

# Capital City Playoffs Begin

## Christian Brothers faces El Camino

By Terence O'Brien

The 1973 football season began for Christian Brothers against El Camino last September 13. They are hoping that it doesn't end against the same opponent this Saturday.

The Metropolitan League champions conquered the Eagles in the season opener for both teams by a decisive 33-6 count. If they can repeat the victory in the first round of the Capital City Football Championships they will earn the right to advance to the finals next week to meet either North Metro kingpin Del Rio or Delta titlist Vacaville. If they lose they will put away the equipment and start thinking about next year.

A victory could set up another rematch if Vacaville gets by Norte, a team they too have already beaten in an early season non-league game. The Falcons defeated the Bulldogs 34-20 in the third game of the year.

Having already beaten two of the playoff participants may be a dubious distinction

for Brothers. Although they disposed of both of them with relative ease both have made considerable improvement and a certain complacency could afflict the Falcons for these crucial games (or game).

Although it is unknown just how they arrived at the pairings that made two first round rematches one thing is for certain; it's darn poor planning. If El Camino and CBS loom as the two best teams on paper, then a natural pairing would have had Norte Del Rio play CBS and El Camino play Vacaville in the opening round. That would have avoided first round reruns and maybe put the two best teams in the finals. Even if you argue that Vacaville is better than El Camino the pairings would still be the most desirable as teams would at least be facing first time opponents.

Interestingly, El Camino was also lambasted by Norte Del Rio in the third game of the season but they came on strong to walk through their league with seven straight wins to finish 8-2. That same Norte team took it on the chin a week later from Jesuit but then they too got hot and went undefeated in the North Metro.

Vacaville dropped just one game, to Woodland, after losing to Brothers. They bounced back after that one league loss to down Armijo and then win the big one for the Delta League co-championship and a playoff berth by stiling unbeaten Cordova, who held the state's longest regular season unbeaten string of 27 wins, by a 12-0 score.

So CB's three contenders for the area championship come to the playoffs with momentum. Brothers too was riding high after being upset by Elk Grove when they came back with sterling victories over Burbank and Sacramento for the championship but they suffered a confrontation with the elements and a gutty band of Jesuit Marauders last Saturday night at the swamp and suffered a tie that kept the ninth win they were after at least one more week away. Their record now stands at 8-1-1 matching their best ever record achieved in 1970.

improved ball club.

"But I'm just a little disappointed with the way the playoff commission went about seeding the teams. There's no reason for rematches in the first round. They (commission) should have waited, like they do in basketball, and see just who is going to be involved and then seed accordingly.

"They went about this thing all wrong and you can't quote me on this. I'm bringing it up at the next meeting."

El Camino, on the other hand, has been awaiting the rematch in hopes of settling the score, in their favor of course. The Eagles boast of a solid running game behind seniors Steve Ridenour and Tom Storelli and show balance when quarterback Butch Edge goes to work with flanker Jeff Hansen.

The Falcons rely on quarter-

back Jeff Tisdell, receiver Dan Farrell and a defense that is highlighted by six players with 100 or more tackles.

### Ratings

- Ratings, last week's position, first place votes, seasonal record and total points. Sup Cal Top Ten rated on a 12-9-8-7-6, etc. points scale, while the Big Little Five and Little Five are rated on a 7-4-3-2-1 scale. Final ratings for Sup Cal Top Ten will be Nov. 28. Final poll for Big Little Five and Little Five will be next week.

### Sup Cal Top Ten

1.	(2)	Christian Bros.	.....	(8)	5-1	114
2.	(1)	Cordova	.....	8-7	88	
3.	(4)	Shasta	.....	(2)	10-0	84
4.	(6)	Grant	.....	8-1	73	
5.	(7)	El Camino	.....	7-2	48	
6.	(8)	Vacaville	.....	7-2	47	
7.	(3)	Sacramento	.....	7-1	36	
8.	(5)	Chico	.....	5-1	32	
9.	(10)	Norte Del Rio	.....	4-2-1	18	
10.	(-)	Paradise	.....	3-1-1	7	

Others receiving votes in alphabetical order: Bella Vista (6-3); Burbank (6-3) and La Sierra (6-3).

### Metropolitan League

W L T		W L T					
Brothers	.....	5	1 0	Elk Grove	.....	2	3 1
Sacramento	.....	4	2 0	McClatchy	.....	2	4 0
Johnson	.....	3	3 0	Burbank	.....	2	4 0
Kennedy	.....	2	3 1		.....		

Favored, and most vocal, are the Falcons of CBS. Head coach Dick Sperbeck's No. 2 ranked team has met and defeated two of the remaining three semi participants, including their Saturday night opponent.

In their season opener, the Falcons dumped El Camino, 33-6, and beat Vacaville, 34-20,

two weeks later on the loser's home soil. Concerned with El Camino's progress since their Sept. 13 meeting, Sperbeck

spoke of his upcoming game and his feelings toward the rematch.

"It's not easy to prepare

against a team you played 10 weeks ago," Sperbeck said. "We respect El Camino very much. They are a much-

The Falcons made it look ridiculously easy for a game between the champions of the two toughest football conferences in Northern California. The Eagles have not had an easy time of it in recent years with the Falcons but their contests have been close and exciting every year; but 33-6 and 32-14 is a bit convincing . . . and this was an EC team that had waltzed through the Capital Valley Conference with an eight game winning streak.

It was the play of exciting Bob Bingham that electrified the crowd. He carried seven times for 195 yards including a 52 yarder for a score. Every time he came back into the inside on a reverse from Tisdel he found a gaping hole in the middle of the Eagle defense. In was these plays that swung the balance so heavily in Brothers' direction.

# Christian Brothers Bump Eagles From Title Chase

By Ben Bodding

El Camino High School had its chance for revenge but Bob Bingham spoiled the night for the Eagles as the one-man wrecking crew paced Christian Brothers to a 32-14 thrashing last night to advance to the finals of the Capital City Football Championship playoffs.

A crowd of more than 6,000 at American River College saw the No. 1 rated Falcons remain unbeaten in their rivalry with El Camino. The win was the second of the year for the Falcons over their cross-town foe and their fifth overall, along with two ties in the series which started in 1968.

The decisive win allows the Falcons to meet No. 4 rated Vacaville — which beat Norte Del Rio 19-7 in the first playoff game Friday night — in the championship game Friday at ARC.

El Camino had an eight-game win-

ning string going into the contest but it was apparent early the battle was going to be similar to the 33-7 loss to CBS in the opening game of the season.

Bingham carried the ball only seven times, but it was seven too many as far as El Camino was concerned. The senior flankerback gained 176 yards and scored the Falcons' final TD on a 38-yard jaunt. Bingham was stopped for four yards on his first carry, but before the first half was over he had rambled 23, 33, 21 and 52 yards in leading Brothers to a 14-0 halftime bulge.

Bingham, due to a number of injuries throughout the season, gained less than 200 yards rushing in 10 previous games. He started to work to almost equal his season total the first time the Falcons had the ball.

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## Bingham Paces Falcons

# Christian Brothers Bump El Camino Eagles 32-14

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The 6-0, 175-pounder ran for 23 and 33 yards in leading CBS to its first TD on the initial series of the game. Quarterback Jess Tisdel went the final three yards on a quarterback sneak with 7:13 remaining in the first quarter to end an 80-yard march.

El Camino had a chance to cut the score midway through the second quarter after receiving a reprieve when Joe Greco's 38-yard scoring run was called back due to a holding penalty

and a Chris Gandy quick-kick was blocked.

### Eagles Forced to Kick

But the Eagles couldn't move and were forced to punt. One play later, Greco fumbled and Dale Hall recovered on the CBS 23.

The Eagles could only move three yards and Butch Edge's 38-yard field goal attempt barely missed left of the uprights.

Christian Brothers needed only two plays to go 80 yards and increase its lead to 14-0. Bingham romped 52 yards on a reverse over

right tackle and Tisdel followed with a 28-yard TD jaunt with 5:17 left in the half. Tisdel added the two-point conversion.

### Playoff Tickets

Tickets for Friday night's championship game will go on sale at Vacaville and Christian Brothers beginning tomorrow and continue through Friday 8:30 AM to 3 PM. Tickets are \$2 adults, \$1.50 for students with activity cards and \$1 for children.

