

Captain George “Buck” Chapman



Who coached Jimmy Slaughter at AMA? Captain George “Buck” Chapman who is remembered mainly for taking AMA’s football teams to two national championships.

A graduate of the University of Georgia... Captain Chapman came to AMA from SMA and coached football... basketball... baseball...and occasionally track in his five years at AMA.



His overall football record at Augusta was 34 wins... 15 losses... and one tie. In 1947... the Blue and White as they were known then... were invited to the inaugural Orchid Bowl in Chattanooga, Tennessee for the National Prep Championship.

Their opponent was McCallie School and AMA won that game 27-13. In 1948... having lost only to the Virginia Tech freshmen by a point... they were invited back to the Orchid Bowl to face the Missouri State Champions... Excelsior School... who had won 21 straight games.

On the opening kickoff... an Excelsior halfback made a 91 yard romp for a touchdown. After that opening score... Excelsior only penetrated AMA’s side of the field three more times in the entire game... and Augusta ran away with a 55-6 final victory.

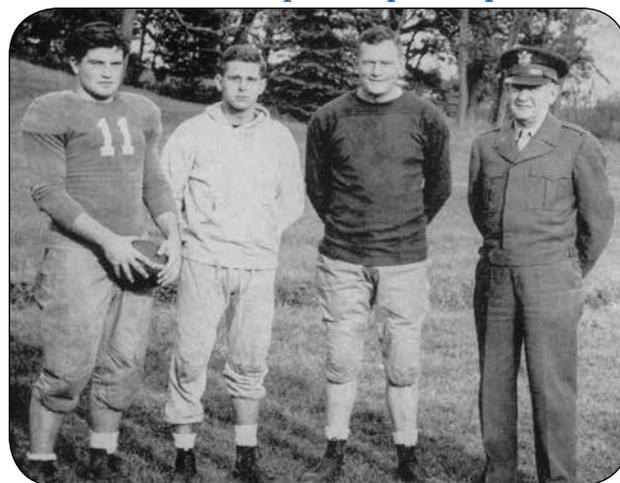
In both 1947 and 1948... Chapman’s team was the State Prep School Football Champion. Our team played in the Liberty Bowl in Lynchburg... and played Fork Union in Richmond.

Coach Chapman also coached basketball and with Jim Slaughter in the lineup... went 18-1 and won the State Prep Basketball Championship. Chapman’s basketball teams played really tough schedules... and he ended with a 45-33 record in his five years at Augusta,

One of his players, who many of you know, was Clyde Ramsey from the Class of 1949. Clyde remembers Coach Chapman as a great motivator... and a good man. Colonel Livick’s roommate at UVA... who played for Coach Chapman... said he was “a real gentleman and set a great example for his players to follow.”

Captain Chapman also taught English and history at AMA in addition to his demanding coaching positions. After five successful years at AMA... he was recruited by Virginia Tech to be an assistant football coach.

We have inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame... the late Captain George “Buck” Chapman.



1948 - Team Captain Charlie Jordan, Assistant Coach Clint Bales, Head Coach Chapman and Assistant Coach Colonel William Louisell.