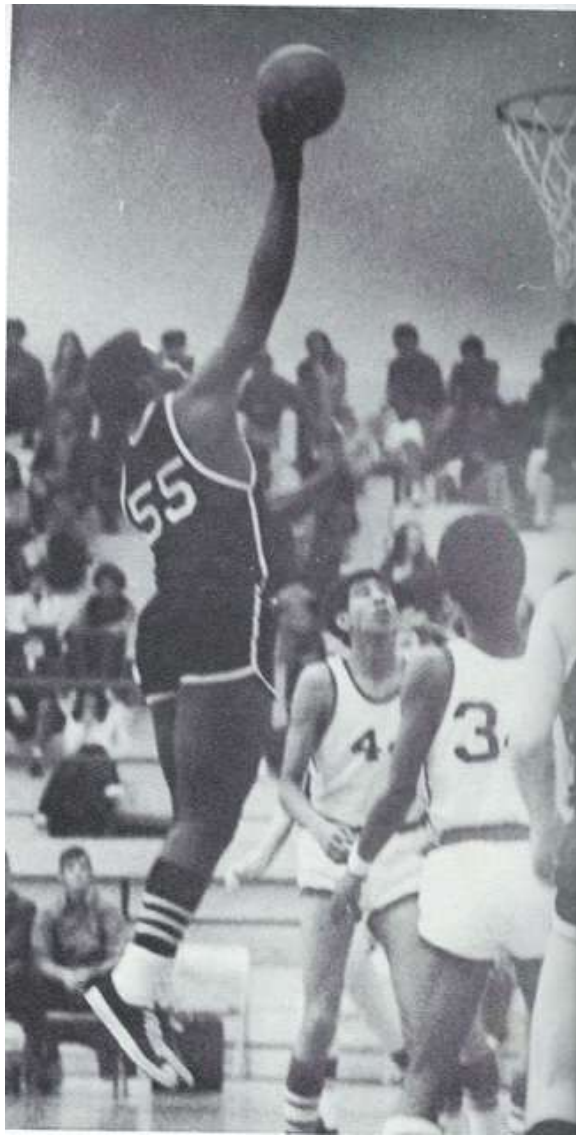


Bobby R. Kirkley
El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination
Living Athlete Category



PERSONAL PROFILE:

Full Name: Bobby Rodriguez Kirkley
Parents Names: Aristine and Venston Kirkley
Place of Birth: Bordeaux, France
Date of Birth: October 8, 1954
Elementary School: Bliss Elementary School, El Paso, Texas
Middle School: Ross Middle School, El Paso, Texas
High Schools: Burges High School and Parkland High School, Graduated 1973
College: Eastern New Mexico University, BS Sociology (1978)



All City Player Bobby Kirkley at Parkland High School

Athletic Achievements:

High School

Played on the Burges Freshman Team for Coach Tony Harper

His Dad retired and they moved to Northeast El Paso and thus played for Parkland High School.

At Parkland I had to sit out year and would have been on Team when Paul Kubinski of Parkland scored 75 points in a game.

Averaged a Double – Double in his career as a Junior averaged 27 points and 11 rebounds and as a senior averaged 30 points a game and 12 rebounds.

Scored 45 points as the most in one game in December of 1972 against Andress.

All District - Two Years

All City – Two Years

Parkland High School – Team MVP twice

College

- **1973, 1975, 1976, 1977: Letterman Basketball**
- **1975-1977: AL Garten Award for outstanding athlete in all sports at Eastern New Mexico**
- **1975-1976 NAIA All District Following the 1975-76 season, he received the Al Garten Award which is for outstanding athlete in all sports at Eastern New Mexico.**
- **1975-1977: NAIA #1 Scorer (30.9 Scoring Average, 19 games)**
- **1985 El Paso Prep Hoop Hall of Fame newspaper article**
- **1975-1977: District VII All Star Team**
- **1976: All District VII**
- **1977: NAIA All American Third Team**
- **Second leading scorer in Greyhound history, 1,996 points**
- **January 31, 1978: Greyhound team record, scored 50 points against N.M. Highlands and is a single game record at ENMU**
- **1977-78 Only NAIA player voted to play in Wilson Pizza Hut Basketball All Star Game in Las Vegas, Nevada (only El Pasoan besides Gus Bailey) (Most prestigious of the era)**
- **2009 Induction into Hall of Honors, Eastern New Mexico University, Men's Basketball.**
- **At the time of induction, Bobby Kirkley was and still is the second leading career scorer for the Hounds' basketball team (the leading scorer is Greg Hyder who also played in the NBA with Nate "Tiny" Archibald.**
- **He was the leading scorer in the nation among NAIA schools, averaging 30.9 points over 19 games and was named to the NAIA Basketball All American Third Team in 1977.**
- **Following the 1977-78 season, he was named Greatest Greyhound at Eastern New Mexico University**
- <https://goeasternathletics.com/honors/hall-of-honors?hof=144>

Professional Background:

- Assistant Pastor, Immanuel House of Prayer, 1991-2004
- Pastor, White Horse Christian Center, October 2004-Curre

All-American

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on the basis of recommendations from
its member newspapers, radio and television stations,
and reports from regional All-American basketball
boards, has selected

Bob Kirkley, Eastern New Mexico
Third Team

a member of the
ALL-AMERICAN BASKETBALL TEAM
College Division

1978





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The Week Of February 27 Through March 4
BOB KIRKLEY WEEK
At Eastern New Mexico University

Warren B. Armstrong
Dr. Warren B. Armstrong
President

February 27, 1978
Date



Mr. B. B. Lees
Athletic Director
Eastern New Mexico University
Portales, NM 88130

November 18, 1977

Dear Mr. Lees:

On behalf of Pizza Hut, Inc. and Pizza Hut Charities Foundation I want to thank you for your cooperation and verbal endorsement of this year's Pizza Hut Basketball Classic. It is a pleasure to have a representative from Eastern New Mexico on our ballot.

Again, the Las Vegas Convention Center has been selected as the site of the Pizza Hut Classic College All-Star Basketball Game. Game headquarters will be at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel. The game will be played Saturday, April 1, 1978. CBS will carry the game live; tip-off is set for 1 p.m. P.S.T. This post season contest has been sanctioned and certified by the N.C.A.A. and N.A.I.A. All proceeds will be donated to deserving, non-profit organizations. We are very proud that proceeds from the past six Classics totaling approximately \$500,000 have been given to selected charitable institutions. Prior to the first of the year, the Pizza Hut Charities Foundation will select this year's recipients.

All players appearing on the ballot have been nominated by a Media Panel comprised of a cross section of our country's finest sportswriters. As in the past, the fans will select eight of the 10 senior college players on each squad, with the panel of the National Association of Basketball Coaches making the final two selections. This year we are fortunate to have Dave Gavitt from Providence College coaching the East Squad and Eddie Sutton from Arkansas University coaching the West Squad.

