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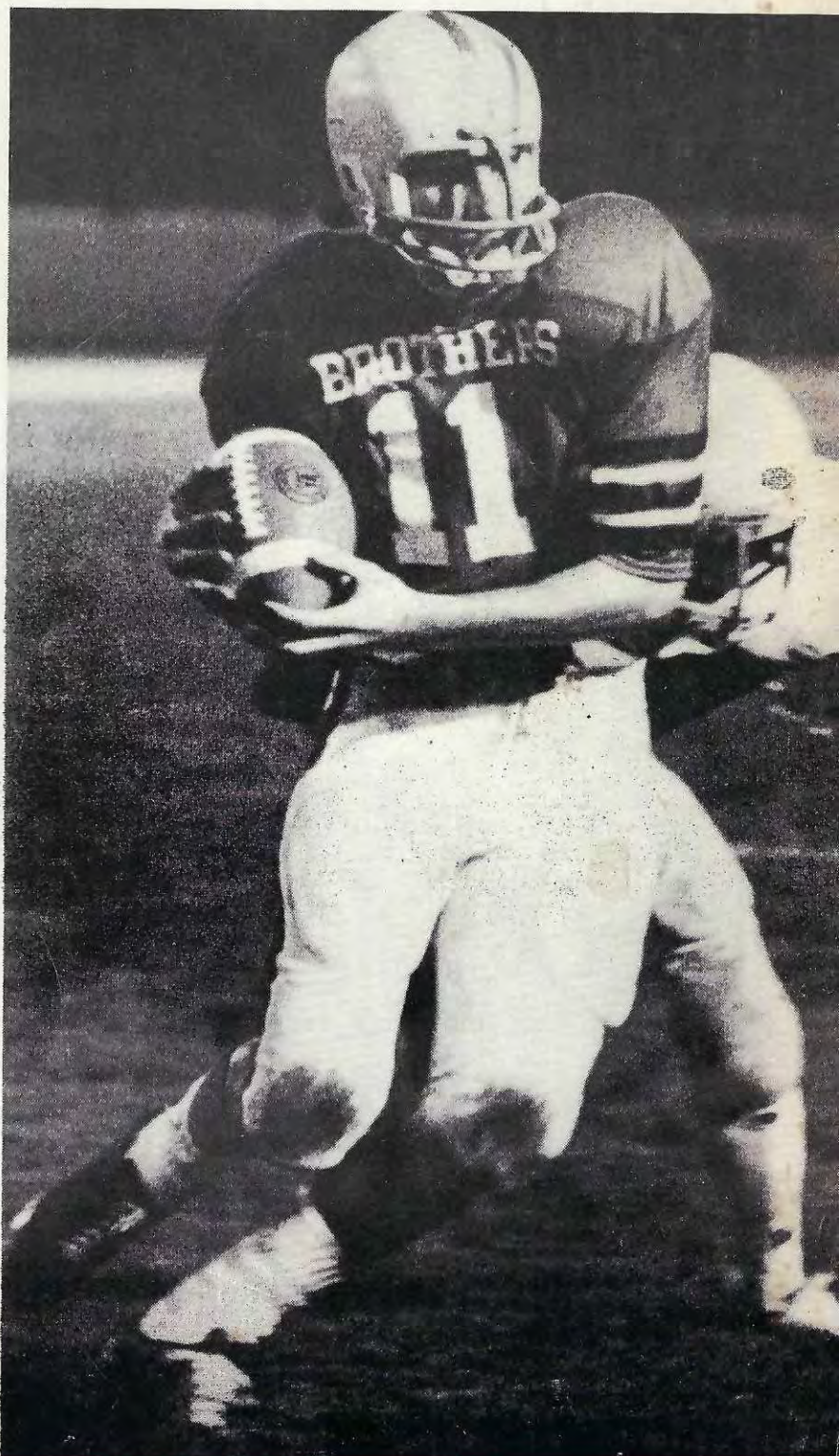
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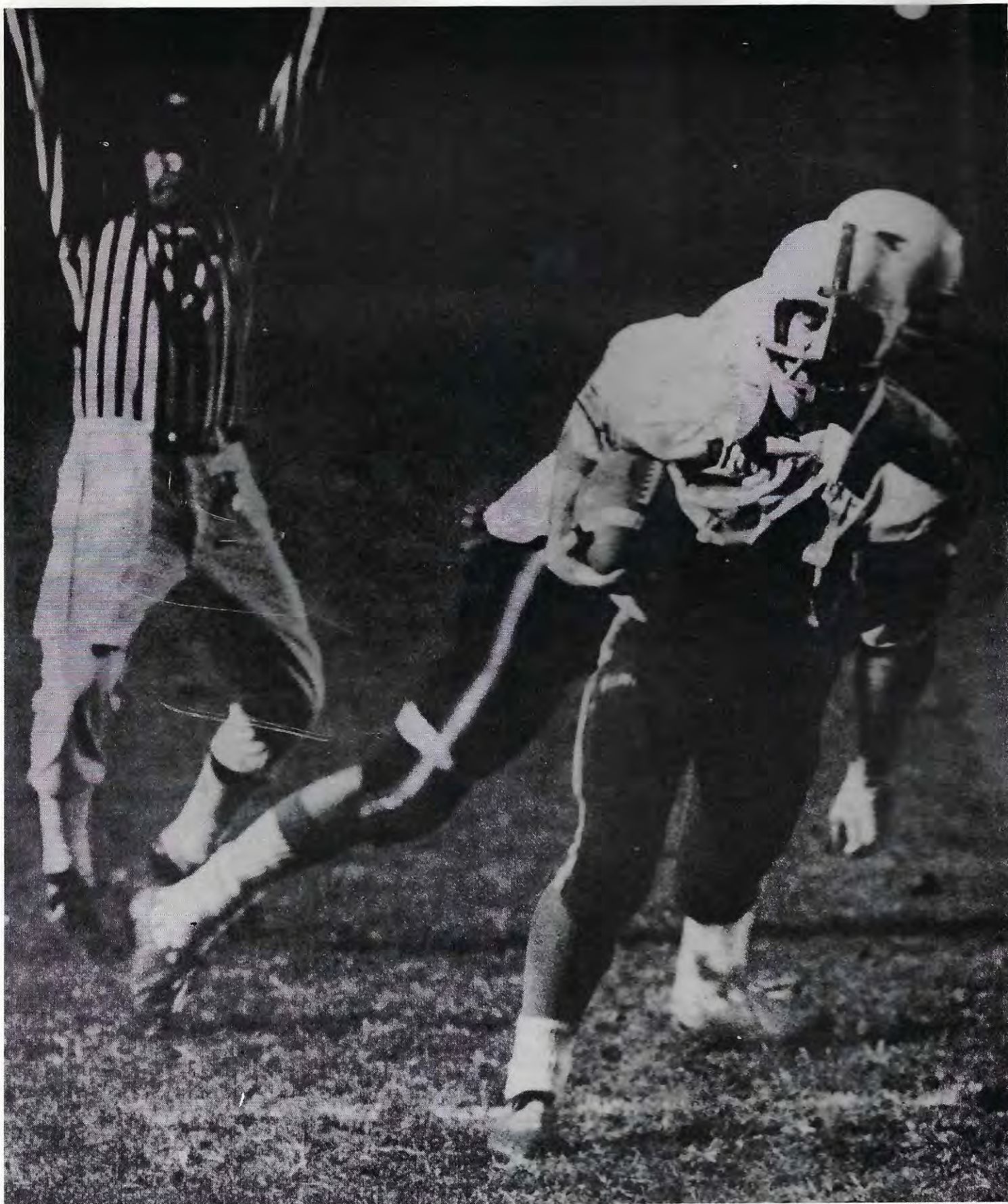
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**FULLBACK JOE GRECO OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS SCORES IN A METROPOLITAN LEAGUE GAME.**

