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Freshman Drake Powell (9) of Pittsboro is providing both strong offense and defense for North Carolina Tar Heels. PHOTO BY UNC ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

## ACC HOOPS PREVIEW

### Carolina Picked Second In ACC

Chip Bremer

Now that the ACC has a full slate of 18 teams, it will be interesting to see how the field plays out this season. Of course, Duke looks like the frontrunner, and UNC just a step behind, but everything else appears up for grabs. So, to make sense of it all, here's a look at the 2024-25 ACC teams in projected order of finish:

#### 1. Duke

The Blue Devils remain the favorite, but it's not just because of national sensation Cooper Flagg. It's the pieces Jon Scheyer put around Flagg, whether it's three-point specialist Kon Knuepple, or developing center Khaman Maluach, or the reliable backcourt of Tyrese Proctor and Caleb Foster, or the experienced transfers like Mason Gillis (Purdue) or Maliq Brown (Syracuse). It's a roster that has all the right stuff to achieve the postseason goals of which Duke teams often fall short in recent seasons.

#### 2. UNC

As long as all-everything guard R.J. Davis is on the floor, the Heels can beat just about anyone. But Davis alone won't bring a title to Chapel Hill, which is why the emergence of

guards Elliott Cadeau and Seth Trimble as offensive threats is critical. When freshmen Ian Jackson and Drake Powel get going, the Heels should be a juggernaut. Defensively, they'll definitely miss Armando Bacot's presence in the middle, but at least Jae'Lyn Withers can haul in the rebounds.

#### 3. Wake Forest

Just as Carolina will lean heavily on R.J. Davis, the Demon Deacons will rely on Hunter Salis to carry the offensive load this season, and while he isn't quite on Davis' level, he's very effective, especially with other capable playmakers around him like Cameron Hildreth, Ty-Laur Johnson and Parker Friedrichsen. The Deacs' strength will be on the defensive end, where Efton Reid, Iowa State transfer Omaha Biliew and App State transfer Tre'Von Spillers are all accomplished shot-blockers and aggressive frontcourt ballhawks.

#### 4. Clemson

Brad Brownell once again has put together one of the most fundamentally sound and balanced teams in the ACC. Chase Hunter may be the conference's most underrated guard, ACC HOOPS, Continued on page 4

## Orange Seniors Pile Up Medals

Orange County had 80+ athletes at N.C. Senior Games State Finals in the Triangle and many earned gold, silver, bronze medals in a variety of sports. Here's a summary of Orange medal winners with times and distances.

Members of doubles teams are listed only once and age groups N/A. The basketball 3-on-3 tournaments in Greenville will be highlighted in the December issue.

- Jacqueline Allen, first, croquet.
- Kimberly Allen, first, archery conv-recurve barebow, 670.
- Lew Ballard, third, golf, 181.
- Brian Barnett, first, archery conv-recurve with sight, 641.

Carolyn Barnett, first, table tennis singles, second doubles with Sandy Hammersley.

Randy Bieber, first, archery comp with sight & release aid, 838.

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**Inside:**  
**Helene & Friends**  
**Pickleball, Bike,**  
**Marathon Results**

## NC Skiing Returns, Faces Highway Issues From Helene

North Carolina's six ski/snowboard resorts are expected to reopen for the 2024-25 season shortly depending on weather conditions.

Most received minimal storm damage, like fallen trees, washed out roads, damaged buildings, from flooding caused by Hurricane Helene in September. Five operated last

year, the sixth, Hatley Pointe in Mars Hill (formerly Wolf Ridge) was being remodeled. The nearby communities suffered the biggest losses from Helene.

One concern now is highway access to resorts via I-40 and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Both have sections closed in WNC by flooding, landslides with repairs, rebuilding planned or under way.

Nationally, there were 60.483M ski and snowboard visits last year, the fifth most ever, but down nearly 5M from the previous season. Visits in the SE region, which includes resorts from Alabama to Pennsylvania, slipped to 4.142M from 4.286M, according to the National Ski Areas Association. Weather conditions and climate change were blamed for the drop. Nationally all regions showed declines in the number of skiers.

CSN will have a SE Skiing Mini Guide in the next issue (Dec. 11). Contact joelcsn1@gmail.com to advertise. Deadline is 7 days in advance. Winter Sports follows in January.

## What Trails Are Open In WNC

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Some trails are closed in western North Carolina due to Hurricane Helene. But there are many other trails you can appreciate during this time in both recovering and less impacted areas.

Find open trails across The Great Trails State ([greattrailsnc.com](http://greattrailsnc.com)). And remember to always practice Outdoor NC's Leave No Trace Principles.

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## 77 ACC Players On NBA Rosters

There were 77 former ACC players on opening day NBA rosters, headed by 24 from Duke.

The number of former UNC players dropped to six. Tar Heels are Cole Anthony (Orlando), Harrison Barnes and Harrison Ingram (San Antonio), Cameron Johnson and Day'Ron Sharpe (Brooklyn), and Coby White (Chicago).

Former ACC players are on 27 of the 30 teams (excluding NY Knicks, Oklahoma City, Sacramento). Phoenix, San Antonio, Washington have the most. Last year there were 77 ex-ACCers and 83 in 2022. The ACC added three schools this year, with 7 former players in the NBA.

Seventeen of the 18 ACC schools are represented. Virginia has 9, Florida State and NC 6 each, Wake Forest 5, Stanford 4, Louisville, Miami, Pitt 3 each, BC, Cal, Clemson, Ga. Tech, Notre Dame, Syracuse 2 each. SMU, Va. Tech one each. N.C. State is not on the list.

Duke players in the NBA: Grayson Allen, Phoenix; Marvin Bagley III, Washington; Paolo Banchero, Orlando; RJ Barrett, Toronto; Wendell Carter Jr., Orlando; Seth Curry, Char-

lotte; Kyle Filipowski, Utah; Brandon Ingram, New Orleans; Kyrie Irving, Dallas; Jalen Johnson, Atlanta; Tre Jones, San Antonio; Tyus Jones, Phoenix; Luke Kennard, Memphis; Dereck Lively II, Dallas; Jared McCain, Philadelphia; Wendell Moore Jr., Detroit; Mason Plumlee, Phoenix; Cam Reddish, LA Lakers; D.J. Steward, Chicago; Jayson Tatum, Boston; Gary Trent Jr., Milwaukee; Dariq Whitehead, Brooklyn; Mark Williams, Charlotte; Zion Williamson, New Orleans.

## Peanuts Exhibit Visits Graham

"The Life and Art of Charles M. Schulz," creator of Peanuts comic strip, is on exhibit in Graham through Jan. 17. Hours are Mon-Thu & Sat 10-5, Fri 10-7 at Alamance Arts Center, 213 S. Main St.

Online tickets are \$4.00/person from [zeffy.com/en-USTicketing/585aof21-04a6-](http://zeffy.com/en-USTicketing/585aof21-04a6-), \$6.00 at the door, children under 5 free. Questions? Call 336-226-4495. Peanuts merch is on sale along with holiday works by Alamance artists.

# November Standings

## Triangle Dart League

Darty Old Men 8-2 132-68 0.660, That's Bull 7-3 107-93 0.535, Subway 6.5-4. 111-109 0.505, We Need 'em All 5-5 92-108 0.460, MRDMCR 4-6 100-100 0.500, Can't See Puck 3.5-6.5 88-112 0.140, One For Fun 2-9 90-130 .409.

## Carrboro Co-Rec Ultimate

Kelly 13-0 26, Scarlet 6-8 12, Power Blue 6-8 12.4-10 8

## Ocasl@tasl Fall

**Over 30**—Mountain Goat FC 7-1-1 22, Tugboat Depot 6-2-1 20, The Federal 6-2-1 20, Durham FC 2-2-5 8, Chapel Hill United 2-0-7 6, Still Limpin 0-1-8 1.

**Over 40**—Stroke City 8-0-1 24, Beercelona 6-0-2 18, Auston Villa 5-0-3 15, Boot Room FC 5-0-3 15, Federal 4.0 4-0-5 12, Oldcastle United 4-0-4 12, Boca Seniors 1-0-7 3, Wexhamstring 0-8-0 0.

**Kaminsky/Studdard Rec 1/2**—Pickup FC 8-0 24, Wooder oft SC 6-1-2 19, Chapel Hill FC 6-1-2 19, Tar Devils SC 5-1-2 16, The Streets 5-1-1 16, Sporting Rose 5-0-4 15, Unicorn FC 3-2-4 11, Chatham FC 2-2-5 8, Head Game 2-1-6 7, Baby Ballers 2-0-5 6, A thule tic Tri 1-1-7 4, Cedar Falls FC 1-0-8 3.

**O'Hara Rec 3**—Aztecs 6-1-1 19, Peso Completo 6-0-2 18, Hilary Chi 5-1-3 16, Back That Pass Up 4-3-1 15, Hot Pants FC 5-0-4 15, Black Sabbath 3-0-5 9, The Diamond Dogs 1-1-7 4, Skormor Rangers 1-0-8 3.

## Final Standings

## Chapel Hill Co-Rec Volleyball

Waffle House 7-1, La Momicita 7-2, Team Aidan 6-2, Big Back Attacks 5-3, Wiser 5-3, STCCU-Stuff-U 4-4, UNC ED 4-4, How I Set Your Mother 4-5, Smile 2-6, Cherry Bombs 1-7, 6 Children 0-8.

## Carrboro Fall Co-Rec Softball

Allen & Son 11-0, 401 Main 6-5, Brandwein Bombers 4-7, Street Walkin Cheetahs 1-10.

## NC Road Races

### November 16

15th Durham Academy 5K, Durham, 10am, runsignup.com.  
Race for Ace 6.5K trail, Fuquay-Varina, 10 a.m., runreg.com. *Live & Virtual.*

Red Apple Run for Diabetes 5K/10K, Fayetteville, 8 a.m., runsignup.com.

### November 17

3rd SHAC 5K, Campus Y, UNC, Chapel Hill, 7:30 a.m., event.racereach.com/shac-5K.  
Triangle Run Smart Fall 2024 Kids Run 5K, Mills Park, Cary, 2 p.m., runsignup.com.

### November 23

Apex Turkey Trot 5K, rec/comp divisions, Community Park, Apex, 10 a.m., ame.activecommunities.com.  
16th Gobble Waddle 5K/10K, Smithfield, 9 a.m., runsignup.com.

### November 28

2nd Birds of a Feather Trail 5K, Briar Chapel, Chapel Hill, 8:30 a.m., runsignup.com.  
Gallop & Gorge 8K, last race of Tour de Carrboro, Weaver St., downtown Carrboro, 8 a.m., runsignup.com.

