

= John Hummer =

John Hummer (born May 4 , 1948) is a venture capitalist and retired professional basketball player who was an original member of the Buffalo Braves after starring for the Princeton Tigers men 's basketball team . He also led his high school to the 1966 Virginia State 1A championship and helped Princeton earn a 1967 @-@ 68 co @-@ Ivy League Championship as well as a 1968 @-@ 69 outright Ivy League Championship . Over the course of his basketball career , he was coached by four National Basketball Hall of Fame members .

In college , Hummer was a three @-@ time All @-@ Ivy League selection (first @-@ team : 1969 & 1970 , second team : 1968) . He played for two Ivy League champion teams and served as team captain as a senior . He was a part of the first of head coach Pete Carril 's thirteen Ivy League champions (1968) , eleven NCAA Division I Men 's Basketball Tournament teams (1969) and three undefeated conference champions (1969) . Although Hummer set no statistical records , his name continues to be ranked high in the Princeton record book by many statistical measures .

He played six seasons in the National Basketball Association (NBA) for the Braves , Chicago Bulls and Seattle SuperSonics . He was the 15th overall selection in the 1970 NBA Draft and the first draft choice in the history of the Braves franchise . As a Braves draft choice , he was a somewhat controversial pick in a draft year with two All @-@ American local products available . During his NBA career , he played for Hall of Famers Dolph Schayes , Bill Russell and Jack Ramsay .

After his professional basketball career ended , he went to Stanford University to get an MBA in 1980 . In 1989 , Ann Winblad and he founded Hummer Winblad Venture Partners , a venture capital firm focusing on software companies .

= = Amateur career = =

Hummer attended Washington @-@ Lee High School in Arlington , Virginia . Following in the footsteps of his brother Ed Hummer , he led W @-@ L to the 1966 Virginia 1A state title as a high school senior . Ed had led the team to the 1962 and 1963 titles . His nephew (Ed 's son Ian) was a freshman on the 2009 ? 10 Princeton team .

In Hummer 's sophomore season at Princeton , the team was co @-@ champion of the Ivy League with a 20 ? 6 (12 ? 3 Ivy) record . Despite the fact that Princeton had three of the five first @-@ team All @-@ Ivy team members , plus second @-@ team member Hummer , they lost the one @-@ game league playoff to the Jim McMillian @-@ led 1968 Columbia Lions . That year the team rose to as high as 8th in the AP Poll . This was the first of thirteen Ivy League championships for head coach Pete Carril .

The following season , the team accumulated a 19 ? 7 (14 ? 0) record and participated in the 1969 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament . They lost to St. John 's in the tournament , but Hummer was joined by Geoff Petrie on the first @-@ team All @-@ Ivy squad . This was the first of eleven NCAA tournament appearance for Carril . It was also the first of three 14 ? 0 conference champions for Carril .

As a senior , Hummer was first @-@ team All @-@ Ivy , but the Tigers placed third in the conference to the undefeated (in Ivy League games) Corky Calhoun @-@ led Penn Quakers and McMillian 's Lions . Although Princeton did not appear in the 1970 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament , they hosted Penn 's game . All three of his varsity years were spent under Carril . Again , following in the footsteps of his brother who had served as Princeton captain of the 1966 ? 67 team , John was co @-@ captain for the 1969 ? 70 team along with classmate Petrie . Hummer was honored with the team 's B. Franklin Bunn ? 07 Award for play , sportsmanship and influence that contributed most to the sport .

During his career , he shared the spotlight with Petrie and did not set any statistical records at a school and conference where Bill Bradley continues to dominate the record books . Over the course of his career , Hummer was the 9th Tiger to accumulate 1000 career points (1031 in 67 games) and he continued to rank seventh in school history with a 15 @.@ 4 points / game average through the 2009 ? 10 season . Since his career ended in 1970 only Brian Taylor has posted a higher

average . He stands eighth in career free throws made (297) , having only been passed since his career ended by Craig Robinson and Kit Mueller . He is tenth in career rebounds .

