

NCHSAA HOF Nomination:

It gives me great pleasure to nominate Thomas (Tommy) Cole for membership in NCHSAA HOF. I have known Tommy Cole in some capacity since he was born. We grew up in the same community and attended and graduated from Walter Williams High School in Burlington, N.C. several years apart. I watched Tommy develop into the most prolific basketball player our community has ever had winning All-Conference, District and State awards as well as All-American honors in High School and then at Elon College (one of only two jerseys retired there). He was also an outstanding High School Baseball player and All-American and All-State adult Softball player.

Coach Cole has always been a strong family man and a leader in our community. His personality is magnanimous and people are drawn to him. He has a special needs son who has led Williams High School's team spirit for most of his life; he played for his father and holds the school record for the longest 3 point shot made in the Bulldog's gym. Wherever you see Tommy, you will see Worth as he is loyal and dedicated to his Dad's teams and loves sports.

Following college, Coach Cole went on to a highly successful coaching career in basketball and golf at several schools. He coached a State Championship Boys Basketball team at Graham High School in 1983 and at Williams High School in 1996. Tommy led a Williams girl's team to the state finals in 2012. One year, he coached both the boys and girls teams due to a teacher and coaching shortage. His record of 787-387 in men's and women's basketball is quite impressive. His career record in golf is 2,797-421 with three State Championships in 1995, 2000, and 2011 (NFHS National Golf Coach of the Year).

Thank you for considering this outstanding man, coach and teacher for your prestigious HOF. Please take a close look at this impressive resume as an athlete and coach.

With Best Wishes,
Coach Sam Story (336-264-8296)



Retired 40 yr. Coach and teacher (33 years in high school; 7 in college, 1977-78 under Mike McGee at Duke University; 1979-March 1983 under Red Wilson at Duke; 2009 Elon University staff. 2014 N.C. HSAA HOF inductee

Resume included

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Tommy Cole

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Education

Walter M. Williams High School

- Class of 1968
- Burlington, NC

Elon College (now Elon University)

- Class of 1972
- Elon, NC

Basketball Accomplishments

Walter M. Williams High School

- All Conference
- All State
- All American
- East-West All-Star Game 1968, MVP
- Fall Athletic Scholarship to Elon College
- Jersey Retired (#34)

Elon College

- All Conference
- Conference Player of the Year
- Recipient of the Basnight Award (Most Outstanding Athlete at Elon)
- All District
- All State
- 2 Time All American NAIA
- Second leading scorer
- Record holder to-date for Most Assists at Elon
- Participated in the 1971 Pan American Tryout in Denver, CO
- Drafted by the Boston Celtics (1972)
- Jersey Retired (#34). One of only 2 retired jerseys.
- Inducted into the Elon University Hall of Fame.

Basketball Coaching Career

Southern Alamance Middle School (1973-1979)

Graham High School (1979-1983)

- State 3A Championship (1983)

Walter M. Williams High School (1983-Present)

- 1996 State 3A Men's Champions
- State 3A Champion Runner-up (2012-Women's, 2019-Men's)
- Coached Women's Basketball for 13 years.

East-West All Star Game

- 1989
- West Team Coach

North-South Game

- 2001
- North Team Coach

Career Record

- 787 Wins, 387 Losses in 44 Seasons
- 8 Conference Championships
- 9 Conference Tournament Championships
- 9 Sectional Championships
- 4 Regional Championships

Golf Coaching Career

Walter M. Williams High School

- 39 Years
- Named NFHS National Golf Coach of the Year 1995

Career Record

- 2907 Wins, 456 Losses
- 3 State Championships (1995, 2000, 2011)
- 7 State Champion Runners-Up
- 12 Regional Championships
- 7 Regional Runners-Up
- 27 Conference Championships
- 5 Conference Runners-Up

Softball Career

ASA Softball All American 1979

Team Placed 3rd overall in USA in 1979

Inducted into NC Softball Hall of Fame

Other Honors

Inducted into the George Whitfield Baseball Clinic Hall of Fame, 2022

Williams to honor Tommy Cole's coaching career

By **BOB SUTTON**
Special to The Alamance News

Former Williams basketball coach Tommy Cole will be honored with a presentation Wednesday night at the school's gym when the Bulldogs take on River Mill.

Cole, who retired prior to this season, spent more than 40 years as high school basketball coach. At one point, he coached the boys' and girls' teams at the same time.

He racked up 787-387 career record. He'll be presented with a 787 game jersey.

The school is inviting all former players, managers and assistant coaches to attend and join Cole on the court during the presentation.

The presentation will take place at halftime of the boys' game, which is slated for 6:30 p.m. A junior varsity game is set for 5:00 p.m. There's no girls' game that night.

