

Jim Montague graduated from South Johnston High School in 1976. While at South Johnston, Montague played football, being recognized as All-Conference in 1974 & 1975 and also being named the Cap 8 4A Most Improved Player in 1975. Montague played baseball as well at South Johnston, being named All-Conference in 1975 & 1976. The baseball team at South Johnston were conference champions in 1974, 1975, 1976. He was named Co-MVP of the baseball team in 1976. During the summer of 1976 Montague was a pitcher and catcher on the Johnston County American Legion team that was the Eastern Champions and State Runner-Up.

After graduation from South Johnston, Montague went to UNC-Wilmington on a baseball scholarship as a catcher and graduated with a BS in Physical Education. He was a 3 time selection for the Summer Collegiate Team.

In Wayne County, Montague won 2 state championships playing semi-pro baseball and was recognized as MVP twice. He signed as a free agent with the Baltimore Orioles in 1982, where played in the Appalachian Rookie League and finished with the double A team in Charlotte.

Coaching at Grantham Middle School in Wayne County, Montague was named basketball coach of the year in 1984 and baseball coach of the year in 1985. While coaching at CB Aycock from 1985-1986, he was a varsity assistant coach on the football team and he was the head coach team of the JV baseball conference champions. Moving to Havelock HS in 1986, he was the head JV football coach of the 4 time conference champions and the assistance varsity baseball coach of the 2-time conference champions.

In 1991, Montague moved to North Lenoir High School. He coached varsity baseball for 23 years. As the head varsity baseball coach, his teams have played for 3 state championships, winning the 2A State Championship in 2005 & 2006 and in 2007 the 2A State Runner-Up. His teams have made 5 Eastern final appearances and won 8 conference championships. During Montague's 23 years of being the head baseball coach at North Lenoir High School, North Lenoir was one of the top 5 schools in the state of North Carolina with the highest winning percentage while in the playoffs.

Montague's career record as a varsity head baseball coach is 358-183. He has been named region 2 coach of the year five times and has had 60 players receive baseball scholarships. Three of his players have been drafted by Major League Baseball.

While at North Lenoir, Montague has also been the defensive coordinator for the varsity football team, girls cross country coach, and coached the boys soccer team to 3 conference championships. He has also been inducted into the North Lenoir Hall of Fame, the Johnston County Athletic Hall of Fame, his 2005 2A State Championship team inducted into the Lenoir County Hall of Fame, and his 2005 & 2006 2A State Championship has been inducted in the North Lenoir High School Hall of Fame.

Montague has also served at the Assistant Athletic Director and Athletic Director for 12 year.

After 23 years of coaching Varsity Baseball at North Lenoir High School, Montague made a decision to walk away from baseball to support his only child, Alison to be a spectator and father in softball. Little did he know the next 3 years he would be coaching softball at North Lenoir High school, where they made the playoffs all 3 years. Montague and his wife, Sherry, have a daughter, Alison. Alison has just completed her freshman year as an honor student at Barton College, where she received a softball scholarship with the Barton Bulldogs.

Jim retired in 2017, after coaching for 37 years and lives in LaGrange, North Carolina.

Baseball Coaching:

Grantham Junior High Head Coach - 5 years (record ?)

CB Aycock JV Head Coach- 1 year (record ?)

Havelock Assistant Varsity - 5 years

North Lenoir High School Varsity - 23 years record: 358-183

Achievements:

North Carolina/ South Carolina Challenge - 2006

Love Of The Game Award, Raleigh Hot Stove Banquet - 2005

North Carolina State Games - 5 years

Assistant Coach - Snow Hill American Legion - 5 years

All State Selection Committee for Region 2 - 6 years

Baseball Conference Coach of the Year - 8 years

Soccer Conference Coach of the Year - 3 years

Wayne County News Argus Baseball Coach of the Year - 1 year

Kinston Free Press Baseball Coach of the Year - 1 year

Camps:

North Lenoir High School's Skills Camp - 8 years

Campbell University Skills Camp - 2 years

Diamond Stars Camp - Mt. Olive - 4 years

Lenoir Community College Pitcher/ Catcher Camp - 1 year

Pitt Community College Pitcher/ Catcher Camp - 3 years

Snow Hill Pitcher/ Catcher Camp - 6 years

Snow Hill Hitting Camp - 6 years

Morehead Marlins Skills Camp - 1 year

Wayne County Baseball Camp - 4 years