



Ross Tomberlin, left, and Tim Chandley, center, was named female athlete of the year right, shared the male athlete of the year award at Madison High School. Lisa Gahagan, center, also won the Robbie Capps Memorial Scholarship.

Madison Athletes Honored At Annual Awards Banquet

Madison High School recently honored its athletes during the annual athletic banquet and award presentation.

Several top athletes received awards at the banquet, held June 3 at the high school.

Lisa Gahagan received the Robbie Capps Memorial Scholarship, an award of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) given in memory of Robbie Capps, a Madison High School student killed in an automobile accident.

The award is given annually to a two-letter (or better) athlete at Madison High School. The winner must be a college-bound senior with at least a "B" average in academic work. Students vying for the honor must also submit an essay of 100 words or less on the topic "What Athletics Has Meant To Me."

Gahagan, who participated in girls' basketball and softball, also took another highly coveted honor when she was named female athlete of the year at Madison High School.

Two Madison athletic standouts shared the male athlete of the year award. Ross Tomberlin and Tim Chandley were named co-recipients of the award.

Here's a complete list of the Madison High School athletes who received awards at the recent banquet:

Football

No individual awards were given by the coaches. Ross Tomberlin received the Charles Tolley Award, which is voted on by the players.

Boys Basketball

Michael Cook was named the most valuable player. Tim Chandley took the best offensive player award, Brian Ball received the coaches award and Scott Haynie was most improved.

Tomberlin was named "Mr. Hustle" and "Mr. Assist."

Girls Basketball

Lisa Gahagan was selected as the team's MVP while Sonia Gahagan was named most improved player.

Terri Ballard took the "Take No Prisoners" award, Kelly Carter won the "Super Sub" award, April Brooks received the coaches award and Tamara Anders was named most underrated.

Elsberry Wyatt, assistant coach of the year, won a special award.

Volleyball

April Brooks was named the most outstanding player on the volleyball squad. Four players received senior awards - Jody Carter, Kelly Carter, Diane Cutshall and Christine Haas.

Baseball

Three Madison Patriot baseball players split MVP honors. They are Chris Carter, Ross Tomberlin and Mark Gosnell.

Eddie Shelton won the "Golden Glove" award while Gary Mace won the "Golden Glove Infield" award. Coaches awards went to Ken Anderson and Tim Ballard.

Softball

Lisa Gahagan won the coaches award and Tamara Anders was nam-

ed the team's most valuable player.

Boys' Track

Jackie Shelton received the squad's most valuable player award. John Kock won the track award and Scott Norton won the field award.

Girls' Track

Paige Cook was honored with the squad's "Most Spirit" award. Anique Secord won the track award and Paule Crowe won the field award.

Cheerleading

Michele Gagahan won the squad's most valuable player award, while

Sherry Frisby received the "Most School Spirit" award.

The awards presentation ceremony brought to an end one of the most successful sports seasons ever at Madison High School. Every team, with the exception of the volleyball squad, made it to post-season tournament play.

Madison also boasted three conference champions - baseball, softball and girls track. The girls basketball team was co-champion, tied with Mountain Heritage.

Nine From Madison Make All-Conference Teams

A number of Madison High School athletes were recently named to all-conference teams for spring sports in the Western Highlands 2-A Athletics Conference.

Madison's baseball and softball coaches also received coach of the year honors.

Those honors came after Madison High School took conference championships in three spring sports - baseball, softball and girls' track.

Jack Brown, who coached the Patriots through a nearly flawless regular season, was named Western Highlands conference baseball coach of the year.

Madison led the way on the all-conference baseball roster, with five players named to the all-conference team.

Chris Carter, one of those five from Madison, was also named the conference's most valuable player.

Joining Carter on the all-conference squad are his teammates

Mark Gosnell, Ross Tomberlin, Eddie Shelton and Tim Ballard. Gary Mace of Madison received honorable mention.

Avery, Mitchell and Sylva each placed three players on the all-conference team and Mountain Heritage one.

In girls' softball, Elsberry Wyatt was named the Western Highlands 2-A Athletic Conference softball coach of the year.

Madison and Mitchell each placed four girls on the all-conference team. Madison's Lisa Gahagan was named the conference most valuable player in softball.

Joining Gahagan on the all-conference staff are Tamara Anders, April Brooks and Melanie Ramsey.

Lady Patriot Charlene Norton received honorable mention.

Several members of Madison High Schools track teams were named to the all-conference squad.

In boys' track, John Koch made

"all conference" in the 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter runs.

Madison's 800-meter relay team, consisting of Chris Craine, Dale Teague, Jackie Shelton and Eric Young, also took all-conference honors.

In girls' track, Anique Secord led Madison runners on the all-conference squad. Secord was named to all-conference teams in the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles.

The school's 800-meter relay team and 400-meter relay team also won all-conference honors. Both relay teams consist of Secord, Monica Cameron and Jennifer Gault. Michelle Tipton is on the 800-meter team and Theresa Franklin is on the 400-meter squad.

Amy Johnston was named all-conference in the 800-meter run, Paula Crowe in the discus throw, Theresa Franklin in the long jump and Mary Ann Griffey in the triple jump.

Mitchell Takes Wachovia Trophy

Mitchell High School has won the Wachovia Trophy in the Western Highlands 2-A Conference, while Madison and Mountain Heritage tied for second spot.

Mitchell finished with 35 points, placed by a first-place finish in boys' track, for a total of 18 points during the spring sports season.

Madison and Mountain Heritage high schools tied for second with 31

total points. Sylva-Webster High School was third with 26 points, followed by Avery County High School with 20.

The Wachovia Trophy recognizes high schools that have the best overall sports programs for boys and girls within their conference. Points are awarded based on participation and excellence and are tallied after the fall, winter and spring sports

seasons.

The Wachovia Trophy, sponsored by Wachovia Bank and Trust, is the companion to the Wachovia Cup, which is sanctioned by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

The Cup honors one school each in 1-A, 2-A, 3-A and 4-A classifications for top overall performances in the state.

Golf Tournament Nets \$13,000

An benefit golf tournament held recently at Wolf Laurel Resort has raised an estimated \$13,000 for the cancer unit at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville.

The June 10 tournament, in memory of Wolf Laurel resident William "Bill" Spencer, who died last year of cancer, was a "great success," according to tournament organizers.

A total of 76 golfers participated in the tournament, which organizers hope will become an annual fund-raising event.

Taking first place was the team of Ron Martin Jr., Ron Martin Sr., Shirley Carlin and Cliff Carlin.

Finishing in second place was R.D. Gregory, Judy Gibson, George Coleman and Bonnie Friedholm. The third-place team was Fred Bentley, Kyle Carter, Pat Griffith and Dick Griffith. In fourth place was Norris Crigler, Steve Jones, Jim Tart and

Shirley Wright.

The two golfers who won special prizes for hitting the shots closest to the pin were Charles Pfaff and Shirley Carlin.

Joe Earman was high bidder for an Arabian horse donated by Oak Knoll Farm in Hendersonville and for a handmade sweater donated by Mary Billingsley of Wolf Laurel.

Jerry Rish was high bidder for a stained-glass mirror.

The auction brought in a total of \$5,500 - including \$1,500 for the horse, \$525 for the sweater and \$750 for the stained glass.

The remainder of the money was from entry fees and business sponsorships of holes on the golf course.

All money raised in the tournament will be used to help pay for the modernization of the cancer unit at Memorial Mission Hospital, organizers said.

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