

Varsity Basketball
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GAELE CAGERS—The Christian Brothers School Gaels will meet the C. K. McClatchy High School Lions tonight in the junior college gym and will end their basketball campaign Saturday against the Sacramento Junior College's reserve quintet. The squad con-

sists of, left to right, front row—Mike Hasly, Pete Mikacich, Jerry Kierne, Sal Vasquez, Joe Sheehan and Manager David Jesmer. Rear row—Coach Jack Buick, Jim Henderson, Jim Winchell, Will Towse, Asa Whetstone and Bill Ross. See Photo

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TAME THE DRAGONS — The Christian-Brothers Gaels will try to tame the Sacramento High School Dragons in tonight's basketball game in the junior college gym. On the CBS squad are, front row, left to right—Larry Ford, Karl Schmetz, Sal Vasquez, Ron Limberger and Elias Sierra. Middle row—Dave Higgins, Willis Towne, Bill Ross, Pete Thurburn and Jim Henderson. Back row—Charles DePan's, Dan Sanchez, Jerry Kirrene, Damon Vicari, Jack Colbert and Coach Regis Hurley. See Photo.

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CBS Slips By Sac On Ross Free Toss In Overtime, 41-40

Christian Brothers upset Sacramento Tuesday night, 41-40, in the Junior College gym. The game turned into a thriller in the fourth period, with the outcome not being decided until the last moments of the overtime period when Bill Ross sank the charity toss that gave CBS the win. The Brothers suddenly became alive in the fourth quarter and sank 14 points while holding the Dragons to a mere six.

Sac took an early 4-4 lead only to have the Brothers overtake them and hold a 9-7 bulge nearing the end of the first quarter. Young tied it up 11 all with 30 seconds remaining but Colbert dropped in a free throw to give CBS their lead at the end of the first period.

In the second quarter the Dragons and Gaels traded leads until finally the half ended with SHS out in front 22-17.

Sacramento maintained their five point bulge throughout the third stanza, and also picked up another point on the goals, leading 22-20, entering the final quarter.

It was in these last eight minutes that the Dragon rosters saw Sac's lead slowly but steadily dwindle down until Ross sank one from under the basket to put Christian Brothers in front 35-34. Bill was fouled in sinking the field goal and was given a free throw which he also made, making it 36-34. Before Sac fans had been able to recover from this horrible shock, Chado Vasquez followed with a layup to give CBS a seemingly unsurmountable lead of 38-34, with just a little over a minute remaining. Sac took it down the court from where Jim Lyons put in a one handed push shot from the left corner to narrow the gap to 38-36. With just a few seconds shy of a minute remaining Red Young was fouled while going up for a shot which gave him two free throws, both of which he sank to tie up the game 38-38. Rhuborn put in a jump shot from the foul line with 30 seconds left

to go to put the goals ahead again 40-38. Jim Feenstra was fouled while in the act of shooting just as the buzzer sounded ending the game. The crowd, thinking the game over poured onto the floor, but referees cleared them off to give Feenstra his two shots. Jim made both of them with the spectators standing along the sidelines and under the basket. These two points tied the game up and threw it into a three minute overtime period. Both teams took shots but missed. Then with only half a minute left Ross sank his charity toss to give CBS a hard fought 41-40 win.

Bill Ross was high point man of the game with 15 points, being closely followed by Red Young who had 14.

This was Sac's first loss in intra-city play.

SHS Defeats CBS 37 - 28, Goncalves Nets 10 Points

The Sacramento Bee team outscored the Christian Brothers Gaels Tuesday night, by a score of 37-28. The win kept the Bee's in first for the mythical city championship. They have defeated Christian Brothers twice, and Grant and McClatchy once.

The Bee's did not have to stall during the game; for they led 23-11 at the half, and 33-20 at the end of the third quarter.

Bobby Goncalves, quick as a cat displayed good ball control by stealing the ball several times from the Brothers. Bobby netted ten points for Sacramento.

Bob Houston, guard for the Dragons, sank seven points, while exhibiting some good ball handling.

Good backboard control was demonstrated by Ross Beatty. Ross made six points. George Grady made eleven points for CBS.