The Christian Brothers defense produced the third TD late in the third quarter. Defensive tackle John Hurtsig knocked the ball out of quarterback Edges' hand and into the arms of defensive end Dennis Gauthier, who returned it from the EC 47 to the 11. Four running plays later, Gandy scored from the two.

A Gandy interception set up the next Falcon score. The senior linebacker returned an Edge pass from the Falcons 33 to midfield. Then Tisdel connected with receiver Dan Farrell on a 50-yard scoring strike with 11:37 left in the game.

### Eagles March 80 For TD

El Camino, which ran twice as many plays as the winners, marched 80 yards for their first score with 7:18 left with Steve Ridenour going the last yard.

Bingham retaliated with another inside reverse — a play which had the Eagles confused all night long — for his long TD run two minutes later. Tom Storelli finished the scoring with a two yard run for El Camino with 10 seconds left to play. The TD dive climaxed a 73-yard, 14-play drive.

El Camino played without top linebacker Jeff Buchanan, who suffered rib and shoulder injuries during practice late this week.

The score by quarters:  
 El Camino ..... 0 0 0 14-14  
 Christian Bros. .... 6 8 6 12-32  
 CBS—Tisdel 3 run (kick failed)  
 CBS—Tisdel 28 run (Tisdel run)  
 CBS—Gandy 2 run (pass failed)  
 CBS—Farrell 50 pass from Tisdel (kick failed)  
 EC—Rivenoor 1 run (Edge kick)  
 CBS—Bingham 38 run (kick failed)  
 EC—Storelli 2 run (Edge kick)

TEAM STATISTICS		EC	CBS
First Downs		19	13
Rushing Yardage		157	247
Passing Yardage		98	66
Total Yardage		255	313
Fumbles-Lost		4-1	3-1
Punts No.-Ave.		3-35	0-0
Penalty Yards		3-25	2-21

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		RUSHING		PASSING		RECEIVING	
El Camino		Brothers		El Camino		Brothers	
Player	at	for	net	Player	at	for	net
Ridenour	22	56		Bingham	7	176	
Storelli	15	61		Greco	8	33	
Reed	2	12		Gandy	7	15	
Edge	7	-1		Tisdel	9	25	
Hansen	4	1					
Marr	1	-2					
Totals	51	157		Totals	31	247	
Edge	pa	pc	net	Tisdel	pa	pc	net
	22	11	98		5	2	66
Totals	22	11	98	Totals	5	2	66
		rec	net	Farrell	rec	net	
Hansen		2	19		2	66	
Storelli		6	71				
Ridenour		1	8				
Totals		11	98	Totals			



Christian Brother's Chris Gandy is hauled down by El Camino's Jeff Hansen, No. 21, during early action last night in the

Capital City Playoff Championship Game at American River College. Also in pursuit of Gandy are Eagles Russ

Stone, No. 72; Dan Lewis, No. 81 and Dale Hall, No. 46. Bee Photo by Owen Brewer

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By **BRUCE REID**  
Staff Writer

Wingback Bob Bingham scored one touchdown and set up two more with long runs to pace the Metro League champion Christian Brothers Falcons to a 32-14 victory over the El Camino Eagles in a Capital City Football Championships playoff game Saturday night at American River College.

The Falcons, second-ranked and 9-1-1 overall, advance to the championship game against the Vacaville Bulldogs at 8 p.m. Friday at American River College.

The Eagles, Capital Valley Conference champions, finish 8-3.

Bingham, a 6-foot-1, 180-pound senior speedster, dazzled the Eagles with big gains on flanker reverses and led all rushers with 195 yards

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on just seven carries. In the first half, Bingham ran 23 and 32 yards to set up a 3-yard touchdown run by Falcon quarterback Jeff Tisdel, and ran 52 yards preceding a 28-yard touchdown scamper by Tisdel.

Bingham closed the Christian Brothers scoring with a 38-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

The Falcons scored first, Bingham's run setting up Tisdel's quarterback sneak, to take a 6-0 lead with 7:14 remaining in the first quarter. Later in the first half, the Falcons scored again, Tisdel racing 28 yards over left tackle for the TD, and keeping on the conversion to give the Falcons a 14-0 lead with 5:17 left in the first half.

Capitalizing on an El Camino turnover, the Falcons scored what proved to be the winning touchdown when Chris Gandy plunged from the two-yard line with 2:20 remaining in the third quarter. Gandy's TD was set up when Falcon defensive lineman John Hurtzig blindsided Eagle quarterback Butch Edge as he attempted to pass, the ball popping into the hands of Dick Reisinger, who raced 36 yards to the Eagle 11. Four plays later Gandy scored.

Tisdel, the Falcons' senior quarterback and a former Sacramento Union Prep of the Week, got the Falcons on the board early in the fourth quarter, lofting a 50-yard bomb to wide receiver Dan Farrell that gave Christian Brothers a 26-0 lead with 11:37 remaining.

Moving well but shut out most of the game, the Eagles dented the scoreboard with 7:18 remaining, when Steve Ridenour rammed over from the one to culminate a drive that went 80 yards on 13 plays. Edge kicked the conversion.

But the irrepressible Bingham doused all Eagle comeback hopes minutes later when he raced 38 yards to score with 5:43 remaining in the game. The Eagles' last touchdown, a four-yard run by Tom Storelli, came with but 10 seconds remaining in the contest.

"Bob's been getting a lot better the last couple of weeks," said Falcon coach Dick Sperbeck. "This was his best game ever."

Jim Dimino, coach of the Eagles, agreed.

Brothers .....	6	8	6	12	—32
El Camino .....	0	0	0	14	—14
CB—Jeff Tisdel	3	run	(kick failed).		
CB—Jeff Tisdel	28	run	(Tisdel run).		
CB—Chris Gandy	2	run	(pass failed).		
CB—Dan Farrell	50	pass	from Jeff Tisdel		
(kick failed).					
EC—Steve Ridenour	1	run	(Butch Edge kick).		
CB—Bob Bingham	38	run	(kick failed).		
EC—Tom Storelli	4	run	(Edge kick).		
A—6, 103.					

Team Statistics	
	CBS El Camino
First Downs	9 19
Rushing Yards	269 204
Passing Yards	76 83
Fumbles-Lost	2-1 3-1
Penalties-Yards	2-20 3-25

**Individual Leaders**  
 CBS: Passing—Jeff Tisdel 2x76. Rushing—Bob Bingham 7x195. Receiving—Dan Farrell 2x66.  
 El Camino: Passing—Butch Edge 8x83. Rushing—Steve Ridenour 26x106. Receiving—Tom Storelli 7x73.

## CBS Meets Vacaville For Title

Christian Brothers will attempt to pin a second defeat on Vacaville High School at 8 o'clock tonight in the finale to the Capital City Football Championship Playoffs at American River College.

Christian Brothers, the No. 1 rated team, Metropolitan League winner and owner of an 9-1-1 record, bounced Vacaville 34-20 two months ago in a nonleague contest.

Brothers advanced to the playoff finals by defeating El Camino 32-14, while Vacaville, third rated and the Delta League representative, dumped Norte Del Rio 19-7, in its semifinal game. Vacaville boasts an 8-2 mark.

Tickets will go on sale at 6:30 o'clock. Tickets are \$2 for adults, \$1.50 for students with activity cards and \$1 for children. No CIF, NCOA or league passes will be honored.

# Brothers, Vacaville In Title Go Tonight

By **BRUCE REID**  
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Early-season opponents—Christian Brothers and Vacaville—meet at 8 p.m. today at American River College with the Capital City Football Championship at stake.

The No. 2 ranked Falcons of CBS, who defeated the Bulldogs 34-20 Sept. 28, are champions of the Metropolitan League. Their record stands at 9-1-1. Their only defeat was to Elk Grove in league, 9-6, and they were tied by Jesuit in the Holy Bowl, 0-0.

Vacaville, rated No. 5, is 8-2. Besides losing to CBS, the Bulldogs were upset by Woodland, 38-18, on their way to a Delta League co-championship with Cordova. The Bulldogs earned the playoff berth by virtue of having defeated Cordova in the regular season.

