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Biographical / Historical

Images of Native Americans along with the term "Indian" was used as the athletic logo and mascot of William & Mary until 1978. However, feathers were used as a part of the logo post 1978 until 2007. The decision was made to phase out the use of the images and term "Indian" in response to the NCAA, who argued that they were offensive to Native Americans. From 2001-2006 a temporary mascot was used and Colonel Ebirt was born, Ebirt is tribe spelled backwards and was represented as a green frog. The mascot was fully adopted by the athletic department from 2001-2006. In 2009 it was a committee was drawn, appointed by then William & Mary President Taylor Reveley to decide a new mascot and the Griffin was chosen.

Content Description

Two Colonel Ebirt T-shirts, with an illustration of William and Mary's unofficial mascot, Colonel Ebirt created by Williamsburg-based Parkway Printshop. Colonel Ebirt is tribe spelled backwards and was the unofficial mascot for William & Mary from 2001-2006.

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