

The Sanderson Athletic Club Welcomes You

# Sanderson Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2012 Induction Celebration



September 16, 2012

The Barber Brothers  
Tresa Brown-Tomlinson

Dirk Ewing

Jenny Huber John

William Keever

The Lawson Family

Bill Lynch

Chris Mitta

David Neal

Dan Schlesinger

Chuck Sledge

The 1991 Women's Soccer Team





## Induction Ceremonies – Class of 2012

Friday, September 14, 2012

7:00 Kickoff at Gregson Stadium on the Sanderson campus  
Varsity Football – Wakefield Wolverines at Sanderson Spartans  
Introduction of the Class of 2012 at halftime

Sunday, September 16, 2012

1:30-2:00 Meet and greet at the Wake County Shrine Club  
2:00-4:00 Welcome – Tony Lewis, Athletic Director  
and Dr. Greg Decker, Principal  
Luncheon  
Introduction of Guests - Bob Catapano  
Presentation of Medals to Hall of Famers  
4:00-4:30 Break – Travel to Sanderson High School Auditorium  
4:30-6:30 Induction of the Class of 2012 - The People and Their Stories

**The purpose of the Sanderson Athletics Hall of Fame is to honor people who have distinguished themselves through extraordinary performance as a Sanderson athlete or through extraordinary service to Sanderson Athletics and to inspire present and future Spartans to excel in the same tradition.**



# Budhy, Bakty, and Harry Barber

## ATHLETES 1977-1981 HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2012

Budhy, Bakty, and Harry Barber were three of five Barber brothers who played soccer at Sanderson in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Their older brother, Iwan, had graduated from high school by the time the family moved to Raleigh. The four boys were born in Indonesia and moved to the United States when Walt Barber married their mother, Oney, and adopted them. Once in the U.S., the fifth brother, Bobby, was born. He moved to Chicago with his parents before he reached his high school years.



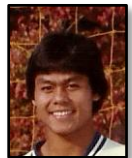
BUDHY

The boys developed their skills in soccer-rich Fairfax, Virginia before moving to Raleigh. Once here, they soon became recognized as players who possessed special skills. Budhy, Bakty, and Harry helped put and keep Sanderson soccer on the map. There is no mistaking the fact that they had talented teammates who contributed greatly the success of the program, but the Barbers played with flair and elegance that clearly separated them from their peers. Budhy and Bakty were on Coach Bob Catapano's first team at Sanderson in 1977. They led the Spartans to the 1977 NCHSAA State Co-Championship and the dynasty began. Budhy played for one year.



BAKTY

Bakty played that year and two more. Harry played in Bakty's last year and then two more. In those five years their teams had a combined record of 87-7-4 and won five conference championships and four state titles. Budhy earned First Team All-State honors once, Bakty did so twice, and Harry did so three times! Bakty was named NC Player of the Year and Parade All-American in 1979. Harry was named Parade All-American in 1981.



HARRY

Budhy	1977	18 goals, 5 assists	NCHSAA State Co-Champions (14-1-3)	All-State (1 <sup>st</sup> )
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Bakty	1977	8 goals	NCHSAA State Co-Champions (14-1-3)	
	1978	14 goals, 4 assists	NCHSAA State Champions (19-2)	All-State (1 <sup>st</sup> )
	1979	33 goals, 13 assists Parade All-America	NCHSAA State Co-Champions (18-1-1) North Carolina Player of the Year	All-State (1 <sup>st</sup> )

Harry	1979	20 goals, 16 assists	NCHSAA State Co-Champions (18-1-1)	All-State (1 <sup>st</sup> )
	1980	14 goals, 4 assists	Conference Champions (17-2)	All-State (1 <sup>st</sup> )
	1981	15 goals, 12 assists Parade All-America	NCHSAA State Champions (19-1)	All-State (1 <sup>st</sup> )

Budhy graduated from NCSU in 1984 with a B.A. in Business Management and Economics and has a Masters in Finance from Dominican University in 1992. He and his wife, Yetty, have a son, Darma Asmura. They live in Indonesia. Budhy manages various businesses including shopping centers and sports parks.

Bakty graduated from NCSU in 1985 with a B.A. in Business Management and Economics. He and his wife, Tamazeen, have two sons, Brant (26) and Kristian (15), and live in Atlanta. He is a mortgage banker with CBC National Bank.

Harry graduated from NCSU in 1987 with a degree in Computer Science and also has two Masters Degrees from DePaul University. He and his wife, Rika, have three children, Davian (7), Raffi (5), and Jenna (2), and live in Chicago where Harry is employed with Alcatel-Lucent.

The boys' parents, Walt and Onny, were faithful followers of the Spartan soccer teams. Onny was a character! She loved for her sons' teams to win and could often be heard at games encouraging one of them to score a winning goal!



All three of the Barbers played for the NC State Wolfpack soccer team. In fact all three of them were on the same Wolfpack team for the 1982 season.



# Tresa Brown-Tomlinson

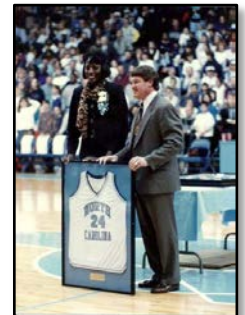
**ATHLETE                      1978-1980**  
**HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2012**

Tresa Brown-Tomlinson (Tresa Brown during her days at Sanderson) (SHS Class of 1980) was an outstanding basketball player. She transferred to Sanderson as a junior after leading the Garner Trojans to the NCHSAA state title as a sophomore. In her junior year, she led the Spartans a 19-4 record and a trip to the state quarterfinals, averaging 14.8 points and 9.6 rebounds per game. In her senior year, the Spartans won the Cap Eight Conference regular season and tournament titles and suffered their only loss (by one point) in the NCHSAA state semi-finals and finished the season at 28-1. She averaged 19.1 points and 9.1 rebounds per game as a senior. Her Sanderson teams were coached by Charlie Ketcham.



