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Seven Named For Induction To NCHSAA Hall of Fame

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

The late Jack Holley of Teachey, Ralph Holloway of Morehead City, the late Joe Miller of Wilmington, Chris Norman of Shelby, Moyer Smith of Chapel Hill, Rick Strunk of Carrboro and Jerry Winterton of Cary have been named as the 28th group of inductees to join the prestigious hall. That brings to 163 the number enshrined.

The new inductees were honored during special halftime ceremonies at a football game at Kenan Stadium in October when North Carolina played Georgia Tech. The University of North Carolina designated the day as the 30th annual NCHSAA Day. The new class will officially be inducted at the special Hall of Fame banquet next spring in Chapel Hill.

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

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

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NCHSAA Hall of Fame recipients on field at Kenan Stadium—Pepper Hines of NCHSAA staff at left with Hall of Famers: Judy Holley, representing the late Jack Holley; Ralph Holloway; Phyllis Miller, representing the late Joe Miller; Chris Norman, Moyer Smith, Rick Strunk and Jerry Winterton.

Jack Holley

The late Jack Holley won more high school football games as a head coach than any other coach in North Carolina history.

He was born in Ashton, NC, and then was an outstanding athlete at New Hanover High School in Wilmington, where he played on state championship teams in several different sports, before going to Guilford College and graduating in 1963.

Holley coached for 46 years at a variety of stops, including Tabor City, Wallace-Rose Hill, Hallsboro, West Columbus, South Columbus and Harrells Christian Academy. He had two major stints at Wallace-Rose Hill, from 1982-92 and then from 1997-2008. During his tenure, his teams won an amazing 412 games against 96 losses and nine ties, including numerous conference championships, which has put him in the top ten of football coaches nationally. Holley also coached in both the North Carolina Coaches Association East-West all-star games and the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

He has been inducted into both the Greater Wilmington Sports Hall of Fame and the Guilford College Sports Hall of Fame.

Ralph Holloway

Ralph Holloway has compiled an impressive slate as a high school coach as well as an administrator.

Holloway grew up in South Carolina and then attended Elizabeth City State University, graduating in 1975, with a master's from East Carolina.

He embarked on an outstanding teaching and coaching career, with stints at the high school level at Burlington Cummings from 1983 to '89 and then at Kinston from 1989 to '98. He was defensive coordinator at Cummings when it won the '87 NCHSAA football crown and guided the women's track team to a couple of state championships there. He left Cummings to serve as head football coach and athletic director at Kinston.

Holloway then went to West Carteret as athletic director and assistant principal for three years, followed by 10 years as principal at East Carteret. He served as president of the Board of Directors of the NCHSAA and also on the Board of the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association.

He is in the Palmetto (SC) High School

Hall of Fame as an athlete, the Cummings High School Hall of Fame as a coach, and in the North Carolina Athletic Directors Hall of Fame. He also helped to chair the NCHSAA's recent Centennial Celebration.

Joe Miller

The late Joe Miller, who died unexpectedly earlier in the year, was an outstanding coach and athletic administrator, with his time in North Carolina at New Hanover High School and in the New Hanover County central office.

Born in Sewickley, Pa., Miller graduated from Western Carolina University and began his coaching career in Georgia and Florida before a couple years as an assistant football coach at Kansas State. He arrived at New Hanover High in Wilmington in 1974 and was head football coach there for 20 years, compiling a brilliant 186-56-1 mark with nine conference championships. He also coached New Hanover to slow pitch softball state championships in 1975 and '76.

He moved to the central office in New Hanover, serving as county athletic director from 1994 to 2011. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the NCHSAA as well as the Board of the North Carolina Coaches Association and also served a term as president of the N.C. Athletic Directors Association (NCADA) Board.

He is a member of the NCADA Hall of Fame and the Greater Wilmington Sports Hall of Fame.

Chris Norman

Chris Norman was an outstanding head coach in football as well as a well-respected athletic administrator.

Born in Shelby, Norman attended Shelby High School and then graduated from Gardner-Webb College in 1984. After three years as an assistant coach at East Rutherford, Norman went to Shelby where he was a successful assistant coach before taking over as head coach from 1998 to 2010.

His career coaching mark was a stellar 147-39-1, with three state NCHSAA championships and a perfect 16-0 mark in 2006. The Golden Lions also won 10 conference titles and five regional crowns under Norman. He also served as Shelby's athletic director for six years

as well as coaching men's and women's track and field for several years during his tenure.

Norman was the president of the North Carolina Coaches Association in 2011-12 and served four-year terms on both the NCCA Board of Directors and the NCHSAA Board of Directors. He coached in both the North Carolina Coaches Association East-West all-star games and the Shrine Bowl and has worked with the Shrine Bowl combines in the last few years.

Moyer Smith

Moyer Smith had a stellar career as an athlete, coach, athletic administrator and fundraiser, with his involvement in the NCHSAA primarily involving sponsorship and the Endowment.

Smith was a standout athlete at Lexington High School and played in the Shrine Bowl before going to the University of North Carolina, where he played football and ran track. Following graduation, he was a head football coach at Albemarle and Lexington before moving to the college ranks as an assistant at Florida State and then at North Carolina.

He moved from coaching into athletic administration at UNC and then later was the president of the UNC Educational Foundation from 1986 until 2002. After his retirement from UNC, he volunteered to work with the NCHSAA as a consultant and fund raiser for a period of seven years. He helped raise over half a million dollars in a number of different initiatives with special Endowment programs connected to specific awards as well as corporate support.

He was inducted into the Davidson County Sports Hall of Fame in 2010 and was the first Lifetime Achievement Award winner given by the National Association of Athletic Development Directors (NAADD).

Rick Strunk

Rick Strunk has been involved with high school athletics for almost 40 years, with his entire professional career involved with the media.

After graduating from Newton-Conover High School, where he played basketball, Strunk attended the University of North Carolina on a prestigious Morehead Scholarship as well as a

National Merit Scholarship.

He was sports editor of the daily Observer-News-Enterprise in Newton, sports director of WNNC Radio there and also did eight years of radio and television broadcasting. He served at Lenoir-Rhyne College and at Furman University as sports information director and won 16 national awards for excellence in publications.

Strunk has been on the NCHSAA staff since 1986, helping initiate such programs as NCHSAA Scholar-Athlete, Hall of Fame, the NCHSAA Record Book and its intern program. He served eight years as the chairman of the National Records Committee and twice was master of ceremonies for the National High School Hall of Fame induction ceremony. He has designed, written and edited many NCHSAA publications and serves as media liaison.

Strunk has received Distinguished Service Awards from the NCHSAA, the N.C. Athletic Directors Association and the NIAAA, and he earned the National Federation Citation award in 2013.

Jerry Winterton

Jerry Winterton compiled an amazing record as a wrestling coach that has drawn both statewide and national attention.

A 1973 graduate of Brockport State in New York, Winterton's record as the head wrestling coach at Cary from 1981 to 2010 is unmatched, although he also coached four years at East Wake and was an assistant at N.C. State University from 1975-77. He also worked as an assistant football coach at Cary for 14 seasons and head tennis coach for four.

Winterton's Cary grapplers won 11 North Carolina High School Athletic Association state tournament titles and eight dual team championships. His teams also finished as runners-up in those two events on 13 occasions. His overall record during his stint at Cary was an astounding 621-16, with 28 consecutive conference championships and 138 consecutive victories at one point.

He coached 42 different individual state champions and has been honored previously by the North Carolina chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. ★

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

THE NCHSAA HALL OF FAME

Class of 1987

(Charter Members)

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

Class of 1988

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

Class of 1989

Russell Blunt, Durham
Lee Stone, Asheboro

Class of 1990

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

Class of 1991

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

Class of 1992

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

Class of 1993

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

Class of 1994

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

Class of 1995

Willie Bradshaw, Durham
Robert P. Colvin, Robbinsville
Joe Paul Eblen, Asheville
Augustus B. "Gus" Purcell, Charlotte
George W. Wingfield, Reidsville*

Class of 1996

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

Class of 1997

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

Class of 1998

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

Class of 1999

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

Class of 2000

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

Class of 2001

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

Class of 2002

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

Class of 2003

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

Class of 2004

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

Class of 2005

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

Class of 2006

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

Class of 2007

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

Class of 2008

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

Class of 2009

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

Class of 2010

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

Class of 2011

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

Class of 2012

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

Class of 2013

Bobby Guthrie, Raleigh
Jack Huss, Rutherfordton
Lindsey Linker, Chapel Hill
Shelly Marsh, Smithfield
Dave Odom, Winston-Salem
Cindi Simmons, Webster
Sam Story, Burlington
Ron Vincent, Greenville

Class of 2014

Jack Holley, Teachey*
Ralph Holloway, Morehead City
Joe Miller, Wilmington*
Chris Norman, Shelby
Moyer Smith, Chapel Hill
Rick Strunk, Carrboro
Jerry Winterton, Cary

• posthumous induction

NCHSAA Presents Awards At Regional Meetings

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

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

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

The award winners include:

REGION 1

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: Charles Simmons, athletic director, Hertford County—Simmons is a veteran coach who has earned numerous coach of the year honors in basketball. He has coached men’s basketball for 32 years, with 558 victories and 15 conference championships, and has been athletic director at Hertford for 22 years.