Hillsborough Turkey Trot 5K on greenway, downtown Hillsborough, 7 a.m. (free).  
Trosa Turkey Trot 5K, Durham, 8 a.m., runsignup.com.  
Thanksgiving Day 5K/8K, Renaissance Center, Durham, 8 a.m., ncraces.com.

Turkey Trot 5K, downtown Burlington, 6:50 a.m., itsyourrace.com.

Gobbler's Run 5K, Wake Forest, 8 a.m., itsyourrace.com.  
Ridgewood Turkey Trot 8K, Raleigh, 8 a.m., runsignup.com.  
Trophy Trot 10K, Dix Park, Raleigh, 9 a.m., event.racereach.com.

Leesville Community 5K, Heritage Swim & Racquet Club, Raleigh, 8:30 a.m., murphyscholars.org/turkey-trot-info.html

IOS Turkey Trot 8K, Cary, 9 a.m., event.racereach.com.  
Running of the Turkeys 5K, Country Park, Greensboro, 9:15 a.m., runsignup.com.

36th Charlotte Turkey Trot 5K/8K, one of the state's larg-

est, South Park Mall, Charlotte, 8 a.m., runsignup.com by 11/27.

Races in Asheville, Greensboro (2), Winston-Salem, Wilmington, etc., check running-usa/nc.com.

### December 7

Into the Woods 5K, Briar Chapel, Chapel Hill, 9:05 a.m., runsignup.com.

Jingle Bell LEAP 5K, Miracle League Field near DBAP, Morehead Ave., Durham, 9 a.m., runsignup.com.

Reindeer Romp 5K, Booth Amp., Cary, 10 a.m., reindeerromp5k.com.

Jingle Bell 5K, The Fenton, Cary, 10 a.m., runsignup.com.  
13th Green Beret Jingle Jog 5K/10K, DirtBag Ales, Hope Mills, 8:30 a.m., itsyourrace.com.

Santa Beach Run 5K, Atlantic Beach at the Circle, 8 a.m., runsignup.com.

Viking Dash Trail Run 5K /10K, Harris Lake, New Hill, 10 a.m., runsignup.com.

Carolina Ugly Sweater Run 5K, Oskar Brewery, Brevard, 2:30 p.m., runsignup.com.

### December 8

Running of the Elves, 1m, downtown Hillsborough, 4 p.m., runsignup.com.

Downtown Jingle Jog 5K, Greensboro. 2 p.m., runsignup.com.

Mill Chill 4m, Rocky Mt Mills, 1:30pm, eventbrite.com.

WH Craig Race for Life 5K/10K, Wilmington, 8:30 a.m., runsignup.com.

### December 12

Festivus Fun Run, BCRC, downtown Durham, 5:30 p.m. *Closed Out.*

### December 14

Reindeer Run 5K, team and school 5K, Central Carolina Comm College, Pittsboro, 8 a.m., runsignup.com. *Live & Virtual.*

Frosty Run 5K/10K, Fidelity Bank, Wake Forest, 8 a.m., runsignup.com.

Merry Fitness 5K, Jacksonville, 9 a.m., runsignup.com.

Mushing Mutts Canicross Race 9 a.m. and Dog Friendly 5K trail, 10 a.m., Holly Springs,

runsignup.com.

Running of the Balls 5K, Sunset Hills, Greensboro, 6 pm, therunningoftheballs.com.

First SOHO-HO and Away We Go 5K trail, Ocean Isle Beach, 10am, itsyourrace.com.

### December 15

15th Mebane on the Move Reindeer 5K, downtown Mebane, 8 a.m., mebaneonthemove.org.

### December 21

Cousin Eddie's Christmas Run 5K, Jaycee Park, Greensboro, 8 a.m., getmeregistered.com.

## NC Long Distance

### November 16

Charlotte M/HM/5K, Charlotte, 7:20 a.m., runsignup.com.  
Rescheduled TreeTops Trail Race, 8.5m, DuPont State Forest, Guion Farm, 9 a.m., race-roster.com. *Live & Virtual.*

Tryon HM/5K, Tryon, 8:15 a.m., runsignup.com.

### November 17

Battleship HM/10K/5K, Wilmington, 7 a.m., runsignup.com.

### November 23

15th Chestnut Ridge Trail 8ish and 4ish m, Efland, 10am, runsignup.com. *Live & Virtual.*  
Greensboro HM/5K, Gboro, 8:30 a.m., runsignup.com.

Holly Springs HM/10K/5K, 7:20 a.m., runsignup.com.

### November 28

Skinny Turkey HM/10K/5K Raleigh, 8:30a.m., fseries.com.  
Lake Norman Turkey Trot HM/10K/5K, Cornelius, 8 a.m., runsignup.com. *Live & Virtual.*

### November 29

Black Friday Relays, 20K/15K/10K, Winston-Salem, 9 a.m., runsignup.com.

### November 30

The Derby 50K, Ellerbe, 8 a.m., ultrasignup.com by 11/27.  
Turkey Chase HM/10K/5K trail, Umstead Park, Raleigh, 8:30 a.m., runsignup.com. *Live & Virtual.*

### December 7

Race 13.1 Durham HM/10K /5K, Johnson Volvo, Durham. 8 am, capstoneraces.com/durham.

Suggly Sweater 5K, Sugg Farm, Holly Springs, 10:30 a.m., runsignup.com.

Jingle Jog 5K, Winston-Salem, 9 a.m., runsignup.com.

Riley's Army Santa Dash 5K, Greenville, 9 a.m., runsignup.com, bring an unwrapped gift for a child.

### December 31

Noon Year's Eve 5K, McAlpine Park, Charlotte, 12 noon, runsignup.com.

Running of the Lights 5K, Tanglewood Park, Clemmons, 12 midnight, runsignup.com. *Live & Virtual.*

Raleigh Holiday HM, USA-TF State Championship, Gateway Plaza, Raleigh, 8 a.m., raleighhalfmarathon.com. *Live & Virtual.*

20th Run at the Rock HM/10K/5K trail, Cedarock Park, Burlington, 9 a.m., runsignup.com.

Shakori 40 Ultra 40M/40K (4M 10 am), Shakori Hills, Pittsboro, 7am, runsignup.com.

Wilmington Historic HM/10K/5K & Challenge, 7 a.m., runsignup.com.

YMCA Mistletoe Run HM /5K, WG White Family Y, Winston-Salem, 8 a.m., ymcanc.org/mistletoe/registration.

### December 8

20th Reindeer Dash for Cash 10m/4m, Greenville, 1 p.m., itsyourrace.com.

### December 14

Beast of the East 100m/100K/26.2m/15m trail, Kings Mountain, ultrasignup.com.

Huntersville Holiday HM with ruck div, raceroster.com, 8 a.m., (5K Fri 7 p.m.).

### December 21

Lake Norman Elf Classic HM/5K, Mooresville, 7:45 a.m., runsignup.com. *Live & Virtual.*  
Pilot Mtn Goat, 7m/3m trail, Pinnacle, 10 a.m., runsignup.com by 12/18.

### December 21-22

7th Oakwood24, 24H/12H Relay, 50K/26.2m/13.1m/5K, Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh, 8am. ultrasignup.com by 12/20.

## December 28

Carolina Beach SP HM/5K trail, Carolina Beach, 8 a.m., runsignup.com.

## December 29

Last Mile, 6m/4m/2m, Lake Crabtree CP, Morrisville, 8 a.m., runsignup.com. *Live & Virtual.*

## Jan 2025 NC LD Races

Here's a preliminary list of January 2025 distance races in N.C.:

- 4, Salem Lake Frosty Fifty Trail Race, 12.5K/25K/50K, Winston Salem.
- 11, Little River Trail Run, 10m/7K, Rougemont.
- 11, Mangum M/HM, Ellerbe.
- 11, Bear Creek Trailathon, Winter Endurance Challenge, 6/12/24HR, Robbins. All proceeds go to WNC hurricane recovery.
- 17, Southern Tour Ultra 50m/50K trail, Wilmington.
- 18, Charlotte Running Co. Trail Race, 13/9/4m, Charlotte.
- 18, Whiskey Tango Foxtrot HM/5m, Gibsonville.
- 18, Tsali Ultra, 8/30/50K trail, Almond.
- 18, Mount Ayton Challenge, 24H, Concord.
- 19, Occoneechee Speedway Relay, 13.5m, Hillsborough.
- 25, 47 Miles of Hope, 5K/10K/46m, Winston-Salem.
- 25, Asheville Hot Chocolate HM/10K/5K.
- 25, Sledgehammer HM/10K/5K, North Topsail Beach.
- 25, UGTB Grind'n Trail, 10/5m, New Hill.
- 26, Occoneechee Mountain Challenge, 10m trail, Hillsborough.



## N.C. Music Festivals

- Nov. 12-17, 4th Bull City Summit, showcase saluting music, art, visual arts, downtown Durham.  
Dec. 7, 8th Balsam Range Art of Music Festival, Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center, Waynesville; proceeds to Hurricane Helene relief.  
Jan. 24-28, Black Notes Project/Jazz, Knight Theatre, Charlotte.

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## Allen & Son Goes Undefeated In Carrboro Co-Rec

Allen & Son ripped 401 Main 18-6, completing an undefeated season in the fall Carrboro Co-Rec Softball League.

They went 11-0 in the regular season and breezed through three postseason games, beating second place 401 twice.

AS scored eight times in the first with a mix of singles, doubles, walks and a Mike Olenoski HR, adding one in the second, two in the third using the same formula. For the game, Olenoski hit two bombs, Derrick Jeffries one, Matt Moody had four hits, three runs. Brent Norris homered for 401 Main.

Coach Catherine Griffin said offensive MVPs for the season were Olenoski, Moody, Jeffries, while pitcher Brian Gilmore guided the defense.

She offered a shoutout to superfan Phillip Reid Gilmore, the pitcher's son who's battled health issues throughout. His smile and clapping at every game kept everyone's spirits high.

## Darters Score

Local darter Matt Ridgeway was top 8 in mixed doubles cricket and top 4 in men doubles cricket, Chris Moody top 8 in men doubles cricket at N.C. Dart Championship in Charlotte.

## Farmers' Market Winter Hours

Winter hours are in effect for area Farmers' Markets with some midweek modifications.

Carrboro and Chapel Hill hours are 9 to 12 noon Saturday. Tuesday market is 3-6 through Nov. 26 in Chapel Hill. No FM Saturday after Thanksgiving in Chapel Hill; Carrboro will be open.

Wednesday market in Carrboro is now 3-5 and Nov. 20 is the final one of the year. A special Tuesday pre-Thanksgiving FM market in Carrboro will be Nov. 26, 3-5.

Eno River FM in downtown Hillsborough operates 8-12 every Saturday through December. Hours change to 10-12 January through March.

Farrington Market continues Tuesday 4-6 p.m.

