

**BISHOP ARMSTRONG  
HIGH SCHOOL**

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JAMES FOX

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*in the major athletic sport of* BASEBALL

*for the season of* 1961

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## City College catcher sets batting pace

City College's Burt Bonomi is the leading batter in the Sacramento Winter Baseball League's National Division. The left-handed hitting catcher who plays for Studebaker is swatting at a sizzling .483 clip with 14 hits in 29 at bats. Bonomi is a native of Sacramento and a graduate of Bishop Armstrong High



**BURT BONOMI**  
Leading Batter

school, where he played baseball for two years, making the all-city team both years. He has also played three years of American Legion ball and helped the team to the state tournament. He was a catcher, the only position he's ever played, on last year's Panther team.

A catcher's job is a difficult one, as Bonomi can testify. The catcher is the most alert man on the field, or, at least, he ought to be. According to Bonomi, some of his jobs include watching the batter, the baserunners, and his pitcher.

He must decide whether the pitcher is getting a bit wild, in which case Bonomi will walk out to the mound for a few words of calm. Is the batter a fast runner? A fast ball jammed up around the flats will be in order. If the baserunner indicates that he may be running, Bonomi will signal his infield for a pickoff play.

Like most catchers, Bonomi is

a gregarious sort who carries on conversations with the batters. If the chat happens to divert the batter's attention from the business at hand, so much the better.

Bonomi has a pickoff signal worked out with his first and third basemen. He and City College first baseman Jim Fox have played together in high school and are both on the same Winter League team. Several years ago, they picked a man off first in the state tournament to win a game.

Bonomi is now looking forward to playing for the Panthers again next spring. He, Fox, Terry Lee and John Rosso, first-stringers last year, will form the nucleus for Coach Del Bandy. Bonomi, who goes for base hits rather than home runs and gets most of his hits to the opposite field, left center, expects to have a better batting average than last year.

Next year's team will be much like last year's, according to Bonomi — good hitting, but with the pitching staff a question mark. He expects Fresno to be the team to beat in the Valley Conference.

Bonomi, a business major, plans to work for his father upon graduation from City College.



MIKE GREEN crosses the plate with Bishop Armstrong's first run in Tuesday's 3-1 win over Lodi. Green gave up one hit in the first inning then stopped Lodi cold for the remainder of the game to pick up his sixth win against only one loss, that to Lodi in the first game of the season.

## Green Hurls Falcon Win

Mike Green, a tall left-hander with a whirling fast ball, gave up a triple in the first inning, then set down the highly-coiled Lodi Flames without a hit for the remaining six innings as Bishop Armstrong Falcons put together walks, hits and a double steal for a 3-1 victory Tuesday at Land Park.

It was only the second loss in 20 games this season for Lodi, which has already won the Central California Conference title. The win extended Dick Sperbeck's Falcons' record to 14-4.

### TROUBLE IN FIRST

Green walked the first batter, Stan Gochring, in the first inning and the second man, Tom Boehring, laid down a sacrifice bunt to put the runner on second. Lodi pitcher Don Webster then boomed a high triple into deep right center field to score Stan Gochring.

Green headed down to retire the next batter on three straight strikes and forced the final hitter to ground out.

Armstrong's winning rally came in the bottom of the first. Green walked, was sacrificed to second by Don Semon and Larry Marietti, then delivered a base hit. Marietti and Green next tried a double steal which resulted in Green scoring from third when the Lodi pitcher threw wild.

### WALKS PAY OFF

Bert Bossert walked and Paul Holz was hit by a pitch. Brian Moore brought in the second run with a squeeze bunt and then a third tally scored when Doug Crawford and Jim Fox both walked, allowing Bossert to walk home free.

Green struck out two Lodi batters. Losing hurler Webster allowed only three hits.

Lodi..... 00 00 2-1 1 0  
Bishop Armstrong..... 00 00 2-1 3 1  
Webster and Clay, Green and Semon.

## Green Hurls Two-hitter

Masterful Mike Green, Bishop Armstrong's all-city ace, pitched the Falcons to their sixth shutout victory of the season Tuesday as he stopped Oroville of the Sierra Football League, 13-0, in two hits in a non-league game at Land Park.

It was Armstrong's 13th victory of the season against only two losses, one against Lodi High and another against Stanford from 1960.

Green was on target all afternoon as he struck out 13 batters an average of almost two an inning, and walked only one.

The Falcon hitters, meanwhile were racking two Oroville pitchers for 13 hits and the defense was playing errorless ball.

All-city second baseman Lee Marietti led the attack with a triple and double while Jim Fox and Doug Crawford each tallied with two base hits.

Oroville..... 00 00 0-0 0 0  
Bishop Armstrong..... 13 00 2-0 13 0  
Green, Semon (10) and Semon, Clay and Semon.

## Falcons' Hurler Stifles Lodi With Lone Hit

Mike Green, Bishop Armstrong High School's rangy lefthander yesterday set down Lodi's Central California Conference baseball champions on one hit as the Falcons defeated the Flames 3 to 1 at Land Park.

A first inning triple by Don Webster accounted for the Flames' lone hit and run as well, scoring Stan Goehring, who walked to open the game.

