



2015 Inductee

GEORGE MAUNEY

Playing in an era when three-sport athletes were a dime a dozen in almost any small working class town across the United States, Lexington's George Mauney may have stood out as a shiny silver dollar.

Born in 1912, Mauney earned 14 varsity letters at Lexington High School, then went on to earn six more letters as a three-sport athlete at Gardner-Webb College (then known as Boiling Springs Junior College), and then six more as a three-sport star at Wake Forest.

After graduating from Wake Forest in 1937, Mauney played one season with the Lexington Indians as a 6-foot-1 second baseman, hitting .261 with three home runs in 59 games.

He joined the Lexington Police Department in 1940, but then World War II shortly followed. Mauney served in the Pacific Theater of Operations with the 76th Air Services Group.

After the war, he rejoined the police department, where he served until 1977, finally retiring as assistant police chief after 37 years with the force.



As talented as he was as a player, he may have found his niche as a coach. He became the first head coach for the Post 8 American Legion baseball team in 1946, and in 15 years guided the team to a record of 159-110 before stepping down in 1960. He took the team to the playoffs in seven of those 15 years, posting a 25-10 record in 1948, 14-7 in 1949 and a 21-7 record in 1950.

Mauney, who is enshrined in the Gardner-Webb Hall of Fame, was inducted into the North Carolina American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame in 1983.

Mauney died in 1995 at the age of 83.