SHS Pts (17)		CBS Pts (28)
Houston (8)	F	(5) Lynch
Goncalves (10)	F	(1) Terry
Beatty (2)	C	(11) Grady
Houston (7)	G	(2) Duester
Waggoner (2)	G	(5) Thomas

Referee: SHS—O'Connor, L. Reed Beatty & Co. CBS—Erick, Sigmund, Beatty.

GAELS UPSET SHS QUINT 41 TO 40

Ross Scores Free Throw In Overtime

Center Bill Ross made good on a free throw with a minute left in an overtime period last night as Christian Brothers handed Sacramento High its first defeat in intra-city play, 41-40, at Sacramento JC gym.

The game was marked by one of the wildest finishes of the year in capital prepdom.

ROSS' POINT was the only score of an extra three minute session. The regulation game ended in controversy with the count tied at 40-40.

Playing without the services of two regular starters, Will Towne and Ron Limeberger, both of whom are on the sick list, the Gaels fought from behind in the final quarter to overtake the Dragons and forge ahead, 40-38, on reserve Pete Ithurburn's Frank Marriwell shot with 25 seconds left.

The Dragons took the ball out of bounds, a foul was called on CBS and SHS took it out at mid-court. The buzzer sounded the end of the game but another foul was committed and Sacramento's young Jim Feenstra stepped to the free throw line with the time expired and the entire crowd gathered around the sidelines.

THE PRESSURE was on but Feenstra was equal to it and put in both shots to send the game into the extra period.

Leading 22-17 at halftime, Feenstra and Red Young kept the Dragons ahead in the third period and held a 32-26 margin entering the final stanza. Ross and Tony Latino scored all of the nine points for CBS in the third quarter.

Then the curtain fell on the Dragons. Latino scored a 1 1/2 fourth shot from around the 25 foot mark and Harvey Fong of SHS matched it with a perfect layup. Ross scored again for CBS with six minutes left and kept scoring until he had accounted for eight straight points and Chado Vasquez another two, all without retaliation to give the Gaels a 38-34 lead with less than three minutes remaining.

Ross Nets 22 As Brothers Win 56-46

CLARKSBURG—Bill Ross of Christian Brothers and Mike Bakerich of Clarksburg High staged a scoring duel here last night as the invading Gaels racked up a 56-46 cage triumph.

Although his team lost the game, Bakerich won the duel, scoring 25 points to 22 for Ross. Bakerich was tossing 'em in from short and long and Ross used a deadly back shot to keep pace.

The Brothers led at halftime, 22-15 and were in front 40-35 after three periods.

In a B game, Jay Swain scored 16 points as the Gael lightweights outscored the Gaels, 28-27. George Grady counted 10.

CBS 56:	(40) Clarksburg
Colwell 70	(25) M. Bakerich
Quarles 120	(15) White
Scott 25	(12) Lewis
Vasquez 30	(10) Y. Bakerich
Laddie 25	(10) Brown

SHS 46:	(22) Bill Ross
Swain 16	(10) Jay Swain
Grady 10	(10) George Grady
Young 10	(10) Red Young
Latino 10	(10) Tony Latino
Fong 10	(10) Harvey Fong

JIM LYON arched from 20 feet and Young tossed in a pair of charity tosses to knot the count at 38-38 with 1:30 left setting the stage for Ithurburn's shot and Feenstra's heroics from the free throw lane.

Ross contributed 15 points to take high point honors with Young of SHS scoring 14. Young played an outstanding game for the Dragons with his accurate shooting, drives and play making. Feenstra scored eight for the Dragons. The Gaels Chado Vasquez moved back into the prep scoring lead for the capital with six points.

In the B game preliminary, the Dragons outscored the Gael lightweights, 27-28. Bobby Gonsalves tanked 10 for the winners, George Grady 11 for the losers.—By A. H.

SHS 56:	(25) Clarksburg
Fong 10	(10) M. Bakerich
Young 14	(10) White
Perkins 04	(10) Lewis
Linn 02	(10) Y. Bakerich
Feenstra 08	(10) Brown
Swain 16	(10) Jay Swain
Grady 10	(10) George Grady
Young 10	(10) Red Young
Latino 10	(10) Tony Latino
Fong 10	(10) Harvey Fong

Ross Makes Long Jump As Scorer

Bill Ross, Christian Brothers hook shot stylist and All-City strider of last fall, hooped 27 points in two games last week to jump from 15th to sixth place in the city's prep scoring race. Ross tanked 15 against Sacramento High and 12 at Clarkburg to run his season total to 153 points for 19 games.

