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**SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2014**

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*Above, Wally Westlake '39 slides toward Jackie Robinson.*

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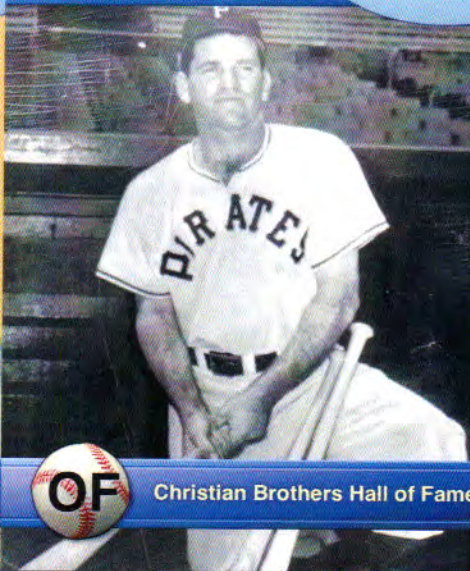
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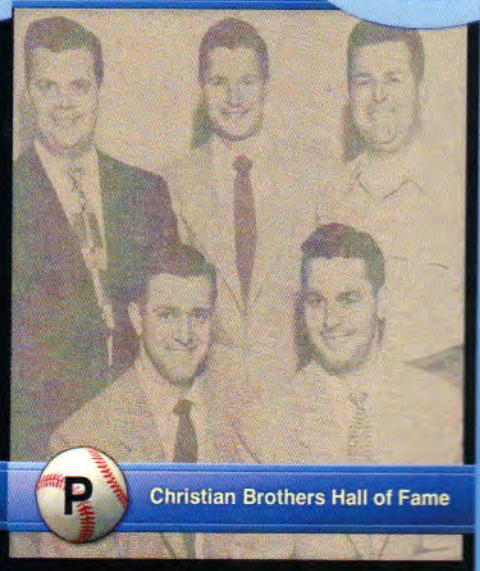
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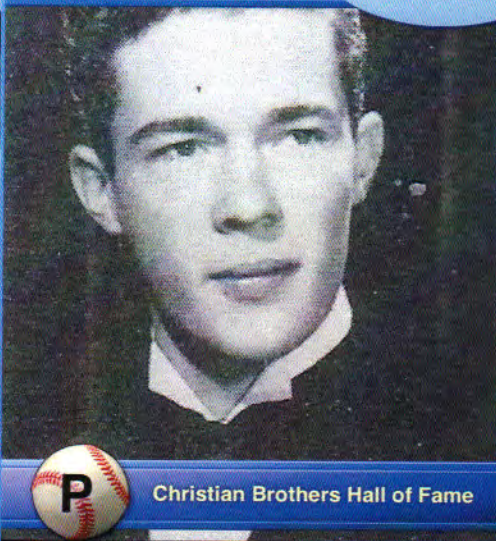
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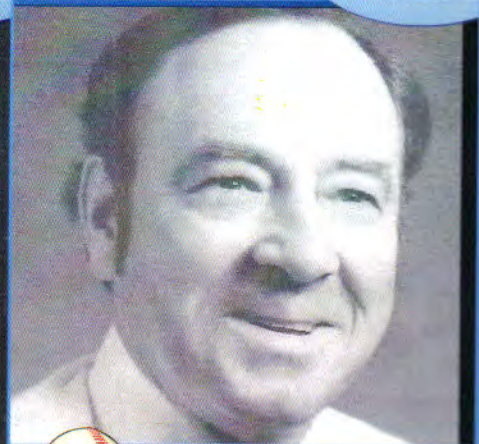
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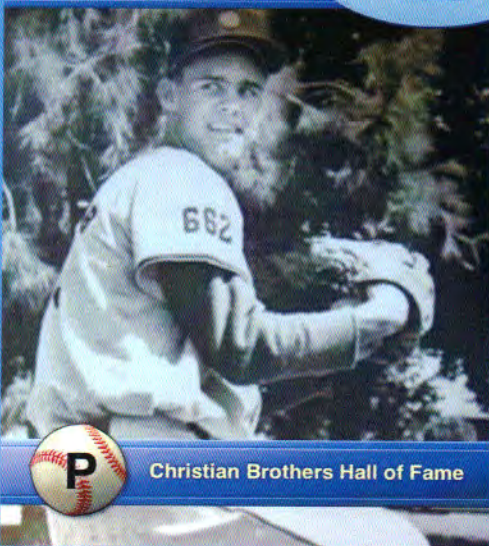
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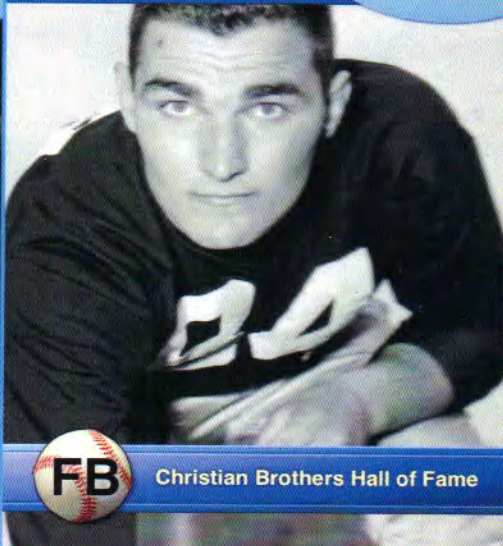
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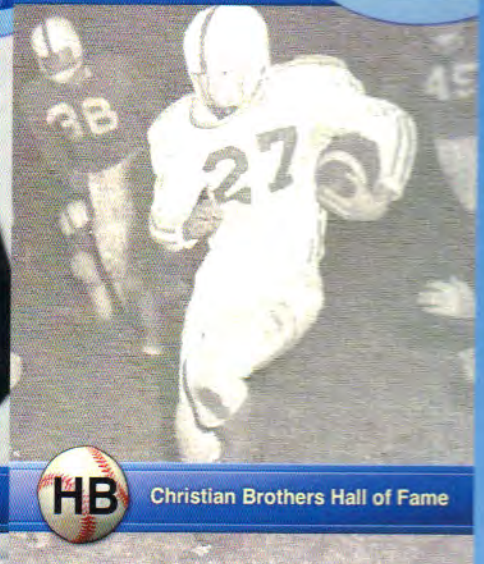
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Dick Mooney

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## Welcome

On behalf of the administration and athletic department of CBHS, I want to welcome you to the very first Athletic Hall of Fame induction dinner. This evening is the culmination of many months of planning by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee and many discussions advocating the creation of the Hall of Fame among various school groups. It is an exciting night for the inductees and their families and friends as we recognize their athletic accomplishments and contributions to Christian Brothers. It is also an opportunity to recognize the rich and lengthy history of Christian Brothers athletics. I hope you have time tonight to view some of this history in the many pictures of our inductees posted around the field house and the biographies contained in this program.



Dan Carmazzi

This night would not be possible without the full support of our school administration, especially our President, Lorcan Barnes and our Principal, Mary Hesser. This night would also not be possible without the tireless efforts and dedication of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee: Jill Bennett, Bernie Church, Danny Delgado, Cynthia Gandy, Pat Gormley, Mike Elorduy, Diane Heine, Joe McNamara, Bobbi Pires, Dick Sperbeck and Jack Witry. A special note of thanks goes out to the La Salle Club which acted as a catalyst for the creation of the Hall of Fame and has been an integral part in making this event happen. We hope to emulate the success of the La Salle Club with their hall of fame events in the coming years. Finally, a sincere thank you to the Phil Marskey Foundation for their generosity.

The Selection Committee has established various categories for induction into the Hall of Fame. They include individual athletes, families, teams, coaches and administrators. The Selection Committee will begin the screening process for next year's class of inductees in the next few months. If you know of a deserving individual or group, please go to the Athletic Hall of Fame website and complete the nomination form. (<http://www.cbhshof.com/contact.html>)

Thank you for joining us at the inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame induction dinner. Please help us spread the word about the Hall of Fame to other alumni and friends of Christian Brothers High School. Enjoy the evening and I hope to see you next year.

Respectfully yours,  
Dan Carmazzi

The Inaugural Christian Brothers H.S.

Athletic Hall of Fame

Saturday, May 31, 2014

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Dan Carmazzi, Athletic Director

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INDUCTEE ACCEPTANCE SPEECH (1931-1969)

Dick Mooney, Class of 1958

"Coach" AN ORIGINAL SONG

Mark Wellendorf, Class of 1983

INDUCTEE ACCEPTANCE SPEECH (1970-1993)

Vince Delgado, Class of 1984

CLOSING

LORCAN BARNES,

President of Christian Brothers H.S.

