

## ALL-AREA TEAMS Aces top boys track and golf



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Edenton-John A. Holmes' Aaron Pryce is the 2019 Daily Advance Area Boys' Track and Field Athlete of the Year. Photo taken June 10 at John A. Holmes High School.

### Pryce concludes prep career a champion

BY MALCOLM SHIELDS  
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Entering his final high school track and field season, John A. Holmes' Aaron Pryce had experienced almost every winning moment an athlete could have in the sport at the prep level.

From individual state, regional and conference championships, one of the achievements missing from Pryce's resume was a team state championship.

Pryce and the Aces were able to accomplish that feat this spring.

His overall impact on the John A. Holmes boys' track and field team and his success during the season made Pryce the selection as the Daily Advance's Area Athlete of the Year.

Pryce, who becomes a two-time Area Athlete of the Year selection, won the Albemarle Athletic Conference championship in the boys' 110-meter hurdles, the 300-meter hurdles, the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Class 1A East Regional and state championships in the 300-meter hurdles, was a member of the NCHSAA Class 1A East Regional 4x200 meter relay team along with the 4x100 meter relay team that won the state championship, but finished second at the East Regional.

Pryce acknowledged that being recognized as the area's top athlete was a blessing.

Before the state

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Edenton-John A. Holmes' Noah Whitley is the 2019 Daily Advance Area Boys' Golfer of the Year. Photo taken May 28 at John A. Holmes High School.

### Whitley makes impact during freshman season

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Noah Whitley is admittedly tough on himself.

It's one of the many attributes that makes him the type of golfer he has become.

As a freshman, Whitley proved that he could play with golfers that had more varsity experience than he had.

His performance during the spring made him the selection as the Daily Advance Area Boys' Golfer of the Year.

Whitley built off a good regular season by earning a spot at the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Class 1A Boys' Golf East Regional tournament at Chocowinity's Cypress Landing Golf Club on May 7.

During the one-round

regional, Whitley shot an 83 to finish tied for third place.

His individual finish earned him a trip to the NCHSAA Class 1A Boys' Golf state championship tournament at Pinehurst No. 6.

The two-round state championship tournament was held May 13 and 14.

Whitley finished the state championship tournament tied for 46th place.

Being selected as the top golfer in the Daily Advance's coverage area capped Whitley's freshman campaign.

Whitley noted that there are not many people in the area that are at his grade level that played as well as he did during the spring.

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## 5 Steamers going to All-Star game

Steamers roundup

SUBMITTED REPORTS

The Edenton Steamers have five players heading to this year's All-Star game in Savannah, Georgia.

The 2019 All-Star Showdown will be held July 7-8 at historic Grayson Stadium.

LHP Alex Theis, 2B Ian Walters and OF Quincy Hamilton were selected by league votes.

OF Alex Alders and LHP Jack Eisenbarger were selected as a part of the fan vote, which accumulated over 6,000 votes according to the Coastal Plains League.

Walters, Hamilton and Alders are tied for the league lead with 6 HR's this season. Hamilton also leads the CPL with 26 RBI.

The 2019 Coastal Plain League All-Star Showdown will be televised nationally to over 30 million households, as well as streamed live on MLB.com and the Coastal Plain League's website.

Christmas in July

The Edenton Steamers will host a Christmas in July Ballgame/Donation Drop Off to benefit home



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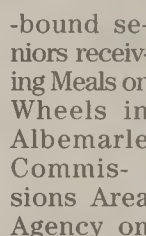
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-bound seniors receiving Meals on Wheels in Albemarle Commission Area Agency on Aging Senior Nutrition Program service area — Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington counties.

The annual Christmas in July ballgame will be held Wednesday, July 31. The game starts at 7 p.m.. Thanks to the Steamers,

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### Coastal Plains League Standings

North			West		
Team	GP	Record Win %	Team	GP	Record Win %
Wilson Tobs	25	14-11 0.560	Gastonia Grizzlies	27	18-9 0.567
Edenton Steamers	26	13-13 0.500	Forest City Owls	26	14-12 0.538
Peninsula Pilots	26	13-13 0.500	Ashboro Copperheads	27	12-15 0.444
Martinsville Mustangs	28	12-16 0.429	H.P. Thomas HitToms	27	10-17 0.370
South			East		
Team	GP	Record Win %	Team	GP	Record Win %
Savannah Bananas	26	18-8 0.692	Morehead City Marlins	27	20-7 0.741
Macon Bacon	26	17-9 0.654	Fayette SwampDogs	27	20-7 0.741
Florence RedWolves	28	11-17 0.393	H. S. Salamanders	26	11-15 0.423
Lex. County Blowfish	26	8-18 0.308	Wilmington Sharks	26	8-18 0.308

## Survey troubling

On the first day of NBA free agency, a day largely dedicated to discussing KD moving to the borough of Jay-Z and Biggie, ESPN reported on a survey I found disturbing and not at all surprising.

