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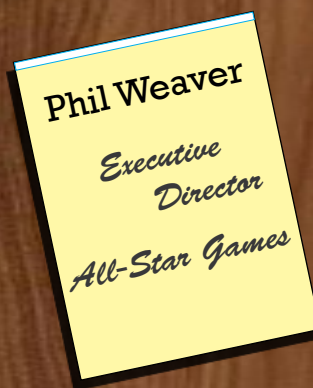
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From the GAMES Desk...



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My column is a reprint of an Op Ed I wrote for the News and Record, written as a former coach and parent of female athletes. There was no reference to the NCCA or the All-Star Games.

After talking with coaches of girls' teams, I found they were adamantly in agreement with me that allowing people who matured as male to play on teams for females is simply unfair. I think one quality that my parents taught me well was how to assess a situation on the basis of fairness to all parties. My position has nothing to do with hate, or prejudice, or anything but fairness in equality of opportunity.

I am writing only as a high school coach of boys and girls for forty-two years, as a father of four girls, and a grandparent to seven more. The President's executive order appears to grant biological males the right to compete on girl's secondary sports teams is terribly misguided. The President claims this to be a human rights issue but he completely ignores the right to fairness for the far greater number of biological females who could be harmed emotionally and/or physically by this edict. Regardless, no one has a "right" to play high school sports. Grades, attendance, behavior, and age are already possible barriers to participation. Only age is as concrete a determinant as birth sex for eligibility.

How is this edict not a violation of Title IX which guaranteed females equal access to sports as males? Transgender athletes will always have boys'

teams to play on. Three of our daughters competed in high school sports. Two would not have been able to compete in events and the other would not have been able to be all-conference in two sports if there had been enough biological males on the teams. I led 33 girls' teams and only coached a handful of girls who could compete physically with biological males. My last year coaching girls we had a very good basketball team; losing only once. We had seven seniors and five received Division I scholarships. We once scrimmaged against the boy's jayvee team (2 and 3 years younger than the girls) in practice and we won. Days later we tried that again. The boy's destroyed us. They mentally came to play a real scrimmage the second time and their physicality was something we just couldn't match. We ended the scrimmage early and never scrimmaged again for safety and team confidence reasons.

My sister "lived" in a wheelchair having little use of her legs and one arm. She could not play sports because of how she was born. Was this fair? Could any decree of a "right to play" have helped? No, these were misfortunes of the way she was created. She accepted her lot and became a spokesperson for those with physical disabilities. Transgender individuals need to accept that they have bodies which are more athletically male than female and compete in boys' sports only.

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Unusual Clinic & Games dates this year... July 11-13, 2022.

Next year we'll return to the third Monday, July 17-19, 2023.

Games Desk

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Fortunately this issue has not been a problem in Guilford County but it has just come to North Carolina. If your daughter gets cut, sits on the bench rather than play, or loses some honor to a naturally physically superior body you will certainly see the inequity. Girls in Connecticut have filed a lawsuit against the high school athletic association for allowing this travesty to occur. They missed out on running in the state track meet after losing spots to two biological males. I wish them every success and hope either the courts will correct this shortsighted decision or that Congress will have the courage and address this nascent problem.

I'm sorry some youngsters believe they were born into the wrong body but no hormone treatment will soon reduce their bone density and muscle mass advantages. Those born biologically male need to compete against others similarly created. We have rules preventing athletes from taking many performance enhancing drugs because an unfair and unsafe advantage would be created. These people are barred from competition. Is the transgender student any less advantaged?



