

Caps' historic season ends

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On February 16, the Broughton basketball team was crowned Cap-7 Conference champs.

For Coach Ferrell, this was just another game. He tried to take each game one by one and not look past his opponent at hand. However, beating cross-town rival, Millbrook for a conference title was a little bit sweeter than normal. This would be the third matchup between the two, Broughton having edged Millbrook the first two times.

The game was tight the whole way, and ended up being the thriller that it was promised to be. Broughton ended up edging Millbrook for the title, 60-57. This would set up a promising 2 seed for the state playoffs.

The Caps were put in the middle of a red hot playoff run in the state playoffs. Broughton was awarded a first round bye after their accomplished 25-2 regular season record.



Photo by Marc Ridell

The basketball team huddled up and getting ready for their match-up against Jordan in the playoffs.

Garner was gifted the number one seed on their side.

The first game of the playoffs came on a Thursday night against Jordan High School from Durham, NC. Initially, it took the Caps a while to get things in gear. The first half went back and forth until the break, where Broughton had the slight advantage.

Tynias Peace was determined to make sure his team was still playing Saturday night. The

junior guard took matters into his own hands, and finished with a couple of and-ones to total 24 points at the end of the game.

After the Jordan game, Broughton easily handled Knightdale, and advanced to the 4th round against Heritage.

Although they put up a good effort, the Caps fell to the Huskies by 9 to end their historic season with a **record of 26-3.**

Historic draft busts

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Sam Bowie: Considered one of the worst draft picks in basketball history. The Portland Trail Blazers selected the sensation from Kentucky with the 2nd pick over NBA legends like Michael Jordan, Charles Barkley and John Stockton.



Anthony Bennett: Honestly, everyone was pretty confused when the Cavaliers selected Bennett with the 1st overall selection in the draft in 2013. Bennett was a solid producer in his single season at UNLV, but his talent never translated to the NBA. Although the 2013 draft class was lacking talent, players such as Giannis Antetokounmpo, Victor Oladipo, and C.J. McCollum were much better in the league.

Greg Oden: This pick was a complete bust, and one of the worst in history. The 2007 draft class was stacked, featuring players such as Kevin

Durant, Al Horford, and Mike Conley. Oden was considered a top-tier big man, but injuries sidelined his career and he ultimately faded out of the NBA.

Hasheem Thabeet: This dude was insane at UConn and his dunk rating in 2K is 99, everything else about him is not good.

Jahlil Okafor: Teams were clawing to snag this back-to-the-basket forward out of Duke. The Chicago native dominated the ACC in his only year, averaging 17 points and about 9 boards per game. However, when Jahlil was chosen as the 3rd overall pick in the 2015 draft, he showed fans early on that he had no intention of being a part of "The Process". 76ers management dealt this unhappy camper to the Brooklyn Nets earlier this year.



Michael Kidd-Gilchrist: This was yet another horrible pick by the Hornets organization. They got unlucky when the draft lottery was won by the New Orleans Pelicans even though they finished with the

worst record in NBA history the year prior. Kidd-Gilchrist was selected 2nd overall in the 2012 draft. He was selected over great NBA players such as Bradley Beal, Damian Lillard, and Andre Drummond.



Wesley Johnson: We had a tough time with Wesley Johnson. He has had some promising moments across his NBA career, and who knows he might shock us all and get really good really quick. But this number 4 overall pick has bounced from team to team and just can't seem to find his niche in the League. Johnson was the Big East Player of the Year at Syracuse but his inability to create his own shot and lack of defensive prowess (This was hidden because 'Cuse plays Zone) set Johnson up for a so-so career at best.

Johnny Flynn: This Syracuse guard is most known for his late heroics against UConn in 2009, where he led the Orange to a win in 6 overtime periods. He was drafted #6 to the Minnesota Timberwolves over Steph Curry and bounced around to a couple franchises before retiring in 2014.

USA strikes gold in PyeongChang

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Reporter

The 2018 Winter Olympics have come to an end. This year the games took place in PyeongChang, South Korea.

