Sarah Barry, a senior at Charlotte Latin School, has shown throughout her life just how incredible of an athlete she is. Participating as a four year varsity player on the Charlotte Latin Field Hockey team, Sarah has shown great skills, leadership, and teamwork. She was voted co-captain her senior year, along with Cannon Clough, Hayden Shoffner, and Mary Corbin Burlingame. Along with this achievement, Sarah was awarded All-State and All-Conference Honors the past two years and additionally received Southern All-Region (presented by the NFHCA) awards. Her freshman and sophomore years resulted in first place in the state championship tournaments.

Sarah gives credit for these achievements to her team. Being part of a team is what has made Sarah’s time at Charlotte Latin unforgettable: “I love every single one of them so much and we are like a family on and off the field. That is something I will always cherish about the Charlotte Latin Field Hockey Program.”

When Sarah saw her older sister, Hannah, playing the sport, she immediately took interest. With the help of the Charlotte Ambush, a traveling team based in Charlotte, Sarah developed her skills and was given the opportunity to play around the country. These tournaments allow players to be observed by college scouts for future play. When asked about a future in field hockey, Sarah replied, “Yes, I would love to be able to continue playing. I haven’t made a decision yet but love some of the options on the table. The college game is fast and very exciting. I think about it, Sarah says she is interested in the idea of majoring in Elementary Education and becoming a teacher, but plans to make the decision once she gets to that point in her life.

In school, Sarah explained that she has always loved her English class. She has loved all of her teachers and enjoys writing. Under the stress of not only one, but two varsity sports, Sarah has been a four year varsity soccer player at Charlotte Latin, one would wonder how school work gets done. Sarah revealed that it does get difficult, but that she has disciplined herself to stay focused in class and use any crucial free time at school to work on assignments. To stay in shape during the off-season she plays church league basketball, continues to play field hockey with Ambush, and works hard in her soccer season.

Overall, Sarah explains that the sport changed her life, noting its important lessons of dedication, sportsmanship, and character. Sarah Barry has shown her team that attitude is everything. Her determination to keep going is only one of many traits that have assisted in her success in sports. Her advice to anyone is to keep going, even when the going gets tough: “field hockey is extremely difficult to learn and there are many times where you get frustrated and discouraged. However, it is a very rewarding sport. It takes tremendous effort to get the ball moving up and down the field, which makes scoring goals very special.” Sarah hopes to see the field hockey programs in Charlotte grow and prosper, and is sad to be leaving her team. But rest assured, this is not the last time the name Sarah Barry will be tossed around in the world of sports.
HOMETOWN KIDS

- Ryan Moore continues to have a successful season on the wrestling mat for Marvin Ridge High School.
- Megan Fleury scored 16 points for the Providence Basketball Team in a game versus West Meck.
- Mitchell McCollard has recorded a superb season to date for the Charlotte Latin Wrestling Team.
- Janelle Bailey scored 22 points for Providence Day School Basketball Team in a game against West Ashley.
- Sophie Roositch passed the 1,000 point scoring mark for the Charlotte Catholic Basketball Team.
- Rusty Reigel was named MVP of the Holy Angels Basketball Tournament for Charlotte Latin School.
- Sarah Billiard scored 26 points and grabbed 18 rebounds in a game for Covenant Day School.
- John Emezie is averaging over 30 points per game for the Marvin Ridge High School Basketball Team.
- Blake Waud was named to the CMC Holiday Classic All Tournament Team for Weddington High School.
- Robbie Anderson scored 33 points for Charlotte Catholic Basketball Team versus Indian Land.
- Kayllyn Gill of Charlotte Christian jumped 37.3 feet in the indoor triple jump.
- Mikaela Siebert of Cuthbertson High School jumped 37.2 feet in the indoor triple jump.
- Steven Santa Ana was named to the Wild Wings Café Hoops Classic All-Tournament Team for Ardrey Kell High School.
- Coleman Johnson recorded a pin for Metrolina Christian in a wrestling meet versus Northside Christian.
- Ryan and Austin Schallpeffer have been successful this season for the Charlotte Latin School Wrestling Team.
- Raven Dean scored 16 points for Ardrey Kell High School in a game versus Northside Christian.
- Parker Walton won the 106 weight class for Weddington in the Holy Angels Wrestling Tournament.
- Toby Okwara of Latin, finished third in the 285 weight class for the Holy Angels Wrestling Tournament.
- Ryan Keefe finished second in the 106 weight class for Providence at the Holy Angels Wrestling Tournament.