Briar Chapel FM operates first and third Fridays 4-6 p.m. at the Great Meadow Park.

## Schedule Challenges UNC Hockey Club



The UNC hockey club went 4-3 in the last month including 1-2 in the ACC Fall Classic in Springfield, Va.

They are 8-1-2 for a second place tie in ACCHL Premier Div. with N.C. State (18 points). Va.Tech 10-1(20) is first, UNCW and Delaware (17) are deadlocked in third. Captain Patrick O'Shaughnessy (16 points, 8 goals, 8 assists) leads UNC in scoring.

Carolina has five games remaining in the fall portion of the schedule, but only two are

home in Hillsborough including Army 11/23 at 10:30 p.m.

UNC plays VT three straight times in January including a 1/4 outdoor game in Charlotte at Truist Field, home of Charlotte Knights Triple A baseball, at 7 p.m.

Nic Gingras and Will Smith scored in the OT shootout as UNC edged N.C. State 6-5 in Raleigh. Smith and Zach Mangell had two goals each to lead a 10-1 pasting of Bowling Green. Gingras tallied the tying and winning goals against Louisville, 6-5. New Hampshire downed UNC 4-3 at Fort Liberty to end UNC's seven-game win streak. Two games with Florida Gulf Coast were canceled.

UNC topped Maryland 5-4 (Smith game-winner), lost 4-3 to Penn State and 4-2 to Rider in the Virginia tournament.

## Ultimate Teams Struggle At Nationals

Three Triangle-based teams struggled at the USA ultimate club nationals in San Diego.

Ring of Fire of Raleigh, playing the 31st season and #5 seed, went 2-1 in pool play and 4-3 overall. They lost 15-6 in quarters to PONY. Jacob Fairfax and Andrew Juengst led the team with ten goals each for the tournament. Ben Dameron had 17 assists. Rhino Slam, the #7 seed from Portland, defeated PONY 15-6 for the championship.

Raleigh-Durham United of Raleigh, the #14 seed, was 1-6. Their win was 15-9 over Shrimp of Salt Lake, the #16 seed. Team leaders were Andrew Vande Berg (10 goals) and William Coffin (15 assists). Ring of Fire finished second and R/D United third at the SE regional championship at Bermuda Run, NC.

Phoenix, the #4 seed in the women's bracket from Raleigh and SE regional champion at Bermuda Run, went 3-0 in pool play before losing 14-13 to Molly Brown of Denver and 15-13 to 6ixers of Toronto in the quarters and beating BENT of NYC 15-5. Team leaders were Lindsay Soo (10 goals) and Theresa Yu (10 assists). Fury of San Fran beat Scandal of Washington, DC, in the finals. They were the number one and two seeds.

## Eno Rugby Blanked

Eno River women's rugby of Durham lost 109-0 to Cape Fear Maniacs in Durham. It was their second straight matrix shutout. Forward of Match was AK, BOM was Jesse and Raquel Eno Player of Match.

Two matches remain on the fall slate.

## Final Speedway Points Standings

Jason Richardson (352) edged Andrew Tucker (351) for first place in the final Pure Stock points standings at Orange County Speedway, Rougemont. It was the closest division competition for the season. Scott Phillips (325) was third.

Late Model, Camden Guile, first, 615; Carter Russo, second, 582; Chase Ellis, third, 570.

Chargers, Lane Woods, first, 401; Tripp Evans, second, 394; Rusty Denny, third, 353.

Mod 4, Brandon Watson, first, 365; Bubba Penny, second, 324; Ricky Brown, third, 302.

Vintage Sportsman, Craig Moore, first, 359; Craig Purnell, second, 329; Paul Blalock, third, 276.

## CH, Durham Voters Approve Rec Bonds, Not Cary

Chapel Hill voters said yes to five bond projects totaling \$44M (CSN, Oct 2023). Leading the way was open space/greenways (80.8 percent approval), recreation projects (78.46 percent), housing (72.8 percent), streets/sidewalks (78.4 percent), public buildings (71.51 percent), according to unofficial returns.

Chapel Hill spent \$11,000 mailing bond info postcards to city homeowners. They arrived after early voting began.

In Durham, voters approved \$85M in bonds for parks and rec facilities, mainly swim proj-

ects in East Durham (72.6 percent), \$115M streets (75.3 percent).

Wake County approved \$142M in library bonds (56.3 percent).

But Cary was the exception, voting against \$560M for six new park and recreation facilities like senior and community centers (55 percent no) that would have added 9 cents to the annual city tax rate. Measure failed by about 9,000 votes. Housing bonds (\$30M) also were defeated (52.5 percent no). Both projects will be shelved, city officials announced.

Orange County voters backed \$300M in bonds for school buildings (67.9 percent approval). *J.B.*

## Tobacco Road Tops SoPi 25-22

Tobacco Road men's rugby (D3) won a close match at Southern Pines and lost at Fayetteville.

Southern Pines was the most physical of the season yet and very back and forth. SoPi scored after 20 minutes, but TR punched right back with a try from John Ahenda. Adam Bulgrin converted. They scored another toward the end of the first half, which ended at 12-7 in their favor.

TR started the second half strong and got back-to-back tries from Evan Barbaryka to go up 17-12. SoPi responded with a try of their own, but Ralo Howard struck right back. Score was 22-17 for ToRo with about 8 minutes to go, but Southern Pines managed to get across the line one more time. With time fading, Jack Sears struck a penalty kick to put TR up 25-22, and that's how it ended.

Forward of the match was Jonah Paasche-Orlow, and back of the match was Evan Barbaryka.

Fayetteville downed Tobacco Road 52-31 on the road. It was the first matrix loss of fall. ToRo won earlier 32-20 in Durham.

Try scorers were Elijah McLaughlin, JC Perez and Paasche-Orlow (2 each). Jack Carpenter converted 3 of 5. Forward of the match was Perez, and Back of the Match Malcolm Smith-Fraser.

## Winter Leagues: Hoops and Soccer

Orange County Sportsplex, Hillsborough, has a men's Monday night basketball league starting Dec. 2. Games are 7 and 8 p.m. Cost is \$600/team for ten weeks (7 regular season, one playoff guaranteed). Deadline is 11/25. Register on the sportsplex website.

Rainbow Soccer offers a new 7v7 winter rec league (\$95/player, one center ref) starting Nov. 30 at Homestead turf field and Over-40 pickup (\$40) twice a week at Rainbow Fields. Signup is under way at rainbowsoccer.org. Leagues run through Feb. 22.

Orange County will register teams in December for men's basketball and co-rec volleyball leagues that usually play Sunday-only at Central Rec Center, Hillsborough, beginning in January. Details TBA.

OCASL Soccer winter season requires all teams to have 14 paid players by Nov. 14. Fees are \$105-\$115/player for ten games. Divisions: open (recreational), over 30, over 40, over 50 (pickup). Games begin early December and run through March 6. Check ocasl@tasl website for details.

## Homestead Pool Repair Project

The Homestead Aquatic Center in Chapel Hill is closed until early March for major repairs.

City officials said HVAC equipment is at the end of its life and being replaced along with two pool dehumidifiers and associated duct work, as well as two roof units. Project cost is \$1.2 million from ARPA.

During the closure other items that are usually addressed during annual maintenance will be serviced.

In addition to the Community Center, city pool passes are honored at Orange County Sportsplex, Hillsborough, and Chapel Hill/Carrboro YMCA.

## Community News

The last Big Book Sale of the year will be held Dec. 6-8 at Chapel Hill Public Library by Friends of the Library. Hours are Sat 10-5, Sun 10-2 (\$10/bag). Hardbacks, paperbacks, puzzles and more for all ages.

Christmas in the Groves 6-9 p.m., Dec 6-7 and 20-21, at 3510 NC Hwy 86, Hillsborough, for hayrides, Who-ville. Fees charged.

Holiday on Ice Show featuring The Nutcracker will be presented twice, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. and Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m., at Orange Co. Sportsplex, Hillsborough. Tickets (\$15) are on sale at the front desk.

## U.S. National Soccer

### Men

Nov. 14, at Jamaica, Concacaf Nations League, Kingston, 8 p.m.

Nov. 18, Jamaica, Concacaf Nations League, Citypark, St. Louis, 8 p.m., TNT, Universo.

### Women

Nov. 30, at England, Wembley Stadium, London, 12:20 p.m., TNT, Universo.

Dec. 3, at Netherlands, The Hague, 3:45 p.m., TNT, Universo.

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and now that he's surrounded by other capable playmakers like Myles Foster (from Illinois State) and Jayden Zachery (Boston College), he'll be much more effective on both ends of the floor. Chauncey Wiggins and Ian Schieffelin will do all the dirty work along the baseline, and while Cincinnati transfer Viktor Lakhin is no P.J. Hall. He is one of the conference's more talented centers.

#### 5. Pittsburgh

Another team poised to move up, the Panthers are driven by the conference's top backcourt trio of Jaylan Lowe, Ish Leggett and Houston transfer Damian Dunn. They can score in bunches and play lock-down defense as well as anyone in the ACC. The frontcourt rotation of the lanky Diaz Graham twins (Guillermo and Jorge) is bolstered by the arrival of Florida State transfer Cam Cohen, who is just scratching the surface of his potential. Don't be surprised to see Jeff Capel's squad at the top of standings throughout the season.

#### 6. Miami

If you're looking for the conference's best inside-out duo, it's likely Hurricanes' lead guard Nigel Pack and center Lynn Kidd, a transfer from Virginia Tech. Pack is one of the more explosive playmakers in the ACC, and Kidd is a savvy pick-and-roll master down low. The Canes also have plenty of firepower on the wings with returnee Matthew Cleveland, Stetson transfer Jalen Blackmon, and freshmen Jalil Bethea and Divine Ugochukwu. With Jim Larranaga at the helm, this team will do everything to erase the disappointment of last season.

#### 7. NC State

The defending ACC champs won't be going away anytime soon. Kevin Keatts built one of the deepest rosters in the conference, and it's one that is built to run. Returnees Jayden Taylor and Mike O'Connell will manage the backcourt with a bevy of wings led by transfers Marcus Hill (Bowling Green) and Mike James (Louisville). Up front, Dontrez Styles (Georgetown) and Brandon Huntley-Hatfield (Louisville) will give the Wolfpack an added dimension, and center Ben Middlebrooks may be the most improved player in the conference.

#### 8. Louisville

The Cardinals are boasting a completely revamped roster, and it should be one of the most athletic the city has seen in some time. Transfers Terrance Edwards (James Madison), Kasean Pryor (South Florida), Koren Johnson (Washington) and Chucky Hepburn (Wisconsin) can all run down opponents defensively and put up points at the same time. If James Scott (Charleston) and Aboubacar Traore (Long Beach State) can shore up the frontcourt, this team could surprise.

