

## John Lomasney – Gallup HS Girls' Basketball Coach

John Lomasney was a pioneer for high school girls basketball in the state of New Mexico. He was instrumental in bringing the Gallup girls basketball program into the New Mexico spotlight and throughout the Navajo Nation.

The results of Coach Lomasney's efforts have been seen in the tremendous fan following throughout the seasons and the unprecedented attendance of Gallup basketball fans at regular season and state championship events each year. In addition to his service as the head girls' basketball coach at Gallup HS for 28 seasons (1982-2009), Coach Lomasney was also responsible for creating many community youth basketball camps and leagues.

Coach Lomasney's legacy begins with his teams' accomplishments, including an overall record of 503-187, four state championships, 14 district championships and 20 state playoff appearances. He was inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame (2011), and the New Mexico High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame (2006), as well as being selected as the New Mexico, regional, and district coach of the year multiple times.

Coach Lomasney was a teacher of character, to his players and his own children. He remains a well-respected name among his coaching peers; he was known as a fierce competitor, a great host, and a humble winner or loser. Some say they have become better people through their competition with Coach Lomasney. He has earned well-deserved respect among New Mexico high school programs, his fans and his players. Because of that, his legacy will continue to live on and on.

