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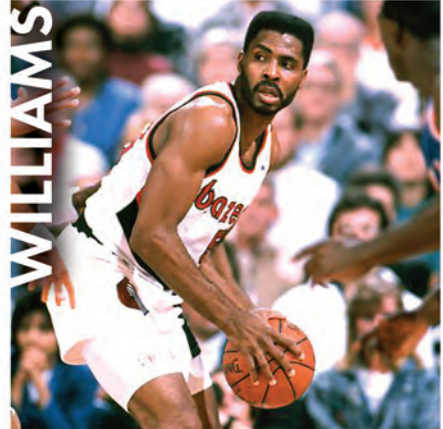
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MARK GREENBERG

Lacrosse



To fully appreciate the high points of sports, you first have to experience its setbacks. Just ask Mark Greenberg, standout defenseman for the Johns Hopkins lacrosse teams of 1977 to 1980.

That painful loss occurred in the 1977 national championship game against Cornell. “For me and anybody else on the field in a Hopkins uniform, it was the longest day of lacrosse ever,” Greenberg recalls. “We just got annihilated; I think it was maybe nine to nothing before we even scored [in a 16-8 loss]. It was just a long, long day, and a very, very, very hot day in the burning sun of Charlottesville, Va.”

Being burned lit a fire under the Blue Jays, who went on to win the national championship in Greenberg’s last three seasons, including a 13-8 final over Cornell in 1978. Was revenge on the Jays’ minds?

“That was the motivation for us for that whole year to meet up with them again, especially when we lost to them during the season,” Greenberg says of the team’s only loss that season.

Greenberg didn’t experience many setbacks at Hopkins. A four-time All-American, Greenberg played on 13-1, 13-0, and 14-1 Hopkins teams his last three years, with a 20-game winning streak. At 6 feet 5 and 200 pounds, Greenberg was a physical defender assigned to shut down the opponent’s leading scorer and keep him away from Hopkins goalie Michael Federico.

Greenberg did it so well he won the Schmeisser Award as the nation’s outstanding defender in 1979 and 1980 and became the first defenseman to capture the Enners Award in 1979 as the nation’s outstanding player.

An inductee of the U.S. Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1998, Greenberg still was surprised to get the call from the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame.

“Anytime anybody remembers you at this age is a good thing, right?” jokes Greenberg, 60.

The local aspect of the Hall is important to Greenberg, who was born in Pikesville and says he’s spent his whole life within a 20-minute drive. “I grew up in Pikesville, went to Hopkins, then I got married and we moved to Owings Mills,” he says of his wife Saralee — “she’s my rock” — with whom he’s been married for 35 years. They have two grown children.

First picking up a lacrosse stick in second grade (“my older cousins had a mudroom full of sports stuff”) Greenberg’s lacrosse career at Pikesville High didn’t have a happy ending. In fact, he only played one game — the championship game loss — his senior season. “I also played basketball for Pikesville, and I broke my wrist in the state basketball playoffs, which killed my senior season in lacrosse.”

He made up for it at Hopkins, going 51-4 — with only one loss at Homewood Field. Was there a feeling of invincibility, of being a bit complacent, especially in the last three years?

“No because Coach Ciccarone and his staff would never let us get there,” Greenberg says with a chuckle. “They would berate us. We had amazing coaches, you know, Henry Ciccarone and Freddy Smith, and Joe Cowan, Denny Townsend, Jerry Schnydman, I mean these guys were all legends of the game. They’d put in great game plans. Plus we had a lot of respect for the guys on the team who didn’t play much in games, but were there at every practice. Our job was to get up as many goals as we could, which would allow them to get in the game.”

A defenseman at heart who played for the U.S. National team and Maryland Lacrosse Club after leaving Hopkins, Greenberg thinks the current game is slanted toward the offense. “You can play great defense, have great checks but the ball does not come loose,” he says of current stick technology. “It’s frustrating because the game’s not on equal footing.”

He credits winning the Enners Award in 1979 to a change in mindset.

“I aggressively hounded the offensive player and took the game to them versus waiting for them to dictate the tempo.”

Now a mortgage banker, Greenberg stays connected with the game — flaws and all — as one of the founders of Israel Lacrosse, which brought the sport to the Middle East in 2011. He served as an assistant coach for Israel’s entry in the 2012 European Lacrosse Championships and the Israel National Team in 2014. “Now they’ve got real coaches,” he says self-deprecatingly.

“We’re recruiting Jewish lacrosse players from here to move to Israel and teach the game and grow the game,” says Greenberg, who is still on the board and spent time in Israel in July as the Jewish state hosted the World Lacrosse Championships for the first time. “Many say the recent World Games [which attracted 48 countries] were the best ever!”

Pointing out lacrosse is a team game, Greenberg says those he shared the field with — not individual awards — will be on his mind when he joins the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame in November.

“You know, life is very short, and we just had another Hopkins teammate die this past December,” Greenberg says. “So just being able to have the people that you were able to share these experiences with be there with you that night, sharing stories, that’s one of the most important things to me.”



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TERRY HUTCHINSON

Sailing



If 15-time world champion Terry Hutchinson ever grows weary of sailing, there is a marketing job in the Maryland Chamber of Commerce waiting for him.

“I’ve had the opportunity to sail in some incredible places around the world, but there really is no place like home,” says Hutchinson, who was born in Washington, D.C., but has called a family farm in Harwood near Annapolis home since he was 4. “There’s something very unique about the Chesapeake Bay. It has a very distinctive feel. It has a very distinctive smell that’s not like any other in the world. So when you’re out sailing on the bay, as I was yesterday, there’s just nothing like it.”

The third of three sons whose father’s “pride and joy” was a 40-foot Concordia sailboat, Hutchinson was 3 weeks old when he took his first ride on the water. He’s been enamored ever since.

“When I was 4 I can remember my parents putting me in the little dinghy with the sail up and a long painter line and I would just sail back and forth until the line got tight,” he says of trips on the West River.

As he got bigger so did his sailing accomplishments. “Completely crazed” about the sport, Hutchinson at 16 won his first national championship in the 420 class. As a junior he won the High School Nationals at the Naval Academy, even though his St. Mary’s High principal refused to pay the entry fee.

College took him to Old Dominion where he was a four-time All-American (1987-90), leading the Monarchs to four national championships. In 1989 and ’90, he was ICSA College Sailor of the Year, “the college sailing equivalent to the Heisman Trophy.”

Yet, when asked about memories of the Norfolk, Va. university, Hutchinson, an education major — “I wanted summers off to sail!” – recalls lessons in teamwork that still help him today.

“It was four people in a keel boat in the Sloop National Championships,” he recalls. “We failed the first two years but won it the third. We had such a good team under coach K.C. Fullmer, our practices were harder than the regattas.”

Nearly 30 years later, Hutchinson, 50, says the team approach is part of sailing’s allure.

