



## 2013 Inductee

### ANNA COLEMAN HAYES

Playing for a Lexington Senior High School tennis program that was once a statewide powerhouse, Anna Coleman Hayes was an indispensable — and undefeated — standout.



How perfect is that?

Well, let's see: A 1984 graduate of Lexington, she was 45-0 in her career with the Yellow Jackets, which included making the 3-A All-State team in 1982 and 1984 as well as the All-North Piedmont Conference team in both of those years.

She led the Yellow Jackets to NPC championships in 1982 and 1984 and was a 3-A sectional tournament champion in 1984.

Even as a middle schooler, Hayes was dominant on the court, posting a career record of 24-0. Incredibly, she won 288 straight games without a single loss in that span.

In other words, she was perfect perfection.

She was a powerful player in the summers, too. She was the United States Tennis Association North Carolina State champion for 12-under in 1979; 14-under in 1981; and state runner-up in 16-under in 1983 and runner-up in 18-under in 1984. She was also USTA Top 20 in 1981, 1983 and 1984.

And for good measure, she was the Lexington City Women's Open Champion in 1980, 1981 and 1982.

She attended Peace College on a full tennis scholarship for two years, playing at No 1 and No 2 singles, making Collegiate All-American Honorable Mention in 1986. But her career was cut short by a bout of rheumatic fever.

She ultimately graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1989 and received graduate degrees from Appalachian State University in 1990 and UNC-Greensboro in 1993.

Hayes and her husband, Jason, have three children: Candice, 27; Coleman, 16; and Emerson, 15.

