TEAM TENNIS

Wakefield, Marvin Ridge, Carrboro, Raleigh Charter Win Championships

BURLINGTON—Bo Boyden of Raleigh Wakefield was named the Most Valuable Player as Wakefield blanked Greensboro Page 6-0 for the 4-A championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's 25th annual state men's dual team finals at the Burlington Tennis Center.

Boyden won the number one singles match with relative ease over Hardy Brown in straight 6-1 sets to culminate a great high school career. He teamed with Jensen Martin last week to win the NCHSAA 4-A doubles championship and prior to this year had earned a singles state crown and had a runner-up finish as well.

Wakefield was in the championship match for the third time in four years and won its second dual team title during that span, finishing a perfect 21-0 season. Page, in its fifth men's dual team final and with two previous state titles, ended the year 14-2.

Carrboro, in the 2-A championship match for the fourth consecutive year, won its second straight state title over Brevard, winning this time by a 5-2 count.

Carrboro's Jason Wykoff won at six singles, one of four matches in singles the Jaguars won after Brevard won the top two, and then combined with Sean Ross to win at number-three doubles and clinch the title. Fritsch was named MVP.

Carrboro ended the season 14-1 while Brevard, in the finals for the third time, suffered its first loss in 17 dual team matches.

The closest championship of the day—and by far the longest—was a grueling 3-A final with Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons and Waxhaw Marvin Ridge splitting the singles matches 3-3 to force the final into decisive doubles play. Three of the six singles matches split sets.

And then each team won a doubles match, so it boiled down to the number-one doubles going into a tiebreaker after the pro set went 10-10. John Hatala and Avanish Madhavaram of Marvin Ridge prevailed 11-10 in a thriller, winning the tiebreaker 7-3 over Matt Galush and Jim Mantyh.

Hatala, who also won the number-two singles, was named MVP of the final.

Gibbons made its 10th straight appearance in the championships in two different classifications and had consecutive state title streak snapped at four. The Crusaders finished its season at 22-5 while Marvin Ridge finished a perfect 18-0 campaign.

In the 1-A championship, Raleigh Charter dropped the first two singles matches, including one by 1-A singles state champ Max Vicario, but went on to score a 5-2 triumph over Mooresville Pine Lake Prep.

Raleigh Charter got the clincher when Cole Esleeck and Dennis Smith, who won at five and six singles respectively, took the number three doubles. Joseph Fisher, who won at the third singles, was selected as the MVP of the championship.

Raleigh Charter, in the finals for the third time, won its second NCHSAA title and finished the year 11-0 in dual team matches. Pine Lake Prep wound up 12-2 overall.

KEEP CHECKING THE WEB SITE!

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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.



MEN'S LACROSSE

Apex Nips Charlotte Catholic 7-6 To Win NCHSAA 4-A Lacrosse

CARY—Apex built a solid lead and then held off a furious comeback by Charlotte Catholic to take a narrow 7-6 victory in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's state 4-A men's lacrosse championship at WakeMed Soccer Park.

Senior midfielder Nick Greco of Apex scored two goals and handed out two assists, earning the Most Valuable Player award for the championship.

It was a rematch of last year's championship which was won by Catholic 11-8.

Greco, Jack Hayden, and Chandler Besser each scored two goals for Apex, with Hayden finishing the season with a total of 48 goals. Besser also had two assists.

Apex led most of the way, holding a 4-1 lead at the half, and was up 6-3 with 10 minutes to play before Catholic mounted a rally. A goal by Seamus Bryne pulled Catholic to within 6-5 with 7:20 to go.

The Charlotte team in the battle of Cougars had the ball down 7-6 with 1:36 to play but could not score, with Apex finally taking possession in the final seconds. However, Catholic had a whopping 39-14 advantage in shots, with an 18-10 edge in shots on goal.

Seamus Byrne had two goals to lead the Catholic scoring.

Charlotte Catholic ended the year with a 20-3 record and was making its second consecutive trip to an NCHSAA men's lacrosse final.

Apex wound up 20-2 and was in the championship for the fourth time in the tournament's six-year history, with a win in the 2013 state championship. The Cougars have compiled an outstanding 22-4 mark all-time in NCHSAA playoff action.