Bob Kirkley has been selected by the Media Panel as an eligible candidate for a position on the ballot and possible election to the team. As in the past, all N.C.A.A. and N.A.I.A. regulations pertaining to post-season events will be strictly adhered to. In compliance with these regulations, all student athletes selected will be contacted only after their regular season has ended. Transportation and meals will be provided and awards given to each participant. Therefore, we are asking your permission for Bob to participate in this sanctioned event if he is selected and desires to participate.

Please sign the enclosed form, granting us this permission, and return it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Jim McInerney
Director of Corporate and
Consumer Relations

JW/mjc

Enclosures

cc: Sterling Gibson

To El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Committee:

I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Bobby Kirkley for induction into the El Paso Hall of Fame. As a former teammate of Bobby at Eastern New Mexico University for two years. I also had the pleasure to watch Booby play his first 2 years in college.

I saw him improve his skills and his body to improve his game. Bobby could play any position on the floor. He would go inside or outside depending on who was guarding him. It's too bad that we didn't have the 3-point line back then or his records would have been higher.

Besides performing at a high level as a player. Bobby was a great leader and teammate. Bobby led the NAIA in points per game his senior year and was 3rd his junior year.

Bobby was also selected to play in the top college All Star game at the time (Pizza Hut Classic).

Bobby has already been selected to the ENMU Athletic Hall of Fame.

You couldn't find a more deserving person than Bobby Kirkley to be selected into the El Paso Hall of Fame.

Thank You

Douglas Gibson

Retired HS Varsity Basketball Coach, Houston, TX

To El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Committee:

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Bobby Kirkley for the induction into the El Paso Hall of Fame Athletic Committee.

As a player, Bobby Kirkley has made an indelible impact on the sport of basketball, and I believe his accomplishments and contributions warrant this prestigious recognition.

Bobby Kirkely is of high moral character and truly has made an impact on all that have known him.

Joe Blackburn

Teammate at Eastern New Mexico University (1976-1977)



To El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Committee

This letter of reference is being penned for Pastor Bobby Rodriguez Kirkley. A man I've known for the last 13 years, not just as my pastor, but as my spiritual father.

Over the years, I found Pastor Kirkley to be a man of the utmost integrity, a man of extreme faith and a man who always possesses an on-time word for those in need.

Those who need encouragement and for those who need to be empowered.

His life's mission, in my opinion, is truly one that is intended to reconcile man back to God.

I know that this letter is going to be considered in his application to be inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

He's more than worthy and his exploits throughout his athletic life speaks for itself.

Bobby Kirkley played with NBA basketball greats, such as Maurice Cheeks, Sydney Moncrief, Mychal "sweet bells" Thompson and Ron Brewer to name a few.

I believe he is the epitome of what Hall of Fames, nationwide, in every sport, is looking for.

It is without any reservation at all and with the highest recommendation that I recommend Pastor Bobby Kirkley.

He, being a product of El Paso, Texas, an outstanding basketball player and a great athlete, in his own right should be enshrined into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

I can write a book about Pastor Kirkley, but it would better serve this objective to verbally speak as to who this great human he is.

I can be reached at any time to speak about this gem, this gift to mankind into the earth from God.

God bless you!

Sincerely,

Rolando Greene,

Head Men's and Women's Track and Field Coach at the University of Kentucky

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Dear Members of the Selection Committee: Page 1 of Letter

I am writing to highly recommend Pastor Bobby Kirkley for induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame. My name is Jack Owens, and I am currently an assistant basketball coach at DePaul University in Chicago.

I previously served as the head basketball coach at Miami of Ohio, and I have had the privilege of knowing and working closely with Pastor Kirkley for many years.

It is without hesitation that I support his candidacy for this prestigious honor, Pastor Bobby Kirkley is a remarkable individual whose influence extends far beyond the basketball court.

As a father figure, mentor, and someone I could always count on, he has been a tremendous source of guidance and support—not only for me but also for countless others within the community.

Through his unwavering commitment to service, he has demonstrated a character that exemplifies the values of integrity, perseverance, and compassion that are core to the spirit of a Hall of Fame inductee.

Pastor Kirkley's impact transcends the game of basketball. He has dedicated his life to helping others experience restoration and healing, leading many to overcome obstacles that have held them back.

His ability to provide strength and encouragement to those in need reflects his deep commitment to the well-being of others, both inside and outside of sports.

Whether working with individuals on a personal level or leading larger initiatives, his influence has empowered many to become victorious in areas of life where they previously struggled.

In addition to being an outstanding leader and mentor, Pastor Kirkley is also the epitome of a team player. He has always been someone who champions collaboration, fostering an environment where those around him can thrive. His humility and selflessness are traits that have earned him the trust and respect of all who have had the privilege to work alongside him.

He approaches every challenge with the mindset of a warrior—resilient, determined, and always striving for excellence.

In basketball, as in life, the true champions are not only those who score the most points or win the most games, but those who uplift others and leave a lasting, positive impact on their community.

Pastor Bobby Kirkley embodies these qualities in every aspect of his life, making him a true representative of what it means to be a Hall of Famer.

I can say with certainty that Pastor Kirkley's induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame would not only honor his achievements as a leader but also recognize the profound and lasting contributions he has made to his community, the sport, and the lives of those who know him.

He is a living testament to the power of perseverance, service, and faith. Thank you for considering this recommendation for a man who has given so much to those around him.

I am confident that Pastor Bobby Kirkley's legacy will continue to inspire future generations, and I am honored to offer my full support for his induction into the Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,
Jack Owens
Assistant Basketball Coach
DePaul University



Hall of Fame Committee,

It is with great honor that I recommend Bobby Kirkley for induction to the El Paso Sports Hall of Fame.

I have known Bobby for over 50 years and his growth as a man of integrity may be the only thing that can overshadow his abilities that he displayed on the basketball court during his basketball career at Parkland High School and Eastern New Mexico University.

Bobby Kirkley was a Trailblazer for me and many other young basketball players growing up in El Paso. He was a gifted big man with a great touch and could score from anywhere on the court. He was also a tremendous competitor who worked tirelessly at his craft, and it inspired me to follow in his footsteps.

I had the good fortune of playing against Bobby at Parkland and Eastern New Mexico and was able to experience his greatness firsthand at both levels.

During my freshman year at Andress he scored 40 points against us, and we had one of the city's better players guarding him. It cost us extra running at practice the next day, but it was awe experience for me to witness.

During my freshman year at New Mexico State University, we travelled to play Bobby at Eastern. Bobby had been injured and haven't played in several weeks, so he wasn't really mentioned on the scouting report, but I tried to tell my teammates how good he really was and that if he goes into the game be ready. They didn't believe me. Bobby didn't start that night but came into game later. When the game was over, and all was said and done, he scored 44 points on us and made believers of them all.

Over Bobby's basketball career he led the City in scoring and eventually led the NCAA in scoring, no small feat for a kid from El Paso.

Once again, I am honored to nominate Bobby Kirkley for his long overdue induction into the El Paso Sports Hall of Fame.

With Highest Regards,

Greg Webb

Andress High School Graduate

New Mexico State University Graduate

Chuck Davis



Kirkley has ultimate team goal in mind during final season with Greyhounds

Bob Kirkley, with eight more regular-season games to play, has scored 1,794 points in his long career at Eastern New Mexico University.