“It’s the ultimate team sport,” says Hutchinson, a two-time Rolex Yachtsman of the Year (2008, 2014). “You’re only as good as the guy you’re sitting in front of or behind. And no race is the same. You always put yourself up against Mother Nature and she’s never the same, so that’s the neat part about it.”

Hutchinson’s 15 world championships and 10 North American titles are varied as well, as they have come in a wide range of classes including Corel 45, J/24, TP52, Farr 40, IMS. When asked if it was like an auto racer winning in NASCAR, Formula One, and drag racing, Hutchinson called it “a good comparison.” But he added humbly “at the end of the day it’s still a sailboat so a lot of the same principles apply across classes.”

Despite all his success on the water as a helmsman, mainsail trimmer, and especially tactician, Hutchinson still has one hole in his resume. He has never won an America’s Cup in four attempts. Losing to *Alinghi* in the 2007 finals with *Emirates Team New Zealand* doesn’t even count as a near-miss.

“When the first America’s Cup was held in 1851 the Queen of England asked one of the naval officers, ‘Who was second?’ And the gentleman responded, ‘Your Majesty, there is no second place.’ So, you know the harsh reality of America’s Cup is you either win or you lose, so I’ve never won,” says Hutchinson.

He is looking to remedy that as executive director and skipper of *American Magic*, which is challenging for the 36th America’s Cup off of New Zealand in 2021. The race itself is January to March of 2021 but Hutchinson and his team already are practicing and developing the boat.

In June, that effort took him to Croatia. In July, he was in Cascais, Portugal, winning his 15th world championship. Hutchinson says he’ll log 200,000 air miles this year. But he says Shelley, his wife of 25 years, and their three kids — Elias, 19, Katherine, 17, and Aden, 14 — are accustomed to it.

“While never easy we’ve had an incredible run,” Hutchinson says. “We’ve had the opportunity to live in New Zealand, live in Spain and California. That side of it’s been a great life experience for them.”

But in November he looks forward to returning “home” and accepting his rightful place in the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame alongside his mentor, 2016 honoree Gary Jobson. Fittingly for a sailor, Hutchinson says he was “blown away” by the award.

“I look forward to eating crabs. I look forward to reading *SpinSheet* [Chesapeake Bay sailing magazine], I look forward to going to the Boatyard Bar & Grill in Eastport, and I look forward to sailing with my friends.”

And on induction night?

“I expect I’ll have a fair amount of humility for the moment and respect for the Hall of Fame itself and the people who are in it,” he says. “Also an appreciation for the opportunities that I’ve been given to get to this point and the hard work I’ve put in and the sacrifice from my family.”



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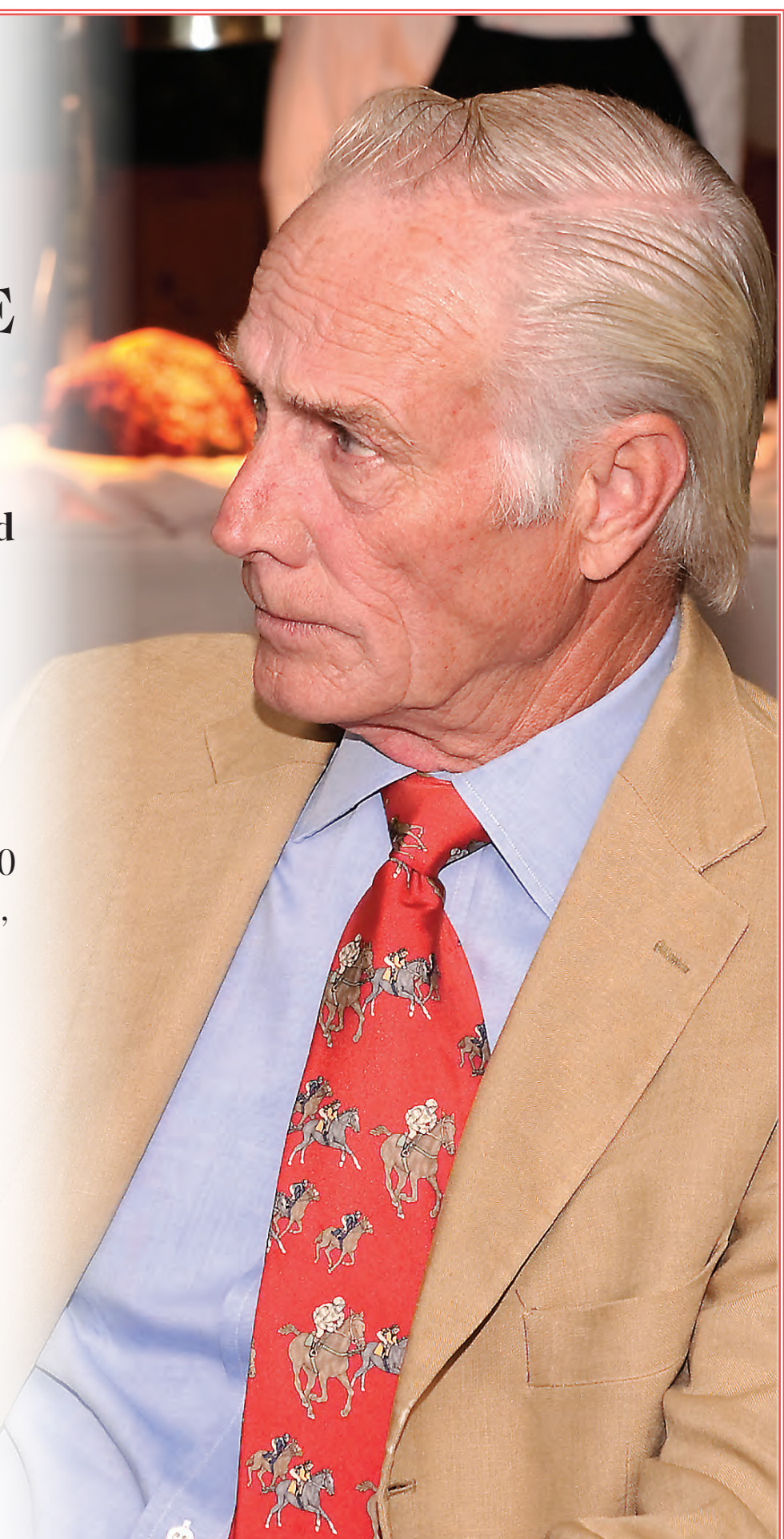
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BILL BONIFACE

Horse Racing Trainer

Before there were syndicates and boardrooms, horse racing deals were made at the kitchen table. Just ask Bill Boniface, who relates how the Maryland Million came to be the state's second-biggest racing day of the year.

"We were sitting at Jim McKay's kitchen table," Boniface says of the ABC "Wide World of Sports" legend who lived in Monkton, Md. "He had just come back from the Breeders' Cup and made the suggestion that we ought to try to do that in Maryland. I said you're right.

