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Wilson Alexander

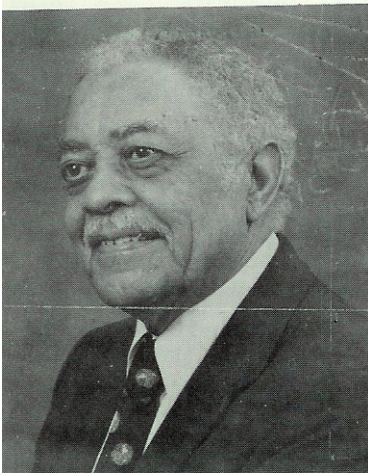
R.J. Reynolds High School

Wilson Alexander was a star guard for the Reynolds High School football team from 1947 to 1950. Earning a letter as a freshman was only a promise of things to come. Over the next three years, Alexander was named All City, All Conference, All State, and All Southern. He also received an honorable mention for High School All American honors in 1950. A bruising player, Alexander was so rough in practice that he was once called to the sidelines by Coach John Tandy who feared the 16-year-old might hurt his teammates.

While Alexander's greatest achievements were on the gridiron, his athletic talents were varied. While at Reynolds, he also earned letters in baseball and basketball.



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Roscoe Anderson

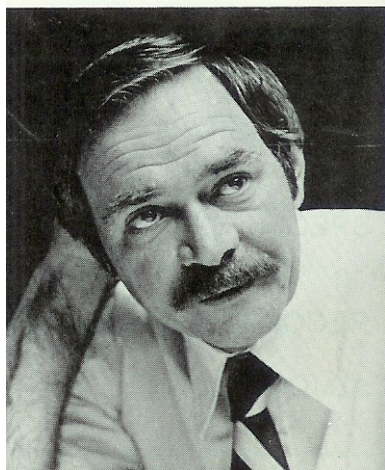
Columbia Heights High School

William Roscoe Anderson; Jr. was an all-around, star athlete at Columbia Heights High School. He was awarded letters in football, baseball, basketball and tennis. He also played soccer. Anderson, an All State running back, was a member of the Columbia Heights undefeated team in 1929. His junior year, 1930, the team lost only once.

Anderson went on to participate in football, basketball and tennis during the year he attended Atlanta's Clark College. The Winston-Salem State University graduate was a member of the institution's first basketball team, serving as team captain in his second year there: He also played semi-pro football in 1934. Anderson's entire career has been devoted to sports and recreation. He recently retired from the Winston-Salem Recreation Department.



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Don Cardwell

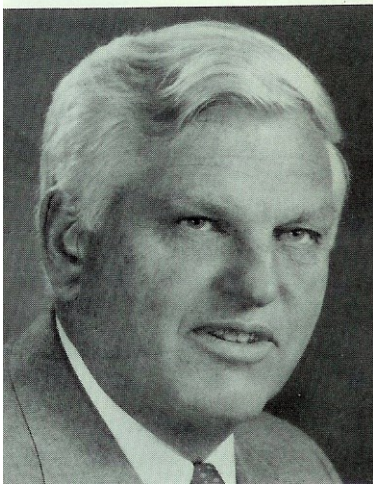
Gray High School

Donald E. Cardwell attended Gray High School where he excelled in football, basketball and baseball. A split end on the football team, he made the All-City and All Conference teams in 1952 and 1953 and the All-State team in 1953. He also played in the Shrine and Piedmont Bowl games in 1953. In addition, he was an All-conference center in basketball.

Impressive on the football field, Cardwell was even better at baseball. He earned a spot on the All City and All District 5 - 3A teams in 1952, 1953 and 1954. In 1953 and 1954, he was named to the All-State team and honored as Player of the Year in Winston-Salem. Cardwell was the pitcher as his team won the 1953 state championship. A year later, he pitched a perfect game in winning the conference championship- After his high school success, Cardwell spent 17 years in professional baseball and was -a member of the 1969 New York Mets, the "miracle" team that



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Tom Chambers

Sports Official

Tom Chambers has been a football official for North State Football Officials Association and for the high schools of North Carolina for more than 30 years. He started officiating high school and college football in 1950. He is presently a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference with 25 years' experience as crew chief.

The number of significant contests he has officiated attest to his rating as an official. He worked the Liberty Bowl in 1963 and 1967, the Gator Bowl in 1970 and the Orange Bowl in 1977.

His interest in sports is not confined to officiating, however. At R.J. Reynolds High School, he played baseball and football and made the, All Western Conference and All State teams



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Frances Cook

Clemmons High School

Frances C. Cook began her coaching and teaching career at Clemmons High School in Forsyth County in the fall of 1949. In almost 20 years of coaching, she had only three losing seasons in four sports -basketball, volleyball, softball and speed-ball. In 1950-51, the basketball team compiled a record of 15-1 and went to the finals of the Forsyth County Tournament. Her softball team was 11-0 that year.

In 1956-57, Cook was voted Coach of the Year and received the Sportsmanship Award for the Clemmons girls' basketball program. Through the years, she continued to compile impressive statistics with several undefeated seasons and another Coach of the Year award in 1961-62. The highlight of Coach Cook's career came in 1965-66 when her teams captured a 4-A championship in all four sports and had a perfect season in three sports. The basketball team lost only



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Talmadge "Ike" Hill

Atkins High School

Talmadge "Ike" Hill was a three-sport letterman at Atkins High School. He was a standout in football, basketball and baseball. He played quarterback and halfback on the football team, guard on the basketball team and shortstop on the baseball team. In recognition of his outstanding football abilities, he was named to the All City, All State and All Conference team during his high school career.