Standing 6'2" tall in high school, Tresa was an imposing post player who dominated opponents at both ends of the court. She was named Metro Player of the Year by the *Raleigh Times* following all three of her high school seasons and earned High School All-American honors as a senior. She played in the N.C. East-West All-Star Game in 1980. She was one of few high school aged players invited to attend the tryouts for the 1980 Olympic basketball team in Colorado Springs. With financial assistance from the Sanderson community, she attended the tryouts and made several cuts, but failed to make the team. Team USA would eventually boycott the Games of 1980, hosted by the USSR, as directed by President Carter. It was a conversation Tresa had with UNC head coach Jennifer Alley on the way home from the Olympic trials that led her to accept a scholarship to become a student-athlete at Carolina.

From 1980 to 1984, Tresa played in 121 games in four years for the UNC Tar Heels, averaging 16.0 points and 7.4 rebounds per game. She ranks third all-time at UNC in career field goal percentage (.547) and sixth all-time in scoring with 1931 points. As a senior in 1983-84, she averaged 20.8 points and 8.4 rebounds per game and was named ACC Player-of-the-Year. Also that year she led the Tar Heels to their first ACC Championship and was named MVP of the ACC Tournament. She also earned Kodak All-American honors. She became one of the first UNC women's basketball players to have her jersey, number 24, honored by the Athletics Council of the university in 1995. Tresa was one of 50 women's basketball players named to the ACC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team in 2003 and was among 11 honored in the fourth annual class of ACC "Legends" recognized at the 2008 ACC Basketball Tournament.



Tresa earned a degree in Recreation Administration from UNC in 1980. Following graduation, she played professional basketball for two years in Europe – one year in Italy and one year in Spain. She is currently employed by the NC Department of Corrections where she is Assistant Superintendent for Programs at Harnett Correctional Institute. She is also an assistant coach for the Clayton High School women's basketball team.

Tresa and her husband, Horace Tomlinson, live in Clayton.

### Tresa Shares Memories of her time at Sanderson

*When I transferred to Sanderson High School as a junior, it was very difficult not knowing anyone but the teachers and my teammates totally embraced me and my family. I remember having caring teachers who stood by my side to ensure I achieved. There was great respect for students and the athletic program. The coaches believed in and took pride in their student-athletes. Coach Charlie Ketcham was special because he helped me continue my basketball growth and development. He was also a father figure in my life at that time. One of his favorite phrases to us collectively and individually was, "You Can Do It. Nobody Can Stop You." He made you believe in yourself; then he would let you know he was depending on you! He supported of all his players.*



# Dirk Ewing

**ATHLETE**                      **1972-1975**  
**HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2012**

Dirk Ewing (SHS Class of 1975) was an outstanding basketball player during the tenure of Coach Bill Harrington.

As a sophomore Dirk scored 10 points per game while helping the Spartans attain a record of 21-5 and earn second place in their Division III - 4A Conference. The 1972-73 team was Coach Harrington's winningest Spartan team.

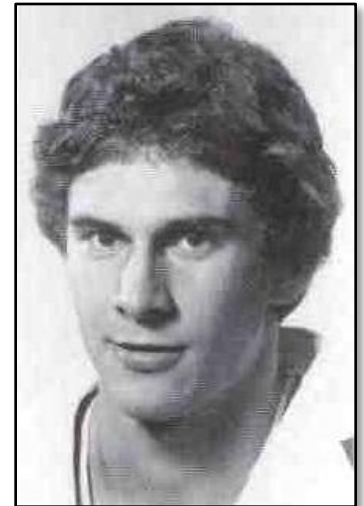
As a junior Ewing helped the Spartans earn third place in the Holiday Festival Tournament, scoring 19.6 points per game in three tournament games and earning a spot on the All-Festival Team. He also earned All-Cap 8 Conference honors and was named to the *Raleigh Times* All-Metro team. He averaged 19.5 points and 10.5 rebounds per game for the season.

As a senior Dirk led the Spartans to another third place finish in the Holiday Festival, averaging 22 points per game in three games and earning another spot on the All-Festival Team. He also repeated as an All-Conference and All-Metro honoree. He averaged 20.0 points and 12.0 rebounds per game for the season. He also played in the 1975 N.C. East-West All-Star game.

Dirk received scholarship offers to play college basketball at Duke, Wake Forest, and N.C. State. He enrolled at N.C. State and played in 55 games for the Wolfpack over two seasons. He transferred to Stetson University, in Florida, and led the Hatters in scoring for each of two seasons. His 16.7 points per game career scoring average still ranks him seventh all-time in the Stetson record book.

Dirk graduated from Stetson in 1980 with a B.A. in Education. Following graduation he was drafted by the Indiana Pacers of the NBA and played one year of professional basketball in Venezuela.

He is the owner of Lighthouse Transportation, a Raleigh company that distributes auto parts and pharmaceuticals. He and his wife, Jana, have two sons, Tyler, 24, and Nathan, 21.



*Raleigh Times* account of Holiday Festival Game won by Sanderson over Wake Forest-Rolesville (69-58) on Dec. 27, 1973 (Dirk's junior year):

*The Cougars' demise began... as the Spartans' Dirk Ewing did everything right. He drove the middle, burned the corners and was smooth as silk from the free throw line. When the night was over, he had poured in 31 points, hit 10 of 17 from the floor, pulled down 10 rebounds, blocked seven shots, dished out three assists, and stole the ball four times.*

*Raleigh Times* account of Holiday Festival Game won by Sanderson over Millbrook (63-60) on Dec. 28, 1974 (Dirk's senior year):

