

2005

HALL of FAME



HENRY GONZALES

Outstanding Athlete

Born and raised in Carpinteria, Henry Gonzales was a football, basketball and baseball standout in the late 1970s at Carpinteria High School as well as a dedicated coach at the school for 15 years.

Gonzales was the starting quarterback at Carpinteria for three years, 1977-1979. In both his junior and senior year, he earned first team All-Tri-Valley League honors, Tri-Valley Offensive Player of the Year, first team All-CIF and CIF Offensive Player of the year. He was named the Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table Athlete of the Year for football in his senior year. Winning the Tri-Valley League crown in Gonzales' junior and senior years, the team lost in the finals of the CIF playoffs in his senior year.

Gonzales enjoyed first team All-Tri-Valley League nods in basketball in his junior and senior years as well as a league co-championship in 1979. Gonzales was also a three-year letterman in baseball. From the fall of 1980 to 1995 Gonzales served in various coaching capacities, from head to assistant at all levels, for the Carpinteria football, basketball and baseball programs.

A 15-year veteran of the Santa Barbara Police Department, Gonzales notes his most difficult moment came in his junior year when a football injury almost ended his high school career. Doctors advised that playing contact sports could result in permanent damage or paralysis. Gonzales chose to take the chance and returned to the field four weeks later.

Gonzales still lives in Carpinteria and says his life has been influenced by his mother Jessie, his brothers Bobby, Frank and Ray, his uncle Ed Rubio, high school coaches Lou Panizzon and Jim Bashore, and Dan Cordero, a youth coach and family friend.