TEAMMATE Chado Vasquez backed into the leadership again though scoring only 11 points in the two contests. Vasquez was second to Ed Aguirre of Grant Union, who recently graduated and is currently touring with an all-star high school team. Vasquez has 155 points. Aguirre left the prep ranks with 177 points in 18 games.

Soney Rolfe of Grant and Dick Traversi of McClatchy closed some ground on the leader during last week although each played in only one game. Rolfe potted 15 points to take over third place with a total of 181. Traversi meshed 11 in one appearance.

ROLFE AND Traversi will collide tomorrow night during the Grant-McClatchy game at the latter's court.

Average-wise, Sacramento High leads the local pack with 11 wins against six losses for 547. Grant Union has 10-9 for 528. McClatchy 7-8 for 467, and CBS 9-11 for 456.

In city play the teams have fared thusly:

	W	L	Pct.
Sacramento	3	1	.750
McClatchy	2	1	.667
CBS	2	3	.400
Grant Union	1	3	.333

Individual scoring and team records (Sacramento-Woodland game excluded):

	G.	Pts.
Yusuf, CBS	20	158
Angelo, Grant Union	28	155
Boys, Grant Union	21	145
Traversi, McClatchy	21	145
James, McClatchy	21	134
Lee, CBS	20	133
Tommy, CBS	20	131
Long, Sacramento	21	127
Levy, Sacramento	21	125
Paulson, Sacramento	20	121
McClatchy, Sacramento	14	91
Sega, McClatchy	14	86
Quinn, Grant Union	17	85
Quinn, Sacramento	14	81
Clark, Grant Union	17	77
Lawrence, CBS	17	70
James, Sacramento	18	69
Boys, Grant Union	18	66
Franklin, McClatchy	18	65
Quinn, CBS	18	63
Oliver, CBS	18	59
Lee, Sacramento	18	57
Masters, Grant Union	18	57
Yusuf, Sacramento	11	51
Tommy, McClatchy	14	49
D'Amico, McClatchy	14	48
Jack, McClatchy	14	47
Levy, CBS	14	46
Masters, CBS	14	34

Sacramento High	Great Union
10-41	10-41
11-42	11-42
12-43	12-43
13-44	13-44
14-45	14-45
15-46	15-46
16-47	16-47
17-48	17-48
18-49	18-49
19-50	19-50
20-51	20-51
21-52	21-52
22-53	22-53
23-54	23-54
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42-73	42-73
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97-128	97-128
98-129	98-129
99-130	99-130
100-131	100-131



ROSS # 11 DARK UNIFORM - TOWN FAR RIGHT

VASQUEZ LEADS PREP SCORE



CHADO VASQUEZ
... Takes Point Lead

Coons Is 2nd As CBS Ace Scores 44

Sai "Chado" Vasquez of Christian Brothers is out on the pace again this season among the capital city's leading prep cage scorers.

The sharp shooting All-City basketballer has scored 44 points in the four games the Brothers have played for an 11-points-per-game average. The scoring generally has been spread out thus far among the city centers with all of the regulars of CBS, Sacramento High, McClatchy and Grant Union getting a few.

CLOSE BEHIND the pace setter is Norman Coons of McClatchy High with 40 points. Actually, Coons boasts a higher average, having had only three chances.

Grant Union's Dick Clark is third with 33 points scored in three games counted.

Two more McClatchy easily men are among the top five going the Lions a big edge in individual scoring. Dick Battelle and Dick Travers are the



fourth and fifth highest, respectively. Battelle has 28 points and Travers 26. Both have played in three games.

THE DRAGONS show an unblemished record for the practice season with three wins to their credit. McClatchy and Grant Union have each won a pair while losing one and Christian Brothers has been successful once in four games.

Following are the high school scoring leaders:
By A. H.