#### 9. Virginia

When head coach Tony Bennett retired just weeks away from the season tipoff, it lowered the expectations considerably for the

Cavaliers. Regardless, they still have one of the more dangerous shooters in Isaac McKneely, along with returnees Taine Murray and Elijah Gertrude. Transfers Dai Dai Ames (Kansas State) and TJ Power (Duke) will certainly bring some offensive firepower, and center Blake Buchanan should continue to improve. Plus, new coach Ron Sanchez is a Bennett disciple who will continue to instill the latter's dominant defensive scheme.

#### 10. Georgia Tech

When all is said and done, this Yellow Jackets team may be a dark horse for a deep March run. Damon Stoudamire has a solid nucleus with Nait George and Kawacie Reeves in the backcourt and Baye Ndongo patrolling the paint. To get the squad to the next level, Stoudamire turns to Oklahoma transfer Javian McCullom and prized freshman Jaeden Mustaf to create opportunities and kick the offense into high gear. George in particular is expected to take a leap in development this season and could become the next great Tech guard.

#### 11. Syracuse

The Orange are still trying to figure things out with Judah Mintz in the NBA, and it could take some time. Regardless, the return of J.J. Starling at the point and Chris Bell on the wing, as well as the addition of star freshman Donnie Freeman should keep them in the mix. TCU transfer Eddie Lampkin should fill the void in the middle, but Delaware transfer Jyare Davis will also make some waves on the baseline.

#### 12. Notre Dame

Another backcourt tandem to watch is that of Irish guards Braeden Shrewsbury and Markus Burton, both of whom can create instant offense. Freshman forward Nas Mohammed should provide some added excitement, and Princeton transfer Matt Allocco will add stability on the wing. The only issue is whether coach Micah Shrewsbury can find a solution in the middle.

#### 13. SMU

Nobody is expecting much in the Mustangs' first year in the ACC, but they appear to have some decent pieces in place, with returning scorers Chuck Harris and Keon Ambrose-Hylton, and the addition of Wake Forest transfer Boopie Miller, who could be in line for a breakout season at the point. If UCSB transfer Yohan Traore can hold his own down low, these Mustangs might pull off a surprise or two.

#### 14. Florida State

Leonard Hamilton and the Seminoles are still facing a downward trend despite returning leading scorer Jamir Watkins. Taylor Bol Bowen fits the Hamilton mold of lengthy, athletic forwards, and could provide some boost, but it may take a while for the rest of the roster to catch up.

#### 15. Virginia Tech

The Hokies are on the fringe with the Seminoles where they have limited returning experience (mostly center Mylyjael Poteat) and some interesting transfers but will need time to gel and ramp up to competition. If Toibu Lawal (VCU) and Jaden Schutt (Duke) live up to their potential, it will at least be entertaining.

#### 16. Boston College

It's difficult to get anything going in Chestnut Hill, but the Eagles can still manage some moments behind returning guard Donald Hand and transfers Josh Beadle (Clemson) and Chad Venning (St. Bonaventure). It has to get better for Earl Grant eventually.

#### 17. California

Conference integration isn't always easy when you're on the other side of the country, and the Bears are expected to take their share of lumps. Hopefully, Mark Madsen can get enough mileage from bucket machine and Stanford transfer Andrej Stojakovic.

#### 18. Stanford

Again, someone must occupy the basement, and the Cardinal gets the nod this year. They do have a talented centerpiece in Maxime Raynaud, but too many questions elsewhere on the roster. Kyle Smith will be a good coach at Stanford, but it will take time.

## Basketball Notes

Duke (2), UNC (15), Clemson (24) Pitt (37) had the highest ACC preseason efficiency ratings in KenPom. Houston was first... North Carolina will sell beer and wine for basketball games at Carmichael Arena and the Smith Center...UNC alums Vince Carter and the late Walter Davis were inducted into the Naismith Memorial HOF last month in Springfield, MA. Carter will be part of the broadcast crew for select Toronto NBA games this season...Carolina is the only major program in the country whose six coaches all played and are coaching at their alma mater. Hubert Davis played for Hall of Famer Dean Smith (1988-92). Jeff Lebo (1985-89) and Pat Sullivan (1990-95) also played at UNC for Smith, Brad Frederick played for Smith and Bill Guthridge (1996-99) and Sean May (2002-05) and Marcus Paige (2012-16) played for Hall of Famer Roy Williams. Frederick is the senior coach in terms of years coaching in Chapel Hill (12). Paige is the JV coach...Carolina returns five players (two starters) from last year and has ten newcomers—five freshmen and five transfers including Elijah Davis, the coach's son, from Lynchburg, who may redshirt this year...After two years at Louisville, Duke's Nolan Smith is an assistant coach at Memphis...For Duke men's basketball, Chris Carrawell and Jai Lucas are associate head coach, Will Avery and Emanuel Dildy assistant coach, Mike Schrange, special assistant to the head coach, Justin Robinson, director of player development...Coach K is a special advisor to the NBA...Former ACC basketball official (three decades) and Little League Baseball manager from Greenville, Raymie Earl Styons Jr., 67, passed away last summer. ACC officials are wearing green wristbands in his honor...

## Odds For March

Odds of winning the NCAA men's basketball championship: Duke 9-1, UConn 10-1, Kansas 11-1, according to ESPN BET 11/6. Earlier, UNC was +2000, Duke +900, UConn +850, Kansas +850 in October.

## North Carolina Basketball

The ACC has 18 teams and 20-game ACC schedules for the new basketball season. UNC partners with Duke, Wake, NC State for home and away games, plus 7 home and 7 away conference games.

UNC men's schedule with home games all caps:

Nov. 15, AMERICAN, 8 p.m., ACCN; 22, at Hawaii, TBA; Maui Invitational, La haina, Maui, Hawaii, 25, Dayton, 11:30 p.m., ESPN2, 26, Auburn or Iowa State, 8:30 or 11 p.m., ESPNU/ESPN, 27, Colorado, UConn, Memphis or Michigan State, TBA.

Dec. 4, ACC-SEC Challenge, ALABAMA, 7:15 p.m., ESPN; 7, GEORGIA TECH, 2 p.m., ACCN; 14, LA SALLE, 4 p.m., The CW; 17, Florida, Jumpman Invitational, Char lotte, 7 p.m., ESPN; 21, UCLA, CBS Sports Clas sic, MSG, New York, TBA, CBS; 29, CAMPBELL, 8 p.m., ACCN.

Jan. 1, at Louisville, TBA, ACCN; 4, at Notre Dame, 12 noon CBS; 7, SMU, 9 p.m., ACCN; 13, at M.C. State, 4, ACCN; 15, CAL, 7, ACCN; 18, STANFORD, 2:15 p.m., The CW; 21, at Wake Forest, 9 p.m., ESPN; 25, BOSTON COLLEGE, 2:15 p.m., The CW; 28, at Pitt, 9 p.m., ESPN.

Feb. 1, at Duke, 6:30 p.m., ESPN; 8, PITT, TBA, ESPN; 10, at Clemson, 7 p.m., ESPN; 15, at Syracuse, 6 p.m., ESPN; 19, N.C. STATE, 7 p.m., ESPN or ESPN2; 22, VIRGINIA, 4 p.m., ESPN; 24, at Florida State, 7 p.m., ESPN.

March 1, MIAMI, TBA, ESPN; 4, at Va. Tech, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPNU; 8, DUKE, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.

## 8 UNC Players In NBA G League

North Carolina had eight former players on NBA G League rosters prior to the start of the new season. They are Leaky Black, Harrison Ingram (two-way contract), Tony Bradley, Pete Nance, Cormac Ryan, Sterling Manley, Nassir Little, Armando Bacot. Many were waived by their parent NBA clubs last month when teams reduced rosters.

CSN will have a full report in the next issue.

## Top Newcomers In Impact For ACC

1. Cooper Flagg, Duke, F.
  11. Kon Knuppel, Duke, F.
  19. Drake Powell, UNC, F.
  30. Jolil Bethea, Miami, F.
  32. Khaman Maluach, Duke, F.
  50. Ian Jackson, UNC, F.
- Others: Daguon Davis, Fla. State, F, and Cameron Carden, Pitt, T.

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## Duke, UNC, Miami Lead In Torvik Stats

Duke, UNC, Miami were the top three ACC schools in Torvik efficiency ratings at the start of the season.

Wake Forest, Clemson, Pitt, SMU, NC State were the next five, followed by Louisville, Notre Dame, Syracuse, Virginia, Va. Tech, Ga. Tech, Stanford, Fla. State, Cal, Boston College.

Nationally, the top five preseason were Houston, Duke, Iowa State, Kansas, UNC.

## Community News

Christmas by Candlelight during the 1870s at Duke Homestead, Durham, Dec. 6 and 13 offers tours from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$8 plus fees at eventbrite.com.

N.C. Chinese Lantern Festival runs Nov. 16-Jan. 12 from 6 to 10 p.m. with performances at 7, 8 and 9 at Booth Amph at Regency Park, Cary. Tickets are required and available from ticketsonsale.com. They are expensive.

Biscuits and Banjos, a new music festival from Tar Heel superstar Rhiannan Giddens, will be held April 25-27 in downtown Durham, featuring a Carolina Chocolate Drops reunion.

## UNC Women's Basketball

Home games only:

Nov. 29, N.C. Central, 2 p.m., ACCNX.

Dec. 5, Kentucky, ACC/SEC Challenge, 5 p.m., ESPN2; 8, Coppin State, 2 p.m., ACCNX; 11, UNCG, 7 p.m., ACCNX; 15, Ga. Tech, 2 p.m., ACCN; 21, Norfolk State, 12 noon, ACCNX; 29, Miami, 4 p.m., ACCN.

Jan. 5, Notre Dame, 1 p.m., ESPN; 9, Duke, 7 p.m.; 12, Boston College, 2 p.m., ACCN; 23, Wake Forest, 7 p.m., ACCNX; 26, Fla. State, 12 noon, ACCN.

Feb. 12, Va. Tech, 7 p.m., ACCNX; 16, N.C. State, 2 p.m., ESPN.

March 2, Virginia, 2 p.m., The CW.

Yi Chen, first badminton singles; first doubles with Daryl Jones.

Hairpriya Chinnaswamy, first table tennis singles, first mixed doubles with Gary Pentecost, first doubles with Arlene Green.

George Cliette, first, football throw, 150; third softball throw, 80/3; third 200 dash, 49.55.

Audrey Embry, third, pickleball doubles with Auriel Selezlaneu, D2.

Darren De Reu, first, archery comp with sight & release aid, 872.

Gregory Ernandes, first, archery conv-recurve barebow, 684.

Selena Frost, third, 5K road race, 48:06.45  
Sergey Furer, first, table tennis doubles with Amar Shrestha.