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The Dynamic Select Basketball Team won the South Charlotte Sports Report Christmas Basketball Tournament.

Bottom Row: (L-R) Brian McKinsey, JJ Skinner, Jeremiah Gray
Top Row: (L-R) Harper Hendricks, Parker Ledford, John Fierick, Sam Edwards, Grant Pease
Not Pictured: David Kasanganay
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**STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**

**Lawrence Burton Snipes**

South Mecklenburg High School soccer player Lawrence Burton (LB) Snipes has been named the Architech Sports and Physical Therapy Student Athlete of the Week. LB is the son of Hermia B. and Lawrence W. Snipes and he plays the striker position. His top three athletic accomplishments include: scoring 17 goals his sophomore year, going to the NCHSSA 4A state quarter finals, and finishing second in the 2012-13 conference race. LB plays club soccer for Charlotte United.

In addition to soccer, LB is an accomplished fine arts performer. He has participated in the school musical for the past three years in high school. As a junior LB was cast as the Tin Man in 'The Wiz', which was nominated for four Blumey Awards, an award similar to the Tony's but for high school musicals.

Inside the classroom, LB carries a 4.5 grade point average and is a member of the Young Black Men Top 100 of the Greater Charlotte area. After graduation he plans to attend either Davidson College, Wake Forest University, Johns Hopkins or the University of Pennsylvania. With an aspiration of majoring in neuroscience, collegiate soccer would be another wonderful perk to add to LB’s resume for graduate school. Congratulations to LB Snipes for being named the Architech Sports and Physical Therapy Student Athlete of the Week.

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**Bianca Bishop**

Providence High School senior long distance runner Bianca Bishop has been named the Architect Sports and Physical Therapy Student-Athlete of the Week. The daughter of Floyd and Theresa Bishop capped off an incredible prep cross country career by running her personal best time of 17:40 in the 4A State Championship. Bianca also finished top 20 in the prestigious Foot Locker Southeastern Championships. With her success, Bianca earned the opportunity to continue her running career at NC State next fall.

This winter, Bianca is aiming for a 2-mile Indoor time of 10:40 and to win the state championship. For the outdoor season, she hopes to win the states in the 4x800 and two mile. Bianca’s success comes following a knee injury from the second part of the summer, which she has clearly recovered from.

Bianca has been a strong student at Providence High School and provided outstanding team leadership for the Panthers. She has been a part of many championships while wearing the black and gold colors. Her desire for success is clear to all in the long-distance running world. Congratulations to Bianca Bishop for being named the Architect Sports and Physical Therapy Student-Athlete of the Week.
Ardrey Kell High School senior tennis player Jasmine Woods recently completed her prep career on the court. Her outstanding play was key part of the Knights run to the title match of the NCHSAA 4A Women’s Duel Team State Championship. The 18 year old daughter of Bob and Pam Woods won the Sportsmanship Award at the NCHSAA State Championship. Let’s go Beyond The Game with Jasmine Woods to learn more.

When did you start playing tennis?
“I started playing tennis when I was 7 years old. My first tennis coach was Mr. Kofi and he always said quality is always better than quantity. He passed away about 5 years ago and ever since then he has made me want to push even harder.”

What are your top three athletic accomplishments?
“I hold the longest winning streak in the Ardrey Kell Women’s Tennis history. I went undefeated last year and lost one this year against Panther Creek. I was awarded all conference last year and I was awarded 4-year Varsity letterman this year. I also received the Sportsmanship Award 2013 at the NCHSAA State Championship.”

What is the best part of your tennis game?
“The best part of my tennis game is the speed and perseverance I bring to the court. There is never a ball that I don’t try to get to. People can’t believe how fast I get to a ball and recover to the base line. I tend to also call myself the “comeback kid”. In my high school tennis career I have played some great players who beat me the first set, however, I don’t let that affect me because I want to win and keep my streak going. Plus I remind myself where I was freshman year.”

Describe your season for Ardrey Kell. What was the biggest highlight?
“This season is definitely one to remember. From the beginning I told the team we’re going to go to States if we just believe. That being said as a team we won the Conference Championship and came second in the 4A Women’s Duel Team State Championship. The biggest highlight of the season was being on a team that worked together to accomplish a goal. Plus my senior year tennis career ended with only one loss.”

