

TOBY ROYBAL



He came upon UNM's basketball scene 10 years too soon, yet was a shining star in an otherwise mediocre program. But 30 years have not dimmed the memories of cage critics who rate the slender, 6'3 Santa Fe native as the finest guard to ever play for the Lobos.

Toby came to UNM from Santa Fe High boasting All-State honors, and played 1953-56 under Coaches Woody Clements and Bill Stockton. He paced UNM in scoring in 1954 and '56, became the first cager in the school's history to average better than 20 points per game (20.4) and was unanimous All-Skyline Conference (later WAC) first team in 1956. Toby held eight scoring records upon graduation, including most points

scored in one game (45 vs. Montana, 1956). Twenty-four hours later he scored 30 against Montana. That 45 stood for over 20 years until Marvin Johnson broke it twice ('77, '78). A mark that he still holds is 19 of 25 free throws against Montana (attempted, made). All of this achieved on a club with a 6-16 season's record! Toby finished with 967 points (#8 on UNM's all-time list) in a career interrupted by service in the Korean War.

The Santa Fean proved his versatility by leaping 6'4 in the high jump - a mark that stood for eight seasons at UNM. He was drafted by the New York Knicks upon graduation, later turned to teaching Physical Education at Young Jr. High in Santa Fe, where he was head basketball coach.

Toby's life was cut short in 1962, a victim of cancer at the age of 30. Santa Fe High's spacious gymnasium was named in his honor...a tribute to his talent.

Toby's wife, Dixie, and three children (Laura, Larry and Leslie) reside in Santa Fe as do his five brothers and mother, Mrs. John Roybal.

BOB KING



Credit for the lofty status of Lobo basketball today rests with one man – the 22nd inductee into the Sports Hall of Fame, BOB KING.

The 58-year-old coach, now an Albuquerque resident after eight years as athletic director-basketball coach at Indiana State University (1979-80 NCAA finalist), inherited a raggedy cage program here at UNM in 1962 and promptly turned it into a bonanza. He retired here after the 1971-72 season, and became assistant athletic director under Pete McDavid.

In 10 years as head Lobo skipper King's clubs compiled a 175-89 won/lost record for a .663 percentage – third best among UNM coaches boasting better than 50 wins. His products read like a 'Who's Who' in UNM basketball history – Ira Harge . . . Mel Daniels . . . Ron Nelson . . . Boo Ellis . . . Ben Monroe . . . Skip Kruzich . . . Claude Williams . . . Mike Lucero . . . Willie Long . . . Stretch Howard . . . Petie Gibson . . . Ron Becker . . . Tommy Roberts, to name a few.

Perhaps the greatest name of all came from Indiana State in 6'9 All-American and now Boston Celtic standout – Larry Bird. Sir Robert was unable to coach ISU in 1979-80, however, as a heart attack and later brain surgery forced him to relinquish the job to his assistant, Bill Hodges.

In Bob's 10 seasons at UNM, he coached his clubs to three appearances in the celebrated NIT in Madison Square Garden, reaching the finals in 1964 and the semis a year later. The 1967-68 (23-5) Lobos won the WAC and moved into the NCAA Western Regional here, losing to Santa Clara. His 23-6 1963-64 club shared the WAC crown with Arizona State.

Because of the hardcourt success that became 'Lobo Mania', the 7100-seat Johnson Gym facility couldn't hold the fans and then – 14,800-seat University Arena (The Pit) was built in 1966. The Pit couldn't hold 'em, so seating was increased by 2500 (17,300) in 1975 when King's assistant, Norm Ellenberger, was at the helm.

Bob is a University of Iowa graduate (1947), and holds a Masters from Drake (1957). His 12-year high school coaching record in Iowa and Illinois was 205-75 before joining Iowa's staff, later coming here.

Bob and his wife, Sharel, and their three children, Diane, Brad and Randy are getting settled in their new home in Albuquerque. Bob's two sons, Gary and Larry, living in Utah and Grady, N.M., and his daughter Chris, living in Las Cruces, hope to be at the banquet.