

JOHN CARTWRIGHT '73

In 1969 Falcon Quarterback Rick Cabral was surprised to see that Dave Hoskins had brought up a freshman to play defensive line. That special freshman was John Cartwright. Cabral recently said that Cartwright was outstanding and a "man among boys" even as a freshman. John was a 1973 graduate and a two sport (football and basketball) athlete during his years at Christian Brothers. He was a three time "All City Football" selection for his sophomore, junior and senior years. The same three years brought two championship titles to the Christian Brothers Falcons.

Dick Sperbeck remembered Cartwright as a stalwart on both sides of the line who was equally adept at playing the run or rushing the passer relentlessly pursuing the ball carrier or the quarterback. Throughout his high school career, he averaged nearly 15 tackles a game. Mel Fontes called him "Hoss" Cartwright and remembered his strong desire for contact. Mel went on to say that John was a "raw boned" athlete who loved to hit. John was one of the most highly decorated players in CB history and was picked for numerous high school All American Teams as well as the Optimist Game his senior year. John believed that Dave Hoskins was a remarkable coach who taught him a lot about football and life. His notable defensive unit consisted of Jim Sarti, Stan Olsulfka, and John Blanchard whom he considers like family.

His collegiate career started at University of Colorado, but he transferred to Santa Clara University for his sophomore and junior years. Due to a shoulder injury, he did not play his senior year. John cannot name just one person who he played against that could be regarded as the "best player". He credits Dave Hoskins and Bill McPherson as the best coaches he has played under. His favorite team he played with was his sophomore year, '71, varsity, Falcon, football team as they were great teammates! John's two favorite athletic memories were making the varsity team as a freshman and beating Jesuit in the first Holy Bowl.

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MSGR. JIM CHURCH '50

As a student at Christian Brothers, Msgr. Jim Church '50 earned 7 varsity letters, competing in basketball, baseball, football, and track.



During his senior year, Church led the Gaels to the city basketball championship while scoring 168 points in 20 games. As Team MVP, he was the key man on offense and defense as the Gaels, at one point, won 14 consecutive games. He was the only Gael selected to the Sacramento Union's All-City team and was a unanimous choice for the Sacramento Bee team.

In baseball, he pitched on the varsity team for three seasons. In his '49 junior season, the Gaels won the city championship behind Church's pitching record of 7-2. He had his strongest outing against a strong Sacred Heart of San Francisco team as he allowed just 4 hits and struck-out 10 as the Gaels won 4-1. His senior year was just as strong. In a game against Roseville, he drove in 7 runs with a grand slam and a bases loaded double. For the season, he batted .429 with a 6-1 pitching record, striking-out 48 while walking just 12. For the '50 season, he was a unanimous choice for both the Sacramento Union and Bee All-City baseball teams.

Church also ran track and received a medal at the Knights of Columbus annual track meet. In spring of '50, he was selected as the Outstanding Senior Student Athlete.

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

Jim Church entered the seminary in September of 1950 and was ordained a Catholic priest on June 14, 1958. He was appointed Monsignor in 1973, and served as pastor of many parishes, including St. Rose, just a few miles from Christian Brothers High School.

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VINCE DELGADO '84

Vince Delgado '84 is one of the most highly decorated, prep, football players in Sacramento area history and accepted a football scholarship to UC Berkeley. From All Hallows School, Vince followed his father Gomez Delgado '55 and brothers Danny '79 and Rob '82 as CB student-athletes. Starting with an undefeated freshman season, he and his teammates finished their CB football careers with an overall record of 41-2 and a Sac-Joaquin Section Championship in 1983. The '83 team (coached by Jeff Tisdel '74) finished 13-1 and is regarded as one of Sacramento's all-time great football teams. Vince is consistently mentioned by the Sacramento Bee as one of the area's all-time great running backs. In his senior season, Vince set a then Northern California single season record of 2,357 rushing yards and 22 touchdowns to earn All-Metro and All-City honors. He was the Bee and Union Player of the Year and was named first team Northern California and second team All-State.

In the '83 postseason, Vince excelled. He started with a 13 carry, 224-yard performance against Bella Vista before dominating long time, Sacramento powerhouse teams, Cordova (194 yards) and then Grant (217 yards) to win the City Championship, and then Vintage (103 yards) to win the Sac-Joaquin Section Championship. In all, Vince ran for 738 yards in that postseason for an average of 184 yards per game.

