



Hitting the horsehide ...

As this volume went to press, the 1949 baseball season was nearing its half way mark. Up to this point the Gaels under the excellent coaching of Brother Eugene, had an undefeated record with fifteen straight wins.

In the opener against Woodland, Jim Church threw a three hitter at the Wolves and the Irish emerged on top of a 7-2 score. Don Knezovich, the last of the five pitching Knezoviches, collected three of the Brothers' eight blows. It was a masterful mound effort on the part of Church.

The second fracas gave the Gaels a 10-0 win over Lodi, Bob Lehtola turned in a masterful two hit performance. The Brothers collected eleven blows, three of them by Joe Kirrene. Pete Vartanian, Al Anicich, Al Brown and Alan Guttman each contributed two safeties.

On the 17th of March the CBS nine took the measure of Roseville, 8-6, behind the six hit pitching of Bruce Wood. Again Al Anicich and Al Brown managed to collect two bingles. One of Anicich's blows was a mighty triple to the center field wall. Joe Kirrene also smashed out a three bagger.

The fourth victim of the Gael onslaught was the Sacramento Dragons. George Radovich, Al Anicich, and Joe Kirrene collected two blows apiece. Don Knezovich won his first start with a fine ten hit performance. The final score was 6-1. The run chalked up again Knezovich was not an earned one. The Gael infield manufactured two twin killings in this tiff.

In the Brothers' first home game against Woodland, Jim Church outlasted Fred Fields, Wolves chucker, to gain a 4-3 win. The winning run was scored in the last inning. With one out, John McNamara got life on the Wolves' thirdbaseman's bobble.



Varsity Baseball Team. Front row, left to right: Jerry Wilkins (manager), George Radovich, George Silvers, Don Knezovich, John McNamara, Peter Vartanian, Jerry Kaesar, Albie Brown. Second row: Brother Eugene (coach), Bruce Wood, Manuel Cazares, Alan Guttman, Al Anicich, Joe Kirrene, Bob Lehtola, Ken Orvick, Jim Church, Carl Lang.



Then George Radovich bunted, and when the catcher threw the ball away McNamara went all the way to third and Radovich down to second. Al Anicich was purposely passed. Kirrene then flied to deep center allowing McNamara to dent the rubber with the game winning run. Both Knezovich and Kirrene smashed out a pair of singles.

In their fifth outing the Irish beat Grant, 2-0, behind the superb one hit twirling of Bob Lehtola. Al Anicich and Don Knezovich both slapped out a couple of hits. One of Anicich's hits was a double. Harry DuVall hit a weak roller down the third base line in the opening stanza which stayed inside the white chalk marker, thus depriving Lehtola of a no hit, no run effort.

For the seventh triumph the Brothers massacred Napa High School 14-0, behind the combined one hit slab work of Knezovich and Bruce Wood. The latter receiving credit for his second win. Kirrene and Albie Brown each hammered out a pair of safeties in the Gael's twelve hit assault.

In the Rio Vista affair, the eighth victims of the Irish nine, George Silvers paced the batters with four singles. Anicich, Pete Vartanian, Kirrene and Carl Lang clubbed out two safeties apiece.

Number nine on the Gael march was Dixon High, and they bowed 24-1. Don Knezovich pitched a two hit effort in notching his third win, having previously defeated Sacramento and Rio Vista. John McNamara, George Radovich, Joe Kirrene and Jerry Kaeser each added two blows to the Gael attack, but the batting star was Knezovich with five successive hits.

The McClatchy Lions were the tenth team who found the Gael too much for them. Knezovich pitched the 12-4 victory. Anicich, Jerry Kaeser, and Knezovich each contributed two hits. Three miscues by his mates robbed "Ducky" of a shutout. George Silvers, Irish shortpatcher, played great ball in the field.

Five errors paved the way for the Christian Brothers nine's 6-1 win over the St. Mary's High School of Berkeley. Jim Church pitched a steady game for the winners. He allowed five scattered hits, walked two and fanned seven. Al Brown batted in a pair of counters in the fourth with his one baser to center.

Grant Union High School bowed to the win-happy Gaels 12-2 to make it twelve in a row for the Irish nine. Albie Brown and Jerry Kaeser rapped out three hits apiece. Bob Lehtola pitched shutout ball for five innings before being relieved by Anicich in the sixth. This ran Lehtola's streak to twenty-one innings, in which the opposition had failed to manufacture a run off the deliveries of the stocky righthander.

Everybody was hitting in the Gaels' second win over McClatchy, 12-2. Ducky Knezovich pitched the victory.

In a tough San Francisco encounter, CBS came from behind to beat Sacred Heart, 4-2. Lehtola pitched and Joe Kirrene got a triple for the winning run.

For its fifteenth straight victory, the Gaels downed McClellan Field, 11-0, with Knezovich and Lehtola pitching the no-hitter.

Leading the Gael bat parade are Don Knezovich, Al Anicich, Joe Kirrene and Albie Brown, each sticker has an average in or around the select .400 group.

Don Knezovich paces the pitching department with four wins and nary a setback. Bob Lehtola has the most impressive earned run average, since he hasn't allowed one, either an earned marker or otherwise.

At times Pete Vartanian looks good at bat, and he manages to get his share of base hits. Carl Lang and Alan Guttman round out a very capable outfield.

The keystone combination of George Silvers and either Jerry Kaeser or Don Knezovich has looked impressive in most of the Irish battles, but there have been only two games (at this writing) in which the Gael infield did not make a miscue.



CBS Defeats Woodland In 3-3 Contest

The Christian Brothers School baseball squad staggered to a 4 to 3 victory over the Woodland High School Wolves yesterday on the William Land Park diamond No. 1.

The Gaels scored the clincher when Johnny McNamara and George Radovich gained life on errors and Anicich drew an intentional walk to set the stage for Kirrene's pop.

