

With James Cuthbertson



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# Prep Chatter

North Carolina private school champion Providence Day filled 10 of 24 positions on the Charlotte Independent Schools Athletic Association All-Conference football team. Providence Day, 9-1, won the title by default when Harrells Academy, winner of the Eastern title, refused to play the Chargers in the final.

Charlotte Latin had five players named to the team. Their only defeat was at the hands of Providence Day.

Congratulations are in order for the following athletes: Charlotte Independent Schools Athletic Association All-Conference Team.

**Offense:**

- Quarterback- Brian Killough, Providence Day.
- Fullback- Jim Rowe, Providence Day.
- Halfback- Reginald Clark, Providence Day.
- Halfback- Cameron Dickerson, Charlotte Latin.
- Split End- Kent Jones, Charlotte Latin.
- Tight End- Andy Browning, Providence Day.
- Offensive Tackle- Jeff Hicks, Gaston Day.
- Offensive Tackle- Mike Carpenter, Providence Day.
- Offensive Guard - Allen Liles, Charlotte Country Day.
- Offensive Guard- Guy Lane, Providence Day.
- Center- Edison Cassells, Charlotte Country Day.

**Defense:**

- Defensive Back- Reginald Clark, Providence Day.
- Defensive Back- Jasper Ray, Providence Day.
- Defensive Back- Kent Nixon, Gaston Day.
- Defensive End- Brandon Sharrett, Charlotte Latin.
- Defensive End- Ken Cooper, Providence Day.
- Defensive Line- Andy Mermans, Charlotte Latin.
- Defensive Line- Shannon Douglas, Country Day.
- Linebacker- Kearns Little, Charlotte Latin.

- Linebacker- Steven Pharr, Charlotte Country Day.
- Linebacker- Brian Cockerham, Providence Day.
- Linebacker- Mark Newton, Gaston Day.
- Kicker- Henry Adkins, Charlotte Country Day.
- Punter- Henry Adkins, Charlotte Country Day.

Congratulations to Shrine Bowlers Anthony Houston of Harding, Antonio Walker of Harding, Kenny Pate of West Charlotte, and Aaron Cox of West Charlotte.

Houston is the 6-0, 180 quarterback who set all kinds of records in passing in Mecklenburg County, surpassing Mark Maye in his senior year.

Walker was a running back-defensive back who played both positions for the Rams.

Walker is 6-0, 185.

Cox is a 5-0, 190 linebacker from West Charlotte.

Pate is a 6-1, 260 tackle from West Charlotte.

Highlights include several good tournaments in our area.

The Charlotte Observer Tip Off Tournament has East Gaston, Independence, South Mecklenburg, and West Charlotte pitted against other local teams.

That tournament will be held at Belmont Abbey College on Wednesday, November 26, Friday, November 28, and Saturday, November 29.

East Mecklenburg will participate in the Christmas Tournament at Catawba College December 26-31.

North Mecklenburg will play at the Celriver Tournament at Winthrop College December 27, 29, and 30.

Myers Park is in the Wilmington Holiday Tournament with Laney, Hoggard, and New Hanover, December 30-31.

Olympic and Harding at at Hunter Huss in the Christmas Doubleheader with Ashbrook and Hunter Huss.

Crest is in the Star Tournament in Kings Mountain January 2-3.

Garinger is in the Carolina Classic December 19-20.

The conference season begins on Tuesday, January 6, with Ashbrook at Myers Park, East Mecklenburg at Independence, Harding at North Mecklenburg, East Gaston at Olympic, Crest at West Charlotte, and Garinger at Hunter Huss.

South plays at East Mecklenburg in its first conference game on Friday, January 9, while that night West Mecklenburg is at East Gaston in its first conference game.

The conference tournaments will begin on February 23 and end by the 27. The sectionals are March 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7. The regionals are March 12-14.

The state tournament will be March 21 in Chapel Hill at the Dean Smith Student Activities Center.

All JV women games are 3:45. JV men's games are 5:30.

Varsity women play at 6:16 and men at 8 p.m.

Congratulations to the state high school 4A cross country champions from East Mecklenburg.

**FINAL FOOTBALL RANKINGS**

1. West Charlotte, 2. Harding, 3. Ashbrook, 4. West Mecklenburg, 5. Hunter Huss, 6. East Mecklenburg, 7. North Mecklenburg, 8. Olympic, 9. Catholic, 10. Providence Day, 11. Independence, 12. Myers Park, 13. South Mecklenburg, 14. Latin, 15. Garinger, 16. Crest, 17. East Gaston, 18. Country Day, 19. Gaston Day.

Unfortunately for Charlotte squads, Greensboro Page has been a nemesis in their side for years. The outlook for Harding is not good, but then this is the same thing that people said when the Lions of West Charlotte played Ashbrook.

**Playoff Predictions**

Harding 26, Greensboro Page 25 in Greensboro. West Charlotte 24, Waynesville Tuscola 7.

## Valuable Players Give Wildcats "A Lot Of Beef"

1. Garinger - The Garinger Wildcats of Bruce Kreutzer were 5-7 in the conference and 20-4 overall last year. The Wildcats lost in the sectionals last year, 64-56, to eventual state champion West Charlotte.

Point guard J.R. McIlwain, All-Conference forward Darren Stinson and center Juan Mason, 6-7, give the Wildcats a lot of beef.

Add 6-1 Nate Sanders and 6-2 Russell Mitchell to the 6-4 Stinson and 6-7 Mason and the Wildcats have the tallest lineup in the city and one of the tallest in the state.

"We think we have a pretty balanced lineup," said Kreutzer. "We believe that we will be better than last year."

The Wildcat junior varsity won the mythical city championship with an 11-1 conference record.