2022 East-West All-Star Games Coaches

East Men's Basketball

Larry Williford, Farmville Central (Head Coach)
Chris Davis, Millbrook

West Men's Basketball

Andrew Muse, Mount Tabor (Head Coach)
Duane Lewis, N Mecklenburg

East Women's Basketball

Chris Bradshaw, Kinston (Head Coach)
Adrienne Gale, Ashley

West Women's Basketball

Brad Mangum, N Lincoln (Head Coach)
Frank McNeil, Dudley

East Men's Soccer

Jay Raynor, E Bladen

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Jim Blanton, Hibriten

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Justin Schatz, Hoggard

West Women's Soccer

Josh Martin, T.C. Roberson

East Football

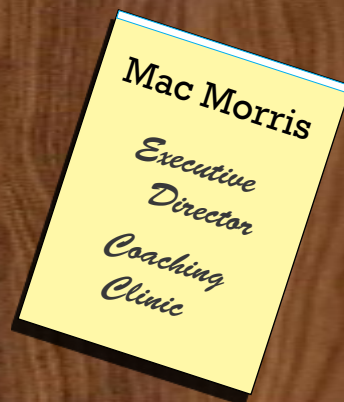
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Brian Batchelor, Southern Nash
Chris Hall, Cape Fear
Luke Little, Laney
Andrew Tew, South Central
Bryan Till, Richmond Co

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Darryl Brown, Grimsley (Head Coach)
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From the CLINIC Desk...



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Mac Morris
Executive Director, Coaching Clinic

OUR 2022 CLINIC DATES ARE JULY 11-13, WHICH IS EARLIER THAN EVER BEFORE. We had to make this move because of other big events coming to Greensboro during our usual week and the Coliseum asked us to move our dates so that there would be hotel rooms for our coaches. It looks as if the Clinic will be as close to normal as we can make it this summer. The old rules are back in effect meaning that you have to attend the Clinic for one day in order to be a member. We will have Pre-Registration and New Registration lines and you will have to have your picture made on your new card as you do each year. There will be long lines again but we will move them as quickly as possible. We will have a Trade Show again and hopefully will have a large group of exhibitors. We intend to revive the Old Timer's Lunch also on Tuesday, July 12th. We will continue to have a three day clinic since there will be no rules interpretation sessions and there would be no sense bringing the football coaches back for an extra day just to get the rules in.

Joe Franks has done a marvelous job bringing in speakers for this summer. He has used his Clemson Connection to bring in Chad Morris as one of the football speakers. Chad is known as an offensive wizard and after being head coach at colleges is now a high school coach in Texas. He was offensive coordinator at Clemson before moving on. Our headline speaker for men's basketball is the ACC Coach of the Year, Steve Forbes of Wake Forest.

We know what a great year they have had. In baseball we have Scott Forbes of UNC and Justin Haire as our clinicians and they are both off to a good start. We are still waiting on some other confirmations but we will have a good clinic staff.

Seems like a long time since we have had a normal clinic year. In the past two years we have made all the membership cards in our office and it will be nice to go back to normal. It was quite frustrating to try to size the pictures and to get people to send in the proper picture. The picture crew at the clinic has always done a great job and will handle it easily this summer.

NC Coaches Clinic July 10-14, 2022			
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Clinic Desk

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Registration will go back to the usual. Schools that register all of their coaches can get in for the \$60 rate by requesting registration blanks and sending them in with school check. We will have to stick to the July 1 deadline more closely than ever this summer since the clinic is so early. Former members will have their registration cards mailed to them around May 1 and can register themselves if that is convenient for them. Joe will go to the Athletic Director's Conference in Wilmington to take some registration blanks and talk about the easiest way to do it. It will be interesting to see the effect of the earlier dates on the clinic and games. We really have to work extra hard to pull it off with the deadline for early registration being so close to the beginning of the clinic. We will get it done and hope that you will find it to be one of the best clinics in memory.



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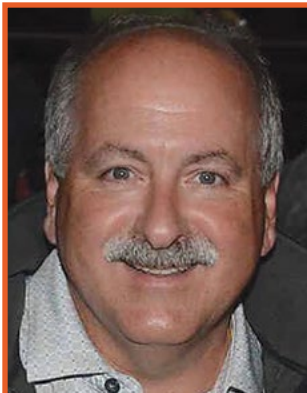
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IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT FOR THE 1ST TIME SINCE 2019, WE WILL HAVE A “NORMAL” CLINIC WEEK.