NCHSAA STATE 4-A MEN'S LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP WAKEMED SOCCER PARK, CARY

Apex	2	2	1	2	—	7
Charlotte Catholic	0	1	2	3	—	6

Cardinal Gibbons Nips Marvin Ridge In Sudden Death For 1A/2A/3A Lacrosse Title

CARY—Senior Nick Forbes scored the winning goal in sudden death overtime to lift Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons to an exciting 13-12 victory over Waxhaw Marvin Ridge in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's state men's 1-A/2-A/3-A lacrosse championship at WakeMed Soccer Park.

Gibbons dominated possession in the overtime, taking several shots and then forcing Maverick turnovers when Marvin Ridge finally got the ball, before Forbes found the back of the net for the game winner. The Crusader standout had a monster game with four goals and seven assists and was named the championship Most Valuable Player.

Marvin Ridge led 8-6 at halftime but Gibbons scored two goals in the first minute of the third quarter and then took the lead with 7:22 left in the period. The Mavericks came back to lead by three in the fourth quarter before Gibbons battled back again, getting the equalizer by Mark Schachte on a great pass from Forbes with just 22 seconds remaining to force overtime.

For the game Gibbons had 47 shots, 25 on goal, to 32 for the Mavericks with 17 on goal. Gibbons also had a huge 48-23 edge in ground balls.

Another key to the Cardinal Gibbons victory was the play of Stephen

Albright on face offs in the second half, as he won 12 of 13 after halftime.

Schachte scored five goals for the winners, with Forbes assisting on all five of those goals. Camden Porta led the Marvin Ridge scoring with three goals while Shane Hanlon, Jared Blum and Jack Rich had two each. Blum also had two assists.

Gibbons, winning its second straight NCHSAA men's lacrosse title, ended the season with a 17-4 record and has been in the playoffs in every year the NCHSAA has had lacrosse. The Crusaders also have a postseason record of 17-4 all-time and made their third trip to the championship.

Marvin Ridge wound up 18-2 in its second straight trip to the finals, having lost to Gibbons 11-8 in last year's final.

This was the second year in the six-year history of NCHSAA men's lacrosse playoffs that there were championships, with a separate 4-A final and then the 1-A/2-A/3-A championship.

NCHSAA STATE 1-A/2-A/3-A MEN'S LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP WAKEMED SOCCER PARK, CARY

					OT	
Cardinal Gibbons	3	3	3	3	1	— 13
Marvin Ridge	4	4	2	2	0	— 12



WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Lake Norman Nips Cardinal Gibbons In Overtime To Win Women's Lacrosse

CARY—Sophomore attack player Kieran Rinaldi scored two goals in overtime as Lake Norman edged Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons 17-15 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's sixth annual state women's lacrosse championship at WakeMed Soccer Park.

The game was knotted at 13-13 with 2:15 to play as Lake Norman moved the ball around and ran the clock down, and Rinaldi scored with 18 seconds to go to put the Lady Wildcats up 14-13. But Gibbons countered with an amazing goal by Erica Skowron just before the final horn to send the game into overtime.

Two three-minute overtimes ensued, with Lake Norman forging a 16-15 lead in the first stanza on goals by Carly Vaccaro and Rinaldi, and then Rinaldi's final goal with 1:42 to go in the second OT period put the Lady Wildcats ahead by the final margin.

No more than two goals separated the teams throughout the first half, which ended in a 5-5 deadlock. Lake Norman opened up a 9-6 lead early in the second half before the Crusaders came back.

Vaccaro finished the day with six goals to end the season with a whopping 87. Rinaldi tallied five times and Julianna Dworschak had three goals.

Jordan Lappin of Gibbons was chosen the Most Valuable Player of the championship with six goals and two assists to end the season with 90 goals. Skowron tallied four times for the Crusaders and Sarah Comstock had three.

Lake Norman outshot Gibbons 36-17 and had a commanding 22-11 edge in draw controls.

Both teams have been in the playoffs in each of the six years the NCHSAA has had a women's championship. Lake Norman won its first NCHSAA state title in the sport and finished the season with an 18-2 record. Gibbons, in its first women's final, wound up 19-2 overall.

The women's lacrosse state championships are currently conducted as an "open" tournament, with all classifications competing for a single crown.

NCHSAA STATE WOMEN'S LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP WAKEMED SOCCER PARK, CARY

	1	2	OT	OT	F
Cardinal Gibbons	5	9	1	0	— 15
Lake Norman	5	9	2	1	— 17



WOMEN'S SOCCER

Panther Creek Blanks Providence In State 4-A Women's Soccer Final

RALEIGH—A strong defense and opportunistic offense helped lift Cary Panther Creek to a 2-0 victory over Charlotte Providence in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A women's soccer championship game Saturday at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University.

Sophomore fullback Meredith Hamby, who scored the opening goal of the game, was selected as the championship Most Valuable Player.

The Catamounts opened the scoring in the 29th minute when Hamby executed a neat one-touch goal from the top of the box after a nice feed from Emma Socha to make it 1-0.

Panther Creek then upped the advantage to 2-0 with a little more than 15 minutes to play when senior striker Justine James rifled a shot from dead center well outside the box and it found the upper 90, off an assist from Brianna Velasquez.

The Catamount defense, which yielded only six goals all season long, was stellar throughout, as Panther Creek outshot Providence 11-4. Celeste Barnard, with the shutout in goal for the winners, made two saves, although Providence had some opportunities and had four corner kicks to just one for the Catamounts.

Panther Creek closed the season with an unbeaten record, going 20-0-2, while Providence finished at 23-2-1.

The Catamounts were in the state championship for the second consecutive year, having lost to Cornelius Hough 1-0 in sudden death in last year's 4-A final. Providence was in the finals for the fourth time, now with a 1-3 mark in previous championships which includes a 1997 4-A crown.

The Greater Raleigh Sports Alliance serves as the primary host city partner for the women's soccer championship.

NCHSAA STATE 4-A WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP Dail Soccer Field, N.C. State University

Charlotte Providence	0	0	— 0
Cary Panther Creek	1	1	— 2

SCORING

29th minute	PC—Meredith Hamby (Emma Socha)
65th minute	PC—Justine James (Brianna Velasquez)

Araba's Blast Lifts Carrboro In Overtime Over Forbush In State 2-A Women's Soccer Final

RALEIGH—Sophomore Miah Araba's rocket from over 30 yards out with just over six minutes remaining in the second overtime lifted Carrboro to a 2-1 victory over East Bend Forbush in a thrilling North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A women's soccer championship game at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University.

Araba, with two goals on the hot afternoon, was named the championship Most Valuable Player.

The 80-minute regulation time ended in a scoreless tie, although both teams had some great opportunities to score in the final minutes. Carrboro had a clear shot with about eight minutes to play and then a Forbush follow shot hit the post with five minutes remaining.

Then there were two goals scored within 65 seconds of one another in the first overtime. Carrboro broke the ice with a goal in the 85th minute when Araba scored her first in a battle at the goal mouth. Then just about a minute later, off a set piece on a corner kick Nancy Rios found Shannon Holden in a scramble in front of the net and the Falcons had tied it.

Araba's long-range blast found the back of the net in the 94th minute to make it 2-1, and the Jaguars held on to win.

Carrboro had 10 shots to five for Forbush but both teams had the ball in the attacking third enough for several corner kick opportunities. The Falcons had seven and Carrboro five. Keeper Jessica Funk had six saves for Forbush.

The Jaguars finished 21-0-1 and had allowed only one goal in the entirety of the season entering the final, and that back in March in a non-league game against Chapel Hill. Forbush ended the campaign 21-3-1.

Carrboro made its third trip to the NCHSAA women's soccer, with the Jaguars winning the title in 2012 and losing in the finals in 2011, and the Jaguars have an outstanding all-time record in women's soccer playoffs of 28-6. Forbush was in the championship for the fourth time but is still looking for its initial women's soccer state title, and the Falcons have been in the NCHSAA playoffs 17 times with a 38-17 all-time mark.

The Greater Raleigh Sports Alliance serves as the primary host city partner for the women's soccer championship.