"Chick Lang [general manager at Pimlico Race Course] joined us at the second meeting where I wrote down nine races with different categories at \$100,000 each. Chick turned to me and said, 'Billy, all of those races are just figments of your imagination. Why don't you imagine one more and we can call it the Maryland Million?' That's where the name was born."

Boniface helped arrange sponsors and in 1986 the Maryland Million came to be, now copied all over the country. It was one of countless successes for Boniface, a longtime horse trainer, including 1983 Preakness champion Deputed Testamony, and head of family-owned Bonita Farm, which can breed, board, foal, break, train, and retire your racehorse on the same property. Despite this, Boniface is surprised to be receiving the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame's John F. Steadman Lifetime Achievement Award.

"Well, I don't know that I'm worthy of it, but I appreciate it," Boniface says with a chuckle. He is just the second horseman so honored, joining fellow trainer King Leatherbury (2003).

He is touched to win an award named after Steadman because Boniface's father, also named Bill, was a friend of the late *News American* sports editor and *Sunpapers* columnist. The senior Boniface wrote for *The Evening Sun*, covering horse racing from 1937 until retiring in 1982.

"They were both first-class reporters," Boniface recalls of his father and Steadman. "They didn't take any cheap shots, but yet still told it bold."

Like his dad, the younger Boniface caught the racing bug early. A hot-walker and groom at 14, Boniface went to Florida at age 15 to ride, working for Calumet Farm for two years. His short-lived jockey career ended on a day when he rode two winners at Timonium — and both were disqualified. "I said to hell with this. I went up on the midway and I had a pitcher of beer and ate a whole pizza pie [at 5 feet 11 he always had trouble making weight]. Next to the stand was a Marine Corps recruiting stand. A week later I was on my way to Parris Island."

Four years later, he and his father started the original Bonita Farm in Bel Air with 40 acres. They expanded it to 200 acres by 1983 when their Deputed Testamony made history.

"I took him down to run in The Blue Grass Stakes with the intention of going to the Kentucky Derby," Boniface recalls. But a bad trip to Keeneland was followed by a poor race. Now eyeing the Preakness, Boniface brought the horse home — but not to rest.

A week before the Preakness, Boniface ran him in a small stakes in Philadelphia, where he won and "came out of it confident, like a million dollars," Boniface recalls. "A lot of people said it was unorthodox to run him that close, but hell, the old days we used to run them every three days."

Thirty-five years later, Deputed Testamony is still the last Maryland bred to win the Preakness. He lived to be 32 and is buried on the 400-acre Bonita Farm property he helped fund in Darlington.

"He was a very underrated horse — to reporters," Boniface says, defending him like a son. "As a 2-year-old, he set a track record in Meadowlands and reporters said it was because the track was frozen. Then, when he won the Preakness [as a 14-1 shot], everybody said he won because the track was muddy. But what a lot of people lose sight of is he came back a year later in the City of Baltimore Handicap and he set a track record on the fast track going a mile and a 16th in 1:40 4/5. That record still stands. You know how many times they've run a mile and a 16th at Pimlico in the last 35 years?" Boniface pauses and with a catch in his voice adds, "He just was a hell of a horse."

The trainer nearly had a second Preakness winner in 1995 with Oliver's Twist but he got boxed in and finished second. "D. Wayne Lukas walked by my stall after the winner's circle and said 'Bill, you ran the best horse.' Of course, that was easy for him to say. He got the money."

Boniface chuckles again and says his wife, Joan, accuses him of telling too many stories. At age 76, he still gets up at 5 a.m. every day to be in the barn by 5:30.

Bonita Farm is a family operation. His son, Billy, former head of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association and now a Harford County administrator, worked there before entering politics. Sons Kevin and John are still part of the operation. Daughter Kim, who has her trainer's license, is part-time. Saying life "has just been a big parlay," Boniface says his family will share the Steadman award.

"Well, you know, there's never one person that makes things happen," Boniface says. "It's always a team effort and I had a very good crew for a very long while. You can't do anything without a good crew."





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MISSY MEHARG

Field Hockey Coach



At different times in her life, veterinary medicine, lacrosse — even figure skating — took hold of Missy Meharg’s heart. In the end, none could hold a stick to field hockey, which Meharg has coached for the last 30 years at the University of Maryland.

“It’s an awesome game,” says Meharg, still enthused at age 55. “For a long time, we were very similar to soccer except our ball was always on the ground and theirs could go in the air, and we have a stick. But with rules changes, taking out offsides, and then we do self-start, you get a foul, boom, put the ball down and off you go. You stretch the field, which made it really exciting. It’s a very, very unique game.”

So Meharg is thrilled to be the first field hockey representative in the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame, which dates to 1956. Even more notable she is the first woman in the honor’s 20-year history to receive the John F. Steadman Lifetime Achievement Award.

“You can’t imagine how happy that makes me. Wow,” she says when told. “It’s absolutely an honor to be leading so many young women that are going on to coach, be administrators in sports, and so many in our region.”

Meharg’s credentials include seven national championships, 23 conference titles, nine National Coach of the Year awards. But ask the coach with an .800 winning percentage (543-135-9 coming into this season) to what she attributes her success and she has a surprising answer.

Failure.

“I’m super interested in women taking risks and being OK having failure,” says Meharg, who played tennis, ice hockey, and figure skated while growing up in Unionville, Pa. “The women learn right away that making mistakes and being able to recover quickly is really just the key to life, and field hockey lends itself to that. Teaching through sport.”

She’s brought back former players such as Dina Rizzo and Katie O’Donnell-Bam as assistants. Ever the teacher, Meharg is proud that “15 or 20” women who have played for her or coached with her now are leading college programs themselves.

Meharg says she wouldn’t be mentoring others if not for a fateful injury, her own mentor, and a thrifty athletic director. The injury came during the Olympic trials costing Meharg, who played field hockey for the U.S. National team in the World Cup and Pan American Games, a trip to Seoul in 1988. Instead she focused on coaching in her third year as an assistant in 1987 with her mentor Sue Tyler, who led Maryland to its first national championship.

Tyler, who also led Maryland to a national title in lacrosse, another sport Meharg excelled in at the University of Delaware, then moved into administration, leaving the coaching job open. Meharg didn’t apply ... at first. “The people they brought in were like Karen Shelton from North Carolina and Beth Anders from Old Dominion, who both had won championships already.”

But she was urged to apply ... and got the job! “I think that [Maryland athletic director] Lew Perkins just wanted to save some money,” Meharg says with a chuckle.

Thirty years later, she still bleeds Terrapin red and black, to the point where she helps with fundraising and served on the search committee that brought new AD Damon Evans to College Park. “I love the University, athletically, socially, culturally, research. It has everything.”

Recruiting players today is different than in the 1980s, she says. “You have to get them off their phones now.” But some basic tenets remain. “Just being honest and being believable,” Meharg says. “If the players — and parents — can look in your eyes and know that you are first and foremost doing what’s in their best interest.”