Player	Pts.	G.
Vasquez, Christian Brothers	44	4
Coons, McClatchy	40	3
Clark, Grant Union	33	3
Battelle, McClatchy	28	3
Travers, McClatchy	26	3
Phillips, Sacramento	24	3
Adkins, Grant Union	23	3
Levy, Sacramento	22	3
Gally, Grant Union	21	3
Quinn, Grant Union	20	3
Smith, Sacramento	19	3
Thorn, McClatchy	18	3
Landrum, CBS	17	3
Johnson, Sacramento	16	3
Perkins, Sacramento	15	3
Wright, CBS	14	3
Moore, McClatchy	13	3
Brinson, Grant Union	12	3
Franklin, McClatchy	11	3
Murray, Grant Union	10	3
Wynn, CBS	9	3
Robert, CBS	8	3
Wright, Grant Union	7	3
McIntosh, CBS	6	3
19	27	67
20	18	65
21	27	24
22	80	104
23	42	42
24	38	38
25	41	24
26	41	24
27	130	308

Gael Gossip

By BILL CHAMBERS
Sports Editor

1951-52 All-City Basketball Selections:

First Team: Ed Aquirre and Carl "Sonny" Rolfe both of Grant, guards; Bill Ross, CBS, center; Norman Coons and Dick Traversi, Lions, forwards.

Second Team: Brook Lowe and Charles "Red" Young, Dragons, guards; Harvey Fong, Dragons, center; Sal "Chado" Vasquez, CBS, and Willis Punky Towne, CBS, forwards.

Sarto's short snorts on sports at CBS . . . A week ago Wednesday, the fighting Gael Bee team racked up their third victory of the year, downing a strong Senior class quintet, 39-33. The "youngsters" outplayed the "old men" and were led by "The George's" Thomas and Gradt in the scoring department. Pete Mikacich and Lew "Anything for Two" Pebbles paced the Seniors . . . Interclass Basketball is enjoying one of its most spectacular finishes in school history with ties and playoffs furnishing most of the excitement . . . The All-Interclass Basketball team, printed elsewhere on this page, will take on the Faculty within two weeks if a suitable time can be acquired . . . Following are complete totals of both Varsity and Bee scoring this year:

VARSITY				
	G.	FG.	FT.	T.
Vasquez	22	88	19	195
Ross	23	65	40	170
Towne	20	53	41	141
Ithurburn	21	32	19	83
Limeberger	20	31	15	77
Colbert	23	25	13	63
Lafino	22	21	7	49
Higgins	18	11	10	32
Kirrene	15	4	3	11
DePaoli	11	3	1	7
Sanchez	9	1	3	5
Ford	3	1	0	2
Henderson	5	0	1	1
Vicars	5	0	0	0
Schnetz	3	0	0	0
Totals	23	335	172	942

BEE				
	G.	FG.	FT.	T.
Thomas	20	48	43	139
Gradt	19	49	34	132

Gaels Rack Up 9-14 Record

The Christian Brothers Gael Varsity basketball team of 1951-52 ended their season on a somewhat sour note by losing to Wheatland, St. Mary's of B., and McClatchy. They did defeat Clarksburg High, 58-46, with center Bill Ross pumping in 22 points, to give them one win in their last four games and bring final totals to 9 wins and 14 losses.

The Blue and White lost to a good Wheatland team by a score of 44-39 and in the St. Mary's game it was a case of too much height on the Berkeley five combined with good defense to hand the locals a 46-33 defeat. After the game Pete Ithurburn received the Alumni award for being the outstanding player for the Irish in the game.

The last game of the season was against the Lions and the Gaels were on the wrong end of a 40-35 score when it was over. Thus basketball ended for another year.

All-City selections by the Sacramento Union placed Bill Ross on the first squad and Chado Vasquez and Punky Towne on the second choice.

FINAL VARSITY RECORD

42	Courtland	25
22	Folsom	32
20	Lodi	50
34	Napa	43
41	Jackson	26
41	Nevada City	20
53	Grass Valley	32
27	Grant	38
44	Chico	46
42	Lodi	45
36	Napa	37
26	Sacramento	36
42	Courtland	44
35	Rio Vista	16
36	Grant	33
33	St. Mary's of B.	35
38	McClatchy	39
35	Oroville	32
41	Sacramento	40
58	Clarksburg	48
30	Wheatland	44
33	St. Mary's of B.	46
35	McClatchy	40
543	(9-14)	963

RACING CHAMPION HERE

LIONS LAND

SHS Dragons, Grant, Gaels Represented on First Five

By ALLEN HORSNER

City champion McClatchy High gained a corner on the All-City basketball team this season with two players on the first five, Buzzard, Sacramento High, Grant Union and Christian Brothers each landed one of these stars on the all-star unit.