NCHSAA STATE 2-A WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

Dail Soccer Field, N.C. State University

			OT	OT	
Forbush	0	0	1	0	— 1
Carrboro	0	0	1	1	— 2

SCORING

85th minute	C—Miah Araba
86th minute	F—Shannon Holden (Nancy Rios)
94th minute	C—Miah Araba

A.C. Reynolds Edges Swansboro 2-1 In NCHSAA State 3-A Women's Soccer Title Match

RALEIGH—Senior goalkeeper Dallas Warren had 11 saves and earned Most Valuable Player honors as Asheville A.C. Reynolds edged Swansboro 2-1 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A women's soccer championship game at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University.

Swansboro outshot A.C. Reynolds 13-5 and had the better run of play for much of the game, but Warren kept the Lady Pirates at bay. Swansboro also had nine corner kicks to just two for the the Rockets.

All the scoring came in the first half. A.C. Reynolds took a 1-0 lead in the 10th minute on an unassisted goal by Christina Shimshock, and then the Rockets moved it to 2-0 about 12 minutes later when Kaley Cross tallied.

Swansboro cut the margin to 2-1 just 18 seconds before halftime on a long floating shot by junior forward Tylor Ring that Warren deflected but could not save to give Ring her 20th goal of the season.

Swansboro keepers combined for three saves, with Gia McAlister getting one in the first half and then Jessica Edwards recording two in the final 40 minutes.

The Rockets ended the year with a 24-4 record while Swansboro wound up at 25-3 overall.

A.C. Reynolds made its first visit to the NCHSAA women's soccer state finals. Swansboro, a perennial power, was in the 3-A championship for the

first time but had earned four state crowns at the 2-A level, in 2006, '09, '10 and '13. The Lady Pirates were in the championship for the eighth time.

The Raleigh Sports Consortium serves as the primary host city partner for the women's soccer championship, along with the Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau.

NCHSAA STATE 3-A WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

Dail Soccer Field, N.C. State University

Asheville A.C. Reynolds	2	0	— 2
Swansboro	1	0	— 1

SCORING

10th minute	ACR—Christina Shimshock
22nd minute	ACR—Kaley Cross
40th minute	S—Tylor Ring

Rhodes Goal Lifts Raleigh Charter To Win In State 1-A Women's Soccer Championship

RALEIGH—Senior midfielder Abby Rhodes scored the game winning goal in the 63rd minute to lift Raleigh Charter to a 2-1 victory over Kernersville Bishop McGuinness in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A women's soccer championship game at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University.

Rhodes headed in the winning goal from about the six off a perfect service from Grace Nipp to give the Phoenix a lead it would not relinquish. Nipp, who had the assist on the game winner and was very active in the attacking third, creating quality scoring opportunities, was named the championship Most Valuable Player. She ended the season with a whopping 45 goals and 22 assists.

After a scoreless first half, freshman Mary Kay Walsh put Bishop McGuinness on the board in the first 1:33 of the second half. Walsh scored her 29th goal of the year to put the Lady Villains up 1-0, following up a rebound off her own missed shot and drilling it home.

The Phoenix tied it just over 12 minutes later on a goal by junior midfielder Rachel Erickson with an assist from Hana Chabinsky.

Bishop had 11 shots on the game to 10 for Raleigh Charter, with the Phoenix earning three corner kicks to two for Bishop.

Raleigh Charter finished an unbeaten campaign with a 20-0-1 record, while Bishop McGuinness ended its year at 17-8-1, although its entire 10-game non-conference slate was against higher classification teams, including 4-A squads.

Raleigh Charter made its fourth trip to the NCHSAA state women's soccer finals with a 1-2 mark in previous championships. Bishop was in its second finals appearance, as the Villains lost to Raleigh Charter in the 2007 final by a 3-0 score.

The Greater Raleigh Sports Alliance serves as the primary host city partner for the women's soccer championship.

NCHSAA STATE 1-A WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

Dail Soccer Field, N.C. State University

Bishop McGuinness	0	1	— 1
Raleigh Charter	0	2	— 2

SCORING

42nd minute	BG—Mary Kay Walsh
53th minute	RC—Rachel Erickson (Hana Chabinsky)
63rd minute	RC—Abby Rhodes (Grace Nipp)



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