## Joe Marty, Class of 1931

By Vincent Stanich

*Sacramento Union, August 19, 1979*

One of Sacramento's own was Joe Marty, who graduated to professional baseball right off the local lots. He was discovered by George "Alfie" Putnam, who then was one of the three owners of the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League. During the 1920's they had the most valuable minor league franchise in the country. What made them such a team was their ability to discover more youngsters, who later made the major leagues, then any other minor league owners in the history of baseball.



Marty was one of their gems, something Putnam recognized almost immediately in the spring of 1934. Three months after signing, Marty became a regular for the Seals. Joe Dimaggio was already a member of the outfield, having taken the job from Sacramentan Bill Svlich in 1933.

Marty, who was born in Sacramento, prepped at Christian Brothers High School and spent one year at St. Mary's College before signing with the Seals. In 1935, the Seals outfield was composed of Dimaggio, Marty, and Lefty O'Doul, who became player-manager that year.

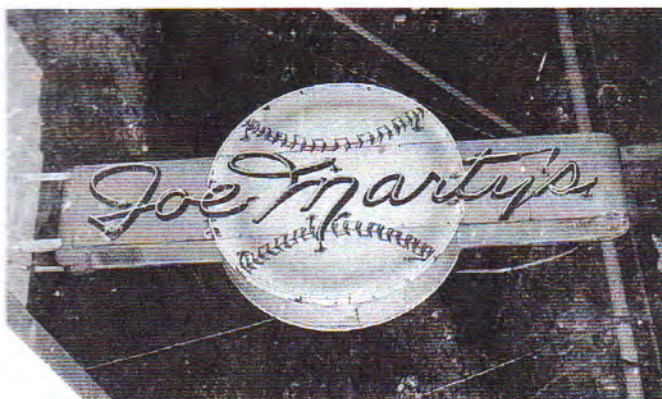
In 1936 Dimaggio went to the New York Yankees and O'Doul relegated himself to bench manager. Marty, who was joined in the outfield by Tony Boroja, also from Sacramento and Ted Norbet, proceeded to lead the PCL in hitting at a .358 clip.

Marty was sold to the Chicago Cubs in 1937. Taking Marty's place on the Seal's roster was Dominic Dimaggio, who subsequently, went to the majors with the Boston Red Sox in 1940.

Marty got into the World Series with the Cubs in 1938 when they lost four straight to the

Yankees. Ironically, it was Marty's ex-teammate, Joe DiMaggio, who played havoc with the Cub pitching staff. DiMaggio connected for a two-run homer in the eighth inning for the fourth and final game off of Dizzy Dean.

In 1939, Marty was traded to the Philadelphia Phillies, with whom he stayed through the 1941 season before entering the service. In





1946, he returned to Sacramento and joined the Solons.

Marty became one of Sacramento's brightest stars, and his tremendous popularity brought him the manager's job in 1950. His many friends pooled their resources and presented Marty with a new 1950 Buick midway through the season.

In 1951 Marty retired from baseball. He now dispenses pizza and beverages with Eleanor Limeberger, widow of his former partner, William Limeberger. And he reports to work every morning driving the same car that was presented to him 30 years ago.

## Wally Westlake

*By Rick Cabral,*

*Baseballsacramento.com*

Wally Westlake's name still resounds throughout local baseball history, despite the nearly 60 years since he last played big league ball.

In 2011, a panel of experts selected Westlake No. 14 among the All-Time Top 50 major league players from the greater Sacramento area, a true testament to his 10-year major league career.

Westlake starred on the Christian Brothers baseball team from 1937 to 1939. He also played for Manhart Junior American Legion, coached by Bill Avila. In 1936, Westlake drove in the winning run to give Manhart the state title. In his senior season at Brothers (1939), the Gales posted a 15-2 record.

That summer at Avila's suggestion, Brooklyn scout Ted McGrew invited Westlake to an open try-out in Fresno. He was offered a contract, but Westlake negotiated two additional clauses: first, if he was still in the organization by June 15, 1940, he would be paid a \$500 bonus. Second, if he didn't stick, the Dodgers would provide a bus ticket home.

That summer with Dayton (Class-C Mid-Atlantic League) in 30 games he hit just .176. On June 14, the Dodgers gave Westlake his outright release, a bus ticket back to Sacramento and this advice: "Forget about baseball. You don't have the abilities to play the game. Go home and find yourself a good job." When he reached Sacramento that evening, the bus rolled by Cardinal Field. "The lights are on. The game is on. Of course, the tears are running like Niagra Falls," Westlake recalled in a 2012 interview. At that moment, he vowed to prove them all wrong.



In spring 1941, Westlake signed with Oakland, which assigned him to their Class-C California League affiliate, Merced. There, Westlake's hitting improved to .265 with 18 home runs in a full season. Oakland promoted him in 1942 to the Pacific Coast League, where he finished with a .268 average and seven home runs.

From 1943 to 1945, Westlake served in the military, but never left the States.

During the winter of 1945, Oakland sent Westlake a contract for \$375 per month. He rejected it and struck a deal: he would report to spring training without a contract but if he made the club the Oaks would pay him \$575 per month. They agreed. That year, the PCL had been reclassified to Triple-A level.

In 1946, at age 25 he reported to spring training with Oakland under new manager, Casey Stengel. Stengel divided the ballplayers into two groups, with Westlake being sent to the "B" squad. During the entire camp, Stengel muttered nary a word to Wally.

On the last day of the '46 camp, Westlake thought his career might be over. Then Stengel informed him, "I'm taking you with me." Westlake jumped for joy and was the club's starting centerfielder on opening day.

Early on Stengel told Westlake, "Now, I'm going to teach you how to play this game." Westlake thought to himself, "He's full of it. I know how to play this game." In '46, Westlake posted the Oaks second-best batting average (.315). On September 25 he was traded to Pittsburgh for a player to be named later and \$35,000 cash.

During Pittsburgh's spring camp, Westlake realized Stengel's tutelage had given him an edge, especially in the outfield where he could run and throw. On April 15, 1947, Westlake made his major league debut with the Pirates the same day Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Westlake started in right field alongside future Hall of Famers Hank Greenberg and Ralph Kiner. In his third at bat against the Cubs, Westlake got his first major league hit, a single off Hank Borowy. He made \$6,700 that first major league season.

The six-foot outfielder quickly became a fan favorite as a rookie, hitting .273 with 17 homers and 69 runs batted in for the 7<sup>th</sup> place Bucs.

In 1948, his second season with Pittsburgh, Wally's batting average rose to .278, as the club



Wally Westlake slides towards Jackie Robinson

posted an 83-71 mark, the only time they would finish above .500 while he was there. The following season—considered his best offensively—he batted .282 with 23 home runs and 104 RBI, plus he hit for the cycle.

In 1950, Branch Rickey took over as general manager of the Pirates. Westlake posted another strong year, hitting .266 with 22 home runs and 84 RBI. It earned him his only All-Star selection. Plus an invitation by crooner Bing Crosby, part owner of the Bucs, to join him hunting on his ranch in northern California.

In June, 1951, Rickey traded Westlake and a teammate to St. Louis for five Cardinals players (including Joe Garagiola). Westlake admits the trade affected him psychologically. "This thing was really working (on me). It came from no place. It hurt me." He had his worst season as a pro, hitting .252 for the Cards. Less than a year later, St. Louis traded him to Cincinnati, where the tailspin escalated.

Three months later in August 1952, the Reds traded Westlake to the Cleveland Indians. Their general manager—and his former Pirates teammate—Hank Greenberg believed the junior circuit pitching might revive Westlake's bat. It did and rekindled his career. He began the 1953 season as a reserve outfielder. By end of summer, his bat came alive, and he finished the campaign hitting .330 with nine home runs and 46 RBI. The Indians finished second to the New York Yankees.

In 1954, Westlake continued to platoon in the outfield, as the Indians posted 111 wins—an AL best at the time. They faced the New York Giants in the World Series. Westlake started two games and stroked a hit off lefthander Johnny Antonelli. The Giants swept the Indians 4-0 and took home the World Series trophy.

By the 1955 season, Westlake knew the end was nearing. He played just 24 games that season, split between the Indians and Baltimore. In 1956 he signed as a free agent with Philadelphia where he played the final five games of his major league career. He finished the season in the Pacific Coast League, splitting time between the Oaks and Portland.

In 1956, Westlake signed with the hometown Sacramento Solons, batting .273 with 12 home runs and 50 RBI before retiring at age 36 from pro baseball.

Wally's younger brother Jim Westlake enjoyed a nine-year minor league career and played one game for the Phillies in 1955.

Soon after he retired from baseball, Wally went to work for A. Teichert & Sons Construction Company as a lead laborer. Westlake always was pleased when the company shut down for the winter, as it allowed him to go hunting and fishing.

Wally and his wife Rose raised five children: Patricia, Constance, Steve, Cathleen and Joseph.

