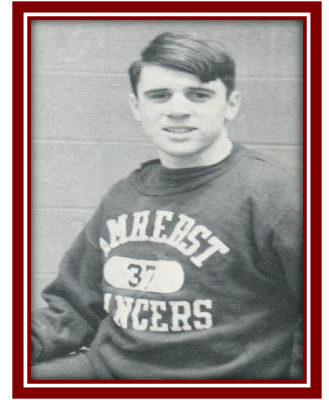


## David Goff



As a young boy growing up in Madison Heights, David Goff credits his brother Paul and his Dad for encouraging him to play baseball. Under the guidance of coaches Jimmy Diuguid, and Glenn and Peter Ricketts, his passion for the sport grew. His earliest and most memorable memory came when he hit a grand slam homerun to win the championship game for the American Legion team.

At Amherst County High School, David continued playing baseball. He had the good fortune to play for two Hall of Fame inductees, Jim Procopio and Gerald Thomas. During his high school years, he also played American Legion Baseball under the guidance of legendary Larry Dovel. His fondest memory was when the Lancers beat undefeated Albemarle High School for the Valley District Championship. At ACHS, David also played four years on the football team. Coach Tom Berry instilled in him a passion for coaching that he would carry with him for more than four decades. David also wrestled four years on the Lancer wrestling team. He attributes Coach John Seal for teaching him that it takes discipline and hard work to be successful not only in wrestling, but also in life.

David's passion for baseball continued into college. He attended Ferrum College in 1970 and Lynchburg College from 1971-1974 and again found himself playing baseball for Coach Gerald Thomas. LC won the VICA Championship during his senior year and David was named MVP, NAIA District 29 First Team Outfielder, and VICA First Team Outfielder.

For more than fifteen years baseball had been David's passion. He lived to play the game. His junior year at ACHS, Coach Berry and the football coaching staff tried to get a youth league football program started in the county. David's brother, Paul suggested they coach the team. He agreed and the rest is history. This was the start of Bruin football. David served as coach, board member and president of the organization. His leadership, the support of the parents, the hard work and dedication of the coaches and great players bought much success to the Bruins teams. The Bruins had many undefeated teams and won numerous championships. Many of the Bruins players went on to play high school and college football. The Amherst Lancers football teams were much stronger because of the talented players that came out of the youth league football teams, all because two brothers had the vision to build a strong youth football program and be positive role models for hundreds of young athletes in Amherst County.

David contributes his success and passion to all of his former coaches who were his role models, and during his journey he used many life lessons they taught him to instill passion in the players he coached.

### **CARRER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Baseball – ACHS: 1967 Group II District 4 Champions, 1968 Group II District 4 Champions, 1970 Valley District Champions, and 1970 Team Co-Captain. Lynchburg College: 1974 VICA Champions, 1974 VICA & NAIA District 29 First Team Outfielder, and 1974 MVP
- Football – ACHS: 1967 District Champions
- Wrestling – ACHS: 1970 Undefeated Team, record 10-0, 1970 Regional and State Runner Up