

# SPORTS

## Whitley ties for third in Currituck golf meet

High school roundup

From Staff Reports

GRANDY — The Currituck boys' golf team hosted a golf meet with First Flight, Hertford County and John A. Holmes at the Carolina Club April 1.

The athletes played nine holes with par set at 36.

Hertford County's Grayson Waterfield led the field as he shot a 38, First Flight's Tim Jones was second with a 39, while Holmes' Noah Whitley and First Flight's

Gage Bernard were tied for third with a 40.

First Flight's Gavin Willis was fifth with a 42, Hertford County's Lawson Marsh was sixth with a 46 and First Flight's Garland Seward was seventh with a 47.

Nathan Lapham had the lowest score for Currituck as he shot a 49 to finish tied for eighth with First Flight's Ross Sullivan.

Currituck's Ben Wilkerson shot a 58, while teammate Gabe Daneker posted a 60.

### BASEBALL

John A. Holmes 2,

Gates 0: Edenton (10-3, 4-0 Albemarle Athletic Conference) held off the Red Barons (9-4, 3-3 AAC) in a conference game at Hicks Field in Edenton Thursday.

Edenton's Parker Clayton had a hit with two RBI, while Ryan White had two doubles in the win.

### SOFTBALL

John A. Holmes 8, Gates 4: Edenton (5-7, 2-2 Albemarle Athletic Conference) earned the league win at home Thursday.

Kristen Williams and Sydney Spear each had two

RBI, while Williams and Jhasi Gilliam posted two hits each for the Aces.

Maggie Bunch pitched seven innings and posted five strikeouts for the win.

### GIRLS SOCCER

John A. Holmes 1, Camden 0: Edenton (7-3, 4-1 Albemarle Athletic Conference) secured the league win at Camden Community Park Thursday.

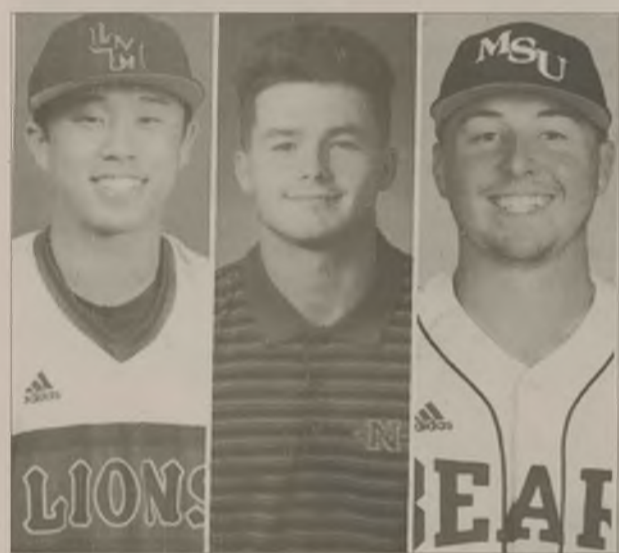
Holmes' Amy Turner scored the goal that was assisted by Jessica Copeland.

Anna Bass made seven saves for the shutout.



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Edenton's John A. Holmes' Noah Whitley watches his tee shot during a boys' golf meet at the Carolina Club, April 1.



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(L-r) Kenny Oyama, of Loyola Marymount University; Dane Simon, of Nicholls State University; and Jordan Fitzpatrick, of Missouri State University; are joining the 2019 Edenton Steamers roster as outfielders.

## Outfielders added to Steamers roster

BY VICTORIA CONWAY  
Edenton Steamers

The Edenton Steamers have announced its latest additions to the 2019 roster.

Jordan Fitzpatrick of Missouri State University, Kenny Oyama of Loyola Marymount University and Dane Simon of Nicholls State University are the newest players to ink a deal with Edenton.

All three roster additions are outfielders.

Fitzpatrick, a 6-foot tall sophomore, brings experience and depth to Edenton's outfield.

"With any Missouri State player, you expect maturity. Jordan has athleticism and he is someone who I know will be in control on and off the field. His team went to regionals last season and that experience is invaluable for him," head coach Russ Burroughs said.

The Rogersville, Missouri, native is a teammate of former Steamers' standout, Ben Whetstone.

Oyama, a 5-feet, 2-inch, 150-pound sophomore, was a former college teammate of Billy Wilson. Wilson was a Steamer and was drafted in the 28th round by the Indians in 2018.

"Kenny knows his role and what he needs to do to help our team. He does a

great job of getting on base and putting the ball in play," Burroughs said.

The Trabuco Canyon, California, product has 14 RBI in 21 games this season with the Lions.

Simon, a 5-feet, 11-inch, 180-pound sophomore, is hitting .313 this spring with Nicholls State.

"Dane has some speed and also knows how to handle the bat. We expect him to do a little of everything for us. He's having a nice spring so hopefully he can keep that up and roll into the summer with some momentum," Burroughs said.

