

# Prep Chatter

With James Cuthbertson

Congratulations to Myers Park's Terry Massey on being named to the Converse All America Team. Terry was first team All Metropolitan for the Charlotte Post.

Atonio Howard, formerly of Olympic High School and Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Georgia, will play basketball at UNC-Wilmington for the Sea Hawks. Howard is a 6'3" guard who averaged 21.9 points per game last year. He will be a junior at Wilmington.

Garinger student Darren Stinson, who is a 6'4" forward, and J. R. McIlwaine, who is a 6' guard, have signed to play basketball at North Greenville Junior College.

Congratulations to Country Day. The Bucs won three games including 8-4 over Providence Day to win the CISAA Softball Championship.

Beating regular season winner Charlotte Latin, 5-3, advanced them to the finals.

In the first of the games to decide the championship Ashely O'Neil went three for four with four RBIs to lead Country Day to an 11-3 win.

The Broadmoor Tigers won the 10 and under regular season in the Broadmoor League and came in second at a post-season invitational tournament sponsored by McCrorey YMCA. Rodney Reid was the team's outstanding offensive player and Vernon Holsey was the outstanding defensive player. Robert Newman was the coach.

Newman said that the team really surprised him adding that he really stressed defense because when you have defense you automatically have offense and that he was happy that they were good on both fronts.

Others on the team were Jay Phifer, Lamont Easterling, Danny Garcia, Derrick Sowell, Cory Holsey, Garrett Oakden, Cliff Hayden and Dorneco Newman.

Bobby McIlwain also helped coach the champions of the 12 team Broadmoor League.

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association has decided to discuss moving the state championship football game to a neutral site and it is a good idea.

The facilities at Seventy First High School were not good at all. As a matter of fact, attendance for the West Charlotte-Harding game was more than attendance for the state championship game. That semi-final at Memorial Stadium drew almost 20,000. There were only 10,000 at the state championship game.

The parking was atrocious. It took two hours to get out of the game utilizing policemen on a highway that was not designed for mass transit.

The state's 4A Conference voted to support it.

Mecklenburg county schools started the push for neutral sites after the facility at Lloyd Auman Field at Seventy First High School were criticized as inadequate.

Thirteen of the 14 members of the Tri County and Southwestern 4A Conference as well as a majority of the Mid-South 4A supported the change.

The game has also gotten so big now that the only stadiums that could host it are Groves at Wake Forest, Kenan at Chapel Hill, Wallace Wade at Duke, Aggie Field at North Carolina A&T, Charlotte Memorial Stadium, or Carter-Finley at North Carolina State.

Being that a 20,000 figure would be high for a state playoff championship game, I think it would be better to hold it in a central facility that is medium sized like North Carolina A&T's 15,000 field or Charlotte Memorial Stadium.

The game would be dwarfed in North Carolina's known Wake's Grove, Duke's Wallace Wade or State's Carter-Finley.

But any of the sites mentioned would be an improvement. It is time to take it off the high school campuses where it can make some money for the state's schools.

In other news, the 4A schools voted to reduce the basketball field back to 32. I think the 64 is a good idea because more teams get to play and I hope that is defeated.

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