She understands parents better now after becoming one a bit unexpectedly in 1998. Two boys, Andre, 7, and Genya, 5, were staying with Meharg’s friends in her Rockville neighborhood. Orphans from Siberia, they accompanied Meharg to summer camps at Maryland while awaiting adoption by a couple in Winston-Salem, N.C.

When the adoption fell through, Meharg and her longtime partner, Pam Hixon, stepped up, and adopted the boys themselves. It not only improved her life (“it’s a decision we couldn’t be happier for”) it made her a better coach.

The relentless taskmaster suddenly had another outlet, and place to be, off the field. She would do her practice plans with the staff and go home to cook dinner. Her assistants flourished with their new responsibilities and so did the players — winning six of Meharg’s seven national titles from 1999 to 2011, when she was raising the boys.

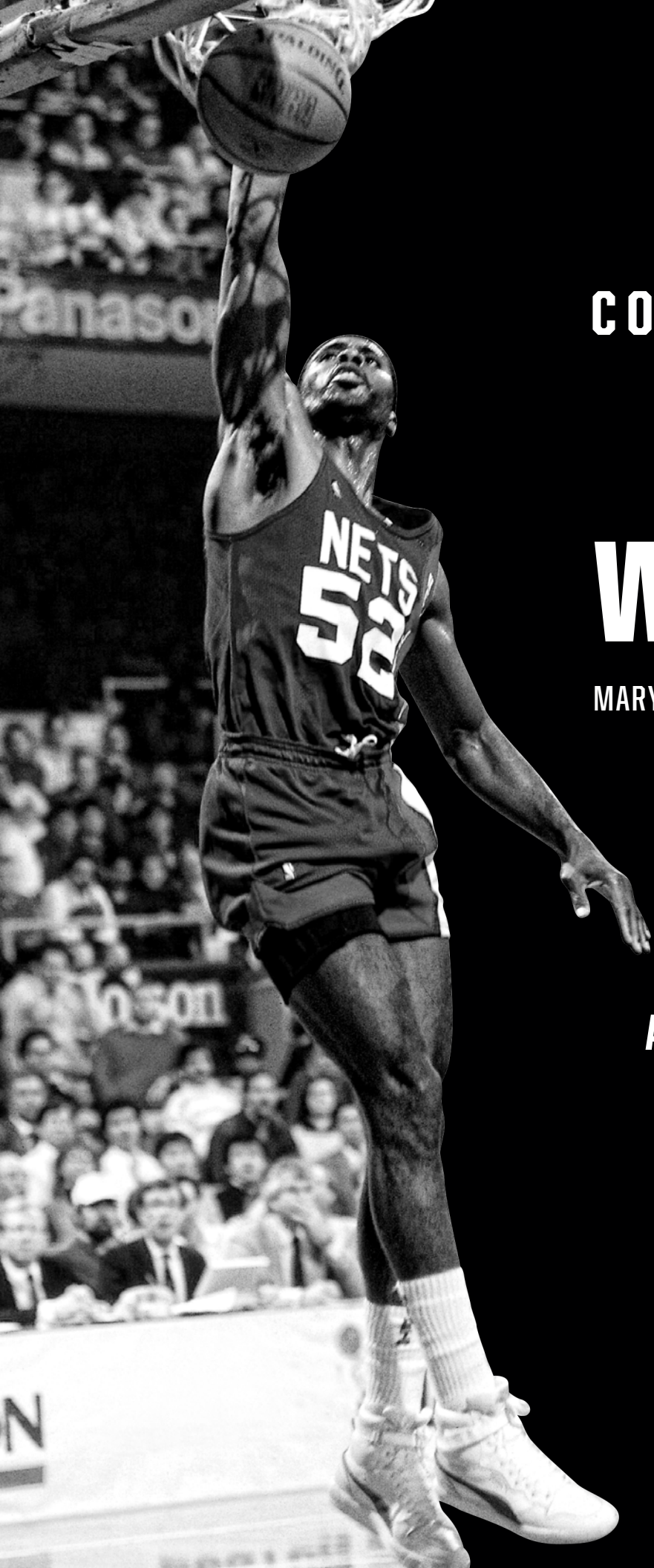
“The players used to say B.C. and A.C. — Before Children and After Children,” Meharg says. “After we adopted Andre and Genya, less was way more for me.”

Andre, 28, is an outdoors buff who lives in Salt Lake City. Genya, 26, is completing studies in dispute resolution and hopes to work in the State Department someday. Meharg and Hixon renovated a river home they love in Severna Park and the coach revels in still being on the sideline.

“I live in the present, always have,” Meharg says. “I think it’s a gift because every day is just a new day. So when I look at maybe not coaching, I think I’ll just wake up one day and decide it’s a nice time to move into something different. But I love sport. And I love being around and teaching the coaches.”

Having been recruited by other schools and even the U.S. National program, Meharg admits, “I’m not going anywhere.”





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BUCK WILLIAMS

Basketball

One might say Buck Williams pushed and scrapped his way into the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame. Because those are the attributes he credits for his basketball success at the University of Maryland and his 17-year NBA career.

"I never was afraid of contact," says Williams, a 6-foot-8, 215-pound strong forward, when asked how he guarded 7-footers like Ralph Sampson at Virginia and NBA centers. "The physicality of the game – pushing and shoving -- came very easy to me. I used that against my opponents. Some nights it worked and some nights, like against Karl Malone, it didn't."

Williams, 58, laughs at the memories. He says corralling opposing centers as Lefty Driesell's "horse" at Maryland stamped his ticket to the NBA. "A lot of NBA scouts were impressed. I guess it's one reason why I was taken third in the draft" by the New Jersey Nets in 1981.

He was "caught off-guard" to be inducted into the state Hall of Fame but is thrilled by the honor. "Maryland is a very special state to me," says Williams, a North Carolina native who has called Potomac, Md., home for the last 20 years. "I had so many great memories of my time at the University of Maryland. And it's a tri-state area, you know, three states butted right up against each other. It's so diverse it appeals to almost anyone."

Having grown up towering over his classmates in Rocky Mount, N.C., Williams, who didn't play organized basketball until the ninth grade, was expected to join Dean Smith's Tar Heels at the University of North Carolina. Williams confirms Smith sent him a letter of intent. There was one problem: Smith already had signed a forward by the name of James Worthy.



"The Terps had John Bilney at power forward so the position would come down between John and I. So I decided to attend Maryland," Williams recalls.

During his three years there, Williams led the Atlantic Coast Conference in rebounding as a freshman, was an All-American as a junior, and today still stands as the Terps' No. 4 rebounder (928) and No. 1 in field-goal percentage (.615).

He lauds Driesell, saying the coach's induction into the Naismith Hall of Fame two months ago "was long overdue. Lefty was one of the few coaches at the time who brought a lot of fanfare to college basketball. He also was one of the few white coaches who would go into black urban centers and recruit players. My parents came away feeling very comfortable sending me to Maryland after his visit."

