

Reece “Pinky” Greene

Head Coach – Track & Field

1933-1960

Reece “Pinky” Greene’s coaching career began at Sioux City, Iowa and was to last for 42 years and bring more championships than he could count -- in football, basketball, track, as well as in baseball -- most of them at Santa Ana High School.

Greene was involved in 41 state and national tournament games as player and coach, winning 35 of them.

When Greene began his long career at Santa Ana High School in 1933-34, California did not have a State basketball championship to bid for. Greene did well enough in the biggest meet that was available. Twice Santa Ana was runner-up in the Southern Counties tournament. In his third try, his team won it.

Greene quit coaching basketball while he was at the top to concentrate on track, although he kept coaching sophomore football and baseball for a few more years .

In 24 years as head track coach, Greene won the league championship 14 times. His teams captured the Southern California title twice, in 1953 and 1954, in competition against schools from Los Angeles, San Diego and other large cities. In 1958, Greene coached the distance medley relay team that broke the national record.