# DAN FARRELL

## A CLASSY GRIDDER

By Richard Spear

It's the second game of the 1973 season. Perennial Sac-Joaquin Section prep powerhouses Christian Brothers and Mira Loma are tied 13-13 with less than three minutes remaining in the game. Christian Brothers has the ball, fourth down and eight yards to go on the Mators' 28-yard line. Time is out. Quarterback Jeff Tisdel confers with Falcon head coach Dick Sperbeck on the sideline, and the instructions are "ask Farrell what he can get open on". In the huddle, Dan Farrell tells his quarterback that he can get into the end zone on a post pattern.

As the team leaves the huddle, Farrell heads for his familiar split end side on the slot side of the Christian Brothers offense. As he breaks off the line of scrimmage with an outside release, he gets on top of his Mira Loma defender in a hurry and heads for the flag in the corner. But as the halfback turns his shoulder and follows him, certain that Farrell is on an outside route as he has been all night, Farrell quickly reverses his direction and heads for the goal post. Tisdel, seeing his receiver wide open, takes a little off the ball and drops it over his left shoulder, right at the goal line for the winning touchdown. No one was within 10 yards of Farrell as he made his catch.

It was a drama that was to be repeated, in one form or another, many times during the year as the Falcons won the Metropolitan League championship and went on to the Capital City Football Playoff championships.

He will be shooting for his 100th varsity reception, in this his senior year, Farrell pulled in 22 as a sophomore and 40 last year, meaning he needs 38 this season to achieve the magic number which would be a first in Sacramento County. It may be a herculean task. Gone is quarterback Tisdel who threw every one of his 62 receptions and to whom Farrell is quick to give a "lot of credit" for his passing ability. Also departed via the graduation route are two receivers who took much pressure off Farrell, Washington State bound tight end Eason Ramson who had hauled down 15 passes in 1973 and speedy slot back Bob Bingham, a

future USC Trojan, who caught 51 aerials in the past two seasons. Unless the Falcons come up with receivers of comparable ability, the defense will be keying on the 6-3, 200-pound Farrell.

Furthermore, if an adequate quarterback does not surface from among the candidates for the position, No. 11 could end up playing there. No. 11 is Farrell who has retained the number from his old quarterback days on the frosh squad when he led them to a 9-0 season. He's a good one too, but Sperbeck wants to leave him at end if at all possible. It's easy to understand the reason.

Farrell, as opponents will attest, has combined science and art into becoming almost impossible to defend. He lists the curl route as his favorite because it gives him more versatility in that he can make the defender react to a fake and then slide into a number of possible open spots. He realizes the need for establishing the short game first, and as he says, his best chance to get along is "when they guess I'm going to run out".

The quiet, soft spoken receiver lists Vincent White of Kennedy High of Sacramento as the best defender he has faced. His biggest thrill as a player? Winning the Metropolitan League championship, making the All-County team and being picked on the CALPREP cover.

Dan, born to Frank and Joanne Farrell on April 27, 1957, has a brother Tim, who preceded him as a Falcon gridder, and a sister Diane. He played three years, as a 6th, 7th and 8th grader, for St. Annes school where he excelled at the quarterback position. His grade school mentor Harry Slaughter, a veteran coach in the Parochial Athletic League, lists Dan as the best athlete he has coached in his 16 years of coaching.

His switch to the wide receiver position was made at the beginning of his sophomore year, when the varsity was in dire need of a split end in their new slot offense and Sperbeck thought Farrell could fill the bill. Fill it he did, and with few growing pains as he was a natural at the position.

"What he didnt pick up naturally

he was easily coached on," said Sperbeck. "You tell him something one time, if necessary, and then forget it because that's the way he will do it from that time on." Sperbeck also asserts that Farrell will know assignments of every man on the field. "He will walk by me on the sidelines when he's out of the game on defense and tell me what route is open, but he won't stop and talk as he doesn't want to bother me . . . he just whispers as he goes by . . . and knows I hear him. Sometimes Ill ask him what he has and he might say 'nothing', but then he goes on and says that if he runs such and such pattern that the slot man will be open. He always seems to know what's going on all over the field."

A versatile athlete, Dan also excels in baseball where he may have the tools to be taken in the major league draft following his graduation in June. He was a shortstop as a sophomore and played first base in his junior year. He fields very well and hits the long ball.

Farrell will play basketball again this coming year after sitting out his junior year due to a crowded schedule and a strong desire to concentrate more on his studies. Everyone should have his grade problems . . . he carries a B+ average in a tough college prep course which should make the college recruiters happy.

Farrell has already been approached by a number of colleges and the list will grow as the season progresses. That comes later he says. "Right now I'm most interested in my team having another good season, repeating for the league championship and taking the play-offs crown."

It would be a noble end to a noble career.



DAN FARRELL HANGS ON TO A PASS IN A METROPOLITAN LEAGUE GAME.

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# VALLEY RANKINGS TOP TEN

## TOP 20 TEAMS

### FIRST TEN

1. Cordova
2. Christian Brothers
3. Tracy
4. Sacramento
5. Grace Davis
6. Oakdale
7. Vacaville
8. La Sierra
9. Kennedy
10. Galt

### SECOND TEN

11. Red Bluff
12. Shasta
13. Stagg
14. Grant
15. Franklin
16. Burbank
17. Norte Del Rio
18. Downey
19. El Camino
20. Foothill

### CORDOVA

Section — Sac-Joaquin  
Location — Rancho Cordova  
Nickname — Lancers  
Colors — Red, Black, and White  
Enrollment — 2,100  
League — Delta  
Principal — Harold Mathews  
Director — Guy Anderson  
Coach — Dewey Guerra  
1973 Record — 8-1-0

### CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

Section — Sac-Joaquin  
Location — Sacramento  
Nickname — Falcons  
Colors — Red and Blue  
Enrollment — 800  
League — Metropolitan  
Principal — Ronald Roggenback  
Director — Dick Sperbeck  
Coach — Dick Sperbeck  
1973 Record — 9-2-1

### TRACY

Section — Sac-Joaquin  
Location — Tracy  
Nickname — Bulldogs  
Colors — Green and Gold  
Enrollment — 1,700  
League — San Joaquin  
Principal — B. Earl Frye  
Director — Don Nicholson  
Coach — Don Nicholson  
1973 Record — 7-3-0