That ranks him second on Eastern's all-time career scoring list — behind Greg Hyder's 2,378 points scored from 1968-76.

With Kirkley still more than 500 points behind Hyder, it seems very unlikely that the 6-5 senior forward will surpass Hyder. But that really doesn't matter.

"Personal rewards are fine," Kirkley says, "but I would want to have the team get all the success first."

"We have a good team this year, and we have a chance to make the playoffs and compete in the national tournament."

"I want to play better myself just so we can have that chance."

ENMU, going into tonight's contest at the College of Santa Fe, is 8-4 this year and seems to be on its way to its first winning season since the 1969-70 season when the Greyhounds finished third in the NAA national tournament.

Kirkley has scored 255 points in 12 games this year, averaging 21.3 points per game. That ranks second in the NAA to Cam Brown of Maine-Framingham.

Kirkley is highly regarded nationally as well. He is on the ballot for the annual Pura Hut Classic in Las Vegas — one of only a few NAA players among many NCAA stars.

Nicknamed "Big B" by his teammates, Kirkley was a 1973 graduate of El Paso Burgess High School where he was selected to 10 all-tournament teams. He was chosen the Most Valuable Player in the regional tourney, was an all-district performer three years and made honorable mention All-State for two seasons. He also played football.

"I played all positions during basketball in high school," Kirkley recalls. "I weighed about 250 pounds then."

Since then, Kirkley has been involved in a rigorous weight training program and has dropped to 225 — a good weight which fills out his 6-5 frame well.

Kirkley played for ENMU during the 1973-74 season, but laid off the next year. He has played the last three seasons and apparently the layoff hasn't hurt him any.

In high school (and during the year he laid off from basketball while at ENMU), Kirkley was wooed by scouts and coaches from Indiana, New Mexico State University, Alabama, Texas-El Paso and TCU.

But he came to ENMU, and he has stayed. His decision to attend Eastern was influenced by his parents.

Here is a brief breakdown of what Kirkley has accomplished at ENMU:

FRESHMAN — He averaged 16.3 points and 6.3 rebounds a game. He led the team in field-goal percentage (.491) and free-throw percentage (.767).

SOPHOMORE — He averaged 21.4 points per game and 6.2 rebounds. He again led the team in both percentage categories (.500 from the field and .775 from the line). He scored more than 31 points seven times and was an All-District 7 NAA performer and led the district in scoring and rebounding.

JUNIOR — He averaged 31.7 points per game and finished second in the NAA in that category. He hit 54 percent of his field goal attempts and 81 percent from the charity stripe. He was injured during his junior year, but in the 14 games in which he played, he scored 30 points or more eight times, including four times in which he pumped in 40 or more points. He once again led District 7 in scoring and rebounding and was named All-District.

He also set five Greyhound records last year. Those marks include the most field goals attempted in a game (26), most field goals made in a game (23 of 27), best season average (31.7) and best career scoring average (21.7).

But the most impressive record he holds (so far) is for the most points scored in a game for ENMU. That came Jan. 23, 1977. He scored 47 points against the College of Santa Fe, breaking Hyder's school record of 44 points set in 1975.



BOB KIRKLEY

Also last year, Kirkley led the team in rebounding with 11.3 a game and was second on the team in assists with 26.

SENIOR — Who knows what lies ahead for Kirkley? Most of the marks is shooting for he already holds. But after playing three seasons for teams which went 19-17, 11-15 and 12-15, Kirkley has the ultimate team goal in mind.

"The team is determined to win every game remaining on our schedule," Kirkley says. "We have a talented group of athletes and so team should win."

"I am determined to play better and see our team go to Kansas City (site of the NAA championships)."

It's hard to argue with a guy like Kirkley, who has credentials a mile long.



Kirkley third-team All-America

NEW YORK (AP) — Brawny Jeff Covington of Youngstown State and nimble Larry Wilson of Nichols State, two of the country's premier small-college frontcourt players, are among those selected for The Associated Press' College Division All-America basketball team for 1978.

Joining Covington and Wilson on the AP's first team are guards Dana Skinner of Merrimack and Harold Robertson of Lincoln of Missouri and forward Tony Vann of Alabama-Huntsville. Guard Hector Olivencia of Sacred Heart (Conn.),

one of the country's top scorers, was a second-team choice along with forwards Irwin Johnson of the University of Scranton (Pa.) and Ron Ripley of Wisconsin-Green Bay, center Rick Mahorn of Hampton (Va.) Institute and Valdosta (Ga.) State guard Bruno Caldwell.

Members of the third team are forwards Bob Kirkley of Eastern New Mexico and Carlos Terry of Winston-Salem (N.C.) State, center Brian Rhodes of Houghton (N.Y.) and guards Paul Seymour of Bryant College (R.I.) and Henry Simmons of

Maryland-Eastern Shore. Covington, a 6-foot-7, 215-pounder known as the "Pied Piper of Youngstown State" for his leadership and charismatic qualities, won a ton of fans and raves after a fine season at the Ohio school.

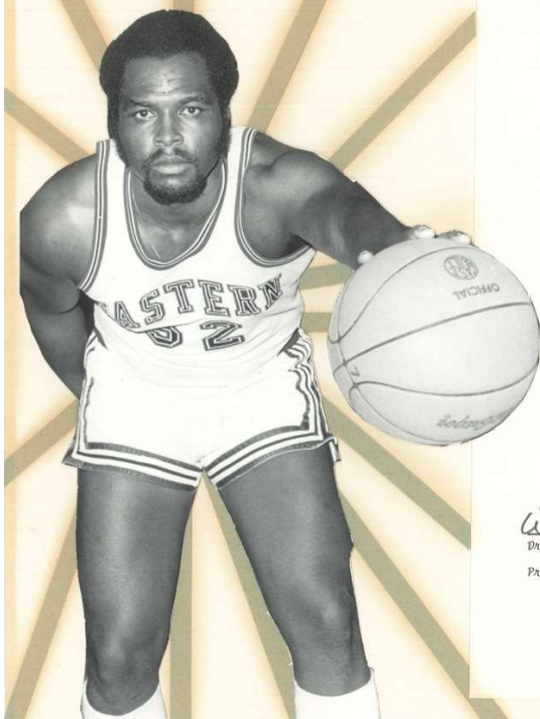
Covington became the only player in Division II to finish in the nation's Top Ten in both scoring and rebounding, averaging 26.4 points and 14.5 rebounds a game during a record-smashing season.

A four year-starter, Covington's 2,424 career points, an average of nearly 23 a game, are the most

ever at Youngstown State. In addition, he has accumulated 1,381 rebounds in his four years, a career average of 13.1.

Wilson is a smooth, 6-5 frontcourt player with an exceptional scoring touch and acrobatic moves under the basket. He averaged 28.1 points a game at the Louisiana school this year, a Gulf South Conference record, despite missing two games with an injured foot.

His scoring average was third best in Division II and he was among the nation's Top Ten in free throw shooting with an 88.3 average.