Church, CBS hurler, was forced to a three run lead in the opening inning when Radovich lashed first on a fielder's choice and moved to second on Anicich's pop. Both runners advanced on a passed ball and scored when Kirrene drilled a hit to center. Don Knezovich's hit tallied Kirrene.

But Martin was the star of Woodland's two run rally in the second. He singled across Don Soek and crossed the plate himself stealing third and home. The Wolves tied the count in the third on Johnny Din's hit and two outs.

Although the losers collected only two safeties, three walks and five errors kept Church in constant trouble as his opponents put men on base in every inning except the fourth.

Kirrene and Knezovich each laced two hits to pace the sluggers, while Vartanian and Ken Nardinelli were afield. Gene Garcia, Woodland right hander who relieved Fred Fields in the sixth, drew the feat.

The score: R. H. E.
Woodland 3 5 5
Christian Brothers 4 5 5
Batteries: Fields, Garcia and George; Church and McNamara.

CBS Nine Beats Woodland, 7-2, In Season Opener

(McClatchy Newspapers Service)

WOODLAND, March 15.—Sparked by the three hit pitching of Jim Church and the timely hitting of Don Knezovich, the Christian Brothers School baseball squad opened its 1949 campaign here yesterday with a 7 to 2 win over the Woodland High School Wolves.

Losers Score In Fourth

Church, smooth working right-hander, baffled his opponents in every inning except the fourth when the losers counted two unearned runs on three walks and two Gael errors. He fanned 10 batters and capped his performance with three strikeouts in the final frame.

The Brothers spiked the rubber four times in the second stanza when Joe Kirrene and Knezovich singled and Jerry Kaeser walked to fill the bases. Two runs were scored on an error and an outfield fly, then Johnny McNamara sent two more across with a double to right field.

Singles by Al Anicich, Knezovich and Albie Brown produced a Gael tally in the third, while George Silvers' long double scored Knezovich and Brown with the final markers in the fifth.

Fields Losing PITCHER

Fred Fields, Woodland starter, hurled six innings and drew the defeat. He struck out seven and walked three.

Knezovich, veteran CBS pitcher, filled in at second base and starred defensively besides lacing three safeties, each of which played a part in the scoring, to top the sluggers.

The Gaels will be busy the rest of the week. They will travel to Lodi tomorrow to meet the Lodi High School Flames, and will be entertained by Roseville High School Thursday. The Sacramento High School Dragons will be hosts to CBS Friday on the James McClatchy Park diamond.

The score— R. H. E.
Christian Brothers 7 8 5
Woodland 2 3 3
Batteries: Church and McNamara; Fields, Garcia and George.

Church Hurls Gael Victory

By Valley News Service

WOODLAND — Jim Church, Christian Brothers righthander, led his mates to a 7 to 2 victory over Woodland High School yesterday in the season's opener for both teams. Church fanned only three hits.

The winners tallied four runs in the second when Joe Kirrene and Al Anicich singled, Jerry Kaeser walked, George Radovich drilled first on an error, Church drilled deep center and Johnny McNamara scooped a double to right field.

By Anicich, Don Knezovich and Al Brown produced another marker in the third, while George Silvers doubled home the pair in the fifth.

Woodland tallies in the second stanza were unearned. Fields pitched six innings and drew the defeat.

Knezovich, veteran pitcher, played second base, combed the bases and tallied two hits.

The score: R. H. E.
Woodland 2 3 3
Christian Brothers 7 8 5
Batteries: Fields, Garcia and McNamara; Church and McNamara.

CBS Shuts Out Peter's With One Hit Hurling

(McClatchy Newspapers Service)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—Don Knezovich's one hit pitching and a 13 hit attack of his teammates by the Christian Brothers School, Sacramento, an 8 to 0 victory over the St. Peter's High School baseball squad on the Crowley Field diamond. It was the sixteenth straight win for the unbeaten Gaels, who will entertain Sacred Heart High School of San Francisco in a return game Saturday.

Bailing St. Peter's right fielder pulled the no hitter with an infield single in the fourth frame. Knezovich faced only 23 batters in the seven inning contest, fanned 10 and did not issue a base on balls. He struck out the side in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

The Brothers bunched their scoring in three stanzas. Hits by Johnny McNamara, Joe Kirrene and George Radovich produced a pair of runs in the third, while George Silvers' double, an error and singles by Varte Vartanian and George Radovich accounted for three in the next frame.

Albie Brown opened the fifth with a home run to deep right center. Silvers, Carl Lane and Alan Guttman followed with safeties which added two tallies and ended the scoring. St. Peter's right hander, almost matched Knezovich in the strikeout department as he whiffed 13 Gaels. He walked two batters and wild pitched once. Knezovich, Silvers, Guttman and Radovich each collected two to lead the batsmen.

The score:
Christian Brothers 8 0 0
St. Peter's 0 0 0
Batteries: Knezovich and McNamara; Givick, Hatten and Orvick.

Heavy Hitting Of CBS Nine Snows Under Roseville, 13-3

The long 14 hit attack which McNamara's long double tallied accounted for in every inning, the two in the next frame.

Christian Brothers School baseball team trounced Roseville High School 13 to 3 yesterday on the William Land Park diamond No. 1.

Edwin and C Street's diamond. Anicich heavy hitting man's fourth hit tallied Kirrene.

Joe Simon, Roseville first sacker, had a perfect day with two hits and a base on balls in three chances. Guttman laced four for five batted in three runs and scored three.

The score: R. H. E.
Roseville 3 4 2
Christian Brothers 13 14 1
Batteries: T. Montero, Fowler and J. Montero, Anicich and Orvick.

A seven run barrage in the second inning opened Montero and brought the Gaels to the firing line. Albie Brown singled and doubled to high center, while Don Knezovich drilled a home run. Woodland Ken Orvick and Guttman added one baserun. Roseville scored three times in the third. Joe Montero walked and Guttman and Fowler singled to score runs. An infield boot and a fly ball choice accounted for the rest.

