

Thomas White, III, '77



Tommy White celebrated his 40th anniversary at the reunion... having graduated in 1977.

Tommy attended Junior School and High School at AMA... spending six years on the Fort Defiance campus. His classmate Chris Vetick... says that even in the earliest days of Tommy's participation in softball... football... and basketball... it was obvious that he had great talent. Even in the eighth grade... he was a team leader. As Tommy played JV sports...



including basketball... football... and lacrosse... pound for pound, it was obvious that he had the heart of a great athlete.

As a football player... he played on both sides of the ball. A great wide receiver in his sophomore and junior years... he became an outstanding running back in his senior year.

At the same time... he was a top notch defensive back. Tommy's outstanding play helped us win the Virginia Independent Conference Championship his senior year.

With a short break after football... Tommy moved on to the basketball court where he was a starting point guard for his last two years at Augusta. The 1977 basketball team had a stellar year and competed against tough foes like Fork Union... Hargrave... and Massanutten... several of which had a number of PG players.



TOMMY WHITE, #21, is front and center. Behind him is Sports Hall of Famer Andre Allen and to the right is Coach Joe Josephson.

The basketball season over... Tommy hung up his basketball shoes and picked up a lacrosse stick. He was the leading scorer for AMA two years in a row... and arguably the best player on the field.

Tommy was named captain of three teams... football... basketball... and lacrosse... and for good reasons. His tenacity to compete... coupled with his challenge to his teammates to do their very best... showed a work ethic and competitive spirit seldom seen.

Coach Josephson always considered Tommy one of the best young men he had ever mentored. Tommy was also inspired by Colonel Livick... Colonel Rapp... Colonel Hoover... Ed Hart... and Coach Bullock.

Every athletic event in which he participated saw Tommy give it his all. Yes, he was not always the biggest man on the field... but he may have had the biggest heart.

It was an honor to add to the roster of great athletes... the name of Tommy White... from the Class of 1977... as we inducted him into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame.