

2024 1A Baseball Championship Recaps

Uwharrie Charter works past Northside – Pinetown in extras

HOLLY SPRINGS – The defending champion Uwharrie Charter Eagles walked off on the Northside – Pinetown Panthers 2-1 in eight innings on Friday Night at Ting Stadium to take a 1-0 lead in the 1A Championship Series.

The Panthers took the lead in the top of the fifth thanks to an RBI single from Ashton Willard but the Eagles tied things up in the bottom of the seventh. Carter Brown hit a lead-off single in the seventh and came around to score when Landon Zephir singled later in the inning.

In the extra frame, Troy Carver drew a lead-off walk and, after a single from Caleb Stickle, Brown came up with his third hit of the game to score Carver and seal the win.

For the Panthers, James Sawyer struckout 15 batters in the complete game-loss while Jake Hunter had 11 strikeouts of his own as he picked up the win.

The NCHSAA is committed to promoting and highlighting outstanding sportsmanship and has partnered with North Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance to recognize one athlete from each team who has displayed the ideals of sportsmanship throughout the year. The 2024 NC Farm Bureau Sportsmanship Award winners for the 1A Baseball Championships were Griffin Johnson from Northside – Pinetown and Caleb Stickle from Uwharrie Charter.

Uwharrie Charter Goes Back-to-Back as 1A Champs

HOLLY SPRINGS – The Uwharrie Charter Eagles won their second consecutive, and third overall, NCHSAA 1A Baseball Championship as they beat Northside – Pinetown 6-1 in Game 2 to sweep the series at Ting Stadium.

The Eagles ended the season 28-6 and are now 6-0 in the NCHSAA Championship Series as they have earned sweeps in all three of their appearances (2019, 2023 and 2024).

Saturday's contest turned on a three-run home run from Trey Kennedy that gave the Eagles a 3-1 lead. The Eagles built on the lead with the help of some errors and an RBI single from Grat Dalton in the fifth.

Jake Hunter was named MVP for his 11-strikeout performance in Game 1.

The Panthers finished the year 22-8 and made their return to the Finals for the first time in 30 years.