

NCHSAA DAY SET FOR SATURDAY AT KENAN STADIUM

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The North Carolina High School Athletic Association will be recognized by the University of North Carolina this Saturday at Kenan Stadium.

The North Carolina-Rutgers football game, which has a kickoff time of 12:30 p.m., has been designated as the 27th annual NCHSAA Day. The university actually spearheaded the founding of the NCHSAA in 1913.

Special halftime activities will highlight NCHSAA Day. The winners of the Wachovia (now Wells Fargo) Cup for the 2010-11 academic year, symbolic of the best overall interscholastic sports program in the state, will be honored. The winners include Kernersville Bishop McGuinness in the 1-A classification; Salisbury among 2-A schools; Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons in the 3-A classification; and Green Hope High School of Cary in the 4-A class.

In addition, the newest members of the NCHSAA Hall of Fame will be recognized. They include:

- Rosalie Barden of Wilson, an outstanding coach in several sports at Southern Nash and now serving as principal
 - Sheila Boles of Wilmington, the first woman to coach a men's basketball team in the NCHSAA, which she did for 11 years at Hoggard
 - Jimmy Fleming of Creedmoor, who won six state championships in softball at South Granville
 - John Frye of Vass, whose tennis teams at Union Pines have won almost 50 conference championships, both men and women
 - Jerry Johnson of Goldsboro, an outstanding booking agent and official who has called more than 6,000 high school contests;
 - the late Mike Matheson, who made Bandys in Catawba County a women's basketball power from 1979-89 before his untimely death
 - the late John Morris, who built football powers at Roxboro, Reidsville and High Point Andrews
 - Tom Suiter of Raleigh, the legendary sports anchor for many years at WRAL-TV in Raleigh
- This is the 26th group of inductees to join the prestigious hall, bringing to 140 the number of individuals enshrined. These eight will formally be inducted into the NCHSAA Hall of Fame next spring during the Hall's annual banquet and induction ceremonies at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill.

"We appreciate the university's willingness to recognize the North Carolina High School Athletic Association on this special occasion," says Davis Whitfield, commissioner of the NCHSAA.