### SACRAMENTO

Section — Sac-Joaquin  
Location — Sacramento  
Nickname — Dragons  
Colors — Purple and White  
Enrollment — 1,800  
League — Metropolitan  
Principal — Adolphus McGee  
Director — Dave Hotell  
Coach — Gil Garcia  
1973 Record — 8-2-0

### GRACE DAVIS

Section — Sac-Joaquin  
Location — Modesto  
Nickname — Spartans  
Colors — Green and Gold  
Enrollment — 2,200  
League — Central California  
Principal — Robert Taylor  
Director — Jimmie Crum  
Coach — Dan Gonsalves  
1973 Record — 6-4-0

### OAKDALE

Section — Sac-Joaquin  
Location — Oakdale  
Nickname — Mustangs  
Colors — Scarlet and Gold  
Enrollment — 1,300  
League — Valley Oak  
Principal — Robert Scherer  
Director — Jack Walker  
Coach — Dale Clipper  
1973 Record — 8-2-0

### VACAVILLE

Section — Sac-Joaquin  
Location — Vacaville  
Nickname — Bulldogs  
Colors — Black and Orange  
Enrollment — 2,000  
League — Delta  
Principal — William Cornelison  
Director — Tom Zunino  
Coach — Tom Zunino  
1973 Record — 9-2-0

### LA SIERRA

Section — Sac-Joaquin  
Location — Carmichael  
Nickname — Longhorns  
Colors — Blue and White  
Enrollment — 2,100  
League — Capital Valley  
Principal — Robert Johnson  
Director — George Souza  
Coach — George Souza  
1973 Record — 7-3-0

### KENNEDY

Section — Sac-Joaquin  
Location — Sacramento  
Nickname — Cougars  
Colors — Green and Gold  
Enrollment — 1,900  
League — Metropolitan  
Principal — William Morgan  
Director — Don Nannini  
Coach — Larry Ghilardi  
1973 Record — 4-5-1

### GALT

Section — Sac-Joaquin  
Location — Galt  
Nickname — Warriors  
Colors — Red and White  
Enrollment — 800  
League — Golden Empire  
Principal — Laurence Littleton  
Director — Donald Nottoli  
Coach — Erv Hatzenbuhler  
1973 Record — 9-1-0

# ALL - VALLEY

Position	Player	Ht.	Wt.	School	League
END	DAN FARRELL	6-3	200	BROTHERS	METROPOLITAN
END	SCOTT KESSLER	6-2	205	LODI	SAN JOAQUIN
TACKLE	BILL O'HAIR	6-2	225	EL CAMINO	CAPITAL VALLEY
TACKLE	LEO ROSSETTE	6-3	240	MOUNT SHASTA	SHASTA CASCADE
GUARD	BILL HOFF	5-11	220	ANDERSON	NORTHERN ATHLETIC
GUARD	CHARLIE BURRUEL	6-1	210	STAGG	SAN JOAQUIN
CENTER	KEN GARFIELD	6-1	205	SACRAMENTO	METROPOLITAN
QUARTERBACK	PAT FORD	6-1	170	VACAVILLE	DELTA
HALFBACK	CHRIS COSTA	5-9	160	GALT	GOLDEN EMPIRE
HALFBACK	OLIVER HILLMON	5-11	190	EDISON	SAN JOAQUIN
FULLBACK	GIL GONZALES	6-2	215	WASHINGTON	SUPERIOR CALIFORNIA

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: DAN FARRELL



**DAN FARRELL**



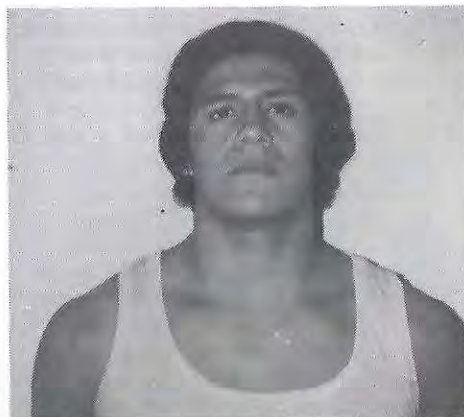
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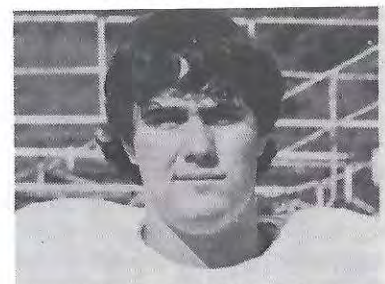
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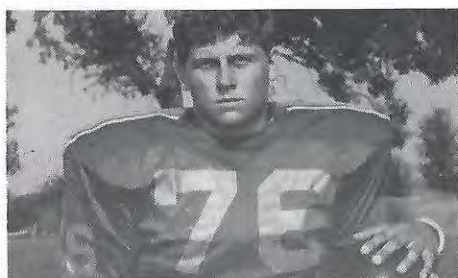
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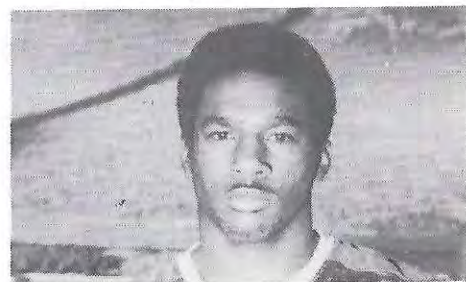
**KEN GARFIELD**