What makes the Ardrey Kell team so strong?
“Our team is strong because we are all fighters and determined to win. There is not one player on our team that gives up. We are also very close to one another by always cheering each other on and staying positive.”

How well do you perform inside the class room?
“I have a 3.8 grade point average and I am a member of the National Honor Society, Project Elevate, Ardrey Kell Captain’s Council, Knights in Action and the Track Team.”

I understand your entire family is very active?
“My family is involved with helping the community and sports. My father runs marathons and participates in triathlons. He is also on the board at the Morrison YMCA. My mother played tennis in high school and now helps me with my game. My sister plays soccer for Charlotte Soccer Academy and Jay M. Robinson Middle School soccer team.”

Be sure to log into the CharlottePreps.TV to view videos and reports from the 2013 High School Football Season. Chances are, your favorite school or student-athlete is profiled in a Charlotte Preps segment.

If you have an idea for a video feature or player profile in 2014, just drop us a line to Info@charlottepreps.tv.

We look forward to bringing you the most complete coverage of Charlotte area high school football again in 2014.
The Charlotte Dragons Basketball Team captured the South Charlotte Sports Report Christmas Basketball Tournament title, playing up one level.

Front Row: (L-R) Delani Hammonds, Dariahn Hammonds, Jordan Bly, Nick Wilson, Cameron Gates, Kaci Seegar
Back Row: (L-R) Asst. Coach Derek Wilson, Jeremy Beamon, Joseph Ferrante, Head Coach Ed Hammonds
Not Pictured: Tate Ellis

Wired for Excellence Award
Recognizing Academic and Athletic Excellence

Amanda Cherry

Weddington Middle School eighth grader Amanda Cherry has been named the Quimby and Collins Orthodontics “Wired for Excellence” Award Winner. The daughter of Donnie and Nicole Cherry is an outstanding basketball player for the Wildcats. In two years on the team, Amanda has never lost a middle school game. Amanda also plays club basketball where her team won the 2012 USBA National Championship and Amanda won the national three point shooting contest.

Amanda says her favorite sports memory is “winning Nationals with the Charlotte Lady Warriors. It was a great experience and so much fun to spend a week with my teammates. We had to come back from being down 8 points at the half to win the Championship game.”

Inside the classroom, Amanda is a Straight A student this year and she is in the Beta Club at Weddington Middle. Amanda lists Math as her favorite class. Congratulations to Amanda Cherry for being named the Quimby and Collins Orthodontics “Wired for Excellence” Award Winner.

Would you like to nominate an elementary or middle school student for The Quimby and Collins Orthodontics “Wired For Excellence” Award? Send your nominations to Tripp@southcharlottesports.com
The 1st Annual South Charlotte Sports Report Middle School Basketball Showcase Games were held on December 22nd at Marvin Ridge Middle School. Over 65 boys and girls participated in the event which includes two games, a workout from Accelerate Basketball and a speech on the STUDENT-athlete concept from Tripp Roakes. A well-rounded selection of basketball players participated and worked hard to display their skills against some of the top competition in the area. Sportsmanship and Hard-Work were key elements to the success of the afternoon. Four girls teams and three boys teams competed against one another throughout the day. As the day progressed, the competition level increased and the desire to give 110% on every play was apparent.

The South Charlotte Sports Report is excited about the future of this event and is already hard at work to grow and improve the experience to an even high level for 2014.

Awards presented at the conclusion of the event included:

**Boys:** Qon Murphy (MVP), Chase Praeger (Hustle Award) and Seth Capizzi (Defensive Award)

**Girls:** Kennedy Boyd (MVP) Amanda Cherry (Hustle Award) and Lindsay Perillo (Defensive Award)

### 2013 Middle School Showcase Participants Included:

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The Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School 7th Grade girls finished second in the Golden Corral Tournament held at Covenant Day School.

