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tournament Most Valuable Player and six times earning Leading Pitcher awards.

Blessed with a blazing fast ball, off-speed and breaking pitches and pinpoint control, he struck out 19 batters in one national tournament game. He ended his active playing career in 1972.

Paul "Hoss" Lopez is perhaps the most well-known El Paso softball player of all time and arguably its greatest pitcher.

Lopez, who never wore a glove, would intimidate batters with his size and fastball. He was feared by many when he was in the circle.

The first inductee in the El Paso Softball Hall of Fame was "Hoss" Lopez in 1964.

Eleven times an All-American pitcher, he authored 32 perfect games and 150 no-hitters in a 32 year career which began in 1941 with him being honored in Detroit as youngest player (age 15) in history of the national softball tournament when he led Arizona and Regional champion O. S. Stapley Co to third place. He won the championship game with a two-hitter as Farm Fresh Markets won the first ever NSC national title in Phoenix in 1947, and later played with El Paso, Rochester and Tulsa teams, five times being chosen national