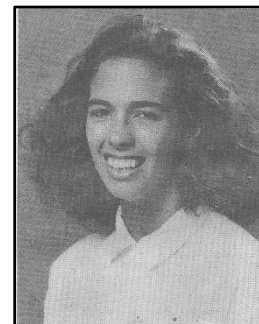
*If the qualities of Sanderson's basketball team were fused into one composite individual, the result would probably bear a striking resemblance to Dirk Ewing. Ordinarily, the Spartans are quietly efficient. So is Ewing. But on such occasions as Sanderson's 63-60 win over Millbrook yesterday, the team seems to lack the killer's instinct for finishing off a victim. Ewing himself is a picture of politeness. It would come as little surprise if he apologized to an opponent for taking away a rebound. His ability to stay out of foul trouble reflects his carefulness. Despite having beaten Millbrook by 18 points in a previous game this season, this one was "nip and tuck." Millbrook nipped away at the Sanderson lead until Ewing tucked the game away with a free throw, giving Sanderson a three-point margin with two seconds showing on the clock. Since that foul shot gave Ewing 19 points for the afternoon, no one would have blamed him for accepting plaudits for his performance. But he declined. "I thought all of our players did a good job," he said as he headed out of Holliday Gymnasium. What about Millbrook sending in a fresh rotation of players to guard him? Didn't that tax his energy? Apparently not. "A lot of times my teammates would come over and help me out," he said.*



# Jenny Huber John

**ATHLETE                      1985-1989**  
**HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2012**

Jenny Huber John (Jenny Huber during her days at Sanderson) was an honor student and an outstanding swimmer at Sanderson High School. A member of Sanderson’s Class of 1989, she won seven NCHSAA State Championship events over her four year career. She went on to become an All-American swimmer for the UNC Tar Heels.



Jenny swam at Sanderson during a time when both the men’s and women’s programs enjoyed incredible dominance in North Carolina. She contributed to four of ten consecutive Spartan women’s conference championships. She was named Sanderson’s Most Outstanding female swimmer her junior and senior seasons. She helped the Spartans’ women’s team to the NCHSAA State Championship as a freshman and as a sophomore under Coach Robin Howard. She earned NCHSAA Championships in four individual events and as a member of three relay teams (see sidebar). Her victory in the 50 free in 1989 smashed the existing state record at the time.

She was named the MVP of the NCHSAA Swimming & Diving State Championship meet and the Triangle High School Female Swimmer of the Year by the *News & Observer* in her senior year.

At Carolina, she earned All-America status all four years as a result of her prowess on the Tar Heel sprint relay teams. She and her relay teammates won ten Atlantic Coast Conference relay championships over four years and helped the Tar Heels win three ACC team championships. Jenny was a team captain her senior year and was the recipient of several scholar-athlete awards indicative of academic excellence. She was recently inducted into the “Champions Circle” of the UNC Swimming Hall of Fame and also recognized as only their 13<sup>th</sup> female swimmer to earn All-America honors all four years.

She graduated from UNC in 1993 with a B.A. in Journalism and Mass Communications.

She met her husband Chris John while both were swimmers at UNC. They are the proud parents of three children, Kenyon (11), Kemper (9), and Colston (7). They reside in Roanoke, Virginia.

Jenny still swims recreationally and competitively. She and husband Chris and friends and UNC teammates Dan and Shannon Summerlin are the current National Record holders in the Masters Swimming Mixed Short Course 400 yd Freestyle Relay.

***Jenny’s Remarkable Achievements while swimming as a Spartan***

**4 Individual State Titles**  
**3 Relay Team State Titles**  
**2 Team State Title**

1985-86

- Swam on the NCHSAA Champion 200 Medley Relay Team
- Helped Spartans earn their fourth NCHSAA 4A State Championship in Women’s Swimming & Diving

1986-87

- Swam on the NCHSAA Champion 400 Free Relay Team
- Helped Spartans earn their fifth NCHSAA 4A State Championship in Women’s Swimming & Diving

1987-88

- Won NCHSAA Championship in 50 free (24.47)
- Won NCHSAA Championship in 100 free (53.69)
- Swam on the NCHSAA Champion 200 Medley Relay team

1988-89

- Won NCHSAA Championship in 50 free (State record time: 24.26)
- Won NCHSAA Championship in 100 free (53.73)
- Was named Most Outstanding Female Swimmer in NCHSAA 4A State Championship Meet.
- Team Captain

***Jenny in the Sanderson Record Book***

**Two of Jenny’s marks still stand as school records in the Sanderson Record Book as of July 1, 2012 - the 1989 NCHSAA Championship 50 Free (24.26) and the 1988 NCHSAA Championship 100 Free (53.69).**



# William Keever

**ATHLETE                      1984-1988**  
**HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2012**

William Keever (SHS Class of 1988) was an outstanding swimmer in high school and college. He won numerous individual races and relay races and championships during his four years at Sanderson, often saving his best performances for state, regional, and national meets.

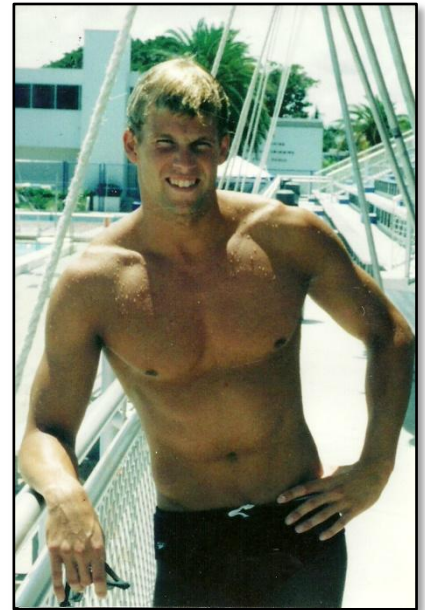
Keever help the Spartans win three Cap Nine and two NCHSAA Men’s Swimming and Diving Championships during his four years at Sanderson. He won NCHSAA championships in five events – two individual events and three relay events (see sidebar). His gold medal performance in the 100 yard butterfly in 1988 set a state record that stood for 17 years until it was broken by Olympic Gold Medalist Ricky Berens from South Meck in 2005. The mark (50.38 sec) still stands at the Sanderson record! Although he was seeded first in two events for the state meet as a junior, William missed the meet when it was postponed due to wintry weather and rescheduled for the following weekend when William was already committed to the U.S. Swimming Regionals in Atlanta. As a senior, he was named Sanderson’s Outstanding Male Swimmer.