Vince excelled as a Golden Bear at UC Berkeley for coaches Joe Kapp and Steve Mariucci. He switched positions to wide receiver and quickly became a crowd favorite at Memorial Stadium as an all-purpose player. Coaches utilized his abilities as a kick returner as well as designed run plays for him from the receiver position. Following the '84 season, Vince was honored with Cal's Bob Simmons Most Valuable Freshman Award. In his sophomore season Vince led the Bears in receiving and was named Player of the Week versus Arizona and was honored by the Berkeley Breakfast Club as the Outstanding Player in the Big Game against Stanford that included a 47-yard touchdown run. Vince would later lead the team in punt returns in the '86 and '87 seasons and received the Henry J. "Tiny" Bates Memorial Award by the Cal Grid Club of Sacramento for graduating seniors from the Sacramento region in 1988.

In 2012, Vince was inducted into the Great American Rivalries Hall of Fame for his stellar play in the annual Holy Bowl against Jesuit with rushing games of 169 and 204 yards in his junior and senior year victories.

Though currently living in Cincinnati with wife Liz and children Max and Isabella, Vince continues to support Christian Brothers. He supported the Junior Falcon Football program by offering words of encouragement to the future Falcons at their inaugural year-end banquet. The CB community and Class of '84 teammates would congratulate Vince on his 2014 Hall of Fame induction!



As a 1975 graduate of Christian Brothers, Dan was a

DAN FARRELL '75

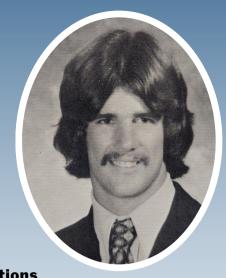
two-sport varsity letterman in football and baseball.

Dan capped his football career with a total of 128 catches
and 14 touchdowns for 1857 yards. His awards and recognitions
include: Metro League Football Honorable Mention 1972, 1st Team Metro League Football
1973, Metro League Football MVP 1974, All Northern California – Citizens Savings
Athletic Foundation All Star Football Team 1973, All Northern California – Citizens
Savings Athletic Foundation All Star Football Team and Player of the Year 1974, The New
World – All Catholic Schools All American Team 1973, The New World – All Catholic
Schools All-American Team 1974, Family Weekly's High School All-American Team 1974,
24th Annual Scholastic Coach's 1974 All-American HS Football Squad, 12th Annual Parade
Publications Annual 1974 All-American HS Football Team, Inducted into the Sacramento
Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame in 1974, and played in the Optimist AllStar Football Game in 1975.

Some of the players Dan mentions as notable high school teammates and coaches include: Jim Sarti, John Cartwright, Brica Ragster, and Jeff Tisdel, all of whom he feels gave Christian Brothers a reputation for great football players. QB John Ramirez, who transferred to CB in 1974, helped Dan obtain his career record of 128 receptions including 68 catches in his senior year.

The coaches who led Dan were Dick Sperbeck, Dave Hoskins, and Mel Fontes who had a lasting impact on his life in and out of football.

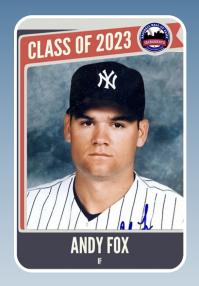
Dan continued his football career at Santa Clara University on a football scholarship. He credits Head Coach Pat Malley for bringing football back to Santa Clara. Notable teammates at Santa Clara included Doug Cosbie who later played for the Dallas Cowboys. The best player Dan believes he played against was Jeff Tisdel of University Nevada-Reno. Yes, he was Dan's quarterback at Christian Brothers. Dan had made the switch to outside linebacker for Santa Clara so he had to defend Jeff's passes.





ANDY FOX '90

One of the many things that makes Christian Brothers such a special place are the number of families that span the generations. Often when CB is in a box score or an article in the sports page, one is likely to see a familiar name. In 1989,



the sports pages were buzzing about the baseball talents of Andy Fox, a slugging infielder who hit .390 for Ron Limeberger's championship team. Even casual fans knew that Andy was the son of another great CB ball player, Jim Fox. In 1962, Jim Fox was an All-City selection and an important player on the hallowed Bishop Armstrong team that went 22-2.