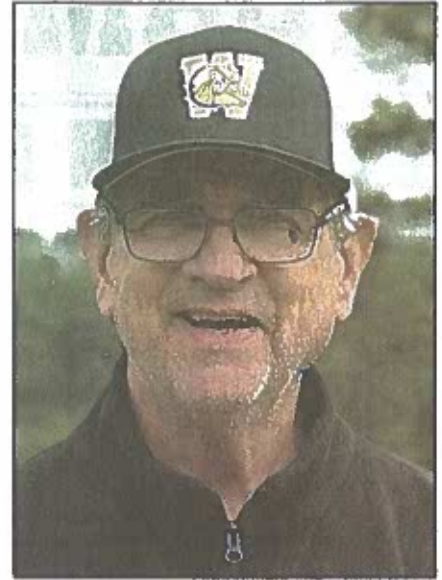
Cole, who remains boys' golf coach for the Bulldogs, spent four seasons as boys' coach at Graham before heading to Williams, his alma mater.

Duo to play in football showcase

Senior football players Justin Dykes of Southern Alamance and Tyron Squires of Southeast Alamance

will participate for North Carolina's entry in what's called Battle of the Borders.

The event, conducted by a recruiting service, includes four games involving players from eight states February 4 at



**FORMER LONGTIME WILLIAMS
BASKETBALL COACH TOMMY COLE**

Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta. The North Carolina team meets the South Carolina team.

Dykes had announced he would attend St. Andrews, an NAIA team in Laurinburg, but since decommitted.

THANK YOU, COACH!

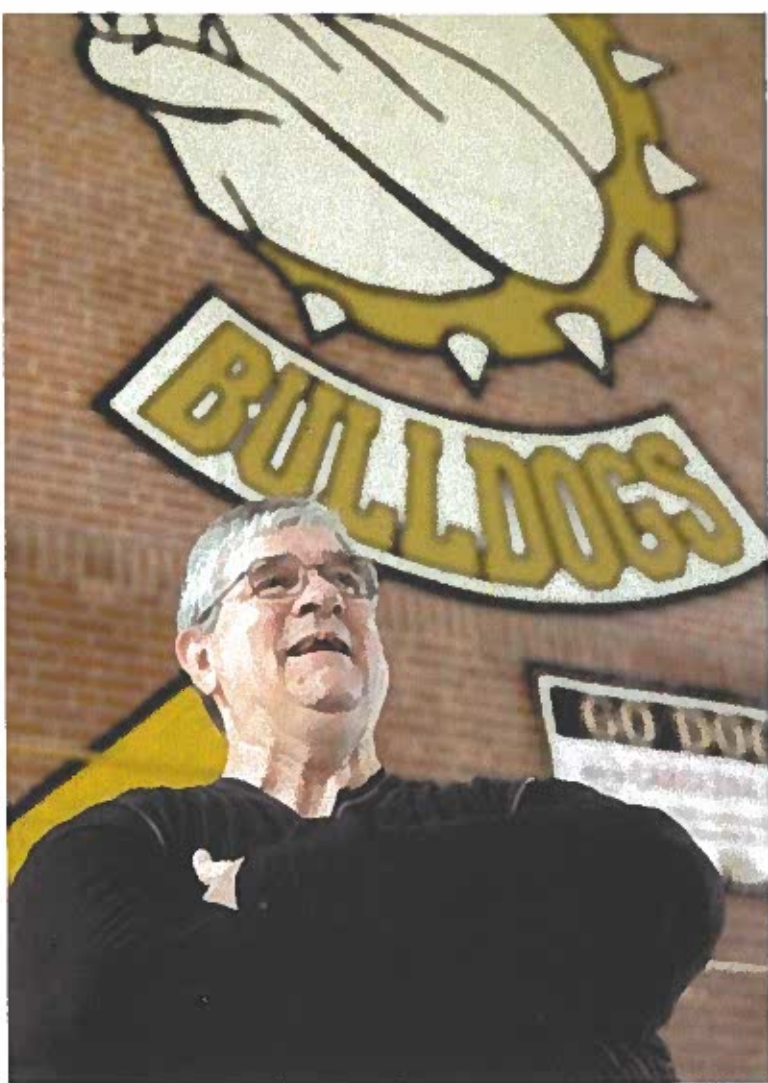
Tommy Cole

GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL: 1979 - 1983

WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL: 1983 - 2023

787 - 387
ALL-TIME RECORD

COACHED 45 SEASONS | ONLY 5 LOSING SEASONS
(COACHED BOYS AND GIRLS BOTH IN THE SAME SEASON)



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NCHSAA STATE
CHAMPIONSHIPS
1983-GRAHAM
1996 WILLIAMS

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NCHSAA STATE
RUNNER-UP
2012 WILLIAMS [W]
2019 WILLIAMS [M]

4

REGIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS

9

SECTIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS

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CONFERENCE
TOURNAMENT
CHAMPIONSHIPS

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CONFERENCE
CHAMPIONSHIPS



BULLDOG
BASKETBALL