At the same time, as a member of the Raleigh YMCA team, an affiliate of U.S. Swimming, William was a two time Junior National Champion in the 100 meter butterfly (1986, 1988). In 1987, he was the only North Carolinian selected to swim in the U.S. Olympic Festival in Chapel Hill. As a representative of the South team, he took home a silver and a bronze medal. In the spring of 1988 at the YMCA National Championships he set a YMCA Swimming national record and North Carolina Swimming state record in the 100 yd butterfly (49.13 sec) that stood for 11 years. At the same meet, Keever teamed with Sanderson alumnus David Fox and two other Raleigh YMCA teammates to set the national YMCA record in both the 200 and 400 yard freestyle relays.

Upon graduation, William attended Louisiana State University (ranked #6 in the nation) for three years, earning first team or honorable mention NCAA All-America each year. He set the LSU record in the 100 yd butterfly. After three years at LSU, he transferred to UNC-Chapel Hill where he earned honorable mention All-America honors while setting a UNC record in the 100 yd butterfly at the 1993 NCAA Championships. Keever and his five UNC teammates placed 14<sup>th</sup> in the NCAA Championships that year. William graduated from UNC with a Bachelors of Science in Industrial Relations in 1993.

During and after his college years, William swam with Raleigh YMCA, Las Vegas Gold, and Fort Lauderdale Swim teams. He was a 5 time U.S. Swimming National Championship Finalist in the 100 meter butterfly and a National Champion in 1992 in the 400 meter medley relay. He represented the USA in the 1994 Goodwill Games in St. Petersburg, Russia.

William resides in North Raleigh with his wife, Alison, and two children, Caroline (11) and Will (9). He is a Business Solutions Manager in the national accounts group for Diebold, Inc.



### William’s Medalist Performances in NCHSAA State Championship Meets

#### Ninth Grade 1984-85

- NCHSAA 4A Team Championship
- Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in 200 yd Free

#### Tenth Grade 1985-86

- NCHSAA 4A Team Championship
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in 200 yd Free (1:47.93)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in 400 yd Free Relay (3:19.73)

#### Twelfth Grade 1987-88

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in 100 yd Butterfly (50.38)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in 200 yd Medley Relay (1:41.73)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in 400 yd Free Relay (3:14.44)



# THE LAWSON FAMILY

## CONTRIBUTING TO SANDERSON ATHLETICS IN THE 1980s AND 1990s HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2012

Ken and Anne Lawson's three sons attended Sanderson for ten of the eleven years from 1981 through 1992. Ken and Anne's generosity and service to the Sanderson Athletic Club enhanced the Sanderson athletic experience not only for their sons, but for hundreds of their classmates. They were positive role models for their sons, teaching them the value of becoming active participants and leaders in their community.

Among his many roles, Ken was the President of the Sanderson Athletic Club for three years (1985-86, 1986-87 and 1988-89). During his presidency, he led the Club to new efforts to raise money to help the school fund the athletic program. He was also a volunteer assistant football coach for the Spartans under head coach Chuck Lehning for four seasons (1984 through 1987). Sadly, Ken passed away at the young age of 66 in July 2011. He is missed. Surely he is looking down from above with delight watching Anne and the boys receiving this honor.

Anne was a faithful member of the Club all ten years the boys attended Sanderson. She hardly ever missed a game – at home or away, knew all the players by name, and knew football and baseball so well that she was able to compliment each one of them on something done well each day. She was surrogate mother to many of her sons' teammates. Her willingness to have them in her home and to feed them was legendary! When her own boys played on different teams at the same time, she did the best she could to have dinner at a time when the whole family could be together.

The oldest of the three sons, Ken Jr. (SHS Class of 1984), entered Sanderson when it was a three year high school. He played football all three years, receiving Honorable Mention All-Conference in football as a senior. He played baseball for two years. He was the SHS student body vice-president his senior year. He graduated from UNC with a BA in Economics in 1988. He is married to Teresa Aneskewich Lawson (SHS Class of 1996).

Middle son Miller (SHS Class of 1989) played football and baseball for four years each. As a senior, he was the captain of the football team, made All-Conference, was named the Raleigh Sports Club's Wake County 4A Football Player of the Year, and was captain of the baseball team. He was also named Sanderson's Most Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year by the Sanderson coaching staff. He was member of the National Honor Society. He attended NC State University on a football scholarship and lettered



for four years at tight end and long snapper. He played in four bowl games with the Wolfpack. He graduated from State in 1994 with a BS in General Education with concentration in Mathematics. He coached football for two years at Davidson College and for two years at Virginia Military Institute. He is married to Amy Canter Lawson, a native of Charlotte.

Youngest son Michael (SHS Class of 1992) played football and baseball for four years each. He was named All-Conference in football twice and was the captain of the football team as a senior. He was a member of the 1992 Sanderson varsity baseball team that competed in the NCHSAA state finals. Michael attended NC State University and graduated with a BS in Accounting in 1997. He is married to Emily King Lawson (SHS Class of 1993).

Lawson Insurance has been a valuable member of the Triangle Area business community since Ken Sr. started the company in 1974. Before Ken's retirement in 2003, all three sons were involved in the insurance industry. Upon his retirement, the sons formed Lawson Insurance Group with Ken Jr. as President, Michael as Vice-President, and Miller as Secretary/Treasurer. Ken has an office on Six Forks Road, Miller is at Falls River, and Michael is at Guess Road in Durham. In addition to the good work they do for their clients, all three of them have been officers in the Raleigh Sports Club and Triangle Educational Advancement Foundation (TEAF). Their work with both organizations has helped numerous worthy Triangle Area high school athletes earn scholarships to help pay for college.



