

Whiteville Remains On Top In Wachovia Trophy Chase

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

Whiteville remains in the lead for the Waccamaw 2-A Conference Wachovia Trophy following the winter prep sports season. The Wolfpack earned 11 points led by a second-place finish in girls' basketball to bring its current points total to 33.5.

Fairmont is presently in second place with 30.5 points followed by West Brunswick (29), South Brunswick (25.5), East Bladen (22), South Robeson (16.5), West Columbus (14) and North Brunswick (7).

The Wachovia Trophy is a statewide program that recognizes high schools with the best overall boys' and girls' sports programs within each conference. Points are tallied following the fall, winter and spring sports seasons.

Prep Athletic Directors Meet This Week

The 20th annual conference of the North Carolina High School Athletic Directors Association began yesterday (Wednesday) at Atlantic Beach and will continue through Friday.

A number of speakers are scheduled including former Wake Forest basketball coach Horace "Bones" McKinney, WRAL-TV (Raleigh) sports director Tom Suiter, East Carolina University athletic director Dave Hart, ECU associate A.D. Henry Vansant and N.C. Central University basketball coach Michael Bernard.

Dave Diamont, chairman of the N.C. House of Representatives' Appropriations Committee, is also attending and will shed light on the finances of public instruction.

Sports Development Commission Appointed

Governor Jim Martin has named a 19-member committee called the North Carolina Sports Development Commission that will help plan sports initiatives in the Tar Heel state.

Among those named to the commission are Charlie Adams of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, N.C. State women's basketball coach Kay Yow, Winston-Salem State men's basketball coach Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines and Winkie LaForce of North Carolina Amateur Sports.

Other activities of the commission will include locating facilities for sporting events and creating directories of information listing current sporting events in North Carolina.

NCHSAA Annual Meeting Set For May

The annual meeting of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association will be held May 2 in Chapel Hill on the University of North Carolina campus.

Highlighting the meeting will be a panel discussion featuring a trio of University of North Carolina athletic staff members including men's basketball coach Dean Smith, head football coach Mack Brown and athletic director John Swofford.

The meeting will also feature NCHSAA awards including association scholarship awards, Perdue athletes of the year honors, several distinguished service awards and state-wide honors for the top superintendent, principal, boys' and girls' coaches, athletic director and media person.

Last year a record crowd of 800 attended the annual meeting.

Shrine Bowl Coaches Named

East Wake High School coach Johnny Sasser has been named the North Carolina head coach for the 55th annual Shrine Bowl all-star football game scheduled for Charlotte in December.

Sasser, a veteran of 21 years of high school grid coaching, will be joined on the North Carolina staff by Daryl Barnes (Richmond County), Dave Gutshall (Burlington Cummings) and Don Patrick (Newton-Conover).

Jim Oddo of Charlotte Catholic was named as a staff alternate.

RECREATION BRIEFS

South Wins Project Fitness

South Brunswick Middle School won both the 11-12 and the 13 and over age divisions in the county-wide Project Fitness competition April 17 at South Brunswick High School.

The 11- and 12-year-olds had four first-place finishes, four seconds and two thirds. The older group won 10 first-place ribbons, three for second place and one for third.

Students competed in events including pull-ups, 50-yard dash, 600-yard run, shuttle run and standing broad jump.

Baseball Sign-Ups

Baseball players interested in competing in Legion Baseball this year are asked to attend the first try-out Saturday, May 4, at 6 p.m. at the West Brunswick High School ball field, according to a news release.

Players age 15 to 18 who reside within the West and South Brunswick high school attendance districts are eligible to play.

For more information, call Coach Mike Alderson at 842-7608 or Coach Jack Brown at 278-3756.

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Raford Stanley Named Week's Top Trojan Spring Athlete

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Raford Stanley, a senior member of the West Brunswick boys' tennis team, has been named West Brunswick/Burger King Spring Athlete of the Week after a sensational effort against league opponent Whiteville last week.

Stanley, in only his second year of tennis, is the Trojans' second-seeded singles in player and teams with Lamar Hardy for the number two doubles tandem. However, he has seen some action at the top seed in both singles and doubles this spring for West.

Against Whiteville, Stanley displayed a brilliant comeback in singles play against Brian Shelbourne. Stanley dropped the first set 6-4 and was down 4-0 in the second before rallying to take the match, 7-5, 6-1.

In doubles, Stanley and Hardy defeated the Whiteville duo of Jason Schroder-Martin Nicholson, 8-5.

"Raford is overall, one of our most consistent players in both singles and doubles," said West Brunswick tennis coach Marti Gillis. "He provides excellent senior leadership and worked hard last summer to improve his game."

"He really gets up for the more important matches. A prime example was his play against Whiteville. Raford just hung in there, adjusted his game and attacked well to win both singles and doubles matches."

Stanley currently has a 6-1 singles record in conference matches and is 6-3 overall.

Teaming with Hardy at the number two doubles spot, Stanley is unbeaten in doubles play.

"Raford is a former geography student of mine and I know him well," said West Brunswick athletic director Marshall Seay. "He takes his tennis seriously and I would expect him to continue to improve."