Calling it a compliment to be regarded as Driesell's horse, Williams adds, "Lefty instilled in me a work ethic, which is really what set me up to be successful."

The only drawback to Williams' time as a Terp was no NCAA or ACC championship. Despite having four starters who would be NBA draft picks (Williams, Albert King, Ernest Graham, and Greg Manning) the Terps lost in the 1980 Sweet 16 (to Georgetown) and in the 1981 second round (to eventual champion Indiana).

"Yes, on paper we had enough talent to win it all," Williams says. "But sometimes I think it's sort of the luck of the draw."

That would follow him into his pro career. Rookie of the Year in 1982, Williams would set records with the Nets and would make it to the NBA finals two times in three years with the Portland Trail Blazers, only to lose to the "Bad Boy" Detroit Pistons in 1990 and to the Chicago Bulls in 1992.

"Sometimes it's just the era that you're in that you run across these phenomenal players," Williams says. "I ran across Isiah Thomas and Michael Jordan."

Despite no championship ring, Williams stood out, and not just because he wore goggles. He was a three-time All-Star and made the All-Defensive team four years.

Asked if defense was the strongest part of his game, Williams scoffs and says, "to score maybe 17,000 points [actually 16,784] I mean you're not a slug. I prided myself on playing on both sides of the ball, defense and offense."

Not a long-distance shooter, Williams insists there would be a place for him in today's NBA, where big men dominate from outside the three-point line.

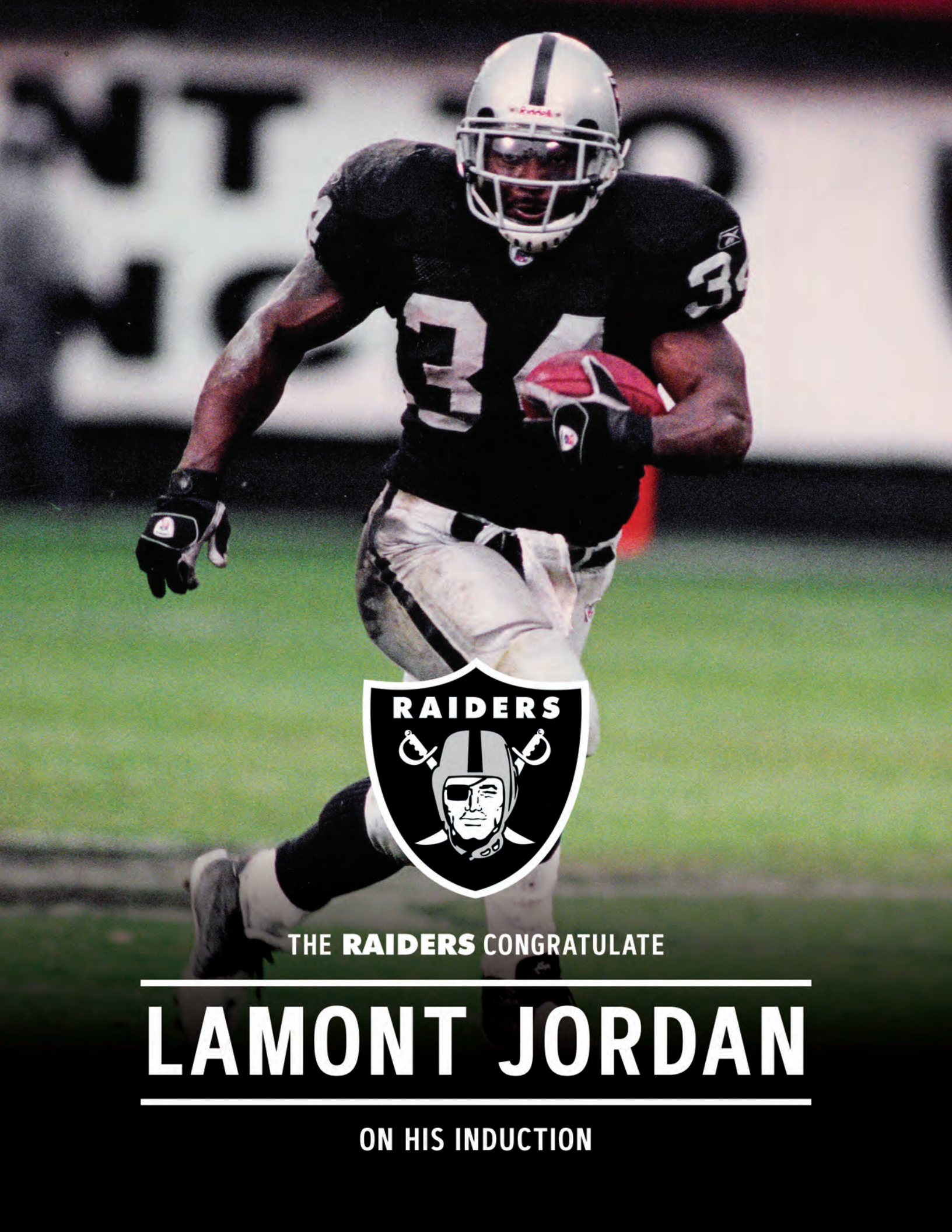
"There's only like 10 players in the history of the game who have been able to post double doubles in scoring and rebounding. I did it over 17 years, so I think I can play in any era. To tell the truth, rules changes have taken much of the physicality out of the NBA game. I'm not sure today's players could have played in my era because of how rough it was."

Williams chuckles again from his car, which he drives 100,000 miles a year as president and CEO of two Montgomery County real estate investment groups, Fifty-Two, LLC and Glide Path Investors.

Otherwise, his life revolves around his wife, Mimi, whom he met his freshman year — "another reason why Maryland has been so endearing to me" — and their sons Julien, 29, and Malek, 25, neither of whom followed Dad's career path.

Thoughts of College Park and making Maryland his home will be on Williams' mind the night of his induction. "I'll think of what a great decision it was to be a part of the state of Maryland," Williams says. "It really changed my life."





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LAMONT JORDAN

ON HIS INDUCTION



LAMONT JORDAN

Football



LaMont Jordan is quick to admit “God has been good to me,” giving him some favorable bounces en route to becoming the leading rusher in Maryland Terrapin history before his nine-year NFL career. In high school, college, and the pros, “things kind of fell out of the sky,” he says, guiding his path to the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame.

Born in Prince George’s County, where he still resides, Jordan was a multi-sport star at Suitland High School, flourishing in track (county champion), swimming, and baseball (“my No. 1 sport”). Football came more slowly.

“I was cut my first year,” Jordan, 39, recalls. “They said if I couldn’t bench my weight then you can’t push anybody down the field.”

In high school Jordan idolized quarterbacks Joe Montana, John Elway, Warren Moon, Dan Marino, Jeff George. He wanted to be one himself. That’s when Jordan got his first big break.

“The JV moved some of our running backs up to varsity and they moved me from quarterback to running back. That’s how I started playing running back,” Jordan says.