Gaels Level Wolves 4-3

Joe Kirrene's outfield fly in the seventh inning scored Johnny McNamara and gave Christian Brothers Gaels a 4 to 3 win over Woodland High School yesterday at William Land Park. McNamara had reached first on an error, advanced to second on another and to third when Al Anicich was walked intentionally.

Jim Church went the distance for the winners. Gene Garcia, who relieved starter Fred Fields in the sixth, drew the defeat.

The Brothers scored three in the first on an error and three singles. Woodland tallied twice in the third with Bud Martin contributing a run batted in and a steal of home, and counted the tying marker in the fifth.

Kirrene and Don Knezovich each collected two safeties. The Gaels will play Grant Union today at 3:30 P. M. on the 28th and C Streets diamond.

	R	H	E
Woodland	3	5	5
C. B. S.	4	7	5

Fields, Garcia and George; Church and McNamara.

Gaels Wallop Rio Vista 16-1

Christian Brothers Gaels stretched their win streak to eight straight by trouncing Rio Vista High 16 to 1 yesterday.

Rio Vista tallied its lone run in the seventh inning by bunting two walks and a hit off Pitcher Bruce Wood. The run was the first scored on the Gaels in 23 innings stretching over four games.

Don Knezovich, Jim Church and Wood held Rio Vista to five scattered hits.

The Gaels collected 15 and scored four runs in the first, one in the second, four in the fourth, five in the fifth and two more in the sixth inning.

George Silvers led the Gaels at bat with four singles in five trips. Pete Vartanian, Al Anicich, Joe Kirrene and Carl Lang collected two hits apiece.

Anicich collected the longest blow of the game, a long-triple to left center in the sixth inning.

	R	H	E
Rio Vista	1	5	4
CBS	16	15	1

Rodriguez, Gomez and Williams; Knezovich, Church, Wood and Orvick.

Joe Kirrene Bats Brothers To 6-1 Win Over Dragons

Clutch hitting by Joe Kirrene, who batted across three runs on a double and triple, led the Christian Brothers School baseball squad to a 6 to 1 victory over the Sacramento High School Dragons yesterday on the James McClatchy Park diamond. The win was the fourth straight for the Gaels and the first loss in three outings for Coach Woody Adams' charges.

Don Knezovich, CBS righthander, was nicked for 10 safeties, five of them in the first three innings, but sharp defensive work by his mates cut off two runners at the plate and nipped other threats.

Losers Open Scoring

The losers opened the scoring in the third frame when Ken Wolenberg walked, Chuck Houghton got life on an error and Jim McKeegan lined a single to left. Dick Olson followed with a single but Pete Vartanian's strike from center field caught Houghton at home.

Held to two bingles in five stanzas by Ronnie Schmeck, the Brothers took advantage of the breaks to tally four in the sixth. Two errors and a base on balls filled the sacks, then Kirrene rifled a double to send two runners across. Albie Brown and George Silvers walked to force in another marker before reliever Don Fuergeson made an appearance. He fanned Vartanian but lost the plate on Jerry Kaeser and the fourth run spiked the rubber.

Radovich singled in the seventh, advanced to second on Al Anicich's sacrifice and counted on Kirrene's lusty triple to right center. The final Gael score was earned off Mike Acker who walked Kaeser and was touched for one baser by John McNamara and Radovich in the eighth.

Fielding Stars

Fielding gems were turned in by shortstops Buddy Boyer and Silvers, and Frank Agosta, Sacramento third sacker. Knezovich helped his own cause in the second by tossing out McKeegan on Schmeck's attempted squeeze bunt. The CBS infield manufactured two double plays.

Kirrene, Radovich, Anicich, Olson, McKeegan and Dick Otto each had two hits to top the batsmen. Kirrene's blows were the only extra base clouts of the contest.

Coach Brother Eugene's nine will entertain the Woodland High School Wolves Monday at 3:30 PM on the William Land Park diamond No. 1. Jim Church, who hurled a three hit win over Woodland in the season's opener, is expected to get the starting call.

	R	H	E
Christian Brothers	6	7	2
Sacramento	1	10	2

Batteries: Knezovich and McNamara; Schmeck, Fuergeson, Acker and McKeegan.

Lehtola Of CBS Hurls Two Hitter To Beat Lodi, 10-0

(McClatchy Newspapers Service)

LODI, March 17.—Bob Lehtola, Christian Brothers School righthander, yesterday pitched his mates to a two hit 10 to 0 victory over the Lodi High School baseball squad. Using a blazing fast ball which accounted for 10 strikeouts, the Gael hurler never was in difficulty and did not allow a Lodi runner to reach third base.

Three Flame Hurlers

Coach John Gianonni of the Flames used three pitchers—Ted Case, Parkin and Dougherty. CBS slammed 11 hits, including a triple and three doubles, off their deliveries.

The Brothers started the scoring in the second inning when Albie Brown batted across Joe Kirrene, who had singled. In the sixth frame Brown laced a two bagger and tallied when Alan Guttman singled sharply to center.

Dougherty proved no puzzle to Coach Brother Eugene's Sacramentans who walloped him for seven runs and eight hits. A walk to Pete Vartanian, Kirrene's triple and singles by Al Anicich and Guttman produced four in the seventh. Kirrene doubled off the left field fence to highlight a three run uprising in the eighth, while Lehtola counted on Vartanian's one baser to end the scoring in the ninth.

Base Hit Barrage

Five Gaels accounted for the entire base hit barrage. Kirrene combed a single, double and triple in six chances, while Vartanian, Guttman, Anicich and Brown each had two safeties.

The CBS nine, which was to meet Roseville High School in Roseville this afternoon, will play the Sacramento High School Dragons on the James McClatchy Park diamond tomorrow.