Charles has coached in the North Carolina Coaches Association East-West all-star game, and he is a previous winner of an NCHSAA Distinguished Service Award and Award of Merit. Several years ago he earned the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association BraveHeart Award. He is a graduate of East Rutherford High School and Pembroke State University.

Allison Sholar Osmon, superintendent of the Currituck County schools, was also recognized with a Distinguished Service Award. Born in Asheboro and a 1983 graduate of Elon College, Allison taught high school English for five years before moving into administration. At the high school level she has been a principal at Manteo, Currituck and First Flight High Schools and was named Principal of the Year in both Currituck County and Dare County. She served as the superintendent of Pender County before her stint at Currituck and was president of the NCHSAA Board of Directors from 2009-11. She currently serves as the NCHSAA Board’s past president.

Special Person: Irene Cannon, Student-Athlete Summer Institute (SASI) coach—Cannon has been very involved with the Student Athlete Summer Institute, part of the NCHSAA’s student services offerings, but that is not the only way that she has been active in high school athletics. She has served as a SASI coach, facilitator and co-director for 22 years.

Cannon spent 27 years with the Pitt County schools at Ayden-Grifton High School, where she was the DREAM team coordinator and also served as the trainer for the football team. She also coached softball and was an assistant basketball coach there, and in addition is in her 35th year as a registered volleyball official, so she has enjoyed a great career in a variety of aspects connected with high school athletics.

REGION 2

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: Roy Turner, athletic director, Ashley—Turner has been the athletic director at Ashley High School since 2006. He is heavily involved in the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association’s Leadership Training National Faculty. He has also been very involved in various roles with the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association.

Prior to working at Ashley, Turner was the athletic director at Southeast Guilford High School and at Greensboro Dudley before that. He has also coached high school baseball and officiated high school volleyball and basketball, including NCHSAA state basketball championships.

Special Person: Greg Grantham, retired athletic director, White Oak—Greg Grantham of White Oak High School announced his retirement effective July 31. He served at White Oak for the last 21 years and became athletic director in 1999. He coached men’s basketball there from 1993 through 2011 and also coached golf during his tenure at White Oak.

Grantham has been very involved in NCHSAA activities, even serving a term on the realignment committee, and has served as the president of the North Carolina High School Basketball Coaches Association. He graduated from Coker College in South Carolina in 1984 and earned his master’s from East Carolina in 1991.

He has also received a number of honors during his career, including the NCHSAA Homer Thompson “Eight Who Make a Difference” award in 1997. He was named to the NCHSAA’s list of 100 administrators to remember last year during the centennial celebration for the organization.

REGION 3

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: Mike Miragliuolo, cross country and baseball coach, Green Hope—Miragliuolo has coached for the last 13 years at Green Hope High School in Wake County after a stint coaching in Maine. He coaches both cross country and baseball and has been tremendously successful, including six NCHSAA state championships in cross country and six conference crowns in baseball. Remarkably, his cross country team has well over 200 runners, as chronicled in the NCHSAA 100th anniversary book written by the Raleigh News and Observer’s Tim Stevens. Mike has also recently published a second book of his own, called *The Real Story of a High School Coach*.

Special Person: Carolina Mudcats—The Carolina Mudcats minor league baseball franchise has been a great friend of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association for many years. Five County Stadium has been the site of numerous state baseball championships and the Mudcats staff always goes out of its way to try to create a great championship experience for the players, coaches and supporters of the schools which play there. Many people work together to pull off that event, which includes multiple teams, multiple games and sometimes working around bad weather.

REGION 4

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: Leon Mack, athletic director, Cumberland County—Mack serves as the director of student activities and athletics for the Cumberland County schools and has helped to host the Region 4 meeting in Fayetteville for a number of years. He served with distinction on the NCHSAA Board of Directors, completing a four-year term, and he has also worked as the tournament director for the Eastern Regional basketball tournament held in Fayetteville.

Special Person: Neil Buie, regional supervisor—Neil Buie is the regional supervisor of officials for the Southeastern North Carolina Sports Officials Association. He works with game officials in baseball, softball, and football and has provided outstanding service to our member schools.

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A graduate of East Carolina University, Neil has been an NCHSAA official since 1986 and actually worked baseball from 1967 through the '98 season. His stellar career has included five NCHSAA state baseball championship series, seven American Legion state championships, six regional championships as a football official, two NCHSAA state football championships as well as the East-West all-star games and the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas.

Neil was the winner of the 2011 NCHSAA Golden Whistle Award and has previously received an NCHSAA Distinguished Service Award.

REGION 5

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: John Hughes, athletic director, Northwest Guilford—Hughes is the athletic director at Northwest Guilford and has been involved in many different aspects of high school athletics. A graduate of Duke University, where he played baseball, he has helped to direct several NCHSAA state championships as well as working closely with the Western Regional basketball tournament when it has been held in Greensboro. He coached soccer, basketball and baseball before being named athletic director in 2003 and is a previous winner of the Educator of the Year award at Northwest Guilford.

Special Person: Carrie Little, state wrestling championship staff—Little has been one of the key people working every year at the NCHSAA state wrestling championships, which is a huge undertaking. She is responsible for coordinating literally thousands of match results for on site purposes in the classification she works with, as well as sending them so we can get them posted on the web site and sent to media across the state.

REGION 6

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: Carla Black, principal, Concord—Black is the principal at Concord High School. She is currently serving a four-year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the NCHSAA. She received her undergraduate degree in middle school education from Winston-Salem State University and her masters in administration from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Recently she was named the Cabarrus County Educator of the Decade by the local chapter of the NAACP.

Special Person: Jim Taylor, retired—a native of Franklin, this gentleman coached at Polk Central and then had a tremendous career as a head football coach at Shelby High School. His teams won 201 games against just 54 losses and earned a couple of NCHSAA state titles. He was also an outstanding athletic administrator for many years and served as the executive director of the North Carolina Football Coaches Association. That meant that he was always at the NCHSAA offices on Seeding Saturday and conducted all the draws—and there were always a lot of them—when there were ties. He was inducted into the North Carolina Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 2012.

REGION 7

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: Rob Bliss, principal, Maiden—Rob Bliss is currently the principal at Maiden High School after an outstanding career as a head basketball coach, most recently at Fred T. Foard High School in Catawba County, and also served as athletic director. He led the Foard basketball program for three years and also coached at East Burke and West Henderson, winning a total of 288 games during his career. He was also chosen to coach in the North

Carolina Coaches' Association East-West games.

Special Person: Ed Martin, North Wilkes—Ed Martin has been teaching at North Wilkes High School for five years. He primarily teaches history but is also certified to teach physical education, health and business. He is both the men's and women's soccer coach. Prior to coming to North, he was the Dean of Students at Central Wilkes Middle School and was the Teacher of the Year at Central Middle in 2006. Coach Martin has 16 years of coaching experience and has been teaching for 15 years.

Ed is dedicated to the well being of his student athletes. He has been active in the NCHSAA Student Services Program, annually taking students to the Coach-Captain's retreat. Additionally, he has been active in the Student-Athlete Summer Institute. His SASI teams have built a fitness trail and helped create a 5K on-campus cross country course.

REGION 8

Charlie Adams Distinguished Service: Cindi Simmons, athletic director, Jackson County—Simmons now serves as the athletic director for the Jackson County schools and has been involved with the NCHSAA in a number of capacities. She was an outstanding high school athlete at Hayesville, played basketball at Western Carolina and then became one of the state's top coaches. She led teams at Smoky Mountain to NCHSAA state titles in both volleyball and basketball, and her teams won 512 games in basketball. She was inducted this spring into the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. She is also a former winner of the Toby Webb Award and was the president of the North Carolina Coaches Association in 2005-06.

Special Person: Philip Allen, regional supervisor—Philip Allen is the owner of an independent travel consultant business, but he spends a great deal of time as a regional supervisor in several sports in western North Carolina, providing services to our member schools in soccer, football and baseball.

Philip was born in Hot Springs, Arkansas, lettered in four sports in high school and attended Henderson State University. He is also a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has coached at the high school level in Texas and at Henderson State. He was an outstanding official himself, working high school basketball for 40 years and football and baseball for 35 and also was a collegiate official for 13 years. He retired from active officiating in 2008. ★



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

127 Schools Earn Ejection Free Status For 2013-14 Academic Year

CHAPEL HILL—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association announced today that 127 member schools in the NCHSAA were ejection free in their athletic contests during the 2013-14 school year.

The schools were recognized at the Association's regional meetings across the state. The 127 schools represented 31.8 percent of the NCHSAA's member schools, based on the 399 member schools last year.

Two schools, Ocracoke and Southside in Chocowinity, successfully completed their 10th consecutive ejection free years, one of the milestones that the NCHSAA tracks.