It proved a good fit in his four years (1997-2000) at the University of Maryland, where in addition to career rushing yards (4,147), he still holds Terps records for career rushing attempts (807), rushing yards in a season (1,632), touchdowns in a season (17), and rushing yards in a game (306).

He remembers that breakout game against Virginia in 1999, but he also remembers that Maryland wasn’t his No. 1 choice. “Most people know that I wanted to go to North Carolina and it didn’t work out [when the Tar Heels wouldn’t wait for him to retake his SATs]. It turned out to be a blessing.”

Indeed, Jordan thrived at College Park, making All-ACC twice and was in Doak Walker Award consideration as a junior. Then the Jets chose him in the second round of the 2001 NFL draft.

Not a fan of the media, Jordan survived the press onslaught in New York, playing behind Curtis Martin. After gaining 479 yards in 2004, Jordan signed a five-year contract with Oakland, one of his favorite places.

“I loved the West Coast, Oakland in particular,” says Jordan. “You hear the reputation of the Black Hole [fans] and just to get an opportunity to play in front of them, you realize they’re crazy. I shouldn’t say crazy. They’re extremely passionate about their football team.”

They embraced Jordan as well, especially when he rushed for a career-high 1,025 yards in 2005 while leading all running backs in receptions with 70. But not all bounces went Jordan’s way and injuries (knee, toe, back) hampered the rest of his Raiders stay. Still, he has only good things to say about their now-departed swashbuckling owner Al Davis. “I loved playing for Mr. Davis,” Jordan says enthusiastically. “He blessed me with the opportunity to start.”

Then Jordan joined another legendary NFL figure, a man who “changed my life” — Patriots coach Bill Belichick. Jordan would scoff when teammates raved about playing in New England. “I’m thinking, man these dudes really aren’t that good but yet they keep winning,” Jordan recalls. Then he joined the Patriots for the 2008 season.

“I think it was around the third day there, sitting in a meeting, I had the biggest smile on my face and realized ‘oh my gosh, the other teams didn’t have a chance.’ Coach Belichick just the way he did things, his system, the consistency, and the discipline. It just all made sense. The things that hit me when I played in New England didn’t just set a tone for me as an athlete, as a coach, but it set a tone for me as a man,” says Jordan, who also lists Herm Edwards, Tom Rathman, Mike Locksley, Norv Turner, Art Shell, David Lynch, and Josh McDaniels as influential coaches.

Now it’s Jordan who is doing the coaching through Football University, a series of spring camps, plus his LaMont Jordan Mentor and Character-Building Foundation. And what advice does Jordan offer?

“First, I would say dive into The Word,” he says. “I accepted Jesus Christ at a young age. Respect for authority also is critical. And if you’re going to be successful you have to be able to accept constructive criticism.”

Jordan saves his best life lessons for his son, who is 4. Jordan says it’s too soon to decide whether his son will play football, with all its risks. But if he does, Jordan wants him to learn the game as he did — in neighborhood games, without pads and helmets.

“When you’re playing without helmets on, the one thing you *don’t* want to happen is for your head to be involved. That’s where I learned to keep my head up.”

Jordan has retained his Terps ties. A longtime fan of the women’s basketball team, even supporting it financially, Jordan this year reconnected with the football program as Johnny Holliday’s radio broadcast partner. “Oh, I’m loving it,” he says. “God has been good to me, so I’m just trying to take advantage of the opportunity.”

And on Nov. 8, he will come to the podium thinking of all the people who helped him get to the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame. His mother, teachers, coaches. “I mean you’re talking about an entire state!” he says. “I’m humbled and thankful. It definitely came from the middle of nowhere.”





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JEAN FUGETT

Most people in the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame see their sports accomplishments as the highlight of their career. But Jean Fugett, a 1993 inductee and current MDSAHO board member, isn't "most people."

He puts his eight years in the NFL far down the list.

Instead he mentions his media career: "I was the first black reporter [as an intern] for *The Baltimore Sun*, a news reporter for *The Washington Post*, the first black sports anchor at Channel 9 [James Brown took my place]."

And his love for education: "I went to Amherst at 16. My great-grandfather was a slave. His five children all got college degrees."

His community work: "I'm active. Sports groups, youth clubs. President of the John Eager Howard chapter of the Maryland State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. I've been on boards at George Washington, Maryland, Harvard. Boy Scouts. I speak at churches and schools."

His admiration for his family: "When my brother Reginald F. Lewis [who founded the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of African American History & Culture on Pratt Street] died at age 50 in 1993, I moved to Paris, France for five years to run TLC Beatrice International, an international food conglomerate he had built. We had 40 businesses in 30 countries. My brother Tony is president of the NAACP in Baltimore County. My niece has a foundation that teaches boys of color how to write computer code."

And then, and only then, will he tell you he was a standout in football and basketball at Cardinal Gibbons. That he was the youngest rookie with a college degree to play in the NFL at age 20. That after four seasons with the Cowboys, Fugett, a tight end, signed with Washington as a free agent in 1976 and, a year later, led all Redskins receivers with 36 catches and made the Pro Bowl. He retired in 1980 with 156 receptions for 2,270 yards and 28 touchdowns.

In the summer of 2017, Fugett, a past president of the NFLPA, was speaking to a group of inner city baseball players in West Baltimore. It was a special setting for him.

"Leon Day Park is special because it's three blocks from where I grew up," Fugett says. "It's where I first broke my ankle."

His message to the young ballplayers? Despite all the obstacles they face, they can go on to do great things.

"Heck, my mother couldn't even try on dresses downtown when I was growing up because we were African-American," Fugett recalls. "She didn't come home and complain about it she just told us to work hard and stay in school. As a result of that we were able to be successful."

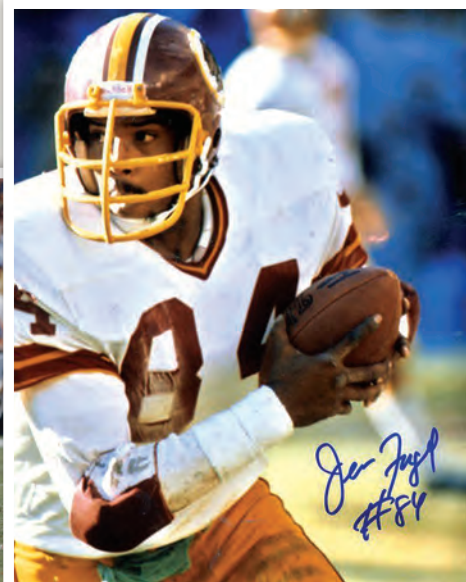
Bernie Walter, former chair of the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame, said the board has been enhanced by Fugett's presence.

"He's honest, fair, a good worker, and he doesn't have an agenda," Walter says. "He's also opened some doors to the Afro-American community and his legal expertise has been invaluable."

Now 66, Fugett still is practicing law, having attended law school at George Washington at night while a Redskin, graduating in 1981. His daughter Audie also has her law degree but her husband, Orioles outfielder Adam Jones, won't let her use it, Fugett says in mock anger.