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Las Vegas Stakes High For Kirkley

Special To The El Paso Times

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Bob Kirkley finds himself in a unique situation this weekend. The former El Paso and Eastern New Mexico University basketball star has come to the gambling capital of the world to earn, not to lose, his wages.

Selected to play in Saturday's Pizza Hut All-Star Classic before a national television audience and a watchful group of pro basketball scouts, Kirkley figures a hot hand might net him a payoff that could last a good part of his life.

"The big talk here on the team is pro ball," Kirkley said Friday after his West squad's second and final workout leading up to Saturday's 2 p.m. MST tipoff. "The scouts are around at all practices and I've talked to a few. I feel pretty good about my chances right now. The scouts are everywhere."

Kirkley didn't get much chance to rub elbows with NBA representatives during his four-year career at ENMU in Portales, N.M., but a 31-point scoring average was apparently impressive enough to convince college fans voting for the squad to make him the only representative from an NAIA institution. The final results put him in a top group of 18, which includes the likes of Minnesota All-American Mychal Thompson, Arkansas sensation Ron Brewer and college basketball player-of-the-year Butch Lee from Marquette.

"There's no extra pressure on me because I'm from a small school," Kirkley said. "I'll go out and try to represent the NAIA as best as I can. The big thing is just not to push it too much. There are a lot of guys here who can score. I just want to have a good all-around game."

"The practices have been pretty good. Some of the players are better than I thought and some of them are not as good. I think I can hold my own. It's a good opportunity for me to reach a goal I've been working for for a long time."

"I didn't always get the press I thought I deserved when I was playing at Eastern, but I don't know if I would go anywhere else if I had to do it over again."

Kirkley's scoring norm topped the NAIA statistics as he had high games of 50 and 46 points with the Greyhounds after graduating from Parkland High School in 1974.

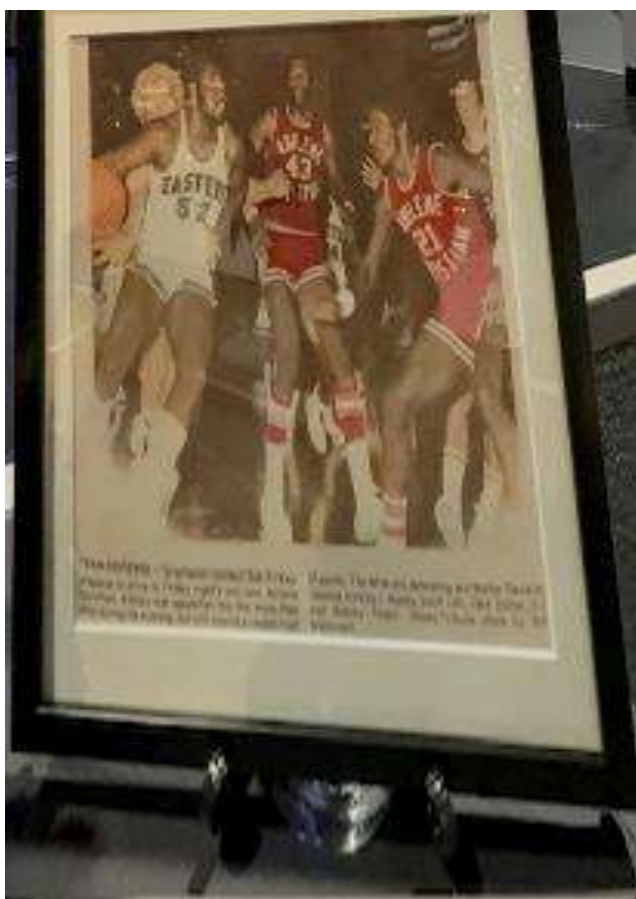
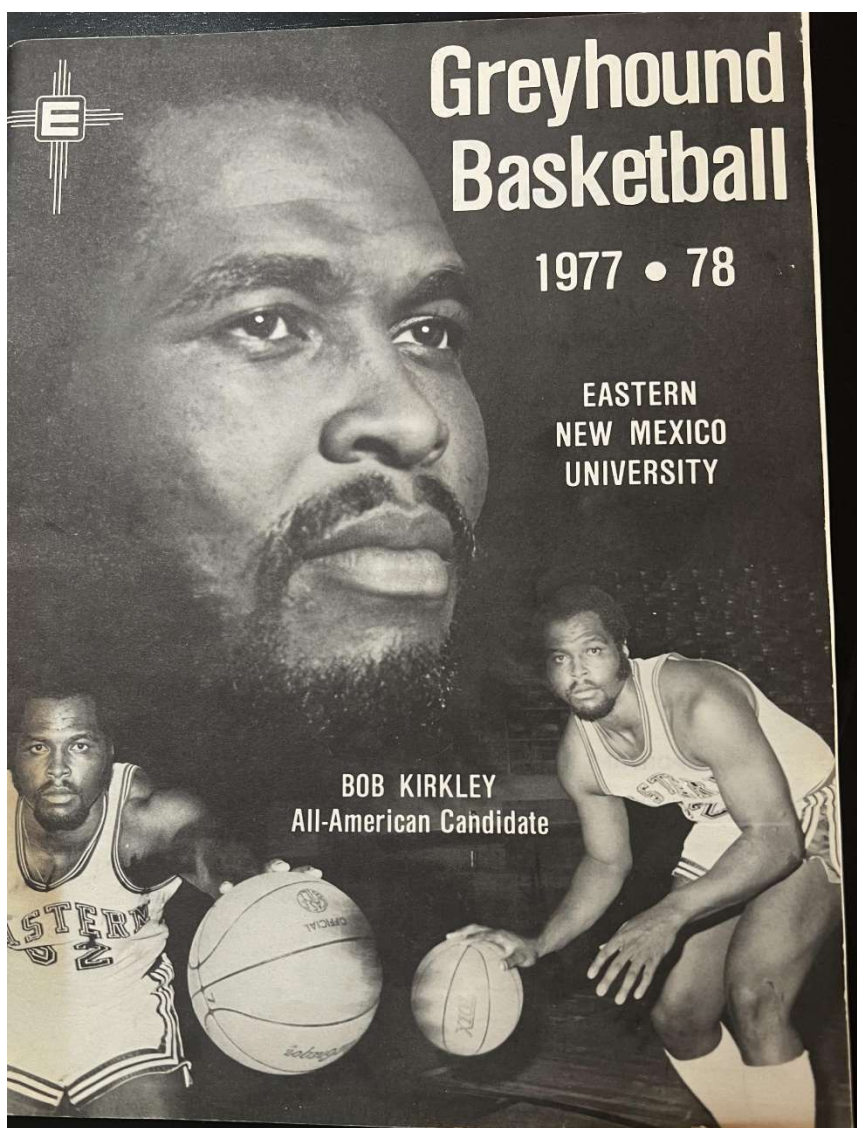
"Everyone in Portales was really happy that I got to come," Kirkley said. "They helped me a lot. It's a good chance for some good publicity for the school and everything."