Tickets for the game, \$2 for adults, \$1.50 for students with ASB cards and \$1 for children, will be on sale at the gate. Officials of both schools have advised people to arrive early to avoid heavy traffic into the stadium.

Once in the stadium, fans will be treated to some real traffic. Both teams offer a

grueling running attack, with CBS getting the edge in the passing department.

Last week's Prep of the Week, Dave Petree, will provide the Bulldogs with most of their offense. The 5-foot-9 and 175-pound senior fullback is a three-year varsity performer for head coach Tom Zunino and his staff.

Pat Ford, a 5-11 and 150-pound junior, will start at quarterback for the team that juggles its formations on what seems like every play. The offense, however, is built around the double-slot formation.

Joining Ford and Petree, who gained 134 yards against Norte Del Rio in the semifinal game a week ago, will be Joe Macrina (5-8, 160) and Jeff Wright (6-0, 160).

The defense is held down by all-state shot putter Ray Burton (6-2, 220) at a linebacking position and Bill Zupo (5-9, 155) at an end spot.

Vacaville's presence in the final game marks the second time an underdog and out-of-town team has participated. Last year it was Yuba City, which tied two others for the North Metro League title, won

its semifinal game and eventually fell to undefeated Mira Loma.

Joining Bingham in the backfield will be another Prep of the Week, Jeff Tisdell (6-0, 180) at quarterback, Joe Greco (5-8, 170) at fullback and Chris Gandy (6-2, 205) at halfback.

In Tisdell the Falcons have a slight advantage. He finished the regular season as the area's third-best passer. He completed 79 of 147 attempts for 1,040 yards and 12 touchdowns.

The Bulldogs will remain on the ground more often than Brothers but Ford has been sharp when necessary. He passed for 51 completions in 96 attempts for 804 yards to rank two places behind Tisdell during the regular season.

Vacaville has not, however, defended a passing team in its last two outings. Both Norte and Cordova, who the Bulldogs beat the final day of the season, relied on a running attack. Vacaville is a proven threat in the rain and mud and weather could play an important factor.

The Falcons are coached by Dick Sperbeck and have represented the Metro League two out of the last three years.

## CBS vs Vacaville

### No. 1 Meets No. 3 For Capital City Football Title

By Ben Bodding

The September prophecy "we'll see you in the finals" will become a reality tomorrow night at 8 o'clock when No. 1 rated Christian Brothers vies with third-ranked Vacaville High School for the Capital City Football

Playoff championship at American River College.

Christian Brothers defeated Vacaville 34-20 on Sept. 28 and, following the contest, Bulldog coach Tom Zunino recalls "the Christian Brothers' players telling us 'we'll see you in the finals.'"

"We've strived for that ever since,"

continued Zunino. "We knew the only way we could play Brothers again was to get to the playoff finals. Well, here we are."

El Camino, Norte Fall

Brothers made it into the finals with a stunning 32-14 decision over  
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# Brothers will play in grid finals

'By Golly' Good

## Last Hurdle for CB Falcons

By BRUCE REID  
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That his team has met and defeated its next opponent once already this season doesn't have Christian Brothers head football coach Dick Sperbeck resting easy.

"The fact that we have played them before is not to our advantage," said Sperbeck. "Our boys might feel that we've beat them once so now what? I don't want them to play complacent." Brothers won the first meeting, 34-20.

Vacaville, the team to which Sperbeck was referring, will be the Falcons' final hurdle to the Capital City football championship when it comes to town at 8 p.m. Friday. The game site will be American River College.

"I don't think these kids are that way," Sperbeck said of his Metropolitan League champions. "They've been playing each game one by one and have been getting a little bit stronger with each one."

El Camino, which fell out of the playoffs Saturday evening after a 32-14 Brothers victory, found out the hard way. And for the second time.

El Camino had primed itself for the Brothers rematch since

### Playoff Tickets Go on Sale

Tickets for Friday's Capital City football playoff championship game between Christian Brothers and Vacaville at 8 p.m. at American River College will go on sale at 8:30 a.m. today at both schools. The tickets, scaled from \$1.00 to \$2.00, will remain on sale throughout the week.



Sperbeck

losing its opener to the Falcons, 33-6, on Sept. 13. What the Eagles, champions of the Capital Valley Conference, got the second chance was CBS's best performance to date.

"I haven't seen them (Brothers) better," admitted El Camino head coach Jim Dimino. "They picked on our line all night long and capitalized on every mistake we made."

"By golly, Christian Brothers has a fine football team. The first time we played them (Chris) Gandy ran for 135 yards and only 12 this time. But

they came back with (Bob) Bingham (7x195) and really killed us. He made the big plays when he had to."

Ironically, El Camino out-first downed the winners, 19-9. The Falcons won the rushing contest by 60 yards and were out-passed by only seven. But three important plays spelled the difference.

✓ Dennis Gauthier's fumble recovery and 36-yard return to set up a Brothers touchdown.

✓ When El Camino's Doug Morrow attempted to pick up a Brothers fumble instead of falling on it and the Falcons retained possession at their own 25-yard line.

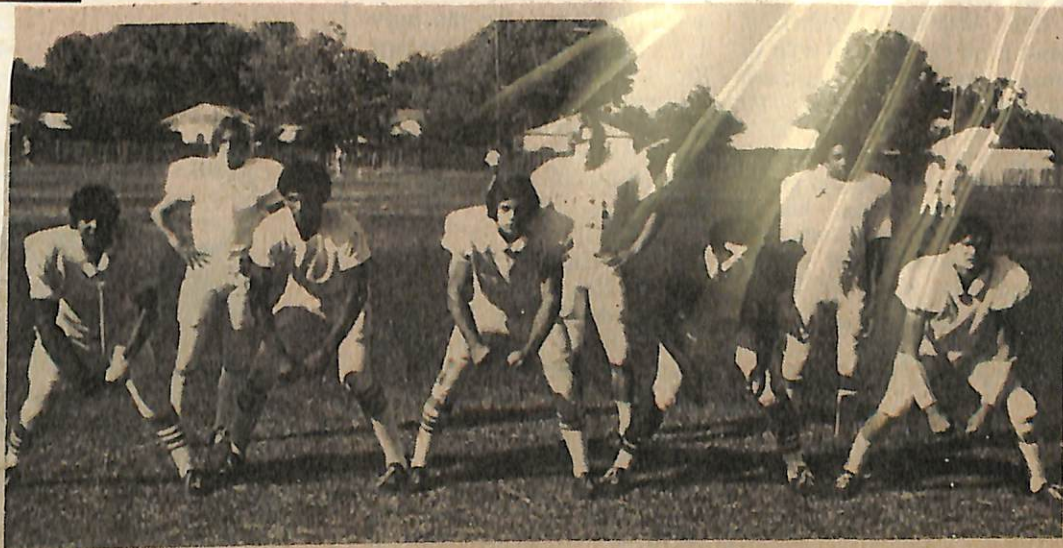
✓ Christian Brothers stopping the Eagles on fourth down and three inside the Falcons' 30-yard line late in the third quarter.

In Vacaville, the Falcons will have to contain a bullish Dave Petree. In the Bulldogs'

19-6 semi-final win over Norte Del Rio Friday evening, the senior fullback raced for 134 yards and scored two touchdowns on a very sloppy ARC field.

"If the field is muddy," said Dimino, "then watch out. If not, Vacaville will have to contend with a passing game. That's something they didn't have to worry about when they played Norte and Cordova."

"It's hard to say what kind of a game it'll be," Sperbeck said, his thoughts still reliving the semifinal victory. "They (Vacaville) have some fine runners and a pretty good defense."



### Champions meet again

The above defense ends and linebackers from Sacramento's Christian Brothers wait eagerly to meet the Vacaville Bulldogs at American River Stadium tomorrow night in a playoff that may be the most important Christian Brothers game ever played. Left to right: Tom Weri, David Breaux, Eason Ramson, Bill Boughton, Bob Bingham, Chris Gandy, Randy Wilson and Eric Schirmer. Herald photo

# Vacaville Beats Brothers for Title

By **BRUCE REID**  
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Vacaville High School, the least regarded of the four play-off participants, held sputtering Christian Brothers, the favorite, to eight yards in the second half Friday night while Pat Ford was tossing two touchdown passes and upset the Falcons, 12-0, for the Capital City Football Tournament Championship at American River College.