The Gaels and Dragons dominated the second team, pooled with two players each while one Grant hoopster was named to complete the squad. The Lions were shut out in second team honors.

SELECTIONS WERE MADE, as usual, by the coaches themselves with the co-operation of the Union sports departments. Coaches on the selection committee were Chairman William McClatchy, Pop Brecken of Sacramento High, Gus Wicks of Grant Union and Christian Brothers' freshman coach Regis Hurley. Here's the select group:

POSITION	NAME	CLASS
FORWARD	Ed Aquilera, Grant Union	Senior
FORWARD	Lois Treverri, McClatchy	Senior
CENTER	Bill Ross, Christian Brothers	Senior
GUARD	Gerald McCrum, Sacramento	Senior
GUARD	Norman Coons, McClatchy	Graduated

POSITION	NAME	CLASS
FORWARD	Carl Rolfe, Grant Union	Junior
FORWARD	Will Toome, Christian Brothers	Senior
GUARD	John Parkinson, Sacramento	Senior
GUARD	Sheldon Vangness, CHS	Senior
GUARD	Breck Lowe, Sacramento	Senior

HONORABLE MENTION

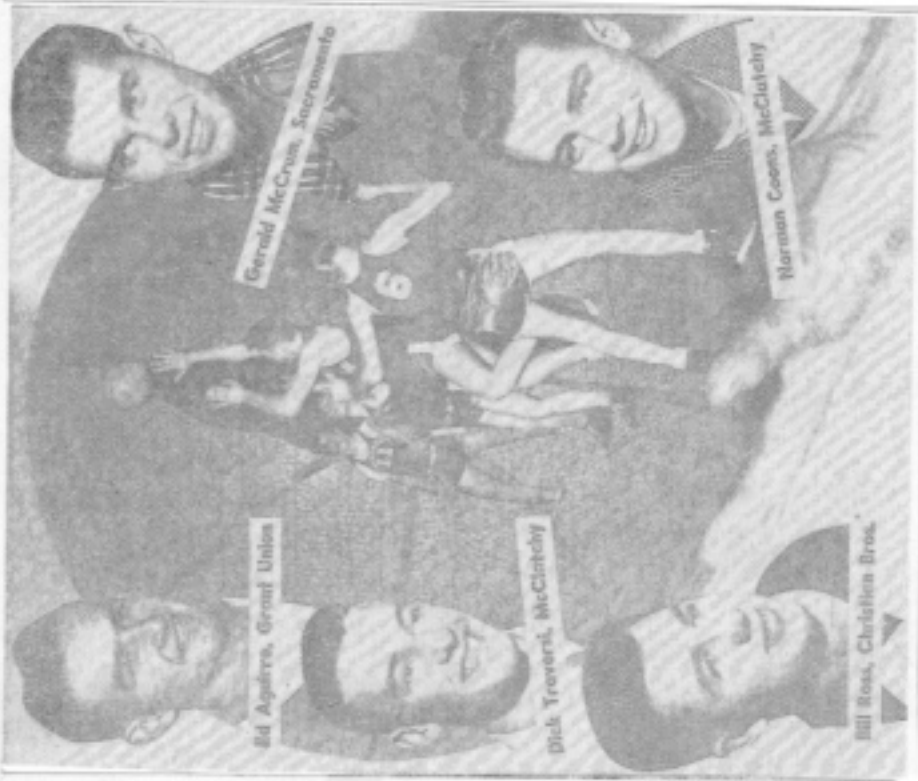
Charles Young, Sacramento; Bill Casselman, Sacramento; Richard Hoyt, McClatchy; Richard Battelle, McClatchy; Fyde Scott, Grant Union.

This season's All-City selections posed a problem since the two players considered shooing for the team played only until near the end of the season. They were Aquilera of Grant and Coons of the Lions. When the selection committee made them eligible for the honor, the two prep committees were unanimous choice, and, incidentally, the only two players about whom coaches agreed to the man.