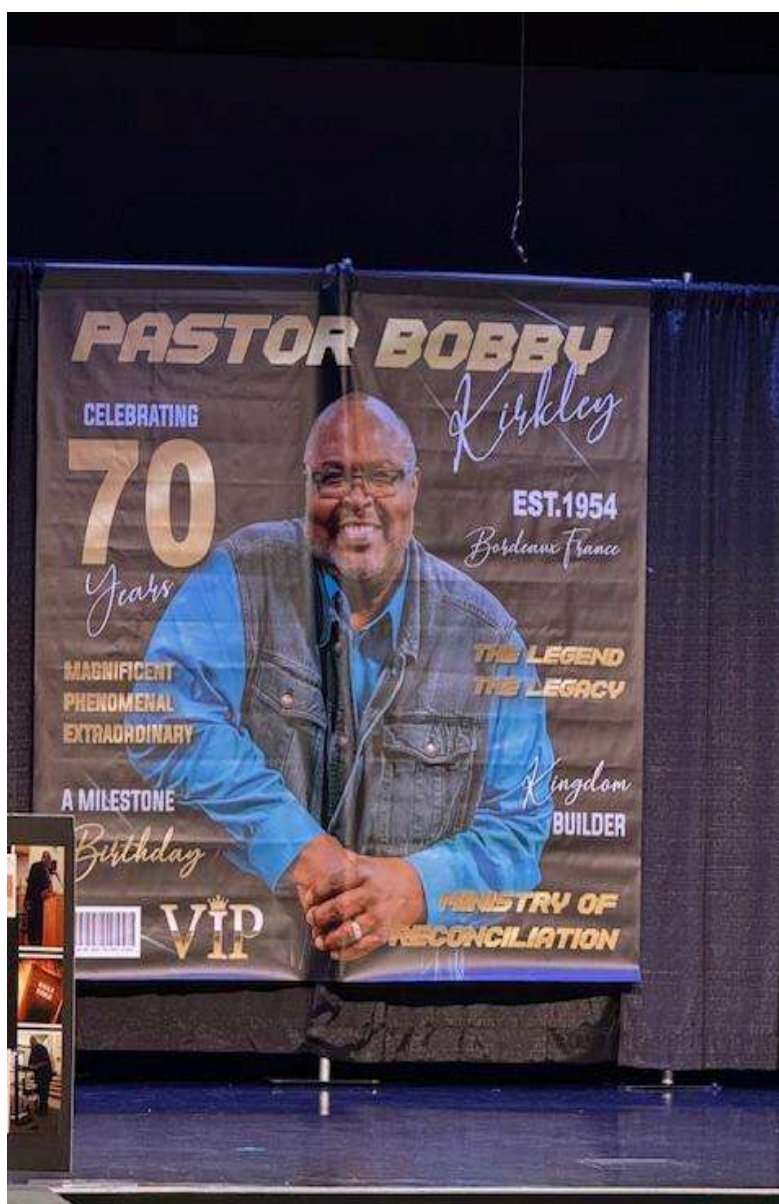
"They've got things planned for us most of the time. And there's a lot of night life just here around the hotel. There's an awful lot of money floating around here."

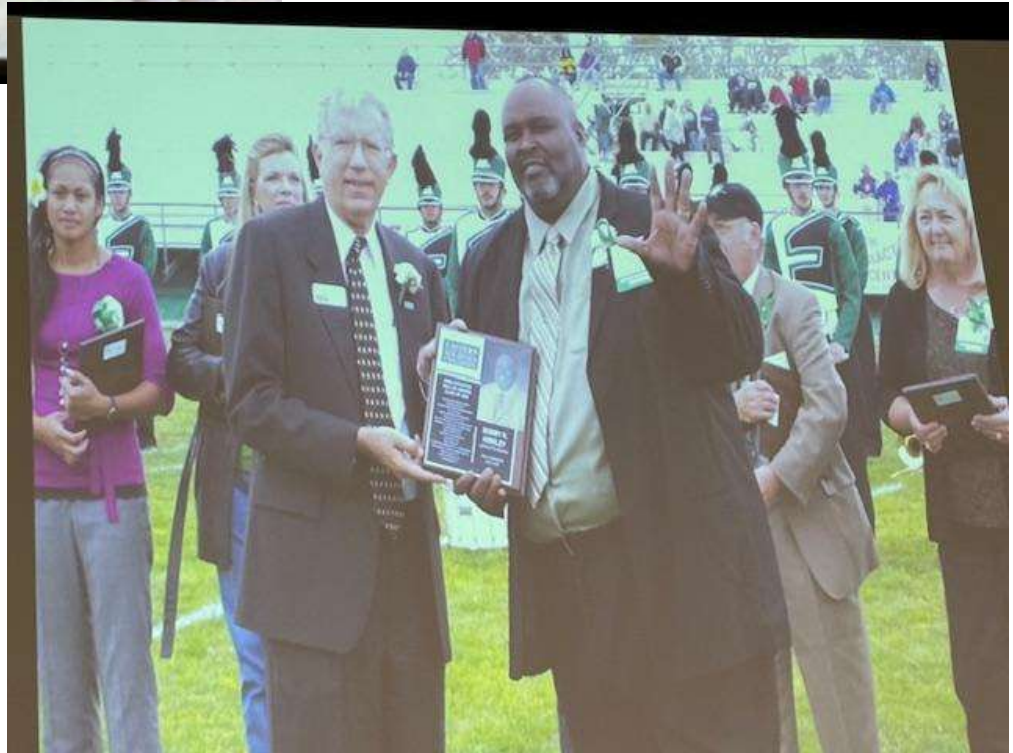
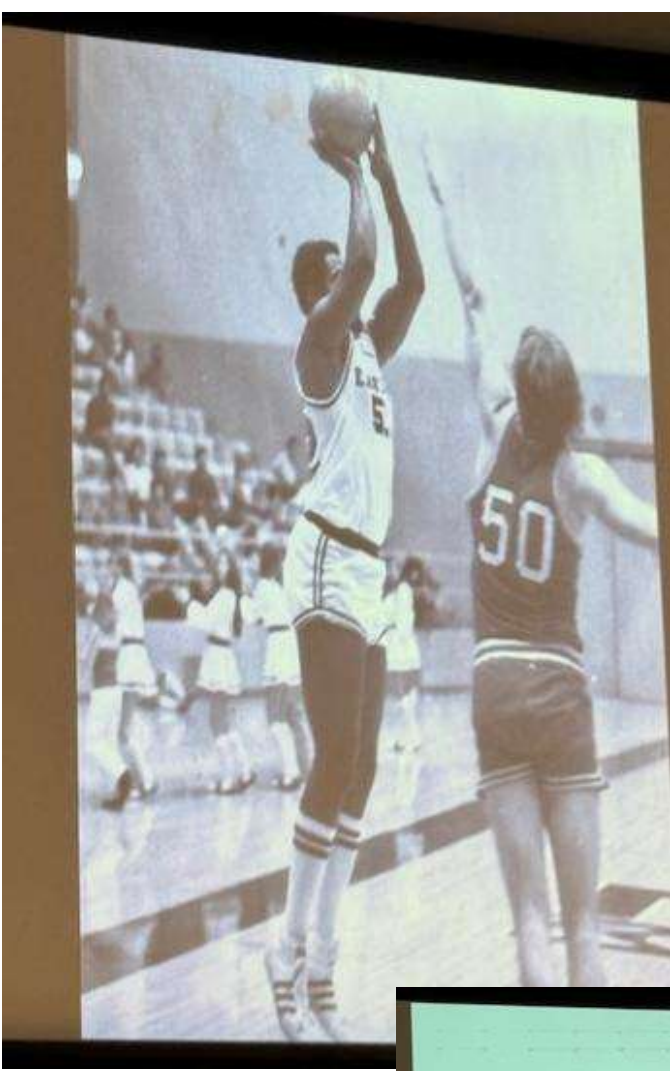
And, if Kirkley has the kind of game he's hoping for, some of that cash could drift in his direction in the form of a professional basketball contract.

