

Hemphill Paces West At State Games

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Troy Hemphill of T.C. Roberson, who will attend UNC-Asheville in the fall, scored twice Tuesday night leading the West to a 3-2 win against the East in the 21st Annual North Carolina Coaches Association East-West Senior All-Star Soccer Games at UNC-Greensboro. With the win, the West leads the all-time series with 10 wins, seven losses and four ties. Hemphill,

who played in the North Carolina-South Carolina All-Star Clash in Daniel Island, S.C., on July 8, was named the game's Most Valuable Player. Hemphill scored the game-winning goal at 60:33 of the second half. The winning goal was unassisted. Jerry Zeller of Shelby also scored for the West. The West outshot the East, 13-9. Defender Mike Andreski of Wilkes Central and midfielder Chris Dixon of Hickory played for the West.

In the women's game, the East and West played to a 1-1 tie in the 21st annual game. The West still leads the all-time series 9-6-6. Samantha Childress of East Forsyth scored for the West and was named the game's Most Valuable Player. Taylor Waters of Mooresville picked up the assist on the game-tying goal at the 65:23 mark of the second half.

Tonight, Alex Fox of Watauga will play in the East-West Senior All-Star Football Game at Jamison Stadium at Greensboro-Grimsley at 8 p.m. Fox, who will attend UNC-Wilmington this fall, will be playing the final game of his career. He led the Pioneers with 112 tackles last season. He was a four-year varsity starter for WHS, and despite a knee injury that forced him to miss (he was injured in the third game of the season in 2010) the majority of his junior year, Fox had a stellar career for the Pioneers.

"I'm honored to be playing in this game," he said. "It's another opportunity to play. I'm looking forward to it."

Fox will be wearing jersey #22 and will be playing corner/safety, long snapper and on kickoff and kickoff return. He is also the third WHS player selected to play in this game in the last five years. Casey Augustine represented WHS in 2008, and Jordan Pineda was selected to play in this game last season, but did not play after he was red-shirted by Wake Forest. He'll be joined by Avery quarterback Alex Villanueva, who will walk on at Appalachian State University to play football this fall. Avery coach Darrell Brewer will be an assistant coach for the West. This is the 64th East-West game. The West leads 37-25-1 and the West, which has won two in a row in the series, defeated the East 19-7 last season.

Ashe County coach Laura Foster and Zeb Richardson of the Huskies represented the High Country Monday night in the all-star basketball games at the Greensboro Coliseum. Foster led the West to an 82-65 win in the women's game; Richardson had six points and five rebounds in a 107-97 West win in the men's game.

"I've come a long way since my freshman year," Richardson said. "Watching Tommy Spagnolo (at Ashe County his freshman year) really motivated me to elevate my game. I wanted to be in a position where people were yelling my name, and I wanted to be playing in the big games with a chance to decide the outcome. And I've been blessed to do that. And I give a lot of thanks to (Ashe County) coach Marc Payne. He's an great coach. I couldn't have done all this without him."

And let's not forget Avery rising senior Maggie Shadoin, who was selected to be a cheerleader at the East-West games. Shadoin will attend East Carolina upon graduation next spring.

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"It's definitely an honor to be here," she said. "I was in shock when I got the invitation. It's great to be here, and it's an honor to be representing my school and my community. I did gymnastics for a lot of years growing up. And all that hard work has really paid off."