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

The 2006-07 academic year was the best since the NCHSAA started

tracking ejections in 1997, with 202 schools earning ejection free status, which represented 54.8 percent of the member schools in that year. There were 113 ejection free schools in 2010-11, or 29 percent of the membership, and there were 127 ejection free schools during the 2011-12 academic year. The total for 2012-13 was 128 schools.

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

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

2013-2014 Ejection-Free Award Recipients

Region 1	Lejeune	NC School of Science & Math	Union Pines	West Davidson	Queens Grant
Bertie	New Bern		West Columbus	Williams, Walter M.	Rocky River
Cape Hatteras	New Hanover	Neuse Charter	West Montgomery	Woods Charter	Shelby
Columbia	North Brunswick	Northern Vance	Westover	Yancey, Bartlett	South Stanly
Farmville Central	Pamlico County	Northwest Halifax			Stuart W. Cramer
Hertford County	Trask, Heide	Orange	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7
Holmes, John A.	West Carteret	Raleigh Charter*	Andrews, T.W.	Ardrey Kell	Hibriten
Manteo	White Oak	Research Triangle	Atkins	Ashbrook	Lake Norman
Mattamuskeet		Rocky Mount	Carver	Central Cabarrus	NC School for the Deaf
Northeastern	Region 3	Rolesville	Chatham Central	Community School of Davidson	North Surry
Northside	Apex	Roxboro Community	Cummings	Cuthbertson	Pine Lake Preparatory
Ocracoke**	Beddingfield	Southeast Halifax	Dudley, James B.	East Gaston	South Iredell
Plymouth	Broughton, Needham	Southern Durham	Eastern Guilford	East Lincoln	
Southside**	Bunn	Southwest Edgecombe	Eastern Randolph	Forestview	Region 8
Washington	Cary	Voyager Academy	Jordan-Matthews	Garinger	Andrews
	Corinth-Holders	Webb, J.F.	North Davidson	Hopewell	East Henderson
Region 2	East Wake Academy	Weldon	Northwest Guilford	Kings Mountain	Hayesville
C.B. Aycock	Eastern NC School for the Deaf		Reynolds, RJ	Lake Norman Charter	Hiwassee Dam
East Carteret	Franklin Academy	Region 4	River Mill Academy	Lincoln Charter	Jefferson, Thomas
Eastern Wayne	Granville Central	East Bladen	Rockingham County	Monroe	Nantahala
Jones Senior	Green Hope	Gray's Creek	Smith, Ben L.	Mount Pleasant	Pisgah
Kinston	Hunt	Seventy-First	South Stokes	North Lincoln	Rosman
Lakewood	KIPP Pride	South Robeson	Trinity	Parkwood	RS Central
Laney, E.A.		Triton	Walkertown		Smoky Mountain

WELLS FARGO CUP WINNERS

Recipients of the Wells Fargo Cups for the 2013-14 academic year were recognized at Kenan Stadium during activities for NCHSAA Day. With the Cups are representatives of each of the four champion schools, which won the award for overall sports excellence in state playoff competition during the year. They are, from left, Wells Fargo representative Carrie Gray; Bishop McGuinness among 1-A schools, represented by athletic director Jeff Stoller; Carrboro in the 2-A class, represented by athletic director April Ross; Marvin Ridge among 3-A schools, represented by athletic director Tom Jamerson; and Green Hope in the 4-A classification, represented by principal Karen Summers. ★



(NCHSAA photo by John Bell)

North Carolina Central Coach, NCHSAA Product Co-Authors Inspiring Book

Portion of Book Proceeds to Benefit the Boys & Girls Club of America

RALEIGH—A college basketball coach who participated in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association program as a high school student and coach has co-authored a book.

Coach LeVelle Moton, head men's basketball coach at North Carolina Central University, is sharing his personal experiences of overcoming the challenges of boyhood in low-income neighborhoods of Boston and Raleigh in a new book that was released earlier this month. Entitled *The Worst Times Are The Best Times*, the book is co-authored by journalist Edward G. Robinson III and published by MR Publishing, LLC. It is written especially to motivate and inspire young people, and is also relevant and engaging to anyone facing personal challenges.

As part of an ongoing commitment to give back to the community, a portion of every book purchase will be used to purchase books to be donated to the Boys & Girls Club of America – an organization that played a vital role in Moton's upbringing. Moton and Robinson hope to provide complimentary books to every teen Boys & Girl's Club member across the country.

As part of the book launch celebration, Moton hosted his annual LeVelle Community Day event at the Boys & Girl's Club of Raleigh, his childhood club. He, Robinson, members of the N.C. Central University basketball team and other community representatives provided a day of fun and food for area youth in need, including complimentary copies of the book for students along with a backpack full of school supplies.

Moton was an athlete at Enloe High School in Raleigh and later coached at Sanderson before moving to the college level.

"The Boys & Girls Club of Raleigh was an incredible gift to me as a child – a place to feel safe, stay out of trouble and be inspired to make things happen in my life," said Moton. "I wrote this book to help do the same for others, whether young African-American boys with similar childhoods and a lot of tough decisions ahead of them, or businessmen and women looking for a push to work hard and create their own paths to success. I have had so many great mentors that have guided me along the way, I hope I can share just a little of that with others through this book."

The Worst Times Are The Best Times tells the stories of Moton's personal experiences with a relatable and motivating perspective. Each chapter includes Inside the Locker Room and Chalkboard sections, detailing lessons learned and calls to action the reader can apply to his or her own life, respectively. It was purposefully designed to be moving for adults, poignant for youth and informative for basketball fans, all while still being relevant and engaging to anyone facing an obstacle.

"The Worst Times Are The Best Times is an honest look at growing up struggling with the world working against you and finding a way to the life you dreamed for yourself," said Robinson. "As a journalist, I covered N.C. Central University's basketball program and Coach Moton for years and was struck by his determination, humility and friendship. It was a story I had to tell, and an honor to work alongside him on this project."

Neighboring ACC basketball coaches, Duke Coach Mike Krzyzewski, UNC Chapel Hill Coach Roy Williams and N.C. State University Coach Mark Gottfried, provided book forwards. The book also includes special commentary sections detailing related personal experiences of Moton's

mentors and friends: Mike Tomlin, head coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers; Patrick Douthit, better known as 9th Wonder, a hip hop record producer, DJ, lecturer and rapper; and two members of New Edition, the multiplatinum selling R&B group from the same neighborhood as Moton.

The Worst Times Are The Best Times was released September 2 in hard cover as well as digital formats for iPad, Kindle and Nook. For more information or to pre-order

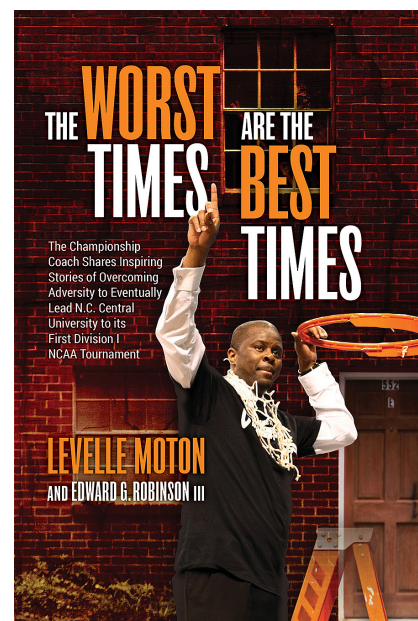
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About the Author: LeVelle Moton

LeVelle DeShea Moton is a graduate of North Carolina Central University, where he was a standout basketball player, becoming the third all-time leading scorer in school history. He went on to play professionally overseas for four years and in 2004 was named to N.C. Central's Hall of Fame. He returned to his alma mater in 2007 as an assistant coach and then became head coach in 2009. In his fifth season, 2013-14, he led the school to its first Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament Championship and a berth into its first men's Division I NCAA Tournament. The success earned him recognition as the MEAC coach of the year. Moton was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and grew up in Raleigh, overcoming a tough upbringing with personal determination and the mentors he gained at the Boys & Girls Club of Raleigh, an organization he still avidly supports to this day.

About the Author: Edward G. Robinson III

Edward G. Robinson III is an award-winning sports journalist who has worked for several newspapers, including *The Washington Post*, *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and *The News and Observer* in Raleigh. He's currently a contributing writer for *The Washingtonian Magazine*. He has received numerous awards throughout his career including *The Society of Professional Journalists*, whose Washington D.C. chapter presented him the 2014 Dateline Award For Excellence in Local Journalism, as well as recognitions from *The Associated Press Sports Editors*, the *North Carolina Press Association*, the *National Association of Black Journalists*, and the *Pittsburgh Black Media Federation*. Robinson attended American University where he earned a bachelor of arts in print journalism, and Johns Hopkins University where he earned a masters of arts in non-fiction and fiction writing. ★



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.

Annual Whitfield Baseball Clinic Is January 10 In Goldsboro

GOLDSBORO—The baseball clinic run by North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Famer George Whitfield is set for its 43rd annual renewal.