Armstrong got the run back plus interest in the last of the first. Green walked, was sacrificed to second by Don Semon, moved to third on Larry Marietti's single and scored when the two executed a delayed steal.

Then followed a walk to Burt Bonomi and Webster nicked Paul Rotz with a pitch to load the bases. Brian Moore squeezed home a run and Don Crawford walked, reloading the sacks. Jim Fox walked to force home another run.

The win was the 14th in 18 games for the Falcons, who will travel to Vallejo Friday and meet Sacramento Monday at SHS in their remaining games.

**Box Score:**  
Lodi: 000 0-1 1 1  
Armstrong: 300 2-1 3 3  
Webster and Green, 3 runs and bases.

## Armstrong Tops Vallojo 3-2 In 9 Innings

McClatchy Newspaper Service

VALLEJO, Solano Co. — The Bishop Armstrong High School Falcons yesterday rallied from behind to deal the Vallejo Apaches their third loss in 26 games, 3 to 2 in nine innings at Wilson Park.

Coach Dick Sperbeck's team pushed over the winning run in the ninth with two outs on Doug Crawford's triple to left center and Mike Green's smash to right center which went for a double.

Vallejo scored single runs in the second and third innings, but the Falcons bounced back with a score in the fourth. Don Semon smashed a triple, but was out at the plate when he tried to score on a passed ball. Then Burt Bonomi singled, moved to second on Larry Marietti's walk, stole third and scored on Bernie Church's infield hit.

The Falcons tied the game in the seventh on Crawford's perfectly executed squeeze bunt which scored Bernie Church who had walked, and moved to third on Jim Fox's hit and run single.

Marietti went the distance for the Falcons, striking out seven and allowing nine hits. Southpaw Billy Himes pitched the first 8 1/2 innings for the Apaches but got sick and had to leave the game. Himes struck out nine Falcons.

Green and Crawford were the big stickers with two hits each. Jerry Sax had three base hits for the losers.

**Box Score:**  
Armstrong: 000 300 2-1 3 3  
Vallejo: 000 000 2-1 3 3  
Sperbeck and Green, 10 runs, 17 and 3 each.

## Armstrong High Whips Marysville

McClatchy Newspaper Service

MARYSVILLE, Yuba Co. — The Bishop Armstrong High School of Sacramento blanketed Marysville 7 to 0 in a seven inning baseball game. The Falcons will play Grant Union Friday at 3:30 PM and Oroville at 12:30 with both games at Land Park.

Mike Green, in his first six innings, extended his scoreless frames to 11. The 16 year old southpaw was relieved by Julian Elorduy in the seventh and he shut the door on Marysville in the final frame.

Armstrong scored two runs in the first, one in the fifth and four in the sixth.

Don Semon with two singles and a double led the batting attack. Jim Fox singled as a pinch hitter with the bases loaded in the sixth to drive in two tallies.

**Box Score:**  
Armstrong: 200 004 6-0 7 7  
Marysville: 000 000 0-0 3 3  
Green, Elorduy 3 1/2 and Burt Bonomi, Bill Larson, Pat La, 10 runs, 17 and 3 each.

## Fox Homer Beats Grant

McClatchy Newspaper Service

Bishop Armstrong Falcons, the strength of Jim Fox's sixth inning home run, defeated Grant Union High School Tuesday at Willam Land Park, 4-1.

Armstrong scored first in initial frame as Clark Aldrich, who went two for two, hit a key sacrifice fly, and then scored a single by Larry Marietti.

Grant tied the score in the second with a single by Bill Crawshaw, who later scored on an error by the third baseman.

The Falcons moved to a 2-1 lead in the fifth when Aldrich scored on an error in the Grant infield.

Burt Bonomi led off the sixth with a single and was followed a home run by Fox to put the Falcons out of reach for the remainder of the game.

Armstrong plays McClatchy address in Land Park at 3:45 PM.  
Grant: 000 000 0-1 1 1  
Armstrong: 200 004 6-1 7 7  
Fox, 10 runs, 17 and 3 each.

## Falcon Nine Downs Grant Pacers 4 To 1

Julian Elorduy chucked three hits and Jim Fox hit a homer and knocked in two runs to pace the Bishop Armstrong Falcons to a 4 to 1 no league baseball victory over the Grant Union High School Pacers.

The contest was played yesterday on William Land Park diamond No. 1.

Elorduy struck out nine and walked only four.

Clark Aldrich collected two hits and Doug Crawford and Burt Bonomi were outstanding on defense for the winners.

Milt Jackson, Bill Crawshaw and Jerry Thompson each smacked for the Pacers.



The 1961 Sacramento Bee-KFBK All Stars, a collection of the city's prize baseball talent, line up for The Bee photographer. They are, left to right, front row: Don Hammitt of El Camino, Larry Marietti of Bishop Armstrong, Jim Dell of Encina, Burt Bonomi of Bishop Armstrong, O'Dell Deloney of Grant Union, Tom Best of Highlands and Frank Latona

of Hiram Johnson. Back row: Rich Pesavento of the C. K. High School, Don Semon of Bishop Armstrong, Ed Gagle of Highlands, Bob Oliver of Highlands, Tom Harris of Hiram Johnson, Sacramento and Mike Green of Bishop Armstrong.

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