

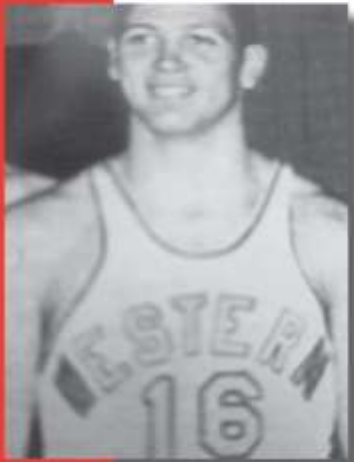


2011 Inductee

HAL LACKEY

Some athletes have all the tools, it seems, and Thomasville's Hal Lackey might have been one of them.

A gifted basketball player for Pilot High School, where he played guard from 1951 to 1954, helping the team win Davidson County championships in 1953 and 1954.



Lackey went on to play for Western Carolina, where he played guard on scholarship for the Catamounts. He also played shortstop for Western's baseball team.

He was a three-sport athlete for Pilot where he also played shortstop for the baseball team and quarterback for the football team. On top of that, he played American Legion baseball for Post 87, and then played basketball for the High Point men's YMCA team, where he was the leading scorer for two straight years. He helped the team to the Carolinas YMCA basketball titles in 1958 and 1959.

His athletic career continued from 1960 to 1974 when he won an amazing 14 consecutive North Carolina state handball championships, utilizing a completely different set of athletic skills along the way.

Then he switched to racquetball and continued to dominate in a completely different sport. Starting in 1975 and playing the game for the next 30 years, Lackey won 14 High Point city championships, including a state championship in 1981.

Clearly, Lackey had all the tools.

