

## 2002 Inductee

## CHARLES ENGLAND

"Winner" perfectly describes Charlie England. In a high school coaching career that spanned four decades, he led his teams to glory on the diamond, basketball court, and gridiron. His string of state titles

started in baseball at Patillo High School in Tarboro in 1952. The following year brought a state championship to his football team. Then Coach England brought his magic touch to Lexington, leading Dunbar High School to state titles in football in 1958, 1959, and 1963. He coached the Shrine Bowl team in four games, compiling a record of 3-1. His lifetime record in football was a remarkable 134 wins against 34 losses. His coaching career continued as an assistant coach for Lexington Senior High and so did

the winning tradition. His Lexington teams won the WNCHSAA championship in 1986 and the NCHSAA state championships in 1985 and 1986. Among his many honors, he is a member of the Shaw University Athletic Hall of Fame and the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.