

RAY MARCANTONI, '70 – THE AMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

RAY ATTENDED AUGUSTA FOR SEVEN YEARS AND ENDED UP AS THE CAPTAIN OF EVERY TEAM HE PLAYED ON – PEEP FOOTBALL, JV FOOTBALL, VARSITY FOOTBALL, LACROSSE AND WRESTLING.

HE LETTERED IN WRESTLING FOR SIX YEARS, IN FOOTBALL FOR THREE YEARS AND IN LACROSSE FOR FOUR YEARS. AS A SOPHOMORE, HE WAS SELECTED FOR THE FIRST STRING ALL STATE LACROSSE TEAM, AN HONOR HE REPEATED IN EACH OF THE NEXT TWO YEARS.



IN FOOTBALL, RAY PLAYED ON BOTH OFFENSE AND DEFENSE AS MOST PLAYERS DID THEN.



Ray suits up for lacrosse, 1970

PLAYING PEEP FOOTBALL, HE LED TWO CHAMPION TEAMS AND LOST JUST TWO GAMES IN A THREE YEAR SPAN. RAY EARNED AT LEAST THREE ATHLETIC LETTERS FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEARS. HE WAS AN ALL MILITARY CONFERENCE FOOTBALL PLAYER FOR THREE YEARS.

HIS SPONSOR, NICKY SYROPOULOS, SAYS THAT RAY RAY WAS THE STANDARD TO WHICH MOST OTHER ATHLETES ASPIRED. RAY WAS A TENACIOUS PLAYER AND A PHYSICAL FORCE FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ANOTHER AMA HALL OF FAMER, ALL AMERICAN JIM "ROSIE" STILLWAGON.

NICK SAYS THAT "RAY RAY" WAS ANYTHING BUT A BARRACKS RAT. HE WAS ALWAYS OUT DOING SOMETHING PHYSICAL, TRYING TO LIVE UP TO ALL OF THE GREATS WHO PLAYED FOR THE BALTIMORE COLTS.

WHEN RAY WENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, HE PLAYED WITH AN INTENSITY EQUAL TO WHAT HE EXHIBITED AT AMA, BUT HE MARRIED AND LEFT SCHOOL BEFORE FINISHING FOUR SEASONS. TODAY, RAY RAY IS ACTIVE IN YOUTH SPORTS AND MIXED MARTIAL ARTS.