= = Professional basketball career = =

Following his senior season , Hummer was one of three first @-@ round Ivy League selections in the 1970 NBA Draft (Petrie ? 8th , McMillian 13th and Hummer 15th) . Hummer was also drafted by The Floridians in the 1970 American Basketball Association draft . The 1970 draft included two promising All @-@ American local @-@ Buffalo area talents : St. Bonaventure University 's Buffalo @-@ born Bob Lanier and Niagara University 's Calvin Murphy . Murphy was a fan favorite that many local fans hoped the Braves would select . However , Braves General Manager Eddie Donovan doubted the 5 feet 9 inches (1 @.@ 75 m) Murphy could make it in the NBA . The Baltimore Bullets traded to improve their draft position on the day of the March 23 , 1970 NBA draft . They traded their # 15 selection and Mike Davis to the expansion Buffalo Braves for the # 9 selection . That day , the Braves selected Hummer with the 15th pick . Hummer averaged 11 @.@ 3 points and 8 @.@ 9 rebounds for the 1970 ? 71 Buffalo Braves during an average of 32 @.@ 6 minutes in 81 games played for coach Dolph Schayes . The 22 ? 60 Braves finished fourth in the four @-@ team Atlantic Division . Hummer and the Braves struggled for two more seasons with 60 @-@ loss seasons . The 1972 ? 73 Braves were Jack Ramsay 's first coaching season with his second NBA team .

After the Braves selected Ernie DiGregorio in the 1973 NBA Draft to complement 1972 NBA Draft selection Bob McAdoo , it was clear the team was going to change to fast @-@ paced offense to leverage DiGregorio 's skills . Hummer was more of a defensive player . Prior to the 1973 ? 74 NBA season , Hummer was packaged with a 1974 NBA Draft 2nd round pick and a 1975 NBA Draft 2nd round pick in a trade that sent him to the Chicago Bulls in exchange for Gar Heard and Kevin Kunnert . The deal was part of the resume that earned Donovan the NBA Executive of the Year Award . That season the 54 ? 28 Dick Motta @-@ coached 1973 ? 74 Bulls team that he was traded to initially would make the playoffs , but the 36 ? 46 Bill Russell @-@ coached 1973 ? 74 SuperSonics that he would finish the season with would not .

During the season (on January 7) , he was traded by the Bulls to the Seattle SuperSonics in exchange for a 1975 NBA draft 2nd round selection . Russell 's SuperSonics (1974 ? 75 and 1975 ? 76) were the only playoff teams that he played in the postseason with . In the 1975 NBA Playoffs , the Sonics defeated the Detroit Pistons 2 ? 1 in the first round before losing to the Golden State Warriors 4 ? 2 . Hummer appeared in six of the nine playoff games that year , but accumulated no points . The following season the Sonics earned a bye in the first round of the 1976 NBA Playoffs where they lost to the Phoenix Suns . Hummer appeared in three of these games .

Never a strong free throw shooter , Hummer failed to make 50 % of his free throws during his last three seasons in the NBA . In the 1974 @-@ 75 season , he shot an unusually low 0 @.@ 275 from the free throw line .

= = Education and finance career = =

Hummer graduated from Princeton University in 1970 with an A.B. in English and in 1980 with an MBA from Stanford Graduate School of Business . In 1989 , Ann Winblad and he founded Hummer Winblad Venture Partners , which claims to have been the first venture capital firm to focus exclusively on software companies . The company now makes multimillion @-@ dollar investments in several companies per year . The company has financed over 100 ventures that have been on the forefront of trends that have gone from PC software to enterprise computing to Internet applications . The company 's investments have now spanned generations of software applications , architectures , delivery methods , and business models , including Omniture , Voltage Security , Mulesource , Wind River Systems and Hyperion Solutions . Other notable companies that they have provided venture capital for that no longer exist are Napster , Pets.com , and HomeGrocer .