"He made her change her name, and now he's saying she'll never take a case," Fugett says. "She passed the New York bar! I won't tell you how much I contributed to her education." Fugett laughs and his voice softens. "But I have two grandsons so I'm not complaining."

The Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame thanks Jean Fugett for his years of dedicated service.



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HONOR ROLL OF INDUCTEES

1956

Frank "Home Run" Baker, Baseball
Jimmie Foxx, Baseball
Robert Garrett, Track
Babe Ruth, Baseball

1957

H.C. "Curley" Byrd, Football/Baseball
Vince Dundee, Boxing
Ned Duvall, Football/Baseball
Robert "Lefty" Grove, Baseball

1958

Charlie Keller, Baseball
Jack Slagle, Football
Theodore Strauss, Track
Mickey Whitehurst, Football/Track

1959

Joe Dundee, Boxing
Edwin Harlan, Football/Baseball
Eddie Rommel, Baseball
Burt Shipley, Football/Baseball

1960

"Bozey" Berger, Baseball/Basketball
Joseph M. George, Skeet Shooting
John Turnbull, Basketball/Lacrosse
Lenore "Kight" Wingard, Swimming

1961

Elizabeth "Toots" Barger, Bowling
Tom Kibler, Baseball/Football
Fred Linkous, Basketball/Football/Lacrosse
Johnny Neun, Baseball

1962

Bill "Moon" Evans, Lacrosse
Buck Herzog, Baseball
Harry Jeffra, Boxing
Fritz Maisel, Baseball

1963

George "KO" Chaney, Boxing
Al Heagy, Basketball, Lacrosse
C. Loudes Johnson, Yachting
Bill "Swish" Nicholson, Baseball

1964

Valentine "Dutch" Lentz, Basketball
Bobby Pool, Lacrosse
Bill Schuerholz, Basketball
Bill Werber, Baseball

1965

Jack Bentley, Baseball
Edward Jacobs, Tennis
Douglas Lee, Wrestling
Edgar Allen Poe, Football

1966

Billy Guckeyson, Baseball/Basketball
Douglas Turnbull, Football/Lacrosse
Carl "Molly" Twigg, Football/Baseball
Bobby Williams, Football

1967

Albert Hobelman, Tennis/Volleyball
Philip Jackelski, Walking
John "Kid" Williams, Boxing
Harry Wright, Skeet Shooting

1968

Benny Alperstein, Boxing
Emery Lavelle Ensor, Horse Racing
Jessie Krajovic, Football
Tommy Thomas, Baseball

1969

Charley Ellinger, Football/Lacrosse
Donaldson Kelly, Basketball/Lacrosse
Dick Porter, Baseball
John N. Wilson, Basketball

1970

Joe Deckman, Football/Lacrosse
John Eareckson, Wrestling
Al Houghton, Golf
Pat Smithwick, Horse Racing

1971

Harry Baugher, Squash
Redmond Finney, Football/Lacrosse
Gene Shue, Basketball
Fred Stieber, Lacrosse/Badminton

1972

Al Kaline, Baseball
Jim Lacy Jr., Basketball/Squash
Gardner Mallonee, Lacrosse/Football
Bobby Matthews, Baseball

1973

Deane Beaman, Golf
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Joe Gans, Boxing
Tommy Mont, Football/Lacrosse

1974

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Bill Brozey, Bowling
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1975

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1977

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Jack Scarbath, Football

1978

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Edwin C.K. Calhoun, Skeet Shooting
Frank "Pat" Dengis, Running
William "Judy" Johnson, Baseball

1979

Thomas Joseph Byrne, Baseball
Mary Anne Downey Cooke, Golf
Gilbert L. Schuerholtz, Soccer
David Volk, Bowling

1980

Charles T. Bassler, Golf
Rodney Breedlove, Football
Donald J. Christy, Powerboat Racing
Francis I. Foreman, Baseball

1981

Harry C. Clarke, Football
Millard Tuttle Lang, Lacrosse/Soccer
Nicholas T. Lee, Track
Charles "Butch" Schmidt, Baseball

1982

B. Warren Corkran, Golf
Donald E. Heinecke, Running
Jimmy McAllister, Boxing
Spencer Overton, Golf

1983

John J. Long, Basketball/Baseball
Alton C. Pierson, Powerboat Racing
Patricia A. Stephens, Badminton/Tennis
Warren W. Weaver, Tennis

1984

Calvert Johnson, Powerboat Racing
Pete Reynolds, Lacrosse/Football
Norwood Sothoron, Football/Lacrosse
John W. Voight Jr., Track/Baseball

1985

Chuck Foreman, Football
Lloyd W. Keaser, Wrestling
Debbie Meyer, Swimming
Babe Phelps, Baseball

1986

Steve Barber, Baseball
Jimmy Dietsch, Bowling
Calvin Hill, Football
Dave Patrick, Track

1987

Katherine Brooks, Skeet Shooting
Wayne Mulligan, Football
Jim Spencer, Baseball
Larry Surock, Soccer

1988

Raymond Chester, Football
Charles Fenwick, Horse Racing
Dr. Ruth White Hooker, Fencing
Bill Hooper, Lacrosse

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HONOR ROLL OF INDUCTEES

1989

Dick Bielski, Football
Emil Budnitz, Lacrosse/Soccer
Ernie Fischer, Wrestling

1990

Debbie Thompson Brown, Track
Joseph Cowan, Lacrosse
John Roberts, Auto Racing
Bob Robertson, Baseball

1991

George Cusick, Powerboat Racing
Tom Phoebus, Baseball
"Lefty" Stern, Basketball/Football
Tammy Davis Thompson, Track

1992

Brian "Moose" Haas
Nick Kropfelder, Soccer
Lois Warning McGean, Figure Skating
Marvin Webster, Basketball

1993

Mary Lou Bartram, Jousting
Arthur "Otts" Brandau, Football
Jean S. Fugett Jr., Football
Pam Shriver, Tennis

1994

Ralph M. Bogart, Golf
Tom Gatewood, Football
Phil Grove, Horse Racing
Reggie Lewis, Basketball

1995

James H. Belt Sr., Soccer
Lyn Brooks, Triathlete
Charles E. Ernst, Soccer
James T. Gaffney, Football

1996

Dudley Bradley, Basketball
Robert F. Fischer, Wrestling
Irv Pankey, Football
Vic Willis, Basketball

1997

Raymond Moore, Baseball
Charles V. Pittman, Football
Ron Swoboda, Baseball
Elmer Wingate, Football/Lacrosse

1998

William F. Currier, Football
William K. Morrell Jr., Lacrosse
David J. Pivec, Football
Wendy Weinberg Weil, Swimming

1999

Rico Chiapperelli, Wrestling
Carole Gittings, Bowling
Gerald Gray, Football
James "Mickey" Webster, Lacrosse