# Bill Lynch

**ATHLETE**                      **1974-1977**  
**HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2012**

Bill Lynch (SHS Class of 1977) was an outstanding Cross Country and Track athlete during his three years at Sanderson. His coaches at Sanderson were Turk Wright, Wyatt Currin, and Bill Harrington. His forte was long distance running. Bill finished in first place in the NCHSAA 4A Cross Country Championships in both his junior year (1975, winning time was 15:09) and his senior year (1976, winning time was 14:52). The 1976 time was the fastest time ever run on the “old course” at Finley Golf Course at UNC – a record that has been “retired.” Bill also finished in first place in the two-mile run in the NCHSAA 4A Track & Field Championships in both his junior year (1976, winning time was 9:20.00) and his senior year (1977, winning time was 9:17.75).



Coach Turk Wright said “Bill was one of the most talented and successful athletes I coached during my fourteen years at Sanderson.”

Bill attended Duke University and participated in Cross Country and Track & Field during each of his four years there. He graduated from Duke in 1981 with a major in Economics and a minor in Anthropology. He has worked in the healthcare industry with Bristol-Myers and Kimberly-Clark and is currently with MedAssets. His responsibilities involve consulting with hospitals. He continues to train – running 3 to 5 miles a day up to four days each week.



Bill and his wife, Sally, and their daughter, Victoria (12), reside in Roswell, Georgia, near Atlanta.

**Q:** Bill, what advice do you have to offer the young adults at Sanderson today?

**A:** *Enjoy, appreciate and be open-minded during your time at Sanderson High School - make the most of it. Whether it is realized at that moment or not, these years help build, shape and reinforce the foundation of who you are and prepare you for what you can achieve later in life. Appreciate your teachers, coaches and friends, for they will help guide you and mentor you through the tough times and the good times. Savor the good times and share them with others, for memories are one of the Sanderson experiences that can never be taken from you. Don't be afraid to stretch your personal boundaries. Accomplish what you can, leave a positive legacy for others to admire and follow. Be true to yourself and respectful of those around you – these are a few of the things I took with me and lessons that I left Sanderson with. They remain with me today.*

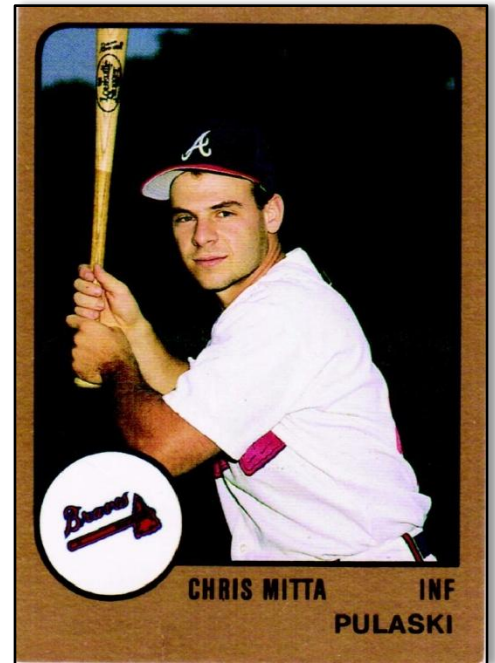


# Chris Mitta

**ATHLETE**                      **1982-1984**  
**HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2012**

Chris Mitta (SHS Class of 1984) was an outstanding baseball player. He attended Cardinal Gibbons as a freshman and sophomore, earning All-Conference honors in the Carolina 1A Conference. As a Sanderson Spartan, he made the Cap Eight All-Conference team for two years and was named Cap Eight Player of the Year by the conference coaches as a senior.

Chris hit for power and average. As a junior he hit .397. As a senior he hit .482 with 5 home runs and 23 RBI hitting clean up. He was known for his ability to hit the long ball. Sanderson Coach Tom Kinkelaar was quoted in the *Raleigh Times*, "He is very strong and hits with a lot of power. You don't see many home runs at Optimist Park, but he still hits them out. If his home park was one of the smaller fields in the league, he'd easily hit in double figures." Mitta also fielded his position, third base, with distinction. He committed only three errors as a senior. He led the 1984 team to a 15-7 record, good for second place in the Cap Eight, and a berth in the NCHSAA playoffs where they lost a first-round game to New Hanover, 4-1. Chris was named Sanderson's Most Outstanding Baseball Player for that season. After the season, Coach Kinkelaar said, "Chris is a fine young man. He's is the best power hitter I've ever coached and yet he never brags or speaks of himself. A guy like him comes around once in a blue moon. I wish all my players had those traits."



Outside the school season, Chris played American Legion baseball for North Raleigh, coached by Steve Bryant, the present owner of the Carolina Mudcats.

After graduating from Sanderson, Chris played for one year at Mount Olive College and for three years at Campbell University. He was a starter at third base all four years. (See sidebar for hitting stats at Campbell). As a senior at Campbell he was the team MVP and All-Big South Conference. He left the program as the all-time leader in doubles. He graduated from Campbell in 1988 with a BS in Biology.

Chris as a Campbell Camel Baseball Player				
Soph	1986	.335 BA	14 HR	
Junior	1987	.365 BA	12 HR	
Senior	1988	.310 BA	10 HR	

Before entering "the real world," Chris lived the dream as a professional baseball player. He signed a free agent contract in June of 1988 with the Atlanta Braves organization and was assigned to the Pulaski (VA) Braves in the Appalachian League. He started 59 of 70 games with the Braves, hitting .235 with 5 home runs and 10 doubles. His pro career ended when he was released following spring training in 1989. Although he fell short of his goal of playing in the Major Leagues, he still cherishes the opportunity he had and holds the memories of that experience close to his heart to this day.

