

# Ryan Reed



A Carpinteria native who was active in all sports growing up. Reed spent countless hours at the Carpinteria Boys Club. He was part of league titles for Carpinteria his senior year in both basketball and tennis.

Ryan has the distinguished honor of being inducted alongside two of his high school coaches - Butch Breeden and Henry Gonzalez, his Boys Club mentor Rich Medel, and also alongside a player he coached at Carpinteria High School, Jacob Ranger.

Not a standout on his high school basketball team, not even a starter, but Ryan always gave 100% on the court. After graduating high school, not wanting the joy of sports to end, he committed himself to extensive workouts and long hours alone on the court, to prepare himself for a chance to walk-on his college basketball team. He made the team! His insatiable work ethic continued and helped him make an immediate impact on his college team. From walk-on to starter, from starter to team captain for Life Bible College (now Life Pacific University), Reed had a stellar career. He even held a short-lived record for highest free-throw percentage in the nation.

Ryan loved playing basketball, but what he really wanted to do was coach. Like his mentors before him; Gonzales, Breeden, and Medel, he wanted to impact the lives of the youth of his community.

He coached his first high school basketball team while still playing in college. Upon returning home to Carpinteria in 2004, he immediately signed up to assist the new Varsity head coach John Ward Sr., who

had coached at rival Bishop Diego while Reed played for Carpinteria. He learned so much that year under Coach Ward, and was able to coach Carpinteria standout Jacob Ranger among other great players.

This is where Ryan's story really begins. Ryan Reed decided the youth of Carpinteria, particularly the at-risk youth, needed more to keep them busy, more to help develop character, more to teach them that with hard work and determination they could make anything of their life. So with the help of friends and other coaches, Ryan began the Mavericks basketball program in Carpinteria.

Now in its 15th year, literally hundreds upon hundreds of kids have participated in travel basketball, summer camps, summer leagues and elite camps. From 2nd grade through High school, boys and girls, Mavericks has deeply impacted the Carpinteria community.

The "Mavericks Family" is a place where young men are encouraged to be "Dads that stay", and girls are encouraged toward the deeper beauty of character. Where gang families are replaced with on-court family, and academic frustration is traded for hope and collegiate aspirations.

Hundreds of kids have been served through the Mavericks basketball travel program, Mavericks summer camps, Mavericks Character awards, and the Mavericks scholarship fund. Their motto comes from Romans 5 in the Bible, "We welcome Testing, Testing produces Perseverance, Perseverance builds Character, Character gives Hope."