The Bulldogs generated 189 yards total offense to Brothers' 59, and 51 of that came entirely on rushes in the first half, which ended with Vacaville in front by six. Jeff Tisdal completed two passes for the Falcons' second half yardage as CBS had the ball only 13 plays the final two quarters.

Vacaville almost made its third touchdown against the Metropolitan League titlists when the Bulldogs advanced to the Falcon 10 late in the fourth quarter with the aid of a roughing-the-kicker penalty, but the bid was ruined by a clip, although the block seemed perfectly legal.

Reversing a 14-point loss to CBS and bouncing back from a trouncing by Woodland in its own league, the Bulldogs opened the scoring with a three-yard touchdown pass from Ford to Eddie Mann with 19 seconds remaining in the second quarter. The conversion failed on a bad center snap.

The six points followed a drive of 50 yards in nine plays after the Bulldogs, who upset

Cordova 12-0 for the Delta League title when the latter was the top-ranked team in the area, took a 25-yard quick kick by Brothers to midfield. It was the third quick kick on third down for the Falcons during the initial 24 minutes.

The big play on the drive preceding the Mann TD was a 14-yard pass from Ford to Ray Burton. The TD came on a third-and-three play, with Ford making an excellent fake handoff to the middle of the line and then hitting Mann who ran an out pattern in the corner of the endzone as a crowd of nearly 4,000 watched in a steady rain.

Brothers' best scoring chance in the first half was in the first quarter when Joe Greco was stopped on the Bulldog 2

on fourth down and goal from the 5. The play followed the only fumble of the half, at the Vacaville 25 by Dave Petree, with Eason Ramson recovering for the Falcons. Brothers elected to go for the six points on the fourth down play despite owning an adequate field goal man in Skip Davis. But Brothers coach Dick Sperbeck apparently did not want to risk the effort on a poor field.

The Greco halt ended the first period and was the only other scoring threat of the first half.

Brothers ran out of a shotgun offense most of the first half, favoring the pass, while the Bulldogs went to the run more often. The Falcons, however, did not complete a pass.

First half statistics showed

Brothers with 51 rushing yards and four missed passes, while the Bulldogs ran up 48 yards and passed 39 yards, with Ford three for five in the aerial department. First downs were even at three and Petree was the leading ground gainer with 38 yards on 17 carries. Tisdale packed seven times for 22 Brothers yards.

The Falcons entered the game ranked No. 2, losing only to Elk Grove 9-6, and playing to a scoreless tie with rival Jesuit in the mud. The Falcons had nine season wins and had beaten the Bulldogs, 34-20, earlier in the year.

Vacaville posted an 8-2 mark during regular season, bowing to Woodland, 38-18, aside from the Brothers loss. The Bulldogs came in ranked No. 5 and got to

the playoff finals by eliminating Norte, 19-6. Brothers bounced El Camino in the semis, 32-14.

Vacaville made it 12-0 at the end of three quarters when Joe

Macrina took a 15-yard TD pass from Ford, culminating a 64-yard drive in seven plays, the same number of plays Brothers had the ball the entire third period.

Setting up the TD throw to Macrina was a pass of 19 to Burton and 15 to Jeff Wright. The pass for conversion failed.

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## Bulldogs Nab Grid Title

✓ —From E1

The post-game comments produced this from Sperbeck: "The rain definitely helped them more than us, but I don't want to sound sour because they are a fine club. I wouldn't take anything away from their win. In this kind of weather, you have to play for the breaks. We never had the ball in the fourth quarter, we couldn't pass and we couldn't run our

counter plays. The shotgun formation? We used it a few times against Jesuit. It was to eliminate the possibility of Tisdal slipping when he dropped back to pass."

Reportedly, Tisdal had a sore foot and there was some thought to bring in a new quarterback, but Sperbeck did not confirm this. Vacaville has the reputation as a mudder after dropping Cordova by the same

12-0 score in the Delta League title match.

Said Vacaville coach Tom Zunino: "What the heck can you say? We're the best. This team didn't surprise me, we knew we had a good club when we beat Cordova. It's tough to run on Brothers, they were keying on Petree, but we did what we thought would work. Brothers has a good team, but things worked out."

Vacaville .....	0	6	6	0-12
Brothers .....	0	0	0	0-0
V — Mann 3 pass from Ford (kick failed).				
V — Macrina 15 pass from Ford (pass failed).				

### TEAM STATISTICS

	Vacaville	CBS
First Downs .....	9	3
Rushes—yardage .....	39-58	22-51
passing yardage .....	121	8
Passes .....	14-9-0	11-2-1
Penalties—yards .....	2-20	6-59
Punts .....	4-29.5	8-27.1
Fumbles—lost .....	3-2	2-1

### Individual Leaders

Rushing: Vacaville—Petree 23-47. CBS—Tisdale 7-22.  
Receiving: Vacaville—Burton 4-40. CBS—Farrell 1-6.

... kickoff time is 7 p.m. . . . Vacaville head coach Tom Zunino on how many rain dances he did before the Capital City Championship game . . . "I really didn't wish for it to rain, I'm just glad it did."

In the semis against El Camino, CBS wingback Bob Bingham raced 195 yards on reverses. How many times did Vacaville defense the play during practice? "We didn't," said Zunino. "We stopped it last time and weren't going to worry about it. Their passing game to (Dan) Farrell and Bingham is what had us scared."

CBS head coach Dick Sperbeck on why the Falcons were shutout . . . "We never had the ball in the fourth quarter." Vacaville Mayor William J. Carroll was in attendance at the City(?) Championship game to root his favorite team on to victory . . . and give them special congratulations in the locker room after the upset.

# Vacaville Trips Brothers 12-0

By Ben Bodding

So often in high school football, rain and mud are great equalizers.

Whether it was the bad playing conditions, tough defense or the quarterbacking of Pat Ford, Vacaville High School slogged to a 12-0 upset victory over No. 1 rated Christian Brothers before 3,500 soaked fans last night for the Capital City Football Playoff championship.

The American River College field, drenched by continuous rain since 2 PM — six hours before kickoff — was ankle deep in mud and made running almost impossible. But nothing seemed to bother Vacaville, the area's third rated team. Vacaville, 9-2, Lancers were ranked No. 1, to gain spot in Thursday's final poll.

The win was the third in as many games for the Bulldogs in the mud

against quick opposition. Vacaville had blanked Cordova 12-0 when the Lancers were ranked No. 1 to gain the playoff berth. Then the Bulldogs stopped Norte Del Rio 19-7 in the opening playoff game in inclement weather. Coach Tom Zunino mustn't mind getting a cold each weekend if it means a victory.

The Vacaville defense was devastating. Led by linebackers, Ray Burton and Tom Benito, guard Keith Heinberger and end Bill Zupo, the Bulldogs' defense held CBS to 49 total yards and only three first downs.

The Falcons had only one chance to score — that in the final seconds of the first period. CBS moved from mid-field to the Bulldogs' three before running out of downs. After that, the closest the Falcons could get to pay-  
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## Christian Brothers

### Christian Brothers Falcons

Metro League (5-1); Overall (8-1-1)

#### OFFENSE

POS.	NAME	HT.	WT.	YR.
SE	Dan Farrell	6-2	181	11
E	Eason Ramson	6-1	189	12
T	John Hurtzig	6-0	193	12
T	Brico Ragster	5-10	221	12
G	Bill Boughton	5-11	181	12
G	Steve Hennessey	5-7	165	11
C	Doug Osbourne	6-2	196	12
QB	Jeff Tisdell	6-0	176	12
HB	Chris Gandy	6-2	204	12
SB	Bob Bingham	6-0	170	12
FB	Joe Greco	5-8	166	11

#### DEFENSE

POS.	NAME	HT.	WT.	YR.
E	Dennis Gauthier	5-7	140	12
E	Kurt Schirmer	6-2	178	12
T	John Hurtzig	6-0	193	12
T	Steve Hennessey	5-7	165	11
MG	John Slaughter	5-8	165	11
LB	Chris Gandy	6-2	204	12
LB	Joe Greco	5-8	166	11
LB	Bill Boughton	5-11	181	12
DHB	Dan Farrell	6-2	181	11
DHB	Jeff Tisdell	6-0	176	12
S	Bob Bingham	6-0	170	12

Head Coach: Dick Sperbeck.



