

# ARLINGTON SPORTS HALL OF FAME

## 1962 Inductee – William Reinhart



**William Reinhart** was the dean of coaches in local colleges and universities while at George Washington University, where he coached basketball, baseball and football. A resident of Arlington, he helped many athletes gain stardom from his tutelage.

While he compiled a 193-133 baseball record and a 16-17-1 mark in football, it was in basketball that he earned a national reputation as an outstanding coach. In 24 seasons (1935-1942 & 1949-1966), his teams were 316-239, with 16 winning seasons in his first 18 years. His 1954 and 1961 teams made the NCAA Tournament after winning Southern Conference championships. His baseball teams won four conference championships. A champion throughout his athletic career, he was selected to the Helms Basketball Hall of Fame in 1956.

A collection of papers and memorabilia related to Reinhart is housed in the Special Collections Research Center of George Washington University, where he was inducted into its Hall of Fame in 1993.

He coached Red Auerbach at GW who once said Reinhart's coaching and fast-break offenses were "15 years ahead of their time." He died in 1971.