"There are agents around here, too," Kirkley said.

"I don't worry about all of them watching."







Bob Kirkley still leading NAIA scoring

Eastern New Mexico University's Bob Kirkley has opened up a two-point advantage in the race for the NAIA scoring title.

Kirkley, who scored well under his average with a 24 point performance against Grand Canyon, is leading the nation with a 30.8 average after his 18 games. Kirkley's nearest competitor is Doug Hill of Grand Canyon who has a 28.8 average.

Before the Grand Canyon game, Kirkley had been averaging 23.8 points per contest. Grand Canyon, who had been rated No. 4, before they played Eastern, surprisingly moved up a notch after losing a 62-58 decision to the Greyhounds last Saturday night in Greyhound Arena.

In the pizza hot classic voting, Kirkley slipped from sixth to 18th place, but he is still over 1,000 votes behind the eighth place position. The top eight vote getters will automatically go to the game, with two of large players being selected.

Voting will continue through March 4.

Here are the top 20 vote getters in the west:

1. Mike Thompson, Minnesota, 22,200; 2. Maurice Cheeks, West Texas A.M., 20,238; 3. The Evans, Kansas St., 15,100; 4. John Derrish, Cameron (Ola.), 14,800; 5. Nick Papageorgis, St. Mary's (Ola.), 10,700; 6. Chubby Oak, San Francisco, 10,200; 7. Freeman Williams, Portland St., 10,100; 8. Rich Apple, Cuyahoga, 10,000; 9. Marvin Delph, Arkansas, 14,420; 10. Mike Easton, Utah St., 12,100; 11. Alan Cunningham, Colorado St., 12,000; 12. Raymond Townsend, UCLA, 12,040; 13. Jackie Robinson, Nevada-Las Vegas, 12,000; 14. Willie Fineman, Texas A&M, 12,100; 15. Ricky Lee, Oregon St., 12,100; 16. Bob Kirkley, Eastern New Mexico, 12,000; 17. Carl Johnson, St. Louis, 11,000; 18. Ron Brewer, Arkansas, 10,240; 19. Mike Drummond, Oregon, 10,200; 20. John Douglas, Kansas, 10,300.

AP Sports Writer SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — These National Basketball Association stars of the 1950s will be honored at the Basketball Hall of Fame along with an early NBA star and one of the game's best-known officials, the museum announced Saturday.

Hall of Fame officials announced that the following players and officials will be inducted into the hall on May 1 in Philadelphia:



Feb. 27-Mar. 4 to be 'Bob Kirkley Week'

"Bob Kirkley Week" will be held on the campus of Eastern New Mexico University from Feb. 27 to Mar. 4, according to Dr. Warren B. Armstrong, president. Dr. Armstrong declared "Bob Kirkley Week" in recognition of the Eastern senior basketball player's accomplishments at the Greyhounds, state of New Mexico, and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Dr. Armstrong said, "I am pleased to recognize an outstanding athlete and a fine young gentleman, Bob Kirkley, by honoring his contributions to Eastern New Mexico University during four years of outstanding varsity basketball."

Kirkley finished his Eastern career as the leading scorer in the NAIA with a 30.8 average. He holds the 1977-78 NAIA record for the most field goals made in a game (23 of 28 against New Mexico Highlands) and is third and fifth in the nation for individual high games. He scored 36 points against Highlands and 46 against the College of Santa Fe. A 6-6 guard-forward, Kirkley is an All-American candidate for the NAIA and is one of the top ballot receivers for the Pizza Hot Basketball Classic on April 1. Kirkley holds the New Mexico and ENMU record for the most points scored in a game (36) and ENMU records for the most field goals made in a game (23), most field goals attempted (36), best season average (31.7, set in 1975-76), and best career scoring average (32.8). In 1975-76 "Bob B" scored 507 points, hitting 62 percent from the field and 71 percent from the free throw line. He also led the team in rebounding with nine a game and was second in team assists with 21.

Paul Arizin, Jim Pollard and Cliff Hagan for the May 1 induction. Along with the late Joe Fulsler, who starred in the 1950s, and veteran referee John Hunkeler.

"I guess Bob is the highest honor that can come to a basketball player, and probably the last one," said Hagan, a University of Kentucky forward.

Hagan, now athletic director at his alma mater, will share the spotlight with Arizin, who many times played against Hagan when the Hawks met Arizin's Philadelphia Warriors.

"He was in the prime of his career when I came into the league, a great shooter," Hagan said.

Arizin played in 15 all-star games in six years in the NBA. He retired in 1963 with a 23.3 points-per-game career average.

Pollard, who is studying for a master's degree at Nova College in Davie, Fla., made four NBA all-star teams and helped the Minneapolis Lakers to six championships, including three in a row from 1952 through 1954.

His 23-year-old son Jeff said he had, with the club owner, A. J. Foye, and stopped Dave and stopped him from coming to the arena.

Zarate, who is with a sixth-round Bobbly Martini & Farum ring in 1978, continued. "I knocked out only one round decision over the four years ago."

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Zarate played a waiting game through the first five rounds, but began stalking Devila in the sixth, landing quick combinations to the head and body.

He stayed on the attack in the seventh, as Devila appeared to grow weary, then ended it in the next round by trapping the challenger in a corner.

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Springfield state looking forward to the fight. "I'm excited about it," he said.

"I've been in the gym since I was 10 and I got paid to work at least one NBA playoff."

Hunkeler, who is an assistant high school coach in Denver, will meet people I saw my father plus over more of them he laughed.

Joe Fulsler Sr., a shooting incident two years ago, his Philadelphia War late 1960s. He had a lasting pivot on lossowner of the 1960 he scored 41 1/2 games.

Zarate retains title with Davila knock

KEN PETERS AP Sports Writer INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Carlos Zarate, one of the most powerful punchers in boxing history, retained his World Boxing Council's lightweight title Saturday with an eighth-round knockout of Alberto Davila.

The victory was the boboist Zarate's 10th and his 40th knockout.

Devila, a decided underdog, kept the fight even through the early rounds, but the champion took control in the sixth and finally stopped the challenger at 2:16 in the eighth round.

The successful title defense was the sixth for Zarate, of Mexico City, who used his five-inch height advantage over the 5-foot-3 Devila, from Panama, Calif.