**CHARLIE BURRUEL**



**CHRIS COSTA**



**OLIVER HILLMON**

# VALLEY'S 60 BEST PLAYERS

Position	Player	Ht.	Wt.	School	League
Halfback	Doug Morrow	6-1	185	El Camino	Capital Valley
Tackle	Bill O'Hair	6-2	225	El Camino	Capital Valley
Halfback	Bill Reed	5-10	170	El Camino	Capital Valley
Guard	Mike Blaser	6-0	225	La Sierra	Capital Valley
Linebacker	Glenn Van Dyck	5-11	175	Mira Loma	Capital Valley
Quarterback	Rick Smith	6-0	165	Rio Americano	Capital Valley
Quarterback	Bruce Parker	6-1	175	Grace Davis	Central California
Tackle	Dave Meek	5-10	225	Downey	Central California
Halfback	Jeff Truesdail	5-10	175	Downey	Central California
Tackle	Wade Cockrell	6-4	230	Turlock	Central California
Halfback	Todd Holmes	5-9	170	Armijo	Delta
Quarterback	Pat Ford	6-1	170	Vacaville	Delta
Quarterback	Dave Hudgens	6-2	190	Las Plumas	Eastern
Tackle	Mark Heaslip	6-1	205	Oroville	Eastern
Halfback	Dan Bates	6-1	175	Paradise	Eastern
Halfback	Chris Costa	5-9	160	Galt	Golden Empire
Guard	Terry Flannery	5-10	205	Galt	Golden Empire
End	Bill Wilcox	6-0	195	Galt	Golden Empire
Tackle	Dave Michelmore	6-4	210	Jesuit	Golden Empire
Halfback	Jeff Culin	5-11	185	Marshall	Golden Empire
Tackle	David Cort	6-2	210	Ponderosa	Golden Empire
Tackle	Kirk Karacozoff	6-2	210	Burbank	Metropolitan
End	Dan Farrell	6-3	200	Brothers	Metropolitan
Fullback	Joe Greco	5-8	165	Brothers	Metropolitan
Halfback	Randy Wilson	5-9	165	Brothers	Metropolitan
Tackle	Daryl Soltz	6-3	235	Johnson	Metropolitan
Fullback	Leonard Carter	6-0	185	Kennedy	Metropolitan
End	Vincent White	6-2	165	Kennedy	Metropolitan
Tackle	Scott Wilson	6-4	220	Kennedy	Metropolitan
Fullback	Jeff Hanson	5-11	180	McClatchy	Metropolitan
Halfback	Paul Williams	6-1	195	McClatchy	Metropolitan
End	Carey Dillon	6-1	195	Sacramento	Metropolitan
Center	Ken Garfield	6-1	205	Sacramento	Metropolitan
Tackle	Raloh DeLoach	6-4	225	Sacramento	Metropolitan
Guard	Bill Hoff	5-11	220	Anderson	Northern Athletic
Tackle	Greg Warwick	6-3	205	Red Bluff	Northern Athletic
Halfback	Terry Osborn	6-2	175	Shasta	Northern Athletic
Halfback	Gary Staup	5-10	190	Shasta	Northern Athletic
Halfback	Rod Baumbach	6-1	185	Yreka	Northern Athletic
Halfback	Jim Kutzer	6-2	195	Yreka	Northern Athletic
Quarterback	Jim Kutzer	6-2	195	Yreka	Northern Athletic
Fullback	Poe Panora	6-2	205	Foothill	North Metro
Halfback	Steve Womer	6-0	190	Yuba City	North Metro
Fullback	Webb Sphar	6-0	220	Durham	Sacramento Valley
Halfback	Oliver Hillmon	5-11	190	Edison	San Joaquin
End	Scott Kessler	6-2	205	Lodi	San Joaquin
Guard	Charlie Burruel	6-1	210	Stagg	San Joaquin
Tackle	Tony Byers	6-3	230	Stagg	San Joaquin
Tackle	Dave Conner	6-2	220	Tracy	San Joaquin
Quarterback	Eric Ostrom	6-1	170	Fall River	Shasta Cascade
Tackle	Leo Rossette	6-3	240	Mount Shasa	Shasta Cascade
Halfback	Steve Zarzynski	5-11	175	Weed	Shasta Cascade
Quarterback	Mike Reese	6-1	175	Marysville	Sierra Foothill
End	Joe Rose	6-4	195	Marysville	Sierra Foothill
Fullback	Mark Pone de Leon	5-9	165	Orestimba	Southern
Fullback	Fred Wheeler	6-0	190	Delta	Superior California
Halfback	Willie Lipkin	6-0	205	Vanden	Superior California
Linebacker	Gil Gonzales	6-2	215	Washington	Superior California
Halfbacker	Dana Taylor	5-10	180	East Union	Valley Oak
End	Mike House	6-4	225	Oakdale	Valley Oak
End	Ken Simpson	6-4	190	St. Mary's	Valley Oak
Center	Mike Palmer	6-5	210	Colusa	Westside

## TEAM RANKINGS

1. CORDOVA
2. VACAVILLE
3. ARMIJO
4. FAIRFIELD
5. WOODLAND
6. DAVIS

**CORDOVA** — The heralded Lancers tied for the League laurels last fall, losing to Vacaville 12-0 in a mud battle in the finale, a loss that prevented them from taking all the marbles. That was supposed to be Cordova's biggest season, and the nightmare lingered on for many months afterwards. Coach Dewey Guerra has produced top championship teams in the past, a 25-2-1 record in the past three years alone speaks well for the Red and Black program, and this time around will prove no different. He returns 17 lettermen from an 8-1 ball club, plus fine prospects coming up from an unbeaten sophomore squad, with enough talent and depth spread over both platoons to make them solid.

Scott Jenner (5-10, 180) and John Ingram (5-10, 180), will be fighting for the open quarterback spot. Fullbacks Mike Everts (6-3, 205) and Sam Seumalo (6-0, 190), two of the league's best, and halfback Ken Bowles (5-6, 150), possibly the fastest player on the squad, give the Lancers powerful and elusive running. Linemen to watch include centers John Donch (6-0, 175) and Jim Leaky (6-2, 190), ends Mike Anicich (6-2, 190) and Phil Cole (5-10, 170), and tackle Steve Wagg (6-2, 205). Scott McInnes (6-2, 200) heads the linebacker corps.

Cordova figures to be explosive offensively and rugged defensively again. There appears to be very few weaknesses, except to perhaps properly integrate the veterans and newcomers to fit well together. The spirit is definitely there and they should be hard to stop in a real tough league.

**VACAVILLE** — If everything falls in the right places, the Bulldogs have an excellent chance of gaining undisputed possession of the league crown. Coach Tom Zunino has 17 performers coming back off a 9-2 team which tied for the league prize and surprised many in winning the Capital City Playoffs. Top returning backfield personnel are All-Valley quarterback Pat Ford (6-1, 170) and All-League

halfback Jeff Wright (5-11, 165), both of whom will provide experience and leadership. Ford completed 51 of 96 passes for 805 yards and 7 touchdowns, plus rushing for 265 yards. One of his receivers will be Wright, also a prime running back who gained over 300 yards on the ground as a junior.

Although Vacaville lost a host of talented linemen, there are quality line prospects in center Bill Bailey (5-11, 165), ends David Craig (6-2, 185) and junior Rusty France (6-6, 205), guard Rich Coupe (5-11, 175), and tackles Pete Joyce (6-1, 190), Robert Rudolph (6-2, 210) and Matt Sandees (6-3, 215).

The Bulldogs figure to be sound again, especially if the jayvees can fill the vacated positions. Under Zunino's tutelage, Vacaville has registered an overall 70-44-5 record, which includes five league championships and a couple of near misses. The opposition can expect another decent squad.

**ARMIJO** — Last fall, coach Bill Fuller managed to have his Indians break even with a 4-4-1 mark, a drop from the previous campaign's 8-1 finish. However, he should be able to crank up another winner this season and could possibly produce a championship if the leaders falter. Although they are loaded with juniors at key positions Armijo of Fairfield has the potential to come through.

There are 12 people coming back, plus the expected quick maturity of last year's sophomores, to help the Indians achieve their goal. Running backs seem the most set with all-Valley candidate junior halfback Todd Holmes (5-9, 170) heading the cast. A two-way performer, he is a hard hitter and a great runner who carried 205 times for 1,045 yards and 5 touchdowns. Junior Tommy Overton (6-0, 200) will handle the other halfback position in the Wishbone offense.

Up front, Armijo has the league's best trio of guards in junior Doug Martin (6-4, 225), and brothers Carl Selden (6-2, 235) and Junior

Roberto Selden (6-1, 220), to spearhead matters. Defensively, the Indians are counting on ends Kerry Kaufman (6-2, 185) and Randy Knightlinger (6-1, 190), and nose guard Mike Burger (5-8, 165).

