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TSC Tournament Time Newsletter

During that month of the year when everyone is caught up in the madness of Tournament time, in addition to our typical news updates, we thought it would be good to highlight a number of the recent sports-related achievements of our major Triangle universities which are such an important part of our local sports economy.

Local NCAA and ACC Events

In case you missed it, over this past weekend (Saturday and Monday, March 18 & 20) Duke University hosted the First and Second Rounds of the **NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament** at Cameron Indoor Stadium. Earlier this month (Saturday, March 4) NC State University hosted the **ACC Wrestling Championships** at the newly-renovated Reynolds Coliseum, and the week prior to that Duke hosted the **ACC Fencing Championships** (Saturday-Sunday, February 25-26). You thought all NCAA and ACC events were gone from North Carolina?! It turns out that on-campus events for the NCAA and ACC are allowable, even though public universities like NC State are subject to the same state laws as all communities in the state. While we are grateful to host these events locally, it just underscores some of the painful ironies of the ongoing HB2 fallout.



Major University Recent Sports Achievements

Duke: **Alex Beguinet**, Fencing Head Coach, was named ACC Coach of the Year; **Pascual Di Tella** was named ACC Men's Fencer of the Year; both Duke Men's and Women's Basketball teams made the NCAA Tournament; Duke Men's Basketball won the ACC Tournament Championship.

NC Central: The Men's Basketball Team captured the regular season and MEAC Tournament Championships and qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the second time under Coach **Levelle Moton**.

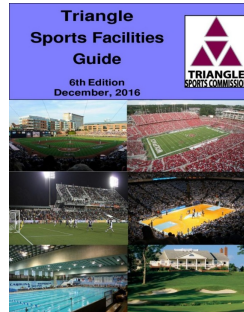
NC State: **Wes Moore**, Women's Basketball Head Coach, was named ACC Coach of the Year; NCSU Women's Basketball made the NCAA Tournament; NCSU Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Teams each won their respective ACC Championships; **Ryan Held** was named Most Valuable Swimmer of the Men's Championships; Women's Swimming finished 7th at the NCAA Championships; **Erika Kemp** is the 3000-meter ACC Champion at the conference Indoor Track & Field Championships; **Kevin Jack** was third in the NCAA's in Wrestling.

UNC: **Mike Fox**, Baseball Head Coach, was named to the NC Sports Hall of Fame; Men's Basketball won the ACC regular season championship and qualified for the NCAA Tournament; **Helen Moffitt** and **Caroline Baldwin** of UNC's Women's Swimming Team were named First Team NCAA Division I All-Americans.



Triangle Sports Facilities Guide and Resume

Which community has the best sports facilities in the country? On a per capita basis, a strong case can certainly be made for the Triangle, especially when you include all the university as well as municipal, county, and private sports venues the area has to offer. Consider, for example, that our four largest football stadiums can seat cumulative home crowds of over 150,000 on a fall Saturday. The Triangle is also home to: 7 collegiate/minor league baseball stadiums with capacity of 2000 or more; 7 NHL-size permanent ice rinks with 2 more on the way; and 7 50-meter (Olympic size) aquatics facilities, among many others.



The Triangle Sports Commission has captured the plethora of our market's major sports facilities in one of the most comprehensive such compilations in the country. You can review more than 100 pages of photos, maps, and stats on our numerous venues in the latest edition of the [Triangle Sports Facilities Guide](#) on the TSC website by clicking here. In addition, the TSC has assembled the only multi-page history of major events at all those venues in the [Triangle Sports Facilities Events Resume](#), also available on the TSC website and by clicking [here](#).



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