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A retired American Basketball player. He was a 6'7" (203 cm), 195 lb (89 kg) shooting guard and from 1982 to 1986 played college basketball for the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he scored 1,236 points.

He was selected by the Houston Rockets with the 19th pick of the fourth round in the 1986 NBA Draft. Throughout his short NBA career from 1986–88 he played with the Rockets, Boston Celtics, Milwaukee Bucks and Sacramento Kings. Henry also played for the Rapid City Thrillers and the Yakima Sun Kings of the CBA. In 1990 he was voted as the CBA Player of the Year as well as the CBA All-Star game MVP. Then in 1992 he played in the first CBA All-Star Game held in the Pacific Northwest, of which he was named Most Valuable Player once again after hitting four-of-

seven three-pointers, the most made in such an event since 1970. After his NBA career he spent 10 years playing professionally in Italy, Spain, France and Greece before returning to Montana, US.

After retiring, he became an assistant coach with Division III's[2] Claremont McKenna College (where his father worked as a college professor) in his hometown of Claremont, California. He also served as associate director of the career services center, assisting students to gain employment. He remained there for five years until 2006 when he was hired as an assistant coach to the Australian NBL's Perth Wildcats under head coach and former college teammate Scott Fisher. After Fisher left the Wildcats, Henry became coach for the 2008/09 season. In 2010 Conner joined the reformed Sydney Kings (Australian NBL) as an assistant coach with Ian Robilliard. He later became an assistant for the Los Angeles D-Fenders of the NBA Development League.

In October 2013, he was named the head coach of the NBA D-League's Fort Wayne Mad Ants for the 2013–14 season.[9] On April 17, 2014, he was named the winner of the 2014 Dennis Johnson Coach of the Year award. On June 10, 2015, he stepped down as the Mad Ants' head coach and was named the Los Angeles D-Fenders head coach.[11] However, he gave up the position to become, on June 26, assistant coach of the Orlando Magic.

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