

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

MAIN ENTRY: Bennett, Bob

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LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Lubbock, Texas

INTERVIEWER: Henry Crawford

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IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 36 minutes

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Bob Bennett, former baseball coach at California State University, Fresno (Fresno State) was a 2010 inductee into the College Baseball Foundation's Hall of Fame. This interview covers his athletic career from his childhood years through his coaching stint at Fresno State.

ABSTRACT:

FILE	TIME STAMP
Background	0:00
About his grandfather	
His family	
Childhood influences	
Early recollections of playing baseball	
His first coach	
His high school coach	
Difficulties with coaching	
Military service	
Coaching career	0:10
Teams he coached	
Recollections of good players	

Challenges

- Increasing spectators
- Promoting baseball
- Changes in procuring players

Coaching philosophy

- Importance of fairness
- His coaching techniques

Views on baseball

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- Wooden bat vs. metal bat
- Comparison of game plays
- His coaching staff
- Attitude towards 'minor sports'
- Awards and recognition

Future of baseball

- Advent of coaching books
- Concern about turnover of coaches
- Effects of big schools
- Contribution of players to coaching strategies

Life after coaching

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- Writing books
- Hobbies
- Misses coaching

Teaching career

- Taught typing
- Techniques used to teach

Interview ended

DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT: Not given

GENDER OF INFORMANT: Male

ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT: