

Dean Dease has coached high school baseball for 35 years. He served 31 years (1988-2018) as the head baseball coach at Orange HS. From 1985-1987 he coached the OHS Junior Varsity team. He has an overall record of 503-265 and conference record of 252-119. Coach Dease has been selected Conference Coach of the Year 9 times as the Panthers have moved through three different classifications.

During his tenure at Orange has:

Won 1 State Championship 2008

Won 1 Eastern Regional

Won 2 Sectional Finals

Won 12 conference championships

Made 21 State Playoff Appearances (including the last 16 consecutive)

Won over 20 games in a season 6 times

Set a school record for wins (27) twice

Over 60 Orange players have gone on to play college or professional baseball. He has coached 19 All-State players and 3 All-Americans. Five former players were picked in the Major League Baseball Draft- Torrey Pettiford (Phillies), Chris Maples (Tigers), Josh Horton (A's), Daniel Hargrave (Phillies) and Bryse Wilson (Braves). Two former players signed as free agents- Matt McCay (Joliet Jackhammers) and Mike Harris (Yankees).

In 1992 and 2008 he was selected as Region 3 Coach of the Year by the North Carolina Baseball Coaches Association.

Coach Dease is the head coach and director of the Hillsborough Hogs, a summer baseball team in the Central Carolina Scholastic Summer Baseball League. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the CCSSL. For ten years (1995-2005) he was the Orange County Post 452 American Legion Baseball Manager and Athletic Officer.

From 1993-1994 Coach Dease served as a Region 3 assistant coach in the North Carolina State Games. In 1995 he was the Region 3 head coach as Region 3 earned a Bronze Medal in the State Games of North Carolina. Coach Dease was an assistant coach, under Ronald Vincent, on the winning Senior East Team in the 1996 State Games. Coach Dease served again as head coach of Region 3 in the 2005 North Carolina State Games and then served as an assistant coach on the East Team in 2006. Coach Dease continues to serve the State Games volunteer with the scholastic baseball competition. In 2015 Dease once again served as Head Coach for Region 3 in the North Carolina State Games, guiding that team to a Bronze Medal. In 2009 Coach Dease was selected to be the head coach for team North Carolina in the North Carolina - South Carolina All-Star Challenge in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Dease serves on the Executive Board of the North Carolina Baseball Coaches Association. He has been an active member since the organization began.

The Orange High baseball field has always been a passion for Coach Dease. The field has been named Region 3 Field of the Year 3 times.

Coach Dease is a 1984 graduate of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He grew up in Gaston County where he played baseball, football and basketball from 1978-1980 at Bessemer City High School in Bessemer City, NC.

Coach Dease is married to the former Jan Monroe of Charlotte. They have two daughters, M'Lynn, who is a junior and UNC-Wilmington, and Abby, who is a sophomore at Orange.