



ED DEAN

PROFILE

Ed Dean began coaching baseball with the Castro Valley Little League Giants in 1982, and his competitive fire still burns as hot as ever.

Dean has not missed a single season of coaching in those 44 years, whether it's been Little League, Babe Ruth, travel ball or high school, and his teams have won consistently at every level.

Ed's teams dominated the Babe Ruth League when it was the epitome of Castro Valley youth baseball. Coaching Ryan Stein Jewelers, which later became the Orioles, Dean led his squads to 15 league championships in 24 years, finishing second in the other nine seasons.

When travel ball spelled the end for Babe Ruth after the 2009 season, Dean coached for Head First and then the Thunder Sox travel teams. With the Thunder Sox he connected with Andrew Lonsdale and followed him to Dublin High in 2016 when Lonsdale became head coach for the Gaels.

Dean took over as Dublin's head coach in 2019 and has led the Gaels to North Coast Section qualifying every season since. Dean stepped down as Dublin's head coach last season but still serves as Greg Oravetz's top assistant. "The administrative stuff wore on me," he admitted. "Now I can just concentrate on coaching the game."

Ed played varsity baseball at St. Mary's High and Laney College, and one year of American Legion ball for legendary Oakland coach George Powles, who tutored such future major leaguers as Frank Robinson, Curt Flood, Vada Pinson, Joe Morgan and numerous others.

Dean's 1984 Little League All-Star team became the first Castro Valley team to win the District 45 Championship, advancing to the Section Finals. In addition to the 15 league titles, his Babe Ruth teams won five District 5 Championships and four Tournament of Champions trophies between 1984 and 2009.

In 2000, Dean took a team of Babe Ruth All-Stars to the 19th Annual Millennium Tournament in Fresno where they upset teams from Mexico, Japan and Brazil to claim the title.

So, how much longer does Ed plan to coach?

"Two more years," he said. "I've been saying that for a while. Everybody laughs when I say it. Hey, baseball keeps me going."

Dean and his wife, Rena, live in Castro Valley. They have two daughters,