	R	H	E
The score:			
Christian Brothers	10	11	2
Lodi High School	0	2	2

Gaels Annex 11th Straight

Christian Brothers won their 11th straight yesterday, defeating St. Mary's High of Berkeley, 6 to 1. Today the Gaels go after an even dozen, playing Grant Union High at Grant.

Five errors by the visitors enabled Jim Church to walk home an easy victor.

Vic Miloslavich, centerfielder, was the only player to get two hits yesterday.

	R. H. E.
St. Mary's	1 5 5
Christian Brothers	6 5 0

Yerkes, Embrich and Souza; Church and Orvick.

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Gaels Blank Dragons 9-0

Christian Brothers Gaels won their second straight from Sacramento High by blanking the Dragons 9 to 0 at William Land yesterday.

The Gaels scored six runs in a big seventh inning rally, which was highlighted by Al Anicich's double with the bags loaded.

Anicich led CBS at bat with four for five. Woody Held collected four singles for Sacramento.

	R. H. E.
Sacramento	0 8 3
CBS	9 9 1

Berresford, Schmeck and McKeegan; Knezovich and McNamara.

Gaels Score Shutout Win

Behind Pitcher Bob Lehtola's one-hit effort, Christian Brothers Gaels blanked Grant Union 2 to 0 yesterday at William Land Park. The win was the sixth straight for the Gaels.

Only hit which Grant could collect off Lehtola was an infield single which Harry Du Vall connected in the first inning.

The rest of the time the Pacers were handcuffed by Lehtola, as he fanned three and allowed only four balls to be hit out of the infield.

The Gaels scored their first run in the fifth inning on consecutive doubles by John McNamara and Joe Kirrene.

They tallied their final run in the sixth, as Lehtola reached first after being hit by a pitched ball, advanced to second, and was driven in by Al Anicich's single.

Anicich with a double and single and Don Knezovich with two singles led the Gaels at the plate.

Grant	0 1 2
CBS	2 6 2

Campos and Sady; Lehtola and McNamara.

Brothers Add No-Hitter

Christian Brothers annexed their 15th straight baseball victory yesterday at Land Park with an 11-0 triumph over McClellan Field.

It was a no-hitter, with Knezovich pitching five innings and Lehtola two for the Gaels.

Al Anicich led the Brothers at bat with three for four, including a three-run homer. Don Knezovich, Pete Vartanian, Carl Lanz and Jerry Kaeser collected two hits each.

R. H. E.
McClellan Field 0 0 2
Christian Brothers 11 13 0
Dion and Tomolani, Balkenbaker; Knezovich, Lehtola and McNamara, Orvick.

CBS Dumps Dixon 10 to 1

Bruce Wood hurled a brilliant one-hitter, fanned nine while doing it and walked only two as Christian Brothers walloped Dixon High School 10 to 1 yesterday.

The victory was the 13th straight for the Gaels. Their next game is with Sacred Heart today.

Alan Guttman and Ken Orvick had two hits apiece, Orvick's double in the third sending two runs across.

Dixon 1 1 1
CBS 10 7 4
Jensen, Bulkley and Merkeley; Wood and Orvick.

Gaels Blank Napa 14-0

Don Knezovich and Bruce Wood combined on a one-hit pitching performance as Christian Brothers blanked Napa High 14 to 0 yesterday.

It was the second straight one-hit effort by Gael hurlers. Wednesday Grant Union was held to one scratch single as the Gaels won 2 to 0.

CBS scored four runs in the first inning and four more in the second. In the third Coach Brother Eugene benched his regulars, but Gael reserves continued pounding Pitcher Bill Hewitt at will.

Joe Kirrene and Al Brown each had perfect days at the plate, each collecting two for three. Kirrene's blows were a double and single. Wood received credit for the win.

Napa 0 1 1
Gaels 14 12 1
Hewitt and Gimple; Knezovich, Wood and Orvick.

Gaels Knock Grant 12 to 2

Bob Lehtola hurled his third win of the year yesterday as he hurled Christian Brothers to a 12 to 2 victory over Grant Union. The Gaels pounded out 19 hits and scored in every inning but the first and seventh. Lehtola worked five innings, giving up three hits. He gave way to Al Anicich.

The victory was the 12th in a row for the Gaels. Leading the power assault were Joe Kirrene, Al Brown and Jerry Kaeser with three blows apiece and Anicich, Don Knezovich and George Silvers with two blows. Jim Ramsey had two of Grant's six safeties.

The hardest blow was Anicich's booming triple, good for two runs in the fourth.

CBS plays Dixon today at 28th and C Street.

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Anicich led CBS at bat with four for five. Woody Held collected four singles for Sacramento.

R. H. E.
Sacramento 0 8 3
CBS 9 9 1
Berresford, Schmeck and McKeegan; Knezovich and McNamara.

Gaels Down Lions 12-4

Christian Brothers Gaels kept their undefeated string going yesterday by routing the Lions 12 to 4 win over McClatchy yesterday in Land Park.

Pitcher Don Knezovich scattered four McClatchy hits over the first seven innings until the Lions rallied for two runs in the eighth.

The Gaels scored three runs in the 10th inning on two hits, an error and a walk. In the third they tallied three more, mainly thanks to Al Anicich's single with the bags loaded.

The Gaels scored four in the fourth, with Al Brown's double with bases loaded highlighting the rally.

McClatchy scored once in the second, once in the fourth and twice in the eighth.

Anicich, Knezovich and Jerry Kaeser collected two hits apiece to lead the Gaels at bat. Al Bender collected three hits and Jim Griffin two to lead McClatchy.

R. H. E.
McClatchy 4 9 1
Gaels 12 10 3
Singal, Timme, Shouse, Neito and Robinette, Pullz; Knezovich and McNamara.

Gaels Smash Dixon 24-1

Christian Brothers smashed Dixon High 24 to 1 yesterday at Dixon, scoring six in the first inning and nine in the seventh.

