RODERICK BOBBITT

Arguably the best basketball player ever to don a Castro Valley High uniform, Roderick Bobbitt loved the spotlight.

“The bigger the game, the better he was,” said Nick Jones, Bobbitt’s coach for four years at CVHS.

His senior season at Castro Valley, Bobbitt took over a close game against Bishop O’Dowd before a packed house at Cal State East Bay in the final game of the regular season, the win giving the Trojans a 16-0 league record – the first and only time Castro Valley went undefeated in league play.

Later that year in the playoffs, Bobbitt led the Trojans to their only North Coast Section championship with a victory over De La Salle before a boisterous full house at St. Mary’s College.

Bobbitt’s penchant for excelling in big games continued during his college career at the University of Hawaii. He scored a career-high 32 points against Oklahoma in the 2015 Airlines Diamond Head Classic and was named to the all-tournament team.

In the first round of the 2016 NCAA Championships, Bobbitt played all 40 minutes, scoring 17 points with seven rebounds and four assists, as 13th-seeded Hawaii upset fourth-seeded Cal, 77-66 – a victory that was especially significant for him.

After high school graduation, Bobbitt attended Indian Hills Community College in Iowa for two years before transferring to Hawaii.

No other Castro Valley High player has earned as many basketball honors as Bobbitt. A four-year letterman, he was named first team All-Hayward Athletic League three times and was the league Player of the Year both his junior and senior seasons. He’s second on the Trojans’ all-time scoring list, averaging 20.5 points per game.

At Indian Hills, Bobbitt averaged 15.9 points, 5.5 rebounds and 5.3 assists per game as a sophomore while helping lead the team to the Junior College national championship game and a 34-3 overall record.

A complete player, Bobbitt was named the Big West Conference’s Defensive Player of the Year as a junior at Hawaii, setting a school record with 100 steals.

Roderick made first team all-Big West his senior season and became the school’s all-time leader in steals (168). He also led the team in assists (5.5 per game) and was third in scoring (13.2 ppg). He was the first player in Big West history to lead the league in both steals and assists in consecutive seasons.