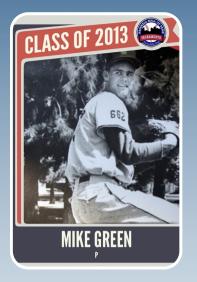
Andy participated in baseball, basketball and football in his four years at CB, but he excelled in baseball and received the following awards and recognition: Sacramento Bee and Sacramento Union All City Baseball Team 1989; co-Most Valuable Player Baseball 1989, and Baseball America Top 25 High School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

Andy signed his MLB contract right out of high school, and his professional career spanned from 1989-2005. As a valuable utility player, he played every position except pitcher and catcher. Andy played for the New York Yankees, Arizona Diamondbacks, Florida Marlins, Texas Rangers, and the Montreal Expos. Recognitions and highlights of his MLB career include: named by Baseball America as one of the top players, MVP Arizona Fall League in 1994, member of the 1996 New York Yankees World Series Team, and a member of the 2003 Florida Marlins World Series Team. Andy mentions Derek Jeter, Joe Girardi, Wade Boggs, Matt Williams, Joe Torre, and Buck Showalter as notable teammates and coaches. The best player he played against was Ken Griffey, Jr., and Brian Butterfield was his favorite coach. His tenure with the Yankees will always be special to him, and his favorite athletic memory was his first day in the big leagues. Andy's best year was for Arizona in 1998, hitting .277, slugging 9 homers, and driving in 44 runs.



MIKE GREEN '62

Mike Green '62 was a two-sport athlete excelling in baseball and basketball in his four years at Christian Brothers and Bishop Armstrong High School. Mike led Bishop Armstrong to more victories than any rival in the Sacramento Valley from



1961-1962 with his bat, speed and pitching prowess. In his junior year he posted a .446 batting average, second highest in the Sacramento area. He also sported one of the best pitching records in the area, going 6-1 with a 1.12 era, tops among leading pitchers. He was selected to the Sacramento Union and Sacramento Bee All City teams two years in a row. He also capped his high school career when the Chamber of Commerce selected him Player of the Year twice, in 1961 and 1962.

In basketball, Mike played two years for Ron Limeberger at Christian Brothers and two years for Dick Sperbeck at Bishop Armstrong. He earned All City honors in 1962 and led the team with a 14.9 points per game. As a guard, he also had 233 rebounds to not only lead the team but was one of the top rebounders in the area.

Mike accepted a full scholarship to play baseball at University of San Francisco. In his sophomore season, he injured his throwing arm, ending a once-promising collegiate career.

Some of Mike's most favorite athletic memories include the '62 baseball team beating Lodi at Land Park 2-1 in 11 innings. He pitched all 11 innings and struck out 21. Another favorite is when the '62 basketball team beat Grant by 1 point as Mike scored with less than 5 seconds remaining to clinch the win. Mike scored 39 points in that game. The best player he played against was Tug McGraw. The best coach he played for was Dick Sperbeck who coached him in both baseball and basketball at Bishop Armstrong. His favorite team was the '62 Bishop Armstrong baseball team.

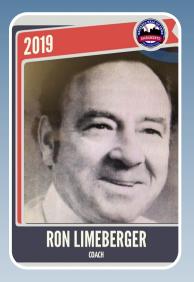
Mike was inducted into the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame twice, as a player and a member of the 1962 Bishop Armstrong team.



RON LIMEBERGER '53

By Frank McNamara, Class of 1951

At the mention of CBHS is there anyone more identifiable than Ron Limeberger? Is any title more revered (other than religious) than Coach? Those two questions alone point to Ronnie as a worthy



recipient of this prestigious award. However, there is much more to be added. Ron devoted 42 years of time and effort to Christian Brothers High School, from the time he graduated from Sacramento State College in 1958 until his retirement in 2001. "Ron Limeberger is Christian Brothers", Joe Davidson reported in the Sacramento Bee in a 2000 article. He was the student body president and an all-city athlete at school. He graduated in 1953 and went to earn his BA in Physical Education at Sacramento State University. After graduating, he came back to Christian Brothers as a P.E. teacher. Not long after he became Athletic Director. In 1962, when Christian Brothers closed on 21st and Broadway, he moved to Bishop Armstrong (at CB's current site) and served as Athletic Director until 1989. He also coached basketball and baseball during those years. In addition to teaching Physical Education and Driver Training, Ron is fondly remembered as a coach and athletic director. He coached junior varsity basketball for 11 years before assuming the duties of varsity baseball coach.