Albeit a week earlier than usual for 2022 at the request of the Greensboro Coliseum, I know we will have a packed house July 11-13 and I can't wait. As I write this, we have almost confirmed all of our clinicians and we'll have a great group for you to see this summer. Our registration mailing will go out in early May and you will get an email to remind you to be on the lookout for it. If you are normally registered by your school, when you get your registration packet fill out your card and get it to your athletic director ASAP. With the clinic being a little earlier, we are asking folks to make sure we get their registrations in to us in mid to late June!

We are going to make a few subtle changes to the clinic schedule and we will be promoting this on the website and social media. For example, some sports that usually have only four sessions (soccer, swimming, cross country, golf) on a day will begin at the traditional 8:55 on Tuesday and Wednesday (everything on Monday begins at 9:50 – women's and men's basketball and wrestling) Sports that have five sessions (wrestling, track, volleyball, baseball, softball) will begin on Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:50 which will mean 3 sessions in the morning and two after lunch and a coaches meeting to end the day. Since football has seven sessions, it will begin at 8:55 on Wednesday. This allows greater flexibility for you to get to the coliseum, register, hit the trade show area and get your picture made with more time before your first session.

This year, on Tuesday, we are going to try something new and see how it goes. We will have two sessions

beginning at 2pm for both strength and conditioning and the mental side of coaching your athletes. If these are well attended, maybe we move to three sessions in 2023 – we'll see.

I try to be positive and see things as they could be, but sometimes reality bites – to coin a phrase. We tried something new this spring that I thought could be really neat for our member and associate coaches. A young man named Zack Etter, who has a business dealing with coaching for mental performance, offered to do a free session for our coaches. We sent out an email to our OVER 6000 coaches and promoted on social media as well. While we were up front in stating that Zack would promote his product, this was a no obligation FREE seminar. We were hoping coaches would log on and check it out to maybe pick up an idea or two. While the session was on a Sunday evening, not ideal, it seemed like a time that many could utilize. I logged on and liked what he had to say. It was interesting. Unfortunately, and I'll be honest, the response was pathetic – no other way to put it. The coaches that did sign on had positive things to say and Zack understood that it could be well attended or not because we had been up front with him about this being a first time to try it. We tried to provide something value-added to our member and associate coaches – and we will keep trying.

As I always say, don't ever underestimate what a profound effect you have on the young people for whom you mentor, support, challenge and inspire. Thanks for being a coach! Together, we are keeping the title “Coach” one that is respected and admired – and that can last a lifetime. Have a winning day.

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THE CAROLINAS CLASSIC – SPRINGBOARD TO THE PROS

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The Carolinas Classic All-Star Basketball Games have been in existence for 25 years featuring the best high School senior round ball athletes from North and South Carolina. The ultimate goal for many of these players is eventually to reach the professional ranks in their sport.

Taking a close look at the rosters of past Classic events, it is apparent that several achieved their dream. Considering MVP candidates for the 2022 NBA season, one cannot overlook Temetrius “Ja” Morant, the outstanding point guard for the Memphis Grizzlies. Morant played his high school ball at Crest in Sumter, SC and headlined the 2017 Carolinas Classic South Carolina men’s’ team before achieving All-American status (2019) at Murray State University.

In 1998, the inaugural year of the games, three players continued to the pros. Josh Howard from Glenn High School in Kernersville, NC and Wake Forest University played professionally with Dallas, Washington, Utah, and Minnesota. David West from North Carolina had a 15-year NBA career with four teams, and Shaunzinski Gortman, a University of South Carolina graduate, played for four years in the WNBA with the Minnesota Lynx.

The WNBA also attracted three other female athletes from the Classic including Alaina Coates from Dutch Fork High School in Irmo, SC (2013) who was an All-American at the University of South Carolina and drafted second overall by the Chicago Sky. Others were Joy Cheek (2006) drafted by the Indiana Fever and Paris Kea (2013) from Greensboro, NC drafted by Indiana and later played for the New York Liberty. *Added in the 2022 WNBA Draft were Elissa Cunane (Seattle Storm) and Kayla Jones (Minnesota Lynx).*

Two other players recognizable to NBA fans are P. J. Tucker (2003) from Raleigh’s Enloe High School, drafted by the Toronto Raptors in 2006 and now playing for the Miami Heat, and Devonte Graham (2013) of Raleigh’s Broughton High School and the University of Kansas, a point guard for the New Orleans Pelicans. In addition, Ish Smith (2006-NC),

Trevor Booker (2006-SC), Ken Bazemore (2007-NC), C. J. Williams (2008-NC), Brice Johnson (2012-SC), Isaiah Hicks (2013-NC), Gary Clark (2014-NC), and Kyran Bowman (2017-NC) all played professionally.

Interestingly, three Classic standouts went pro in a different sport. D. J. Moore (2006), DeAndre Hopkins (2010), and Jonathon Rumph (2011), all from South Carolina, went to the NFL. Hopkins has been one of the top wide receivers in the game, currently playing with the Arizona Cardinals.

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After a two-year hiatus because of public health concerns during the coronavirus pandemic, 40 of the top high school senior boys and girls basketball players from North Carolina and South Carolina gathered in Wilmington, North Carolina to take part in the 23rd playing of the Carolinas Classic All-Star Basketball Games on March 26. Once again, the event made a great impact on the student-athletes and the community.

House of Raeford Farms, through the company's non-profit arm House of Raeford Farms FLOCK, sponsored the two-day event during which these young competitors not only played exciting basketball, but also learned life skills to carry into the next phase of their careers.

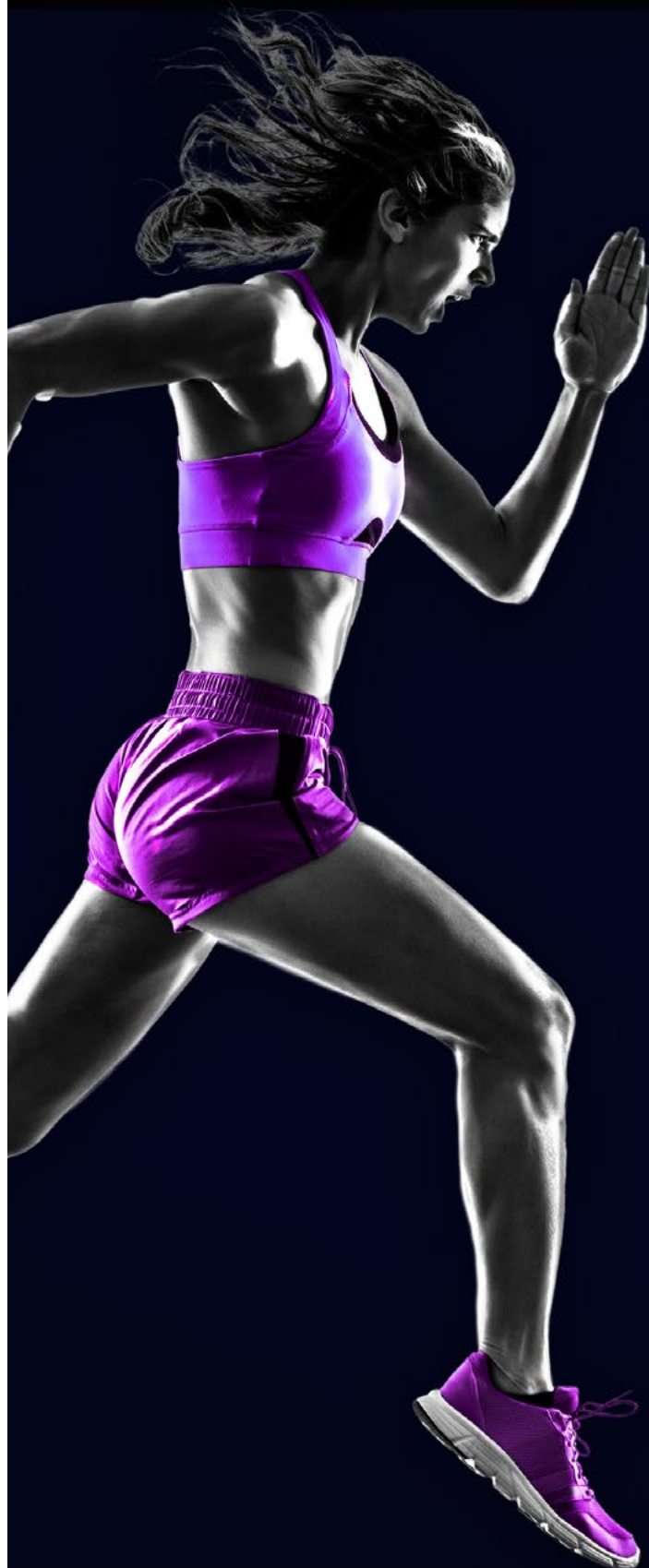
Nearly 2,000 cheering fans packed John T. Hoggard High School gymnasium as the girls' and boys' teams went head-to-head. South Carolina took home the win in the boys' game, 96-89, while the North Carolina girls were victorious, 78-53.