Hill was heavily recruited by several colleges including Michigan State, Minnesota, Morgan State, Virginia State, North Carolina A & T, North Carolina College (now Central), Johnson C. Smith and Kentucky State. He attended Catawba College in Salisbury and earned most valuable player honors in 1968 and 1970. During his seven-year professional football career, he played with the Buffalo Bills, the Chicago Bears, the New Orleans



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David Lash

**Carver High School
Atkins High School
East Forsyth High School**

David L. Lash began his coaching career in 1941 at Caswell County Training School, coaching tennis and girls' basketball. In 1943, he went to Carver High School to coach football, girls' basketball and tennis. Over the next 22 years, his football teams won state championship and nine western championships. His basketball teams won two state championships and six western championships. In tennis, his record was equally impressive with seven state championships and 14 western champions.

From 1965-70, Lash coached football and tennis at Atkins High School, picking up one state championship and two western championships in football and one state championship in tennis. At East Forsyth, where he coached from 1971-75, he produced the 1973 sectional champions in boys' tennis. In 1976, he coached state tennis champions Kim Lash and Jenee Cross who also earned national ranking.



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Ronnie Osborne

James Ronald "Ronnie Osborne" was a double-barreled threat at Kernersville High School. . . shooting the basketball for an average of more than 23 points per game and firing a baseball well enough to lead his team to two championships. He was named All County in both sports. A two-year baseball letterman, Osborne led Kernersville to the finals of the State, Class A basketball championship in 1956, pick-ing up All Tournament, 1st Team All State and most valuable player honors along the way.

As an infielder/pitcher on the Kernersville baseball team, Osborne was unequall-ed. He consistently hit .350 or better and in 1956-57, he posted a 15-0 pitching record as his team won the State Class A championship. During the tournament, he beat future major league baseball stars Tony Cloninger and Gaylord Perry. In recognition of his outstanding ability,



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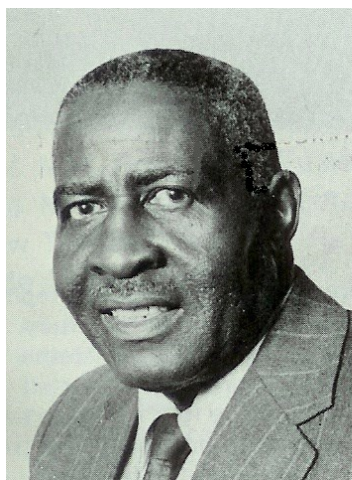
Frank Spencer

Frank Spencer joined the sports staff of the Winston-Salem Journal as a reporter in 1923 at the age of 17. He built a career that spanned nearly a half century. The dean of North Carolina sportswriters, he is perhaps best known as the "father" of the Northwest North Carolina High School Basketball Tournament. Started and sponsored in 1926 by the Journal and Sentinel newspapers, the tournament grew to be known as the "world's largest basketball tournament under one roof." The credit for that growth goes to Frank Spencer. He was always proud of the fact that more than 26,000 boys and girls played in the tournament over the years.

Spencer spearheaded the tournament to generate interest in high school basket. Basketball, then relatively new to the high school sports curriculum. When the tournament marked its 25th anniversary in 1951, more than 10,000 people had to be turned away for lack of space. The tournament ended that year as high school athletic officials chose to sponsor



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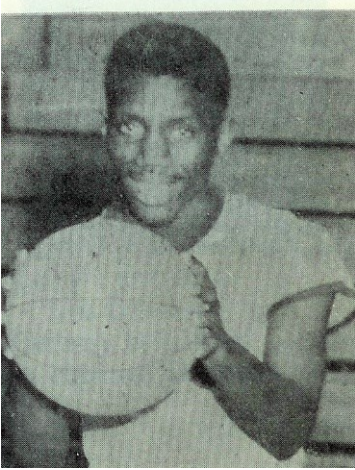
Harvey Staplefoote

Harvey E. "Pops" Staplefoote ran track at Columbia Heights High School, but it was on the football field where he excelled. He played center and end (offensive and defensive) and earned All Conference honors in 1929. After graduating from high school, he played one year at Shaw University and was named All CIAA center. He then transferred to Clark, College in Atlanta where he continued to perform outstanding feats on the gridiron.

Following college, Staplefoote played professional football as a member of the Atlanta Black Cracker. He later played semi-pro football in Winston-Salem. He was known throughout the community for his outstanding civic contributions, earning citations from various organizations and from the State of North Carolina. Staplefoote died in 1981.



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Booker T. Williams

Booker T. Williams lettered in basketball and baseball at Atkins Senior High School. A 1954 graduate, he was a three-year varsity starter at the guard position on the basketball team. He earned All-Conference, All District and All State honors in 1952, 53 and 54, averaging nearly 20 points per game during his senior year. He played semi-pro basketball with Brooklyn New York Hobos from 1955-58.

A pitcher and center fielder, Williams was named to the All-Conference and All District teams in baseball in 1952 and 1954. As a junior, he posted a record of 8-0 with 162 strikeouts. The following year, he won 10 and lost 1 with 116 strikeouts. He played semi-pro baseball with the Winston-Salem Pond Giants from 1957-1966 and was offered a tryout with the Cincinnati Reds.