The clinic is scheduled for Goldsboro High School on Saturday, January 10, 2015, and features another tremendous lineup. Registration is scheduled from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m., and then the clinic will run until 6 p.m.

The clinic is open to all players from Little League through high school, and all coaches at any level are welcome. High school and middle school coaches may receive one unit of continuing education credit.

Clebe McClary, who is a Vietnam War hero, will be the kickoff speaker at 9:05, followed by Dr. Chris Hasty, who will speak on common baseball injuries for players and ways to prevent them.

Here are some of the other outstanding baseball people and topics that will be covered at this annual event:

- **“What College Coaches and Scouts Are Looking for in Today’s Athletes”** will be discussed by Atlanta Braves scout Billy Best, UNC-Greensboro assistant Joey Holcomb, Mount Olive assistant Jesse Lancaster, Bucknell assistant Jason Nietz and Louisburg head coach Keith Shumate.

- **“Practice Organization for the High School Coach”** will include Campbell head coach Justin Haire and retired Tulane head coach Rick Jones.

- **“Indoor and On-Field Drills To Become a Better Player”** will be discussed by North Carolina Wesleyan assistant Zach Alexander, Wake Forest assistant Joey Hammond, and Duke assistant Andrew See.

- **Pitching** will be covered by Pitt Community College head coach Tommy Eason, N.C. State assistant Scott Foxall, retired Tulane head coach Rick Jones, pitching coach Sam Narron of the Hagerstown Suns of the South Atlantic League, and East Carolina assistant Dan Roszel.

- **Catching** will feature Richmond assistant Tanner Biagini, Eastern Wayne High School head coach James Fulghum, Virginia Military Institute head coach Marlin Ikenberry, Duke assistant J.J. Jordan, and Liberty assistant Garrett Quinn.

- **Infield play** instructors will be retired Central Florida head coach Jay Bergman, Georgia Southern head coach Rodney Hennon, UNC-Greensboro head coach Link Jarrett, Campbell assistant Chris Marks, and UNC-Wilmington head coach Mark Scalf.

- **Outfield play** will be covered by former Reds, Brewers, Braves and Giants major league manager Dave Bristol, Washington Nationals scout Paul Faulk, Coastal Carolina assistant Joe Hastings, Pitt Community College assistant Ben Sanderson and Potomac Nationals minor league player John Wooten.

- **Base Running** will feature Methodist head coach Tom Austin, Myrtle Beach (SC) High School head coach Tim Christy, Catawba head coach Jim Gantt, North Carolina A&T assistant coach Ben Hall, and Limestone head coach Chris Wiley.

- **Hitting** will be discussed by New York Yankees major league scout Billy Godwin, East Carolina head coach Cliff Godwin, N.C. State assistant coach Chris Hart, Georgia Southern assistant Chris Moore, and High Point assistant Kenny Smith.

Coach Whitfield will mail information to schools across the state in November. The only charge for the clinic is a pre-registration fee of \$60 per person, which includes lunch. Any school or team that registers six or more people will be charged \$50 per person. Deadline for the pre-registration phase is January 3, 2015.

Registration at the door will be \$70.

Players 15 years of age and under may have their fathers attend for free, and they can eat lunch for just seven dollars. There also will be exhibitors on hand with some outstanding opportunities to purchase baseball equipment. Participants will not need any equipment for the clinic, however.

Questions about the clinic may be directed to George at (919) 222-2018 or write him at 216 Hardingwood Drive, Goldsboro, NC 27534. ★

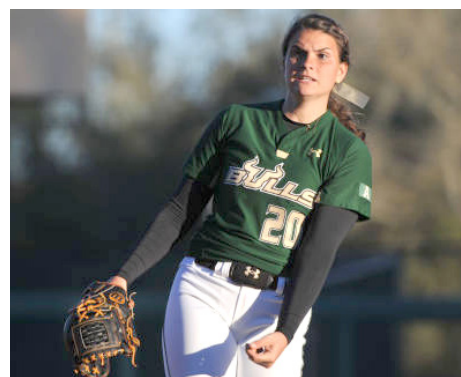
Softball Number Retired At Holly Springs

HOLLY SPRINGS—Former Holly Springs High School standout athlete Erica Nunn was honored at a Holly Springs football game this fall.

An outstanding softball player for the Golden Hawks, Nunn had her number 20 softball jersey retired by the school.

Nunn was a great pitcher at Holly Springs, finishing her career with an 0.58 earned run average, one perfect game, 10 no-hitters and 37 shutouts. She was twice named the Raleigh News and Observer Softball Player of the Year.

Nunn currently plays at the University of South Florida and as a sophomore last season was named to the American Athletic Conference All-Academic Team. She made 36 appearances and started 23 games in the circle as the Bulls’ No. 2 pitcher, setting collegiate career highs in wins (11), appearances (36), games started (23), complete games (five), shutouts (two), saves (four), innings pitched (123.1), strikeouts (158) and opponent batting average (.174). ★



(photo courtesy USF)

Erica Nunn pitching for South Florida

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

Students from A.C. Reynolds, Bear Grass Charter Win Scholar-Athlete Essay Contest. Prizes From National Guard

CHAPEL HILL—Emily Cooper of A.C. Reynolds High School in Asheville and Joshua Wynn of Bear Grass Charter School in Martin County have won top honors in the second NCHSAA Scholar-Athlete essay contest.

The NCHSAA Scholar-Athlete program, presented 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 asked to submit a 400-word essay answering the prompt: "Being a Scholar-Athlete will translate to my future success because..." One male and one female winner were selected from the pool of entries to win an 8GB iPod Nano and gift pack from the North Carolina National Guard based on a set of pre-determined parameters. There were over 40 submissions representing 26 different high schools across the state.

Cooper is a senior who competes in cross country and track and field at A.C. Reynolds, while Wynn is a sophomore at Bear Grass Charter who runs cross country and plays soccer.

Cooper entitled her essay "Treading Water Toward Success" but had an interesting take on the term "treading water." She noted, "Treading water is commonly seen, metaphorically, as a stagnant activity that doesn't produce much from all the labor involved. However, I like to see it, in a sort of oxymoronic way, as the basis for success. Over my years of being a Scholar Athlete, I've learned how to balance academics and athletics. Sometimes, they cause me to drop slightly below the surface of equilibrium, but I see this only as an obstacle on an upward swim. The ability to keep up with both halves of being a Scholar Athlete almost seems innate to me now. This instinct to stay afloat has evolved into the drive to make headway through this world."

Wynn mentioned several aspects of being a Scholar Athlete that he has found beneficial, noting "...as a Scholar-Athlete my future is very bright because of all of the useful and beneficiary characteristics that it creates. It will prepare me for my college, career, and life. My success in time management, a healthy lifestyle and cooperative work ethic will ensure my attainment of all my future endeavors."

"We have received a tremendous response from our student-athletes regarding the NCHSAA Scholar-Athlete Essay Contest and are excited about the continuation of this competition," said NCHSAA commissioner Davis Whitfield. "Congratulations go to both of our winners, as they did a wonderful job with their submissions."

Patrick Butler of Millbrook High School in Raleigh and Elise Matera of Chapel Hill High School were the winners in the inaugural NCHSAA Scholar-Athlete essay contest last year. ★

NCHSAA Coach-Captain Retreat Attracts Students From 11 Member Schools

CARY—The North Carolina High School Athletic Association held its fall 2014 Coach-Captain Retreat in early October, the 34th in the history of this program.

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

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

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

"The Coach-Captain Retreat is just one example of the tremendous programs of-

fered through the NCHSAA for our member schools," said Davis Whitfield, commissioner of the NCHSAA. "Our staff and the facilitators do a great job of developing the content for the retreats and coordinating the activities, so this program can reach schools and student-athletes all over the state."

Facilitators included the following NCHSAA Student Services Trainers: Faye Corbin, teacher and coach at Hope Mills South View High School; Teresa Coleman, teacher at Bladenboro Middle School and Central SASI director; Mike Greene, teacher and coach at North Wilkes High School; Shelba Levins, teacher and athletic director at Woods Charter School of Chapel Hill; Larry Ratliff, teacher and coach at Southern Guilford High School; and P.J. Taylor, a retired teacher and coach from the Martin County Schools and the Northeast SASI director.

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

"Student Services is the 'value-added' division of the NCHSAA," said Dreibelbis. "The Coach/Captain Retreat emphasizes the responsibility of student-athletes to take their

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

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

In addition to the staff, there were 70 participants in the retreat, with a total of 51 student-athletes and 19 adults attending. The adult total included 12 coaches or administrators and seven parents of athletes.

Teams at the retreat represented the following 11 schools: Alexander Central, Cape Fear, Gates County, C.E. Jordan, McDowell, Mountain Island Charter, North Wilkes, South Brunswick, Voyager Academy, West Brunswick and West Iredell. ★

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.

MO COLLINS

CHARLOTTE—West Charlotte High School football coach Mo Collins died in late October at the age of 38.

Collins was a former lineman who played in the National Football League and did not coach in Friday night's West Charlotte game against Hough due to dialysis treatment for kidney failure.