Gregg Gerdau, second, table tennis doubles with Richard Lesperance.

Arlene Green, third, table tennis singles, first mixed doubles with Amat Shrestha.

Sandy Hammersley, second, table tennis singles; third, mixed doubles with Richard Lesperance.

Thomas Hoeger, second, football throw, 70; second 1500m run, 6:09.51.

Jim Holloway, third 1500 walk, 12:01.51; second cornhole singles, second, cornhole doubles with Mike Royster..

John Intintolo, second 100m dash, 13.40; third 200 dash 29.77.

Daryl Jones, first, badminton singles.  
Kevin Kirk, first, tennis singles.

Marcia Kirtley, silver, with Wannabees 65+ 3-on-3 basketball team.

Susan Kubacki, first, archery conv-recurve barebow, 258.

Wendy Kuzminsky, first, archery conv-recurve barebow, 394.

Winkie LaForce, second, pickleball mixed doubles with Vance Remick, D1.

Kenneth Lassiter, second archery comp with sight and release aid, 844.

Albert Lauritano, third cycling 5K, 9:01.05, third cycling 10K, 18:50.54.

Joan Levitt, third 50 free swim, 40.96, third 500 free, 9:29.98.

Steve Levitt, second, discus throw, 91/3.  
Huazhong Li, first, badminton doubles with Xin Shen.

Catherine Matthews, second, table tennis doubles with Helen Tompkins; third mixed doubles with Lee Schimmelfing.

Sheila McDonald, third, softball throw, 73/7.

David McNamara, third, badminton singles, second doubles with Bill Wigger, first mixed doubles with Claire Spackman.

Louis Olivieri-Robert, third, discus throw, 74/5; third shot put, 26/6.

Sarandha Pandit, first, badminton doubles with Lee-Ching Zhu; first, mixed doubles with Lee Schimmelfing.

Joelle Permutt, second, tennis mixed doubles with Bruce Wieland.

Amy Piersma, first, badminton singles; first, badminton doubles with Virginia Wallace; first mixed doubles with Milt Sherman.

Rolf Pinkerton, first, 200 back, 3:56.49;

first, 50 back, 47.20; first, 100 back, 1:48.54.

Bob Raymond, second, pickleball doubles with David Post, D1.

Wfrain Rodriguez, second, badminton singles; second, doubles with Jon Jordan.

Sharon Roggenbuck, first, cycling 1 mile, 3:38.26; first, 5K cycling, 12:17.06; first, 10K cycling, 25:41.89.

Lee Schimmelfing, first, bocce; first, badminton doubles with Milt Sherman.

Xin Shen, first, badminton mixed doubles with Lee-Ching Zhu.

Milt Sherman, first, badminton singles.  
Amar Shrestha, third, table tennis singles.

Steven Smith, first, billiards.  
Cheryl Sobnosko, second, pickleball doubles with Cecilia Caspo, D3.

Claire Spackman, first, badminton singles.  
Kristen Stacey-Bothwell, second, pickleball singles, D2.

Barbara Teagarden, third, pickleball singles, D1; first, doubles with Martha Wolf, D1.

Eric Teagarden, third, discus throw, 91/6; second, running long jump, 11/1; second, shot put 31/11; first, softball throw, 157/5; first standing long jump, 7/4; second 500m dash, 1:23.25

Quanda Turner, third, running long jump, 8/2.

Jack Unruh, second, archery con-recurve barebow, 603

Mike Valle, third, standing long jump, 4/5.  
Chris Wallace, first, archery conv-recurve barebow, 153.

Virginia Wallace, first, badminton singles, first, badminton mixed doubles with David Hoestler.

Bruce Wieland, first, table tennis singles.  
Bill Wigger, second, badminton singles.

Lee-Ching Zhu, first, badminton mixed doubles with Xin Chen.

**Silver Arts**  
Joan Ceal, first oil, third watercolor.  
Beverly Currence, third stained glass.  
Beatrice Goodmon, second quilting (hand stitched).  
Mark Herboth, third photography.

**BC Games**  
Division pickleball winners at BC Games for JDRF at Briar Chapel (135 players):  
M Doubles 3.0-3.25, all ages, Gary Minton/Bradley Minton; M Doubles 3.5-4.25, Donald Thompson III/ Donald Worsley; M Doubles Int/Adv 60-69, Bob Bizzell/Toby Berla; M Doubles Int/Adv 70+, Tom Olson/Dean Williams; M Doubles 4.5-5.5, all ages, Will Phan/Jay Lingingston; W Doubles 3.0-3.25, all ages, Lisa Stella/Sandy Henriquez; W Doubles 3.5-4.25 all ages, Jameson Sellers/Angiemil Perez Pena; W Doubles Int/Adv 60-69, Darlene Jackson/Betsy Finke; W Doubles Int/Adv 70+, Barb Teagarden/Martha Wolf; Mix Doubles 3.5-3.75, all ages, Thomas Richerson/Erica Cheramie; Mix Doubles Int/Adv 60-69, Dawn Clark/Bob Bizzell; Mix Doubles Int/Adv 70+, David Slinkaid/Beth Mollinow; Mix Doubles 4.0-4.5, all ages, Will Phan/Patience Okpe.

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# NC Cyclocross Series

Top local finishers at N.C. Cyclocross Series races where riders compete for points toward division awards at the end of the season:

## Race 2, Lions Park, Raleigh

Richard Brando n of Hillsborough finished third M Masters 40+ (9); Charles Ball, Hillsborough, was first M Masters 50+ (13); Peter Hartingh, Hillsborough, first, and Logan McDonald, Chapel Hill, second M Jrs 13-14 (6); David Sherman, Chapel Hill, first M Jrs 9-10 (1); June Brandon, Hillsborough, second, Eleanor Brandon, Hillsborough, third, W Jrs 9-10 (3); David Boynton, Pittsboro, third M Masters 50+ (11); Chuck Gillis, Pittsboro, second M Masters 70+ (4); Jesse West, Chapel Hill, first, M cat 4 (23); Alison Weidner, Chapel Hill, second W Masters 40+ (4).

ond, Eleanor Brandon, Hillsborough, third, W Jrs 9-10 (3); David Boynton, Pittsboro, third M Masters 50+ (11); Chuck Gillis, Pittsboro, second M Masters 70+ (4); Jesse West, Chapel Hill, first, M cat 4 (23); Alison Weidner, Chapel Hill, second W Masters 40+ (4).

## Race 3, Rock Hill

Jasper Nunn, Chapel Hill, first M Jrs 13-4 (2); Boynton, first, M Masters 50+ (9); Gillis, first, M Masters 70+ (1); Oliver Jensen, Chapel Hill, second M cat 4 (12). Rock Hill replaced Boone due to Hurricane Helene.

## Race 4, Winston-Salem

Brandon took second in M Masters 40+ (7); Hartingh first, Logan McDonald, Chapel Hill, second in M Jr 13-14 (7); David Sherman, Chapel Hill, second M Jrs 9-10; Eleanor Brandon, Hillsborough, third W Jr 9-10 (2); Charlie Ball, Hillsborough, second M Masters 50+ (16); Gillis second, M Masters 70+ (4); Jensen, Chapel Hill, third M cat 4 (15); Weidner third W Masters 40+ (3); Jesse West, Chapel Hill, first M cat 3 (13); John Paul Amalong, Chapel Hill (UNC Cycling), first M Collegiate A (4).

## Race 5, Winston-Salem

Brandon, first M Masters 40+ (8); Claudia Baum, Chapel Hill, second W Jrs 15-18 (3); Hartingh first, McDonald second, M Jrs 13-14 (5); Jasper Brandon, Hillsborough, third M Jrs 11-12 (4); Ball second, M Masters 50+ (11); Oliver Jansen, Chapel Hill second M cat 4 (18); Baum, first W cat 4/5 (8); West first, Leif Hastings, Chapel Hill, third, M cat 3/4 (15).

## Race 6, Hickory

M Jrs 13-14, Hartingh second, McDonald third (7); M Masters 70+, Gillis, first (3); W Masters 40+, Weidner third (4).

## NYC Marathon Stuffs Cyclists

In the buildup to the New York City Marathon, officials at New York Roadrunners, who put on the marathon, said they planned to crack down on cyclists, the New York Times reported.

For more than two decades, a group of cyclists has taken part in an unofficial joyride along the closed off route, indulging in the rare freedom of unimpeded road each year before the start of the marathon. They learned they were being kicked to the curb.

"Anyone attempting to ride the course ahead of the marathon—starting at Bay Bridge in Brooklyn—will be diverted and removed by the authorities," said a statement posted online. "We ask that everyone adhere to this restriction."

News coverage of the marathon did not mention anything about cyclists.

## Keep Bike Lanes Clear

Local officials are reminding homeowners to keep Bike Lanes clear. Do not place leaves in drainage ditches, bike lanes, or on sidewalks for collection. Keep them behind the curb.

## Pickles4Paws

Here are division winners at Second Pickles4Paws in Chapel Hill (129 players):

M Doubles, Novice, All Ages, Eric Nelson/Keith Nelson; M Doubles Int, Thomas Reid/Jim Arieth; W Doubles Int, All Ages, Kelly Gent/Nancy Solomon; W Doubles, Novice, All Ages, Dawn Montgomery/Cherie Berger; Mix Doubles Int, Dennis Strider/Kelly Gent.

## Nutcracker Pickleball

A few openings remain in the Nutcracker Pickleball Tournament Dec. 6-7 at Piney Wood Park, Durham. Check [anc.opm.acvtivecommunities.com/dprplaymore](http://anc.opm.acvtivecommunities.com/dprplaymore) website to register.

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## Rootrock MTB Races

William Suarez (1:41:46) of Carrboro finished second in Sport M Open division at Rootrock MTB races at Briar Chapel. WT was 1:33:17. Turnout was low for the five races organized by TORC and Roadless Races.

Mark Brothers (1:58:42) of Chapel Hill was second in Single Speed M Open. WT was 1:32:45.

## Turkey Run Bike Time Trial Nov. 28

Don't let the runners have all the fun, say race organizers. The Ninth Turkey Run bike time trial (11.94km)

Starts at Frosty's off Jones Ferry Road west of Carrboro at 10:45 a.m. Thanksgiving Day.

## E-Bike Rebates

Applications for Raleigh's E-Bike Rebate Program ended Nov. 10. The program, which gave randomly drawn winners \$500 to \$1,500, was part of an effort by the city to reduce car trips. Raleigh residents 18+ who purchased an E-bike were eligible.

## Orange County's Top Hoopsters

Orange County basketball shooters had an impressive showing at the N.C. Senior Games State Finals.