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

Ron's many accomplishments include: Athletic Director for 15 years; California High School Athletic Director Award - 1980; Junior Varsity Basketball Coach - 11 years; Northern California Junior Varsity Champions - 1958; Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities Award - 1958; Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award - 1993; Christian Brothers High School Alumnus of the Year - 1998; Varsity Baseball Coach for 31 years; three Metro League Championships; six Tournament of Champions First Place Finishes; Baseball Coach of the Year Award - 1967, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989; National Baseball Coaches Association Award for 400 wins - 1983, and a career baseball record of 448-282-11.

Limeberger summed up his 42 years teaching and coaching at Christian Brothers with this statement: "Once you learn to teach, it just sort of flows with you. Each kid is individual. I figured out the other day I had about 16,000 students over the last 42 years. It's not only the ones you've touched but the ones who've touched you." In addition to his multitude of sports and educator awards and his immeasurable contributions as a teacher, Ronnie was a very special husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Coach Limeberger was a true LaSallian and the epitome of a "Brothers Boy".

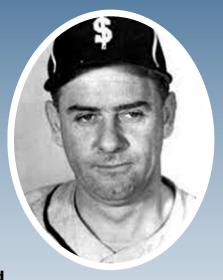


JOE MARTY '31

By Vincent Stanich, Sacramento Union, August 19, 1979

One of Sacramento's own was Joe Marty, who graduated to professional baseball right off the local lots. He was discovered by George "Alfie" Putnam, who then was one of the three owners of the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League. During the 1920's they had the most valuable minor league franchise in the country. What made them such a team was their ability to discover more youngsters, who later made the major leagues, than any other minor league owners in the history of baseball. Marty was one of their gems, something Putnam recognized almost immediately in the spring of 1934. Three months after signing, Marty became a regular for the Seals. Joe DiMaggio was already a member of the outfield, having taken the job from Sacramentan Bill Svilich in 1933.

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





KEVIN MCKECHNIE '93

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

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

In addition to his many athletic achievements, Kevin also graduated with a 3.83 GPA. When asked what his favorite sport was, the football quarterback, starting basketball point guard, and All Metro Baseball star replied: "My favorite sport is whatever season it is now."

Earning a full ride scholarship, Kevin played football at San Diego State University. A four year letterman, he lead the Aztecs in passing and total offense in his senior year. He still holds the school record for the highest, single-game passing efficiency percentage with a whopping 291% rating in a game against Navy in 1997.

In 2011, Kevin was named as one of the top 100 area high school football players by the Sacramento Bee.



JIM MIKACICH '58

Jim was a three-sport athlete at Christian Brothers and Bishop Armstrong High School in football, baseball and basketball. His high school awards and honors included being named to the All City Teams in football and baseball

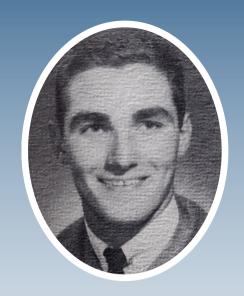




His most notable high school teammates were Dick Mooney and Bob Gatiss. Jim and Dick Mooney became what was known as the "M & M Wrecking Crew", a backfield that Coach Sperbeck called, "arguably the best Brothers ever fielded." Coaches who impacted Jim were Ray Clemons, John Stremple, Jack Witry, Regis Hurley, Ted William, Mr. Cervantes, Bob Rodich, and Bob Lathola.

At Notre Dame, Nick Buoniconti, Monty Stickles, and Daryle Lamonica were standout teammates. Jim did not play professional football but did play while in the service. He distinctly remembers being in Berlin, West Germany when he heard President Kennedy was shot, a very sad and hectic time. The best player Jim played against was Mike Ditka at the University of Pittsburg. He names Hugh Devore (Notre Dame), Ray Clemons, and Jack Stremple (CBS/Bishop Armstrong) as the best coaches he played under. His two favorite athletic memories are receiving his scholarship from Notre Dame's coach Terry Brennan at the 1958 Shrine Game and playing with teammates like Gatiss and Mooney at CBS/Bishop Armstrong.

Jim states that he owes a great thank you and debt of gratitude to Christian Brothers' Eric, Eugene, and Bertram for "keeping me out of jail, in school, and focused on college and an education". Christian Brothers certainly remembers Jim. Long-time CB coach and teacher Jack Witry said that "Jimmy" was a disciplined young man and a tremendous student who never loafed and was one of the finest athletes that he had ever seen.