Pitcher Don Knezovich, who hurled a two-hitter, led the Gaels' onslaught with five for six, including a triple. Collecting two safeties apiece for the Brothers were Jerry Kaeser, Joe Kirrene, George Radovich and Johnny McNamara.

Watson Kilkenny and Pardi got the only Dixon hits.

Christian Brothers	.....	24	18	2
Dixon	.....	1	2	5

Knezovich, McNamara and Orvick; Buckley, Kilkenny and Merkley.

SF Team Wins To Halt CBS Victories At 16 Contests

The 16 game winning streak of the Christian Brothers School baseball squad came to an abrupt halt Saturday when the Sacred Heart High School of San Francisco staved off a last inning rally to register a 6 to 4 victory on the Twenty Eighth and C Streets diamond.

Sully Cassou, sidearm fireballer, went the seven inning route for the winners. Coach Brother Eugene started Bob Lehtola but the senior right hander was troubled with wildness and was replaced by Jim Church in the sixth inning.

The Gaels got off to a one run lead in the opening stanza when Joe Kirrene belted a home run. The margin was short lived as the San Franciscans mixed three safeties and a sacrifice for two markers in the third.

A four run outburst in the sixth iced matters. Lehtola retired the first two hitters then walked two, hit one and allowed three singles before Church came to the rescue.

CBS scored an unearned tally in the sixth and added two in the final frame when Al Anicich singled, Kirrene walked and Don Knezovich doubled both across the plate.

Tony Santino, Sacred Heart right fielder, and Anicich each collected two hits to top the batsmen.

The score:		R. H. E.
Sacred Heart	.....	6 7 2
Christian Brothers	.....	4 6 2

CBS Whips Dragons 6-1

Christian Brothers Gaels bunched seven hits for six runs to defeat Sacramento High 6 to 1 yesterday and take the lead in the inter-city high school race.

The Gaels mixed walks with a double by Joe Kirrene in the sixth to score four runs to come from behind and cinch the win.

Sacramento had jumped into the lead in the first inning when Jim McKeegan singled Ken Woltenberg home.

CBS came back with their four in the sixth, added one more in the seventh on a single by George Radovich and a triple by Kirrene and another in the eighth on singles by John McNamara and Radovich.

Radovich, Al Anicich and Kirrene collected two hits apiece for the Gaels. McKeegan and Dick Olsen hit two apiece for Sacramento.

After allowing five hits in the first three innings, Pitcher Don Knezovich settled down to hold the Dragons in check and get credit for the win.

Gaels	.....	6	7
Sacramento	.....	1	10

Knezovich and McNamara; Schmeck, Furgeson, Acker and McKeegan.

CBS Nine Blanks Rio Vista, 4-0, For 20th Win In 22

(McClatchy Newspapers Service)

RIO VISTA, May 5.—The Christian Brothers School baseball squad gained its twentieth victory in 22 contests yesterday by blanking the Rio Vista High School Rams, 4 to 0. Bob Lehtola, Gael right hander, allowed only two singles in the seven inning tilt, struck out six batters and issued four bases on balls.

Howard Rodriguez, who went the route for the losers, was the victim of six errors. He was touched for an unearned marker in the second stanza when Don Knezovich reached first on an infield boot, took second on a wild pitch and crossed the plate on George Silvers' double.

Three In Third

The Gaels broke loose with three runs in the third. Johnny McNamara and George Radovich drew free transportation and moved up a base on a wild pitch. Al Anicich chased both home with a two bagger, then completed the circuit on Al Brown's single.

Rio Vista put runners on base in every inning but failed to push a man past second. Three double plays pulled Lehtola out of danger. Anicich led the batters with a double and single in four chances. Rodriguez and Bill Friedel broke into the hit column for the Rams.

Roseville Scheduled

Coach Brother Eugene's nine will entertain Roseville High School tomorrow at 3:30 PM on the Twenty Eighth and C Streets diamond and will meet St. Peter's High School of San Francisco Saturday on the William Land Park diamond No. 1.

The score:		R. H. E.
Christian Brothers	.....	4 7 2
Rio Vista	.....	0 2 6

Batteries: Lehtola and McNamara; Rodriguez and Bell.

Gaels Rally For 4-2 Win Over Sacred Heart

(McClatchy Newspapers Service)
 SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—The winning streak of the Christian Brothers School of Sacramento teetered precariously at Crowley Field Saturday but the unbeaten Gaels came from behind to defeat the Sacred Heart High School baseball squad, 4 to 2, and notch their fourteenth straight triumph.

Pitchers Bob Lehtola and Dick Murphy went the seven inning route, with the former annexing his fourth victory and the latter suffering his first setback in six games. Each allowed three safeties.

Score Unearned Runs

The losers got off to a fast start with two unearned runs in the first frame. After the first two batters had been retired, Bob Noonan gained life on Joe Kirrene's low throw. Nick Barbieri then lined a single to right field. The ball hopped past Don Knezovich, CBS outfielder, and both runners touched all the bases.

Lehtola scored the first CBS marker in the third when he walked, advanced to second on John McNamara's sacrifice and crossed the plate when Barbieri booted Kirrene's grounder at the shortpatch.

The Gael hurler also started the clinching rally in the fifth with a base on balls. McNamara again sacrificed and Al Anicich reached first when his line drive was dropped in right field. Kirrene then delivered the payoff punch—a triple down the first base foul line. Albie Brown's infield out pushed Kirrene across and ended the scoring.

Anicich Halts Threat

Sacred Heart made a mild threat in the fifth but Anicich, CBS left fielder, nipped the rally with a running catch of Driscoll's liner with a runner on second base.