Collins played at West Charlotte and was a member of the 1993 team that played in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 4-A state championship game. He went to the University of Florida, where he was a three-year starter and played on a national championship team. Collins entered the NFL draft in 1998, after his junior season, and was selected by Oakland in the first round, with the 23rd pick overall.

He played six seasons with the Raiders, including the 2002 Super Bowl against Tampa Bay. For his NFL career, Collins started in 64 of 71 regular-season games in which he appeared.

Collins was a member of the West Charlotte coaching staff in 2013, coaching offensive linemen, and was in his first year as head coach.

RON MASSEY

UNIONVILLE—Veteran high school football coach Ron Massey died suddenly in mid-October of an apparent heart attack at the age of 56.

He was the head coach at Piedmont High School in Union County and had coached in Friday night's 74-58 loss to Sun Valley.

Massey was in his third year coaching at Piedmont and had been

a head coach for over 20 years, with an overall record of 214-77-2. His other coaching stops as a head coach included Fayetteville Seventy-First, Kings Mountain from 1995-99, Kannapolis A.L. Brown and Raleigh Enloe.

He had an 11-year stint at Brown which started in 2000, where he had a record of 120-32 and guided his team to a North Carolina High School Athletic Association state championship game in 2008. His Kings Mountain teams were 47-15-2 in five seasons, with four playoff appearances and a trip to the NCHSAA 1998 3-A title game.

Massey was the winner of the NCHSAA's Homer Thompson Eight Who Make A Difference Award for sportsmanship in 2007, representing Region 6 of the NCHSAA.

LYNDA TAMBLYN

GREENSBORO—Lynda L. Tamblyn, who had worked for many years in the offices of the North Carolina Coaches Association after a successful career as a teacher and coach, died unexpectedly in mid-November.

She was a teacher and coach in the Guilford County school system for over 30 years, guiding her team to a state championship while coaching women's tennis at Grimsley. She also coached men's tennis and women's basketball at Grimsley.

Lynda was a lifetime member of the Coaches Association and had served as office manager in the NCCA offices since 1990. She was also a recipient of the NCHSAA Special Person's Award.

The memorial service was held at the First Christian Church on West Market Street in Greensboro. ★

South Davidson Names Facility For Howard Hayes

DENTON—South Davidson High School has dedicated its new field house in honor of a veteran coach who has retired.

Howard Hayes was honored as the new facility was dedicated and officially named the Howard F. Hayes Community Fieldhouse.

Hayes, a 1958 graduate of Catawba College, had a lengthy career as a teacher and coach. Among his stops as a head football coach were Surry Central, East Davidson, the old Vance High School in Henderson, and South Davidson. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Fairgrove Family Resource Center. ★

Coaching Swimming Course Available from NFHS

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association of America have partnered to develop a new online coaching education course.

"Coaching Swimming" is now one of the many coaching education courses offered on www.nfhslearn.com.

This new online course addresses administering the program, teaching the basic skills of the four competitive strokes, starts, turns and finishes. A large resource section is also available. This could be valuable for NCHSAA school coaches, whether they are new coaches or veterans.

Topics covered in Coaching Swimming include recruitment, pre-event management, interscholastic coaching philosophy, differences in club and high school teams, communication and risk management. The course also teaches the basics of the four competitive swimming strokes, start variations and flip turns, and it highlights information from the NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Book.

For more information, go to <http://nfhslearn.com/courses/61>.

With the addition of Coaching Swimming, the NFHS now has 35 online courses, including two core courses—Fundamentals of Coaching and First Aid, Health and Safety—and 16 sport-specific courses. ★

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.

NFL Commissioner Visits NCHSAA Member School

WAKE FOREST—Officials from the National Football League, including NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, and USA Football visited NCHSAA member school Wake Forest High School early in the football season.

Davis Whitfield, commissioner of the NCHSAA, was also part of the activities on the school campus.

Among the league officials in attendance were David Krichavsky, NFL Health and Safety Director, and Jacob Frank, NFL Health and Safety Coordinator. USA Football officials included executive director Scott Hallenback, high school coordinator Matt Ferrara, and former Concord High School head football coach E.Z. Smith, a USA Football master trainer.

The “Heads Up” football program from USA Football is a comprehensive collection of resources, programs, applications and promotions to create change and address the complex challenges of player health and safety in youth and high school football.

The visitors from the NFL, USA Football, Commissioner Whitfield, school officials, and Wake Forest coaches and parents of players participated in a round table discussion before football practice.

Goodell addressed the Wake Forest players before practice began, and then the NFL officials and USA Football representatives watched practice for a while before departing. ★



NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and NCHSAA Commissioner Davis Whitfield

North Carolina Athletic Directors Association Creates “Toolbox” For Athletic Directors

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association has a strong working relationship with several other professional organizations, including the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association, and so is glad to pass along this important information.

The NCADA has developed an on line resource that can be of great service to athletic directors at NCHSAA member schools.

The NCADA Toolbox is designed to bring clear, consistent, accurate, and easy to find information to the site based athletic administrator. The ever changing landscape of educational athletics requires current, timely information and access to reliable resources 24/7.

The development of the toolbox was an NCADA member service project.

There are professional resources, links about leadership, operational and financial responsibilities as well as philosophy, public and media relations, checklists and links to all sorts of other resources with other organizations, including the National Federation, the NFHS Learning Center, the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and the NCHSAA.

We are glad to link to the NCADA Toolbox. The link has been placed under Athletic Directors’ Information, found under Schools in the drop-down navigation bar on the front page of the NCHSAA website.

<http://www.ncadatoolbox.com/home.html> ★

Commissioner’s Cup Offered By NCHSAA For Community Service

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

The Commissioner’s Cup is for athletic teams or cheerleading squads at NCHSAA member schools and will be based on community service.

School should have their “team” identify a need within your community and create a plan to conduct the service project. Each team also needs a sponsor, who can be a coach, faculty member, staff member or parent

Then the team will submit a 1 minute video of the project in a .MOV format via email to mary@nchsaa.org. Included in the video should be information on organization that the team will serve, impact of project on community, numbers served, theme project, photos, video, etc. from event or project.

Two teams or schools from each classification (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A) will be awarded the 2014-2015 NCHSAA Commissioner’s Cup at the NCHSAA Annual Meeting on May 7, 2015.

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

Deadline for project submission is April 1, 2015. Schools have already received an email about the Commissioner’s Cup. ★

NCHSAA Basketball Championships In Chapel Hill For 2014-15 Season

CHAPEL HILL—Commissioner Davis Whitfield of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association has confirmed that the eight NCHSAA basketball championship games culminating the 2014-15 season will all be played in Chapel Hill.

Four games will be played at the Smith Center and four games at Carmichael Arena, both on the campus of the University of North Carolina, all on Saturday, March 14. The 2-A and 4-A games for men and women will be played at the Smith Center while the 1-A and 3-A contests are slated for Carmichael Arena.

State basketball championship games have been held at the Smith Center and at Reynolds Coliseum on the North Carolina State University campus every year since 2003, with specific classifications for men and women alternating between the two sites. But major renovations scheduled for Reynolds Coliseum make it unavailable for use for state championship play.

"We look forward to contesting the 2015 NCHSAA state basketball championships on the campus of the University of North Carolina," said Whitfield. "Since the NCHSAA moved to neutral sites for basketball championships, the Smith Center has figured prominently in that mix, with the first championship there in 1986 not long after the Smith Center opened. Due to construction taking place at Reynolds, we have to make an adjustment and we thank UNC and its administration for its willingness to open its campus to all four classes of NCHSAA basketball."

For a number of years, men's games were played at the Smith Center and women's at Carmichael Auditorium, and then for a couple of seasons all eight games were played at the Smith Center before the Raleigh-Chapel Hill rotation was developed. ★

Providence Grove Wins NCHSAA Mural Contest

CHAPEL HILL—Providence Grove High School in Randolph County has won a statewide contest conducted by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association for visual arts departments.

The contest was designed for visual arts departments to create a four foot by eight foot mural that depicts many of the unique opportunities available in the state of North Carolina, from beaches to mountains to barbecue to sports and much more. The mural will be highlighted at the National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS) winter meeting, scheduled to be held in Asheville in January, with the NCHSAA as the host association. Executive directors and commissioners from state athletic and activity associations from across the nation will be in attendance.

The Providence Grove art department will receive one thousand dollars to help cover the cost of supplies and materials as well as including a stipend for the department.

Stephanie Soper, the art teacher at Providence Grove, coordinated the entry from her school. She noted that a number of students in her first block class, including proficient, advanced and AP students, had combined to work on the project, in addition to students in the Providence Grove Art Club. ★

CHAMPIONSHIP REVIEW



WOMEN'S TENNIS

Championships Decided In 1-A Women's Tennis

CARY—Morgan Auger of Kernersville Bishop McGuinness captured the singles championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A women's tennis championships at the Cary Tennis Center.

Auger downed Julissa Quintanilla of North Duplin 6-1, 6-2 in the final. The state champ did not lose a single game on Friday en route to a pair of straight set victories to put her in the championship match. Auger has posted a 19-1 singles record this fall while Quintanilla suffered her first loss in 19 matches.