Staff photo by Gary Fong

Dave Petree, Vacaville's leading ground gainer, gains three yards for Vacaville before the Christian Brothers defense closed

between the 20 and 30-yard lines in Vacaville territory in the first half.



Vacaville fullback Dave Petree, No. 40 at far right, is hauled down in the mud by CBS defender Tom Neri after a short gain. Meanwhile,

Vacaville's Rick Larson, No. 74, slides in the ooze while several CBS gridders follow the play.



Eddie Mann escapes the great splash for Vacaville's first touchdown





**TRYING TO TACKLE** Dave Petree, fullback for the Vacaville High School varsity, were three members of the Christian Brothers Falcons in Friday night's non-conference game between two of the top prep grid teams

in the area. Petree scored one touchdown on a five-yard smash and ran well all evening, but the Bulldogs were turned back by CBS, 34-20. (Reporter Photo)

# All-Metropolitan Football Team

## OFFENSE

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
E	Dan Farrell	Brothers	6-2	185	Jr.
E	Jeff Hansen	El Camino	6-2	190	Sr.
T	Byron Froman	Delta	6-3	200	Sr.
T	Rich Harrison	Mira Loma	6-2	220	Sr.
G	Gordon King	Bella Vista	6-6	230	Sr.
G	Chuck Hunt	Sacramento	5-11	185	Sr.
C	Gary Garton	Marshall	6-3	200	Sr.
QB	Rod Bell	Grant	5-9	165	Sr.
RB	Rod Connors	Cordova	6-3	185	Sr.
RB	Rich Garcia	Rio Linda	5-10	170	Sr.
RB	James Owens	Norte	5-11	160	Sr.
K	"Butch" Edge	El Camino	6-3	205	Sr.

## DEFENSE

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
IL	Ray Allred	Norte	6-3	205	Sr.
IL	Ralph Clark	Cordova	6-1	195	Sr.
IL	Brica Ragster	Brothers	5-10	220	Sr.
IL	Alva Liles	Sacramento	6-2	230	Sr.
IL	Bob Rozier	Cordova	6-3	215	Sr.
LB	Gil Gonzales	Washington	6-2	205	Jr.
LB	Bill Boughton	Brothers	5-11	185	Sr.
LB	Jeff Buchanan	El Camino	5-11	190	Sr.
B	Steve Lee	Washington	5-11	185	Sr.
B	Walt Hill	Cordova	5-9	160	Sr.
B	Bob Bingham	Brothers	6-0	175	Sr.

**BACK-OF-THE-YEAR:** Rod Connors, Cordova.

**LINEMAN-OF-THE-YEAR:** Brica Ragster, Brothers.

**COACH-OF-THE-YEAR:** Dick Sperbeck, Brothers.

## HONORABLE MENTION

Offense: Greg Bell, Grant, receiver; Rick Garland, Bella Vista, tight end; John Axelgard, Mira Loma, tight end; Randy Temole, Sacramento, receiver; Jim Dunning, Encina, tackle; Jeff Surry, Cordova, tackle; Dave Leatherby, Jesuit, guard; John Collins, Burbank, guard; Darwin Cavalari, Norte, center; James Johnson, San Juan, center; Jeff Tisdell, Brothers, quarterback; Jack Spain, San Juan, halfback; Mike Collins, Delta, halfback; Steve Ridenour, El Camino, halfback; Vic Henderson, Bella Vista, fullback; Nick Androlewicz, Ponderosa, fullback; Joe Greco, Brothers, fullback.  
Defense: Mack Bowman, Johnson, end; Tim Bigger, Davis, end; Kurt Schriener, Brothers, end; Juan Morales, Roseville, tackle; Bob O'Brien, Cordova, middle guard; Steve Blackburn, Kennedy, linebacker; Steve O'Neill, Davis, linebacker; Rocky Parry, Roseville, linebacker; Jeff Garritt, Cordova, linebacker; Mike Chelilli, Rio Americano, linebacker; Chris Gandv, Brothers, linebacker; Rex Silliman, Casa Roble, linebacker; Joe Tanner, Grant, linebacker; Mike Henry, Burbank, linebacker; Jim Hood, Ponderosa, linebacker; Dana Johns, San Juan, back; Tony Thomas, Sacramento, back; Dave Coleman, Highlands, back.  
Specialists: Jim Breech, Sacramento, kicker; Dave Edlow, Norte Del Rio, kicker; Tom Sarette, Ponderosa, kicker.

## '73 Team

# All-Star Metro Prep 11

By Ben Bodding

Cordova's game-breaking halfback Rod Connors and Christian Brothers' rugged guard Brica Ragster top the selections to the 1973 Bee-KFBK-KOVR All-Metropolitan Area football team.

Connors, a 6-3, 185-pounder, ran for 1,017 yards and 13 touchdowns in nine games en route to the Back-of-the-Year honors. Ragster, 5-10, 220, captured the Lineman-of-the-Year award due to his vicious defensive play.

## Long Runs

Connors, who should be the most sought-after prep by the college recruiters in the area, did most of his damage on long runs. For example, against Bella Vista, Connors ran 72, 71 and 62 yards for scores. He is undoubtedly the most feared runner in Superior California.

Ragster, a three-year all-  
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Rod Connors



Brica Ragster

## Bob Bingham, CBS back

Did a little bit of everything for three years for the Falcons. Made All-Metro League team three times. Intercepted five passes, but his biggest asset was his ability to make touchdown saving tackles. Quick and strong, which aided his ability as a running back, receiver and kick returner.



## Bill Boughton, CBS linebacker

Three-year starter for the Falcons. Second to Ragster in tackles with an average of 15 per game. Hard-hitting and easily the best of the backers in the Metropolitan League.



## Offense

### Dan Farrell, CBS end

One of two juniors on the squad led Sacramento area preps in receptions with 39 for 545 yards and eight scores. Has caught 63 passes in two varsity seasons. Possesses excellent speed and ability to run precise patterns. Also an outstanding defensive back.



## All-Metro Area Team

# Ragster Is Player of Year

By BRUCE REID

Staff Writer

With four players each named to the first team, El Camino, champion of the Capital Valley Conference, and Christian Brothers, winner in the Metropolitan League, dominate the 1973 Sacramento Union's All-Metro Area High School Football Team.

Brica Ragster, a 5-foot-10, 225-pound defensive lineman from Brothers, was named Player of the Year and his coach, Dick Sperbeck, Coach of the Year.



Dick Sperbeck



## Offense

The Union's All-Metro Area prep football offensive team. Bottom row (left to right): Steve Ridenour (El Camino), James Owens (Norte), Jim Breech (Sacramento), John Collins (Burbank), Jim Dunning (Encina) and Rich Harrison (Mira Loma). Top row (left to

right): Jeff Hansen (El Camino), Eason Ramson (Brothers), Gordon King (Bella Vista), coach Dick Sperbeck (Brothers), Rod Conners (Cordova), Butch Edge (El Camino) and Gary Garton (Marshall).



Staff Photos

## Defense

The Union's All-Metro Area prep football defensive team. Bottom row (left to right): Vic Henderson (Bella Vista), Jeff Buchanan (El Camino), Dana Johns (San Juan) and Bill Boughton (Brothers). Top row (left to right):

Gilbert Gonzalez (Washington), Breck Spain (San Juan), Brica Ragster (Brothers), Ray Allred (Norte), Dan Barrett (Jesuit), Jeff Tisdell (Brothers) and Alva Liles (Sacramento).



Dick Sperbeck

Christian Brothers' coach Dick Sperbeck received the Coach-of-the-Year accolades by guiding the Falcons to the Metro League championship and into the finals of the Capital City Football Championship Playoffs. Sperbeck, whose team was 9-2-1, has compiled a 46-10-4 mark the last six seasons.

## Connors, Ragster Are Picked For High School All-America

By Ben Boddling

Cordova halfback Rod Connors and Christian Brothers guard Brica Ragster have been selected to the 1973 High School All-American Football Teams picked by Scholastic Coach and Coach and Athlete magazines.

