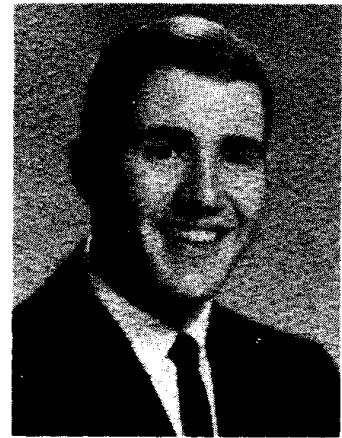


Wayne Vernon Estes

Anaconda High School



As a senior at Anaconda High School, Wayne Estes earned All-State honors in football, basketball and track. But it was on the basketball court where he really excelled, and where he earned All-America honors, both in high school and college.

A husky 6-foot-6, Estes lettered three years each in football and basketball and all four years in track at Anaconda. He was the state champion in both the discus and shot put as a senior, and in basketball he helped the Copperheads to fourth place at state as a junior and to third place as a senior, earning All-State honors both years.

As a junior, Estes had the high game in the state tournament with 34 points against Missoula. As a senior he again led the state tournament in scoring, totaling 110 points in four games and hitting a single-game high of 33 against Butte Central. He also scored 31 against Billings.

Estes was named the outstanding athlete at Anaconda High School as a senior.

Turning his full attention to basketball, Estes went on to set numerous school records at Utah State where he earned All-America honors both his junior and senior seasons. He was also second in the nation

in scoring during the 1964-65 season with a 33.7 average, which stills stands as the Utah State single-season record.

Among the other Utah State records still held by Estes are: 52 points in a game, 821 points in a season (29 games), 2,001 points in a career, most field goals in a game (21), most field goals in a season (309), most free throws in a game (16), most consecutive free throws made (42), best single-season free throw percentage (.878 in 19 games) and best career free throw percentage (.856 in 75 games).

During his senior season, Sports Illustrated said: "Wayne Estes looks indestructible -- a 6-foot-6, 225-pound cross between the village blacksmith and the spreading chestnut tree. This year he's slimmer, swifter and even more adept."

And the 1965 Basketball Yearbook said: "Wayne Estes can score with muscle or finesse. For a big man he has a fine outside shot and underneath he is the irresistible force. Estes has too much talent to be overlooked in the All-American balloting."

Estes was killed in a freak accident following a basketball game in Logan, Utah, during his senior season.