

# SPORTS

## Former Aces' coach, Jerry McGee, dies at 80

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One of the most influential athletes, coaches, administrators and teachers in northeast North Carolina has passed.

Jerry McGee, who was a standout football player from Elizabeth City died Sunday.

McGee was 80 years old. McGee's son, Chris, told The Daily Advance on Sunday evening that his father passed away peacefully in his sleep in Elizabeth City.

"He loved Elizabeth City," Chris said. "He loved this community."

Chris played football at Northeastern in the 1990s



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Long-time area football coach and athletic administrator Jerry McGee has had two scholarships created in his name by the NCHSAA.

and was the head coach at Pasquotank County High School from 2016-2017. Chris added that over

the past several months, his father was able to see the majority of his extended family.

According to Chris, the elder McGee had been battling an illness for the past 16 years.

"He fought extremely hard and was always in good spirits," Chris said.

Jerry McGee served as a football coach and athletic director at John A. Holmes High School in Edenton in the 1960s.

During his time with the Aces, McGee led the football program to a state championship.

Edenton athletic director Wes Mattera noted that Jerry McGee had a big impact

on John A. Holmes athletics.

Mattera noted the times he spent with the elder McGee at athletic director clinics over the years.

McGee's presence is around Edenton athletics as a plaque with his image is in the John A. Holmes football facility along with the high school awarding the Jerry McGee scholarship annually.

Jerry McGee also coached football and served as the athletic director at Northeastern High School from 1976-1981.

In 1981, McGee served only as the athletic director

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Jerry McGee was a head coach football at John A. Holmes and Northeastern high schools during his career in athletics.



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John A. Holmes' Jamillian Johnson scored 12 points against Pasquotank last week.

## Girls defeat Eagles

Aces roundup

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Edenton (5-2) secured the non-conference road win, 45-33, at Northeastern Friday.

Tiara Holley led Northeastern (1-8) with 10 points with six rebounds, five assists and five steals, Jessica Jenkins posted 15 rebounds with eight points, while Amiah Freshwater added 14 rebounds.

**John A. Holmes 36, Pasquotank 26:** The John A. Holmes girls' basketball team defeated Pasquotank, Wednesday night at Pasquotank County High School.

The game was a non-conference matchup.

Jamillian Johnson led Edenton (4-2) with 12 points, while Sydney Spear followed with 11 points.

**Chocowinity-Southside 49, John A. Holmes 44:** The Lady Aces (3-2) lost to the Seahawks at the South Creek Holiday Invitational at South Creek High School on Dec. 28.

Jamillian Johnson led the Aces with 15 points, four steals and three assists, Anna Bass followed with

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Edenton-John A. Holmes' Riddick White (top) during a 113-pound wrestling match against Nandua (Va.) at the Henry "Coach O" Overton duals at Northern Chowan Community Center, Saturday.

## Washington wins 'Coach O' duals

Wrestling tourney deemed a success

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**TYNER** - The John A. Holmes wrestling team hosted the Henry "Coach O" Overton duals at Northern Chowan Community Center on Saturday.

The team dual tournament featured the Aces along with Currituck, Northeastern, Pasquotank, First Flight, Manteo, Hertford County, Washington, North Pitt and Nandua (Va.).

Currituck and Washington both went 4-0 and met in the tournament championship dual.

Washington earned seven wins by pin en route to a 63-9 victory against Currituck for the tournament championship.

Washington's Brodie Moore secured his 100th career win in a 2-1 decision against Currituck's Samuel Hodge.

Northeastern secured a fifth-place finish at the dual with a win against Northeastern Coastal Conference rival Hertford County



The Henry "Coach O" Overton wrestling duals tournament was held at the Northern Chowan Community Center in Tyner, Saturday. Edenton, Currituck, Pasquotank and Northeastern were part of the 10-team field.

45-21. NHS defeated Manteo 48-18, North Pitt 40-24, but lost to Washington 61-15 and First Flight 48-36.

John A. Holmes defeated North Pitt 33-27 and Pasquotank 39-21, but lost to Currituck 72-12, Nandua 48-24 and Hertford County 37-36.

Coach Lenny Plummer said the Aces finished seventh, with a record of 2-3 for the day. One of the Aces' losses was to Hertford County on criteria.

"In general, we wrestled pretty well but still made too many young wrestler



The Washington High School wrestling team won the Henry "Coach O" Overton duals at Northern Chowan Community Center in Tyner, Saturday.

errors," he said. Pasquotank bested Manteo 24-15 and lost to Hertford County 42-21, Currituck 54-18 and Nandua (Va.) 57-21.

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## Hornets win with Walker

By David Friedman

Kemba Walker is playing the best basketball of his life and it has put the Hornets in an unlikely to win situation.



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Walker has become king of the pick and roll, officially taking the title away from Steph Curry. He may not have Curry's stroke from outside, but Walker's perimeter shot has become accurate enough to force defenders to pick him up 25 feet out from the basket.

In my opinion, that has been the biggest difference maker in Walker's game this season.

His willingness to hoist more threes, and his ability to make them at roughly the same rate he has in year's past, has kept defenders honest at the top of the key.

This has allowed the Hornets to consistently run the high-ball screen, an offensive concept that was seemingly created for a ball-handler like Walker.

The on-ball defender, even when he knows the pick is coming, is forced to try and fight over the screen or switch who he is defending. If he fights over the screen, good luck trying to catch up to a cutting Walker.

If the on-ball defender switches, this most often leaves an opposing team's big man trying to guard Kemba. The result being what you would expect when a lumbering 6-foot, 11-inch man tries to keep himself between the basket and a quick and crafty 6-foot, 1-inch All-Star.

In Charlotte, getting to the playoffs has become a victory all to itself and

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## Aces earn all-conference selections

From Staff Reports

John A. Holmes has 11 football players named to the all-conference team for the 1A Albemarle Athletic Conference.

Holmes was second in the league with 11 all-conference selections.

Gates had 12 all-conference picks. Gates head coach Matt Biggy was named the AAC's Coach of

the Year.

Edenton junior running back Mitjonta Stanley was named conference offensive player of the year, while senior defensive back Zakeem Brooks was named conference defensive player of the year.

Both earned all-league honors.

Quarterback Kentreaz Coston, wide receiver/tight end Zion Boston, Nakevin

Hill and Chace Kelly, offensive linemen Mason Bate-man and Nathan Colombo, defensive linemen Tyree Capehart and Jamel Tripp, linebackers Antuan Sharpe and Teddy Wilson earned all-conference honors for John A. Holmes, which won the AAC championship for the second consecutive season.

Camden wide receiver/tight end Jared Creech,

offensive lineman Jarrett McFadden, defensive lineman Jayden Walton, defensive back Justin Noon and placekicker Kevin Robertson earned all-conference honors.

Perquimans specialist Michael Brasseur, defensive back Ceo Riddick, linebacker Saiveon Skinner, defensive linemen George Simpson and Omari Ward were all-conference selections.



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John A. Holmes running back Mitjonta Stanley (with ball) was named the Albemarle Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year for the 2018 football season.