

Pioneers Win NW3A/4A Wachovia Cup

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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 2012-2013 academic year. 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.

Sweeping the conference outdoor track and field championships and finishing second in men's tennis this spring, Watauga secures the Conference Cup. Hickory settles for second with championships in men's tennis and men's golf, while Alexander Central leaps past Fred T. Foard to finish third in the conference thanks to league titles in baseball and softball.

Conference Standings: **Watauga 193**, Hickory 186, Alexander Central 166, Fred T. Foard 161, St. Stephens 161, South Caldwell 160.5, Hibriten 135.

Hendersonville wins the Conference Cup with top performances in baseball and men's and women's outdoor track and field this spring. Top finishes in women's soccer and men's tennis earn Charles D. Owen second place in the conference, while Polk County finishes third after a runner-up performance in baseball. Conference Standings: Hendersonville 190.5, Charles D. Owen 183, Polk County 175.5, Mountain Heritage 163.5, **Avery County 150.5**, Thomas Jefferson 148.5, Mitchell 132, Madison 129.

The winter frontrunner Wilkes Central maintains its top form through the spring and captures the Conference Cup with a league title in baseball and second-place finishes in women's soccer and men's tennis. Forbush passes Elkin to finish the year in second thanks to championships in women's soccer and men's golf. Elkin settles for third with a conference crown in men's tennis. Conference Standings: Wilkes Central 124, Forbush 109, Elkin 104, West Wilkes 100.5, **Ashe County 96.5**,

East Wilkes 76.5, Starmount 76.5, North Wilkes 70, Alleghany 49.