A doubles team from Misenheimer Gray Stone Day was seeking a third consecutive 1-A state championship, but it was not to be. Courtney Mudge and Marisa Deininger of Community School of Davidson defeated the Gray Stone Day duo of Meghan Hedgepeth and Brooke Herlocker by 6-3, 6-4.

The winners improved their doubles record to 19-0 on the season. Last year Mudge and Deininger both played singles and wound up in the state championship match, with Mudge winning the title.

NCHSAA STATE 1-A WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cary Tennis Center

Singles—Championship

Morgan Auger (Bishop McGuinness) def. Julissa Quantanilla (North Duplin) 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles—Championship

Courtney Mudge-Marisa Deininger (Community School of Davidson) def. Meghan Hedgepeth-Brooke Herlocker (Misenheimer Gray Stone Day) 6-3, 6-4

Salisbury's Honeycutt Takes Singles Title In 2-A Tennis; Lake Norman Charter Doubles Rolls

CARY—Kayla Honeycutt of Salisbury took the state title in singles in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A women's tennis championships at the Cary Tennis Center.

Honeycutt defeated Jessica Ille of Carrboro in the final, 6-3, 6-0.

Honeycutt had lost only one game in four sets in Friday's action and then eliminated Shelby's Nancy Bridges, the 2013 state 2-A singles runner-up and state champion two years ago, in a morning semifinal 6-2, 6-2.

The doubles team of Hannah Archer and Olivia Archer of Lake Norman Charter was dominant in its march to the championship. The Lake Norman Charter duo did not even lose a game in its first three victories, including a Saturday morning semifinal, and then won the state crown with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Lydia Yuan and Sara Yuan of Durham North Carolina School Science & Math.

NCHSAA STATE 2-A WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cary Tennis Center

Singles—Semifinals

Jessica Ille (Carrboro) def. Caroline Cowan (Kill Devil Hills First Flight) 6-1, 6-2; Kayla Honeycutt (Salisbury) def. Nancy Bridges (Shelby) 6-2, 6-2.

Singles—Championship
Honeycutt (Salisbury) def. Ille (Carrboro) 6-3, 6-0.

Doubles—Semifinals
Lydia Yuan-Sara Yuan (Durham North Carolina School Science & Math) def. Caroline Smith-Haley Beamon (Wilson Beddingfield) 6-3, 6-3; Hannah Archer-Olivia Archer (Lake Norman Charter) def. Grace Steinman-Kathryn Rusher (Salisbury) 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles—Championship
Archer-Archer (Lake Norman Charter) def. Yuan-Yuan (NCSSM) 6-1, 6-1.

Asheville's Hayes Wins 3-A Singles Title, Cardinal Gibbons Sisters Take Doubles Championship

BURLINGTON—Adrienne Hayes of Asheville held off Taylor Love of Wilson Hunt to win the single title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A women's tennis championships at the Burlington Tennis Center.

Hayes defeated Sarah Jiang of Concord Cox Mill, the singles runner-up for the past two years, in the morning semifinals. Then in a state championship featuring two sophomores, Hayes battled back after dropping the second set to defeat Love, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

In doubles, the top three teams out of the NCHSAA's Mideast Regional all advanced to the semifinals and the sister pair of Jenna Knors and Devin Knors of Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons wound up as the champions.

The Cardinal Gibbons team, with a freshman and a senior playing together, defeated Huda McGraw and Emma Edge of Fayetteville Terry Sanford in the final, 6-3, 6-2.

NCHSAA STATE 3-A WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS Burlington Tennis Center

Singles—Semifinals
Taylor Love (Wilson Hunt) def. Lizzie Galush (Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons) 6-4, 6-3; Adrienne Hayes (Asheville) def. Sarah Jiang (Concord Cox Mill) 6-4, 6-4.

Singles—Championship
Hayes (Asheville) def. Love (Wilson Hunt) 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

Doubles—Semifinals
Devin Knors-Jenna Knors (Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons) def. Chandler Brice-Eliza Fike (Rocky Mount) 6-3, 6-0; Huda McGraw-Emma Edge (Fayetteville Terry Sanford) def. Natalie Freeman-Summer Jacobs (Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons) 6-4, 6-4.

Doubles—Championship
Knors-Knors (Cardinal Gibbons) def. Edge-McGraw (Terry Sanford) 6-3, 6-2.

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will be the national model for
developing and inspiring greatness through
interscholastic athletic experiences.*

Panther Creek Pair Wins 3rd Straight Doubles Title In 4-A; Wakefield's Boyden Wins Again

RALEIGH—The Panther Creek doubles team of Sammi Smith and Jordan Strickland won its third consecutive state title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A women's tennis championships on Friday at the Millbrook Exchange Park.

Smith and Strickland did not drop a single game in their two straight-set victories on Friday and had a fairly easy time in their two matches on Saturday. The Panther Creek pair beat the Myers Park team of Katie Soden and Gaby Soden by 6-2, 6-2 in the semifinals, and then clinched the crown with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Caroline Pope and Brooke Pritchard of East Chapel Hill.

Defending singles champion Susanne Boyden of Raleigh Wakefield won the state championship after surviving a three and one-half hour marathon in the morning semifinal. Boyden outlasted Supriya Narisetti of Cary, who did not lose a game in four sets on the first day,

6-2, 5-7, 6-3, and then took the championship over Winston-Salem R.J. Reynolds' Peyton Pesavento in straight 6-3 sets.

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

Singles—Semifinals
Suzanne Boyden (Raleigh Wakefield) def. Supriya Narisetti (Cary) 6-2, 5-7, 6-3; Peyton Pesavento (Winston-Salem Reynolds) def. Lauren Gish (Lake Norman) 6-2, 6-2.

Singles—Championship
Boyden (Wakefield) def. Pesavento (Winston-Salem Reynolds) 6-3, 6-3.

Doubles—Semifinals
Sammi Smith-Jordan Strickland (Cary Panther Creek) def. Katie Soden-Gaby Soden (Charlotte Myers Park) 6-2, 6-2; Caroline Pope-Brooke Pritchard (East Chapel Hill) def. Sara Ackerson-Ana Horvat (Cary Green Hope) 6-3, 6-3.

Doubles—Championship
Smith-Strickland (Panther Creek) def. Pope-Pritchard (East Chapel Hill) 6-1, 6-0.



WOMEN'S GOLF

Athens Drive's Chang Takes Individual Honors, Green Hope Wins Team Title In 4-A

PINEHURST—Jennifer Chang of Raleigh Athens Drive shot an even-par 70 on the final day, and that was good enough to lift her to the individual title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A women's golf championships at Pinehurst number one.

Chang's 70 combined with an opening-day 74 for a 144 total, four over par and enough for a two-shot margin over Fuquay-Varina's Catherine Ashworth at 146. Kayla Ward of Garner was third at 149 and Meghan Symonds of Cary Green Hope fourth as the top four individuals all were from Wake County.

First-day leader Ellis Hunter of Greensboro Page had an 81 on the second day to finish at 154, 10 shots back. Par was set at 70 and the layout was 5,539 yards.

Raleigh Athens Drive and Charlotte Ardrey Kell had combined to win

the last six state 4-A team titles, with Ardrey Kell winning in both 2012 and 2013. But this time Green Hope broke through, expanding its four-shot lead entering the final day to a nine-stroke advantage, Southern Pines Pinecrest was second at 492 and defending champ Ardrey Kell was third at 500.

The best three scores of a team counted toward the team totals, and a total of 10 teams and 78 golfers competed in the event, the 12th year that the sport has been classified. It was the third time that three separate championships have been held and the 34th year for state championship competition in the sport.

NCHSAA 2014 STATE 4-A WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS Pinehurst No. 1

FINAL RESULTS—TEAM SCORES

Cary Green Hop	243-240 — 483
Southern Pines Pinecrest	247-245 — 492
Charlotte Ardrey Kell	245-255 — 500
Holly Springs	260-245 — 505
Fuquay-Varina	253-253 — 506
Greensboro Page	248-249 — 507
Jamestown Ragsdale	265-253 — 518
Wilmington Ashley	269-257 — 526
Alexander Central	267-263 — 530
Charlotte Catholic	270-267 — 537

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Jennifer Chang, Athens Drive	74-70 — 144 (+4)
Catherine Ashworth, Fuquay-Varina	74-72 — 146 (+6)
Kayla Ward, Garner Magnet	77-72 — 149 (+9)
Meghan Symonds, Green Hope	75-76 — 151 (+11)
Sam Vodry, Mooresville	75-78 — 153 (+13)

Salisbury Golfers Dominate In 1-A/2-A Women's Golf Tournament

FOXFIRE VILLAGE—Two Salisbury golfers ran away from the field and led their team to victory on Tuesday in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's state 1-A/2-A women's golf championships on the Red Fox Course at the Foxfire Resort and Golf Club.

Grace Yatawara won the individual championship by shooting 73 Tuesday for a 145 total, one over par. She had recorded four birdies on Monday en route to a 72, the only even par round of the opening day, and was four shots ahead of the field entering the final day.

