

CHEC Employee Guides Girls to another Winning Season



The 2010 graduating seniors on the Cape Hatteras girl's varsity basketball team have quite an impressive resume. They've won four straight Tideland Conference regular season and tournament championships. They have also won the North Carolina High School League state sectional finals twice and been runner up once. Guiding them along the way has been their Coach, our own Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative Operations/Safety Coordinator, Earl Fountain.

A lifetime resident of Hatteras Island, Earl has coached high school basketball at Cape Hatteras Secondary for 17 years. Asked how he got his start, Earl said, "I was coaching youth at the park and rec. One day someone from the school asked if I would be the assistant coach for the boy's varsity team at the High School. I accepted and the rest, as they say, is history"

And what a history it's been. After two years Earl became the boys head coach and guided his teams to a couple of exciting runs in the state tournament, where they were runner up in the state sectional finals two times. In 2003 Earl decided to jump over to the girls where he has coached ever since.

To see him on the sideline it's obvious that Earl, like any coach, wants to win and pushes his teams to succeed. To him though, it is not about the records or accolades. "I just love interacting with the kids and try to be a positive influence in their life."

It is hard to say how good "Earl's Girls" will be next year. The experienced seniors will graduate and new players make the team for the first time. There is one thing you can count on. In November Earl will have another group of girls running drills, getting ready for another season.

Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative congratulates Earl and the Cape Hatteras High School girl's basketball team for another successful season. You made us all very proud.