## The Knezovich Brothers

By Marco Smolich

*Sacramento Bee, April 5, 1973*

Inasmuch as the Christian Brothers began teaching locally in 1876 --- the school was then called St. Patrick's Institute and was located at 12th and K Streets --- quite a crowd is expected tomorrow night for the annual alumni reunion festivities at the Christian Brothers School. Tickets, as the saying goes, are moving briskly and only a limited number will be available at the door.



Seated: Mel and Al  
Standing: Paul, Don, and Ray

Chairman Jack Stassi and his aides Jim Westlake, Al Anicich, and Ron Limeberger promise a dandy program which includes keeping all speeches short and the unveiling of the Knezovich Memorial Trophy, on which will be inscribed the name of the CBS baseball varsity's outstanding pitcher each year.

The trophy honors Paul and Don "Ducky" Knezovich, the first and last, respectively, of five pitchers who were starting pitchers for the Gaels (now Falcons) over a 13-year span. The others are Ray, Al, and Mel. It used to be that a guy would look at the box score and say: "Hasn't Knezovich graduated yet?"

The fivesome racked up a total of 101 victories against only 16 losses for a fantastic winning percentage of .863. So the Falcon flingers who earn a line on the Knezovich Memorial Trophy should be most deserving and mighty proud.

They don't come any better in "prepdom" than Paul and Don, as persons as well as pitchers.

Paul who died of a heart attack last year at the age of 49, enrolled at CB --- then at 21st and Broadway --- in 1935 and started his varsity career as a sophomore in '37.

Don, who was 34 when he died of leukemia in 1965, ended the Knezovich string in '49.

Their achievements, along with those of Ray, Al, and Mel make an interesting story. Paul, along with compiling a 23-4 record for Brothers --- one of his classmates was Wally Westlake who spent 10 years as a major league outfielder --- played a big role in Manhart Post's drive to the 1937 state American Legion championship.

In 1930 he started another Knezovich streak by becoming the bat boy for the old Sacramento Solons --- his home was only a few blocks from the ball park at 14th and W Streets, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Knezovich, still reside.

That season Tony Freitas showed his promise by winning 23 games and Myril Hoag batted .337

with 121 RBI's.

Well, you've guessed it. Paul eventually formed a "corporation" so that for 16 straight years, until Don resigned in '45, a Knezovich was the Solons' batboy. The last of the Knezoviches, "Ducky", equaled Paul's CBS record of 23-4.

The number 2 Knezovich was Ray, who still keeps a hand in the game as secretary of the Bushers Baseball Players Association. He came to CB in 1937, would up with a 16-3 mark, hit .300 consistently, and as a senior, hurled a one-hitter against the Sacramento Dragons.

After Ray came Al, whose 19-2 mark topped the clan's percentage. In 1942 his pitching gave the then leagueless Christian Brothers the mythical City Championship as he beat McClatchy 2-1 in a 12 inning thriller at old Cardinal Field. Al received a baseball scholarship to St. Marys College, from which he graduated with a degree in business administration.

While others had chances, the only Knezovich to take a shot at professional ball was Mel, who completed his CBS academic pursuits in 1947. His 20-3 record included a pair of one-hit verdicts over the Lions and a 4-3 victory win over Sacramento High School in a game billed as the City Championship.

Mel's pitching opponent in the latter contest was George Stanich, the great all-around athlete who went on the gain track and basketball fame at UCLA and was a high jumper in the 1948 London Olympics. Mike Radan, a longtime friend, was largely responsible for Mel's turning pro. After Mel had enjoyed a fine freshman season at St. Mary's --- like Al he had won a scholarship -- the right hander signed into the Cleveland Indian chain with Radan negotiating the deal.

Mel made it as high as the Pacific Coast League, spending spring training with the San Diego Padres in 1949 under manager Bucky Walters.

Well, those tales and many more will be recalled at the reunion --- and not only by the alumni. The party has always drawn a fair share of former Dragons and Lions.

## **The 1946 Baseball Team**

*By Jim McNamara, class of 1947*

As new coach Roy Misfeldt studied his 1946 roster, he must have been quite pleased with the melodious mix of youth and experience. He had capable batsmen, speed, defense up the middle, and the one thing that every baseball manager can't get enough of --- excellent starting pitching. In the Sacramento Union's annual high school preview edition, Hank Hollingworth wrote:

***Christian Brothers Coach Roy Misfeldt is looking forward***



Jim McNamara

to the 1946 baseball season with a smug countenance, and when one glances over his roster the reason is apparent. Why? Because his nine equipped with a stronger battery than any Sacramento unit has possessed in many moons.

The staff was anchored by Mel Knezovich and sported veterans Bill Zanze, Matt Puliz, and Donald Knezovich.

Catching this impressive quartet would be Ronnie King, a polished receiver with one of the most feared throwing arms in Sacramento. As spring practice came to a close, Coach Misfeldt made out the following starting lineup:

2B: Joe Lutzy  
SS: Jim McNamara  
C: Ronnie King  
3B: Gil Urbano  
1B: Dick Markham  
LF: Doc Cuffe  
CF: Vince Vallarino  
RF: Manuel Cazares  
P: Mel Knezovich/ Bill Zanze

### **Dominating the Local Schools**

After a few tune-up games, the season began on March 16th at William Land Park, as Bill Zanze squared off against McClatchy's ace Dick Luttig. In a close game where Brothers found themselves trailing in the 7th inning, Gil Urbano smashed a double, scoring Jimmy McNamara with the winning run. Zanze was effective giving up only three hits and was the winning pitcher.

Brothers next traveled St. Mary's High School in Berkeley where Zanze hurled a 3-hit shutout. Jim McNamara and Doc Cuffe each had two hits in the 1 to 0 hard fought victory. Mel Knezovich took his turn against the Wolves of Woodland, shutting them out 10 to 0, thanks to a 10-run sixth inning and the 3 for 4 slugging of Gil Urbano.

On the eve of the big game against Sacramento High School, young Don "Ducky" Knezovich got



Front: Joe Kirrene, Gil Urbano, Jie Lutzy, Ron King, Vince Vallernio, Jim McNamara, Don Knezovich, Clarence Loeffler. Standing: Br. Kevin, Bob Slakey, Carl Moynahan, Mel Knezovich, Dan Corcoran, Dick Markham, Manuel Cazares, Jim Heon, Tom Rubidoux, Roy Misfelt

the assignment against the Herd of Elk Grove. Proving his mettle, Ducky continued the pitching dominance by striking out 8 in a 3-hit, 3 to 1 victory. Gil Urbano continued his hot hitting with a two-run double in the first inning.

### **A Collapse and a Win!**

An overflow crowd packed William Land Park's Diamond #1 on April 24th for the showdown against Sacramento High School. The crowds were so large that temporary grandstands had to be elected to accommodate the fans. Tragedy nearly struck before the first pitch when an entire section of the crowded grandstands collapsed . Miraculously, no one was injured, although one elderly gentleman's cane was snapped in two pieces. Once the grandstand drama quelled, the spectators were treated to a thrilling game that saw Brothers win 4 to 3. Clever Mel Knezovich garnered his fifth victory of the year, giving up 5 hits and striking out 14. Timely hits by Ronnie King, Gil Urbano, and Vince Vallerino paced the offense.

### **Undefeated**

After beating Elk Grove High for the second time, Brothers took on El Dorado High School and continued their winning ways behind Don Knezovich with a 9 to 3 victory. Gil Urbano had a productive day with a single, double, and home run, while Ronnie King contributed a double and a triple.

Brothers closed out the year with two dominant victories over Roseville High School. Mel Knezovich won the first game of the series 13 to 1, striking out 13 and tallying 3 hits. Two days later, brother Don shut out the Roseville boys on just 3 hits. Gil Urbano and Ronnie King each had three hits to spark the offense. With the Roseville series in the books, Brothers finished the year undefeated, with a 14 and 0 record.

Third Baseman Gil Urbano hit .625 for the season and was chosen as the Sacramento Union's most outstanding player in 1946. He was also named the captain of the All City Team. Ronnie King was also named to the squad. In lauding King's season, The Union wrote:

***Catcher Ronnie King earned his lost without a dissenting vote. If the team merits a co-captain , the star backstop could easily be raised to a spot besides his third base mate.***

Pitcher Mel Knezovich was the third representative from Brothers to make the coveted team.

### **Ronnie King**

A 1946 graduate of Christian Brothers High School. Ron nie



**Ronnie King**

competed on the varsity baseball team all four years and played JV football as a sophomore. From 1937 through 1946 Ron worked for the Sacramento Solons, manning the scoreboard and being the visiting team bat boy. He was also a club house boy. He learned to play fundamental baseball by watching the Pacific Coast League players. He was a member of the undefeated 1946 baseball team. His awards included: Baseball "All City" 1945 and 1946, co-captain of the 1946 CB baseball team, and representing Sacramento in the East vs West game in the Bay area 1946.

