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In athletics, as in all aspects of life, some people excell above all others. The athletes were no exception as several players from various sport earned All-Region honors. This was to be expected considering the incredible year experienced by the athletic program.

Senior Jeff Hughes made the All-State Academic Team, the first WHS student to receive the honor since the All-State team was created three years ago.

In baseball, the All-Region team had not yet been announced at the end of school. Odds are, however, that Jamie Iriel, Marlon Cobbs, and Heath Jones would be selected for the team. Cobbs and Jones were selected to participate in the North-South All-Star game.

In softball, WHS again placed a pitcher on the region squad, this year being Missy Bennett. Also making the squad for the first time was centerfielder Lawana Allen. Captain Michelle Minton also earned All-Region honors for the fourth straight year, this year for playing short stop instead of second base.

In tennis, Coach Cathy Layton earned Region Coach of the Year. Coach Layton commented, "It was certainly an honor to be named Coach of the Year. I think it is a tribute to the fine young people on the team."

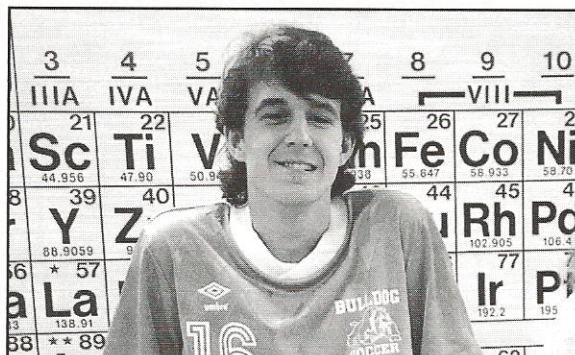
In basketball, Coach Marsha Coe received Coach of the Year honors while Michelle Minton, Stacey Nesmith, and Lounell Sweat made the first team. Minton also was an All-State selection and played in the North-South All-Star game.

In football, Jay Davis and Norman Hand were members of the first team. Hand, perhaps the biggest surprise of WHS athletics, was also notified that he is a pre-season High School All-American. Hand stated, "I was honestly amazed with the recognition that I received this season. I feel like I owe it all to my teammates — without them, none of this would have been possible."

— Jason Dandridge



"It was fantastic to finally be recognized after 26 years of coaching."



A-team Captain Jeff Hughes was an All-State selection for the Academic team. Hughes was the first WHS student to be named.