Lehtola, who hurled hitless ball

Undefeated Gaels of Christian Brothers School



Members of the undefeated Christian Brothers School baseball squad are pictured above. The Gaels have won 14 straight games. Bottom row, left to right: Jerry Wilkins, manager, George Radovich, George Silvers, Don Knezovich, John McNamara, Pete Vartanian, Jerry Kaeser and Albie Brown. Top row: Coach Brother Eugene, Bruce Wood, Manuel Cazares, Alan Guttman,

Al Anicich, Joe Kirrene, Bob Lehtola, Ken Orvick, Jim Church and Carl Lang. The Gaels will play their next game Tuesday against St. Peter's High School in San Francisco, and will meet Sacred Heart High School in a return contest on the William Land Park diamond Saturday.

Lions Collar Gael 8-7

McClatchy High surprised Christian Brothers 8 to 7 yesterday, salting away the victory with a five-run rally in the third.

Mike Virga's homer was the big blow for the winners, while Earl Rose and Art Golke collected three hits apiece. Joe Kirrene tagged two for the Gaels.

	R	H	E
Christian Brothers	7	8	2
McClatchy High	8	13	6

Knezovich, Church (7) and McNamara; George Timme and Robinett.

Anicich Hurls CBS Win

Al Anicich, starting his first game on the mound for Christian Brothers, held Roseville to four hits as the Gaels pounded out a 13 to 3 win yesterday.

CBS scored seven runs in the second inning on two walks and hits by Al Guttman, Don Knezovich, Al Brown, Bruce Wood and Ken Orvick.

Anicich helped his own cause with a homer and a double in four attempts. Guttman collected four for five. Joe Simon led Roseville with two for two.

Roseville	3	4	2
CBS	13	14	1

T. Montaro, Fowler and J. Montaro; Anicich and Orvick.

Brothers Tip Lodi 7 to 2

Christian Brothers lost little time chalking up a 7-2 win over Lodi yesterday at William Land Park. The touted city champs punched over two runs in the first and iced the fracas with another tally in the second.

Jim Church retired the side in order five times during late innings, striking out five and walking none, in leading his teammates to the victory.

John McNamara, Dan Knezovich and Al Anicich got three hits each for Christian Brothers, and Jack Fiori homered for Lodi, getting a bingle in his other successful try.

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Lodi	2	4	1
Brothers	7	14	2

T. Case, Parkin and W. Case; Church and McNamara.

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Gaels Rally For 4-2 Win Over Sacred Heart

(McClatchy Newspapers Service)
SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—The winning streak of the Christian Brothers School of Sacramento teetered precariously at Crowley Field Saturday but the unbeaten Gaels came from behind to defeat the Sacred Heart High School baseball squad, 4 to 2, and notch their fourteenth straight triumph.

Pitchers Bob Lehtola and Dick Murphy went the seven inning route, with the former annexing his fourth victory and the latter suffering his first setback in six games. Each allowed three safeties.

Score Unearned Runs
The losers got off to a fast start with two unearned runs in the first frame. After the first two batters had been retired, Bob Noonan gained life on Joe Kirrene's low throw. Nick Barbieri then lined a single to right field. The ball hopped past Don Knezovich, CBS outfielder, and both runners touched all the bases.

Lehtola scored the first CBS marker in the third when he walked, advanced to second on John McNamara's sacrifice and crossed the plate when Barbieri booted Kirrene's grounder at the shortpatch.

The Gael hurler also started the clinching rally in the fifth with a base on balls. McNamara again sacrificed and Al Anicich reached first when his line drive was dropped in right field. Kirrene then delivered the payoff punch—a triple down the first base foul line. Albie Brown's infield out pushed Kirrene across and ended the scoring.

Anicich Halts Threat
Sacred Heart made a mild threat in the fifth but Anicich, CBS left fielder, nipped the rally with a running catch of Driscoll's liner with a runner on second base. Lehtola, who hurled hitless ball

after the third stanza, has not allowed an earned run in 28 successive innings. He fanned eight and walked two, while Murphy struck out seven and issued five bases on balls.
The score:
Christian Brothers 4 3 2
Sacred Heart 2 3 3
Batteries: Lehtola and McNamara; Murphy and Donohue.

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

By JACK CASHEL

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,



Tony Stathos Don Knezovich Mike Acker Jim Sady

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



ROUNDING OUT mound selections is Sacramento's Mil Acker. Acker, one of three juniors chosen on this year's team, has 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 unanimous



Buddy Boyer Al Anicich Jim Ramey Al Brown

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

SADY, A VETERAN of high school baseball, Junior Legion baseball and the spring baseball league, is a continuous hustler 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 clip made but one error in 75 chances this year for the Lions.

On second is McClatchy's Jim Griffin. Griffin is the leading Lion hitter with a .475 average. Coach Cliff Perry terms the 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 the most powerful hitters in the city, has implemented his season .400 plus average with two homers and eight triples. In his 1 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 for 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 top mark and possesses a strong arm.

Nine players received honorable mention for this year's team. Earl Rose, McClatchy's promising sophomore, received mention 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.

CBS Coach Lists Anicich, Kirrene Top Ball Stars

Without the slightest qualm, Brother Eugene, the Christian Brothers School coach of one of the finest high school baseball teams to come out of Sacramento, nominates Al Anicich and Joe Kirrene as the two finest high school ball players he ever has seen.

All partiality aside, the CBS mentor has glommed onto high school whizzes all the way from Los Angeles to the bay area, and his forthright evaluation of the pair should start scouts hustling for the nearest pay phone.

Fact is, such baseball characters as Charley Wallgren of the Boston Red Sox, Bernie Deviveiros of the Tigers, Red Strader of the Yanks, et al, have made it a point to drop in at the Twenty First Street and Broadway school from time to time for a few social amenities.

Kirrene and Anicich are due for graduation in June. Behind them they will have left a couple of batting marks of around .400 and a direct responsibility for the phenomenal Gael record this Spring.

Won 20, Lost 2

The Brothers have won 20, lost two, to date. Here are the pair's contributions:

Anicich is clubbing at a .402 pace, 33 hits in 82 times at bat. That includes three triples, six doubles, one homer. In left field he exhibits a powerful arm and sure fielding glove. He has an edge over Kirrene in speed on the base paths.

