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Married to Teena (Martin) for 40 years. One son, Jason Lineberger (married to Ashley) and 3 grandsons. Jason is the current head baseball coach at South Point High School.

High School Career, South Point High School

1969-1972

- o Played varsity baseball and football
- o Played on South Point's first conference championship football team-1971
- o Played on South Point's first state championship football team-1971
- o Played on South Point's first conference championship baseball team-1972
- o Received awards for both sports while in high school

College Career

Wesley Junior College, Dover, Delaware

1972-1973

- o Played baseball and football

Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN

1974-1977

- o Played football, offensive line

Coaching Career

Chase High School, Forest City, NC

1977-1983

- o Assistant football coach, 1977-1983
- o Girls' softball head coach, 1977-1983 (6 consecutive Southwest 3A conference championships)
- o JV basketball coach, 3 years
- o Head wrestling coach, 3 years

***South Point High School, 906 South Point Rd., Belmont, NC 28012**

1983-2016

Head Baseball Coach, 1984 - 2005

- o Record: 362-191
- o 12 regular season or conference tournament championships
- o Four Gaston County Easter Tournament championships
- o One of three people at the first NC Baseball organization meeting. Bruce Bolick, Mike Mahaffey and I met to organize the NC Baseball Coaches in order to have a voice in Chapel Hill
- o Spoke at NC Baseball Coaches' Association Clinic, 1988 & 1990
- o 1994 baseball team was NCHSAA 3A runner-up
- o 70 players received either college scholarships or were drafted into pro ranks in 22 years as head coach
- o 1996, 1997, 1998 - Region 6 assistant State Games coach; 1999 regionals head coach, gold medal winner
- o 2002 NCHSAA Region 6 Baseball Coach of the Year
- o 2002 East-West All-Star Series head coach for West
- o 2005 head coach for NC North-South Classic at Myrtle Beach ("Shrine Bowl" of baseball)
- o American Legion Post 144 coach for 15 years
- o Gaston Braves American Legion Head Coach for 8 years
- o Assistant coach for Varsity Baseball and Head JV coach from 2006-2011 (did not lose a game in

3 years)

- 2011 NCSHAA 3A State Champions

Football Coach, 1983 – 2016

- Offensive line coach, 1983-2016
- Offensive coordinator, 1990-2016
- Averaged 34 – 49 points per game
- 13 of past 16 seasons Conference Champions
- 3A State champions, 2003, 2009, **2016**
- **Head Football Coach, 2011-2016 with 6 consecutive 10-win seasons (old Gaston County record was 3 consecutive 10-win seasons)**
- Head coaching record, 70-15
- Western 3A finals, 2014
- 3A State runner-up, 2015
- 3A State Championship, 2016
- Shrine Bowl coach for NC, 2010
- Speak at 3-4 clinics per year including NC Football Coaches, Glazier, UNC, and NC State

Athletic Director, 1991 - 2005

- NCHSAA Region 6 Athletic Director of the Year, 2003
- Initiated various projects and improvements to the facilities including doubling the football practice field (by adding 6,000 loads of dirt), adding bathrooms at the tennis courts, building a new, on-campus softball field, rebuilding the baseball field (replaced lights, bleachers, dugouts, concession stand, bathrooms, fence, press box, sprinkler system, backstop, ticket booth, etc.)

Miscellaneous Activities and Awards

- Strength and conditioning coach since 1984 (implemented Gaston County's first weight training class)
- Toby Webb NCHSAA Male Coach of the Year, 2007
- 2015, installed new weight room (\$180,000)
- Inducted into the Belmont Sports Hall of Fame, 2006
- Current chairman of Belmont Sports Hall of Fame
- Numerous Conference Coach of the Year Awards
- Served for many years on committee to select all-state baseball players
- Serving on committee to select North Carolina MVP, defensive & offensive players of the Shrine Bowl game from 2002-present

Personal Note:

I've enjoyed the past 40 years, trying to impact the lives of young people using baseball and football as the tools. Coaching is the greatest profession on earth and the field is the biggest classroom. Thank you for considering me for this great honor.

Sincerely,

Mickey Lineberger