Neither team is expected to be formally announced until next month; however, The Bee learned today Connors and Ragster have been chosen Other Sacramento and Superior California athletes may have been picked to the units, but further selections have not been revealed.

Connors, a 6-3, 180-pounder, rushed for 1,017 yards in nine games en route to Back-of-the-Year honors on the All-Metropolitan Area team.

Ragster, 5-11 and 225, was the All-Metro Area Lineman-of-the-Year. Both were All-Superior California picks, with Ragster collecting the Player-of-the-Year award.

Connors and Ragster had previously been named to the Helms-Citizens Savings All-Northern California team. They will receive their all-star awards from that group Sunday in San Francisco.



Brica Ragster

### Football Ratings Sup Cal Top Ten Final

1. Vacaville .....	9-2
2. Cordova .....	8-1
3. Christian Bros .....	9-2-1
5. Sacramento .....	8-2
6. Paradise .....	9-1-1
7. Norte Del Rio .....	7-3-1
8. Grant .....	8-2
9. El Camino .....	8-3
10. Shasta .....	10-1
10. Chico .....	9-1

# All-Metro Area

OFFENSE					
Pos.	Name	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
WR	Jeff Hansen	El Camino	6-2	190	Sr.
T	Rich Harrison	Mira Loma	6-2	210	Sr.
G	John Collins	Burbank	6-0	220	Sr.
C	Gary Garton	Marshall	6-3	195	Sr.
G	Gorden King	Bella Vista	6-5	230	Sr.
T	Jim Dunning	Encina	6-0	195	Sr.
E	Eason Ramson	Brothers	6-1	190	Sr.
QB	Jim Breech	Sacramento	5-7	160	Sr.
RB	Rod Connors	Cordova	6-2	190	Sr.
RB	James Owens	Norte	5-11	160	Sr.
RB	Steve Ridenour	El Camino	6-1	195	Sr.
K	Butch Edge	El Camino	6-3	200	Sr.

DEFENSE					
Pos.	Name	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
Line	Brica Ragster	Brothers	5-10	225	Sr.
Line	Ray Allred	Norte	6-2	205	Sr.
Line	Alva Liles	Sacramento	6-2	220	Sr.
Line	Dan Barrett	Jesuit	6-1	204	Sr.
LB	Gilbert Gonzalez	Washington	6-1	200	Jr.
LB	Bill Boughton	Brothers	5-11	185	Sr.
LB	Jeff Buchanan	El Camino	5-11	190	Sr.
LB	Vic Henderson	Bella Vista	6-0	200	Sr.
DHB	Dana Johns	San Juan	6-0	170	Sr.
DHB	Jeff Tisdal	Brothers	6-0	180	Sr.
DHB	Breck Spain	San Juan	6-3	200	Sr.

**Player of the Year** — Brica Ragster, Christian Brothers.  
**Coach of the Year** — Dick Sperbeck, Christian Brothers.

### ALL-METRO AREA HONORABLE MENTION

**Backs**  
 Rod Bell (Grant); Mike Reese (Marysville); Bob Rozier (Cordova); Steve Heinecke (Washington); Ed Haze (Grant); Mike Collins (Delta); Rick Macias (Washington); Todd Holmes (Armijo); Rick Garcia (Rio Linda); Steve Womer (Yuba City); Jay Wilcox (Nevada Union); Steve Carmack (Bella Vista); Joe Greco (CBS); Eric Cervantes (Johnson); Jack Manuel (Elk Grove); Gary Sotelo (Mira Loma); Mack Bowman (Johnson); Tony Watson (McClatchy).

**Receivers**  
 Dan Farrell (CBS); Greg Bell (Grant); Joe Rose (Marysville); Benhard Peat (Pacer); Randy Temple (Sacramento); John Axelgard (Mira Loma).

**Linemen**  
 Jon Lancaster (Fairfield); Chuck Hunt (Sacramento); Tom Perkins (La Sierra); Glenn Perry (Yuba City); John Allen (Mira Loma); Byron Froman (Delta); Bob O'Brien (Cordova); Bill Brainard (La Sierra); Phil McClure (Del Campo); Manuel Dominguez (Casa Roble); Bill Youngblood (Roseville); Kelly Miller (South Tahoe); Albert Peretti (Johnson); Tony Nelson (Marshall).

**Linebackers**  
 Chris Gandy (CBS); Mike Chilelli (Rio Americano); Carey Dillon (Sacramento); Joe Tanner (Grant); Charles Palmer (Galt); Dave Leatherby (Jesuit); Rex Silliman (Casa Roble).

**Defensive Backs**  
 Bob Bingham (CBS); Steve Lee (Washington); Tony Thomas (Sacramento); Doug Barkdull (Mira Loma); Duran Harden (Burbank); Dan Thompson (Cordova); Craig Tinson (Kennedy); Walt Hill (Cordova).

# All-Sac Valley

OFFENSE					
Pos.	Name	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
WR	Jeff Hansen	El Camino	6-2	190	Sr.
T	Dwoney	5-10	230	Jr.	
G	Gordon King	Bella Vista	6-5	230	Sr.
C	Gary Garton	Marshall	6-3	195	Sr.
G	Gary Bethel	Turlock	6-4	225	Sr.
T	Rich Harrison	Mira Loma	6-2	210	Sr.
E	Chuck Laun	Downey	6-2	190	Sr.
QB	Daryl	Franklin	6-1	187	Sr.
RB	James Owens	Norte	5-11	160	Sr.
RB	Rod Connors	Cordova	6-2	190	Sr.
RB	Dave Petree	Vacaville	5-9	175	Sr.
K	Butch Edge	El Camino	6-3	200	Sr.

DEFENSE					
Pos.	Name	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
Line	Brica Ragster	Brothers	5-10	225	Sr.
Line	Ken Pimentel	Turlock	6-3	220	Sr.
Line	Bob Galano	Edison	6-3	240	Sr.
Line	Alva Liles	Sacramento	6-2	220	Sr.
LB	Randy Whited	Downey	6-2	215	Sr.
LB	Bill Boughton	Brothers	5-11	185	Sr.
LB	Vic Henderson	Bella Vista	6-0	200	Sr.
DHB	Jeff Tisdal	Brothers	6-0	180	Sr.
DHB	Jesse Thompson	Merced	6-2	180	Sr.
DHB	Arlene Peters	Modesto	6-0	185	Sr.
DHB	Chris Costa	Galt	5-9	155	Jr.

**Player of the Year** — Daryl Powers, Franklin.  
**Coach of the Year** — Tom Zunino, Vacaville and Larry MacLeitch, Franklin.

### ALL-VALLEY HONORABLE MENTION

**Backs**  
 Steve Ridenour (El Camino); Jack Manuel (Elk Grove); Rod Bell (Grant); Mike Williams (St. Mary's); Randy Self (Ceres); Steve Schuh (Lodi); Bruce Parker (Grace Davis); Jeff Truesdale (Downey); Ron Craig (Corning); Dan Cardoza (Sutter); Mike Felder (Lower Lake); Kip Losey (Justin); Willie Lipkin (Vanden); Glen Long (Shasta); Dino Visinoni (Paradise); Mark Thorton (Biggs); Pat Ford (Vacaville); Jim Breech (Sacramento); Sal Galvan (Esparto); Dana Taylor (East Union); Rick Garcia (Rio Linda).

**Receivers**  
 Ray Burton (Vacaville); Eason Ramson (Brothers); Dan Farrell (Brothers); Joe Rose (Marysville); Pete Turner (Franklin); Ken Simpson (St. Mary's); Greg Bell (Grant); Dan Gassoway (Williams); Harold Reed (Franklin); Frank Halvorson (St. Mary's); Mitch Webb (Shasta); Tim Pannel (Durham).

**Linemen**  
 Jim Dunning (Encina); John Collins (Burbank); Byron Froman (Delta); Chuck Hunt (Sacramento); John Allen (Mira Loma); Terry Flannery (Galt); Tom Perkins (La Sierra); Dan Barrett (Jesuit); Ray Allred (Notre); Albert Peretti (Johnson); Glenn Perry (Yuba City); Jerry Slingsby (Casa Roble); John Sanguinetti (Franklin); Ron Cleland (Stagg); Miles Granson (East Union); Steve Weeks (Vanden); Jon Lancaster (Fairfield); Jim Stephens (Pleasant Valley).