"The Olympics are so special because of the pride the people take in their country and their emotion, as well as the new and young talent," junior Britt Stroud said.

The games this year for the United States were a success, with them taking 23 medals which included 9 gold, 8 silver, and 6 bronze medals.

This year the United States men's curling team made a historic run to to win the gold medal.

Which was the first gold medal the US men's team has ever won gold.

They took the gold over number one ranked Sweden, which was a massive upset.

Another big win for the US came from Jessie Diggins, a female cross country skier. Diggins took the gold from under the nose of Sweden's Stina Nilsson, after taking the lead with just a few feet to go in the race.

Diggins later won a second gold medal with teammate Kikkan Randall.

The returning snowboarding star Shaun White also helped the United States reach a milestone in the gold medal count. White won the US their 100th all time gold medal after winning his 3rd halfpipe gold medal. This will most likely be Whites final Olympic games.

One of the youngest competitors for the United in the game was 17 year old Red Gerard.

Even while being one of the younger competitors at the games, Gerard still was able to grab the gold in men's slope-style snowboarding.

"It's just incredible that a 17 year old can endure all the distractions and pressure and win gold at such a young age," senior Patrick Carlin said.

Gerard did not win any more medals at the games.

The United States made the top five in the medal count. Norway had the most with 39 medals total followed by Germany with 31, Canada with 29, then the US with 23, and rounding out the top five was the Netherlands with 20.

The 2022 Winter Olympic Games will be held in Beijing, China from February 4 through February 20.

Women's lacrosse stepping up to the challenge

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It's only March, but women's lacrosse is already looking forward to another dominating season. So far the Lady Capitals are 7-2 overall and 4-1 in the Cap 7 Conference with wins against Millbrook, Sanderson, Wakefield, Leesville, Enloe, Chapel Hill and Rolesville, and losses to Cardinal Gibbons and Apex.

The team is led by senior captains Anneka Pace and Leaha Renee Burgess, who hope to build on previous success after making it to the semi-finals of the state championship last year. So far five of the team's wins have been by 10 goals or more including Wakefield, an old rival from the intense game that was interrupted by lightning two years ago.

One challenge for this year's varsity lacrosse team is the loss of last year's seniors.

"Our underclassmen have really had to step up and fill the shoes of the seniors last year. At the beginning of the season it was rough, but we've really come together and found a good groove,"

senior Leaha Renee Burgess said.

The team's five seniors have stepped up to fulfill leadership positions. Also, young players to watch out for include juniors Margaret Anne Warner and EJ Fuller, both midfielders.

This year's coaching staff includes head coach Jen Yoder as well as assistant coaches Mindy Hope, Kelly Womack and Beth Harvey.

The staff has been especially focused on conditioning in preparation for the season. Varsity practices every weekday on the lower field at Fletcher Park from 3:30 to 5:15.

The coaches' emphasis on conditioning and stretching has increased with recent muscle pulls and strains. Now, a typical varsity practice starts with jogging a lap and stretching followed by a passing drill, skill drill, and scrimmage or working on specific plays. Assistant coach Beth Harvey also begins each JV practice with conditioning.

"I think the rest of the season is going to be freakin' amazing because we're getting stronger and building our stamina," senior Noah Cummins said.

2018 NFL mock draft

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Reporter

With the NFL draft quickly approaching us, we take a look to see who will be walking across the stage first on April 26.

1. Browns: Sam Darnold QB; USC

Analysis: Hue Jackson places his job on the line with yet another QB selection. Darnold's intangibles show that he has the potential to be a perennial Pro Bowl selection, and can carry a franchise. The Browns will have high hopes for the kid out of USC, and they hope he can be a major step towards returning the Browns to relevance.

2. Giants: Josh Rosen QB; UCLA

Analysis: With an aging Eli Manning, new coach Pat Shurmur and the Giants look towards the future with the gunslinger out of UCLA. He has incredible poise in the pocket and can blossom early with an array of weapons under the Giant's disposal.

