

## ***Delgado Family***

***The Delgado Family is an exemplary family both on the football field as well as in their daily lives.***

***Gomez, the father, was raised in St Patrick orphanage and was a good athlete in both grammar school and at Christian Brothers. He had four sons who excelled at football at CB: Danny '79, Rob '82, Vince '84, Paul '87.***

***Danny is currently (2014) a teacher at CB and Paul was a star football player at the University of California. This is by no means a family history.***

***The reason for this background is that I wanted Gomez to provide me with information about his sons' effect on the outcome of games between CB vs Rancho Cordova, two power football teams at the time.***

DELGADOS

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## END OF THE LINE FOR THE DELGADOS

PAUL Delgado was the last of the four Delgados to play the CORDOVA LANCERS for the City Championship. DANNY, ROB, AND VINCE all beat Cordova for the City Championship. Now the pressure was on PAUL to beat the LANCERS to keep the winning streak going among the Delgado boys. Cordova was favored going into the playoff. It was a hard fought game by the Christian Brothers team and all gave it their all. It was a great victory for the Falcons and a big relief for Paul Delgado. Attached is an article in the Bee leading up to the game on game day. Also attached is a picture featured on the front page of the Bee the next day, showing the celebration by Paul and his mother and father.

# Delgado

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ramento High, the first time CBS had beaten the Dragons in nearly 30 years.

Christian Brothers left an indelible mark on Gomez Delgado.

"The discipline, the strictness of the Brothers, those things left a real impression on me," Gomez says. "I learned that there were other things in life, things more important than going out and getting in trouble."

When Gomez and his wife, Mary-Alice, were looking to buy a home in the early 1960s, they considered a house off Zinfandel Drive. They wound up living in the Fruitridge area, but the Delgados came very close to settling in Cordova High's district.

"I probably would have figured out a way to get them to Christian Brothers," says Gomez, who works in the state controller's office.

His sons never really considered another school, although Rob did visit Jesuit.

"I think he did that just to get to me," Gomez says.

Danny, a wide receiver who graduated from CBS in 1979, now coaches junior varsity football at CBS.

"From the letterman's jacket to the Brothers this and Brothers that, my older brother was the real die-hard," Vince says.

Rob, a member of the CBS section championship team in 1981, started at wide receiver for UC Davis this fall. Vince was The Bee's Player of the Year in 1983 following a brilliant senior season in which he rushed for 2,357 yards (a Northern California record) and led the Falcons to a section title.

Together, they left their youngest brother one hard act to follow.

"It was kind of tough," Paul admits. "Sometimes I'd start to compare myself to my brothers, but that's when my dad stepped in. We don't compare around the house. Our dad has always taught us to do our own thing."

The Delgado sisters are fine athletes in their own right. Maria, the

oldest, played volleyball at St. Francis High School and Cosumnes River College, and Bernadette was an All-American in lacrosse at Oberlin (Ohio) College. The youngest, Colleen, 13, will attend St. Francis next fall.

Paul doesn't have the speed of his brothers, but he has emerged as a team leader. He caught seven passes in last week's 21-9 playoff win over San Juan and has rushed and caught passes for nearly 700 yards.

"Paul has established himself as an individual, not just as another Delgado," CBS coach Dan Hawkins said. "Physically, he's not as gifted as his brothers, but he's a blue-collar guy, tough and intelligent. The other players rally around him."

Paul hopes to attend either San Jose State or UC Davis next fall. He'd like to play college football. And he doesn't rule out the possibility that the Delgado era will reconvene sometime around, oh, 2008.

"I'd love to live somewhere around here, once I settle down," Paul says. "If I could, I'd send my kids to Christian Brothers."

# End of the line

## CBS' last Delgado gets his final shot at Cordova

By Bob Burns  
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Monarchs and the Roman Catholic Church haven't always been the best of friends, but the Delgado family is the closest thing Christian Brothers High School has to football royalty.

Gomez Delgado and his four sons — Danny, Rob, Vince and Paul — have carried the CBS colors for a substantial portion of the last quarter-century. The Delgado era nears an apparent end as Paul, a 5-foot-10, 175-pound senior fullback, suits up for today's 1 p.m. "city championship" game at Cordova.

Paul, for future peace of mind, hopes his prep career lasts until the Sac-Joaquin Section Division I championship game on Friday. Of Gomez's

sons, Paul is the only one who hasn't defeated Cordova. CBS, 9-3, lost to Cordova, 11-0, by a score of 21-7 earlier this season.

"His brothers are saying, 'Hey, we all beat Cordova,'" Gomez says, laughing. "It's all on his shoulders."

Vince, Class of '84, now a wide receiver at the University of California, found himself in a similar position when the Falcons met Cordova in the 1983 section playoffs. He had been on the losing end of three previous Cordova encounters, but gained revenge by helping CBS register a 27-0 victory.

"After they lost to Cordova earlier in the year, I told him there'd be a second chance," says Vince, who will be in the stands for today's kickoff. "I got one; I knew he would, too."

Such thoughts were far from Go-

mez Delgado's mind when he entered Christian Brothers in the fall of 1952. Since his mother died when he was 5 years old and his father couldn't support 12 children, Gomez was placed in St. Patrick's Children's Home. He later moved in with an older brother, Tony, and developed into a star athlete at Sutter Junior High School.

Monsignor Kavanaugh, the assistant executive director at St. Patrick's, took an interest in young Delgado, contacting CBS football coach Ray Clemons about a possible financial aid package.

"I asked Ray if he could help out a young kid with tuition," Kavanaugh says. "He said he could and I told him, 'This kid is going to be a winner.'"



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Paul Delgado

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## A little Brotherly love

When Christian Brothers beat Cordova in the mythical city championship game Saturday, it was more than just another victory for senior full-

back Paul Delgado, center. His father and three older brothers had all notched victories over the Lancers during their years at CES, and he hadn't

— until then. Sharing the big moment are dad, Gomez; mother, Mary Alice, right; and neighborhood friend Joanna Sanchez. Story on page C1.

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