Ron names the three Knezovich brothers as notable teammates he caught for Al in 1943 and 1944, Mel in 1944 and 1945, and Ducky in 1946. Brother Eugene Ward was a friend and an outstanding coach and teacher.

Professionally, Ron had a ten-year catching career (1946-1956) for the Cleveland Indians organization. He was also a player coach. From 1958 to 2000 he was a baseball scout. He scouted for the Dodgers for twenty years and the Phillies for his last two years. He was voted "Scout of the Year" (West Coast) in 1997 by the National Scouts and Big League General Managers. He started scouting the local area, and ended up being National Cross Checker and assistant to the Director of Scouting.



Joe Kirrene

Two of his favorite athletic memories were catching Herb Score in a no-hit game until the second out in the 9th inning in the Eastern League, and being at Christian Brothers and playing on the 1946 undefeated team.

## Joe Kirrene

Joe was a 1949 graduate of Christian Brothers High School, and a member of the 1946 undefeated baseball team. He made the varsity baseball team as a freshman. In his subsequent years at Christian Brothers, he made the All City Baseball team two years in a row. Joe had many memorable baseball moments including almost single handedly beating Sacramento High School for the City Championship in 1948. In the first inning, he tripled home a run. In the third, he singled home another. In the seventh, he clubbed a based loaded home run, as Christian Brothers defeated Sac High 9 to 7 before a capacity house at William Land Park.

In 1949, he was the key member of a stellar squad that won 16 straight games before finally losing to a tough Sacred Heart team in San Francisco. Even in defeat, Joe made headlines. According



to the local papers, Joe hit a home run against Sacred Heart that cleared a full city block, bouncing once and disappearing over a house roof.

After graduation, Joe signed a contract with the Chicago White Sox and in 1950 played at Waterloo, Iowa in the Class B Three Eye League. Also in that league was Cedar Rapids, a Cleveland Farm Club, and their catcher was Ron King, his 1946 CB teammate. He was called up to the "Big Club" at age 18, the youngest player in the American League. He played in the last game of the season against the St. Louis Browns that year and went one for four.

After a stint in the US Coast Guard, he came back to baseball in the Spring of 1954, went to spring training with Chicago and was assigned to Colorado Springs. He hit .344, leading the league in hitting and was called up to the Sox in August. His overall batting average with Chicago was .296.

In the Spring of 1955, he went to Spring training with the White Sox, and was assigned to the San Francisco Seals. He was later traded to the Oakland Oaks in July. He played his last season in 1956 in Memphis in the Southern Association League.

### **Gilbert J. Urbano, Sr.**

A 1946 graduate of Christian Brothers High School, Gil was a two sport athlete competing in baseball and basketball in his years at CB. Gil was also a member of the undefeated 1946 baseball team. Gil hit for .625 that season and was chosen, along with Ronnie King, as the Sacramento Union's "Most Outstanding Player". He was also named captain of the "1946 All City Team". Most sports writers agreed that it was one of the finest batting performances in the history of Sacramento high school baseball. Professionally, Gil played second base for the Stockton Ports and shortstop for Mexicali.

Gil lists Jim McNamara, Dick Markham, Mel and Don Knezovich as notable teammates. Clyde Haskell, Ronald King, and Bill Avilla were prominent coaches he played under.

The best players he played against were Glen Dufour and Bobby Schang. He names Bill Avilla as the best coach he played under. His favorite city to play for was Colusa and Isleton where he won several championships.



**Gil Urbano**

## James Church

*By the selection committee*

As a student at Christian Brothers, Jim Church earned 7 varsity letters, competing in both basketball and baseball. During his senior year (1950) Jim led the Gaels to the city high school championship, scoring 168 points in 20 games. He was the key man on both offense and defense and at one point the Gaels won 14 consecutive games. He was the only Gael selected to the Sacramento Union's "All City" team even though they won the championship. He was also a unanimous choice on the Sacramento Bee's team.



In baseball he pitched on the varsity team for three seasons with his team winning the city championship his junior year in 1949. He had a record that year of 7 and 2. He had his strongest outing against Sacred Heart of San Francisco, always a strong team, whom he beat 4 to 1, allowing just 4 hits and striking out 10. His senior year was just as strong. In a game against Roseville, Jim drove in 7 runs with a grand slam and a bases loaded double. For the season, he batted .429 and had 6 wins and 1 loss, striking out 48 while walking just 12. He was a unanimous choice on both the Sacramento Union and Bee's all city baseball teams.

He also ran track and received a medal at the Knights of Columbus annual track meet. That spring, he was selected as the "Outstanding Senior Student Athlete" and as the most valuable basketball player.

Besides excelling in sports, Jim was an outstanding student in both scholastics and student government. During his junior year, when he participated in all four major sports, he was second in his class in scholastics. He was a class officer his freshman and sophomore years, a student-body officer his junior year, and student-body president his senior year. If that was not enough, Jim was also on the staff of the school newspaper and a soloist in the school's rendition of "Showboat".

Jim entered the seminary in September of 1950 and was ordained a catholic priest on June 14, 1958. He was made Monsignor Church in 1973, and is currently the pastor of St. Rose Church, just a few miles down the road from Christian Brothers High School.

## Ron Limeberger

*By Frank McNamara, class of 1951*

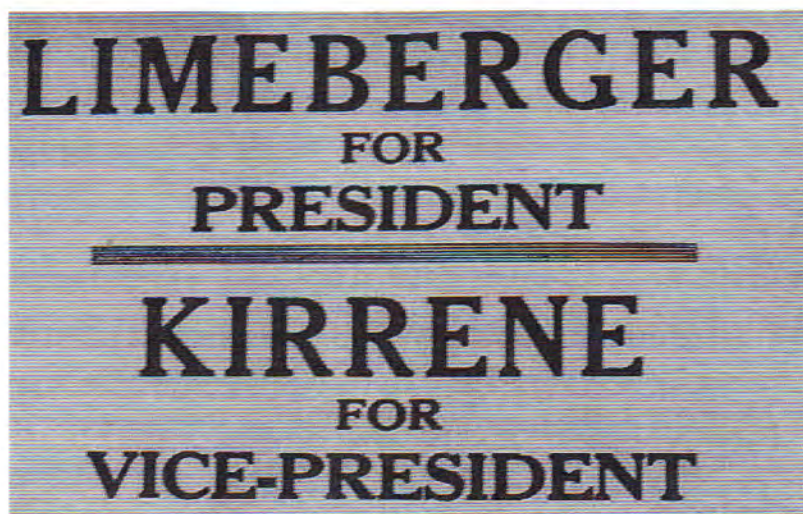
At the mention of CBHS is there anyone more identifiable than Ron Limeberger?

Is any title more revered (other than religious) than Coach? Those two questions alone point to Ronnie as a worthy recipient of this prestigious award. However, there is much more to be added. Ron devoted forty two years of time and effort to Christian Brothers High School, from the time he graduated from Sacramento State College in 1958 until his retirement in 2001.



"Ron Limeberger is Christian Brothers"...Joe Davidson reported in the Sacramento Bee in a 2000 article. He was the student body president and an all-city athlete at school in the 1950's. He graduated in 1953 and went to earn his BA in Physical Education at Sacramento State University. After graduating from Sacramento State University, he came back to Christian Brothers High School as a P.E. teacher. Not long after he became Athletic Director. In 1962, when Christian Brothers closed on 21st and Broadway, he moved to Bishop Armstrong (at CB's current site) and served as Athletic Director until 1989. He also coached basketball and baseball during those years.

In addition to teaching Physical Education and Driver Training, Ron is fondly remembered as a coach and athletic director. He coached junior varsity basketball for eleven years before assuming the duties of varsity baseball coach. During his high school career at CB, Ron was named to the All-City Basketball team in 1953, along with star teammate Jerry Kirrene who stated that Ron was a leader on the court and was highly respected by his fellow players. He played basketball at Sac State for two seasons before devoting full time to academics. His early childhood involvement with the Sacramento Solons as batboy and clubhouse attendant gave him a strong love and appreciation for baseball. Former major leaguers like Joe Marty, Jim Tabor, and Alex Kamporis left a lasting impression that carried through his many years as a premier high school baseball coach.



His many accomplishments include: Athletic Director for fifteen years; California High School Athletic Director Award - 1980; Junior Varsity Basketball Coach - eleven years; Northern California Junior Varsity Champions - 1958; Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities Award - 1958; Distinguished LaSallian Educator Award - 1993; Christian Brothers High School Alumnus of the Year - 1998; Varsity Baseball Coach for thirty one years; three Metro League Championships; six Tournament of Champions First Place Finishes; Baseball Coach of the Year Award - 1967, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989; National Baseball Coaches Association Award for four hundred wins - 1983, and a career baseball record of 448 - 282 - 11.



