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History of Boys' Soccer – Christian Brothers High School

Soccer officially started as a new sport in the fall of 1966. The first team was coached by Alex Nicolai, a volunteer coach. He was later assisted by Mike Zupan who was playing in the Turn Verein soccer league at that time and mentored some of the younger soccer players. Coach Zupan took over the team in 1967 and coached for two seasons—1967 and 1968. Mr. Zupan is currently the General Manager of the Croatia Cultural Exchange Center in Sacramento.

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Note: Background information on first soccer coach:

We have been unable to get any information on Coach Alex Nicolai. Also, Mike Zupan was very brief in his comments about his coaching tenure and referred me to a former student/soccer player, Emil Tanghetti, Class of 1968.

Dr. Emil Tanghetti, a dermatologist in East Sacramento, offered the following recollection of Coach Zupan and the soccer team:

"Boys' soccer began as a club sport in the spring of 1965, led by Tanghetti. He and other students organized the team, built their own goal posts and practiced on their own without a coach. They set up scrimmages with other clubs and schools in the north area that already had teams.

Since the "city" schools did not have soccer teams, Bishop Armstrong was not interested in adding soccer as a new sport. Eventually, the Athletic Director provided soccer balls and a year later, soccer emerged as a school sport. The 1967 and 1968 seasons were very successful.

On a personal note, Tanghetti added, that he was selected to the All-City Team in 1968, and upon graduation played collegiate soccer at UC Davis. He regarded Coach Zupan as a friend and mentor who developed him as a soccer player."

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Noteworthy Team Achievements and Individual Player Accomplishments

2008 and 2009 – Made playoffs in 2008.

1991- 2007 - Three consecutive Sac-Joaquin Section Championships: 2000, 2001 & 2002

League and overall records:

2000 (11-1-0; 24-1-0)

2001 (9-1-2; 17-5-3)

2002 (11-0-1; 27-0-1)

Seven League Championships—five consecutive titles in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004. During this five-year run, we posted a record of 104 wins-11 losses-7 ties.

The overall record during this 17-year period was 249-67-36 and we made the postseason playoffs a total of 14 years.

2002 season highlights: (1) winning a three-peat section championship by defeating Granite Bay 3-1 in penalty kicks after a 1-1 tie in regulation and through two overtime periods; (2) it was the first time a Christian Brothers soccer team finished a season undefeated (27-0-1). This 2002 team scored a total of 110 goals, had 16 shutouts, and only 15 goals scored against us. Top scorers were Greg Curry, Ryan Magill, and Anthony Chinakwe. Goalkeeper Cameron Whelan-Miille made two saves in the penalty shootout. Ryan Magill holds the school record for goals scored—73 goals—during his two seasons on the Varsity team.

This 2002 team finished the year ranked No. 1 in the Western Region and No. 2 in the nation by the National High School Coaches Association in their top 25 high school boys' soccer poll.

Several Christian Brothers players from the 1991-2007 teams went on to play successfully at the Division I, II & III college level. (List is attached.) Division I college players that reached the NCAA College Cup included:

-Kevin Goldthwaite – Notre Dame University

-Andre Schmid – St. John's University

-Greg Curry – U.C. Santa Barbara (2006 College Cup Champions)

-Jon Curry – U.C. Santa Barbara (2006 College Cup Champions)

-Anthony Chinakwe – Loyola Marymount & U.C. Santa Barbara (2006 College Cup Champions)

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Individual Player Accomplishments:

- Sacto Bee All-City Player of the Year
Greg Curry - 2002
- Sacto Bee All-City First Teams – several players
Kevin Goldthwaite – 2000
Andre Schmid – 2000
Eric Tozer – 2001
Greg Curry – 2002
Anthony Chinakwe – 2002
Tyler Tratten – 2002
Ryan Magill - 2003
Jon Curry – 2004
- Lcaguc MVP Awards – several players
Kevin Goldthwaite – 2000; 1999 Co-MVP
Eric Tozer – 2001
Anthony Chinakwe – 2002
Ryan Magill – 2003
Jon Curry – 2004
Mark Poletti – 1993
- CIF Scholar-Athlete Awards – three players
James Delgadillo – 2002 (Graduated from Stanford Univ.)
Matthew Boyd – 2002 (Graduated from Stanford Univ.)
Larry Nguyen - 2002
- Sacto Bee Prep of the Week
Cameron Whelan-Miille - 2002

Coach Awards: Vince Juarez

- Honorary Alumni Award – 2008
- Mexican-American Hall of Fame Inductee - 2007
- La Salle Club Ron Limeberger Coach of the Year Award – 2005
- Finalist for National High School Coach of the Year - 2004
- California Coaches Assoc. High School Soccer Coach of the Year Award – 2003
- Sierra Valley Conference Coach of the Year – 2002
- Metro League Coach of the Year - 1993

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1976-1990 – Three Sac-Joaquin Section Championships – 1982, 1983 and 1984; Runner-up in 1978 and 1986; and eight league championships. Made the postseason playoffs 14 years during this 15-year period.

Individual Player Accomplishments:

-Sacto Bee All-City First Team
Vince Juarez – 1988
Jason Emperador – 1988

League MVP Awards
Vince Juarez – 1988 Co-MVP

Coach Awards: Father Michael Carroll

Honorary Alumni Award
La Salle Club Coaches Hall of Fame
Metro League Coach of the Year

Other Accomplishments:

Several soccer players were recruited as kickers by various football coaches at the school. A few outstanding kickers that come to mind are Steven Barros—early 1980s; Kevin Goldthwaite—1999; and Ryan Magill—2003.