3. Jets: Josh Allen QB; Wyoming

Analysis: The Jets have a lot of needs at a lot of different positions. However, their most pressing need is a Franchise QB (it's clear that Andrew Luck is not the future), and with this loaded QB draft there isn't a better time to draft a QB.

4. Browns: Saquon Barkley



Photo from Instagram

North Carolina State's, Bradley Chubb playing in a home game early in the season.

RB; Penn St.
Analysis: Now armed with a star young quarterback, the Browns could look to expand their growing offense with the best player on the board. Barkley is known for his quickness, hands, and deceptive power, as he can run, catch, and return at the next level.

5. Broncos: Quenton Nelson OG; Notre Dame

Analysis: The Broncos hopefully filled out their quarterback issue for years to come with the signing of Case Keenum to a two-year \$36 million contract this offseason. With the quarterback position filled,

the Broncos will look to fill a position of need in guard by drafting Nelson. Nelson was a consistent starter on a series of great Notre Dame offensive lines, and 2nd team All American in 2017. He should be an immediate starter with pro potential at the next level.

6. Colts: Bradley Chubb DE; NCSU

Analysis: A four year starter out of NC State, he has an incredible motor and undeniable talent, and could help shore up the Colts' shaky pass rush. After being one of the worst teams at rushing the

quarterback last year the Colts make the right move towards rebuilding their defense.

7. Bucs: Minkah Fitzpatrick; Alabama

Analysis: The Bucs are in need of help in many positions, especially the secondary. 2016 first round pick Vernon Hargreaves has been lackluster at corner, so the Bucs need a do it all corner/safety to help shore up the secondary. They can find that in Fitzpatrick. Fitzpatrick started every year he was at Alabama and was a 1st team All-American in 2017. His intensity can help change the locker room culture, and

his versatility can make the Bucs secondary good. He should be a pro bowler for years to come.

8. Bears: Tremaine Edmonds; Virginia Tech

Analysis: The Bears shore up their linebacker core with Edmonds at 8. He is very mobile and will have no trouble both rushing the quarterback and dropping back in coverage. A slam dunk pick for a sneaky good Bears defense.

9. 49ers: Denzel Ward; Ohio St.

Analysis: The first year starter for the Buckeyes proved his worth as a potential shutdown corner at the NFL level. He can easily step into the No. one roll for the young 49ers team across from last years third round pick in Ahkello Witherspoon and new signee Richard Sherman to provide a young viable secondary for the future. His major knock is his lack of size at 5'11, however he has the intangibles to push past this and become a possible pro bowler in the NFL.

10. Raiders: Roquan Smith; Georgia

Analysis: Roquan Smith showed his potential on the national stage as his Georgia Bulldogs lost to a powerhouse Alabama team. He finished the game with multiple highlight plays and evidence of his high motor and leadership skills. The Butkus award winner stands at 6'1 and 225 lbs, he has the perfect size to both rush the quarterback and also play into coverage against tight ends. He will be a mainstay on their new look defense under John Pagano.

Spring is tee time

EVAN PARSONS
Reporter

The Broughton men's golf team has had great success over the past few years, with a 3rd place finish in the state championships two years ago, and this past season a 4th place finish.

This season has gotten off to an outstanding start and the men's team has not lost a single conference match yet.

The top five players are Peter Fountain, Patrick Carlin, Britt Stroud, Biggs Hawley, Rence Matches, and Connor Jones or Frank Gilliam, who are interchangeable as the fifth man.

Other players include Smith Brewer, Colby Mitchell, James Carlin, Carter Dickenson, Wooten Wheless, Will Mitchell and Jennings Glen.

All the players put in hard work at Carolina Country Club

and Raleigh Country Club for their practices on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The boys take time out of their school day to travel all around the state in order to play matches.

"We have been consistent and we are looking forward to states, and we have been working hard and are all excited to show the state what Broughton golf can do," junior Britt Stroud said.

Golf scoring can be kind of complicated when determining which players are in the top five.

