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Smyrna. In the 1939-1940 season, McQuaid's Beaufort Seadogs again finished runners-up in the County Tournament. Not resting on his laurels, Beaufort, under McQuaid's guidance, became County champions in 1940-1941 and successfully defended their championship in 1941-1942.

"Due to World War II, further hardwood honors would have to wait while McQuaid served honorably in the United States Army. (He received the Bronze Star, a decoration for heroic or meritorious achievement during the military operations.)

"Then a fire in the 1940s destroyed the Beaufort High School records of McQuaid's early success. From these ashes, McQuaid built a new dynasty, which included a winning season every year from 1947-1948 to 1964-1965, when consolidation closed the high school in Beaufort. During that period, McQuaid's teams had a win-loss record of 368-75, a winning percentage of 83 percent, which included a State Class A Consolidation Championship in 1953-1954 a State Class A Championship in 1954-1955 (a perfect 28-0 record), State Class A Championship in 1958-1959, 1959-1960, and 1960-1961 (perfect 27-0, 24-0, and 25-0 records respectively), 91 straight wins (one of the nation's longest winning streaks); a State Class 2A District Championship in 1962-1963, a State Class 2A 3rd Place in 1963-1964, and State Class 2A District Runners-Up in 1964-1965.

"After consolidation, McQuaid coached at Union Pines in 1965-1966, at Sanford Central in 1966-1967, and at Chapel Hill, gave Coach at When asked to revive a program, McQuaid answered, "I coached for 10 years, 1969-1979 to 1979-1980, a win-loss record at East Carolina University of 59 percent opportunity to coach several o 3A Tournament Championship in 1972-1973, State 3A District Runners-up in 1973-1974, Coastal 3A Tournament Runners-up in 1974-1975, Coastal 3A Conference and Tournament Championships in 1975-1976, and Coastal 3A Tournament Runners-up in 1976-1977. When he retired in 1977, Raleigh News and Observer sportswriters referred to McQuaid as a 'legend'. After his death in 1988, an award was established in McQuaid's memory to recognize East Carteret basketball players who best exemplify sportsmanship and effort, two qualities that are synonymous with Coach McQuaid."

Joining former basketball players, Chuck Lewis, Jimmy J. Fodrie, Butch Hassell, and Pud Hassell with letters of support for Coach McQuaid's nomination to the Hall of Fame were Edward Potter, Captain USN, Ret. and Jeff Newton. Captain Potter was on Coach McQuaid's first Beaufort High School team in 1936-1937 and states, "After high school I played basketball at college (Elon College) and with service teams. During those years, I never had a coach that I admired and respected as much as I did Tom McQuaid. He inspired confidence and respect in his players and passed on to them his thorough knowledge of the game of basketball. In addition to his many admirable attributes, he was a true gentleman."

Mr. Newton writes: "I was fortunate to not only grow up in Beaufort when Coach McQuaid was coaching at Beaufort High School, but also to play for Coach McQuaid from 1974-1976. He was more than a great coach. He was a builder of men. He was no easier on the stars than he was on the last men on the bench. Yet we all looked to him for guidance, both on and off the court. To this day I remember going to his classroom and asking his thoughts about my choice of colleges.

Today, more than ten years after Coach McQuaid's death, and more than twenty years after I last played for him, people still ask, 'Didn't you play for Coach McQuaid?' Each time I respond affirmately, with pride that I was fortunate to have known greatness."

Dean Smith, former Head Basketball Coach at UNC Chapel Hill, gave Coach McQuaid high marks in support of the Hall of Fame nomination. Coach Smith stated that he "admired Mr. McQuaid's great success as a coach and teacher, and also appreciated the opportunity to coach several of his players on our University of North Carolina teams.

"Gehrmann Holland was a member of the National Championship team at UNC in 1957 and the 1958 and 1959 teams after I joined Coach McGuire's staff. Pud and Ray Hassell played on some of my first teams at the University and were followed by Brady Way and Clem Woodard, who were in our program in the mid-sixties. Butch Hassell was an outstanding player at Wake Forest who played against our teams during that period. Alton Hill, an outstanding coach in Virginia Beach, assisted at our basketball camps for many years. I recall that all these young men were well