Joe, however, is the ivory hunters' delight. The big third sacker, six feet one, 183 pounds and still growing, is the most powerful young ball player in the city. His 30 hits in 80 trips give him a comfortable .375 average, and 14 of those clouts, or almost half have been for extra bases. Seven doubles, five triples and two homers compile the total.

Yet the longest ball he hit this season, a 385 foot drive against Napa, was a simple out. The outfielder was playing Joe over in Solano County.

Al is no physical slouch either—a solid 175 pounder, one inch under six feet. He has had to overcome handicaps to play ball. In the fifth grade he suffered an attack of rheumatic fever and had a recurrence two years ago. In one game last season with his team ahead 27 to 0 (the final score was 33 to 0), Al slid into third base and broke his leg.

What with fevers and bone fractures, Mama Anicich did not cater to Albert risking life and limb on the diamond. But with the Spring of 1949 the peppy youngster was at it again and his efforts have him pointed for a baseball scholarship at St. Mary's College.

May Make It His Living

His batting buddy, Kirrene, is toying with the idea of making a living at the sport.

Anicich is 18 years old, Kirrene one birthday younger. This is their third starring season in baseball for the Gaels. As a sophomore, incidentally, Al broke in with a meteoric .508 mark.

They both have been members of the Sacramento Bee-KFBK Baseball School all star teams.

—By M. O.

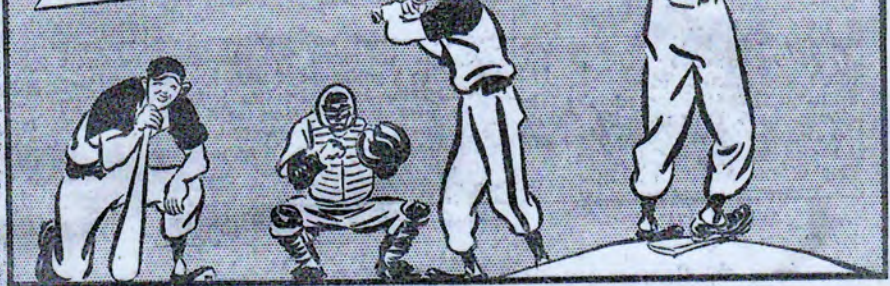


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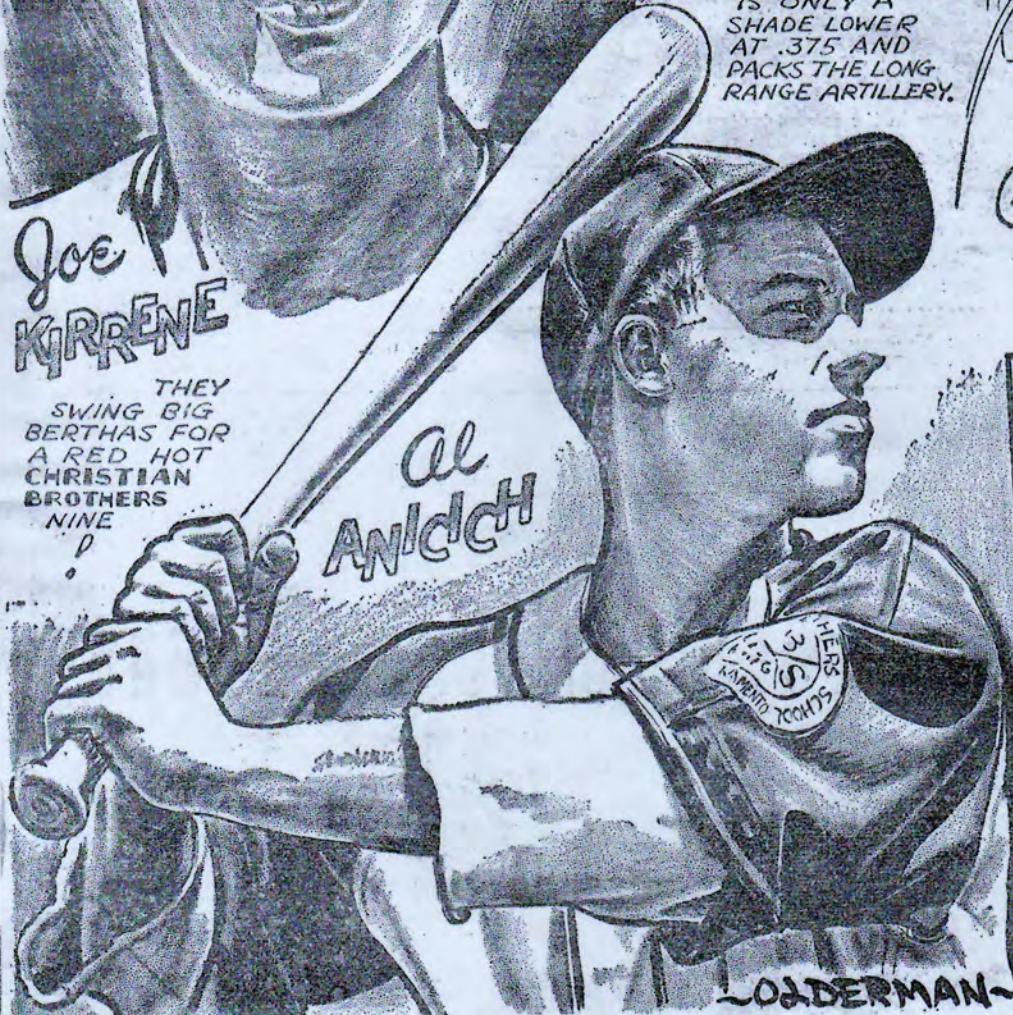
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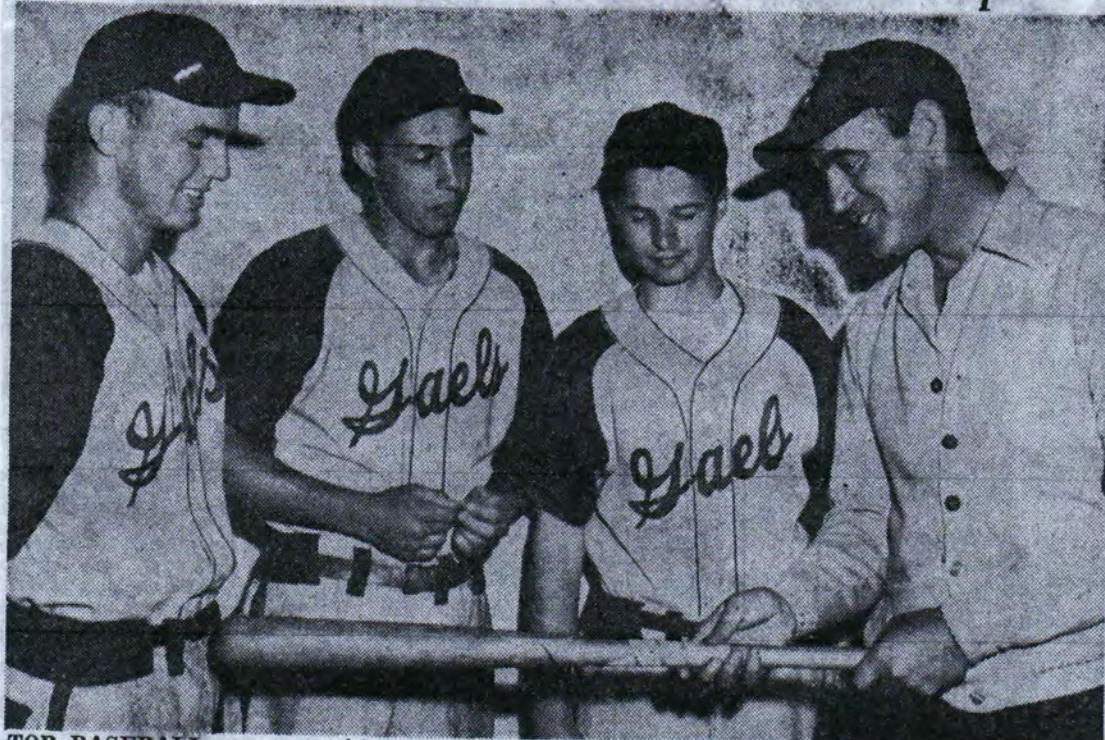


