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## WACHOVIA CUP FOR ATHLETICS WINNERS ANNOUNCED

*Frank W. Cox, Western Albemarle and Radford win  
Wachovia Cup for Athletics*

**CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA** —Frank W. Cox, Western Albemarle and Radford claim the top spots in VHSL athletic competition for the 2007-08 school year, winning the coveted Wachovia Cup for Groups AAA, AA and A. In Group AAA, Cox captured its third consecutive title, while in Group AA and A, Western Albemarle returned to the top spot, while Radford claimed its second crown.

The Wachovia Cup goes to the school in each group classification that has achieved the best overall record in VHSL state-level competition in 27 sports – the state champions' state champion.

In Group AAA, Frank W. Cox now has 10 Cups and four of the past five. Cox was the first Cup winner in 1990 and earned subsequent Cups in 1993, 1996-97, 1999, 2000, 2004 and 2006-08. Western Albemarle claimed its third overall Group AA title since winning back-to-back Cups in 2004-05. In Group A, Radford won its first Cup in 2004.

Cups are presented for athletic and academic activities to the top school in each of the League's enrollment groups. Chantilly (AAA), Charlottesville (AA) and Madison County (A) were announced earlier as 2008 winners for academic activities.

The winner of the Wachovia Cup is determined by a point system based on performance in state championship events. Points are awarded for all sanctioned sports in the following manner.

First place	50	Fifth place	30
Second place	45	Sixth place	25
Third place	40	Seventh place	20
Fourth place	35	Eighth place	15

In the event of a tie, the schools received an equal number of points based on the number of schools that tie and the number schools that finish higher in the standings. For example, the baseball quarterfinal losers equally divide total points for fifth through eighth place (22.5 points each) while semifinal losers split third and fourth place (37.5 points each).

Schools earning the League's Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award earn 50 points each.

Cox athletes scored a total of 365 points to top runner-up Chantilly (280), separating the best of the best by an impressive 85 points. The Falcons won state championships in golf and field hockey; finished second in boys volleyball, and picked up points in boys soccer, girls soccer, girls tennis, wrestling, girls volleyball and for Wachovia Sportsmanship. Chantilly won the championship in boys lacrosse and cheer; were runners-up in girls lacrosse and golf; and also placed in baseball, boys swim/dive, gymnastics and girls volleyball. James Robinson, champions in girls soccer, boys tennis and boys swim/dive, scored 260 points to finish third. Western Branch finished fourth with 257.5 points and Deep Run totaled 254.1 points to round out the top five.

Western Albemarle edged defending Group AA Cup champion Blacksburg, 421.25-395, to claim its first Cup since 2005. The Warriors were state champions in boys track, boys tennis, boys indoor track and field hockey; finished second in boys cross country; and also earned points in boys and girls lacrosse, boys and girls swim/dive, girls indoor track, golf and girls volleyball. Runner-up Blacksburg was the champion in golf, girls cross country and girls indoor track; and picked up points in boys and girls

track, boys soccer, boys basketball, boys swim/dive and boys indoor track. Rounding out the top five are Jamestown (362.5), Brentsville District (355) and Hidden Valley (350).

In Group A, Radford (335) edged out George Mason (307.5) by 27.5 points. The Bobcats won state championships in boys soccer and boys cross country; were runners-up in boys outdoor track and boys tennis; and also picked up points in girls soccer, girls tennis, golf and sportsmanship. Second place finisher George Mason won a championship in girls soccer with runner-up finishes in girls track, girls tennis and girls cross country, and additional points in boys soccer, boys tennis, girls basketball and boys cross country. Glenvar (237.5), Lancaster (220) and Gate City (185) closed out the top five.

“We congratulate all the schools who competed in this year’s VHSL state championship events,” said Ken Tilley, VHSL executive director. “We especially congratulate the best of the best, Frank W. Cox, Western Albemarle and Radford, and we thank Wachovia for supporting this important recognition.”

The Wachovia Cup will be presented formally at University of Virginia’s VHSL Day at a football game in the fall.

Attached are complete listings of the final Wachovia Cup athletic standings for spring sports and for the full year.

Wachovia Cup winners for achievement in athletic activities from 1990-2008.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group AA</b>	<b>Group AAA</b>
1990	Sussex Central	Blacksburg	Frank W. Cox
1991	Sussex Central	Blacksburg/Tabb	Woodbridge
1992	Sussex Central	Tabb	Langley
1993	Strasburg	Blacksburg	Frank W. Cox
1994	Glenvar	Tabb	Woodbridge
1995	Buffalo Gap	Nansemond River	Centreville
1996	George Mason	William Byrd	Frank W. Cox
1997	Central-Woodstock	William Byrd	Frank W. Cox
1998	Central-Woodstock	William Byrd	Lake Braddock
1999	Strasburg	John Handley	Frank W. Cox
2000	New Kent	John Handley	Frank W. Cox
2001	Brentsville District	Jamestown	Lake Braddock
2002	Brentsville District	Jefferson Forest	Centreville
2003	Brentsville District	Blacksburg	Lake Braddock
2004	Radford	Western Albemarle	Frank W. Cox
2005	Clarke County	Western Albemarle	Lake Braddock
2006	Clarke County	Hidden Valley	Frank W. Cox
2007	Clarke County	Blacksburg	Frank W. Cox
2008	Radford	Western Albemarle	Frank W. Cox