

Cahoon leads group of Gridiron Club inductees

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MARBLEHEAD — Donald “Toot” Cahoon, a running back in the mid 1960s under Coach Noel Reebenacker, is one of five former Marblehead High football players who will be inducted into the Magicians Gridiron Club Hall of Fame on Friday, Sept. 15, at the Gerry 5.

Cahoon, who earlier this summer was inducted into the Marblehead hockey Hall of Fame, played in 1964, 1965 and 1966. During his three years, he played halfback, wide receiver and quarter, as well as defensive back. He scored 86 points. When he moved to quarterback his junior year, Cahoon threw 13 touchdown passes and engineered a 26-20 win over Gloucester in 1965 on the last play of the game.

The Hall of Fame dinner will serve as a kick off for the 1995 Marblehead High School football team, which opens its season the following day at home against Foxborough.

Also earning a place in the Hall are Bill “Tubber” Stone, Robert Jackson Sr., Jack Roberts and Bill Sahagian.

Stone, an interior lineman, was a three-year starter in 1928 and 1929 under Coach Stan Burnham and in 1930 under Coach Charlie McGuinness. At 220 pounds, he was normally the largest player on the team. He also did place kicking and

punting. He went on to star at Bates College.

Jackson started every game in 1946 and 1947 under Coach Dave Morey, who was Stone's coach at Bates. Jackson was left tackle in 1946 and went to the strong side in 1947. He was a two-way player in high school during the Agganis era.

Robarts was a back under Coach Herm Hussey in 1956 and 1957. He played a big role as a junior when the team won the Northeastern Conference with a 7-1-1 record. In his senior year, at quarterback, he was responsible for more than half his team's 101 points, including eight TDs. He won The Item's Thom McAn Award in 1957.

Sahagian, a 2-year starter at end, was co-captain of the 1973 team under Coach Alex Kulevich and led the Northeastern Conference in scoring, catching eight TD passes for 48 points. On Thanksgiving, he caught 10 of Brian Buckley's passes for 160 yards, playing a major role in the 20-12 upset over Swampscott — the Big Blue's first conference loss in seven years. It gave Marblehead a share on the conference title.

The Hall of Fame evening starts with a social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and the program at 8 p.m.