Ronnie Limeberger, far right, stands next to Jerry Kirrene on the hard wood.

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summed up his forty two years teaching and coaching at Christian Brothers with this statement:

*"Once you learn to teach, it just sort of flows with you. Each kid is individual...I figured out the other day I had about 16,000 students over the last 42 years. It's not only the ones you've touched but the ones who've touched you..."*

In addition to his multitude of sports and educator awards and his immeasurable contributions as a teacher, Ronnie was a very special husband, father, grandfather and friend. Coach Limeberger was a true LaSallian and the epitome of a "Brothers Boy".

## Mike Green

*By the selection committee*

A 1962 Graduate of Bishop Armstrong. Mike was a two sport athlete, excelling in both baseball and basketball in four years at Christian Brothers/ Bishop Armstrong High School. Mike led Bishop Armstrong to more victories than any rival in the Sacramento Valley from 1961-1962 with his bat, speed and pitching prowess. In his junior year he posted a .446 batting average, second highest in the Sacramento area.

He also sported one of the best pitching records in the area, going 6-1 with a 1.12 era, tops among leading pitchers.

He was selected to the Sacramento Union and Sacramento Bee All City teams two years in a row. He also capped his high school career when the Chamber of Commerce selected him Player of the Year twice, in 1961 and 1962. Mike also played basketball, two years under Ron Limeberger at Christian Brothers and his last two years with Dick Sperbeck at Bishop Armstrong. He earned All City honors in 1962 and he led the team with a 14.9 point average and had 432 points that year. Mike also had 233 rebounds to not only lead the team but was one of the top rebounders in the area and he played guard. Mike accepted a full scholarship to play baseball at University of San Francisco. In his sophomore season at USF, he injured his throwing arm, ending a once-promising collegiate career.

Some of Mike's most favorite athletic memories are of the 1962 baseball team beating Lodi at Land Park 2-1 in 11 innings. He pitched all 11 innings and struck out 21. Another favorite is the 1962 basketball team beating Grant High School by 1 point in the closing seconds – he scored with less than 5 seconds to go to clinch the win. Mike had scored 39 points in that game.

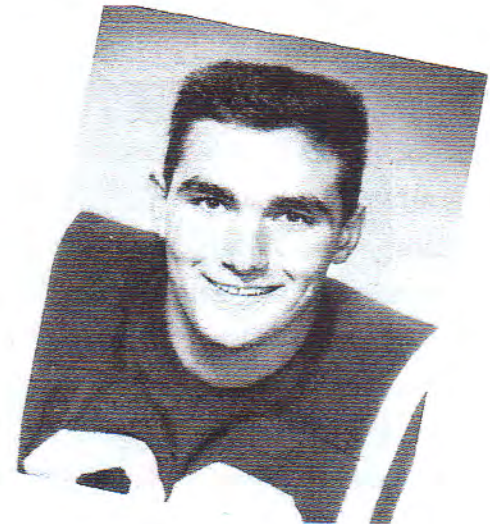
The best player he played against was Tug McGraw. The best coach he played under was Dick Sperbeck who coached him in both baseball and basketball at Bishop Armstrong. His favorite team was the 1962 Bishop Armstrong baseball team. In addition to tonight's award, Mike was inducted into the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame twice, as a player and a member of the 1962 Bishop Armstrong team.



## Jim Mikacich

*By The Selection Committee*

Jim was a three sport athlete at Christian Brothers and Bishop Armstrong High School participating in football, baseball and basketball. His high school awards and honors included being named to the All City Teams in football and baseball in 1956, 1957, and 1958. He was also selected to play in the prestigious North-South Shrine Game in 1958 where he was awarded the Most Valuable Defensive Player.



Jim earned a full scholarship for football to the University of Notre Dame where he played four years as a tight end and pulling guard. He graduated with an Economics BA and obtained his law degree at Pacific McGeorge Law School.

His most notable high school teammates were Dick Mooney and Bob Gatiss. Jim and Dick Mooney became what was known as the "M & M Wrecking Crew", a backfield that later Coach Sperbeck called: "arguably the best Brothers ever fielded."

Coaches who impacted Jim were Ray Clemons, John Stremple, Jack Witry, Regis Hurley, Ted William, Mr. Cervantes, Bob Rodich and Bob Lathola. At Notre Dame, Nick Buoniconti, Monty Stickles and Darrell Lamontica were standout teammates. Jim did not go on to play professional football but did play while in the service. He distinctly remembers being in Berlin, Germany when he heard President Kennedy was shot, very sad and hectic time.

The best player Jim played against was Mike Ditka at the University of Pittsburg. He names Hugh Devore (Notre Dame), Ray Clemons and Jack Stremple (CBS/Bishop Armstrong) as the best coaches he played under. His two favorite athletic memories are receiving his scholarship from Notre Dame's coach Terry Brennan at the Shrine Game in 1958 and playing with teammates like Gatiss and Mooney at CBS/Bishop Armstrong.

Jim states that he owes a great thank you and debt of gratitude to Christian Brothers Eric, Eugene and Bertram for "keeping me out of jail, in school and focused on college and an education".

Christian Brothers certainly remembers Jim. Long-time CB coach and teacher Jack Witry said that "Jimmy" was a disciplined young man and a tremendous student who never loafed and was one of the finest athletes that he had ever seen.

## Dick Mooney

*By the selection committee*

Dick Mooney could play. Quiet and almost dismissive of his athletic endeavors first at Bishop Armstrong then later at the University of Idaho, Dick Mooney may have been the greatest athlete to ever play for Christian Brothers/Bishop Armstrong. For an example, after a dominating prep football career as one half of the famous "M & M" Wrecking Crew and as an All City baseball player, Dick went out for the Track Team, and was subsequently named the MVP. He even found time to box, and was twice awarded the best fighter award.

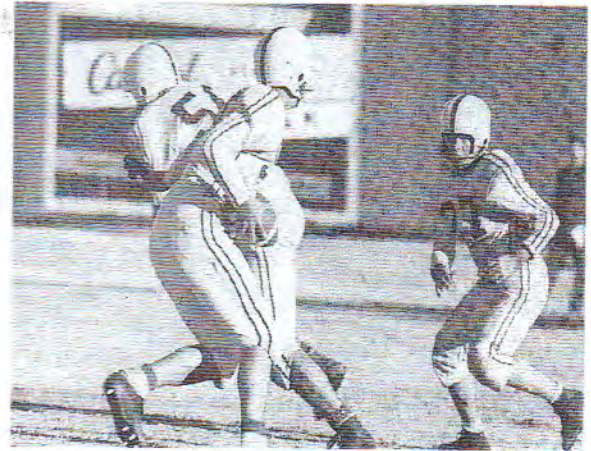
Dick was a 1958 graduate of Bishop Armstrong, and for the most part was a two sport athlete competing in football and baseball all four years. Dick's lengthy list of honors and awards included: "All City" Football junior and senior years. His senior year, he lead the league in rushing, receiving yards, and touchdowns. Dick was All City in baseball his senior year and was named to the prestigious "All Time Top 100 Football Players in Sacramento" by the Sacramento Bee.

Dick names Ray Clemons, John Stremple, and Bob Rodness as notable high school coaches. In college, Skip Stahley and Wayne Anderson were standouts.

Dick attended the University of Idaho and was one of those rare two-sport collegiate athletes. On the football field, he was a four year letterman for Coach Staley, and as a senior he lead the nation in kick off returns, and at the season's end, was named Most Inspirational Player.

After spending fall on the football field in 1958, Dick headed to the baseball diamond where he excelled much as he did as a youngster growing up in Sacramento. His playing ability and his consistency at the plate caught the attention of the coaches putting together the team that would compete in the 1963 Pan Am Games at Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The best players Dick faced were Merlin Olson for football and Mel Renfro for baseball. His favorite teams were the 1957 Bishop Armstrong football team and the 1962 Idaho baseball team. He will always remember playing at West Point in 1961.



Dick Mooney about to take a handoff



COACH JOHN STREMPLE (right) is shown with Bishop Armstrong's top three footballers for 1957 as selected by the school and crowd. Left to right they are Sam Stuart, Dick Mooney and Jim Mikach. Mooney has been on crutches since spraining his ankle in last week's 7-0 loss to Sacramento High.

The M & M Wrecking Crew

## Steve Scully

*By the Selection committee*

Steve was a three sport athlete graduating in 1966 from Bishop Armstrong High School. The undisputed star of the 1965 football team, he unquestionably is one of the top five players to play for Brothers. He was an excellent blocker, sure handed receiver and fierce defender at safety who ran a 4.5 40. He was also a .300 plus hitter on the baseball team.

Jack Witry remembers Steve as a "warrior" on the field who was a disciplined athlete so devoted to his sport that he was often seen running the stairs at Hughes Stadium before school.