**Linebackers**  
 Gonzalez (Washington); Jeff Buchanan (El Camino); Chris Cobb (Wheatland); Jim Reifert (Anderson); Clay Colo (Downey); Rex Silliman (Casa Roble); Dave Leatherby (Jesuit); Chris Gandy (Brothers); Carey Dillon (Sacramento); Neal Raboca (Edison).

**Backs**  
 Steve Lee (Washington); Dana Johns (San Juan); Breck Spain (San Juan); Dan Thompson (Cordova); Scott Parker (Downey); Anthony Flores (Corning); Gary Henderson (Pierce); Mike Collins (Delta); Randy Romero (Anderson); Joe Gannon (Shasta).

## 24th Annual New World Prep Football All-Americans

### First Team

Guards					
Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	School	Coach
Brica Ragster	6-2	210	Sr.	Christian Brothers	Dick Sperbeck
Jim Phifer	6-0	190	Jr.	Notre Dame	Dale Chrisman
Pete Allard	6-4	237	Sr.	St. Laurence	Tom Kavanagh
Tom O'Doherty	6-2	220	Sr.	Creighton Prep	Tom Jaworski

Ends					
Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	School	Coach
Nik Vukelich	6-2	215	Sr.	Mendel Catholic	Lou Guida
Ed Kasperek	6-1	185	Sr.	Divine Child	Bill McCartney
Dan Farrell	6-3	180	Jr.	Christian Brothers	Dick Sperbeck
Dom Tedesco	6-3	195	Sr.	Fenwick	Matt Laurich

Quarterbacks					
Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	School	Coach
Jeff Tisdale	6-2	180	Sr.	Christian Brothers	Dick Sperbeck
Ted Burgmeier	6-1	186	Sr.	Wahlert	Bob Varley

## All-Superior California Large Schools

### OFFENSE

Pos. Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
E Dan Farrell	Brothers	6-2	185	Jr.
E Joe Rose	Marysville	6-4	185	Jr.
T Jim Stephens	Pleas. Valley	6-3	225	Sr.
T Jay Hawkins	Shasta	6-2	210	Sr.
G Gordon King	Bella Vista	6-6	230	Sr.
G Bill Caldwell	Anderson	6-2	200	Sr.
C Gary Garton	Marshall	6-3	200	Sr.
QB Rod Bell	Grant	5-9	160	Sr.
RB Rod Owens	Cordova	6-3	185	Sr.
RB James Owens	Norte Del Rio	5-11	160	Sr.
RB Dave Petree	Vacaville	5-9	180	Sr.
K "Butch" Edge	El Camino	6-3	205	Sr.

### DEFENSE

Pos. Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
IL Brica Ragster	Brothers	5-10	220	Sr.
IL Glenn Perry	Yuba City	6-1	230	Sr.
IL Larry Wright	Paradise	5-11	180	Sr.
IL Jerry Pickering	Shasta	6-0	230	Sr.
IL Bob Rozier	Cordova	6-3	210	Sr.
LB Dino Visinoni	Paradise	6-0	195	Sr.
LB Bill Boughton	Brothers	5-11	185	Sr.
LB Ray Burton	Vacaville	6-3	215	Sr.
DB Randy Romero	Anderson	5-8	150	Sr.
DB Walt Hill	Cordova	5-9	160	Sr.
DB John Sambucetti	Woodland	6-0	170	Sr.

PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR: Brica Ragster, Brothers.

COACH-OF-THE-YEAR: Tom Zunino, Vacaville.

#### HONORABLE MENTION

Jeff Hansen, end, El Camino; Rich Harrison, tackle, Mira Loma; Chuck Hunt, guard, Sacramento; Rich Garcia, halfback, Rio Linda; Ray Alfred, lineman, Norte Del Rio; Ralph Clark, lineman, Cordova; Alva Liles, lineman, Sacramento; Jeff Buchanan, linebacker, El Camino; Bob Bingham, defensive back, Brothers; Glen Long, halfback, Shasta; Vance McHenry, quarterback, Chico; Pat Ford, quarterback, Vacaville; Dwayne Haskins and Earl Holmes, halfbacks, Central Valley; Don Michaels, guard, Paradise; Kerry Spinks, center, Paradise; Steve Silva, fullback, Chico; John Lancaster, lineman, Fairfield; Rom McIntyre, linebacker, Yreka; Jim Riebert, linebacker, Anderson; Jim Karlgaard, lineman, Anderson; Jay Wilcox, halfback, Nevada Union; Robert Swan, tackle, Chico; Todd Holmes, halfback, Armijo.

## Sperbeck Of CBS Is Optimist Coach

Dick Sperbeck, who has guided Christian Brothers to a 46-10-3 overall mark the last six football seasons, has been named to coach the Sacramento County All-Star team in the 18th annual Optimist Football Game Aug. 10 at Hughes Stadium.

Sperbeck, whose teams have not been rated any lower than sixth, hopes to add another victory to the County's win column after last year's 28-16 triumph gave the Sacramento squad a 6-5-1 edge over the Northern California All-Stars.

A graduate of Marysville High School, Yuba College and St. Mary's College, Sperbeck coached CBS to a 9-2-1 record last season and the runnerup slot in the Capital City Football Championship race.

Sperbeck-coached teams have finished first three times and second on three occasions in the Metropolitan League, losing only two league games since 1969.

Sperbeck, also the athletic director at CBS, has received coach of the year



Dick Sperbeck

awards six times since 1970, including the Metropolitan League laurels in 1970, 1971 and 1973.

Tickets are available by writing Optimist Game, 2320 J St., Sacramento, 95816. Reserved tickets are \$4, with general admission and a family package sold only the night of the game.

## CBS Guard Joins Star Team

Special To The Bee

CHICAGO—Guard Brica Ragster of Christian Brothers School has been selected to the 24th annual New World Prep All-American football team.

Ragster, The Bee's player-of-the-year, was picked on the first team by the Catholic diocese newspaper. The 5-11, 225-pound senior was rated first

among the four guards listed.

Teammates Dan Farrell, a 6-3, 180-pound junior end, and Jeff Tisdell, a 6-2, 180-pound senior quarterback, were named to the second team.

The all-star team was chosen from athletes at Catholic high schools throughout the nation.

### What brings you to Sacramento?

Your City Championship, first of all. My brother (Mel—an assistant coach at Christian Brothers) tells me there are some fine prospects in the area and that many of them will be playing in this final game. I came up to see if any of them would be interested in playing football for USC.

### Who in particular will you be meeting with?

Supposedly Christian Brothers has five players who they feel can play major college football. I don't know about that for a fact so that's why I'm here. There are also a few players we are interested in that have finished their season and I would like to get together with them and find out what their opinion of USC is. I'll be calling on each kid individually.

### Can you mention any names?

Yes. Lets see, for Christian Brothers there are (Bob) Bingham, (Chris) Gandy, (Brica) Ragster, (Jeff) Tisdell and (Eason) Ramson. I have a list made up somewhere with everyone's name on it. I'd rather not mention any more

'bloodsport' revisited:

# 'bloodsport' revisited:

## An open letter

To: All Concerned with the T.V. movie "Bloodsport," I, as a football coach at the high school level and moreover as a father, am highly indignant at all who were involved in perpetrating "Bloodsport" upon the American viewing public. Furthermore I am incensed at such as Chris Wise of the Sacramento Union who would not only view this horrible misrepresentation as typical but would be so prejudiced toward something he knows nothing about to write "If it keeps one boy from wanting to be a football player, it was a monumental endeavor" and "considering what goes into a football mentality, it is a wonder that the sport can even be remotely connected with educational institutions." If it had been about an inept, malpracticing physician (which could not happen as the A.M.A. lobby is too strong) would he have written that it was a success if it keeps people from going to doctors or that it's a success if it keeps one boy from going into medicine? So much for his inane review.

