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Donald Volpi "...There are not enough Don Volpis in our world of athletics. This man whose presence we so genuinely enjoyed was not with us long enough."

At UCSB (Volpi) became team captain and Most Valuable Player in the Gaucho basketball program.

As High School Basketball Coach and Teacher to the Dos Pueblos Chargers, "...in the 1970-71 season, Volpi reached the pinnacle of his career, a CIF AAA Division championship. While the CIF championship remains one of the great achievements in the spirited history of the Chargers, his own career was a continuing series of pinnacles. Extremely popular, the quiet but intense Volpi was highly respected by players, opposing coaches and officials. His even temperament,

consideration and sensitivity were always evident. He was one of the good guys and someone you were always happy to see."

- Dos Pueblos High School Basketball Coach and teacher of 25 years
- Named All-Europe and All-Pacific Coast as a player in the Air Force
- Team captain and Most Valuable Player for the UCSB basketball program in 1960, which went 18-7 and tied for the California Collegiate Athletic Association Championship
- Lettered one year at BYU
- Coached the UCSB freshman team the next year.
- Hired in 1966 to start the Dos Pueblos basketball program.
- Coached at Dos Pueblos High School for 10 years
- In the 1970-71 season, Volpi reached the pinnacle of his career, a CIF AAA Division championship. That team finished the year at 27-2.
- Started the volleyball league in Santa Barbara and coached both the boys and girls teams at Dos Pueblos
- Scout for Bertka Views
- Known for his quiet, but intense personality. His even temperament, consideration and sensitivity were always evident.