In one memorable game, Coach Dick Sperbeck remembers Scully catching 12 passes against Highlands prompting the opposing coach Jack Brown to say: "We had him tripled and doubled all night, knew the ball was going to him, and he still caught them all, mostly on third down."

Heavily recruited, Steve decided on Santa Clara University after turning down Cal. Steve excelled at Santa Clara under legendary Coach Pat Malley. As a defensive back he had 12 interceptions for the Broncos, including two for touchdowns. Those 12 interceptions are the most by any player in Santa Clara History.

Santa Clara coach, Pat Malley, said he was told by NFL scouts that Scully would have been a first round choice in the NFL draft as a strong safety, had he not incurred a concussion that sidelined him for his senior year and ended his career.

Scully, who became an attorney and teamed up with in law practice another former CB standout, Leo "Butch" Schuering, was a man among boys, and then a man among men. He died much prematurely from a heart ailment in his late forties. He was of impeccable character and great intelligence.



**Scully on the move**



## Jim Sarti

*By the selection committee*

Legendary former Christian Brothers Football Coach Mel Fontes remembers Jim Sarti as a "sweetheart" of a guy, but a silent "assassin" on the field!

Jim graduated from Brothers in 1971 and was a three sport athlete (football, basketball and baseball) before concentrating on football his final two years at CB. He earned numerous awards which included:

Metro Player of the Year, "All City" Honors, and an All American Honorable Mention.

Jim played both offensive and defensive line and used his exceptional strength and quickness to overpower his opponents. Coach Dick Sperbeck remembered him as a punishing run blocker who was the catalyst for the strong Falcon running game. He also anchored a stingy defense that led Christian Brothers to their first Metro Title his senior year.

Later in the year, Jim played in the 15th Annual Optimist Game and the 20th Shriners Game. He played four years at Santa Clara University as a defensive tackle, end, and nose guard. He graduated with a Business Administration degree. His stellar collegiate career included such awards as the United Press All Coast Award (1973 and 1974), Santa Clara Most Valuable Lineman & Courageous Player Award, and Honorable Mention Small College All American in 1973.



Coach Hoskins and Jim Sarti, (front right)

Jim names Dave Hoskins, Dick Sperbeck, Pat Malley and Bill McPherson as the best coaches he has played under, and his most notable teammates include Danny Carmazzi and Wayne Samavzich.

In his long and distinguished career, where he coached thousands of talented players, Dave Hoskins identified Jim as one of the best he ever coached.

Jim's two favorite athletic memories include playing against SMU in 1973 in Old Texas Stadium and playing on the 1970-71 Christian Brothers Football team.

## John Cartwright

By The Selection Committee

In 1969 Falcon Quarterback Rick Cabral was surprised to see that Dave Hoskins had brought up a freshman to play defensive line. That special freshman was John Cartwright. Cabral recently said that Cartwright was outstanding and a “man among boys” even as a freshman.



John was a 1973 graduate and a two sport (football and basketball) athlete during his years at Christian Brothers. He was a three time “All City Football” selection for his sophomore, junior and senior years. The same three years brought two championship titles to the Christian Brothers Falcons.

Dick Sperbeck remembered him as a stalwart on both sides of the line who was equally adept at playing the run or rushing the passer. John relentlessly pursued the ball carrier or the quarterback, and throughout his high school career averaged nearly 15 tackles a game.

Mel Fontes called him “Hoss” Cartwright and remembered his strong desire for contact. Mel went on to say that John was a “raw boned” athlete who loved to hit.

John was one of the most highly decorated players in CB history and was picked for numerous high school All American Teams as well as the Optimist Game his senior year.

John believed that Dave Hoskins was a remarkable coach who taught him a lot about football and life. His notable defensive unit consisted of Jim Sarti, Stan Olsulfka and John Blanchard who he considers were all like family.

His collegiate career started at University of Colorado but transferred to Santa Clara University for his sophomore and junior years. Due to a shoulder injury he did not play his senior year.

John cannot name just one person who he played against that could be regarded as the “best player”. He credits Dave Hoskins and Bill McPherson as the best coaches he has played under. His favorite team he played with was his sophomore year for the 1971 Falcon football team – they were great teammates!

John’s two favorite athletic memories were making the varsity team as a freshman and beating Jesuit in the first Holy Bowl.

## Dan Farrell

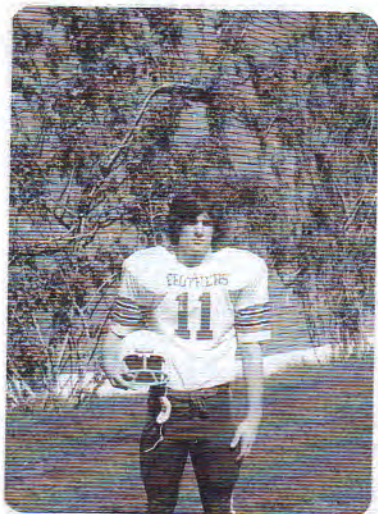
By the Selection Committee

As a 1975 graduate of Christian Brothers High School, Dan was a two sport varsity letterman in football and baseball. Dan capped his football career with a total of 128 catches, 14 touchdowns for a total of 1857 yards.



His awards and recognitions include: All Metro League Football: Honorable Mention 1972; All Metro League Football: 1st Team 1973; All Metro League Football: MVP 1974; All Northern California – Citizens Savings Athletic Foundation All Star Football Team 1973; All Northern California – Citizens Savings Athletic Foundation All Star Football Team and Player of the Year 1974; The New World – All Catholic Schools All-American Team 1973; The New World – All Catholic Schools All-American Team 1974; Family Weekly's High School All-American Team 1974; 24th Annual Scholastic Coach's 1974 All-American HS Football Squad; 12th Annual Parade Publications Annual 1974 All-American HS Football Team; Inducted into the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame in 1974, and played in the Optimist All-Star Football Game in 1975.

Some of the names he mentions as notable high school teammates and coaches include: Jim Sarti, John Cartwright, Brica Ragster and Jeff Tisdel, who he feels gave Christian Brothers a reputation for great football players. QB John Ramirez, who transferred to CB in 1974, helped Dan obtain his career record of 128 receptions with 68 catches his senior year. Coaches who led these players were Dick Sperbeck, Dave Hoskins and Mel Fontes. Three coaches that had a lasting impact on his life in and out of football.



Dan continued his football career at Santa Clara University on a football scholarship. He credits Head Coach Pat Malley for bringing football back to Santa Clara. Notable teammates he played with at Santa Clara included Doug Cosbie who later played for the Dallas Cowboys.

The best player Dan believes he played against was Jeff Tisdel – yes he was Dan's quarterback at Christian Brothers, but he played against him in college when Jeff was at University of Nevada, Reno. Dan had made the switch to outside linebacker so he had to try and intercept Jeff's passes.

The best coach he played under was Dick Sperbeck. In Dan's words, "Coach Sperbeck brought me up to play varsity football my sophomore year to be the backup quarterback to Jeff Tidel. This gave me the opportunity to show him I could play wide receiver while being Jeff's backup. He taught me how to run patterns, how to find the open spots in the defense, then all I had to do is catch the ball. Without him, I would not be where I am today. Christian Brothers football made my life and he was our leader and coach."

Dan's favorite team to play against was Jesuit in the Holy Bowl in 1974. It was "...fun to beat those guys to finish off the year".

His two favorite athlete memories:

1. I dropped a pass going across the middle of the field, in the end zone, in my final game against Jesuit, the Holy Bowl. The Jesuit cheering section started a chant - 'CB is that YOUR All American!' I went back to the huddle laughing to myself - how did I drop that one. (We were already killing them by 20-25 points). Even the ref said to me 'Yo - Farrell you better be laughing about that one'. Coach Sperbeck called my number again on the very next play. We made look like we were running the same play. I faked the defensive back to the middle of the field. He took the fake and I headed to the corner. John Ramirez threw a perfect strike over my outside shoulder for an easy touchdown. My Christian Brothers cheering section started its own chant - "THAT'S OUR ALL AMERICAN!!" We won the Holy Bowl, my final game.

