



2016 Inductee

JOE (Jitter) YARBROUGH

It's been suggested more than once that inch for inch and pound for pound, Jitter Yarbrough just might be one of the best athletes to come through Lexington in any given decade.

Baseball player. Football player. Golfer.

His accolades speak for themselves.

A standout for Lexington Senior High School in 1956-59, Yarbrough was captain of both the football team and baseball team.

As a running back for the Yellow Jackets, he was the team's most valuable player in 1958 when he scored 20 touchdowns. Indeed, he rushed for more than 3,000 yards and scored more than 50 touchdowns in his career. In addition to making all-conference twice in his career, he was also all-state in 1958.



In baseball, he had a batting average over .400 for one season and over .350 for the other three seasons. He was all-conference for three years and honorable mention all-state for two years.



He played minor league baseball for the Lexington Giants and the Belmont (NC) Twins.

In 1962 golf entered the picture when he became an assistant pro at Lexington Golf Club for three years and then became the head pro at Chocoyotte Country Club in Weldon for four years, where he shared the course record of 66. He then became the head golf pro at Sapona Country Club in Lexington for six years.