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Wells Fargo, along with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, today announced the final standings in the Wells Fargo Conference Cup competitions for the 2012 fall sports season. The Wells Fargo Cup award, sponsored by Wells

Fargo and the NCHSAA, recognizes the high schools that achieve the best overall interscholastic athletic performance within each of the state's four competitive classifications. The Wells Fargo Conference Cup is a companion to the Wells Fargo Cup and recognizes schools with the best overall interscholastic athletic performances within individual conferences. Wachovia and now Wells Fargo has sponsored the conference awards program since 1980. In most conferences, points are awarded based on participation and standings in conference play. Each conference determines its own method of awarding points. Conferences are listed alphabetically by classification.

Northwestern Athletic 3-A/4-A: Watauga is the top team after the fall sports season, sweeping the conference cross country championships and also adding a league title in women's tennis. Hickory is in second thanks to a championship in men's soccer and a runner-up finish in women's tennis. Third-place Alexander Central took first in women's golf and tied for second in football. Conference Standings: Watauga 75.5, Hickory 69, Alexander Central 61.5, South Caldwell 55.5, Fred T. Foard 55, St. Stephens 50.5, Hibriten 40.

Mountain Valley 1-A/2-A: Championships in men's soccer and women's cross country as well as a second-place finish in women's golf earn Ashe its first-place position in the conference after the fall. Wilkes Central is second with a league title in football and a second-place performance in women's tennis. Third place belongs to Forbush, the second-place finisher in women's soccer and women's cross country. Conference Standings: Ashe County 42.5, Wilkes Central 39.5, Forbush 38.5, East Wilkes 35, Elkin 33, West Wilkes 32, Starmount 29.5, Alleghany 21.5, North Wilkes 20.5.

Western Highlands 1-A/2-A: Hendersonville leads the way after the fall season, thanks to first-place finishes in football, women's golf, women's tennis, women's cross country, and a share of the conference volleyball title with second-place Polk County. Charles D. Owen is close behind in third with a championship in men's soccer and a second-place finish in women's cross country. Conference Standings: Hendersonville 81, Polk County 73.5, Charles D. Owen 72, Thomas Jefferson 64.5, Mountain Heritage 62.5, Avery County 53.5, Madison 44, Mitchell 43.