

Player Coach Mentor Friend

“Fodrie opened the Gym at 7 and it stayed open until late at night”

- ◆ **Multi-sport star at Beaufort High School graduated 1950 and he joined the Army Reserves**
- ◆ **Graduated in 1958 from Atlantic Christian College (Barton)**
- ◆ **Taught 7th Grade & Coached 1958-63**
 - **Baseball, Women Varsity Basketball & Boys JV Basketball**
 - **Assisted Tom McQuaid with Basketball**
 - **Assisted with Football**
 - **Assisted with Girls JV**
- ◆ **Coached Basketball Atlantic 1 year**
- ◆ **Coached ECHS Girls JV Basketball and Girls Softball for 7 years until 1988 when he retired**



Pud Hassell, left, and Alton Hill, middle, present former coach James "Jimmy" Fodrie a plaque at a recent Beaufort High School Seadogs basketball reunion. The plaque was in recognition and appreciation of Fodrie as a "teacher, coach, friend." Fodrie was a longtime teacher and coach at Beaufort and East Carteret high schools.

Pud Hassell

Alton Hill

James Fodrie

NOTE: Jimmy Fodrie is the only Coach to Assist Tom McQuaid as well as Play for him

❖ 1961 & 1962 Beaufort Baseball Championship Teams - Winning 23 Games Straight

- ◆ Jimmy said “Beaufort had great baseball park with grandstands and the Gym setting in centerfield, with a telephone pole. If you hit on the right side it was a double, and on the other side it was a homerun.”
- ◆ Jimmy told me the story about Beaufort playing Davis Shore baseball team. Elvin Davis had hit two fly balls to Icky to Icky Peterson, and each time each time he dropped the ball right out of his glove. The 3rd time Elvin came to the plate, he hit a long ball that caused Icky to run into the deep ditch that was in the outfield, and fell into it - sight unseen; however, after some time went by, Itchy came running out saying “I had caught the ball”. Jimmy look at him and saw the stitches of the ball had hit him in the forehead – he knew he had not caught, but I guess he was too embarrassed to say.
- ◆ Jimmy played Basketball with the Night Raiders in the late 1950s, coached and organized by Wilson Davis. They won 4 straights Championship. He said one night he got a call from Wilson that he had a game setup in Jasper. Fodrie said “I walked 16 miles to get there from Kinston – that is loving basketball.
- ◆ He and Wilson used the old wood out of the Beaufort Gym to build the porch around the Coke Coca house at the Cape, and I help him do it.
- ◆ He said “Dallas Arthur, who he played with with the Raiders, was the strongest basketball he had ever played with. He said if an opposing player had his hands on the basketball, he better let go or Dallas would stuff the ball and him through the goal.”