



2010 Inductee



Louie Alexander Cox

Sometimes it seems as if Lexington's Louie Cox, 66, just might have been everywhere at once.

It would probably be enough to consider Cox as one of the more durable basketball and football officials in North Carolina. He was a football referee, calling both high school and college games, including 22 years serving as a South Atlantic Conference referee/back judge. He was also the back judge for the 1977 Shrine Bowl game. He further served as a supervisor/observer of officials and was president of the North State Football Officials Association.

Then there's basketball, where Cox was a high school referee for 30 years and five years as South Atlantic Conference women's basketball referee. He also called the 1988 East-West basketball game.

He also was president of the Metrolina Basketball Officials Association.

When he wasn't calling games, he was coaching them. He was a successful tennis coach at Lexington Senior High for both the boys' and girls' teams, winning numerous conference championships.

He also served as the varsity girls' basketball coach at Lexington where he made the program competitive in a tough conference.

As a prep athlete, Cox was a four-year tennis player for the Yellow Jackets and was the team's No.1 player in his senior season in 1963. In college, he was the No.1 player for Mars Hill College in 1967 as well as the team's most valuable player.

It was while he was a senior at Mars Hill that he first became a varsity high school basketball referee.

