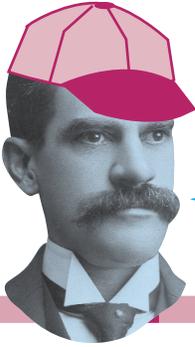


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*I'm Fred Olds,
founder of this museum.
Find a few of my
favorite things—and see
if you can answer
my questions!*

Fred's Finds

A Golf Club

Putter used by Estelle Lawson Page to win United States Golf Association's (USGA) Women's Amateur crown, 1937.

B Baseball and Bat

Ball that Walter F. "Buck" Leonard hit for a home run while playing for Pittsburgh's Homestead Grays, Negro National League.

Bat used during Leonard's 1940 season with the Homestead Grays.

C Football Hip Pads

Protective hip pads worn by Clarence McKay "Ace" Parker while playing football at Duke University, 1933–1936.

D Rose Bowl Trophy

Trophy presented to Ellis Hagler as assistant coach of Duke University in 1942 Rose Bowl.

E Football Helmets

Helmet that Fred Eugene Crawford wore while playing for the McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tennessee, 1929.

Helmet worn when Lee J. Stone played for Lebanon Valley College in Armville, Pennsylvania.

F Racing Suits

Jumpsuit that Ned Jarrett wore during his Southern 500 win, 1965.

Racing suit worn by Dale Earnhardt during 1994 NASCAR season.

G Basketball

Ball used and signed by Olympic gold medal-winning United States women's basketball team, and given to team coach Kay Yow, 1988.

H Basketball Uniform

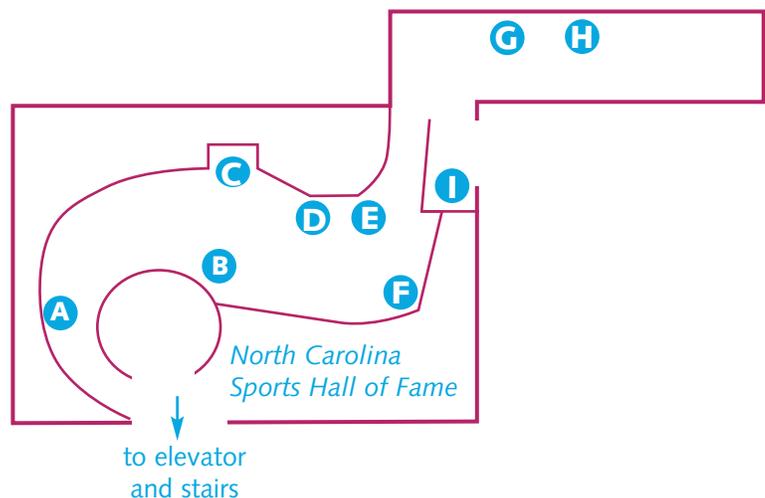
Harlem Globetrotters uniform worn by George "Meadowlark" Lemon, late 1970s.

I Word Processor

First-generation portable word processor used by sportswriter Irwin Smallwood, 1980s.

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A Golf Club

“FORE” women!

Since World War II, our state has become identified with golf almost as much as college basketball. Golf is also one of the first sports in which North Carolina women competed seriously. During the 1930s and 1940s Estelle Lawson Page, of Chapel Hill, reigned as the best female golfer in the Carolinas and one of the best in the world. During her career she scored twelve holes-in-one!

? Compare Page's club with the club to the left of it. How are they alike? How are they different?

B Baseball and Bat

Leonard was the equal of any first baseman who ever lived. If he'd gotten the chance to play in the Major Leagues, they might have called Lou Gehrig “The White Buck Leonard.”

Monte Irvin, fellow Negro League player and Baseball Hall of Fame inductee

Buck Leonard was the first North Carolinian inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. The Rocky Mount native played in the Negro National League when professional baseball was segregated. In the 1930s and 1940s, he was the league's all-star first baseman twelve times. The Major League integrated after World War II, but by then Leonard felt he was too old to play, saying he “didn't want to embarrass anyone or hurt the chances of those who might follow.”

? Can you find Leonard's signature on his ball and bat?

C Football Hip Pads

It's “hip” to play football.

Ace Parker was an all-American halfback at Duke in the 1930s. In 1936 he ran the ball 105 yards in a kickoff return. Parker played professional football with the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Boston Yankees. In 1940 he was named Most Valuable Player in the National Football League (NFL), and in 1972 he joined the Professional Football Hall of Fame. He is also a member of the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame.

? How are these hip pads different from ones used today?

D Rose Bowl Trophy

A football “first”

December 7, 1941: Japan attacks Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and the United States enters World War II. Would the Duke University football team, including assistant coach Ellis Hagler, still head west for the Rose Bowl? Many felt the game in Pasadena, California, should be canceled. Officials moved the game to Durham instead, making it the only Rose Bowl to be played elsewhere than in Pasadena. Duke lost to Oregon State, 20-16. Hagler continued to coach Duke, totaling 175 football victories and appearances in four bowl games.

? What was Ellis Hagler's nickname? *adung*

E Football Helmets

A couple of leatherheads!

An Annapolis shoemaker sewed the first recorded leather football helmet for a navy player whose doctor warned of death or “instant insanity” if he took another kick to the head. Despite the danger of head injuries, helmets were not mandatory in college football until the 1930s. By 1950 hard plastic had started replacing leather. Years of research and testing have continued to improve the effectiveness of modern helmets.

? What are two other activities that require protective headgear?

F Racing Suits

Gentlemen, start your engines!

What's missing from Ned Jarrett's jumpsuit? Sponsor logos! Teams in the 1960s were mostly family-owned businesses using little, if any, outside help. Dale Earnhardt's suit shows the corporate sponsorships that teams rely on today. Sponsors pay large sums of money to have their product brands on cars and drivers' suits. Television and marketing have helped make NASCAR racing a billion-dollar industry.

? How many sponsor logos can you find on Earnhardt's suit?

G Basketball

Wow—Yow is some coach!

Why didn't Kay Yow play college basketball? Few schools had teams for women in the early 1960s. By 1975 things had changed a bit: Yow became head coach of the new women's basketball (and softball and volleyball) team at N.C. State. In the years since, she has won over seven hundred games, taken N.C. State to the 1998 Final Four, and coached the U.S. women to gold medals at the 1986 World Basketball Championship and the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, the only women's coach to win both events.

? Why would this ball have special meaning for Coach Yow?

H Basketball Uniform

An international star

As he grew up in Wilmington, Meadowlark Lemon dreamed of joining the famous Harlem Globetrotters. In 1954 his dream came true. For more than twenty years the “Clown Prince of Basketball” played before popes, presidents, and fans in more than seventy countries. He was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2003.

? Can you find Meadowlark Lemon on the exhibit computer interactive?

I Word Processor

Read all about it!

Meet the grandfather of the modern laptop computer. The “portable” word processor you see here probably weighs about twenty-five pounds! But sports journalists in the 1980s found this new technology a great improvement over handwritten notes that would have to be transcribed, sometimes hours later, on a typewriter. Irwin Smallwood was considered the dean of North Carolina golf writers from 1947 through 1989.

? Where do you learn about your favorite sport—TV, a newspaper, the internet?

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