

NCSSM Athlete of the Month

Varsity Basketball: A.J. Anderson

JOHN ZHANG

Junior guard A.J. Anderson is NCSSM's athlete of the month for varsity basketball. A.J. posted some impressive stats for a junior, averaging around 21 points and 6 rebounds a game, with an assist to turnover ratio of 2:1. He has had many spectacular games, including 28 points versus North Johnston, 8 assists and 7 steals versus South Granville, and a game winning 3 point shot with 6 seconds left in a down to the wire 47-46 win against Durham Academy. The 6'1 guard from Weldon, NC was instrumental in the Unicorn's early 4-0 start and continues to provide timely scoring

and youthful leadership to the team. Anderson's ball handling, outside shooting, and penetration skills have impressed many fans and spectators. He believes his success this year comes from the love of the game, hard work and dedication, and learning from the leadership of seniors Joe White and J.R. Porter. A.J. credits his father as a role model for instilling self-discipline and work ethic and provid-

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ing encouragement. His goals include winning the conference to make the state playoffs, improving the win-loss record, improving his overall basketball skills, handling the balance between athletics and academics, and becoming a good student athlete. He looks forward to continuing his success at NCSSM, bringing a positive outlook for the basketball program in the future.



Caroline Wong

Junior captain A. J. Anderson leads his team in warm-ups before a game against Person HS. (Anderson pictured left, senior Henry Hoffman pictured right.)

'Whips and Chains' The S&M Ultimate Frisbee Team

WILL TURNER

Most of you have probably seen the guys and girls throwing frisbees behind

Hunt every day. What some of you may not know is that they are part of an organized Ultimate Frisbee team, which competes with local high schools and in the state tour-

namment, and represents our fine institution through their athletic endeavors. High schools they compete against include Leesville, Jordan, East Chapel Hill, and Cardinal Gibbons. Not officially recognized as a sport by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, the team here is chartered as a club, but anyone who has seen the game played knows that it's as much of a sport as any.

Games are played as two halves, the first half concluding when one team attains eight points, with the winning team being the first to reach fifteen. Points are scored when one team successfully passes the frisbee to a teammate in the opposing team's end zone. The frisbee can only move through passes (i.e. no running with it). Each team has seven people on the field at one time, and each

player tends to have an equal role, with no real positions on the field. There are no referees, with the exception of those at the State tournament, meaning the players are left to make their own calls. "Spirit of the game is really big," said captain Joseph Michener, who also said that cheating isn't really as much of an issue as one might think.

Our team's current record is 2-4, with both wins coming at the expense of East Chapel Hill. These two victories were especially gratifying for Michener, since he came from ECHHS, and they had no team while he was there. Our team doesn't keep a locked schedule, as matches are usu-

ally planned about a week in advance.

While the competition may be intense, the sport seems to possess a looseness about it that doesn't show up in other sports. Michener believes the sport's growing popularity both in high schools and at the college level can be attributed to its theme: "It's nice to have a club sport where everyone is here because they enjoy it." In other words, people don't play Ultimate Frisbee so they can put it on their applications, as is the motivation for participation in many extra-curricular activities at our school; instead, they play because they want to.

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Neal Patel

The NCSSM Ultimate Team played against Cardinal Gibbons Crusaders in November, 2001. Pictured in top photograph: Meng Mao ('02), right-most, Tim Mao ('02), second from right. Pictured in bottom photograph: Josh Michener ('02), left.

To My History Classes,
To the best History students in the world!
Mr. JL

My chicas!
To all my significant others including, Hot-hands, Foxy mama, Acy Baby, and my left, Jamie, Mary, Blair.
Love, Johnny Boy!

To Dr. Boarman:
Happy Valentine's Day and thanks for all that you do!
Your Admirers

To Heavenly Hermisicas,
Y'all are the lights of our lives.
Without y'all, we would be stuck in a dark tunnel. Don't ever burn out, darlings.
Yours forever, Juvid

To: Sid & Vig
The lollipops are waiting...
Love,
Blair & Melissa

To Bodacious 3rd Beall,
Happy Valentine's Day to all my 3rd Beallers, and please remember that YOUR MOM loves you!
-Kitty