Yatawara's teammate Isabella Rusher, who had won the tournament twice, in 2011 and 2012, finished second, two shots back. Her Tuesday score of one-under 71 was the best of the day.

Page Church of Avery County was third, but she was 17 strokes back.

Salisbury won its fourth consecutive state team championship. The Hornets had a 19-shot advantage over second-place Avery County in the team standings after the first day and expanded the final margin to 42 strokes, shooting an even 500. Newport Croatan was third at 550.

The course was set at par 72 and 5,703 yards for the championship.

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NCHSAA 2014 STATE 1-A/2-A WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS Foxfire Resort and Golf Club

FINAL RESULTS—TEAM RESULTS

Salisbury	255-245 — 500
Avery County	274-268 — 542
Newport Croatan	276-274 — 550
Hendersonville	287-273 — 560
West Davidson	292-275 — 567
Misenheimer Gray Stone Day	304-289 — 593
Durham NC Science and Math	326-319 — 645
South Granville	339-323 — 662
Highland School of Technology	326-DNF

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Grace Yatawara, Salisbury	72-73 — 145 (+1)
Isabella Rusher, Salisbury	76-71 — 147 (+3)
Paige Church, Avery County	83-79 — 162 (+18)
Madison Moore, East Surry	84-81 — 165 (+21)
Danielle Mirovich, Mt. Pleasant	85-82 — 167 (+23)

Lee's Shoomer Charges To Title In NCHSAA 3-A Women's Golf

SOUTHERN PINES—Defending champion Siranon Shoomer charged from behind in the final round to win the individual championship in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's state 3-A women's golf championships at the Longleaf Golf and Country Club.

Gina Kim of Chapel Hill has a two-shot lead over the field after a brilliant opening day round of 69 that featured six birdies. But Shoomer fired a terrific five-under par 67 in the final round, including a 32 on the back nine, to finish with a 138 total, five shots ahead of Kim. Kim recorded a 74 for a score of 143, good for second place.

Shoomer had taken a similar route to the crown last year, emerging from well back on the second day to win.

Riley Smyth of Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons finished third with a 149 total, nine shots off the pace. The championship layout was a par 72 and 5,659 yards.

Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons held a 13-stroke advantage in the team standings after the first day and held on to win. The Crusaders recorded a two-day total of 473, 18 shots ahead of runner-up Waxhaw Marvin Ridge (491) and third-place Rockingham County (523).

Ledford had captured the last three state 3-A championships, but finished sixth.

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NCHSAA 2014 STATE 3-A WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Longleaf Golf and Country Club

FINAL RESULTS—TEAM SCORES

Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons	232-241 — 473
Waxhaw Marvin Ridge	245-246 — 491
Rockingham County	252-271 — 523
Fayetteville Terry Sanford	262-270 — 532
Lee Senior	281-257 — 538
Ledford	266-276 — 542
Cameron Union Pines	264-281 — 545
Wilson Fike	286-272 — 558
North Buncombe	293-289 — 582
Hickory	309-297 — 606

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Siranon Shoomee, Lee County	71-67 — 138 (-6)
Gina Kim, Chapel Hill	69-74 — 143 (-1)
Riley Smyth, Cardinal Gibbons	73-76 — 149 (+5)
Kendall Dobbins, Northern Guilford	77-74 — 151 (+7)
Ahra Ko, Marvin Ridge	77-76 — 153 (+9)



CROSS COUNTRY

East Henderson's Baldwin Dominates 3-A Men, Carrboro Women Impressive In 2-A

KERNERSVILLE—Senior Tanis Baldwin of East Henderson put together a dominating performance to take the individual title in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men's cross country championships at the Ivey Redmon Sports Complex in the morning session of the championship.

Baldwin, who won the title in 2012 and was runner-up last year, finished about 36 seconds ahead of China Grove Jesse Carson's Zachary Marchinko in a time of 15:25.83 in cold and wet conditions.

Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons took the men's team title for the third time in four years, scoring 48 points to 66 for second-place Weddington, the defending champs. Chapel Hill was third at 83.

Anna Vess of Asheville A.C. Reynolds was the 3-A women's winner in a time of 18:44.81, taking the lead with a mile to go and holding off Sophie Ebihara of Cardinal Gibbons.

Gibbons won the women's team title with 42 points, with Chapel Hill in second with 73 and Marvin Ridge a point behind Chapel Hill in third.

In 2-A men's competition, senior Nicholas Walker of Durham North Carolina School of Science and Math nipped defending individual champ Corbin Boyles of Maiden by just .14 seconds, with a winning time of 16:16.45.

NCSSM won its second consecutive men's team title with 63 points, 16 ahead of Central Academy of Monroe. Durham School of the Arts was third at 109.

The Carrboro women continued their great showing in 2-A cross country, as Maysa Araba won the individual crown for the second straight year, and the fifth consecutive year a Carrboro runner has taken top honors. The

winning time was 18:54.13, more than 28 seconds ahead of Carrboro teammate Helen Morken.

Carrboro won the team title for the fifth time in the last six years, scoring 59 points to 122 for runner-up East Lincoln, the defending champion. Sylva Smoky Mountain was third with 123.

The 1-A and 4-A championships are part of the afternoon session.

Broughton, Green Hope Extend Title Streaks; Bishop, CSD Win In 1-A Championships

KERNERSVILLE—Raleigh Broughton and Cary Green Hope extended some lengthy streaks in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A cross country championships at the Ivey Redmon Sports Complex on a cold and wet afternoon in the championship's second session.

Raleigh Broughton's men won their fourth consecutive NCHSAA team championship and sixth in the last eight years, and Cary Green Hope notched its sixth straight state title in the women's 4-A race.

Broughton, with three of the top nine runners in the team scoring, tallied 53 points to 65 for runner-up South View while Winston-Salem Mount Tabor was third with 93. Jeremy Brown led the way for Broughton by winning the individual championship in a time of 15:50.03, about 13 seconds ahead of Kyle Christ of West Johnston.

Green Hope (45 points) held off Charlotte Myers Park (83) and Charlotte Providence (123) in the 4-A women's race, led by individual champion Elly Henes. The Green Hope runner finished in 18:02.47, almost 11 seconds ahead of Watauga's Kathleen Mansure in second.

Kernersville Bishop McGuinness extended its own streak in the 1-A men's final with its third straight team state title. Bishop placed four of the top 17 runners in the team competition to tally 56 points, ahead of Research Triangle (86) and Misenheimer Gray Stone Day (90).

Zach Boone of Mitchell was the individual 1-A champion for the second consecutive year, winning in a time of 16:08.58, over 30 seconds ahead of Frank Cline of Robbinsville.

Led by Maria Ellington's second consecutive individual crown, Community School of Davidson took the women's 1-A team title with 84 points. Two-time defending champ Bishop McGuinness was second with 84 points and Swain placed third with 91.

Ellington's winning time was 19:09.61, well ahead of second-place Shawnda Martin of Robbinsville.



VOLLEYBALL

Cardinal Gibbons Wins Sixth Consecutive Title In 3-A Volleyball Championship

RALEIGH—Something odd happened to Cardinal Gibbons en route to capturing the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A volleyball championship at Reynolds Coliseum on the N.C. State campus—the Crusaders actually lost a set.

Gibbons had lost only one set all season long and West Henderson battled the Crusaders dead even before winning the opener 28-26. But the Crusaders came back and prevailed 25-16, 25-16 and 25-18 to win their sixth consecutive NCHSAA volleyball title.

Cardinal Gibbons became the first NCHSAA school to win six volleyball championships in a row and now has a 43-1 mark in postseason volleyball play in the last nine years.

Junior Briley Brind'Amour of Gibbons was named the championship's Most Valuable Player, as the 6-1 outside hitter had 15 kills. Sarah Nicouzi

also had 15 kills for the winners while Mia Fradenburg was big with 32 digs.

Mary Catherine Ball had 10 kills for West Henderson and Rachel Kordonowky came up with 17 digs.

Cardinal Gibbons ended the season unbeaten in 27 starts. West Henderson, in the state final for the 10th time, is now 5-5 in state championship matches and the Falcons finished 27-2. West earned state titles in 1989, '90, 2003, '94 and '08, including beating Gibbons for the 2008 crown.

Hendersonville Rolls Past South Granville To Win 2-A Volleyball Championship

RALEIGH—Hendersonville swept past South Granville in three consecutive sets to win the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A volleyball championship at Reynolds Coliseum on the N.C. State campus.

Led by championship Most Valuable Player Cassie Born, the Bearcats won by 25-14, had a big rally to come back and win 28-26, and then clinched it with a 25-12 triumph.

Born, a 5-10 senior, was named the championship MVP for the second consecutive year and had 13 kills along with 12 digs for the Bearcats.

Megan Fuhr was among South Granville's leader with eight kills.

The Bearcats won their 12th state volleyball championship in 14 appearances in the final, both of which are the top marks for any NCHSAA school. Hendersonville ended the campaign with a 27-2 record and earned its third consecutive state title after winning the 1-A crown in 2012 but moving up in the new realignment and now winning twice at 2-A.