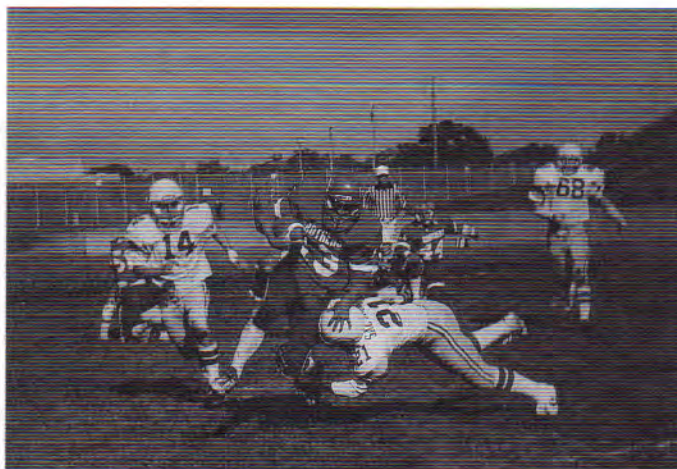
2. Playoff game my junior year, against Mira Loma. I was playing against one of the best defensive backs in the area. We were just starting a drive, late in the game and deep in our own territory. It was third down and long. I can remember Jeff looking right at me as he called the play. I nodded back at him. We snapped the ball, after I got five yards down the field I yelled "Screen" right at the defensive back. The defensive back forgot all about me and rushed up field to break up the screen pass. I took off down the field. I was alone running down the middle of the field. Jeff had already thrown the ball. There nobody, I mean nobody, around me for at least 20 yards. It was like I was running in slow motion. It seemed like the ball was never going to come down. I ran under it, caught it right in stride and easily ran it in for a touchdown. This sent us to the Championship Game against Vacaville.



## Vince Delgado

*By Suzy & Greg Ledesma*

Vince Delgado is a 1984 graduate of Christian Brothers High School and one of the most highly decorated and well respected football players in Sacramento area football history. Vince graduated from Christian Brothers as a member of the National Honor Society and received the LaSalle Scholar Athlete award before accepting a football scholarship to the University of California at Berkeley.



Vince entered Christian Brothers in 1981 as a freshman from All Hallows Catholic School following father Gomez Delgado ('55') and brothers Danny ('79') and Rob ('82') as Christian Brothers student-athletes. A three sport athlete in basketball, track and football at All Hallows, Christian Brothers coaches and alumni eagerly awaited Vince's arrival on the CB gridiron as stories of his accomplishments as a running back in the Parochial Athletic League football program grew legendary.

Vince and the class of 1984 would not disappoint as they would immediately complete an undefeated freshman football season and ultimately finish a four year football career at Christian Brothers with overall record of 41-2 and a Sac-Joaquin Section Championship in 1983. The 1983 varsity football team was coached by CB alum Jeff Tisdell and completed the season 13-1 and is regarded as one of the all-time great football teams in the Sacramento area while Vince is consistently mentioned as one of the area's all-time greatest running backs by the Sacramento Bee and respected longtime rival coaches.

Vince finished his senior year at Christian Brothers with a then Northern California single season record of 2,357 rushing yards and 22 touchdowns with All Metro and All City honors. Vince was also named the Sacramento Bee and Union's player of the year with selections to the first team Northern California and second team All-State football teams.

After a record setting regular season his senior year with impressive wins and performances against Sacramento area teams such as Jesuit High School, Hiram Johnson High School, Nevada Union and McClatchy it was the playoffs where Vince dominated the competition and cemented his place in Christian Brothers High School and Sacramento area football history as an all-time great.

The 1983 playoffs started with a 224 yard on 13 carry performance against Bella Vista High

School before dominating long time Sacramento powerhouse teams in Cordova High School (194 yards) and Grant High School (217 yards) in the City Championship before beating Vintage High School (103 yards) for the Sac-Joaquin Section Championship. In all, Vince ran for 738 rushing yards in four playoff games for an average of 184 yards per game while playing on the road for all games except for the Section Championship.



Vince would move on to play football for the California Golden Bears at UC Berkeley under the coaching of legendary coaches Joe Kapp and Steve Mariucci. Vince was moved to wide receiver at Cal and quickly became a crowd favorite at Memorial Stadium as an all-purpose player as the coaching staff utilized his abilities in the kick return game as well as designing run plays from the wide receiver position. Vince was honored with Cal's Bob Simmons Most Valuable Freshman Award for the 1984 football season.

In his sophomore season Vince would lead the team in receiving while being named Cal's Player of the Week versus Arizona and honored by the Berkeley Breakfast Club as the Outstanding Player in the Big Game against Stanford that included a 47-yard touchdown run. Vince would go on to lead the team in punt returns in the 1986 and 1988 seasons and received the Henry J. "Tiny" Bates Memorial Award by the Cal Grid Club of Sacramento for graduating seniors from the Sacramento region in 1988.

Vince, his wife Liz and their children Max and Isabella currently reside in Cincinnati, Ohio and continue to support Christian Brothers from afar. In 2012 Vince was inducted into the Great American Rivalries Hall of Fame for his stellar play in the annual Holy Bowl rivalry game against Jesuit including rushing games of 169 and 204 yards in his junior and senior year victories. Vince also showed his supported for the newly formed Junior Falcon Football program by offering words of encouragement to the future Falcons at their inaugural year-end banquet.

The Christian Brothers community and Class of 1984 teammates would like to congratulate Vince on his 2014 Hall of Fame induction!

## Andy Fox

By the Selection Committee

One of the many things that makes Christian Brothers such a special place are the number of families that span the generations. Whenever CB is mentioned in a box score or an article in the sports page, one is likely to see a familiar name. In the year 1989, the sports pages were buzzing about the baseball talents of Andy Fox., a slugging infielder who hit .390 for Ron Limeberger's championship team.

Even casual fans knew that Andy was the son of another great CB ball player, Jim Fox. In 1962, Jim Fox was an All City selection and an important player on that hallowed Bishop Armstrong team that went 22 and 2.

Andy participated in baseball, basketball and football in his four years at CB, but he excelled in baseball and received the following awards and recognition: Sacramento Bee and Sacramento Union All City Baseball Team 1989; co Most Valuable Player Baseball 1989, and Baseball America Top 25 High School Baseball Players 1989.

Andy signed his MLB contract right out of high school and his professional career spanned from 1989-2005. As a valuable utility player, he played every position except pitcher and catcher. Andy played for the New York Yankees, Arizona Diamondbacks, Florida Marlins, Texas Rangers, and the Montreal Expos. Recognitions and special moments of his big league career include: listed by Baseball America as one of the top players; MVP Arizona Fall League in 1994; member of the 1996 New York Yankees World Series Team, and a member of the 2003 Florida Marlins World Series Team.



Andy Fox in 1989



All City father and son: Jim and Andy Fox

Andy mentions Derek Jeter, Joe Girardi, Wade Boggs, Matt Williams, Joe Torre and Buck Showalter as notable teammates and coaches he played with. The best player he played against was Ken Griffey, Jr., and Brian Butterfield was his favorite coach. His tenure with the Yankees will always be special to him, and of course his favorite athletic memory was his first day in the big

leagues. Andy's best year was for Arizona in 1998, hitting .277, slugging 9 homers, and driving in 44 runs.

## Kevin McKechnie

By the Selection Committee

Long time prep sports writer Joe Davidson remembered a story about Kevin McKechnie during the 1993 baseball season. Christian Brothers was facing El Camino ace pitcher Matt Myers in an important game and as Kevin approached the plate for his third at bat the El Camino bench began chanting: Haaaat Trick, Haaaat Trick! McKechnie had struck out his previous two at-bats, but avoided the trick when he crushed a two-strike pitch that landed just inside the left field line. He legged out an inside the park home run. That was vintage Kevin McKechnie.

Kevin McKechnie ranks as one of the top multi-talented athletes in Christian Brothers history. He was a starter in football, basketball and baseball during his high school career, but it was in football where he made his greatest mark. In his varsity football career, Kevin threw for 4,744 yards and 35 touchdowns. He was named the Sacramento Bee Superior California Player of the Year in football. He starred in the 1993 California Shrine All Star football game where he threw two scoring passes. In one of the most exciting comebacks in Holy Bowl history, Kevin rallied his team from a 16-0 halftime deficit with three TD passes. He was involved in all of his team's scores in a 28-16 victory. Kevin ran for one touchdown and threw for 343 yards, with most of the yardage coming in the second half. One opposing coach summed up Kevin perfectly: "he is one of those kids who is fun to watch, but not to play against." In addition to his many athletic achievements, Kevin also graduated with a 3.83 GPA. When asked what his favorite sport was, the football quarterback, starting basketball point guard, and All Metro Baseball star replied: "My favorite sport is whatever season it is now."



Earning a full ride scholarship, Kevin played football at San Diego State University. A four year letterman, he lead the Aztecs in passing and total offense during in his senior year. He still holds the school record for the highest single game passing efficiency percentage with a whopping 291% rating in a game against Navy in 1997. In 2011, Kevin was named as one of the top 100 area high school football players by the Sacramento Bee.



