

Daniel Coombs



Title: Student-Athlete; Basketball & Baseball

Year: 1960

Dan Coombs was a standout baseball and basketball player at Brewer High School. During his junior year, Dan made the "second team" All-State basketball team. During his senior year, Dan was named to the "first team".

Also, during his senior year Coombs guided the Witches through the Eastern Maine Championship Tournament scoring 104 points in three games. In the Class State A game Dan scored 35 points and was named the M.V.P. even though Brewer lost to Lewiston. Coombs played for fellow BHS Hall of Famer, Coach Larry Mahaney.

In addition to his basketball skills, Dan was also the star pitcher on the baseball team. He was known for his overpowering fastball and devastating curveball.

After graduating from Brewer High School in 1960, Dan attended Seton Hall University on a basketball scholarship from 1960 to 1962. While at SHU, Coombs was noticed by baseball scouts and was subsequently drafted by the Houston Colt45's in 1962. Dan made the major league roster for Houston in 1964. Coombs also played for the San Diego Padres and finished the 1970 season with a career year, going 10-14 on the mound in 188 innings with a 3.30 ERA, good for 9th in the National League. Dan Coombs compiled a lifetime MLB record of 19-27 with a 4.08 ERA.

After leaving pro baseball Dan received a B.S. degree in Education from the University of Houston in 1974. He taught and coached in the Houston School system for 28 years coaching basketball, baseball and football. While there his basketball teams won three district championships and one city championship in three years.

In addition to his nomination in the Brewer High School Athletic Hall of Fame, Coombs was also inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame in 2014. In 2012, Coombs was celebrated as the City of Brewer Bi-centennial Athlete during the 200-year celebration of the City of Brewer. In 1997, Coombs was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. In 1970, Coombs was awarded the State of Maine Governors Trophy which recognized the State of Maine's most outstanding athlete for the year.

Coombs resides in Houston, Texas.