South Granville had a 16-match winning streak snapped and the Vikings finished the year at 28-4 overall. South was in the finals for the second time in the last three years.

Rose Beats Providence In Four In 4-A Volleyball Championship

RALEIGH—Junior outside hitter Maggie Hallow was named the Most Valuable Player as she helped Rose to a four-set victory over Charlotte Providence in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A volleyball championship at Reynolds Coliseum on the N.C. State campus.

Hallow had 13 kills on the day as Rose won 25-14, 16-25, 25-17 and 25-16.

Caroline Kuhn contributed 17 kills as the Rampants controlled the final two sets after Providence had evened it with an impressive win in the second set.

Rose finished the season with a 26-1 mark and the Rampants won the NCHSAA state championship for the third time in four trips to the finals. Rose had back-to-back titles in 2008 and '09 and beat previously undefeated Raleigh Broughton this year in the regional final.

Amy DeJuneas and Hannah Wheeler each had six kills for Providence, which finished at 26-3 overall.

Princeton Edges East Surry In Five Sets In 1-A Volleyball

RALEIGH—Princeton outlasted East Surry in a dramatic five-set match in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A volleyball championship at Reynolds Coliseum on the N.C. State campus.

Princeton was red hot early, winning the first two sets by 26-24 and 25-22. Then East Surry stormed back in convincing fashion to even it with 25-15 and 25-14 victories. In the decisive fifth set, the victorious Bulldogs held a 13-8 lead, saw East Surry draw within 14-12, and then put it away for a 15-12 triumph.

Senior setter Charley Cox, who had 27 assists, was named the championship Most Valuable Player. Princeton also got great play from its back row,

as Jenna Woodard had 29 digs and Taylor Carroll was credited with 24 digs and 19 kills.

Kacey Markle led East Surry with 15 kills and Cheyenne Kota added 10.

Princeton, the 10th seed in the Eastern half of the draw, finished the season 22-4 and ended the season with a flourish, winning in five sets in each of its last three playoff matches. The Bulldog victory over Lakewood in the regional final came against a team that had beaten it three times. East Surry wound up 29-2.

Both teams were making their initial visit to the NCHSAA state volleyball championships.



MEN'S SOCCER

Flurry Of Second Half Goals Lifts Gibbons To 3-A Championship

RALEIGH—A flurry of goals early in the second half lifted Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons to a convincing 5-0 victory over Fred T. Foard for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 3-A men's soccer championship at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University.

Gibbons led 1-0 at halftime on a goal by Jack Donovan after a throw-in by Cooper Deplantis, but the Crusaders scored three times in a 12-minute span early the second half to take command.

A penalty kick by Duplantis, who was named the championship Most Valuable Player with a goal and two assists, made it 2-0 in the 42nd minute. Duplantis also contributed defensively as a center back as the Crusaders recorded their 13th shutout of the season.

Drew Rabil's 24th goal of the season off a rebound but Gibbons up 3-0 in the 47th minute, and just seven minutes after that Alex Paladino found the back of the net for a 4-0 advantage.

Gibbons had 22 total shots, 15 on goal, to 10 for the Tigers with seven shots on goal. Gavin Smith, the starting keeper for the Crusaders, had six saves before giving way to Anthony Palumbo, who also had a save.

Cardinal Gibbons was playing in its seventh NCHSAA men's soccer final with four previous championships, and the Crusaders finished the season at 23-2-1. Fred T. Foard was in the final for the first time and made a great run to the finals after having a 1-3-1 record early in the season. The Tigers wound up 22-6-2.

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Sevilla Goals Lift Bulldogs To 1-A Men's Soccer Title

RALEIGH—Sophomore Kenny Sevilla scored two goals to lead Wallace-Rose Hill past East Surry 3-1 in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 1-A men's soccer championship at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University.

Sevilla was named the championship Most Valuable Player as the Bulldogs won their second consecutive state title.

Wallace-Rose Hill opened the scoring with a couple of quick goals in the first 12 minutes of the contest. A ball deflected off an East Surry defender for an own goal, and then Sevilla tallied in the 11th minute to put the Dogs up 2-0.

Senior Andrew Kozlow cut into the margin for the Cardinals with an unassisted goal in the 25th minute, and the halftime score was 2-1.

In the 70th minute, Sevilla uncorked a left-footed strike from well outside the box to put the Bulldogs ahead 3-1.

Wallace outshot the Cardinals 14-4 and had eight shots on goal to two

for East Surry. The Cards had four corner kicks to just one for the Bulldogs.

Jeyri Cano recorded four saves in goal for the winners.

Wallace-Rose Hill ended the season with 26 consecutive wins to go 26-1 overall. East Surry has made just four visits all-time to postseason soccer play, so this was by far the Cardinals' best team ever. East started the season 0-4-2 but made a great run to its first NCHSAA soccer championship appearance to finish the season 16-6-2.

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Reagan Nips Broughton 1-0 In 4-A Men's Soccer Championship

RALEIGH—Ethan Wells scored the only goal of the game in the 59th minute and earned Most Valuable Player honors to lift Pfafftown Ronald Reagan to a 1-0 victory over Raleigh Broughton in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A men's soccer championship at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University.

The taut, evenly matched battle was tied until freshman Noah Wells delivered a cross from the right flank, older brother and Reagan captain Ethan made a run through the middle and then tucked it away for the 1-0 advantage.

The Caps had a great chance in the 75th minute when leading scorer Jack Brickhouse, who had a hat trick in the regional final, fired a shot at close range but it caromed off the left post. Broughton kept the pressure on but Reagan held on to win.

Reagan keeper Quinn Kuhn, who entered the game with an 0.76 goals-against average, recorded five saves en route to the shutout.

The Caps outshot the Raiders 10-8 and had a 5-2 advantage in shots on goal. Reagan had two corner kicks to just one for Broughton.

The Raiders finished the year with a 25-3 mark while Broughton lost for just the second time against 22 victories and two ties.

Broughton was back in the finals for the first time since 2007, when the Caps won back-to-back state crowns in '06 and '07. Reagan qualified for the championship for the first time ever in its 10 years of existence and was in its eighth trip to postseason play, but had only won two playoff games ever prior to this year.

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Newton-Conover Downs First Flight In 2-A Men's Soccer

RALEIGH—Opportunistic on offense and strong defense helped lift Newton-Conover to a 2-0 victory over Kill Devil Hills First Flight in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 2-A men's soccer championship at Dail Soccer Field at North Carolina State University.

First Flight controlled the ball in midfield for good portions of the game but couldn't get much going in the final third against a strong Newton-Conover defense, while the Red Devils took advantage of their scoring opportunities.

Freshman forward Francisco Tapia, who was named the championship Most Valuable Player, put the Red Devils on the board in the 19th minute when he blistered a shot to the back of the net for a 1-0 advantage.

Then in the 51st minute, on a restart from about 35 yards out on the left side, Alan Esperiella served it into the box and Greyson Frye headed it home for a 2-0 N-C lead.

Goalkeeper Jacob Miller notched the shutout in goal, the 18th of the year for the Red Devils as N-C conceded only 15 goals all season.

Newton-Conover had eight shots, five of which were on goal, while First Flight had six total shots and two on goal. The Nighthawks had three corner

kicks to two for the Red Devils.

The Red Devils finished the season on a 24-match winning streak and closed the campaign with a 26-1 mark, with the only blemish an early-season loss to Statesville. First Flight suffered its only loss against 24 wins and one tie and had an 18-match winning streak snapped.

First Flight played in its second consecutive NCHSAA men's soccer championship after losing 2-1 to Salisbury in the 2013 final. Newton-Conover was back in the finals for the first time since 2007, when the Red Devils won the 2-A state title.

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CHEERLEADING

Awards Given In Invitational Cheerleading Competition

RALEIGH—Ledford captured the Carolina Cup in the 12th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state invitational cheerleading championships at the Raleigh Convention Center.

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

Ledford recorded 127.20 points, the highest score of the entire event, to win the super large varsity division and also grab the Carolina Cup.

Ledford had won the Cup once previously. Hough, Middle Creek, Raleigh Millbrook, Jamestown Ragsdale, Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons, North Gaston and Raleigh Sanderson are also previous winners of the Cup.

Asheville T.C. Roberson won the small varsity, with first place in the medium varsity to Apex, and Apex Middle Creek winning the large varsity. The Greensboro Dudley varsity captured the high school non-mount division.

Winner of the varsity co-ed division was Raleigh Leesville Road.

Eastern Guilford was the winner in the small varsity non-tumble division, with North Buncombe winning in medium varsity non-tumble, South Lenoir finishing first in the large varsity non-tumble, and East Bend Forbush in super large varsity non-tumble.

In junior varsity divisions, Lumberton won the small jayvee non-tumble while Canton Pisgah took top honors in large non-tumble. Cary Panther Creek won the small JV while Raleigh Millbrook was the winner in the large JV division.

A total of 133 teams registered to participate in the event.

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