## David and Kevin Sutherland

By The Selection Committee

Both individually and together, David and Kevin Sutherland have left their mark as golfers at the high school, collegiate and professional levels. Playing for Coach Kevin McGovern, Dave and Kevin were both four year lettermen at Christian Brothers. Kevin finished out his high school career by claiming the Nor Cal individual medalist championship in 1982. Both Kevin and Dave had remarkable careers at Fresno State. Their collegiate athletic biographies are impressive indeed:



### Kevin Sutherland - 4 Year Letterman

- All America, 2nd Team, 1987
- PCAA Player of Year, 1987
- PCAA All Conference, 1st Team, 1987
- PCAA All Conference, 2nd Team, 1986
- Outstanding Player Award, 1987
- Bulldog Award, 1986
- Most Improved Player, 1984
- NCGA Match Play Champion, 1987

### David Sutherland- 3 Year Letterman

- All America, 2nd Team, 1989
- All America, 3rd Team, 1987
- Big West Player of the Year, 1989
- PCAA All Conference, 1st Team, 1987
- PCAA All Conference, 2nd Team, 1986
- GCAA All American Scholar, 1989
- Team MVP, 1987 and 1989
- Most Improved Player, 1986
- Outstanding Freshman, 1985
- PCAA Student Athlete of the Year, 1989

Both brothers went on to compete at the professional level. Kevin is scheduled to play at the Senior U.S. Open this summer before he joins the Senior Tour when he turns 50. In his 18 year PGA career, he has recorded 48 top 10 tournament finishes. His consistency on the tour has led to almost \$15 million in career earnings to go along with a victory at the 2002 World Match Play Championship.



While David's professional career was hampered by various injuries, he competed in 215 PGA events and 83 Nationwide Tour tournaments during his 17 years on the circuit. Dave recorded eight top 10 and 32 top 25 finishes on the PGA Tour. His best PGA finish came at the 1997 Greater Milwaukee Open where he tied for second. He also recorded a pair of third-place ties, including the 1999 Bell Canadian Open. One of his favorite golf memories is competing at the British Open at St. Andrews. Dave was hired by Sacramento State to run both the boys and girls golf programs. In explaining his rationale for the career change, he said,

"Because of my injuries, I had a chance to prepare for life after golf." "I knew that I could only continue to play for a few years and then wanted to begin working with young people. When the opportunity came to coach at Sacramento State, I knew it was a great fit."

He has resuscitated both programs by recruiting such players as CB alums Grant and Cameron Rappleye who were stalwart players for the Hornets. In his brief time with the Hornets, Sutherland has already won two conference titles with the men's team. This spring, the women's team finished second at the Big Sky championship. Three of his golfers earned all conference recognition.



Current faculty member and former golf coach Kevin McGovern offered this tribute:

I was Kevin and David Sutherland's golf coach from 1981-1983. During those years, we won three Metro Championships. And a number of trips to Sections and Nor Cal Championships.

During Kevin's senior year, there was a trip to the State Championship at Pebble Beach. Kevin and David's golf careers have been pretty amazing but the thing that always impressed me about the both of them was their honesty, their character, and their desire, not just to play golf well, but to do it in a way that would make their family, their school, and their friends proud. And it should make anyone who went to Christian Brothers because Kevin and David Sutherland have always been proud to say that they played for Christian Brothers High School.

## The Christian Brothers Athletic Hall of Fame Committee

The committee draws diversity and rich historical knowledge from members of the athletic department, administration, the La Salle Club, the Alumni Board, and a panel of distinguished former coaches.

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**Jill Bennett**, *Assistant Athletic Director, Co-Chair*

**Diane Heine**, *Administration & Athletics*

**Bobbi Pires**, *La Salle Club & Alumni Board*

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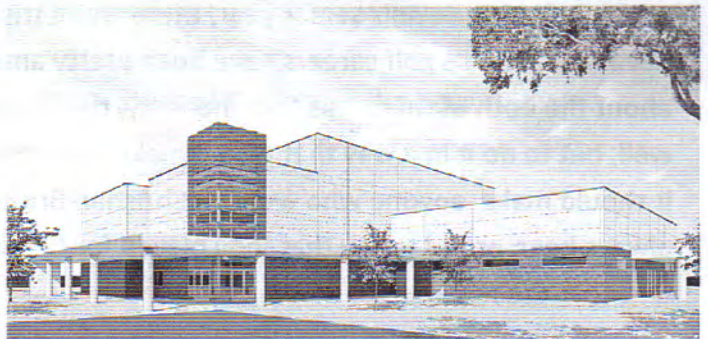
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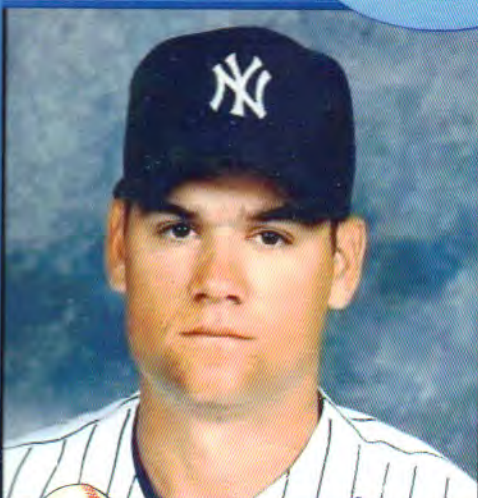
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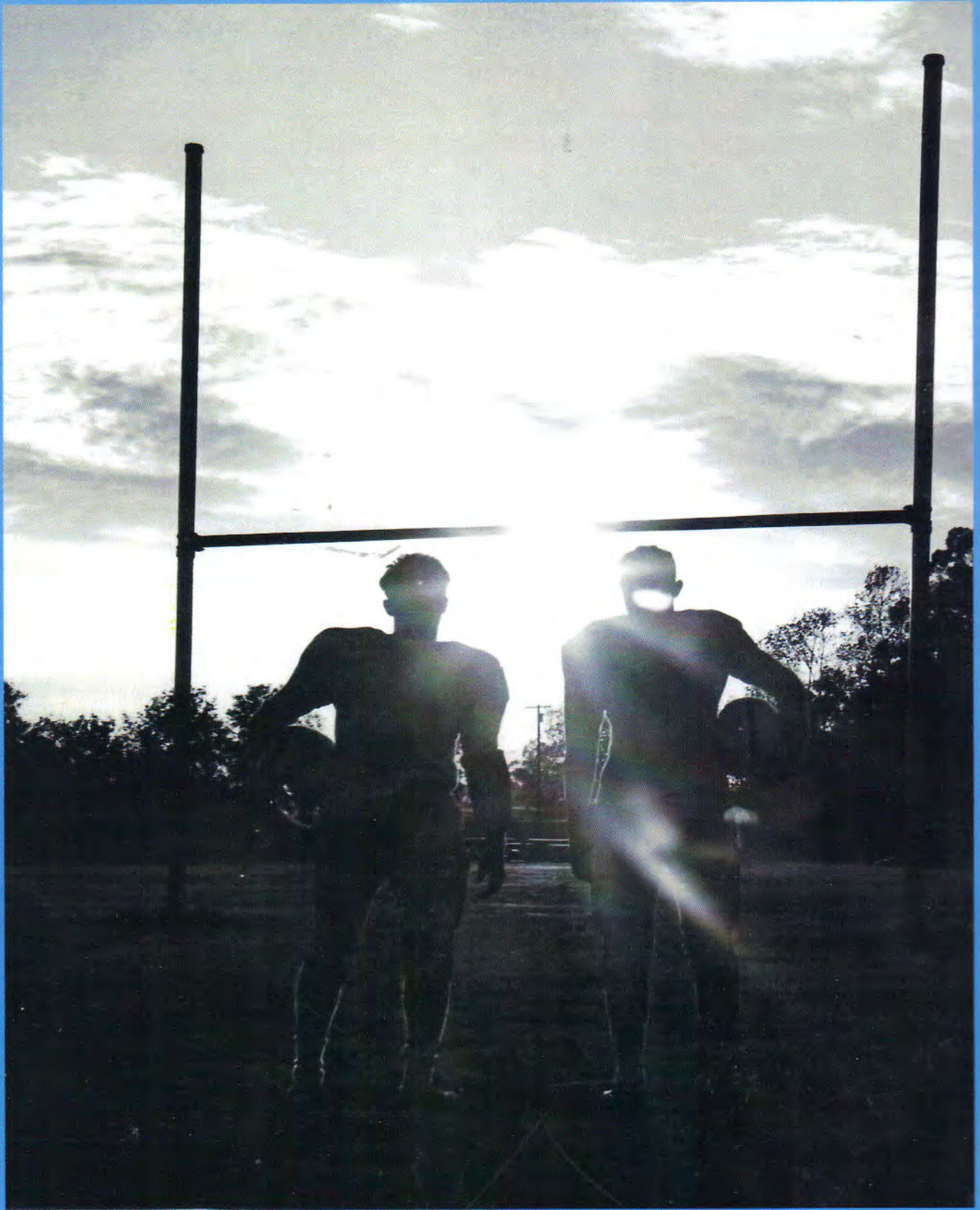
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