THERE WERE MANY candidates for the three remaining positions on the first team and no less than 10 candidates, all playing equally, for the second.

The team selection committee made combination with four of the first five players within the first six individual scores. Aquilera is the only veteran of this squad. Picked on the first team last year, the Grant defender was the top man gang of Molar's Facer attack. While he played in only 17 games before graduating, Aquilera fired 177 points for a 10 points per game average. He is an aggressive defense man as well.

TWO ON UNION ALL-CI



COONS WAS THE MOST consistent scorer of the group. He tossed in 154 points before leaving McCluskey and Loosen the highest average. He played in 13 games for a 22.8 average.

Traversi was the city scoring champion for the first time and paced the Lions to their decisive city title. The McCluskey senior took over for Coons when the latter was graduated and kept the Lions going. The second sophomore of the squad, Traversi wound up with 218 points in 19 games for an 11-point average. His scoring average shot from the first throw line was 11.6 in the hole of the first period.

Bill Ross was named the center of the attack. One of the most improved players in the circuit, Ross was a strong performer in all of the CBS games. His ability around the post increased with the season until he was highly respected in local prep circles. The Orel star learned to hook during the campaign and became the brookery class' threat from the floor. Ross scored 170 points in 28 games and was a good rebounder.

GERALD McCURUM of the Dragons was the dark horse candidate and made it. The defense-minded McCurum was a tough and energetic shooter, rebounded well and handled all the key jobs for the Dragons. He was one of the few Dragons in the area stilling the SRS lineup who managed to hold a scoring berth most of the season. McCurum tallied 111 points in 19 contests for Sacramento, averaging 5.8 points a game.

Sonny Rods of Grant is the only junior on the first or second teams. The Pacer ace showed promise of becoming an outstanding hoopster next season.

Salvatore "Chad" Vasquez of Christian Brothers was a first team selection last season but talked off during the last campaign. With the All-City job riding with him every game, in addition to leading the scoring pack most of the season, the little Gnat draw-eyr was the target of all of the brookery foes.

JOHN PARKINSON and **Brook Love**, both of Sacramento High, were among the city's leading players definitely as well as in setting up plays. Love was a mid-term graduate and Parkinson is a senior.

Will Torres of CBS gives the second team good strength under the boards and is a capable shooter. He missed a few games because of an injury.

Fred Scott of Great Union, named by being accorded honorable mention while only a freshman. The 13-year-old eager from Kentucky is regarded as the top prep prospect in this area.

Baseball Prospects Loom Bright At State College

By Marco Smolich

Seven returning lettermen and a bright batch of newcomers sugar well for the Sacramento State Hornets' forthcoming baseball campaign.

Coach Warren Conrad, whose basketball worries will be over with the conclusion of the current invitational tournament in Los Angeles, believes his nine will produce a better record than last year's 13-8.

Warren has reasons for such optimism.

Four Ex-Panthers

"We'll have four boys who played for Sacramento Junior College's 1951 state champions," he said. "They are pitchers Don (Ducky) Kozovich and Bob Lehtola, third baseman Bud Farley and outfielder Al Brown.

"Infielder Pete Posch and Joe Geyer, who can catch or play in

Marysville will be announced later.

Prep Basketball Was Below Par In Capital

High school basketball in Sacramento last season was below par.

Sacramento started strong with nine straight wins. But January graduations, which took Brook Lowe and Bill Casselman, hurt plenty. The Dragons finished with 12 wins and eight losses, the C. K. McClatchy High School Lions coming in ahead of them in the city race and the Sac-Joaquin Conference.

The Lions' fast finish was surprising because they lost Norman Coons, their top scorer, in January. The midterm graduations also took a toll at Grant Union with the departure of Ed Aguirre.

Therefore it is wise to pick two all star city quintets, one including the midterm graduates, the other without them.

Our all city five, including cagers who left the prep ranks in January, consists of Coons and Dick Travers, Lions, at forwards; Bill Ross, Christian Brothers, at center, and Lowe, Sacramento, and Aguirre, Grant, guards.

