



2003 Inductee

THOMAS B. YOUNG, Jr.

Thomas Bayard Young, Jr. "The Galloping Ghost" enrolled in UNC and played baseball. His batting average was over .300 each year. He tried out for football his sophomore year and made the team. In his first collegiate game he ran a kickoff back 95 yards for a TD. At graduation, the year book rated him as "The greatest defensive halfback ever to perform at UNC." Tom played pro baseball for 15 years with the Charlotte Hornets. He began coaching in 1929. Tom became the head football coach at Lexington High in 1933. In his nine years at LHS, he established an all time NC record of 92 games won and eight lost. He went on to coach at Western Carolina University, where he retired in 1969. In 1943, he was head football coach at his alma mater, UNC. It was Tom



Young that drove to Asheville and lured Choo Choo Justice from going to the University of South Carolina and signed him to play for the University of North Carolina.