DICK MOONEY '58

Dick Mooney '58 could play. Quiet and almost dismissive of his athletic endeavors at Bishop Armstrong and then later at the University of Idaho, Dick may have been the greatest athlete to ever play for Christian Brothers/Bishop Armstrong.

For example, after a dominating prep football career as one half of the famous "M & M" Wrecking Crew and as an All-City baseball player, Dick went out for the track team and was subsequently named the MVP. He even found time to box and was twice awarded the best fighter award.

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

Dick names Ray Clemons, John Stremple, and Bob Rodness as notable high school coaches. In college, Skip Stahley and Wayne Anderson were standouts. Dick attended the University of Idaho and was a rare two-sport collegiate athlete. On the football field, he was a four-year letterman for Coach Staley, and as a senior he led the nation in kickoff returns. At season's end, he was named Most Inspirational Player. After spending falls on Idaho's football field, Dick headed to the baseball diamond where he excelled much as he did as a youngster in Sacramento. His playing ability and his consistency at the plate caught the attention of the coaches putting together the team that would compete in the 1963 Pan Am Games at Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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



JIM SARTI '71

Legendary, Christian Brothers, Football Coach Mel Fontes remembers Jim Sarti as a "sweetheart" of a guy, but a silent "assassin" on the field! Jim graduated from Brothers in 1971 and was a three sport athlete (football, basketball and baseball)

before concentrating on football his final two years at CB. He earned numerous awards which included: Metro Player of the Year, 'All City' Honors, and an All American Honorable Mention. Jim played both offensive and defensive line and used his exceptional strength and quickness to overpower his opponents. Coach Dick Sperbeck remembered him as a punishing run blocker who was the catalyst for the strong Falcon running game. He also anchored a stingy defense that led Christian Brothers to their first Metro Title his senior year. Later in the year, Jim played in the 15th Annual Optimist Game and the 20th Shriners Game.

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

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

In his long and distinguished career, where he coached thousands of talented players, Dave Hoskins identified Jim as one of the best he ever coached. Jim's two favorite athletic memories include playing against SMU in 1973 in Old Texas Stadium and playing on the 1970-71 Christian Brothers Football team.





STEVE SCULLY '66

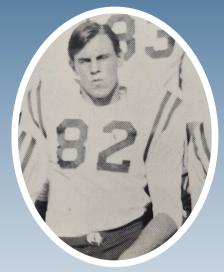
caught them all, mostly on third down."

Steve Scully '66 was a three sport athlete for Bishop Armstrong. The undisputed star of the 1965 football team, he unquestionably is one of the top five players to



Heavily recruited, Steve decided on Santa Clara University after turning down Cal. Steve excelled at Santa Clara under legendary Coach Pat Malley. As a defensive back he had 12 interceptions for the Broncos, including two for touchdowns. Those 12 interceptions are the most by any player in Santa Clara's history. Coach Malley once said he was told by NFL scouts that Scully would have been a first round choice as a strong safety had he not incurred a concussion that sidelined him for his senior year and ended his career.

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





DAVID SUTHERLAND '84

Kevin '82 and David '84 Sutherland have left their mark as golfers at the high school, collegiate and professional level. Playing for Coach Kevin McGovern '74, both brothers were four year lettermen at Christian Brothers. Kevin finished his prep career by claiming the Nor Cal individual medalist championship in 1982.

As a walk-on at Fresno State, Kevin impressively earned All-American status two out of his four years. His positive experience led to David playing for the Bulldogs as well. David, too, earned All-American status. Though both brothers had successful collegiate careers, what is especially remarkable is that both were able to earn their tour cards to make their living at the ultracompetitve, high-pressure, professional level.

In his 18 year PGA career, Kevin has recorded 48 Top 10 tournament finishes. His consistency on the PGA Tour has resulted in approximately \$15 million in career earnings to go along with a victory at the 2002 WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship. Kevin is scheduled to play at the Senior U.S. Open this summer before he joins the PGA Champions Tour when he turns 50.