Carmelita DeGraffinreed made 13 of 18 shots for second women 60-64 age group. Laura Hamrick (13) was third. Winner made 14. Players take three shots at six different spots on the court for 18 total. The top women's player overall made 15 of 18.

Elva Bishop (12) won the 80-84 division.

Chuck Friend, who led the Orange Senior Games bball shooters in the spring, made (16) and was second 65-69. Winner hit 17. A player in the 50-54 bracket made all 18.

Beth Martin, who took the local women's honors last spring, did not participate in the State finals due to a knee injury.

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## Pandita Third In Eno 6M

Avantika Pandita (56:18) of Chapel Hill was third woman at the 13th Eno River Run 6 Miler trail run in Durham. WTs were 45:14 and 51:07 (142 finishers, up from 112 last year).

Chapel Hill award winners: Ian McCabe, second 30-39, 50:33; Francisco Alvarez, first 50-59, 58:15; Peyton Kuhlers, Pittsboro, third 20-29, 1:05:45; Elaine McVey, third 50-59, 1:11:39; Elizabeth McClure, second 40-49, 1:19:58; Jack Denver, second 60-69, 1:13:03.

### 11 Mile Results

Ryan Videgar-Laird (56:18) of Carrboro and Ruby Lapham (1:32:14) of Hillsborough were third place finishers in the Eno 11 Miler (101 finishers, down from 109 in 2023). WTs were 1:13:06 and 1:23:21.

Award winners from Chapel Hill: Warren Bein, first 20-29, 1:20:41, Adam Aji, third, 1:43:29; Tim Salemy, second 50-59, 1:33:18; Mike Bergen, first 60-69, 2:02:17.

## Blizzard leads Carson 5K

James Blizzard (16:15) was the leader at 17th Eve Carson Memorial 5K for Education in Chapel Hill (338 finishers). John Paul Amalong (16:52) was second male and Layton Simoes (17:55) third. Women's winner was Lila Peters (20:19), with Naomi Harding (20:42) second and Claire Timmey (21:44) third. Hometowns N/A.

## Run Ocean Isle Beach

Erica Bunn (1:49:58) of Pittsboro was second 35-39 and Bruce Smith (1:49:21) of Mebane second 60-64 at the Run Ocean Isle Beach HM (480 finishers). WTs were 1:15:53 and 1:29:36.

William Martz of Chapel Hill was first 19&U, 40:55, in the 10K (225). WT was 36:38.

C. Karstaedt of Pittsboro third 10-14, 30:27, and Jack Karstaedt third 45-49, 30:26 in the 5K (455). WT was 17:12.

## Emerald Isle Races

David Hardy of Carrboro was first 60-69, 23:48, and Robert Blouin of Chapel Hill first 70-89, 24:39, at Emerald Isle 5K (459). WT was 16:39.

Torrie Bender of Carrboro first 30-39, 3:54:23, in the EI Marathon (206). WT was 3:22:13.

Valerie Murrah of Chapel Hill was second 70-89, 3:34:21, in the HM (354). WT was 1:33:38.

## Triple Lake Trail Races

Lisa Porterfield of Chapel Hill was first 50-59 at Triple Lake Trail HM in Greensboro (201). WT was 2:01:22.

Kristine Burnot of Hillsborough third 40-49, 7:21:10, and Andy Madden, Mebane, second 50-59, 7:02:47 in the M (56). WTs were 3:30:07 and 3:54:19.

In the 40 Miler, Richard Kesseli, Hillsborough, was third male, 6:43:33 (52). WT was 6:37:52. Avery Mathias, Chapel Hill, was the women's winner, 6:43:58. Andrew Barrett, Chapel Hill, was first 50-69, 8:31:19.

## Jaworski, Rushing Third In 10M

Griffin Jaworski (59:11) and Julia Rushing (1:03:33), both of Chapel Hill, were third male and female at 16th American Tobacco Trail 10 Miler in Apex (216 finishers, down from 264 last year). WTs were 55:43 and 58:44.

Doug Jeffries of Chapel Hill was third grandmaster, 1:31:39; Amelia Vernon, Hillsborough, second 18&U, 1:41:50; Julie Horton, Chapel Hill, third 65-69, 2:15:15.

Andrew Zachman (23:48) of Chapel Hill was second male in the 4 Miler (123, down from 153 in 2023). WTs were 22:23 and 27:06.

James Pendergraph of Hillsborough was first 60+, 30:30, Maggie Wu, Chapel Hill, third 50-59, 41:15 and Seochee Choi, third 19&U, 1:13:05.

## Triangle Run For Autism 5K

Six area runners earned awards at the Triangle Run for Autism 5K in Raleigh. WTs were 17:36 and 23:26 (308 finishers, compared to 199 last year).

Beckett Millet of Hillsborough was third 16-19, 23:25; Abigail Bowers, Hillsborough, third 16-19, 59:18; Frank Waggoner, Pittsboro, first 20-24, 18:16; David Mayer, Chapel Hill, first 60-64, 29:19, Young Wang, Hillsborough, second, 33:13; Lucy Boyd, Mebane, third 65-69, 47:33.



## Running News

Matthew Howe (2:46:46) was the fastest Chapel Hill runner at 53rd NYC Marathon (55, 525 finishers) where he finished 786. Fastest N.C. runner: Ryan Ford, Boone, 2:11:08, 11th overall.

Jillian Daly (26:55) of Chapel Hill was third 20-29 at Beaufort Bridge Run 5K (222 finishers). WT was 17:35.

Jaynie Hamilton (31:12) of Mebane was second 30-39 at Veterans Run for the Brave 5K in Benson (88). WT was 25:41.

WTs for the Peanut Butter Jelly Jog 5K in Graham were 19:17 and 19:53 (143 finishers). Sara Flynn-Loy (20:46) of Mebane was second woman.

Maureen Tarquini (31:02) of Chapel Hill was first 60-64 at Triangle Trick or Trot 5K in Cary (108 finishers). WT was 21:29.

Silas Wildeman, Chapel Hill, was first 15&U, 23:05, at Day of the Dead 5K in Raleigh (566). WT was 14:46.

David Hardy of Carrboro was second 60-69, 1:46:02, at Ironclad HM (344) in Kinston. WT was 1:18:11.

David Montefiori of Hillsborough was first 60+, 46:14, at 17th Medoc Trail 5 Miler in Hollister (214). WT was 33:31.

India Rice of Hillsborough was first 50-54, 49:52, at Stars Stripes and Strides 5K in Cay (111 finishers). WT was 22:28.

Valerie Murrah of Chapel Hill was first 70+, 1:30:54, in the Trail To Tryon 10K (105).

### RACE NEWS

The three Crazy Toes races in Raleigh Nov. 2 were canceled. The WRD Run for Refugees at Duke's East Campus had 116 finishers. WTs were 18:38 and 21:15.

## Ornelas Second In Durham HM

Victor Ornelas (1:15:54) of Chapel Hill was second male at 12th Bull City Race Fest HM in Durham. WTs were 1:14:14 and 1:26:05. There were 1,060 finishers (1,270 registered), down from 1,269 last year.

Eight area runners earned age group awards: Maddie Sparrow, Chapel Hill, third 19&U, 1:48:51; Neal Duncan, third 25-29, 1:21:02; Rachel Braun, third 30-34, 1:35:02; Megan Cooke, Hillsborough, first 40-44, 1:26:38; Cory Moody, Carrboro, second 45-49, 1:44:37; Fred Janskog, Chapel Hill, second 60-64, 1:55:37; Norm Rosen, second 70-74, 2:27:11; Richard Kenna, Pittsboro, third, 2:28:04.

### Five Miler Results

Costen Irons (29:26) of Chapel Hill was the fastest Orange Co. finisher (fifth overall, first 40-44) in the Five Miler. WTs were 28:37 and 29:52, 1,179 finishers (699 women), compared to 1,358 in 2023. Emma Maras Ramassini of Chapel Hill was third woman, 34:18.

Award winners from Chapel Hill: William Lyerly, third 19&U, 36:47; Zachary Ramassini, third 25-29, 34:12; Colin Sandberg, Hillsborough, first 45-49, 31:03, Charlie Baxter, second, 31:15; Jungmei Shen, second 50-54, 39:37; Dan Wang, first 55-59, 39:54, Leah Cook, Cedar Grove, second, 41:27; Scottie Seawell, Carrboro, second 60-64, 50:09; Theresa Reece, third, 65-69, 49:24; David Montefiori, Hillsborough, first 70-74, 40:02.

## Rootrock Trail Races

Guenieve Moulton (49:20) of Chapel Hill was the women's 10K winner at fourth RootRock trail races at Briar Chapel (80 finishers). MWT was 42:20.

Chapel Hill award winners: Heather Hubeli, first 20-29, 1:03:35, Maya Ticku, second, 1:05:09; Allison Brinkley, second 30-39, 1:03:21; Alma Pavak, Mebane, first 40-49, 56:39; Hongbin Gu, third 50-59, 1:13:36; Donna Waseleski, first 60-69, 1:24:35, Carolee Berry, second, 1:27:31; Nancy Margolin, first 70+. 1:10:46; Liam Willoughby, Mebane, second 14-19, 1:14:58; Bruce Jackson, second 50-59, 56:15; Raymond Terry, Carrboro, second 60-69, 1:25:36. Peter Superak, third, 1:36:01.

In the 5K (92 finishers), WTs were 25:26 and 27:51; N. Patsaklam, Chapel Hill, age 12, was third male, 25:56. Molly Milsom, second 14-19, 52:26; Jody Ciolino, third 30-39, 38:20; Mary Faith Mount-Cors, Carrboro, first 50-59, 32:02; Amy Pollender, first 60-69, 44:25; Kathy Peters, first 70+, 52:34; Joan Boone, Efland second, 57:13, Marion Haywood, third, 58:24; John Gay, first 14-19, 52:26; Gregory Peters, first 30-39, 27:42, George Clement, Pittsboro, second, 27:59; Travis Milks, second 40-49, 38:56; Tom Cors, Carrboro, second 50-59, 40:40; Ed Peters, first 70+, 38:49.

Matt Straub (1:39:45) of Carrboro was first male and Lisa Hecker (2:04:00) of Mebane second female in the HM (12). WWT was 1:55:16. Jake Hollenbeck was first 30-39, 1:51:41, David Tedeschi, second, 1:59:27.

## Hairpin Hustle Trail

Quinn Turner (32:55) of Chapel Hill was third woman overall at Hairpin Hustle Trail 5K in Morrisville (85 finishers). The race was rescheduled from September due to poor trail conditions caused by Hurricane Helene. WTs were 27:02 and 30:32.

Carolina Avoris of Carrboro was third 40-49, 40:52; Catherine Singley, Chapel Hill, first 60-69, 40:24, Donna Waseleski, Chapel Hill, second, 44:26; Kathy Peters, first 70+, 1:06:35; Samuel Summans, first 30-39, 30:29; Brunson Hoole, third 50-59, 31:12.