Noah Clowney of South Carolina's Dorman High School led the boys' scoring with 18 points, and his 15 rebounds tied the record for most rebounds in a game. In addition, the University of Alabama recruit was named Most Outstanding Player for the boys. Dwight Canady of Hendersonville High School and Nolan Hodge of Northern Guilford led the North Carolina scoring with 16 apiece. North Carolina leads the series 14-9.



<https://houseofraeford.com/flock-news/the-carolinas-classic-and-house-of-raeford-farms-flock-a-winning-partnership/>

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Carolinas Classic

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As for the girls, South Carolina's Anala Nelson from Lower Richland High in Hopkins, SC led all scorers with 14 points, and Murphy's Torin Rogers topped North Carolina with 12. Most Outstanding Player honors for the girls went to North Carolina's Jerni Kiaku from Garner Magnet High School who is on her way to North Carolina Central University. North Carolina leads the series 14-9.

In 2018 and 2019, the student-athletes visited patients in the children's wing and the rehab center of New Hanover Regional Medical Center, brightened the day of local elementary school students, and buddied up with physically and mentally challenged children and adults at the Miracle Field. Unfortunately, COVID restrictions prevented the players from similar activities this year. However, through their interactions with the young people, FLOCK leaders, coaches, and speakers made sure to emphasize the importance of using basketball talents to open doors and positively influence the lives of others.

Pat Kennedy, Director of Athletics at Heritage High School in Wake Forest, NC, summed up the weekend like this, "We wanted to thank House of Raeford Farms for sponsoring such a terrific event. Our player, Chloe Williams, raved about the experience, and it will be a lasting memory in her basketball career. As an educator and coach, my heart filled with joy as I heard that you donated all proceeds from the event to a program that helps kids and their families. It is a tough time right now in our world, so thank you for restoring the good that we all can do."