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

Dave was hired by Sacramento State in 2007 to run both the men's and women's golf programs. In explaining his rationale for the career change, he said, "Because of my injuries, I had a chance to prepare for life after golf. I knew that I could only continue to play for a few years and then wanted to begin working with young people. When the opportunity came to coach at Sacramento State, I knew it was a great fit." He has resuscitated both programs by recruiting players such as CB alumni Grant and Cameron Rappleye who were stalwart players for the Hornets. In his time with the Hornets thus far, Sutherland has already won two conference titles with the men's team. This spring, the women's team finished second at the Big Sky championship. Three of his golfers earned all conference recognition.

Former faculty member and former golf coach Kevin McGovern offered this tribute: I was Kevin and David Sutherland's golf coach from 1981-1983. During those years, we won three Metro Championships and earned a number of trips to Sections and Nor Cal Championships. During Kevin's senior year, there was a trip to the State Championship at Pebble Beach. Kevin and David's golf careers have been pretty amazing, but what always impressed me about both of them was their honesty, character, and desire, not just to play golf well, but to do it in a way that would make their family, their school, and their friends proud. And it should make anyone who went to Christian Brothers proud because Kevin and David Sutherland have always been proud to say they played for Christian Brothers High School.



THE 1946 BASEBALL TEAM



By Jim McNamara, class of 1947

As new coach Roy Misfeldt studied his 1946 roster, he must have been quite pleased with the melodious mix of youth and experience. He had capable batsmen, speed, defense up the middle, and the one thing that every baseball manager can't get enough of --- excellent starting pitching. In the Sacramento Union's annual high school preview edition, Hank Hollingworth wrote: Christian Brothers Coach Roy Misfeldt is looking forward to the 1946 baseball season with a smug countenance, and when one glances over his roster the reason is apparent. Why? Because his nine equipped with a stronger battery than any Sacramento unit has possessed in many moons. The staff was anchored by Mel Knezovich and sported veterans Bill Zanze, Matt Puliz, and Donald Knezovich. Catching this impressive quartet would be Ronnie King, a polished receiver with one of the most feared throwing arms in Sacramento. As spring practice came to a close, Coach Misfeldt made out the following starting lineup:

2B: Joe Lutzy SS: Jim McNamara C: Ronnie King 3B: Gil Urbano 1B: Dick Markham LF: Doc Cuffe

CF: Vince Vallarino RF: Manuel Cazares

P: Mel Knezovich/ Bill Zanze

Dominating the Local Schools

After a few tune-up games, the season began on March 16th at William Land Park, as Bill Zanze squared off against McClatchy's ace Dick Luttig. In a close game where Brothers found themselves trailing in the 7th inning, Gil Urbano smashed a double, scoring Jimmy McNamara with the winning run. Zanze was effective giving up only three hits and was the winning pitcher. Brothers next traveled St. Mary's High School in Berkeley where Zanze hurled a 3-hit shutout. Jim McNamara and Doc Cuffe each had two hits in the 1 to 0 hard fought victory. Mel Knezovich took his turn against the Wolves of Woodland, shutting them out 10 to 0, thanks to a 10-run sixth inning and the 3 for 4 slugging of Gil Urbano. On the eve of the big game against Sacramento High School, young Don "Ducky" Knezovich got the assignment against the Herd of Elk Grove. Proving his mettle, Ducky continued the pitching dominance by striking out 8 in a 3-hit, 3 to 1 victory. Gil Urbano continued his hot hitting with a two-run double in the first inning.



THE 1946 BASEBALL TEAM



A Collapse and a Win!

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

After beating Elk Grove High for the second time, Brothers took on El Dorado High School and continued their winning ways behind Don Knezovich with a 9 to 3 victory. Gil Urbano had a productive day with a single, double, and home run, while Ronnie King contributed a double and a triple. Brothers closed out the year with two dominant victories over Roseville High School. Mel Knezovich won the first game of the series 13 to 1, striking out 13 and tallying 3 hits. Two days later, brother Don shut out the Roseville boys on just 3 hits. Gil Urbano and Ronnie King each had three hits to spark the offense.

With the Roseville series in the books, Brothers finished the year undefeated, with a 14 and 0 record. Third Baseman Gil Urbano hit .625 for the season and was chosen as the Sacramento Union's most outstanding player in 1946. He was also named the captain of the All City Team. Ronnie King was also named to the squad.

In lauding King's season, The Union wrote: Catcher Ronnie King earned his lost without a dissenting vote. If the team merits a co-captain, the star backstop could easily be raised to a spot besides his third base mate. Pitcher Mel Knezovich was the third representative from Brothers to make the coveted team.