

2001 HALL OF FAME



Kristin Knapp Cole *Outstanding Athlete*

Kristin Knapp was captain, all-league, all-CIF, all-county, all-state and All-American while playing Basketball at Santa Barbara High School. She was both Channel League and SB County MVP, SBART and News-Press Athlete of the Year, all-time leading rebounder and second leading all-time scorer.

As a scholarship power forward on the NIT and NCAA-bound Notre Dame University, she was named to the MCC all-freshman squad and played in the NCAA three of her four years at ND.

That says a lot about Kristin the basketball player, but not much about the person, the character or her athleticism. She graduated with high honors and remains one of the most dedicated, tenacious, physically and mentally toughest, determined and competitive female athletes SBHS has enjoyed watching. And while playing at an All-American level it was

her team that was all-important, not her personal stats (although they were awesome.) Her work ethic and spirit motivated her teammates.

All of that and Kris still had time to be a bright, pleasant, smiling, engaging and charismatic young lady.

Maybe it was the one-on-one with her dad Larry, former Dons Coach, or all-league brother Jon. Or maybe it was just the tall young girl at Peabody School dribbling, head faking and driving on all-comers. So much so that her 4th grade teacher asked the Kindergarten teacher if she would take Kristin on as an aide. Heck, she was coaching when she was nine.

Whatever the reason – it worked. Kristin is happily married to Trevor Cole. She is presently coaching at UNLV and enjoys reading, traveling and music.