As one door closed, another opened. Chris pursued a career in the financial services industry. Since 1989 he has been the sole proprietor of his own company – Mitta Financial Services, LLC. Chris and his wife, Jill, are the parents of two children, a son, Anthony, and a daughter, Sarah. They live in Raleigh. Running his own business affords him the opportunity and flexibility to enjoy certain aspects of his life that he finds rewarding, like coaching Anthony's baseball and basketball teams and "assisting" Sarah's soccer team.

**Q:** Chris, what advice can you offer to present-day Sanderson students?  
**A:** *Never be satisfied with your performance on the field. Remind yourself you can always improve and do better. Treat your practices just as if they were real games as you will perform in a game like you practice. Never have regrets wishing you had practiced or played harder. You owe it to your school, coaches and teammates to be the best student-athlete you can be. Never take for granted your position or place on any team and cherish your time at SHS as it does go by quickly.*



# David Neal

**ATHLETE**                      **1988-1992**  
**HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2012**

David Neal (SHS Class of 1992) was a scholar-athlete who played football, basketball, and baseball all four years he attended Sanderson. He was also a member of the National Honor Society and a Junior Marshall.

He played quarterback and defensive back for the Spartan football team (2 years jv, 2 years varsity). He was an All-Cap Five Conference selection as a senior under head coach David Riggs.

He played point guard for four Spartan basketball teams (1 year jv, 3 years varsity). The 1989-90 team (sophomore year) won the Cap Five Championship under head coach Tom Kinkelaar and advanced as far as the Eastern Regionals. David started at point guard for the Spartans under Kinkelaar as a junior and as a senior.

He played the outfield for the Spartans in baseball (2 years jv, 2 years varsity). The 1991-92 team (senior year) won the Cap Five Championship under head coach Mike Cody and advanced all the way to the NCHSAA State Finals. David batted ninth and played left field for the Spartans in the championship series.

David was named Sanderson's Most Outstanding Male Athlete by the Sanderson Coaching Staff his senior year (1991-92).

Neal attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education in 1997. While there, he played basketball for the Tar Heels (2 years jv, 2 years varsity) under legendary head coach Dean Smith. He played with Heels the year they made their run to the Final Four in Seattle in 1995. David finished with 9 points in his UNC varsity career! During his fifth year at Carolina, David was the assistant coach to Phil Ford on the UNC jv men's basketball team.

Upon graduation from UNC, David embarked on career in education, teaching physical education and coaching basketball. He spent five years at Louisburg High School and has been at Apex High School for the past ten years. His varsity men's basketball teams at Apex have won five regular season Tri-Nine Championships, four conference tournament championships, and the 2008 Eastern Regional Championship.

David and his wife, Holly, have two sons, Walker (8) and Andrew (5). The boys are involved in youth sports and benefit from all the support given to them by mom and dad.



## David reflects on his days as a Spartan

*For me, participating in Sanderson athletics meant playing for great coaches who really cared about their players and getting the chance to compete with some outstanding teammates. Coach David Riggs was an awesome football coach to play for and always had us ready to play. Playing football on Friday nights and going to battle with my teammates was an absolute thrill. Coach Tom Kinkelaar really had the basketball program rolling and led the team to a conference title and deep playoff run that ended in the regionals my 10th grade year. It was awesome being a part of that very talented team. Coach Mike Cody led the 1992 baseball team to a conference title and a chance to play for the State Championship. I have fond memories of that playoff run including a comeback victory at Greenville Rose in the East Regional Finals and a catch in left field that ended Game 2 of the State Championship series at Kernersville Glenn.*



# Dan Schlesinger

**ATHLETE**                      **1970-1973**  
**HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2012**

Dan Schlesinger (SHS Class of 1973) was an outstanding distance runner who won the NCHSAA 4A Championship Track & Field two-mile run as a junior in 1972 with a winning time of 9:29.30 and as a senior in 1973 with a winning time of 9:13.70. He also ran Cross Country and finished as high as second in the NCHSAA State Championship Meet. Former Sanderson coach Turk Wright calls Dan one of the most talented runners he ever coached. Dan dedicated himself to serious training before, during, and after the high school seasons and used that effort to compete and succeed at prestigious regional and national AAU championship meets. Ultimately, he would become a professional runner, training up to 140 miles a week, for a team known as "Athletics West" sponsored by Nike.

Dan was an outstanding student. He was the Salutatorian of the Class of 1973 and was recruited to run at Harvard, Dartmouth, Cornell, and Yale. He attended Yale and graduated summa cum laude with distinction in Japanese Studies in 1977. He ran cross country and track at Yale for four years and was the captain of the cross country team as a senior. As a freshman at Yale, he broke the record for the 6-mile run previously held by Frank Shorter. The record stands today because the 6-mile race has been converted to its metric equivalent.

As a senior at Yale, Dan became one of 20 students in the U.S. to win a Marshall Scholarship to study at Oxford. While at Oxford he continued to run. Every other year, Oxford and Cambridge combine to send a team to run against a combined Harvard-Yale team. Dan has the unusual distinction of being the only runner to represent both the Harvard-Yale team and the Oxford-Cambridge team in the competition. How did he do? He won the 5000 meter run both times! He earned a Masters Degree in Japanese Studies from Oxford in 1980.

After Oxford, Dan went to work in Korea as a paralegal. He continued to train – twice a day, every day – without competing. Two years later, he returned to the U.S. to study at Harvard Law School. Back from Korea, but before law school, he entered the Falmouth (MA) Road Race, a race that attracted some of the fastest runners in the world. Much to his surprise, he finished sixth behind some world-class runners – Alberto Salazar and Rod Dixon to name two. Only then did Dan come to realize that he had become a world class runner while training in a competitive vacuum in Korea. A month later he ran in the Eugene (OR) Marathon and finished fast enough to qualify for a special invitation to the 1982 New York City Marathon. With law school in his future, he decided to run one more big race before losing himself in his studies. He entered the NYC Marathon as the 73<sup>rd</sup> fastest qualifier and wound up finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> with a time of 2:11:54, finishing behind Alberto Salazar and Rodolfo Gomez. He did run other marathons, including the Boston Marathon (best time 2:11:00), and other prestigious competitions including the Maccabiah Games in Israel. Dan has reason to believe that he has run the marathon faster than any Jewish athlete in history!

