CBS Ball Team Was First To Play Inside Folsom

Memories will turn back tomorrow night in Christian Brothers School gym when La Salle Club's annual baseball night will, as usual, dip into the past. On hand will be several members of

the school's 1913 baseball team which was the first "outside" sports unit ever to play in Folsom Prison.

The game transpired on November 9, 1913 and was a 2 to 1 victory for the inmates.

MIKE PAPPA, 3932 41st Street, saved the accompanying picture. Pappa, father of Johnny, the great McClatchy High footballer of a few years back, was for many years a semi-pro player in northern California and is a brother of Marysville's famout Wiz Pappa.

The Folsom players in that day adopted baseball aliases. Each aligned himself with a famous player, and the souvenir program which was issued after the game is a who's who in the baseball of that era.

SOME 43 YEARS later Mike Pappa recalls clearly another nickname anecdote.

"The prisoners kept referring to one of their players as 'Six Bits,'" said Mike.

This puzzled the Christian Brothers players and they asked what was the origin of the unusual name.

"We call him Six Bits," was the answer, "because he's doing 75 years!"

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THE FIRST "OUTSIDERS" to compete in sports at Folsom Prison went there November 9, 1913, and was the baseball team of Christian Brothers College. The Sacramentans are seated in the front row and are, left to right, Hartley Minear, Frank Knott, Ed Gallagher, Jerry Desmond, Bert Gildersleeve, Fritz Kaminsky Mike Pappa, Cyril (Lefty) McDonald, Lloyd (Shorty) Smith, Paul Miller, Elwin (Toughie) Pearson, Bing Maloney, Lonnie Hockdoffer, Dick Schroeder. Freddi Murphy is kneeling. Brother Edmond, the manager, is not in the picture. Members of the inmate team are standing in the second row.