

# SPORTS WEEK

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## Mayo impresses at championships

East Forsyth's Dylan Ferris wins two events

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GREENSBORO — Reynolds High usually has a lot to say about which team leaves the 4-A track and field championships with the team crown. The Demons have performed extremely well at that meet for the last few years — winning the title two years ago.

This year, there was nothing the Demons could do to slow down the charge from New Bern, which captured the boys team championship over the weekend at the Irwin Belk Track at N.C. A&T. New Bern was followed by West Charlotte (53 points), Butler, East Forsyth, Reynolds and S.E. Raleigh. A total of 58 men's teams scored points in the meet.

"The competition was unbelievable



S.E. Raleigh senior track star Gabby Mayo ran her way to MVP honors over the weekend.

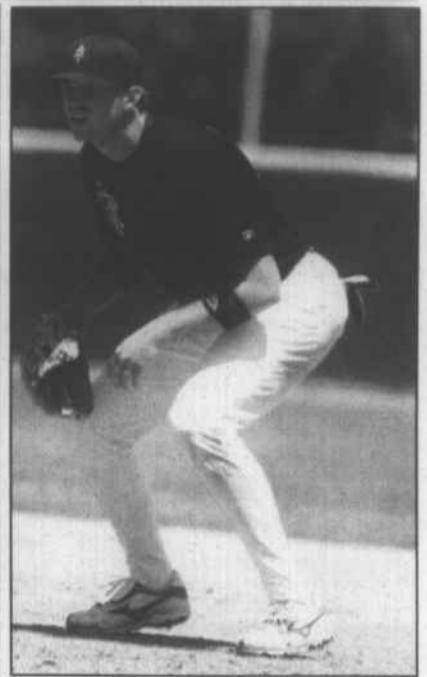
Photo by Joe Daniels

around the state," said Reynolds head sprint coach Derrick Speas. "The sprint talent was definitely unbelievable. A lot of schools had seniors that were really hungry. Our guys worked hard this year. Some schools simply had more than us this year. But I thought the

entire meet went well. We're going to be back. We have a strong group of young guys that will make a strong push next year."

On the women's side, Charlotte Harding University took home the team title with 79

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A&T's Charlie Gamble earned top MEAC honors.

## A&T stars earn year-end MEAC honors

Beatty is Rookie of the Year

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Former Glenn High baseball star C.J. Beatty has been racking up collegiate accomplishments like hits lately. Beatty, who's hitting .324 with 10 home runs and 36 RBI, racked up another award at the MEAC Baseball Tournament Banquet held at Norfolk State University.

The freshman outfielder was named MEAC Rookie of the Year. Beatty was also named to the first team All-MEAC team. He hit .386 against MEAC pitching and is tied for the league lead in home runs. Beatty was an all-state performer at Glenn High School in Kernersville.



Beatty

"Nothing C.J. has done this year surprises us," said Shumate. "We knew the kind of abilities he had when he came here, but he has also stepped up to every challenge coaches have given him. We need to focus on making sure he gets better and better."

N.C. A&T senior Charlie Gamble won the 2007 MEAC Baseball Player of the Year award. Gamble also earned first-team All-MEAC honors. Redshirt junior Jeremy Jones and junior Joe McIntyre earned second-team accolades. Gamble became the second Aggie to earn the conference's Player of the Year award in three years. Jones took home the trophy in 2005.

"We feel extremely flattered that all the sports information directors and coaches recognized these two young men's accomplishments," said head coach Keith Shumate. "They are two young men who never let up. If they get one hit, they want two. If they get two, they want three. They always want to be better."

"I think both these guys (Beatty and Gamble) will tell you, they owe a lot to their teammates. If you have a guy like Jeremy Jones hitting in front of you like Charlie does, it makes you a better player."