A team selected of players around at the season's finish would have Gerald McCrum, Sacramento, and Travers, forwards; Ross, center, and Sal Vasquez, Christian Brothers, and Carl Rolfe, Grant, guards.



Carl Rolfe

Bill Ross

the outfield, are from Grant Tech. Jim Donnelly, an infielder, is a transfer from Stockton JC and Gene Gardner, a pitcher, is from the College of the Pacific.

What makes Conrad even happier is the presence of Augie Ammons at first base. A left-handed hitter and thrower, Augie is rated by professional scouts as the slickest prospect in this area. The 1951-52 batting leader of the Sacramento Winter League will be graduated in June, a day on which more scouts than usual will be at his door.

Santa Clara University 1952 - 1956

Bill Ross & Willis Town both received full scholarships to Santa Clara University in 1952. At that time freshmen could not play Varsity sports and played other schools' freshman teams.

Santa Clara dropped football the next year, and the school honored the players' scholarships if they wanted to stay at the University. Bill stayed and graduated in 1956. Willis left and received a scholarship at Wichita State where he made "All Conference".

Bill declined offers from Stanford, Cal, San Jose State, UCLA and Oregon State.



Back Row, Left to Right: Coach Danny Hanson, Toomey, Thompson, Walters, Decker, Mamatt, Schmidt. Third Row: Davis, Loney, Ferrini, Maddalena, Spinardi, Torres, Towns, Marebitta, Ross. Second Row: Heuer, Bran-

non, Redell, Comstock, Mastelotto, Brown, Brennan, Massey. Third Row: Burgess, Disney, Voshell, Kiefer, Lauricella, Stewart, Furlanic, Quinn.

FOOTBALL 1956

UNBEATEN, UNTIED, UNINVITED, UNPLAYED

In the fall of 1952 the freshman class assembled a football team which, ironically, was one of the best and most spirited teams in the history of the Mission University. This aggregation posted a record of three wins in four games, beating the C.O.P. Cubs, 19-0; the Stanford Popeoses, 20-17; and the San Jose State Spartan Babies, 54-13; while losing only to the pro-slugged and battle scarred veterans of Treasure Island Navy, 7-14. As we well know, because King Football's practicability could no longer match his popularity, the winter of that same year saw the culmination of his fifty year reign on the campus of the University of Santa Clara.

As a result, the school of the Jesuit Padres waved a sad good-bye to most of her more talented freshman football players. At that time, students, alumni, and friends were heard to remark that had this team been allowed to mature and develop, it might well have been the team to bring to her Alma Mater her fourth bowl victory in her fourth try. Some, more skeptical, labelled these thoughts wishful dreams, speculations on the impossible or far fetched fantasies. But whatever they were let us now, four years later, examine the individual records of the members of this team, some of whom have converted on other gridirons for other colleges, universities and institutions.

This past year eleven of those players were seniors at the University of Santa Clara: Don Comstock, Felton Ferrini, Pat Ellinger, Frank Loney, Sal

Liccardi, Roland Maddalena, Bill Ross, Marty Sammon, Ted Spinardi, Manny Torres, and Joe Quinn. And twelve others, that we know of, made the varsities of some of the Nation's best teams: Jim Brown and Jim Decker, U.C.L.A.; Fritz Furlanic, Stanford; Mose Mastelotto and Dick Burgess, Ohio State; Dick King and George Souza, California; Funky Towns, Wichita State; Max Voshell, San Jose State; Pete Toomey, Washington State; Dick Dames, San Diego State; and Ted Brennan, U.S. Army in Japan. Of this group, Jim Brown was named an All-American and he and Jim Decker were named to the first and second strings All-Coast, respectively, and played in the 1956 Rose Bowl Game for U.C.L.A. Bill Towns was named first string and All-Conference of Wichita. Mose Mastelotto, also an end, was a first stringer — All-League of Ohio State. And Ted Brennan was selected as a first team lineman on the All-Service team in Japan.

Take another good look at the picture at the top of the page, add to its roster the names of those who are missing: Dosse, Ellinger, Liccardi, Long, Thompson, Trily, et al. Remember that 50 per cent of all these men were All-Catholic, All-League, All-CIP, or All-State in high school. Add to these facts the records of those who left and the potential of those who stayed, now may we not safely say, this would have been a truly great Santa Clara Team!