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Attachment

Christian Brothers Alumni (Soccer History)

1989 – 2007 Graduating Classes

- 1989 – Jason Emperador – C.S.U. Chico
- 1989 – Vince Juarez – Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- 1991 – Ruben Mora – C.S.U. Sacramento
- 1992 – Jorge Valdez – College of Notre Dame, Belmont
- 1995 – Todd Simmons – C.S.U. Chico; Chico Rooks Semi-Pro (2001-07)
- 1995 – Levi Henson – C.S.U. Sacramento
- 2001 – Kevin Goldthwaite – Notre Dame University (2001-04); 2005 MLS San Jose Earthquakes; 2006 MLS Houston Dynamo; 2007-2009 MLS New York Red Bulls
- 2001 – Andre Schmid – St. John's University (2001-04); U-20 National Team
- 2002 – Eric Tozer – U. C. Santa Cruz
- 2003 – Anthony Chinakwe – U. C. Santa Barbara (2006 NCAA Div. I Champions)
- 2003 – Greg Curry – U. C. Santa Barbara (2006 NCAA Div. I Champions)
- 2003 – Kyle Nicholson – C.S.U. Stanislaus
- 2003 – Tyler Tratten – San Jose State University
- 2003 – Cameron Whelan-Mille – Claremont McKenna College
- 2005 – Jon Curry – U.C. Santa Barbara (2006 NCAA Div. I Champions)
- 2005 – Keith Henwood – U.C. Santa Cruz
- 2006 – Keenan Flynn – St. Mary's College
- 2007 – Thomas Bento-Nystad – Seattle Pacific University

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Addendum to Christian Brothers Boys Soccer History

Information obtained from Year Books:

1966-67: Season record 9-6-1. (Bishop Armstrong) Coach Alex Nicolas

1967-68: No soccer in year book.

1968-69: Winning season noted but no record listed. Coach Mike Zupan.

1969-70: No soccer in year book.

1970-71: Season record 6-4. 2nd Place in Metro League.

1971-72: No record listed. Team's accomplishments include Metro League and City Champs. Goals for 45; goals against 8. Coach Guillermo Jara.

1972-73: No record listed. Coach Guillermo Jara.

1973-74: No record listed. Coaches Leo Rojas, Guillermo Jara, Joe Gonzalez.

1974-75: No record listed. Coach Joe Gonzalez.

1975-76: No record listed. Coach Griffith.

1976-77: No record listed. Coach Father Mike Carroll.

1977-78: Record 8-2-2. (Most organized team in 4 years.) Coach Father Mike Carroll.

1978-79: No record listed. Notation that victory over Cordova moved team to section championship against Del Campo but did not win. Coach Father Mike Carroll.

1979-80: Season record: 15-1-1 overall; 12-0-0 League. Metro League Champs. Coach Father Mike Carroll.

1980-81: Season record: 14-2-4 overall; 11-0-3 League. Metro League Champs. Lost 3-2 in TOC to Dixon. Coach Father Mike Carroll—Metro League Coach of the Year.

1981-82: Season record: 14-3-1 overall; 11-2-1 League. Co-Metro League Champs. Coach Father Mike Carroll.

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1982-83: Season record: 17-0-4 overall. Metro League Champs and Section Champs. Coach Father Mike Carroll. Father Mike was Coach of the Year. All-City Team included: Dan Landenberger and Edgar Chavez.

1983-84: Season record: 16-3-1 overall; 6-3-1 League. 2nd place Metro League; 2nd consecutive Section Champs. All City Team included: Dan Landenberger, Edgar Chavez, Stephen Barros. Stephen Barros was leading scorer for CB. Dan Landenberger was Metro League Co-MVP. Coach Dave Kelly—rookie coach.

1984-85: Season record: 16-1-3 overall; 9-0-1 League. Metro League Champs and 3rd consecutive Section Champs. Coach Dave Kelly was All-City Coach of the Year. Goalkeeper Gus Aguirre was All-City Player of the Year. All-Metro League honors went to Curtis Burns, Mark Wills, Ken Ablog and Tim Maestretti.

1985-86: Season record: 13-2 overall; 11-1 League. Metro League Champs. Lost in first round TOC. Coach Father Mike Carroll returns.

1986-87: Season record: 14-1-1 overall; 10-1-1 League. Metro League Champs; Runner-up TOC. Coach Father Mike Carroll.

1987-88: Season record: 12-8-1 overall; 10-1-1 League. Coach Father Mike Carroll.

1988-89: League record 11-0-1. Co-Champs Metro League. Runner-up Section. Coach Father Mike Carroll; Asst. Coach Vince Juarez.

1989-90: Season record: 17-6-1 overall; 9-2-1 League. 2nd Place Metro League. Made section playoffs and lost to Del Campo. Guillermo Jara selected to All-City Team. Coach Father Mike Carroll; Asst. Coach Vince Juarez.

1990-91: Season record: 22-1-3 overall; 9-0-3 League. Metro League Champs. Made section playoffs. Coach Father Mike Carroll; Asst. Coach Vince Juarez.