

1949

# Powerful Gaels Land Five On All-City Selections; McClatchy Rates Three

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As befits their seasonal mark, Christian Brothers Gaels dominate this year's Sacramento Union All-City Baseball Team. The Brothers, with only two losses in 21 games, placed five men on the mythical squad. McClatchy landed three spots, and Grant Union and Sacramento two each.

Narrowing the field to 12 players was no mean task for the

## 1949 Sacramento Prep All-Stars

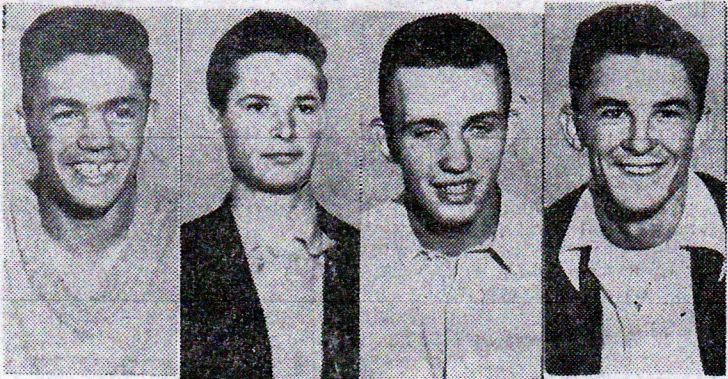
Pitcher .....	Tony Stathos	McClatchy .....	16	Junior
Pitcher .....	Don Knezovich	Christian Brothers ..	17	Senior
Pitcher .....	Mike Acker	Sacramento .....	16	Junior
Catcher .....	Jim Sady	Grant Union .....	18	Senior
Catcher .....	John McNamara	Christian Brothers ..	16	Junior
First Base .....	Mike Virga	McClatchy .....	17	Senior
Second Base .....	Jim Griffin	McClatchy .....	17	Senior
Third Base .....	Joe Kirrene	Christian Brothers ..	17	Senior
Shortstop .....	Buddy Boyer	Sacramento .....	17	Senior
Left Field .....	Al Anicich	Christian Brothers ..	17	Senior
Center Field .....	Jim Ramey	Grant Union .....	16	Junior
Right Field .....	Al Brown	Christian Brothers ..	—	Senior

Honorable Mention: Earl Rose, McClatchy; Bud Farley, McClatchy; Tom Galli, McClatchy; George Radovich, Christian Brothers; Bob Lehtola, Christian Brothers; Dick Olson, Sacramento; Ken Barrigan, Sacramento; Ken Wollenberg, Sacramento; Frank Agosta, Sacramento.

selection committee composed of baseball coaches—Dick Kollenborn of Grant, Cliff Perry of McClatchy, Brother Eugene of CBS and Woody Adams of Sacramento.

**ESPECIALLY FOR** infield spots was the competition keen. Final result of screening and selecting is one of the strongest all-star teams of recent years.

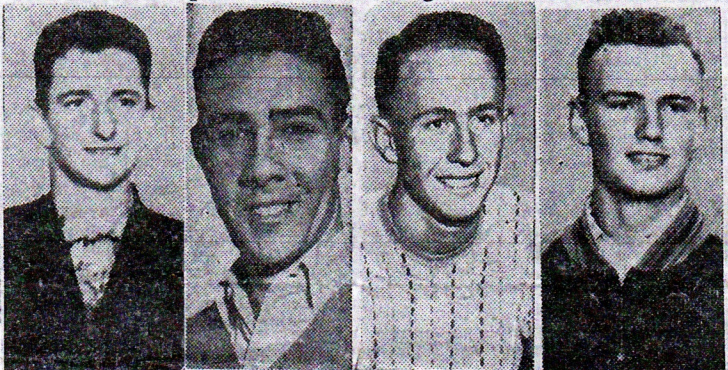
The squad has balance, good fielding and extra-base power,



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and is fortunate in having three heady, outstanding pitchers. Leading the mound corps is Christian Brothers' Don Knezovich. Knezovich, already eyed by professional scouts, is undefeated this season, and was a unanimous selection.

McClatchy's Tony Stathos is another mound choice. The little Lion southpaw has won seven games as against no defeats

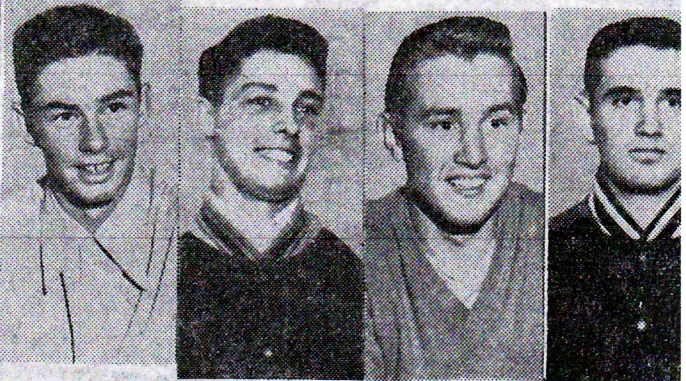


for McClatchy this year. Stathos' fast ball is said by opp players to be the best in the city.

**ROUNDING OUT** mound selections is Sacramento's Acker. Acker, one of three juniors chosen on this year's team a 4-2 record with the hot and cold Dragons.

Chosen as the team's two catchers are Jim Sady of Grant and John McNamara of Christian Brothers.

Although only 16 and a junior, McNamara was a unani



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choice for one of the catching spots. A steady backstop handles pitchers well, he is also a good hitter.

**SADY, A VETERAN** of high school baseball, Junior Le baseball and the spring baseball league, is a continuous husher bats over .250 and has a strong arm.

Infield is loaded with fielding ability and power hitting. first is Mike Virga of McClatchy. Virga, clubbing at a .388 made but one error in 75 chances this year for the Lions.

On second is McClatchy's Jim Griffin. Griffin is the lead Lion hitter with a .475 average. Coach Cliff Perry terms blond infielder "one of the best second basemen in McClatchy history."

**FOR THE SECOND** consecutive year, Joe Kirrene of CBS a unanimous choice for the third base spot. Kirrene, one of most powerful hitters in the city, has implemented his season .400 plus average with two homers and eight triples. In his game, Kirrene knocked out three doubles.

Buddy Boyer of Sacramento won a close nod over Bud Farley of McClatchy for shortstop position. Boyer is a fast, sure fielder and able hitter.

Christian Brothers players captured two of the three outfield spots. Al Anicich, the Gaels' heavy hitting star, drew the nod the left field position. Al Brown of CBS won the center field spot. Brown has played both infield and outfield for the Gaels this season.

**THE LAST JUNIOR** named on the squad was Jim Ramey of Grant for the right field position. Ramey is hovering at the mark and possesses a strong arm.

Nine players received honorable mention for this year's team. Earl Rose, McClatchy's promising sophomore, received men for both outfield work and pitching.

Other players receiving honorable mention were Farley, McClatchy; Tom Galli, McClatchy; George Radovich, CBS; Bob Lehtola, CBS; Dick Olson, Sacramento; Ken Barrigan, Sacramento; Ken Wollenberg, Sacramento, and Frank Agosta, Sacramento.