Zarate played a waiting game through the first five rounds, but began stalking Davila in the sixth, landing quick combinations to the head and body.

He stayed on the attack in the seventh, as Davila appeared to grow weary, then ended it in the next round by trapping the challenger in a corner.

A flurry of left and right hooks, the last bow a short right to the side of Davila's head, sent the club owner, A. J. Foye, and stopped Dave and stopped him from coming to the arena.

Sport Brief

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Sport Shorts

ARANSBURG, South Africa (AP) — Kalle Rooker of Finland crashed against a barrier at 125 miles an hour during a practice run around the Kyalami track Saturday in preparation for next week's South African Grand Prix. He was shaken but unhurt.

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Pizza Hut Classic...

Collegiate Stars Of Today, NBA Stars Tomorrow

By BILL CUTHRIS, Executive Sports Editor. When the ball goes up at 1 p.m. Saturday, many of the best collegiate basketball players in the nation will be on the floor at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

It's the 7th Annual Pizza Hut Basketball Classic, featuring the best senior basketball players from the West against the best of the East. The game is being televised nationally by CBS.

From the rosters of the two teams, if history is an example, will come many of the NBA stars of tomorrow. Past Pizza Hut participants have included stars like David Thompson, Lionel Hollins and Walter Davis. All are having standout pro seasons.

Any of the 19 performers Saturday are likely to make someone's NBA roster next season, with such collegiate stars as Marquette's Jerome Whitehead and Burt Lee, DePaul's Dave Corzine, Jack Givens of Kentucky, Bradley's Roger Phegley, Wayne Radford of Indiana, Rick Wilson of Louisville, Harry Morgan of Indiana State and Jeff Covington of Youngstown State playing for the East. Lee is college basketball's player of the year.

Catching the East team is Don Givitt of Providence. The only player who failed to show for the game was George Johnson, a 6-7 forward out of St. John's. The West is led by Minnesota's Mychal Thompson, generally regarded as the best big man in collegiate basketball, and a strong contingent of backcourt performers. Possible starters are guards for the West are Ron Brewer of Arkansas and Mike Evans of Kansas State, with Maurice Cheeks of West Texas State and Roy Townsend of UCLA sharing playing time. Thompson will be spelled at center by Utah State's Mike Santos.

Forwards include UNLV's Jackie Robinson, Jeff Judkins of Utah, Mike Russell of Texas Tech and Eastern New Mexico's Bob Kirkley. Both rosters are filled with players who can shoot, jump and run, and in workouts this week they've demonstrated a willingness to pass the ball that is uncommon to college players. High scorer on either team is Kirkley, who the NAIA this year with a 30.9 average. Tops for the East is Roger Phegley, who averaged 27.6. Phegley is familiar to Las Vegas basketball fans. In two appearances against the UNLV Rebels Phegley totaled more than 70 points, and broke most of Chet (The Jet)

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 David Palacios, 6-2, Austin, 1962.
 Nate Stephens, 6-11, Jefferson, 1968.
 Greg Webb, 6-4, Andrews, 1976.
 Terry White, 6-8, Eastwood, 1978.

HONORABLE MENTION:

Austin — Richard Esper, Deto Bautista, Jethro Hills, Bill Rivas.
 Andrews — Bobby Ortega, Cuney Luke.
 Bowie — Ralph Brewster, Joe Bluetord.
 Burges — John Burgess, Mike Edwards, Brad Lara-ba.
 Coronado — Frank Keaton.
 El Paso Tech — Emilio Corral.
 Jefferson — Lynn Simmons, Wilson Barrow.
 Irvin — Scott Wynn.
 Bel Air — Rudy Alvarez, Stewart Berry, Richard Munoz, Danny Lopez.
 Eastwood — Eddie Hull, Tim Crenshaw, Doug McNeely, Wayne Tomlinson, Jim Bowden.
 Parkland — Phil Spradling.
 Ysleta — Julio Gallardo.

Oldtimers (1921-1959)

(Name, Height, School, Last Year.)

Andy Cohen, 5-9, El Paso High, 1922.
 Eiko Martinez, 6-1, El Paso High, 1935.
 Sam Dwyer, 6-1, El Paso High, 1938.
 Chino Ollvas, 5-10, Bowie, 1939.
 Lee Floyd, 6-1, Cathedral, 1939.
 Mike Izquierdo, 5-10, El Paso High, 1941.
 Mario Palafox, 6-1, El Paso High, 1941.
 Pepe Palafox, 6-1, El Paso High, 1947.
 Tacho Orona, 6-5, El Paso High, 1947.
 Billy Word, 6-0, Austin High, 1950.
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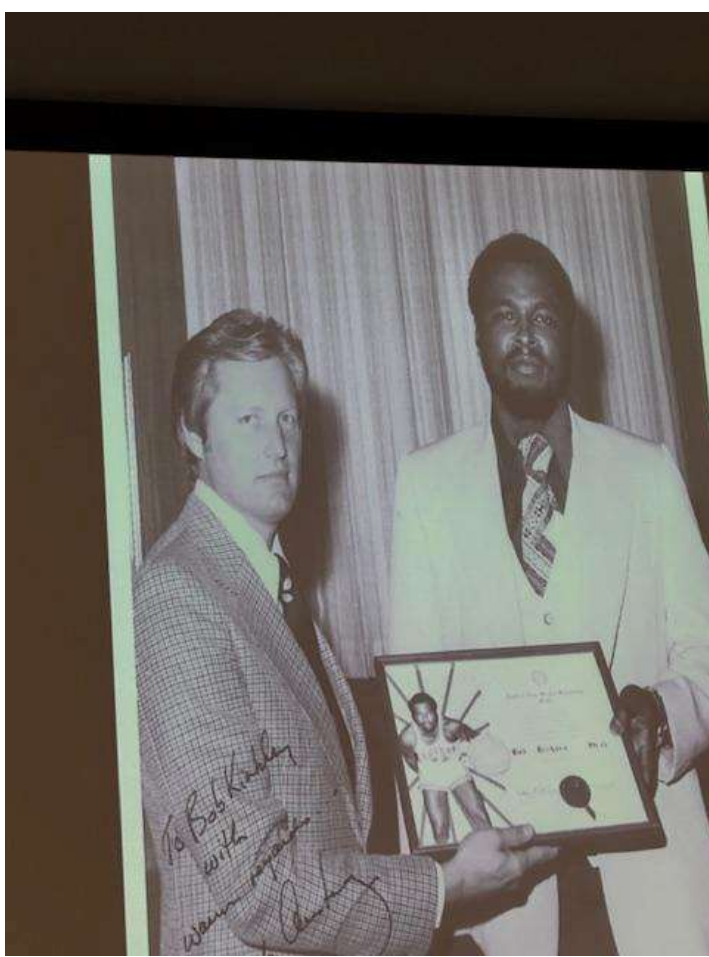
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El Paso High — Sandy Esquivel, Marnie Ponsford.
 Salvador Mora, Tom Chavez, Dolph Quijano, Jack Eaton.
 Bowie — Jesse Bulox, Art Campa, Kayo Perez, Rafael Fierro.
 Austin — Mario Castorena, Sam Jenkins, Curtis Emerson.
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El Paso's prep hoop Hall of Fame

Modern stars reflect change

Oldtimers had speed, agility

By Randy Hill
El Paso Herald-Post sports writer

Long hair was fashionable, nobody cared that big cars changed gas and Tony Harper used to work a mill.

