

## MANNIE FOSTER

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Considered to be one of the greatest athletes produced at the University of New Mexico, Mannie Foster is the 15th person to be inducted into the Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame.

A 180-pound vestpocket guard (and a midget by present day lineman stats), Foster tonight joins his former Albuquerque High teammate, John Dolzadelli and two coaches — F.M. (Tony) Wilson and Roy W. Johnson — in this city's elite athletic circle.

And though he has faced superior odds before on the gridiron and in World War II in the European Theater, he has never fought a tougher battle than he has been waging the past three and-a-half years against bone cancer.

Mannie moved to Albuquerque in 1923 and was a three-letterman at Albuquerque High, playing defensive tackle and offensive (pulling) guard in football, guard in basketball and putting the shot and broadjumping in track in 1924, '25 and '26.

Mannie attended the University of New Mexico, where he became a rare four-year starter for the Lobos under Coach Johnson as guard-tackle, and was on the UNM's only undefeated (7-0-1) football club in 1927.

Foster who played both-ways lineman and place-kicker for Johnson was named second team All-Southwest as a freshman and picked first team All-Southwest in 1928, '29 and '30. This was capped by being named to the heralded East-West Shrine Game in 1930 and named to the All-Time Lobo Football team in 1946.

Following graduation, Mannie taught history at AHS and helped Wilson coach another Hall of Famer — Ralph Bowyer. Later, he worked for the State Employment Commission before joining the Army. He served in the European Theater, winning five battle stars for his valor and awarded the Purple Heart.

Mannie and Mary Foster have five daughters, and in 1974 he retired as personnel officer and employment developer from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

