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Wells Fargo, along with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, today announced the standings for fall sports in the Wells Fargo Cup competitions for the 2012-13 academic year.

The Wells Fargo Cup is sponsored by Wells Fargo and the NCHSAA. The award recognizes the high schools that achieve the best overall interscholastic athletic performance within each of the state's four competitive classifications. The Cup program is in its 34th year.

Defending champion Cary Green Hope sits atop the 4-A standings with Charlotte Ardrey Kell in second place, while defending Cup champion Cardinal Gibbons paces the 3-A class. Carrboro, which won its first Wells Fargo Cup last year, holds the top position among 2-A schools, and Lake Norman Charter is in first place in the 1-A classification standings for the first time, ahead of perennial power Hendersonville.

Green Hope, which claimed both the 4-A men's soccer state title and the women's cross country crown while also finishing in the top four in women's dual team tennis and third in women's golf, tallied 212.5 points to hold a slim five-point advantage over Ardrey Kell. Kell won the state 4-A volleyball title and also took first in women's golf to go with points in women's tennis and women's cross country.

Raleigh Broughton, which captured state crowns in both women's tennis and men's cross country, is in third place with 175 points, while Southern Pines Pinecrest (165) is fourth and Fayetteville Jack Britt (125) is fifth.

Cardinal Gibbons had another terrific fall season in 3-A with playoff points in six different sports, including state titles in volleyball, women's cross country and men's cross country. The Crusaders earned a total of 300 points, ahead of second-place Charlotte Catholic's 217.5. Catholic's fall total, with points in five sports, included state championships in women's dual team tennis and a runner-up performance in the state football championships. Waxhaw Marvin Ridge is in third with 190 points, followed by Chapel Hill (147.5) and Northern Guilford (127.5), the 3-AA football champion.

Carrboro rolled up 252.5 points to open up a substantial lead over Cuthbertson, in second at 187.5. Carrboro had a great fall with playoff points in five sports, including a women's cross country championship and state runner-up finishes in both men's soccer and football. The Jaguars dueled with Cuthbertson in some of those championships, too; Cuthbertson won the men's soccer crown, beating Carrboro, and finished second to Carrboro in the women's cross-country meet.

Perennial contender Salisbury is third with 172.5 points, followed by South Iredell (150), which won the 2-AA football crown, and North Surry (127.5).

In the 1-A classification, Lake Norman Charter leads the way after finishing second in both men's soccer and men's cross country and third in women's cross country as part of its total of 232.5 points.

Hendersonville, which has won the most Cups all-time with 13, is in second with 195 points. Bearcat teams fared especially in volleyball, golf and men's soccer, winning a state championship in volleyball, placing first among 1-A teams in women's golf, and getting to the state semifinals in men's soccer.

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Kernersville Bishop McGuinness is third with 175 points, boosted by sweeping both cross country state championships. Southwest Onslow, which captured state titles in both football and men's soccer, is fourth at 155 points and Franklin Academy fifth with 130.

Wells Fargo Cup points are determined by a system based on performance in state championship events. All schools that finish in the top eight positions (plus ties) earn points. In the playoff events involving teams from more than one classification, Wells Fargo Cup points are awarded based on the school's standing against other schools in its own classification. If fewer then eight schools from a classification compete in a sport, only those schools that are represented are eligible to receive the Wells Fargo Cup points.

Points are awarded for all sports as follows: 50 for first, 45 for second, 40 for third, 35 for fourth, 30 for fifth, 25 for sixth, 20 for seventh and 15 for eighth. In the event of a tie, the schools receive an equal number of points based on the number of teams that tie and the number of teams that finish higher in the standings. Five points are awarded for each sanctioned sport in which a school competes.

Wells Fargo Cup standings are announced three times each school year: once after the fall, again after the winter sports, and then concluding with the winner after the spring sports season ends in June. The engraved silver cups are presented during NCHSAA Day activities at UNC-Chapel Hill each fall.

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION WELLS FARGO CUP STANDINGS AFTER FALL SPORTS 2012

1-A CLASSIFICATION

Lake Norman Charter 232.5
 Hendersonville 195
 Bishop McGuinness 175

4. Southwest Onslow5. Franklin Academy130

6. (tie) Murphy 115

N.C. School of Science and Math 115

8. Raleigh Charter 112.59. Mount Airy 107.5

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10. Princeton 105

11. Misenheimer Gray Stone Day 102.5

12. Elkin 97.5

13.(tie) South Stokes80East Wilkes8015.(tie) Swain County70Lincoln Charter70

2-A CLASSIFICATION

1. Carrboro 252.5

2. Waxhaw Cuthbertson 187.5

3. Salisbury
4. South Iredell
5. North Surry
6.(tie) Brevard
North Lincoln
8. Corinth-Holders
172.5
127.5
125
125
125

9. Hillsborough Cedar Ridge 102.5

10.(tie) East Lincoln 100
Swansboro 100
12. Hampstead Topsail 95
13. Polk County 92.5
14.(tie) Pittsboro Northwood 90
Canton Pisqah 90

3-A CLASSIFICATION

Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons
 Charlotte Catholic
 Waxhaw Marvin Ridge
 Chapel Hill
 Northern Guilford
 Weddington
 300
 217.5
 147.5
 127.5
 122.5

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7. Hickory	117.5
8. West Henderson	102.5
9. Enka	95
10. Orange	87.5
11.(tie) Havelock	85
Jacksonville	85
Ledford	85
West Carteret	85
15.(tie) Concord	80
Nash Central	80
China Grove Jesse C	Carson 80

4-A CLASSIFICATION

1. Cary Green Hope	212.5
2. Charlotte Ardrey Kell	207.5
3. Raleigh Broughton	175
4. Southern Pines Pinecrest	165
5. Fayetteville Jack Britt	125
6. Charlotte Providence	122.5
7. Asheville T.C. Roberson	120
8. New Bern 1	15
9. Charlotte Myers Park	110
10.(tie) Raleigh Leesville Roa	d 102.5
Winston-Salem Mount Tabor	102.5
12. Greensboro Grimsley	100
13. Wilmington New Hanover	95
14. Pfafftown Reagan	92.5
15. Matthews David Butler	85