Dick Lorenzo played bigger than his size

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Dick Lorenzo didn’t turn many heads when he walked onto Southington’s varsity basketball court in 1954. The five-foot-eight player wasn’t scared by his shadow when he strode across the infield in the spring. Lorenzo’s stature never inspired fear in the minds of the opposition, but that peace was quickly shattered when the ball reached his hands.

Lorenzo is living proof that good things come in small packages, and nobody even uses the word “small” to describe Lorenzo’s spirit.

“Dick was a tremendous player,” said Fontana told the Observer in 1984 when Lorenzo was inducted into the Connecticut All-Stars. “He just wouldn’t quit...a great athlete.”

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