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Christian Brothers Prep Squad Boasts Top Prospects on Talented Baseball Lineup



TOP BASEBALL prospects this season include three Christian Brothers stars above, taking tips from Brother Eugene. Left to right: Joe Kirrene, Albert Anicich and Don Knezovich.

Local prep baseball's hottest representative in years is the Christian Brothers School squad, visitors in 18 out of 19 encounters and holders of the city title.

Blessed with an experienced and talented hurling corps featuring Don Knezovich, last of five brothers who have pitched for the Gaels, and a crew of solid sluggers, headed by Al Anicich and Joe Kirrene, the CBS nine recorded 16 straight triumphs before Sacred Heart of San Francisco broke the string one week ago.

Brother Eugene, better known for his work with basketball teams, is a definite success in his first venture as CBS horsehide boss. The affable mentor, who admits he learned casaba tricks via the printed word, was a neighbor of San Francisco's Joe Cronin, former Washington and Boston Red Sox star, and played his share of sand lot ball. His brother, Jack Ward, was an outfielder under Larry Gilbert at New Orleans and had a few cups of coffee with the Cleveland Indians.

SO BROTHER EUGENE took to his new chores like a duck takes to water. He met a squad which had lost the services of four 1948 standouts—Dick Markham, Jack Pickart, Vince Pisani and Joe Lutz. Within two weeks he fielded a

The aforementioned Knezovich, Anicich and Kirrene are the timber of which professionals are made. Albeit many maintain the former lacks the necessary size, the senior right hander has dropped only three decisions in four years and this season has notched seven wins, including two over Sacramento and one over McClatchy High School. His fielding and hitting ability often sends him to the outfield or second base.

Anicich patrols left field, wallops the pellet at a 400 clip and has an ideal competitive attitude. He led the CBS sluggers last year until he broke his ankle in a mid-season tilt.

THE MOST sought-after prepster in the area is Kirrene, who stands one inch over six feet and carries 190 solid pounds. A rifle-armed third sacker, he provides the extra base wallop in the cleanup slot. In the losing effort against Sacred Heart, big Joe whacked a homer a city block, the ball bouncing once and disappearing over a house roof.

All three are seniors and undecided about their futures. Chances are that they will forsake temporarily the money and glory which professionalism offers for a crack at college life.

The rest of the infield includes

George Silvers. Brown sometimes shifts to the outfield, with George Radovich using the first baseman's glove. Kaeser and Silvers form a consistent keystone combination. The latter is following in the footsteps of his father who starred in local Winter Leagues and had a tryout with the San Francisco Seals.

COMPLETING THE outer garden are Pete Vartanian in center and Alan Guttman or Carl Lang in right. The former, who doubles as halfback on Ray Clemons' grid varsity, is the fastest man on the team and has legged out many an infield tap.

Johnny McNamara, whose brother Jim is a Sacramento Solon chattel at San Bernardino, and Ken Orvick are capable receivers.

The surprise in the pitching department has been Bob Lehtola, burly right hander who earned three letters in football. He twirled four straight games without allowing an earned run before Sacred Heart finally caught up with him. Jim Church, promising junior, and sophomore Bruce Wood complete the staff.

Only Vartanian, McNamara, Orvick, Church and Wood will wear Blue and White spangles next season. But the Gaels are making hay while the sun