

★ HENRY FAMILY ★

In 1984, the Sports Hall of Fame set a precedent by inducting the 1934 UNM football TEAM—a team that had won the Border Conference crown under Coach Gwinn Henry—into the HOF. Since then, UNM has boasted outstanding teams—WAC champions—in football, basketball, track/field, golf and gymnastics both men and women. None have been considered worthy of the honor.

Tonight, the Henry name again sets a precedent—the only FAMILY to be inducted into the Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame. Gwinn Henry, Sr., Gwinn Henry, Jr., and his son, Patrick, have all been nominated, never inducted.

"In all my years as a player, coach and administrator in athletics in Albuquerque and New Mexico, I have never observed one family which had such an impact on both the high school and college scene as has the Henry family," said APS Athletic Director Buddy Robertson and Hall of Fame president.

The five sons of Gwinn (Bub), Jr., and wife Dona-Patrick, twins Matt and Mark, Tim and Robin—have devoted their lives to athletics. Their major interest and love has involved track and field coaching after enjoying stellar careers as athletes. All are UNM graduates.

Did it start with a kid from Eden, Texas named Gwyn Henry who was billed "Fastest Man in the World" by the New York Globe and Commercial Advertiser March 30, 1911 prior to a match race in the 100-yard 'run' in New York City?

Perhaps it was a dad's and grandfather's football coaching record at Emporia (Kan.) College, University of Missouri, UNM and University of Kansas with a season as mentor of the NFL (pro) St. Louis Gunners club in 1933. Totals—a 116-43 record, four 'Big Six' and one Border Conference crowns.

"Some bad breaks (broken leg, fractured collarbone) ruined Bub Henry's goal to stardom in track and football," AHS basketball coach Jim Hulsman recalls. "He was fast, powerful and could run over people. As a sophomore (1944), he equalled Owen Smaulding's 100-yd. dash time (:10.2)."

Bub tried a comeback as a senior in 1946, ran the 100-yd. dash with an iron plate in a leg broken two years earlier. "A quitter he was not," said Hulsman. But his love affair with sports never dimmed nor did his loyalty to AHS and the University of New Mexico.

He spearheaded the renovation of Hodgin Hall, the UNM Alumni Chapel and created a visible chronology of Lobo athletic history through the collection and research of photos and memorabilia as director of UNM Alumni. A portion of his collection is displayed at UNM Lettermen's Lounge.

Terry Gugliotta, UNM archivist, worked closely with Henry before he retired. "Mr. Henry had one bit of advice—Don't Ever Throw Anything Away." Gugliotta now possesses over 10,000 items of Lobo sports memorabilia at Zimmerman Library, is running out of space.

But it's the achievements by sons Pat, twins Matt and Mark, Tim and Robin which impresses one the most.

In Pat's 12 years as Louisiana State's men's and women's track coach, he has directed LSU to a record 12 NCAA championships...twice (1989, '90) the Tiger men and women were NCAA titlists the same season... thrice he was named NCAA 'Coach of the Year.'

As head track mentor at West Mesa, later LaCueva, Matt has led his charges to 17 district titles, three state crowns. His cross-country champions for boys and girls numbers 20.

Mark's football coaching career at Highland and later LaCueva has produced one state AAAA crown (1989) and four district titles plus New Mexico 'Coach of the Year.'

Tim is both PE instructor and coach at Eisenhower Middle School, coached track/field three seasons at Eldorado.

Robin, the baby of the family, is director of Sandia Aquatic Center.

The love for competition and excellence in athletics flowed through the veins of a grandfather to his son and thence to five grandsons. But it has been the love for each other that has made the family of Bub and Dona Henry a model that has left its impact on this community.