After graduating from Harvard in 1986 he became a lawyer, working for various firms in the U.S. and Japan. After about a dozen years in that profession, he turned his attention to what had become his passion – art. He has established a successful career as an oil painter, ceramicist, and illustrator. His work is best known internationally for his illustrations for the Japanese edition of the Harry Potter series. You can view his work on his website - [www.danschlesingerart.com](http://www.danschlesingerart.com)

Dan and his wife, Alison Wetherfield, live in London, England. Alison is a partner in a law firm. They have two children. Noah (21) plays soccer at Wesleyan University in Connecticut and can outrun his father at any distance less than six miles! Benjamin (19) is an accomplished award-winning composer who is in the process of deciding on a university. Dan still runs to stay fit but no longer competes. Dan's dad passed away in 1990 but his mother still lives on North Hills Drive in Raleigh.





# Chuck Sledge

**ATHLETE**                      **1982-1985**  
**HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2012**

Charles Harold Sledge III (SHS Class of 1985) was an outstanding football player during his three years at Sanderson. He developed a reputation as an imposing linebacker who dominated opponents.

Chuck was a starter on the Spartan defense from the moment he entered Sanderson. He had 69 tackles as a sophomore, 185 as a junior, and 200 as a senior. As a senior during the 1984 season, he had 5 sacks, 3 interceptions, and 3 fumble recoveries in addition to 22 tackles for a loss of yardage. Following that season, Spartan head coach Chuck Lehning was asked about Sledge's performance. "He has talents that cannot be taught. He has a knack for getting to where the ball is. He is always around the ball. I know people think that we must have exaggerated his tackle count, but we didn't. He was a player who just showed up wherever the ball went. We have had some great players and outstanding linebackers. If Chuck wasn't the best linebacker, then he certainly was among the best for sure." (*The Raleigh Times*, March 21, 1985) Even opposing head coach, Gus Lovett, from Enloe, went out of his way to praise Chuck's play, saying "A lot of kids might get overrated, but Sledge deserves everything that is said about him." (*The Raleigh Times*, November 22, 1984)



As a junior, Chuck earned First Team All-Cap Eight, Honorable Mention All-East, and Honorable Mention All-State honors.

As a senior, Sledge was a team captain and earned numerous honors including Raleigh Times Metro Player of the Year, Raleigh Sports Club Wake County Football Player of the Year, Cap Nine Conference Player of the Year, News & Observer First Team All-East, and Greensboro News and Record First Team All-State. He led the Spartans to the Cap Nine Conference Championship. He played in the 1984 East-West All-Star Game.

Upon graduation from Sanderson, Chuck attended college at UNC-Chapel Hill on a football scholarship. He was a member of the Tar Heel football team for four years (1985-1988) under head coaches Dick Crum (3 yrs) and Mac Brown (1 yr). During Chuck's time at UNC, the Heels' most successful season (1986) culminated with a trip to the Aloha Bowl. From a personal standpoint, Chuck's most memorable year was the 1988 season when he had 25 tackles. Chuck graduated from UNC in 1990 with a double major in Economics and Speech Communication.

Chuck and his wife, Cari, live in Raleigh. They have a beautiful daughter, Coley. Chuck works in pharmaceutical sales.

## **Chuck's remembers his time as a Spartan**

*The special memories I have from my time participating in SHS athletics are not so much about any individual plays or outcomes of games. They are more about the friendships and bonds created with my teammates and coaches. From the heat and humidity of August practice to the bright lights on Friday nights, something special happens and those bonds last a lifetime. And beating Millbrook on the last play of the game with no time left on the clock to win the 1984 conference championship was pretty special as well!*



# The 1991 Women's Soccer Team

NCHSAA STATE CHAMPIONS - 18-0-1

HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2012

Coach Doug Benton's 1990 women's soccer team left the Gregson Stadium field following a disappointing 1-0 loss to Grimsley in the NCHSAA State Championship game. But the disappointment fueled their determination for the following season. And they delivered! In 1991, the Spartans won 18 games, lost 0, and tied 1 en route to earning Sanderson's first and only women's soccer championship to date. They dominated the opposition – scoring 72 goals while giving up only 3 for the entire campaign! Sanderson defeated North Forsyth in the state title game, 7-1. In 1991 and all years prior to 1994, NCHSAA women's soccer championship was conducted as an open championship meaning that there was one championship for schools of all classifications.

North Forsyth defeated perennial power Grimsley in the Western finals, setting up the championship match with the Spartans in Winston-Salem. A thunderstorm delayed the start of the match for 25 minutes and despite attacking to the wetter end of the field in the first half, the Spartans led 1-0 at the half. Once they gained their footing in the second half, the Spartans unleashed a flurry of goals, going up by three before giving one up, and eventually winning 7-1. It was a shocking result since North Forsyth had given up only 3 goals in 27 prior games that season. Ashley Riggs, who scored four goals and had two assists, was named MVP of the state title game.