Armijo figures to make a strong run at the league title, especially if it can come up with a balanced quarterback and escape the injuries. A very fine team is in the making.

**FIRFIELD** — The Falcons flew a little better last year, having achieved a 2-7 altitude in comparison to a 0-9 low the previous season. Coach Rich Davis should have a much improved equad this time around, with 18 returnees, including 8 of the starting 11 defenders coming back for a strong defense.

Some of the key Fairfield defensemen include end Ernie Ward (6-1, 190), who doubles as a fullback offensively, guard Tim Shaw (6-2, 185), linebacker Jeff Thompson (6-0, 185), and safety Jeff Barnes (5-11, 175) who also goes as a halfback on offense.

The Falcons enter the '74 chase with more optimism. However, there are some problems to be solved on offense before they can be considered serious contenders for the league prize.

**WOODLAND** — Under the leadership of first year Coach Armand Jaques, the Wolves were able to come through with a 5-4 record, thus reversing the output of the previous autumn. However, the cupboard appears to be slightly bare this fall, with only one offensive starter among the 17 returnees. Hence, with less experience, Woodland faces a rebuilding season.

Best of the backfield hopefuls are fullback Marty Duay (5-10, 170) and halfback Tom Cranston (5-10, 175), a couple of steady backs who could provide some excitement. Up front, there's hope in the only returning starter end Bryan Roddy (5-7, 140), and tackles Scott Oliver (6-1, 185) and Mario Saragoza (6-1, 15). The defensive secondary lists Tim Bryant (5-8, 155) and Len Diggs (5-6,

POSITION	PLAYER	HT.	WT.	SCHOOL
HALFBACK	TODD HOLMES	5-9	170	ARMIJO
HALFBACK	MIKE EVERTS	6-3	205	CORDOVA
HALFBACK	SAM SEUMALO	6-0	190	CORDOVA
CENTER	ERIK WISNER	5-10	175	DAVIS
QUARTERBACK	PAT FORD	6-1	170	VACAVILLE
TACKLE	MATT SANDEES	6-3	215	VACAVILLE
HALFBACK	JEFF WRIGHT	5-11	165	VACAVILLE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: PAT FORD				



140) as the two best on the team.

It appears as though the Wolves will have their hands full in duplicating last season's mark. Hopefully, some of the players from the second place sophomore team of '73 will fill in the many vacancies created by graduation.

DAVIS — Coach Ralph Villanueva enters his third year, still trying to give the tattered Blue Devils a new grid image. Fortunately, Davis has 15 returning veterans plus a couple of transfers, for a stronger showing than last fall's dismal 1-8 record. An improvement should especially be on defense where 6 of 11 starters return.

Junior Terry Cottle (6-2, 180), has been slated to take over quarterback, while Scott Hammond (6-1, 180), who played the position last season, moves to halfback. They will team up with junior Wendell Singleton (6-11, 200), who will run from the fullback slot, and Dave Freeman (6-2, 180), another running back. A young and light line includes All-Leaguer Erik Wisner (5-10, 175), who plays both center and linebacker, Guard Ed Jestes (5-9, 170) and tackle Duncan McGregor (6-0, 180).

There's no where to go but up, and the Blue Devils intend to start their climb this year.



TODD HOLMES, ARMIJO



PAT FORD, VACAVILLE



MATT SANDEES, VACAVILLE



JEFF WRIGHT, VACAVILLE

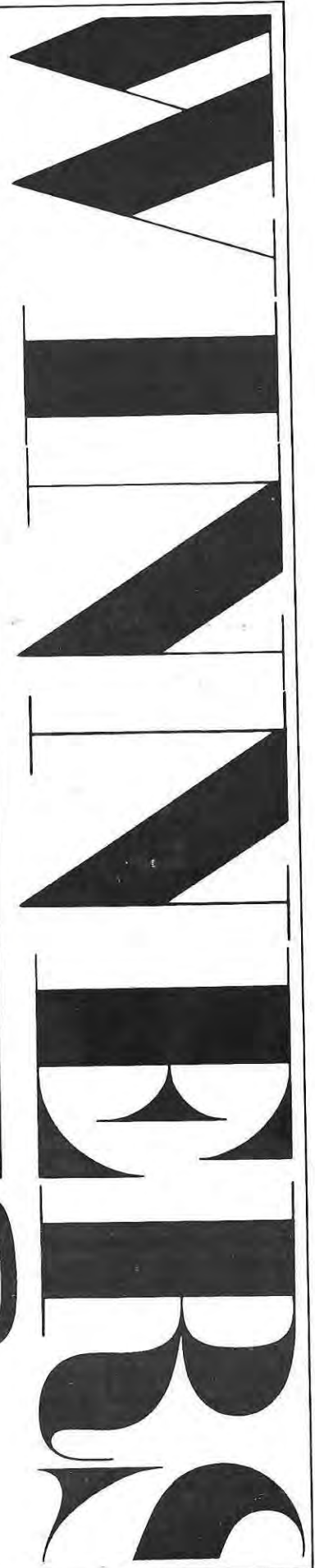
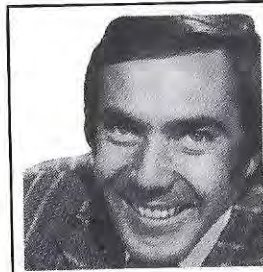
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## TEAM RANKINGS

1. GALT
2. JESUIT
3. EL DORADO
4. MARSHALL
5. PONDEROSA
6. SOUTH TAHOE

**GALT**—Coach Erv Hatzenbuehler is certainly not crying the autumn blues. On the hand, the opposing coaches aren't exactly smiling over his prospects, not with 9 excellent gridders back in the lineup from a championship ball club that went 9-1 overall. The Golden Empire League Back of the Year Larry Costa (5-9, 160) returns to lead the Warriors' lethal Single Wing offense. The two-way halfback carried 70 times for over 600 yards and 6 touchdowns last campaign. The Galt forward wall is anchored by the league's Lineman of the Year guard Terry Flannery (5-10, 205), one of the Valley's best. Other standout line performers include two-way end Bill Wilcox (6-0, 195), who also rates as one of the Valley's best, center Ed Pullen (6-1, 205), and a pair of very fine tackles in All-League Rory Chapman (5-11, 190) and Gary McCune (5-11, 190) who doubles as a linebacker.

The very fundamental Warriors should be tough again with a confident squad which possesses experience, talent and quickness. One minus could be the lack of depth, but the many pluses might carry Galt to a repeat performance.

**JESUIT** — Coach Bob Sevieri comes up with another tough squad which should better last campaign's 5-4-1 finish. The Marauders have a mixture of top holdovers and fair jayvees coming up for more depth than last fall. Although short on experience, the talent and spirit is there for Jesuit to prevail.

Their backfield will be spearheaded by three-year starter halfback Carlton Adams (5-9, 175), a linebacker on defense, who holds the school scoring record of 26 points in one game. He will be ably assisted by quarterback Matt Bouza (6-2, 180) and fullback Tim Lee (5-11, 175), both juniors who started as sophomores. The line forms around three-year starter two-way tackle Dave Michelmore (6-4, 210), an excellent all-around athlete who has size, speed, quickness and should be of the best around in the Valley. Other linesmen to watch include junior center Bri-

an Barrett (5-11, 180) and end Danny Ford (6-2, 175).