**Front Row: (L-R)** Paige Rivas, Kelley Rossitch and Peyton Rivas

**Back Row: (L-R)** Kayla Loebner, Elizabeth Champion, Maggie Walton, Susie Borda, Kennedy Reid, Kate Warren, Kaitlin Coleman and Riley Lowe

**Not pictured:** Madalyn Vesey and Clara Flatau
Congratulations to Josh Marszalek for being selected the Doolittle’s “Cut Above” Student Athlete of the Month. The eighth grade son of John and Amy Marszalek of Waxhaw, Josh played football the last two years for the undefeated Marvin Ridge Middle team, and was selected to play linebacker in the inaugural Elite Sports Camp All Star Game this past November. Josh also wrestles for Marvin Ridge, and last year placed 6th in his weight class at the state championships. In the classroom, he’s an A-B student and his favorite class is English, although he enjoys helping other students with their other subjects too. Josh is also involved with Faith Formation at St. Matthew and enjoys skiing, off season workouts and the beach.
Team of the Week

International Gymnastics Team

The International Gymnastics Team has been named the South Charlotte Sports Report Team of the Week. International Gymnastics is one of the largest and most successful competitive teams in North Carolina. Since 1991, IG has carried on a tradition of excellence in performance in both the level of gymnastics and the character qualities of its athletes. Team members of all ages and levels train hard to reach their goals both inside and outside of the gym.

International Gymnastics competitive team groups include the compulsory team (levels 3 - 6) and the optional team (levels 7 - 10). Congratulations to every International Gymnastics Team member for being a part of the South Charlotte Sports Report Team of the Week.

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12U Baseball Tryouts

South Charlotte Club Baseball is holding tryouts for the final spots for their 12U team travel team. This team is one of the more competitive teams in the Charlotte area and is put together with good well rounded kids and families. This team is confirmed to go to Cooperstown in the summer of 2014.

The coaches at South Charlotte take pride in teaching young players to respect the game and value the team concept, while providing individual skill development to advance their game to the highest level of play in a structured and disciplined environment.

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The Weddington Elementary Girls on the Run of Union County has been selected as the Queen City Audio, Video and Appliances Community Heroes Award Winner. This group of young runners worked with The Greater Charlotte Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Operation Christmas Child on December 5th by collecting items to support families that foster puppies. "The girls were thrilled when the representative for the GCSPCA brought two puppies to the donation event."

Girls on the Run® is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to creating a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams. Running is used to inspire and motivate girls, encourage lifelong health and fitness, and build confidence through accomplishment. Important social, psychological, and physical skills and abilities are developed and reinforced throughout the program.

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Thank you Weddington Elementary Girls on the Run for your commitment to our community.

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The CUFC U12 Black Team captured the Silver Division of the Under Armour Cup.

Bottom Row (L-R)  Caroline Wick, Audrey Lytle, Sophie Spada, McAuley Millen, Toni Tsoukalas, Rebeca Andon

Top Row: (L-R)  Avery Robertson, Gabrielle Morris, Sophie Henderson, Campbell Morrison, Katie So, Brooke Stewart (coach)
BEYOND THE GAME WITH ADAM DURDEN

With a quick first step and a high-energy motor, 18 year old Adam Durden provides great help to the Charlotte Christian School Basketball and Football Teams. The son of Rob and LuAnn Durden plays cornerback and receiver for the football team and point guard and shooting guard for the basketball team. Adam is averaging 10 points per game this season and scored 21 points versus Trinity Christian. He is known for giving 110% on the court at all times. Let’s go Beyond The Game with Adam Durden to learn more.

What are your top athletic accomplishments?
"Back to back NCISAA Division 1 Football State Champions 2012 and 2013 (undefeated; championship game team co-captain) and winning the Charlotte Christian Basketball Leadership Award (grade 10) and Diligence Awards (grades 9 & 11)."

What is your favorite sports memory?
“Winning the 2013 football state championship and sealing the undefeated season.”

What is your role on the Charlotte Christian basketball team?
“This year, as a senior, I must be a leader but more specifically, a vocal leader on the court. I must be the one who encourages the rest of the team with both my actions and words. Unlike last year, I also have to score more this season.”

You have really good speed, what do you do to be so fast?
“The off season was when I was able to focus on things like speed. I used to work out at Athletic Republic, but Coach Estep was a big part. Coach Estep really focuses on the weight room so I believe a lot of it came from him pushing me in the weight room and also the multitude of footwork exercises we did during summer conditioning. Coach Brown also focuses on quickness by having us do line drills and jump rope.”

Do you have any college plans at this point?
“I am pursuing my academic career in college through engineering or business/finance. I have been accepted to NC State’s Engineering program and I am waiting to hear from UNC Chapel Hill, Clemson, and Georgia.”

