

THE 1951 BASKETBALL TEAM – THE AMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

THE '70 BASKETBALL TEAM WENT INTO THE HALL IN 2010 AND THIS YEAR WE INDUCT THE HOOPSTERS FROM 1951 – COACHED BY JERRY CLAIBORNE – ONE OF THE COACHES WHO IS IN THE AMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME. JERRY'S 1951 TEAM WON THE MILITARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP AND WENT TO GLENN FALLS, NEW YORK TO PLAY IN THE EASTERN TOURNAMENT WHERE THEY CAME IN THIRD BUT TOOK FIVE OF THE SEVEN MAJOR TROPHIES GIVEN.

THE BLUE AND WHITE PLAYED SEVENTEEN GAMES IN 1951 AND LOST ONLY TO THE STRONG UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA FROSH.



TWICE, THEY BEAT GREENBRIER, THE FIRST TIME BY THREE POINTS AND THE SECOND BY SIXTEEN. THEY BOMBED HARGRAVE TWICE BY FIFTEEN POINT MARGINS AND DEFEATED MASSANUTTEN BY FIFTY-FOUR POINTS IN ONE GAME AND NINETEEN IN THE SECOND. THEY BEAT FORK UNION TWO TIMES WITH DOUBLE FIG WINS AND WON OVER FISHBURNE, SPOTSWOOD, WOODBERRY FOREST AND THE VMI FRESHMEN.

PLAYERS GAVE FULL CREDIT TO COACH CLAIBORNE WHO, IN JUST HIS SECOND SEASON, PULLED EVERYTHING TOGETHER TO PRODUCE A WINNER.



THE MEMBERS OF THAT TEAM, PICTURED AT LEFT, WERE CO-CAPTAINS BOB CAMEL AND VINCE CIALINI, HIGH SCORER VIC BRUNO WHO ACCOUNTED FOR 308 POINTS, HARRY TULL, BEN ANGLE, PAUL SPOSITO, AL BOYNTON, DON THOMAS,

BOB BEAVER, JOHN COLLINS AND ART SCRIVENOR, PLUS MANAGERS MIKE MAYNARD AND BILL FIREBAUGH.

(INCIDENTALLY, BEN ANGLE IS THE ONLY PERSON TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE SPORTS HALL OF FAME TWICE, HIS HAVING BEEN ELECTED ON HIS OWN BECAUSE OF HIS PROWESS IN LACROSSE AT AMA AND HIS RECORD SETTING TIMES AS A TRACK MAN FOR VMI)