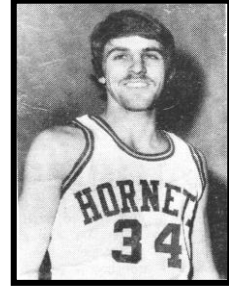


DAVY CAMDEN

As an only child, Davy Camden realized early that team sports would play an important role in his life. Starting with baseball in the mid-1960s, he was quickly “hooked”. Then youth basketball camp, held on the outdoor courts of Madison Heights Elementary School, introduced him to Coach Ernie Guill, whom he credits with teaching him passion for the game while developing the fundamental skills.



Another sports institution of Amherst County, Hall of Famer Leroy Floyd, introduced him, as a 16-year-old, to umpiring. The foundations had then been laid for Davy Camden to spend the next half-century involved in sports with hundreds of young people in Central Virginia.

He played a sport each season in his youth, then primarily football and basketball at ACHS. Football was directed by Hall of Famer Tom Berry. In basketball, Camden was reunited with the mentor from his youth, Ernie Guill, also a Hall of Fame member, and became the prototype for the “sixth man”, one who could come off the bench and provide an immediate spark for the team. He then went to Lynchburg College, playing basketball for Coach Wayne Proffitt.

Following college, Camden has taught and coached at Nelson and Amherst County high schools, and has officiated Dixie Youth and high school baseball, over a period spanning more than four decades. A quiet leader, he had a special interest in spending extra time with the ones who needed the most attention, thereby strengthening the entire team.

Throughout that time, he realized that the coach’s and umpire’s greatest joy comes from witnessing the learning of life skills among the players, and is appreciative of those individuals who helped him develop. The hundreds of players who have come under the care of Camden as a coach and umpire have known a person who took great pride in their performance, who treated them with respect and fairness. His imprint covers many years in a variety of ways, from basketball camps, to high school sports, to youth baseball games.

Davy Gayland Camden – June 11, 1956

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Youth: Football – Amelon Bruins (1968); Baseball – Madison Heights (1966-67); Pony League (1969-70), All-Star (1970); Colt League (1970-71)
- ACHS: Football – (1973), All-District, second team; Basketball – 8th grade (1969), JV (1971-72), Varsity (1973-74), captain (1974); Baseball – J.V. (1970)
- Lynchburg College: Basketball (1974-78)
- Coaching: Football – Amelon Bruins, assistant (1976-79); Baseball – Dixie Youth (1998); Basketball camp – Amherst County, director (1995-2015); NCHS: Football – J.V. (1979-83), assistant varsity (1983-88); Basketball – J.V. (1983-88), varsity (1988-92), district champion (1991-92), District Coach of the Year, *News and Advance* Coach of the Year (1991-92); ACHS: Basketball – varsity (1993-98), Baseball – J.V. (1999-2015), undefeated season (2014)
- Officiating: High School baseball – state championships (6), district championships (25), district umpire-in-chief (1995-2008), state umpire-in-chief (2001-2008), state all-star games (3); Little League/Dixie Youth (1976-2009); Amherst County Rec Basketball (1986-2008); Dixie Youth – district (1976-2008), World Series (6), state championships (14), district championships (30)