And not too long ago, one Parkland High basketball star that a body couldn't be the size of a beer keg long before Charles Barkley started demolishing unimproved parties. And more than once upon a time, Austin High was a hoop powerhouse.

Go back into the archives of high school basketball in El Paso. It's all there. Done off the cobwebs and you'll discover some things that prep hoops in the Sun City since 1900 that may surprise you.

After some digging, the Herald-Post has chosen 20 former stars as El Paso's best modern-era players. And we'll try naming some of the era's best teams. A trip down memory lane will show how city basketball has gone through some changes.

This may even shock David Laitman, but yes, Harper — Lawrence With is too big a multi — need to coach East-west basketball.

"One time we warmed up for a game at Burges," recalls Riverside-Ramirez coach John Papp, a former Coronado T. Ford (class of '73) and City and the Family Room's "Take You Higher" was blasting over the PA.

The most robust star in El Paso history has to be Parkland's Bob Kirkley (class of '71), a 6-foot-4, 200-pounder who dazzled opponents with his song-rage minutes and spinning moves to the hoop. Kirkley, who was among the nation's top NAIA marksmen, played collegiately at Eastern New Mexico.

Many of the top modern-era teams were produced at Austin. After Stuart Berry and Del Air dominated in 1961, Austin, coached by Ed Baker, won district titles from '82 through '84. The 1984 club was 28-5.

The following year, C.D. Jarvis' El Paso High club finished third in the state tournament. The Tigers' leader was backcourt star Kenny Johnson with a swirling jump shot. John played at UT El Paso and currently coaches the Coronado varsity.

In '86, Alan Gildwell replaced Haller at Austin. The Panthers lost just twice that season, including to heavy setback by Del Air and a narrow 14-13 loss.

One of the best of local talent was at Austin. Baker featured James Forbes, a South American who earned All-State and later capped a spot on the national All-time team in 1975. Forbes

Oldtimers (1921-1959)

(Name, Hight School, Last Year.)
 Andy Cohen, 5-8, El Paso High, 1922.
 Mike Marland, 6-2, El Paso High, 1933.
 Sam Dwyer, 6-1, El Paso High, 1935.
 Chas O'Connell, 5-10, Bowie, 1937.
 Lee Floyd, 6-1, Chabot, 1937.
 Mike Tinsler, 5-10, El Paso High, 1941.
 Steve Pankoff, 6-1, El Paso High, 1941.
 Pope Palacios, 6-1, El Paso High, 1941.
 Mike O'Connell, 6-3, El Paso High, 1947.
 Terry Ward, 6-0, Austin High, 1959.

Former Super star Gus Bailey heads for the hoop on a UT El Paso Miner in 1972. Teammates Beto Boufflos (Austin) and Jim Parkes (Del Air) follow play in background.

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 Bob Kirkley, 6-4, Parkland, 1973.
 Ed Lipton, 6-7, Del Air, 1981.
 Mike Nava, 6-1, Austin, 1971.
 David Pankoff, 6-2, Austin, 1982.
 Dale Sorenson, 6-11, Jefferson, 1982.
 Greg Webb, 6-4, Andrew, 1978.
 Terry White, 6-4, Eastwood, 1978.

By Ray Sanchez
El Paso Herald-Post sports writer

There were no 7-footers around. No one dunked the ball and the rules then made for a slower moving game.

But oldtimers will tell you many of the attributes necessary to be a good basketball player nowadays were necessary back in the 1920s, 30s, 40s and 50s.

"There were a lot of good shooters at the first State high school basketball tournament in 1921," Andy Cohen recalls. Many of them were good, agile and had excellent court vision. And a good shooting eye."

Cohen should know. He led El Paso High School in the state championship that year and he did it again in 1922. He was named all-state both years.

Cohen is one of 12 players named by the Herald-Post today to the All-Time El Paso Oldtimers High School Basketball Team. The Oldtimers team includes players who participated in basketball here from 1921 through 1959.

Oldtimers named to the team: Sam Dwyer, Mike Marland, Chas O'Connell, Lee Floyd, Mike Tinsler, Mike Palacios, John Pope Palacios, Sammie Tackett O'Connell, Bill Ward, Guillermo L'oulier' Ruiz and Nolan Richardson.

Whenever oldtimers get together, the name Mike Marland seems to be one of the first mentioned. He played for El Paso High in the 1920s.

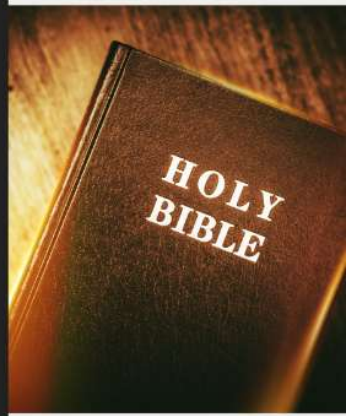
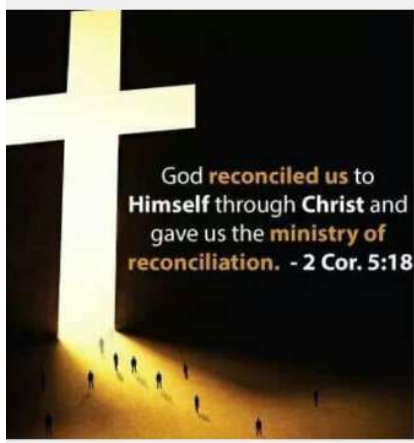
"He's the best all-around basketball player I ever covered in high school," Bob Nava, former Herald-Post sports editor who covered high schools in the 1930s and 1940s, says. "He could do it all. I recommended him to the University of Texas, but he wound up at New Mexico State and led the Aggies to the National Invitation Tournament championship."

One of the most unusual aspects of the Oldtimers all-star team is the fact that all the players who played six years ago or more were in their 70s, 80s and 90s.

Mike helped the Tigers in 1931 and was named all-state year before when he, Tinsler and Nava were the top scorers in the state.

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Andy Cohen





Bobby Kirkley at 6'4" and 220 lbs. was a Charles Barkley before the basketball legend as Bobby was a legend in High School and College.

Bobby could play any position on the floor and is the only player besides Gus Bailey to play in the most prestigious All-Star Game of the time in the "Wilson Pizza Hut Classic" in 1977 and played with Mychal Thompson, Maurice Cheeks, Ron Brewer. The Coach for Bobby's team was James E. Naismith Hall of Famer Eddie Sutton.

In 1977 Bobby Kirkley was saved through the prayers of the church on campus at Eastern New Mexico University and changed his course in life which has been the inspiration to his now 30 years in Pastoral Ministry which he still proudly still serves today at White Horse Christian Center in W. Lafayette Indiana.