

## WHS Leads Wells Fargo Cup Standings

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Wells Fargo, along with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, today announced the standings in the Wells Fargo Conference Cup competitions for the 2012-2013 winter 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. Wells Fargo and formerly Wachovia 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.

The Pioneers, who won a Northwestern 3A/4A conference crown in boy's swimming and a runner-up finish in girl's swimming remains to top in the Wells Fargo Cup race. Watauga leads the way with 123 points. Hickory, which finished in a tie for first in girl's basketball and in a tie for second in boy's basketball, is a close second and just nine points back with 114 points. Fred T. Foard moved up two spots to third place with 106 points. The Tigers captured a top finish in boy's swimming, and a conference title in boy's basketball, and a team title in wrestling.

The Tigers also won the Class 3A state dual team wrestling championships in February. The Tigers defeated Morehead 41-27 in the finals at Copas Gym in Newton, N.C.

Ashe County finds itself sitting in fifth place in the Mountain Valley 1A/2A Conference after the winter sports season. The Huskies have 56.5 points. Avery is currently fourth in the Western Highlands 1A/2A Conference with 86.5 points.

### Conference Standings:

#### **Northwestern 3A/4A**

##### **Watauga 123**

Hickory 114

Fred T. Foard 106

Alexander Central 104

St. Stephens 100

South Caldwell 98.5

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#### **Mountain Valley 1A/2A**

Wilkes Central 74.5

Elkin 63.5

Forbush 63.5

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West Wilkes 59.5  
**Ashe County 56.5**  
North Wilkes 56.5  
East Wilkes 45  
Starmount 41  
Alleghany 28

### **Western Highlands 1A/2A**

Hendersonville 110  
Charles D. Owen 103  
Polk County 98.5  
**Avery County 86.5**  
Thomas Jefferson 83.5  
Madison 75  
Mitchell 73