Crystian Kummick (52:21) of Carrboro and Guenieve Moulton (57:16) of Chapel Hill were second in the 10K (96). WTs were 45:49 and 50:57. Ilona Jaspers (58:23) of Carrboro was third woman.

Bryn Barker of Carrboro was first 20-29, 1:00:00, and Alesia Bock of Chapel Hill third 50-59, 1:45:33.

## RDC Marathon

Madeleine Mcgrady (3:24:07) of Chapel Hill was third woman at the RDC Marathon in Durham (177 finishers compared to 177 last year). WTs were 2:41:19 and 3:06:06.

Local award winners: Sheng Sam Luo, second 45-49, 3:22:08; Xuezhong Cai, first 55-59, 3:25:08; Mike Kelley, second 60-64, 3:27:53.

WTs for the HM were 1:22:03 and 1:30:56 (278 finishers, up from 245 in 2023).

Award winners: Meredith Sheeks, first 25-29, 1:37:34; Lea Bouvcher, second female masters, 1:37:47; David Lavelly, first 60-64, 1:48:28; Jie Xu, second 50-54, 1:50:11; Natalaya Degtyareva, second 55-59, 1:56:55; Marcus Berzofsky, second 45-49, 2:08:42; Kenneth Spores, Hillsborough, third 60-64, 2:08:41; Amy Durr, third 55-59, 2:09:24; David Zvara, second 65-69, 2:16:50; Tom Carr, Hillsborough, first 75-79, 2:37:04.

In the 10K (131 finishers, up from 104 last year), WTs were 36:00 and 37:52.

Awards to: Crystian Kummick, first 50-54, 41:24; Jingmei Shen, first 50-54, 46:59; Dana Lebo, first 60-64, 48:43; Allen Sommer, first 45-49, 48:50; Jeff Fuller, Pittsboro, third 45-49, 53:50; Isabel Morichi, Carrboro, first 20-24, 58:31; Alana Rvona, second 30-34, 59:14; Genae Matthews, second 25-29, 59:48; Theresa Reece, first 65-69, 2:00:58; Bharthi Zvara, third 65-69, 1:05:00.

## City Of Oaks, Billy Second In 5K

Sean Billy (16:32) of Chapel Hill was second male at 18th City of Oaks Acorn 5K in Raleigh. WTs were 16:23 and 18:12. There were 1,379 finishers (784 women), up from 1,013 last year.

Frances Collichio of Chapel Hill was first 60-64, 27:12.

Seven local runners earned awards in the Marathon: Jack Castraino, Chapel Hill, first 14&U, 5:17:48; Charles Whitmore, third 15-19, 3:26:27; Lila Peters, Carrboro, first 20-24, 3:16:02; Hallie Pike, Carrboro, third 30-34, 3:37:41; Sarah Hurwitz, Carrboro, second, 35-39, 3:24:02; Dan Wang, first 55-59, 3:43:40; Mike Kelley, first 60-64, 3:29:28. WTs were 2:36:40 and 3:04:47 (389 finishers, down from 670 in 2023).

In the Old Reliable 10K, Emma Maras-Rassini (44:35), Chapel Hill, won the 20-24 division. WT was 38:36, with 1,811 finishers, compared to 1,487 last year.

Riley Gaines, Chapel Hill, was second 35-39, 1:36:08; Brad Frederick, third 45-49, 1:30:13; Jingmei Shen, first 50-54, 1:43:01, Liping Song, second, 1:43:19 in the HM. WTs were 1:09:48 and 1:24:45 (2,530 finishers, up from 1,933 last year).

## Community News

Opening Nov. 16 at Historic Stagville, Durham, Maya Freedom: Whippersnappers will premiere large-scale sculptures, archival photographs, paintings and collages that transform the former plantation. Exhibit runs through Jan. 25. After opening day ceremonies, the exhibit, which covers six rooms on two floors, is open Wed/Sat 10-1 and by appointment.

The Greensboro 203 project, the new library in downtown Carrboro, is now called the Robert Drakeford Library Complex after the former mayor. Opening date is months away.

Concert for Carolina (CSN Oct 2024) drew a crowd of 82,193 to BOA Stadium, Charlotte, and raised \$24.513M for Helene recovery. Panthers' owners David and Nicole Tepper donated use of the stadium, beer, food, parking, labor—all the associated costs—so organizers didn't have to cut into the proceeds.

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Carrboro is partnering with Chapel Hill and Hillsborough, Orange County, New Hope Bird Alliance and Keep Durham Beautiful to encourage community members to Leave the Leaves, support biodiversity, improve water quality and reduce pollution.

Did you know that leaves are natural fertilizers and help protect wildlife? Nature's bounty provides an opportunity to put fallen leaves to good use.

## Fall Gardening Suggestions

As fall season continues, consider these tips and small projects.

Mulch your plant beds to help keep your soil moist, control soil temperature and protect plant roots from frost damage.

Make a bee hotel that provides shelter as they look for places to sleep for winter. All you need is a scrap piece of wood with holes drilled into it. And if you are short on time, just leave the leaves so pollinators can find refuge.

Pull weeds by hand rather than using a spray.

Set up a rain barrel to collect rainwater instead of using a hose—gardens don't need as much water in the fall and winter months.

Plant winter veggies in your garden right now: carrots, turnips, spinach, brussels sprouts, broccoli, kale.

Try planting cool-weather edible flowers, like nasturtium, viola and snapdragons, as well as herbs like cilantro, dill and parsley.

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## Hunting Report

# Helene And Friends

Chris Maroldy

So when Helene came through and dumped a ton of water in western NC, I made a couple of jokes to some email friends and to a random customer service rep working a call center in Charlotte, before anyone knew how bad things were, at least from my perch in the Piedmont. One joke featured a western NC friend of mine my email pals "knew" but had never met (we're all tied together by an internet connection focused on bow hunting) and the other was just some off-the-cuff jabber upon being told the geegaw I desperately needed had to come out of Asheville. (Aww ... \$##/+!!!)

Both of my jokes went over like lead fishing floats—I can still hear the crickets from each audience—so I quickly realized (at least) two things: a lot of folks are far more serious about stuff than I am, especially during natural disasters, and I need to pay more attention to Breaking News, because everyone else does.

This made me think about connections. I have that buddy up in the mountains. I wasn't worried about him, but—conceivably—relative strangers might be. A girl in Customer Service in Charlotte might have kin with a creek suddenly appeared in their living room, but I didn't think about that, at least on Day One.

I've been re-reading some Ed Zern. I'd guess that at least 70 percent of folks reading this don't remember Ed Zern, or even recognize the name. He was a humorist and writer for Field & Stream for almost four decades, beginning in the late Fifties. His "Exit Laughing" column was and still is a classic. Thousands of people began reading the magazine every month at the back page, because that's where Zern's column was.

In his columns and in his books, you get a sense of the golden age of outdoor writing. More importantly, you get a feel for "why" it was the golden age. It was because it was focused on people—friends and characters—and not on gear, or cinematic grip-and-grins (a.k.a. hero shots).

When you read about his friends on a trout stream or at the bar of the lodge, or he relays some mischief done at some chapter of his storied Madison Avenue Rod, Gun, Bloody Mary & Labrador Retriever Benevolent Association, you realize how much of the "meat" in hunting and fishing is in the people and the relationships. The meat you eat is not what you were angling for!

It's hard to comprehend how rich a life was made by the people Zern rubbed elbows with. The facts that he was from a different era, and that I discovered him when I was a teenager but didn't fully appreciate him until much later probably factor in. I've had some good and some not so good hunting and fishing buddies over the years. The fullness of Ed Zern's life afield?—Not even close.

I wonder why that is. Times have changed. That's true. But I also ask myself: Would a guy born in 1910 soft-pedal a hurricane? Or its possible victims, even if they could have been—at one time—towel-snapping buddies?

Probably not.

But a guy like Ed Zern could get \*some\* kind of column out of it, which makes me feel not so bad.

## 5 WNC State Parks Reopen

Crowders Mountain, Gorges, Grandfather Mountain and Lake Norman state parks, as well as Rendezvous Mountain, reopened. These parks were temporarily closed due to issues from Hurricane Helene.

The following remain closed entirely: Chimney Rock, Elk Knob, Lake James, Mount Mitchell, New River, South Mountains and Stone Mountain SPs, as well as Mount Jefferson State Natural Area.

Some of the closed parks may reopen partially in November, depending on progress with cleanup and hazard mitigation, but Chimney Rock, Mount Mitchell, South Mountains face extended closure.

## Outdoor Notes

### BIRDWATCHING

Cane Creek Reservoir, home to 200 different species, birdwatching hours are Wednesday 7-11 a.m. through March. Admission is free. Use the entrance on the northside of NC54 west of Stanford Road. The lake is closed for fishing and boating until late March.

### TAKE A HIKE DAY

Celebrate National Take-A-Hike Day with Eno River Association on a family-friendly hike in Eno River State Park, Durham, on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 9 a.m. Meet the hike leader at the Cox Mountain Trailhead at the end of Cole Mill Road for a 1.5-mile hike along Fanny's Ford Trail. If you're feeling extra adventurous after the hike, explore the many other trails the park offers and continue the National Hike Day celebrations.

### DUKE GARDENS

The Sarah P. Duke Gardens at Duke, a popular visitor destination, will undergo a \$30M upgrade, adding a new welcome center, cafe and expanded green space at the entrance. To accomplish this the entrance will be closed this fall (new entrance 2000 Lewis St.). The Garden Gateway project, funded by private donations, is expected to wrap up by spring 2026.

### CREEK WEEK IDEAS

Chapel Hill is seeking ideas/suggestions for water-related activities during Creek Week March 15-22, 2025. Send them to [sbauer@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:sbauer@townofchapelhill.org).

## Community News

NCAA D-1 soccer championships (College Cup) return to WakeMedSP, Cary. Women's games are Dec. 6-9 with semis Friday at 5 and 7 and finals Monday at 7. Men's games are Dec. 13-16 with the same format. All session tickets were available for the men in early November. The games will be broadcast by ESPN networks.

Christmas Carousel holiday gift market, 200 vendors, will be held Nov. 29-Dec 1 at the State Fairgrounds, Raleigh. Admission charged.

### TRAILS, Continued from page 1

For the most up to date information on what multi-use trails are open and clear in the Pisgah Ranger District, Pisgah Area SORBA has a running list, updated daily, on their website. Additionally, several sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway west of Asheville have reopened. You can find more information on the parkway and what's open at [greattrail-snc.us11.1](http://greattrail-snc.us11.1).

Visit NC is one of the best places for information on where to visit and what is open.

Check their website for latest travel updates for the western part of the state.

