



2010 Inductee



Colon E. Starrett

When Thomasville's Colon Starrett stepped onto the basketball court, he never scored a point or drew a foul. Yet his resume shows that he shared the hardwood with some of the best players in the game: Phil Ford, David Henderson, Daryl (Sleepy) Floyd, Danny Manning, Walter Davis, Bob McAdoo, Jeff Crompton and John Lucas, to name a few.

That's because Starrett, 73, was one of the premier high school and college basketball referees in North Carolina. In a career that spanned 30 years, he officiated in seven 4-A state championship games, one 3-A state title game and two 2-A state championship games. He also officiated in the 1980 high school all-star game.

Additionally, he worked numerous NAIA Carolinas Conference games and called Atlantic Coast Conference freshmen games for two years. He was invited to work the ACC varsity level but could not because of job restraints.

He served as president of the Triad Basketball Officials Association in 1983-84 and as the High School and College Supervisor of Evaluation of Officials from 1988-92.

Starrett, who is still the general manager of the Rex Oil Company in Thomasville, has a strong resume off the court, too. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Bank of North Carolina for 17 years; he is a past chairman of the board for the Thomasville Parks and Recreation Department; and he helped or led in fund-raising projects to update Finch Field and Cushwa Stadium.

