

2013 Athletic Hall of Fame Honoree



BILL BOND

CLASS OF 1953 (1935 - 2005)

Bill Bond was a three-year Varsity Letterman at Stanford University, leading Stanford in scoring with an average of 16.4 points per game in 1957. He did not go on to play sports professionally after college, but is honored as an inductee into the St. Anthony High School Athletic Hall of Fame due to his remarkable performance as a basketball superstar while a student at St. Anthony and Stanford University.

William Benjamin Bond came to St. Anthony as a freshman in 1947 from Franklin Junior High School in Long Beach. At St. Anthony, he developed his athleticism by participating in sports, but he also paid attention to academics and was a member of the French Club.

By graduation time four years later, Bill had garnered top honors in his favorite sport – basketball. He was named the CIF-Southern Section Player of the Year, All-CIF, Long Beach All-City Player of the Year, Long Beach All-City, and Catholic League-Player of the Year in 1953. He was a 3-year Letterman who very good at scoring.

Bill Bond was awarded highest honors for his scoring record in 1953, the California State Player of the Year Award, named him "Mr. Basketball".

According to Dick McBride, Bill's teammate and classmate from the Class of '53, "St. Anthony's Varsity Basketball Team practiced for two weeks prior to an important game with Serra High School in 1953. All that practice paid off when Bill scored 59 points by the end of the game.

"At the time, this was the most points ever scored in a single game by a high school player in CIF history, in State of California history, as well as the most in national history." McBride witnessed Bill Bond in action firsthand, as he provided most of the assists for him to score that night.

Bill graduated from St. Anthony in 1953 was accepted into Stanford University where he continue as a top scorer on their Basketball Team. He scored over 1000 points for the Cardinals, averaging 13.9 points per game over his career (1955-57).

In 1972 Bill Bond ran for California State Assembly as a representative for the 30th District and won.

