

October 31, 2018

Happy Halloween to all our Triangle Sports Commission (TSC) supporters and fellow sports enthusiasts! We have some very good updates for you before you don your costume for this evening's festivities.

## Triangle Tip-Off Features Women Sport Leaders

Adding to the October excitement was our annual TSC Tip-Off Luncheon on October 10. The 2018 Triangle Women's Basketball Tip-Off Luncheon was held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and again generated an enthusiastic audience. With a panel led by **Mary Dunleavy**, Weekend Sports Anchor at WRAL-TV, and featuring our local NCAA Division I Head Coaches **Sylvia Hatchell** of UNC-Chapel Hill, **Joanne McCallie** of Duke, **Wes Moore** of NC State, and **Trisha Stafford-Odom** of NC Central University, the fast-moving program kept an audience of over 100 entertained and amused. In addition to team outlooks for the upcoming season, the coaches shared great war stories and inspiring life lessons that regularly makes this a fan favorite event. A group from the Wake County Boys and Girls Clubs embraced their field trip to the luncheon where they kept the coaches on their toes with questions, while securing their autographs on the mini-basketballs at each table. Asked some of the best ways to further build Women's Sports in the Triangle, all four coaches were unanimous in endorsing the TSC's continued hosting of the Women's Tip-Off Luncheon long into the future.



From left to right: Joanne McCallie, Trisha Stafford-Odom, Wes Moore, Sylvia Hatchell, Mary Dunleavy, and Hill

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# Even More High School Football in 2018 and Call For Volunteers

Hurricane Florence not only wreaked havoc on North Carolina cities and counties, but it also threw a major kink into sports event schedules across the state. There have been cancellations, postponements, reschedulings and new locations for a wide variety of sports events and activities since the first effects of the hurricane were felt along the coast. And there has been a ripple effect, with the state playoffs in football being moved back a week across the board. The change in the playoff schedule has also resulted in not two, but three, championship games to be played at Duke University this year. The first game will be on Friday, December 14. The following day, Saturday, December 15, there will be two games at Wallace Wade Stadium.

“We are very excited to be hosting an additional game at Duke this year,” said **Hill Carrow**, CEO of the Triangle Sports Commission. “The university is equally enthused about it, too. The recent renovations and enhancements at Wallace Wade, including in particular the VIP and media seating and hospitality, have made Duke a very attractive location for the championships. Add in the excellent organization of the Duke Athletic Department supplemented by friendly and well-regarded TSC and Jordan High School volunteers and you have a formula for a great player, coach, officials, and fans experience!”

Volunteer responsibilities include ticketing, team support, and hospitality management. If you are interested in volunteering for the Championships, please contact Tess Heron at [theron@trianglesportscommission.com](mailto:theron@trianglesportscommission.com) or 919.678.1652.



2017 NCHSAA Football Championships at Duke University

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## Fall Winners

Here is our chance to highlight several winning performances in Olympic and amateur sports across the region.

### Pro Sports

- The **NC Courage** topped their record-setting and regular-season championship-winning season by capturing the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) Tournament

Championship as well. The victory over the Portland Thorns in the tournament final was particularly sweet since the Thorns, the Courage's biggest rival and winner of last year's tournament, were the host of the championship final at their home stadium.

- The **Durham Bulls** won the Triple-A Baseball International League Governor's Cup for the second year in a row and toasted high-performing alums such as David Price of the World Series winning Boston Red Sox, as well as the 5 former Bulls who will be managing in MLB in 2019 – Rocco Baldelli (Twins), Mickey Callaway (Mets), Kevin Cash (Rays), Charlie Montoyo (Blue Jays), and Brian Snitker (Braves)!
- The **Carolina Hurricanes** are currently tied for second in their division behind only the Pittsburgh Penguins!

### Amateur Sports

- **USA Baseball's** 12U National Team captured the final game of the 2018 COPABE U-12 Pan American Championships over rival Mexico, winning the tournament championship for the first time ever. Team USA finished the tournament with a perfect 9-0 record.
- The **Triangle Rowing Club's** Women's Youth 4+ boat, comprised of Jane Atkeson, Brooke Benestad, Isabella Humbert, Sophia VonDauber, and Ella Hill (Coxswain) entered the ranks of elite programs during the prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta where, by finishing 16th out of 84 boats, they became the fastest newcomer team to get a "rebid" – i.e. invited back to the following year's regatta.
- **Karen Shelton**, Olympian and coach of the UNC-Chapel Hill Women's Field Hockey Team for over 38 years, now has a stadium named after her! Located on campus adjacent to Boshamer [Baseball] Stadium, the state-of-the-art 1,000-seat Karen Shelton Stadium was dedicated on October 6 and is the new home of UNC Field Hockey.



NC Courage, 2018 NWSL Champions

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