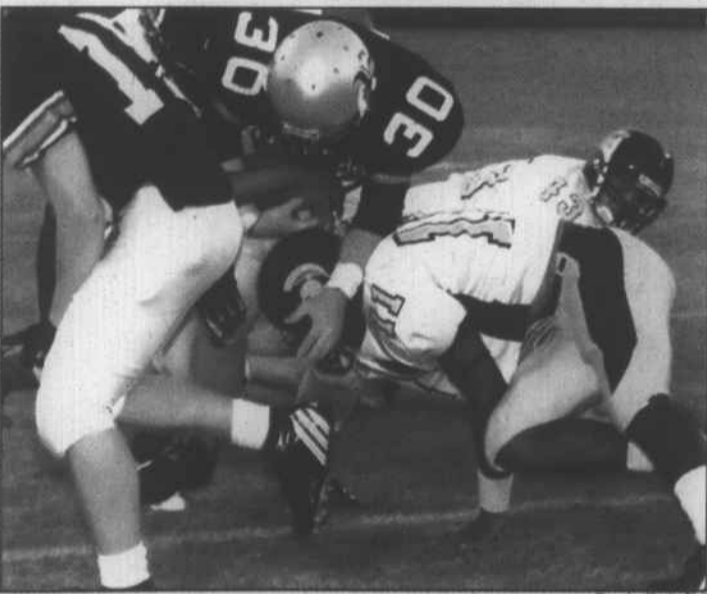
Gamble is hitting .407 this season with eight home runs and 51 RBIs. He hit .493 against MEAC teams this season. He leads the league in batting average, hits (81) and slugging percentage (.638). Gamble owns nine Aggie

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## PERFECT 'KNIGHT'

Photo by Anthony Hill

Paisley's eighth grade girl's basketball team, led by Whitney Knight, celebrated a perfect 14-0 season at the school's athletics banquet last week. The talented team also finished the season at 14-0 as seventh graders last year. Pictured are Brittanie Phipps (far left), Dwanecia Stover, Martinique Lovett, Hilary Jessup, Victoria Stimpson and Noel Walker. Knight, Danielle Butler and coach Reggie Crawford are posted in the back row. Marian Harrington is also a member of the squad, but wasn't pictured.



Mt. Tabor's Ed Gainey, who's a rising senior, gets low for a tackle last season.

## Mt. Tabor's Gainey on All-American team ballot

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Mt. Tabor's rising senior football star Ed Gainey is officially on the national recruiting radar.

The all-state defensive back was announced as one of 18 North Carolina student-athletes up for the 2008 U.S. Army All-American team, which will play in a January 5th all-star game in San Antonio's Alamodome.

The U.S. Army All-American Bowl broadcast live on NBC and in 177 countries. It allows the U.S. Army to enhance its connection with America and help to shape the future leaders by providing a global platform to showcase their talents. 17 other North Carolina players are amongst the 400 athletes being considered for final selection to play in this classic East vs. West match-up.

Joining Gainey on the ballot are: E.J. Abrams-Ward (LB, Thomasville High School), Brandon Barnes (RB, Bunn High School), Rod Chisholm (RB, West Charlotte High School), Mario Carter (TE, Independence High School), R.J. Mattes (OL, Jay M. Robinson High

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## STOP DWELLING ON PAST ISSUES

Pop Warner season still has a few months before it begins. But it's never too early to discuss some of the drama and issues that come with every season.

I was recently told about a few issues the Falcons are dealing with in preparation for their season. It turns out that two organizations are refusing to play the team because of the name of their field, from what I understand. For those that don't know, the Falcons play in a field known as Death Valley. That's pretty petty right there. I'm going to touch on that in a minute.

First, anyone that knows

me can tell you that I'm one of the biggest critics of Pop Warner and some of the behavior it seems to bring out

FROM THE HUDDLE  
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But most of my frustrations are geared toward thoughtless fans and coaches, unfair weight limits and subliminal racism — to name a few. I support every area organization from the Tiny Indians,

Walkertown Wolfpack, Packers and Falcons to the Lewisville Titans, Oak Ridge Colts and Kernersville Raiders. I'm for all of them — really.

But sometimes I have to express when an organization is wrong. In the case of the Falcons, it seems that two organizations are wrong.

It was recently brought to my attention that representatives of the King Dolphins and the Forsyth County Broncos are refusing to play the Falcons on the field because the name of the field

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Here, a group of Falcon players get after it during a practice last year.

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