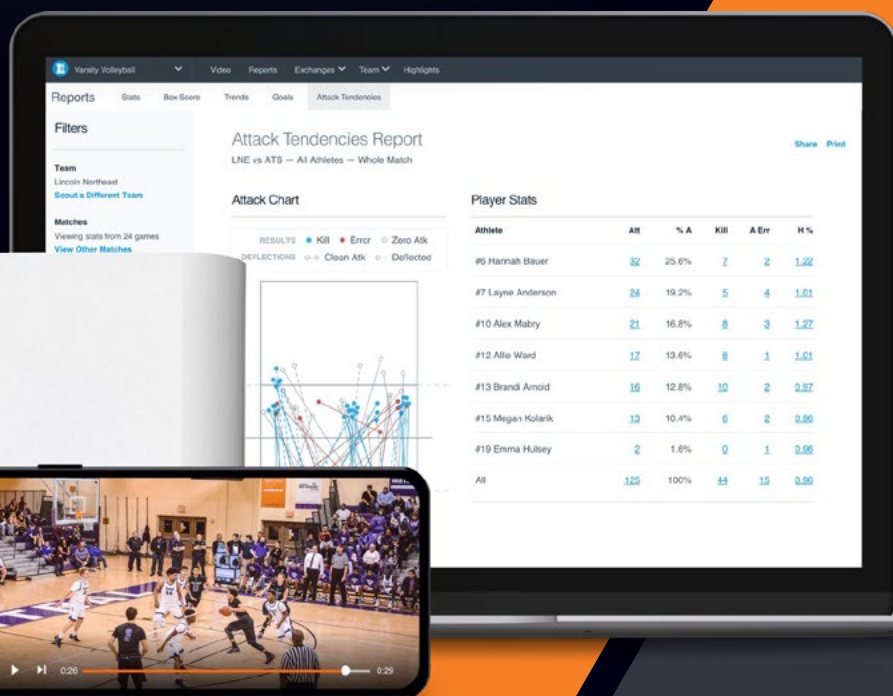
As Coach Kennedy stated, House of Raeford Farms FLOCK wrapped the tournament by donating \$15,000, including all revenue from ticket sales, to Camp Corral, a non-profit organization providing summer camp experiences across the nation for children of wounded, injured, ill, and fallen military heroes. This is in addition to a \$10,000 contribution in 2020 when the coronavirus pandemic cancelled the Classic. "Camp Corral's mission is to transform the lives of the children of wounded warriors, and to empower America's most vulnerable military children to live their best lives possible," said Dave Witter, FLOCK board member. "This so closely aligns with the purpose of FLOCK, and we are very pleased to support their initiative."





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2022 MARCH MADNESS EMBRACES CAROLINAS CLASSIC ALUMNI

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“I never in my wildest dreams imagined that I would be here...” were the words of Elissa Cunane, North Carolina State University’s premier center, after being named Most Valuable Player in the 2022 ACC Women’s Basketball Tournament. Cunane, who played as a high school senior in the 2018 Carolinas Classic All-Star Basketball Games sponsored by House of Raeford Farms FLOCK, catapulted from there to the Elite 8 of the 2022 NCAA Women’s Basketball Championship. Expectations are that Elissa will be a top five pick in this year’s WNBA draft.

Such is the aspiration of many Carolinas Classic alumni to one day play in the Final Four of March Madness and perhaps even reach the pros. Our Springboard to the Pros blog highlights past Classic participants who have achieved success in the professional ranks.

The 2022 Carolinas Classic concluded March 26 in Wilmington, North Carolina featuring the top high school senior boys and girls from North and South Carolina. Besides encouraging these talented student-athletes to use their success as a way to positively influence the younger generation following in their footsteps, Tom Teachey of FLOCK issued a challenge to the players, “Whose dream is big enough to see yourself on the big stage?”



ELISSA CUNANE – 2018 CAROLINAS CLASSIC

The “Big Dance” always delivers heart-stopping excitement that keeps college basketball fans jumping out of their seats, and it is even more thrilling for those associated with the Carolinas Classic to cheer on former competitors from the event. FLOCK began underwriting the Carolinas Classic in 2018. A complete look at an amazing 33 Carolinas Classic all-stars from the past four years competing in the 2022 NCAA Men and Women’s Basketball Championships or the National Invitation Tournament is available at <https://houseofraeford.com/flock-news/2022-march-madness-embraces-carolinas-classic-alumni/>.

JOIN WITH HOUSE OF RAEFORD FARMS FLOCK IN SUPPORTING CAMP CORRAL

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After the 2022 edition of the Carolinas Classic, House of Raeford Farms FLOCK donated \$15,000 to Camp Corral including all proceeds from game ticket sales. FLOCK decided that support for this organization must continue beyond the Classic. As we celebrate the Month of the Military Child in April and Military Appreciation Month in May, FLOCK is stepping up their funding. FLOCK will match all contributions up to a maximum of \$10,000 made through the special donation link: <https://www.classy.org/campaign/flock-spring-2022-campaign/c402490>.



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