When Danny Thomas Productions approached the Woodland and Rancho Cordova communities, they told them that the title was to be "Poetry in Motion" and that it was about a high school running back. I maintain that they never intended to call the movie by that name but rather used it to dupe the high schools of those communities into cooperating with them. I choose to think that, than to believe that Dale Lackey of Woodland and Harold Mathews of Cordova would cooperate in a project that so maliciously maligns interscholastic football. If they had told them it was "Bloodsport," I am sure they would have investigated the story and refused to cooperate. There is no way that "Poetry in Motion" could have been a title for that movie and it was never intended to be. It is an odious indictment of the American people that Danny Thomas Productions told the Woodland people that the name was changed because the new title would have more appeal and capture more viewers.

And what of the alleged humanitarian Danny Thomas and his part in this prostitution. Is it so important to him to sell a movie to television that he would so viciously attack high school football and its coaches without having any insights into what it is and what it does for boys? And what of his part in the deception involved with the name. I fear some hypocrisy must surround this docile, homespun, charitable man we see presented on television. If he is not involved he would be wise to watch what he puts his name on.

I am also surprised at the paradox of Channel 13 KOVR playing the film although they probably did not have a choice as it was a mandate from ABC. Their sports director Steve Somers is doing a fine job of promoting high school athletics and what they represent locally while at the same time a movie is shown which puts football in such a distorted position.

I am not concerned that objective, intelligent people could possibly view "Bloodsport" as anything but pap when they depict a scene where a coach throws a coat over the body of a boy who dies on the practice field and comments, "Not before the big game" or one where the coach pours it on an opponent because a father from the stands tells him to, or any of the other drivel that was misrepresented and distorted. But I am concerned that dimwitted people can have their prejudices reinforced by a medium that will sell its soul to get someone to watch its infantile trash. I am also concerned that my honorable profession that does so much for young men should be put in such a bad light.

But perhaps it's not all bad; maybe it will prevent at least one boy from becoming a newspaper television critic or a T.V. movie producer.

Sincerely, Dick Sperbeck, Director of Athletics & Head Football Coach, Christian Brothers High School, Dec. 7, 1973.



Dick Sperbeck

# 'It ridiculed our profession'



by Ron Bellamy  
/ Sunday Best  
staff writer

It's coming was heralded with excitement and anticipation. "Poetry in Motion," a movie about a high school football player, was to be filmed in Woodland and telecast nationally by ABC. Local high school athletes—including Rod Connors of Cordova—would be used as doubles and extras.

Well, the men from Danny Thomas Productions came, and filmed, and left, and by the time "Poetry in Motion" was telecast last Dec. 5, the title had been changed to "Bloodsport" and the dander of the local coaching corps had been most definitely raised.

The movie, which chronicled the senior season of a high school quarterback and his domineering father, was in many respects a good one. The acting—by Ben Johnson as the father and Gary Busey as the quarterback—was convincing. The football action footage—supervised by Steve Sabol of NFL Films—was superior.

It was Larry Hagman's portrayal of the coach as a weak, insincere, gum-chewing, whistle-toting and generally oily character that has upset local coaches, most notably Dick Sperbeck of Christian Brothers, whose letter appears above.

Other coaches have joined the chorus.

"I thought it was —," said Sacramento High coach Dave Hotell. "That guy brutalized us as coaches. Chewing gum and the

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August about making the movie.

"We made some facilities available to them, and cooperated with them as well as we could. The people from Danny Thomas Productions were honorable, honest people in every respect . . . if I were in a position to cooperate with them again, I would do so if I could," Lackey said.

Lackey said that the title change was made by the American Broadcasting Company two weeks prior to the telecast, not by Danny Thomas Productions.

"What we knew about the movie was merely the fact that a movie was going to be made about a high school athlete. We didn't get into the concept of it . . . it was just another movie . . .

"I didn't particularly care for the new title . . . as far as liking the movie, we were too close to it here to really judge . . . we were more interested in seeing who was in it and what was left out than in the story."

Woodland football coach Armand Jaques agreed with points in Sperbeck's letter.

"From a coaching point of view, I would agree with him," Jaques said. "It was an unfortunate movie, although certainly not a death blow to high school athletics.

"While it was being filmed, the story was not really talked about specifically, it was talked about in generalities. If the situation came up again, I might have reservations about it."

One man who did try to ascertain the nature of the plot was Hal Mathews, princi-

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## Speakers

### TOM ZUNINO - Vacaville High School

In 13 years as head football coach at Vacaville High School, Tom Zunino has directed his teams to five league championships while compiling a 54-22-4 league record. He has coached in two All-Star games, the Solano County All-Star game and the Eiks-Valley All-Star game, and directed his 1973 team to the Capitol City Playoff Championship. A native of west-central California, he attended Vallejo High School and Vallejo Junior College before getting his degree at Sacramento State. He became Athletic Director and Head Football Coach at Vacaville in 1960. In addition to football, Zunino has also coached baseball, basketball, wrestling and golf at Vacaville.

### DON DEL GRANDE - Clear Lake High School

In his second year as head coach at Clear Lake High School, Don Del Grande coached his 1973 team to a perfect 9-0 record and the North Central League title. This was on the heels of last year's 'building' season of 1-6-1 during which Del Grande concentrated on developing discipline, football fundamentals and a winning attitude while fighting to develop a viable football program at the school. A graduate of Humboldt State University, Del Grande served as an assistant high school coach for two years before taking over the head spot at Clear Lake High.

**DICK SPERBECK - Christian Brothers High School**

After leading his team to a 9-2-1 record and the Metropolitan League title in 1973, Dick Sperbeck was selected 'Coach of the Year' by both the Sacramento Bee and Union. Over the past six years, Dick has directed his Christian Brothers High School teams to a 46-10-3 record and has consistently been in the battle for the Metropolitan League Championship. A product of the Marysville area, he attended Marysville High and Yuba College before going on to St. Marys in the bay area. An outstanding athlete himself, he has been head coach at Christian Brothers for the past 12 years.

## About the Clinic

This year's Yuba College Football Clinic brings together the "Winners" of Northern California. The purpose of the Clinic is to promote good fellowship within our own profession as well as to exchange ideas. The day's activities will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the College Theatre and conclude with the refreshment period which will be held at Stassi's Fourth Ward in Marysville.

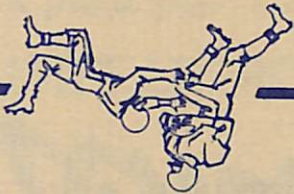
We would like to mention that the registration fee includes coffee and doughnuts, lunch, cokes and a refreshment period at the end of the day.

Clinic Director: CAL GOWER

REGISTRATION FEE \$5.00

## Program Agenda

8:30 - 9:30	REGISTRATION - Coffee and Donuts - Exhibitors
9:30 - 10:30	TOM ZUNINO - Vacaville High School "Building the Vacaville Offense"
10:30 - 11:00	COKE BREAK - Visit Exhibitors
11:00 - 12:00	DON DEL GRANDE - Clear Lake High School "Developing a Small School Football Program"
12:00 - 1:00	LUNCH - Campus Dining Commons
1:00 - 2:00	DICK SPERBECK - Christian Brothers High School "Organization, Philosophy and Execution"
2:00 - 2:30	COKE BREAK - Visit Exhibitors
2:30 - 3:45	MINI PRESENTATIONS



## Mini Presentations

Sperbeck will speak on "Organization, Philosophy and Execution" as he tells how he has run up a 46-10-3 record over six years. In that span he has directed his teams to League titles in 1970, 1971, and 1973, to second place finishes in 1968, 1969, and 1972. Additionally, he has been selected "Coach of the Year" by Channel 10 in 1968, by the Sacramento Union in 1970 and 1973, by the Sacramento Bee in 1973, and by the Metropolitan League in 1970, '71, and '73.

**MIKE HANCOCK - Washington Redskins, tight**  
the entire season with George Allen's Washington graduate of Williams High School. He played Junior College Championship team before moving to a starter and was drafted by the Redskins.

**JOHN OROGENEN - Yuba College.** One of only John Orogenen is just back from coaching in Cross Country and Track program and works with A graduate of San Jose State, he coached several years ago.

**RON PETERSON - Yuba College.** For five years as an assistant football coach, Ron Peterson heads the Yuba College weight training program. In addition to weight training and football, Peterson also coaches wrestling. A graduate of Humboldt State, he was captain of his championship football team his senior year. He later coached the Humboldt JV team and played semi-pro football for the Humboldt Foresters.