**EL DORADO** — The Cougars have a grand total of 26 lettermen returning for an improvement of their 2-7 team last fall. Coach Ken Scanavino is looking forward to a good season with a ball club that is somewhat short on experience, but has the depth and potential. If El Dorado can put it all together by league play, they could surprise a few people.

Pacing the Cougar offense will be fullback Dave O'Halloran (5-10, 165), who carried 80 times for 455 yards and 5 touchdowns, and halfback Keith Wright (5-9, 160). The forward wall features center Rick Fritzmeier (5-11, 220) and tackle Don Mosbacher (6-3, 190).

**MARSHALL**—Coach Jack Byrne and his Wildcats will be making a return appearance in the Golden Empire League after sojourns in the Delta and Sierra Football Leagues. He hopes to pull a big surprise in the new environment. Marshall has a veteran backfield, but must find linebackers and linemen where the Wildcats are the most inexperienced. However, they have good possibilities if everything falls in place.

Quarterback Kim Tomasello (6-1, 170) again leads Marshall. The much improved signal-caller will be assisted by junior fullback Allen Jones (5-10, 195), a fast and powerful runner with great potential halfbacks Wayne Lukins (5-9, 150), Bill Nichols (6-1, 160) and Jeff Puliz (5-11, 185). The three halfbacks also make up the Wildcats' secondary. The line depends on

guard Chris Bryceson (5-8, 185), and tackles Greg Tyhurst (6-0, 195), who doubles as a linebacker, and sophomore Gary Campbell (6-1, 270), who will be heard from in the future.

**PONDEROSA** — After being rated as the team to beat, the Bruins finished last year with a 4-4-1 mark. Coach Travis Hatcher finds himself in a rebuilding stage this time around due to heavy graduation losses. Ponderosa does have some experience, and although smaller the Bruins will be much quicker and probably better balanced. Success will depend a lot on the quarterbacks coming through and on the performance of a great group of juniors.

Helping to keep Ponderosa in thick of the race are quarterbacks junior Scott Landis (5-11, 175) and Tom Tirapelle (6-0, 170) who doubles as a defensive back and versatile halfback Jim Bacchi (6-1, 200). All-League tackle David Cort (6-2, 210), a top-notch linebacker on defense, end Dale Miles (6-3, 175) and guard Gary Thomas (5-11, 175) will be counted upon to hold up the line.

**SOUTH TAHOE** — The Vikings return 13 players and hope things are on the upswing, especially after a dismal 0-9 finish. Second-year Coach Doug DeBott starts off this season with a strong linebacker corps with three veterans in All-Leaguer Pat Fry, Jim Cecil and Bill James. The offensive line is adequate, but the backfield is a question mark. Sophomore quarterback Jim Amundson is expected to give some of the answers.

## LEAGUE'S BEST

POSITION	PLAYER	HT.	WT.	SCHOOL
TACKLE	RORY CHAPMAN	5-11	190	GALT
HALFBACK	CHRIS COSTA	5-9	160	GALT
GUARD	TERRY FLANNERY	5-10	205	GALT
END	BILL WILCOX	6-0	195	GALT
HALFBACK	CARLTON ADAMS	5-9	175	JESUIT
TACKLE	DAVE MICHELMORE	6-4	210	JFSUIT
HALFBACK	WAYNE LUKINS	5-9	150	MARSHALL
HALFBACK	JEFF PULIZ	5-11	185	MARSHALL
TACKLE	DAVID CORT	6-2	210	PONDEROSA
CENTER	PAUL FRY	6-1	190	SOUTH TAHOE

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: CHRIS COSTA.

# METROPOLITAN

## TEAM RANKINGS

1. CHRISTIAN BROTHERS
2. SACRAMENTO
3. KENNEDY
4. BURBANK
5. JOHNSON
6. McCLATCHY
7. ELK GROVE

**BROTHERS** — Coach Dick Sperbeck is looking ahead to what will most certainly be another winning season for the high flying Falcons. Christian Brothers has all the necessary ingredients to retain the league championship with 16 quality gridders back from a 9-2-1 ball club. In addition, they have a key quarterback transfer in John Ramirez (5-11, 175), slow afoot, but with a deadly arm, who hails from Marshall High.

Besides the newly acquired signal-caller, the Falcons are building around five returning regulars. They are end Dan Farrell (6-3, 200), who doubles as a defensive halfback, fullback Joe Greco (5-8, 165), who also goes as a linebacker, two-way halfback Randy Wilson (5-9, 165), and two-way guard Steve Hennessey (5-9, 170). Also on hand is center-linebacker Lindy Smith (5-9, 170), who started as a sophomore last autumn.

Farrell, of course, will be the trigger who should keep Christian Brothers spinning fast on offense. The CALPREP Valley Player of the Year caught 39 passes for 565 yds. and 8 touchdowns last autumn. A three-year starter, his career totals 59 catches for 905 yards and 9 touchdowns. The talented Greco, another three-year starter, had 132 carries for 590 yards and 5 touchdowns. Wilson, still another three-year starter, is a real offensive threat and tops on defense.

In addition, the Falcons have good prospects, especially defensive linemen, coming up from a 9-0-1 sophomore squad. Besides talent, experience and depth, Christian Brothers will have fine overall team quickness and speed. Dedication could carry the Falcons a long way.

**SACRAMENTO** — New Head Coach Gil Garcia is looking forward to a dandy season, since his Dragons have an excellent chance of overtaking Christian Brothers in a tough race for the crown. Always tough to beat, Sacramento should be no different in this cam-

paigned with the return of 23 lettermen, including 12 starters, off an 8-2 squad. It shouldn't be too difficult to duplicate last year's record with a team that is sound in most positions. However, they must develop a quarterback from the sophomore club which was their best in the past three years. Although a speedy and experienced offense is in the making, defense should be the Dragons' strength.

There's enough talent around to keep Sacramento going strong throughout this fall. All-League candidate two-way halfback Johnny Ware (5-10, 165) is a speedster who ran for 325 yards and is tough to beat on a pass when defending. The ends are solid with All-Leaguer Carey Dillon (6-1, 195) who caught 25 passes for 350 yds., and Don Robinson (6-1, 170). All-League candidate Ralph DeLoach (6-4, 225) and All-Leaguer John Owens (5-10, 230) are rugged and experienced tackles who go both ways. All-League center Ken Garfield (6-11, 205) rates as the Valley's best at his position.

**KENNEDY** — No less than 23 lettermen return for the Cougars who finished 4-5-1 last fall. Coach Larry Ghilardi is optimistic for a much better showing than last season's tie for fifth place. Always a threat, Kennedy will be more so this year with an experienced and dedicated team loaded with talent and blessed with a lot of speed. They better not be overlooked by the opposition.

The Cougar offense could be superb with fullback Leonard Carter (6-0, 185) and halfback Kevin Matlock (5-9, 165), a couple of seasoned backs ready for a final fling. The line is topped by tackle Scott Wilson (6-4, 220). The defensive out-

look is just as good with a dependable cast headed by cornerback Keith Kurashige (5-10, 165) and safety Vincent White (6-2, 165), an offensive split end who rates high both ways.