Standing (Left to Right): Coach Doug Benton, Deb Nichols, Joy Scott, Colleen O'Briant, Anna Jackson, Katie Towne, Christy Hamilton, Kim Uyttenhove, Melissa Lancaster, Rusty Davis  
 Kneeling: Jenny Marco, Christie Musso, Julie Joslin, Elizabeth Lanning, Tracey Towne, Melissa Bryan, Michele Slotter, Mandy Gaster  
 Sitting: (Left to right) Jody Bitzenhofer, Ashley Riggs, Kristen Combs, Heather Kempinger, Stephanie Capps, Holley Cobb, Emily Baldwin

**Coach Doug Benton's "Take" on the Season**  
*The 1991 Women's Soccer season played out pretty much as we hoped. After losing in the state championship game the year before, and with most of the players returning, the team knew they had an excellent opportunity to go far in the tournament and bring home Sanderson's first Women's Soccer state title. The players meshed well as a team, displaying superior skills and decision-making on offense with a suffocating defense that gave up only 3 goals all season, which still stands as a NCHSAA state record. As their coach, it was an honor to work with these outstanding young ladies and to see their dedication and hard work pay off as they brought home the 1991 Women's Soccer State Championship.*

**NCHSAA State Title Game**  
 At Winston-Salem, Saturday, June 2, 1991  
 Sanderson 7, North Forsyth 1  
 Goals: Sanderson: Riggs 4, K.Towne, Capps, Hamilton. N.Forsyth: Goldstein Assists: Sanderson: Riggs 2, Bryan 2, Capps, T. Towne, K.Towne. N. Forsyth: Lindgren Shots: Sanderson 28, N. Forsyth 6  
 Corner Kicks: Sanderson 8 N. Forsyth 4 Fouls: Sanderson 7, N.Forsyth 11 Saves: Sanderson (Nichols) 2 N. Forsyth (Thompson)9  
 Records: Sanderson 18-0-1 N. Forsyth 25-1-2

Opponent	SHS-Opp	Game-by-Game
Apex	1-0	Non-conference
Grimsley	1-0	Non-conference
Millbrook	1-0	Cap Five Conference
Enloe	9-0	Cap Five Conference
Athens Drive	4-0	Non-conference
Garner	6-0	Cap Five Conference
Broughton	3-0	Cap Five Conference
Chapel Hill	3-0	Non-conference
Millbrook	2-0	Cap Five Conference
Enloe	9-0	Cap Five Conference
Garner	3-1	Cap Five Conference
Broughton	0-0	Cap Five Conference
Garner	4-0	Cap Five Tournament
Millbrook	2-1	Cap Five Tournament
Northwest Guilford	6-0	NCHSAA Playoffs
at Northern Durham	2-0	NCHSAA Playoffs
at Jordan	6-0	NCHSAA Playoffs
Millbrook	3-0	NCHSAA Playoffs
at North Forsyth	7-1	NCHSAA Championship



## Sanderson Athletics Hall of Fame

The Sanderson Athletics Hall of Fame was established by the Sanderson Athletic Club on November 8, 2010. The club's Hall of Fame Committee is responsible for administering the Hall of Fame program.

## You Can Nominate Someone for the Hall of Fame

Nominations for the consideration of candidates for induction to the Sanderson Athletics Hall of Fame are invited and accepted from anyone who cares to make them. They are to be sent by email to the Sanderson Athletic Director (Tony Lewis - [rlewis1@wcpss.net](mailto:rlewis1@wcpss.net)) or to the chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee (Bob Catapano – [rcatapano@att.net](mailto:rcatapano@att.net)). Submissions should be as detailed as possible, providing as much information as possible to support each nomination. There is no standardized form on which to submit nominations. However, the selection committee needs to be made aware of factors such as; whether the nominee is living or deceased, what year he or she graduated from Sanderson High School and/or the time frame of the accomplishments, what sport or sports or roles were involved, what accomplishments were achieved and what honors were earned while at Sanderson and/or in the years after high school, the distinguishing features of the extraordinary accomplishments or service to the Sanderson community that were rendered by the individual, the team, or the family, and current contact information for the nominator and the nominee.

## Categories of Nominees

Nominees will be considered in the following categories: athletes (must have graduated from Sanderson at least five years ago), coaches or trainers, administrators or faculty members, teams, families, other individuals or groups.

## Nomination Deadline

Nominations will be accepted at any time. However, the deadline for nominating a person, a team, or a family for consideration for the class of inductees in any given year is March 15 of that year.

## Donating to the Sanderson Athletics Hall of Fame

Donations are welcomed to help defray the expenses of the Sanderson Athletics Hall of Fame. Donations are entirely tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to "Sanderson Athletic Club" with the notation "Hall of Fame" on the memo line. Checks can be mailed to Tony Lewis, Athletic Director, Sanderson High School, 5500 Dixon Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609.

## "People of Interest"

The selection subcommittee has identified two "people of interest" we would like to locate. If you know how to contact either of these people, please put them in touch with the chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, Bob Catapano ([rcatapano@att.net](mailto:rcatapano@att.net) or 919-291-1042).

**John Holliday (SHS '73)**

**Steve Rackley (SHS '73)**



# SANDERSON ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIRST CLASS OF THE SANDERSON ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME!  
Inducted on October 2, 2011

### Athletes

Floyd Allen (SHS '78, Football & Track)  
Clark Brisson (SHS '87, Soccer)  
David Cooke (SHS '78, Wrestling)  
Rick Donnalley (SHS '77, Football, Wrestling)

David Fox (SHS '89, Swimming)  
Liz Bailey Ham (SHS '01, Basketball, Soccer)  
Steve Kenney (SHS '74, Football, Basketball)  
Pat Teague (SHS '82, Football, Basketball, Track)

### Coach

Jim Brown, Athletic Director, Football Coach, Baseball Coach 1968-82

### Booster

Dee Kazmierczak, Sanderson Athletic Club member since 1974

### Families

Ed and Pat Cody Family      Don and Brenda Worley Family

### Teams

1978 Volleyball Team – Undefeated (29-0) NCHSAA State Champions  
“The Streak” of 103 Consecutive Men’s Soccer Games without a Loss (1982 through 1987 teams)



Ham



Allen



Kazmierczak



Brown



Cooke



Donnalley



Fox



Brisson



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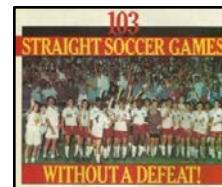
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1991 Volleyball Team



The Cody Family



“The Streak”



The Worley Family

Thanks to our official photographer, Eileen Francis, you can view and save photos of the Hall of Fame Weekend festivities online at <http://www.eileenfrancis.com/shs/> .

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