

# #1A-1 Beaufort High School Basketball

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Subject: Re: Baseball Day - July 19 - Core Sound - to honor coaches from across the County

Thanks for the e-mail. I didn't find any pictures you don't already have. Again, many thanks for your superb job of organizing and collecting this valuable information. Sorry I can't make the event this year but will continue to help you as you see fit going forward and maybe attend the next one.

## Notes:

Dr. John Way was one of the organizers and was the first President of the Beaufort Little League.

### Beaufort's first Little League Coaches based on my recollection:

❖ Charles Hassell, Sr.	➤ Elks,
❖ A.B. Hooper	➤ Fry Roofing
❖ VFW	➤ Not sure- could have been Ray Hassell, Sr. (Wayne Merrell was the star of that team)
❖ Carl Hatsell	➤ Moose

### [Coach McQuaid - gives credit to Ray Hassell, Sr.](#)

Coach McQuaid acknowledging Ray Hassell, Sr. for his contribution for our Beaufort Basketball teams- 1959 -1964. Ray started and coached a midget team when Ray Hassell, Jr. and I were in 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grades, that we played in and won tournaments against teams in Carteret and Onslow Counties, including a couple of Lejeune's teams.

### [Bob Rose - big Supporter and help to Mcquaid 1955](#)

Bob Rose, who lived in the area at the time (1955) (had a Ford dealership in Havelock- "Robert L. Rose for the car that goes!"), was married at the time to our neighbor and friend Betty Lou Merrill of Beaufort. *Bob was a native of Smithfield, was Captain of UNC basketball teams in late 40's or early 50's and was All-Southern Conference at least once.* He sort of "adopted" the 1955 team and helped Coach McQuaid some. *Everyone remembers that Bob outfitted the entire team with new Converse All-Stars before they left for the State Tournament in Greensboro in '55.*

Beaufort's 1954 team won the District and went to the State Tournament in Aberdeen, losing but winning the consolation game. My sister was in the class of '55 with Gehrman Holland, Murray "Monk" Pittman, Henry Safrit and Herb Mason, all seniors on that team.

Best wishes for a successful Baseball Day.