**BURBANK** — The Titan fans can expect another winner from their favorites this season. They were 6-4 last year and Coach Marv Bowles greets the return of 10 regulars, including his entire backfield and six good linemen, Burbank is intent upon going even better this time around and maybe even the league prize which is definitely not beyond the Titans' reach. The nucleus is solid and the size is there.

Quarterback Bill Schmutte (6-3, 200), fullback Bryan Lopez (6-0, 190), a linebacker on defense, and halfback Willie Moore (6-1, 180), who doubles as a safety, form a jewel of a backfield. Ends Steve Caruthers (6-1, 190) and Manuel Ybarra (6-2, 180), provide Burbank with a balanced offense to keep the opposing defense honest. Standout among the veteran linemen figure to be two-way tackle Kirk Karacozoff (6-3, 220) an All-League choice as a junior and one of the Valley's best interior linemen.

**JOHNSON** — The Warriors might find it difficult to duplicate last year's 6-4 ending. Coach John Rogers will have to juggle the offenses and defenses in order to gain first division berth, with mainly linemen among the 12 performers back, leaving both the offensive and defensive backfields short on experience. With 7 juniors in the starting offense, Johnson must rely on the defense to hold tight. The hope, of course, is that the Warriors will be able to put it all together in time

## LEAGUE'S BEST

POSITION	PLAYER	HT.	WT.	SCHOOL
TACKLE	KIRK KARACOZOFF	6-3	220	BURBANK
END	DAN FARRELL	6-1	200	BROTHERS
FULLBACK	JOE GRECO	5-8	165	BROTHERS
HALFBACK	RANDY WILSON	5-9	165	BROTHERS
TACKLE	DARYL STOLTZ	6-3	235	JOHNSON
FULLBACK	LEONARD CARTER	6-0	185	KENNEDY
HALFBACK	KEVIN MATLOCK	5-9	165	KENNEDY
END	VINCENT WHITE	6-2	165	KENNEDY
TACKLE	SCOTT WILSON	6-4	220	KENNEDY
FULLBACK	JEFF HANSON	5-11	180	McCLATCHY
HALFBACK	PAUL WILLIAMS	6-1	195	McCLATCHY
TACKLE	RALPH DeLOACH	6-4	225	SACRAMENTO
END	CAREY DILLON	6-1	195	SACRAMENTO
CENTER	KEN GARFIELD	6-1	205	SACRAMENTO
HALFBACK	JOHNNY WARE	5-10	165	SACRAMENTO

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: DAN FARRELL.

to contend by league play. More likely, the Warriors will remain a middle-of-the-road league power, but with the potential to upset.

The line will be the real strength, especially at the tackles, with Jeff Galli (6-0, 235), Kip Haskell (6-1, 180) and All-League candidate Daryl Stoltz (6-3, 235). Tight end Jim Johnson (6-0, 170), doubles as a linebacker on defense. Halfback Conrad Thomas (5-10, 165), the only returning back, should provide the punch in the ground game. Quarterback Todd Koch (5-11, 160) is the quarterback hope who will be throwing to halfback Randy Hines (5-11, 155) who is a fine receiver.

**McCLATCHY** — Coach Roger Swearington will need to put his genius to work if the Lions are thinking about the league prize. However, they may pull some surprises if the defense holds up. With 14 performers coming back off a 4-5 team plus a great group of juniors, McClatchy can be very competitive, although the Lions seem to be a year from title contention. With the likes of junior quarterback Harlan Karnofsky (6-0, 185), All-League candidate fullback Jeff Hanson (5-11, 180), and halfbacks junior Seth Duncan (5-10, 175), Curtis Gee (5-10, 190) and All-League candidate Paul Williams (6-1, 195). Ends junior Jon Barclay (6-0, 170), junior Mel Lamb (5-9, 145) and Occie Taylor (5-10, 180) are a trio of receivers who could frazzle the nerves of McClatchy's opponents. The forward wall is decent with such performers as center Bryan Heinzer (6-0, 205) and guards junior James Medich (6-0, 190) and Mike Piper (5-9, 210).

**ELK GROVE** — With new Head Coach Bill Benton poised to direct a productive season, hope grows on the range of the Thundering Herd that they will better last autumn's 3-6-11 finish. But Stark realism dictates that it may be difficult for Elk Grove to make headway in this rugged league. They boast a junior dominated lineup and the lack of experience could tell on the long drive, even though the Thundering Herd will be out to play hard.

Back to lead Elk Grove is quarterback John Anderson (6-2, 180), who is quick and fast. Junior tackle Richard Baganz (6-0, 210) will anchor the line and linebacker Don Baptista (6-1, 200) will spearhead the defense.

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# PIONEER

## TEAM RANKINGS

1. FOLSOM
2. TAHOE-TRUCKEE
3. LINCOLN
4. WHEATLAND
5. COLFAX
6. NORTH TAHOE

**FOLSOM**—Everybody was looking for the Bulldogs to finish no better than fourth place in the Golden Empire League last campaign, but they surprised with a strong spurt for second place and an overall 5-3-1 mark. Folsom now moves to the Pioneer League and is installed as an instant favorite as new Head Coach Dave Marlette inherits 20 lettermen, including 10 fine offensive and defensive starters, and outstanding prospects moving up from a championship jayvee squad.

How good the Bulldogs might be depends on the repeated performances of quarterback Kelly McGhee (6-0, 170) who completed 22 of 30 passes for 375 yards in just three games last fall, and the running of halfback George D' Andrea (5-9, 1145) who gained over 600 yards on the ground. The duo will be helped by junior halfback Vic Rendon (5-10, 170) who shows good potential.

They should receive ample protection from guard Barney Carpenter (6-1, 185) and tackle John Gisler (5-11, 190), junior Al Parson (5-11, 230), and junior Ted Ramos (6-4, 230) who will forge a powerful line.

The Folsom defense is headed by a brother combination at the linebacker spots with Mark Donnell (6-0, 175) and Steve Donnell (6-2, 180), who are both two-way players.

The Bulldogs have depth, size, speed, experience and the confidence to properly operate their Wishbone offense. They appear ready to compete in any company.

**TAHOE-TRUCKEE** — Although the Wolverines have been split in enrollment by new league rival North Tahoe, they will have something to say about who will win the Pioneer League trophy. Coach John Stewart still has a good nucleus of starters returning plus some fine talent up from the jayvees. Tahoe-Truckee didn't surprise last year, finishing second in the league with a 3-1-0 record and 7-2 overall. The Wolverines have been winning their

share in the past years, and there's no reason why they can't continue on the same course.

Quarterback Dave Crenshaw, up from the jayvees, halfbacks Jim Dedman and Emmitt Tracy should make the backfields go. All-League end Chuck Clatterback is the best on the line.

**LINCOLN** — The Zebras finished in fourth place with a 1-3 league record and 2-6-1 mark overall. Coach Jack Gayaldo hopes to improve on his club's cloudy league finish and on the overall mark with a fine nucleus of 15 returning lettermen plus a championship jayvee team coming up.