HONORED—Raford Stanley was named last week's Trojan spring sports athlete of the week after picking up a singles win over league-leading Whiteville and teaming with Lamar Hardy to take a doubles decision as well. The senior is in his second year of competitive tennis.

Trojan Netters Rip Fairmont, Fall To Whiteville

West Brunswick got a split of two Waccamaw 2-A Conference boys' tennis matches last week with a 6-3 win over Fairmont and a 6-3 loss to Whiteville.

The Trojans, now 5-2 in the WC, trail league-leading and undefeated Whiteville (7-0) as the conference season begins its second half.

Highlighting the week for the Trojans was a doubles win by the team of Michael Nelson-Jody Dale. The pair, playing the number one doubles position, upset the previously-undefeated Whiteville team of David McCaw-Brian Shelbourne.

Also, second-seeded Raford

Stanley was a singles winner over Shelbourne after dropping the first set 6-4 and trailing in the second 4-0. Stanley rallied to win the second set 7-5 then breezed to the win in the third, 6-1.

Fairmont Results

Singles: Locklear (F) def. Nelson (WB), 6-3, 6-1; Schofield (F) def. Stanley (WB), 6-4, 6-4; Dale (WB) won by forfeit; Hardy (WB) def. Tunstall (F), 6-0, 6-1; Hewett (WB) def. Lewis (F), 6-0, 6-1; Sellars (WB) def. Freeman (F), 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles: Locklear-Schofield (F) def. Nelson-Dale (WB), 8-5; Stan-

ley-Hardy (WB) won by forfeit; Hewett-Dimery (WB) def. Tunstall-Lewis (F), 8-2.

Whiteville Results

Singles: McCaw (W) def. Nelson (WB), 7-5, 7-5; Stanley (WB) def. Shelbourne (W), 4-6, 7-5, 6-1; Schroder (W) def. Dale (WB), 6-4, 6-4; Nicholson (W) def. Hardy (WB), 7-5, 6-4; Eichman (W) def. Hewett (WB), 6-4, 6-1; Young (W) def. Sellars (WB), 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

Doubles: Nelson-Dale (WB) def. McCaw-Shelbourne (W), 8-5; Stanley-Hardy (WB) def. Schrader-Nicholson (W), 8-5; Eichman-Young (W) def. Hewett-Sellars (WB), 8-6.

East Bladen Rallies Past West Girls 4-2

East Bladen's Jackie Burgess belted a two-run homer in the sixth inning to lift the Lady Cougars past visiting West Brunswick 4-2 in a Waccamaw 2-A Conference softball game last Tuesday.

Winning pitcher Shannon Cain held West Brunswick to three hits while also going 3-for-3 at the plate.

Shelley Skinner and Kim Lewis both doubled for East Bladen while Tracie Hester had a hit to pace the Lady Cougars' seven-hit attack.

Losing pitcher Jenny Judah, Pe-

rry Culpepper and Patti Clemmons each had a hit for West Brunswick.

East Bladen took a 2-0 lead in the first inning before West Brunswick added single runs in the second and third frames to tie the score. The Lady Cougars didn't score again until the decisive sixth inning.

West Brunswick continues league play today (Thursday) hosting Whiteville at 4 p.m.

W. Brunswick 011 000 0-2-3-5
East Bladen 200 002 X-4-7-2

South Robeson Downs Error-Prone Lady Scorpions

North Brunswick committed 10 errors last Tuesday enroute to a 21-14 trouncing by visiting South Robeson in Waccamaw 2-A Conference softball action.

Despite the loss, Tanya Edge blasted two home runs and a triple and drove in six runs to spark the

Lady Scorpions.

North's Sonya Kennedy also had a two-run homer and Dawn Sholar had four hits. Angela Goddard also had three hits for the Lady Scorpions who visit South Brunswick next Tuesday at 4 p.m. in next league action.

Scorpions Blank Fairmont 4-0

North Brunswick blanked visiting Fairmont 4-0 in Waccamaw 2-A Conference baseball action Monday.

Winning pitcher Chris Walker (4-3) hurled a three-hitter and struck out 13 to pace the Scorpions, now 5-2 in the WC.

North Brunswick scored three of its four runs in the third inning sparked by Walker's run-scoring single.

The Scorpions host West Columbus on Friday and South Brunswick on Tuesday in continued league play. Both games begin at 7 p.m.

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N. Brunswick 003 010 X-4-5-1

New Hanover Rips North JV

New Hanover pounded visiting North Brunswick 12-1 in junior varsity nonconference baseball action last Thursday.

Winning pitcher Kevin Skipper tossed a two-hitter to lead New Hanover while Mike Maley had two hits and drove in three runs. Jay Lewis and Matt Rushing also had two RBIs each for the Wildcats.

North Brunswick visits West Columbus at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) in continued JV play.

West Brunswick JV Tops South

West Brunswick toppled visiting South Brunswick 6-3 in a Waccamaw 2-A Conference junior varsity baseball game last Thursday.

Jason Benton and Scott Gore both doubled to lead the Trojans.

The West Brunswick JV continues league play Monday hosting Fairmont at 5 p.m.

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