



2015 Inductee

BOBBY HOUSE

What does it tell you when success follows a coach around, from place to place, from year to year, like an indelible reputation?

In the case of Bobby House, it suggests that success is built on a foundation of hard work, strength of personality and a vision of purpose.

When House came to East Davidson in 1984, following a four-year stint as a football coach at Chatham Central High School, who could have guessed that a wrestling dynasty was in the works?

In the ensuing 18 years, House put together a program that won state dual team titles in 1993 and 1995, along with three state runner-up finishes.

Adding garnish to this salad, House's two sons, Doug and David, each won individual state titles for the Golden Eagles.

In 2001, House took his coaching talents to Ledford, nearly matching the success he experienced at East Davidson until he retired in 2011.



For his career, House posted a dual team record of 612 wins against just 129 losses (for an astounding winning percentage of .826). In addition to those two state titles, he also won a combined 16 regional (dual team and individual) titles, 20 conference championships and 20 conference tournament titles.

He coached 225 all-conference wrestlers, more than 200 individual state qualifiers and eight individual state champions, along with 14 runners-up, 22 third-place finishers and 28 fourth-place finishers.

A graduate of Catawba College, where he played football, baseball and wrestled for legendary coach Dutch Meyer, House was named the North Carolina "Mat News" coach of the year in 1993, and was inducted

into The National Wrestling Hall of Fame, North Carolina Chapter, at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill earlier this year.

House and his wife, Karen, have three adult children: Doug, 36; David, 34; and Jennifer, 29.