



Nate Moore

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When it comes to athletic accomplishments while at Castro Valley High, it's possible a hop, skip and a jump by Nate Moore in June of 2014 just might vault to the top of the list.

Having completed an unprecedented double-double at the California State Track and Field Championships earlier, Moore traveled to Eugene, Ore., to take his act national.

Motivated to make the USA Under-20 Junior National team after having fallen short the year before, Moore wasn't up to his usual standard in the long jump, so it all came down to the triple jump in what would be his final event representing the Trojans.

"That was my goal the whole year," Moore recalled recently. "I won state and had a lot of other success, but I didn't make that team."

Racing down the runway at the famed Hayward Field at the University of Oregon, the school to which he had earlier made a college commitment, Moore jumped once, twice, three times before sensing, as he scattered the sand, that he'd done something special.

"That was the favorite moment of my career," Moore said. The tape put a number on that excitement: 53 feet, 7 inches. The jump would have won Moore a gold medal at each of the first 12 modern-day Olympic Games.

Coach Dooney Jones, the legendary track and field coach, was there with Moore when he made that historic jump.

"I had a lot of different coaches in basketball and track. Great coaches," said Moore, the starting point guard his final two years with the Trojans. "What made Coach Dooney different was he wasn't obsessed with 'I gotta win.' He cared about you and your personal growth. You don't see a lot of people that are authentic. He was my biggest influence as a jumper."

Jones was also there when Moore won the state long jump and triple jump championships as a junior, then repeated a year later.

"I remember the headline saying I was the first in California to do it," he said of the double-double. "I'm still waiting for the next kid to do it."

Having also set the Castro Valley long jump record of 25-10, Moore helped Oregon win national titles both indoors (two) and outdoors (one) for two seasons before calling it a career.