Quarterback Robert Armstrong (6-0, 160) and junior Wade Simons (5-10, 160) will head the Wishbone offense. Halfback Austin Nodohara (5-10, 165) holds down one of the starting berths. The Trio relieves Lincoln about any worries over its offense since they should score a lot. Junior guard Denny Noyes (5-10, 185), a linebacker on defense, and tackle Dave Gamboa (5-10, 180) will give the line a solid look.

The Zebras will be strong despite a young team which includes twenty juniors on the roster. There's fine speed and depth at all positions to help make them a serious challenge for the title. If the talent meets its potential, Lincoln might just make it.

**WHEATLAND** — There's nothing strange about Coach John Glenn repeating the word "transfer" over and over again. Every year when he feels set on his team, the Pirates lose a large percentage of athletes to transfers of Beale A F B, and hopes for new ones to come in . . . from anywhere. This season has probably been the worst ever. Many hopefuls from last fall's 3-6-1 squad and most starters off a 7-2 jayvee team are gone.

Wheatland opens the campaign with only 9 players coming back from its third place club. As of this

date, the Pirates backfield is in fair shape with quarterback Steve Kaiser (5-10, 165) and halfbacks Bruce Allen (5-10, 175) and Jamie Kraus (5-9, 155), both linebackers on defense. Two-way guard Mike Booen (5-11, 190), is the top line returnee.

**COLFAX** — The Falcons hope to flash some new claws after a disappointing 0-8 autumn which came on top of a 0-9 season in 1972. With 18 players coming back, Coach Bob Claycamp is looking forward to the fall of '74, in the hope of finally breaking a 23-game losing string. The defense should be tighter and a potentially explosive aerial offense is in the offing.

Quarterback Ray Palsen (6-1, 180) will be throwing to end Bruce Douthett (5-11, 165) who caught 25 passes last year. If they can find a line to operate behind, Colfax could have a high powered attack. The defense will be led by guard Jim Harris (5-10, 170).

The Falcons' attitudes are slowly improving and there's a feeling they are heading in the only direction left to them and that is to win. Colfax may reverse the trend this time around.

**NORTH TAHOE** — Coach Ken Dalton has taken over at the new North Tahoe High and he hopes to produce a decent outfit in the first year of the school's competition. The Lakers claim three starting veterans from rival Tahoe-Truckee in halfback Don Self, a linebacker on defense, guard Steve Nash, who also doubles as a linebacker, and two-way tackle Bob Banta. Junior quarterback Ned Kimball and junior fullback Jay Strasdad will definitely bolster the offense.

A question mark at this stage, North Tahoe could climb higher in the league if the Lakers can jell quickly as a unit under a new system. The potential is there for them to make it a success.

## LEAGUE'S BEST

POSITION	PLAYER	HT.	WT.	SCHOOL
GUARD	JIM HARRIS	5-10	170	COLFAX
END	KELLY MCGHEE	5-11	165	COLFAX
HALFBACK	BRUCE DOUTHETT	5-9	145	FOLSOM
QUARTERBACK	GEORGE D'ANDREA	6-0	170	FOLSOM
HALFBACK	AUSTIN NODOHARA	5-10	165	LINCOLN
GUARD	MIK BOOEN	5-11	190	WHEATLAND
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: GEORGE D'ANDREA				

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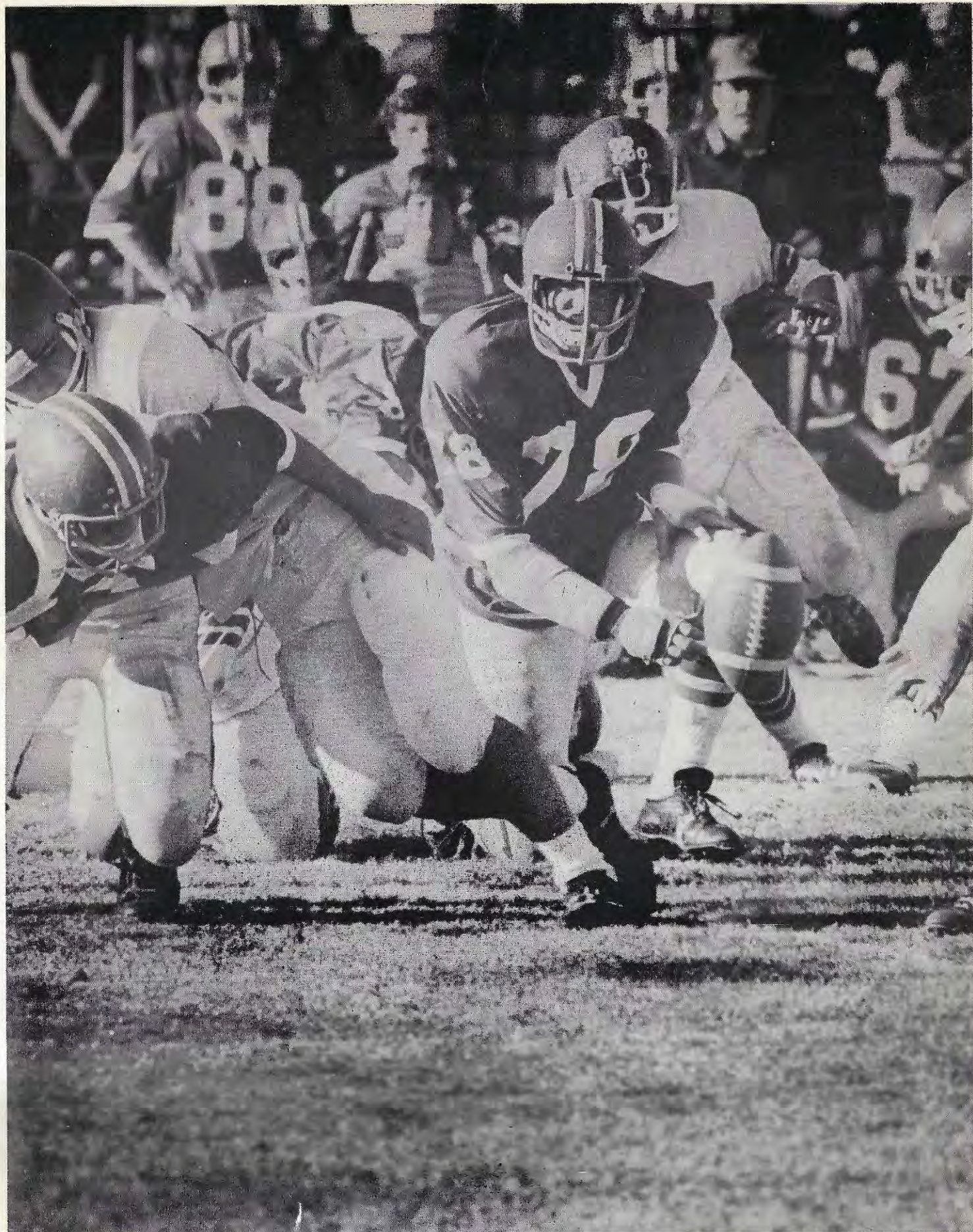
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