According to a study conducted by the National Athletic Trainers' Association, more than half of all athletic trainers surveyed (58% to be exact) reported being pressured to make decisions not in the best interest of the student-athlete.

That's a challenging spot to put a trainer in. Especially when you take into consideration that 36% of the those surveyed reported that a coach had been able to influence the



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hiring/firing of sports medical staff.

These trainers are not just men and women.

Like all of us, they are dads and moms, husbands and wives, sons and daughters and brothers and sisters. They have bills, student loans, career goals and family counting on them.

When a trainer examines a young player to decide if they should or shouldn't play, you don't want the coaches' best interest and the fact that they

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## Spring all-area teams selected

STAFF REPORTS

It was another competitive spring high school sports season.

Below are the All-Area players from John A. Holmes for the spring season.

Baseball

**Chris Morris, 3B, So.:** Albemarle Athletic Conference Player of the Year, all-conference selection, .288 batting average with 24 RBI, six doubles, three home runs, North Carolina Baseball

Coaches Association Class 1A public schools all-state team selection, helped Region 1 win silver at North Carolina Powerade State Games high school baseball tournament June 16 in Charlotte.

**Ryan White, P/OF, Jr.:** Albemarle Athletic Conference all-conference selection, eight stolen bases .279 batting average, 12 RBI, five doubles, .996 fielding percentage, posted a 3.32 ERA in 44 1/3 innings pitched and posted 54 strikeouts.

**Caleb Bunch, P/1B, So.:** Albemarle Athletic Conference all-conference selection, posted an ERA of 1.57 in 49 innings pitched, registered 65 strikeouts and limited opposing batters to a .189 mark. At the plate, Bunch hit .250 with five RBI.

**Chace Kelly, IF/P, Sr.:** Albemarle Athletic Conference all-conference selection, posted a .321 batting average with 18 RBI and four doubles, stole 12 bases, had a .915 fielding percentage, posted a 1.97

ERA in 32 innings pitched and had 39 strikeouts.

**Honorable Mention:** Parker Clayton, Wes Privott.

Softball

**Jhasi Gilliam, DP/1B, Jr.:** Albemarle Athletic Conference all-conference selection, North Carolina Softball Coaches Association District 1 Class 1A all-district selection at first base, .518 batting average, .635 OBP, four home runs with 27 RBI.

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## Aces coach, player represent Region 1 in State Games

Sports roundup

STAFF REPORTS

CHARLOTTE — The Region 1 softball team defeated Region 5 by a 4-3 score June 19 to claim the North Carolina Powerade State Games high school softball tournament championship.

The championship game was played at UNC-Charlotte's Sue M. Daughtridge Stadium.

Region 1, which is made up of players from northeast North Carolina, was represented by Camden pitcher Hailey Bunting and

John A. Holmes infielder Hannah Pippins.

Region 1 was led by Perquimans' head coach Ricky Stallings and was assisted by Holmes' head coach J.P. Pippins and Rosewood's head coach Shay Campbell.

Region 1, which expands west to Granville County and south to Lenoir County, finished the tournament with a 4-1 record.

The club finished Pool A play with a 1-1 record June 18, but during the single-elimination tournament June 19, Region 1 defeated Region 2 by a 5-3 score

then defeated Region 4, the top seed from Pool B, by a 3-0 score to advance to the gold medal game.

The Region 1 team secured gold medals for the second consecutive year.

Edenton's Hannah Pippins batted first in the Region 1 lineup and had the second highest batting average on the team of .454 with a .614 OBP and held down second base making multiple plays in the field.

Stallings said Hannah Pippins is a leader on any team with lots of passion and fire for the game.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Region 1 softball team celebrates after defeating Region 5 by a 4-3 score in the gold medal game at the North Carolina State Games high school softball tournament, Wednesday at UNC-Charlotte. Region 1, which is represented by athletes from northeast North Carolina were represented by Camden's Hailey Bunting and John A. Holmes' Hannah Pippins. Perquimans head coach Ricky Stallings served as Region 1's head coach, while Holmes' J.P. Pippins served as an assistant coach.



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