Talk about your basketball coach, Coach Brown and playing for him?
“Coach Brown is an excellent coach, especially for me as a point guard. He taught me how to be a leader on and off the court and how to be the coach on the floor. He does not expect you to be something you are not. He teaches a player to do his role, not be an all-star. The highlights of my basketball career with Coach Brown include going to Liberty University basketball camps and going to the Bahamas over Thanksgiving to play in a tournament there. My coaches at Charlotte Christian have instilled in me a good work ethic and that it’s about what I can do for the team, not about individual accomplishment.”

How well do you perform in the classroom?
“I have a 4.55 gpa with 5 total AP classes. I am a member of the National Honor Society and have been on the Summa Cum Laude and Magna Cum Laude Honor Rolls. Church and youth group are also a big part of my life and the highlight of my past summer was a mission trip to Dominican Republic with Charlotte Christian.”

Luke Stankavage won the three point shooting contest at the South Charlotte Sports Report Christmas Basketball Tournament by hitting five three pointers in a 24 second period.
Charlotte Catholic senior golfer Ethan Mead will take his golf bag to the Air Force Academy next Fall. The son of Mark and Delaine Mead captured first team All-State Honors last spring and is looking for another great year on the links for the Cougars. Let’s go Beyond The Game with Ethan Mead to learn more.

What are your top three athletic accomplishments?
“My top three athletic accomplishments are not necessarily related to golf. I would say that making First-Team All-State last year is one, winning conference player of the year my first three years at Catholic is my second, and maxing out every category for the CFA (physical fitness test that all service academy candidates must pass to get in) is my third.”

What is your best golf score ever, where?
“I’ve shot 64 twice, once at my home course Raintree Country Club on the south course and once at Charlotte Golf Links. I’ve shot multiple scores close to that but those are my two best scores. (Also had a hole in one at the Oak Island Golf Course a couple of summers ago)”

What is the best part of your golf game?
“The best part of my golf game has to be that I hit the ball a lot farther and straighter off the tee than most people I play against. This helps because it allows me to have a shorter distance into holes and score easier.”

What led you to choose Air Force for college golf?
“For me it was a tough choice because I’ve always wanted to go to the United States Naval Academy. But after I made my official visits to both, I really got to talk with some of the cadets at Air Force on the team and got a good feel of what my next four years would be like if I attended there. Air Force has all I am looking for in the golf athletic program but also in building a solid foundation for my future beyond the next four years.”

Talk about the decision to choose a military academy for college over a traditional school?
“As a lot of people probably know, the service academies are a lot different from a traditional 4 year school. There’s hard physical, mental, and academic requirements that no other schools have. My whole life, I’ve wanted to do something that helps the betterment of society as a whole and that’s what the service academies really focus on. Choosing a service academy was something I was unsure about when I was starting high school because of the strong commitment it requires one to make beyond the four years after you graduate, but after visiting the schools and living in the life of whether it be a midshipmen or a cadet, I realized that this was something I wanted to do. Dedicating myself at 100% every second of the day, everyday, not so It is just I that benefits from the accomplishments expected at USAFA, but that everyone around me, all USA citizens and citizens of the world can achieve success and benefits of our democracy while preserving all our nations freedoms and liberties is a great accomplishment to be afforded to me.”

What are your goals for the spring high school golf season?
“This year we moved up into 4A for the first time in Golf so I’m expecting it to be a little more challenging. My goals for the upcoming season are to win conference player of the year for the 4th consecutive year, help lead the team to states and place well there. Lastly, I wish to lead, and help some of the younger guys on the team for their next few years because in general we have a young team this year. This would be my departing contribution, succession to give back to a school, community that has supported me throughout the years while attending CCHS.”

How do you perform in school?
“I’ve done pretty well in school over the past 4 years. I was inducted to National Honors Society and Spanish Honors Society last year. I have a 4.0 G.P.A. that I am extremely proud of as I am very involved all while I carry a very academically challenging schedule with currently taking 5 AP classes this year. I’m also involved in a lot of various extracurricular activities. The service academies are really strict about being involved so I try my best to be involved in everything I can. I have been on the speech and debate team the past three years, the invisible children’s club, and the economics club. I am also a retreat team coordinator for all of the retreats that go on in the school. I’ve also been on student council the past three years and I help coordinate the school hunger drives that go on for foundations such as the missionaries of the poor.”
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