Stemming from Destrehan, Louisiana, Simon has done a solid job getting on base, posting a .460 on-base percentage.

Burroughs said he wants his club to bring energy and excitement this summer. "People come to games to watch players put the ball in play and in the seats. We want to be a fun team to watch and we can do that by being productive on the offensive side of the ball."

Opening Day at Historic Hicks Field is on May 30, as the Steamers host the Morehead City Marlins. Season tickets and ticket packages are on sale now and can be purchased by stopping by the Steamers office, or calling 252-482-4080.



PHOTOS BY MILES LAYTON

Bulldogs' Jackson Stegall defies the odds and shows that speed counts more than age by defeating his high school rivals in the 1,600 meter dash.

## Aces track teams dominate Pirates

Chowan Middle competed against Hertford C., Central

BY MILES LAYTON  
Staff Writer

EDENTON — Mic drop! Boom — John A. Holmes' track team defeated Perquimans County last week in Aces' country.

Add in a few promising athletic performances from Chowan Middle School - which competed against Hertford County and Central (Gatesville) - and you have the makings of a Hollywood movie.

Edenton earned wins in the boys' 4x200 meter relay; Nakevin Hill in the boys' 100 meters and the long jump; Sarai Leigh in the girls' 100



Aces' Itary Lopez may be in front, but close behind on her heels is CMS 7th grader Samantha Layton in the 1,600 meter race.

meter hurdles and the long jump; Jackson Ray in the boys discus, the 800 and 1,600 meters; Kyviona Al-

exander in the girls' discus; Isaiah Walker in the boys' shot put; LeAsia Stanley in the girls' shot put; Aaron

Pryce in the boys' 300 meter hurdles; Dymon Rankins in the 300 meter hurdles; Itary Lopez in the girls' 1,600 meters; Omar Thompson in the boys' triple jump; the boys and girls 4x100 meter relay; Luis Carvajal in the boys' 400 meters; Zamerah Hall in the girls' 400 meters; and Zakeem Brooks in the boys' 200 meters.

Perquimans secured first place performances from Shunasia Whidbee in the girls 100 and 200 meters and Ceo Riddick in the boys' 110 hurdles.

For those keeping score and those parents cutting clips for their scrapbooks about Thursday's Albemarle Athletic Conference meet,

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## Three Aces earn all-conference honors

From Staff Reports

John A. Holmes High Schools had three athletes — Mitjonta Stanley, Keenan Downing and Antuan Sharpe — named to the Albemarle Athletic Conference's all-conference team for the 2018-2019 boys' basketball season.

Camden's Tim Aydtlett earned all-conference honors.

Edenton won the AAC's tournament champion-

ship.

Conference regular-season champion Washington County led the league with four all-conference selections, which included league player of the year Cedez Norman, De'Andre Downing, Quymel Cheson and Clantrez Taylor.

Gates' Cassius Gary and Izaiah Walton were all-conference performers, while Manteo's Claveon Rice and Erik Bailey earned all-conference status.

By David Friedman

It has been announced that North Carolina native Bobby Jones will be inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

If you are one of the many people wondering who Bobby Jones is or if you are thinking to yourself, "I thought Bobby Jones was a golfer," this column is for you.

Bobby Jones is a name that every Tar Heel fan should already be familiar with. He played in Chapel Hill during the early 70s and his legacy still lives on in the way Carolina basketball is played to this day.

When legendary North Carolina coach Dean Smith received the Presidential Medal Of Freedom a few years ago, President Obama pointed to Coach Smith's wife Linnea as a way of honoring



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him. Coach Smith's teams had become well known by those who follow the game for having players who

always pointing to the teammates that gave a good pass or made the unselfish play.

What most people don't know is that Dean Smith saw Bobby Jones do that while coaching him at Carolina and liked it so much that it became the "Bobby Jones rule."

It has become synonymous with something UNC players learn to do but it was something Jones just did. He did it in Charlotte as a kid, in Chapel Hill during college and in Philadelphia

and Denver during his 12-year professional career.

While the stories of Jones' honesty and virtue are Google worthy, it's not what got him into the hall of fame. He did that in the rarest way possible.

In an era where offense has never been more valued, Jones is being recognized as one of the greatest to ever play the game in large part for his passion and skill on defense. Jones was a player who was not only willing to defer to his teammates offensively and focus on defense and rebounding, but he preferred it.

He was Dennis Rodman if "The Worm" believed it important to display Christian values in all things, including basketball. He may have earned the nickname "The Secretary of Defense"

for playing hard but Jones would never throw an elbow.

You don't make it to the Hall of Fame without getting a lot of compliments but the most appropriate one may be a statue built for him outside the arena in Philadelphia. It's not of him hitting his reliable baseline jumper and it does not immortalize that nasty dunk he had on Larry Bird (also worth Googling). They built a statue of Jones diving for a loose ball and it's perfect.

Jones is a Christian, a Tar Heel and now a Hall-Of-Fame hustler.

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