2000

Lloyd Bunting, Lacrosse
Walter C. Greiner, Golf
Randy McMillan, Football
Kelly Ward, Wrestling

2001

George Bartram, Jousting
Jack Fisher, Baseball
Andrew Maynard, Boxing
Ray Truskowski, Softball

2002

Carlton Bailey, Football
Charles Messenger, Track
Bill Ripken, Baseball
Tim Wittman, Soccer

2003

Harold Baines, Baseball
Vincent Pettway, Boxing
Bill Vondenbosch, Softball
Calvin Williams, Football

2004

Harvey Alperstein, Boxing
Mike Bielecki, Baseball
Marty Lyons, Football
Edmund Thompson, Powerboat Racing

2005

Otto Greiner, Golf
Johnny Klippstein, Baseball
Cal Ripken Jr., Baseball
Bill Stromberg, Football

2006-2007

Steve Farr, Baseball
Antonio Freeman, Football
Tony Greene, Football
Vaughn Hebron, Football
Denny Neagle, Baseball
Greg Schaum, Football
Joe Specca, Soccer

2011

Sam Cassell, Basketball
Fred Funk, Golf
Tara Heiss, Basketball
Sean Landeta, Football
Travis Pastrana, Action Sports
Hasim Rahman, Boxing
Geoff Zahn, Baseball

2012

Danny Ferry, Basketball
Michael Federico, Lacrosse
Jimmy Kappler, Lacrosse
Carol Mann, Golf
Sharmba Mitchell, Boxing
Mario Pino, Thoroughbred Jockey
Johnny Unitas, Football

2013

Mike Curtis, Football
Art Donovan, Football
Lenny Moore, Football
Renaldo Nehemiah, Track/Football
Wes Unsell, Basketball
Danny Wiseman, Bowling

2014

Beth Botsford, Swimming
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Dr. Delverne "Del" Dressel, Lacrosse
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2016

Brady Anderson, Baseball
Wheeler Baker, Powerboat Racing
Louis Carter, Football
Gary Jobson, Sailing
Laurie Schwoy, Soccer
Jack Thomas, Lacrosse

2017

Keion Carpenter, Football
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In 1956, under the sponsorship of the M Club Foundation, the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame inducted its first class of "all-stars" and what a class it was: the inductees included the first modern Olympic champion in discus throw and shot put, Robert Garrett, and baseball greats Babe Ruth, Jimmie Foxx, and Frank "Home Run" Baker.

Those first members of the State of Maryland Athletic Hall of Fame were inducted at the M Club's sixth annual banquet on Dec. 13, 1956, at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. Bucky Miller served as chairman and Dr. Jonas E. Salk, the inventor of the flu vaccine, was the recipient of our Distinguished Citizen Award.

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For the first 34 years of the MDSAHOFF's existence, its activities were overseen by the M Club Foundation at the University of Maryland, College Park.

In 1956, Charley Ellinger was named president of the M Club Foundation and served as the organization's first leader until 1963, when D. Chester O'Sullivan became the MDSAHOFF's chairman.

O'Sullivan was a man committed to sports. He was the longtime chairman of the Maryland State Athletic Commission and he gained recognition for his efforts to make boxing safer. He led the MDSAHOFF through its early years and remained at the helm until 1996.

During his tenure, the MDSAHOFF was recognized in 1990 by a resolution of the Maryland General Assembly as the state's official sports Hall of Fame. During his 33 years of leadership, athletes from 26 different sports, from the traditional baseball, football, and basketball to the less familiar skeet shooting, badminton, and jousting were among those inducted to the Hall.

In the 1960s, the Hall of Fame had its then induction luncheons at The Johns Hopkins Club on the university's campus. It moved to Martin's West in the 1980s and at that time a relationship was forged with the Babe Ruth Museum under the direction of current MDSAHOFF board member Mike Gibbons. Gibbons, also the Babe Ruth Museum director, worked extensively with longtime sportscaster Vince Bagli and O'Sullivan to establish a permanent home for the MDSAHOFF.

In 2005, under the leadership of Jack Scarbath, who became the MDSAHOFF board chairman in 1996, the Sports Legends Museum at Camden Yards agreed to host the archives and collection of the Hall of Fame.

"It was a \$130,000 installation featuring a bio on each HOF inductee plus a large display case containing [MDSAHOFF] artifacts," Gibbons said. "The museum raised the balance of the gallery cost."

Using biographical sketches and photographs of the more than 200 athletes inducted into the Hall, the museum tells the stories of the state's greatest baseball, football, lacrosse, and track stars. Add to that the interesting stories of duckpin bowlers, swimmers, tennis stars, and the highest achievers of other sports, and this gallery aims to engage all levels of sports fans.

When Scarbath, the Maryland Terrapin football All-American, became chairman in 1996, he had already been on the board for more than a dozen years.

"I thought I could bring to light various athletes from the past who should have been recognized by the people of Maryland," said Scarbath, now 88, recalling his days leading a Hall of Fame board that included Bagli; nationally recognized newspaper columnist John Steadman; Ed Athey, the athletic director at Washington College; O'Sullivan; Tom Scott, college football hall of famer; and Bob Scott, athletic director at Johns Hopkins University, a group he described as "gentlemen very interested in athletics" and committed to the organization.

The board continued to induct athletes in those closing years of Scarbath's leadership. In November 2005, with the guidance of Sen. Mike Wagner, the induction banquet was moved to Michael's Eighth Avenue in Glen Burnie. That 2005 banquet featured Cal Ripken Jr. (baseball), Otto Greiner (golf), Johnny Klippstein (baseball), and Bill Stromberg (football) and was emceed by media stars Pat O'Malley and Keith Mills.

In 2011, the leadership of the MDSAHOFF came into the hands of a new chairman, legendary high school baseball coach Bernie Walter. A new board was organized and inductions of Maryland athletes grew. Coach Walter describes the reorganized board as "a diverse group of doers, who are leaders in various components of Maryland sports. They are tirelessly working to maintain the memories of Maryland's greatest athletes." Coach Walter continued to serve as chairman until late 2016 when the mantle was passed to Steve Doherty. Coach Walter continues to serve as a board member.

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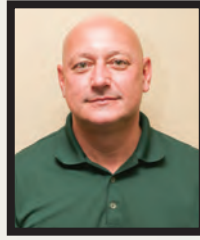
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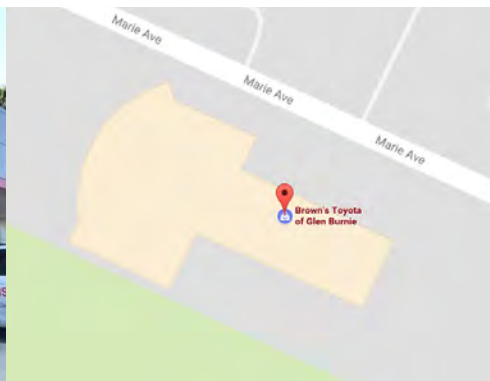
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