On every hole there is an average, or par, score. Each shot counts as one stroke, and two shots under par is eagle, one shot under is birdie, one shot over is bogey, and two shots over is double bogey.

Tennis 'moving in the right direction'

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The Broughton men's tennis team was scheduled to start off their season by playing on Wednesday, February 28, but the match was cancelled due to poor weather. The team is coached by Coach Barry Mann and Coach Bill White, and led by senior captains, Ross Bechtel and Harrison Lee.

There are two ways to play tennis: singles or doubles. As one could probably guess, singles means one player on each side of the court and doubles means two players on each side of the court.

One of the differences between these two is the size of the court. There is a smaller court for singles. The scoring is

also a little different than most sports. When a player has zero points, the score is called "love". This comes from the French word "l'oeuf", which means egg and an egg is the shape of the number zero.

The top players for the season are projected to be sophomore Joey Burroughs, sophomore Gustav Jelert, freshman EJ Mildwurf, sophomore Jackson Pace, sophomore Hardy Weatherspoon, and senior Ross Bechtel. The team is strong and ready for a great season.

"We'll be better than last year and we will probably make the playoffs," Bechtel said.

The Caps have played five games since their first game got rained out. They have a record of 6-3, including out of conference games, and

4-3 as her conference record. They beat Southeast Raleigh (2), Sanderson, Athens Drive, Millbrook, and Middle Creek.

"We've won five in a row and we are moving in the right direction," Mann said.

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New soccer coach 'ready to stick around'

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The Broughton women's soccer team has had quite an adventure throughout the last four years going through five different coaches.

"The changes in coach has been a little hard because there has been no consistency, but I am happy that the new coach is here to stay," junior Abby Finan said.

In 2015, Coach Kelly Mastin coached the Lady Caps. Mastin led the team to a Cap 8 championship and deep into the state playoffs. It was a good season for the Caps.

Mastin kept with the team for the beginning of the 2016 season.

The Caps were not as successful this year and Mastin dropped the news after an away game at Sanderson that she would not be coaching the Caps for the rest of the season. She had been offered a job at Cary Christian School as an 8th grade earth science teacher and an 11th grade Chemistry teacher, and she decided to take it.

"It was really devastating because it was the middle of the season and we had to adjust to a new coach in the middle of a hard stretch of games," senior Meredith Brown said.

The team had to quickly find a new coach. Coach David Parker, the former coach of the



MARC RIDEL CREATIVE

Photo by Marc Ridell

The soccer team huddling up for a talk before a game against Millbrook

JV men's soccer team, jumped in to help out.

On top of this, Izzy Hernandez, the former coach of both the men's and women's soccer teams at Broughton, decided to help. Hernandez is somewhat of a legend at Broughton.

He is in the North Carolina Soccer Hall of Fame for being such a quality coach.

So this addition for the end of the 2016 season was helpful for the team. Both of these coaches were only interim though.

Next up was Coach Craig Brannon. He had been the Broughton men's soccer coach in the fall season. Brannon brought an interesting season to the team.

"I think the change is good because it's a fresh start for

the team," sophomore Sydney Spoor said.

This season, the Lady Caps soccer team has a new coach, Coach Tony Dubois.

Dubois used to coach the St. Mary's soccer team, but has now moved on to fill the empty slot at Broughton. Dubois is dedicated to the team and ready to stick around.

"I won't just be here for this season, or even just the next. I could be here for 10 years," Dubois said.

The Caps are looking forward to this consistency and quality coaching, with a successful start to the 2018 season.

"He's my first high school coach, so there's been no changes for me, but I really like Coach Tony so far," freshman Allie Brown said.

Experience looking to help Caps on diamond

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Reporter

The Broughton varsity baseball season is off and running. The Caps have a very talented team this year that could do some damage this season.

Broughton has many of their returning starters, including junior Xander Hamilton, who is committed to play collegiate baseball at Virginia Tech. 23 of 24 of the Caps players are upperclassmen, so the Caps have many veterans.

The one underclass player the Caps have is sophomore Joshua Holloman. Holloman is a very good player and has lots of experience playing at a high level.

Broughton started the season off very strong with an away win vs Panther Creek. Xander Hamilton started the season off strong with an excellent pitching performance which kept the opponent scoreless.

The Caps then hosted the strong Gardner team. The Caps gave it all they had but fell to Gardner 5-1. Gardner then hosted the Caps the very next day and again took down the caps 7-1 after another very



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Photo by Marc Ridell

Junior Campbell Nixon up to bat in a game against Knightdale.

strong performance.

The Caps then traveled to Wake Forest High School to take on Cougars. Wake Forest was on fire this game scoring 13 runs to Broughton's 3.

After a day break the Caps were at it again playing Hog-gard High School in Wilmington. The Caps played very well but had a heartbreaking 6-5 loss to the talented Hog-gard team.

After a short losing streak the Caps hosted South East.

This game was a fun one to watch. The Caps were on fire blowing out South East 11-1. It was a well played game from everyone on the team.

The Caps then hosted South East again three days later. The Caps again had a very strong performance carrying the momentum from the last game to a 12-1 blowout win.

Broughton is then split a set of home and home games against Enloe, and later defeated Knightdale to head into

Softball hits new kind of season

JACKSON PACE
Reporter

With an outstanding 22 player team, the Broughton softball team is here to play.

The team consists of 14 returning students that played on either the varsity or junior varsity team last year and eight new teammates that are eager to play.

This year, not enough students tried out to make two full teams, so the varsity and junior varsity teams collided to make one giant team.

Not having a JV team means that Broughton is not represented in the junior varsity league of the Cap 7.

"This year we have a larger team because there is no JV team, so we have better depth and more girls that are willing to play," head coach Dorrian Stephens said.

The returning players from last year were also asked how the team is different from last year.

"This year we have improved more in fundamentals and communication," senior Mikayla Cunningham said.

Stephens has been coaching softball for 18 years, and 15 years at Broughton. He likes coaching softball because it is a fun sport and he enjoys

watching it all play out.

Coach Stephens was asked what inspires him to coach the softball team at Broughton.

"My wife inspired me to coach softball here. She played softball at the University of Temple and has also coached softball," Stephens said.

The players on the team were also asked what motivated them to try out for the team. Some teammates have been playing for quite a while and wanted to continue playing their favorite sport.

"I have been playing since I was in second grade and I play outside of school on a travel team," junior Demi Jones said.

The softball team was asked how many years they have played softball and the average number of years the team has played softball is 6. The softball team definitely has some experience behind them.

The Capitals have started their season 2-8, with their first win against Southeast, by a score of 13-3 and a second win against Wakefield.

Although many players that try out know the game inside and out, there will always be a spot for everyone.

From going against other schools softball teams to wanting to make new friends and meet new people, trying out for Broughton softball will not be a let down.

Track springs into action

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14 against Southeast Raleigh High School and Fike High School.

During the meet, the guys had a great performance.

"The spring team is coming into form in our very young season and this bodes well for our chances at conference and beyond," coach David Christian said.

The meet was won with a score of 78 for Broughton and 10 for Southeast Raleigh.

Broughton then had the Wake County meet with almost all Wake County schools in attendance.

This was one of the bigger meets and Broughton performed very well. Since coach David Christian arrived at Broughton he has turned it into a running powerhouse, and there are no signs of this powerhouse ending anytime soon.

Be sure to go support some of the best athletes Broughton has to offer.

The spring track season started on Wednesday, February 14 for both the men's and women's teams.

The men are coming off a top-ten finish at the state meet last year and are striving for first place in conference and for another top 10 finish in regionals at the state meet. The men are led by senior sprinter, Terrell Johnson and senior distance runner, Ryan Brown.

The women are also coming off of a competitive season and look to improve as well, they are led by junior runner, Anna Simmons and sophomore high jumper, Jade Demps.

There Caps host three home meets this year. They take place at the Broughton track on Wednesdays at 3:30. The first home meet was on March