Daniel Sapp, media rep for the Great Trails State Coalition

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## Holiday Parades

All events are downtown unless otherwise noted.  
Sat. Nov. 23, Raleigh, 9:30 a.m., WRAL, WTVD.  
Sat. Nov. 23, Burlington, 10 a.m.  
Thu. Dec. 5, Siler City, 7 p.m.  
Fri. Dec. 6, Mebane, 7 p.m.  
Sat. Dec. 7, Chapel Hill/Carrboro, 10 a.m.  
Sat. Dec. 7, Apex, 5 p.m.  
Sun. Dec. 8, Pittsboro, US64 West to East, 3 p.m.  
Sun. Dec. 8, Hillsborough, 4 p.m.  
Sat. Dec. 14, Durham, 10 a.m.  
Sat. Dec. 14, Cary, 2 p.m.

## Community News

Repair Cafe, a free workshop, takes place Saturday, Nov. 16, 1-5 p.m. at Whitted Human Service Center, Hillsborough. Bring your damaged item—electronics, furniture, jewelry, small appliance—and learn how to fix it. Free but registration at repaircafenc.org. Required.

Holiday Market with unique gifts will be held Saturday, Nov. 23, 9-2 at Passmore Senior Center, next to Orange Co. Sportsplex, Hillsborough.

The Champion Durham Classic Nov. 21-23 at Hillside High School features ten boys and girls high school hoops games over three days. Admission is charged and three-day passes are available. Games begin 11/21 at 5 p.m.

## Durham Bulls Baseball

The Durham Bulls had a 72-78 record in 2024, drew 496,715 fans to DBAP, 5,000 more than 2023. Home opener for 2025 is April 1.

## Emmons, Long Win

Chapel Hill runners Alex Emmons (16:48) and Isabella Long (21:53) were the winners at Kilometers for the Kids 5K in Chapel Hill. There were 233 finishers, one fewer than last year.

Will Scott (16:57) of Clemmons was second and Aedan Phelan (18:38) of Statesville third. Natalie Williamson (21:53) of Coconut Grove, FL, was second female and Mia Lanuti (22:32) of Apex third.

Chapel Hill award winners: Jia Rachel, first 16&U, 23:53, Benjamin Bastiantitano, second, 25:01; Jackson Carmichael, Carrboro, first 17-25, 19:16, Lochian Downard, second, 19:22, Owen Fay, third, 19:29; Pasuth Thothavensansuk, first 26-35, 20:04.; Michael Vesser, first 36-45, 23:39, Matthew Swenson, second, 25:25, Yifei Lou, third, 27:41; Laura Stuart, second 46-59, 23:15; Dean Bruno, first 60+, 25:45, Paula Ehrlich, Hillsborough, second, 25:01.



## Jodi 5K Durham

The third Jodi 5K in Durham supporting the Long Cancer Initiative had WTs of 17:39 and 22:03 (463 finishers, up from 420 in 2023).

Award winners from Chapel Hill: Caroline Cayless, third 11-19, 24:46; Jean McDonald, first 60-69, 33:53. Dawn Hummer, third, 50:10; Jackie Griffin, Hillsborough, second 70-79, 58:53, Jeanne Watkinson, third, 59:40; Patrick Soher, first 11-19, 31:13; Manfred Frang, Hillsborough, third 20-29, 31:13; Jeff Clough, first 40-49, 19:31; Cary McDonald, second 60-69, 29:36.

## ATT Honored Among Best Trails

A popular Triangle bike trail is among the best in the South, according to Southern Living magazine. The American Tobacco Trail (ATT) was among the 8 best trails in the South.

The ATT has 22+ miles of rails-to-trails in the Research Triangle, running in Durham, Chatham, Wake counties from downtown Durham to Apex and Cary. The 10-foot wide trail starts near DPAP downtown, crosses I-40, a section of Jordan Lake SRA, state game lands and draws runners, bikers, hikers, roller bladers, dog walkers and equestrians. The trail is primarily paved with several gravel sections.

Running/biking with a buddy is recommended. Bring your cellphone.

# Another View, Mine John Nieman

The events of the election have made it clear to me that our country—in my view, the greatest country in the world—is not only not exactly the country I thought it was, but it is unique from the rest of the world in so many ways. To discover that a failed businessman and game show host can be elected president by the majority of the country, not just the electoral college, is both sobering and enlightening.

But this is a sports column. The reason I bring up the matters above is that I have been pondering the incredible difference between the way we crown champions in this country as opposed to the rest of the world. For whatever reason, we do not recognize the work of a full season except to allow them to qualify and to seed a championship playoff. In each of our major sports, a team can go undefeated during the season and still not be crowned champion.

One would think that in a sport such as motor racing, where all of the participants are competing against each other in each race, a playoff system would be at the very least problematic. And so it is with NASCAR.

I put my hand up now to say that when the playoff system was first instituted in NASCAR, I found it intriguing. I still find it so. I guess that at this point what I'm most intrigued about is how long it took the participants to figure out how to game the system.

And I find it intriguing that NASCAR seems surprised that this has come about. You get down eight race teams—who, by the way, are affiliated with other race teams as teammates and as having the same manufacturer—who are vying to become one of the final four. These eight teams are not merely running against each other, they are running against the entire field. A field made up of cars many of which having nothing to lose and having varying degrees of relationships with each other.

I thought about this a lot and I can't really come up with a workable solution. For me, the best answer seems to be that NASCAR goes back to some form of point system that recognizes achievement over the course of an entire season and ditches the notion of playoffs. I realize that takes away some of the drama associated with a playoff system and that there will be seasons where there will be a runaway champion.

But I believe that will be far more satisfying. And will result in several seasons where the championship comes down to the wire on the last day. It will take away the contrived excitement that comes with these playoffs, but it will recognize real achievement. And NASCAR fans are not the dolts that the powers that be seem to think them to be. For decades in the past, the fans were able to understand and follow the points system.

At least that is my faith in fans. It is, I admit, faith that has been sorely tested by the past election.

It seems to me the only other solution is to not penalize all of the gamesmanship that occurred in Martinsville and other races. Just let it go and realize that this is the result of having a playoff where everyone in the league is playing every game. I'm pretty sure I would find it interesting and exciting to watch a race where there are tactical moves and tentative agreements made throughout the race by the 30-odd race teams who are not in the playoffs but are racing around a track at over 100 mph.

NASCAR's position that all cars in every event must spend the entire race focusing only their performance when only eight or four teams are running for a championship is, quite frankly, preposterous.

On a completely unrelated note and veering off in a whole different direction, I think as soccer fans it is time to decide whether there is something radically wrong with Kylian Mbappe or whether the French Ligue 1 is a vastly inferior league. There is little doubt that at the very least Mbappe has never had the offside rule explained to him. It is so frustrating to watch the fastest and quickest athlete on the field being unable to begin his runs in an inside position.

I'm just saying...

Of course it's easy for me to criticize. I play in leagues where they don't enforce the offside rule. I continue to be grateful to my teammates on Dynamo who allow me to continue to do so. I can imagine that I am very often very frustrating to them. But if not for their willingness, I can't imagine where the Index would be.

For now, *Fat Boy Index*: 287.

## Media Sportswatch Joel Bulkley

Retirements are tricky for sports fans. Some are needed or welcome, others are not but they're often understandable.

Take these two for example: TV broadcaster Bob Costas and Virginia basketball coach Tony Bennett. As a baseball fan I'm happy to see Costas, the former Olympic host, step down from doing baseball games for TBS and MLB Network. His demeanor recently was grumpy for the American League playoffs. His previous enthusiasm and excitement for baseball, and likely NY Yankee bias, were replaced by what seemed like boredom, arrogance or even disdain. After the season he said he was retiring. Good bye.

While I respect Tony Bennett as a knowledgeable, successful college hoops coach, watching his teams play wasn't any fun. It was sometimes painful. They'd slog along. I'd rather listen to the game on radio, head for the kitchen or have a smoke. Anything to avoid watching his team play, watching paint dry. I sympathize with his concerns about how college basketball is changing, the transfer portal, NIL, social media. Good bye.

The start of a new college basketball season brings a lot of school and university names on schedules I don't know. So I go to Google to check out Lincoln (Pa.), Le Moyne (NY), West Georgia (Carrollton), Mid Atlantic Christian (Elizabeth City), Oakland City (Ind), etc. Learning is power. I'm told.

Jay Bilas of espn.com had nine ACC schools in the Bilas Index of the best 68 men's bball teams: Duke 5, UNC 10, Miami 37, Pitt 42, Clemson 48, NC State 56, Syracuse 62, Notre Dame 67, Wake Forest 68. UConn was first. with Alabama second, Kansas third, Houston fourth.

Costco Connection, a monthly for members, is the country's third largest magazine by circulation—15.4M mailed and 300,000 copies distributed via wholesale warehouses. The other two are, Wikipedia says, AARP magazine 22.4M, AARP Bulletin 22.1M. Top sports mag was #12 Golf Digest 1.65M.

Carolina Sportsman had a nice feature on "Lake Michie Bassin" in the November issue. Problem is the Durham lake, operated by city parks & rec, closed for the season Nov. 11.

It's been a challenging week or two. From the high of the Dodgers winning the World Series over the New York Yankees to the low of losing the Presidential election. But some good folks won.

## UNC Football Player Saluted

Credit to UNC football's Mack Brown, Carolina teammates and students for going all-in to support UNC player Taylee Craft who died of a rare form of lung cancer. He was diagnosed in March 2022 and died in October 2024. He was 23, graduated in May and was enrolled in grad classes after medically retiring and becoming a student assistant coach.

The team had honored Craft, a wide receiver from Sumter, S.C., during the Georgia Tech game by wearing shirts with his name and number 13. The basketball team did the same at the Blue-White exhibition later that day.

In December 2023, Craft was presented the Disney Spirit Award, given annually to an inspirational figure in college football on or off the field, including players, coaches, fans and cheerleaders. Although it wasn't something he was familiar with, when he researched the award, he was immensely honored. Disney chose to honor Tylee for his inspiring acts in his community amid his own challenges with lung cancer. His enthusiastic attitude stood out amongst all others.

"I always try to be positive," Tylee said. "A lot of people go through a lot of different things that we don't know about. Me being positive can maybe influence them to be positive as well. I don't like to think negative, it's pointless ... as long as I can see people smiling and having fun, that is all that matters."

Brown said, "This young man fought so hard for his two and a half years. The doctors told us he outlived what he should've. And he did it with the spirit, he did it with a smile on his face, he didn't miss a meeting, he didn't miss practice, he coached these other incredible young people."

Virginia honored Craft's memory with a helmet decal for the UNC game.

Nearly \$100,000 was raised from 1,000 donors in a go-fundme campaign for Craft's mom.

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