Mason, the tallest player in the city, averaged 13 points per game last year and 8.7 rebounds. McIlwain averaged 5 assists per game last year.

Color the Wildcats RED for "RED HOT."

2. Independence - The Independence Patriots of David Christenbury always manage to be at the top of the conference when the year ends. They were 9-3 in the league and 21-6 overall last year in a rebuilding year.

Top returnees are 6-1, 150 pound guard Rodney Farrington who averaged 13.8 points per game last year and 6-3 guard Nate Baskins who averaged 10.0 per game last year.

Larry Blakeney is up from the junior varsity who were 17-3 last year along with Doug Haney.

Color the Patriots MAROON for "SIZZLINGLY."

3. Hunter Huss - The Huskies of Hunter Huss are another one of those teams that manage to be in the regionals. The Huskies were 10-3 in the conference and 20-7 overall last year.

They return 6-2 Dwayne Brice who averaged 12 points and 9 rebounds per game last year, 6-2, 210 Lamar Lewis who averaged 3 points and 4 rebounds per game last year, and 8-5 sophomore Rodney Floyd and 6-2 junior Asberry Love.

Look for the Huskies to be very competitive.

Color the Huskies PINK for "WARMING UP."

4. South Mecklenburg - The South Mecklenburg Sabres of Coach Herb Davis are looking forward to this campaign.

With Blue Chippers Reggie

**Vikings Have Arsenal**

1. North Mecklenburg - The Vikings were 9-3, 19-7 last year, and have an arsenal coming back. Top guns for the Vikings are point guard Bobby Moore, 6-5 forward Kenneth Wylie, 6-8 Reginald Thompson, and 6-1 Dedic Robinson. Nelson Frazier will be the fifth starter.

The Vikings also have Paul Singleton, Tim Little, Steve Brock, Michael Smith, Bryan Foster, Mike Johnson and Maurice Mason. Leroy Holden hopes they mature soon.

The Vikings will be put to test early when they travel to the Cel-River Classic in Rock Hill, SC. Long Island Lutheran, Cathedral Prep, W.T. Woodson of Virginia, Northwestern, Rock Hill, York Comprehensive, Fort Mill and North Mecklenburg are the participants.

Moore was on the AAU team that won the state championship. Bob Moore, coach of Johnson C. Smith, is his father.

Color the Vikings BRIGHT RED for "DESTINED FOR STATE."

2. West Charlotte - The defending state champions of Charlie McCullough have 6-4 Jules Springs back with his 8 points and 4 rebounds per game average, 6-5 Chris Welch, 6-2 Gerald Smith, 6-2 Clarence Montgomery, 5-11 Eric Knight, 6-2 Dwight Burch, 6-4 Venton Bell, 6-2 Steve Rivers, and 6-7 Corey Neal. The Lions were 12-0 in the conference and 29-0 overall.

The Lions have talent returning and the spirit from last year's state champions.

Color the Lions RED For "RED HOT."

3. Olympic - The Trojans won the junior varsity championship last year and return Patrick Flynd, 6-4, 175, with his 16 points and six rebounds per game last year. Carlton Anthony at 5-10, Bryon Davis 6-2, Linwood Armstrong 6-3, Dale Graham 6-3, and Bobby Simond 6-3.

The Trojans will have outside shooting and should be better than last year's 2-10, 5-19.

Chamler Chavis certainly expects Olympic to be better than last year.

Color the Trojans ORANGE for "READY TO BURN."

4. East Gaston - The East Gaston Warriors were 9-3, 19-4 last year. Jim Turpin has 6-5 Shane Trull with his 17 points per game and 7 rebounds per game to build a nucleus around.

John White, 5-11, Melvin Brooks 6-1, Scott Sherrill 6-4, and Robert Seward all hope to help the Warriors return to last year's prominence.

Color the Warriors LIME for "IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME."

5. Harding - The Harding Rams were 5-7 and 517 last year. Six-two Chad Armstrong, 5-11 Anthony Houston, 5-7 Kenneth Stevenson, 6-7 Troy Johnson, 6-1 Terrence Pough,

Hunter, 6-4, 170, and his 10 points per game and 7 rebounds per game average, and Harry Davis, 6-2, 170, with his 14 points per game and 5 rebounds per game average, the Sabres have some growl.

Chris White is a junior point guard who is developing along with Ricky Forte.

"We should be better than last year," said Coach Davis.

The Sabres were 4-6 in the conference and 9-13 overall last year.

Color the Sabres ORANGE for "READY TO BURN."

5. East Mecklenburg - The East Mecklenburg Eagles were 4-8 and 8-16 last year. Mark Carter has promised that this season his team will be better.

Six-four, 190 pound Maurice Flowers will be a guard forward. He will be assisted by 6-6, 215 center Tony Horton, 6-3 forward Antoine Teasley, 6-3 forward Anthony Truesdale, and 6-4 center John Vastis.

Teasley averaged 11 points per game last year. Flowers averaged 10.

Color the Eagles YELLOW for "LUKE WARM."

6. Myers Park - The Myers Park

Mustangs were 3-9 and 10-14 last year. Mike Connelly has point guard Larry Crowder, shooting guard J.T. Jant, wing Terry Massey, forward Kevin Wilson, and forward John Campbell.

"We will start slowly but as our rebounding improves we could get better," said Connelly.

His arsenal includes Massey who averaged 20 points and seven rebounds per game last year. Everyone is looking at him.

Color the Mustangs GREEN for "NEEDS SOME TIME TO WARM UP."

7. Ashbrook - The Ashbrook Green Wave were 7-5 and 15-13 last year, but are not expected to be as good this year.

Returning are Rodney Patterson with 10 points per game and Steve Alexander with 9 per game.

The Green Wave will have to struggle to maintain last year's record.

Color the Green Wave "BLUE."

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