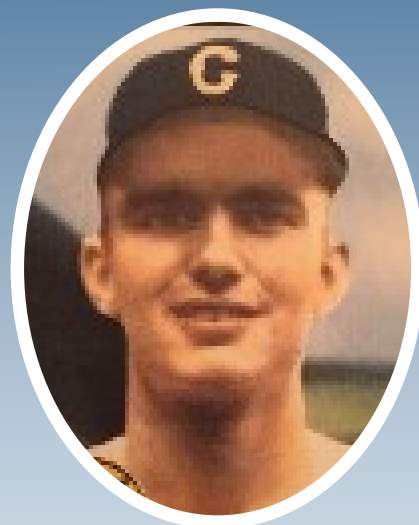


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JOE KIRRENE '49

A native of San Francisco, California, Joe Kirrene, was a three-time all-City Prep baseball player for Brothers. In his three Prep baseball seasons with Brothers, he was a part of three Sacramento City Championship teams (1947-1949) routinely hitting over .400 as the starting third baseman. In the 1948, City Championship game vs Sacramento High, a 9 to 7 victory for Brothers, Kirrene hit a game winning grand slam in the 7th inning. As a senior, Kirrene made newspaper headlines due to a monstrous home run he hit in a game vs. Sacred Heart of San Francisco, hitting "a ball a full city block, bouncing once and disappearing over a house roof."

After his Prep career, Kirrene signed with the White Sox in 1950. On October 1, 1950, the regular season's final day, he made his major league debut starting at third base for the White Sox going 1 for 4 with no errors in the field. Kirrene was out of baseball for three seasons while serving in the Coast Guard during the Korean War and was honorably discharged in 1954. Returning to baseball in 1954, he led the Class A Western League in batting average (.343) and was selected as the third baseman on the league's all-star team; he appeared in nine games for the Chicago White Sox that year batting .304, six as the starting third baseman, and had three multi-hit games. He played baseball with the San Francisco Seals, and Oakland Oaks in 1955-56 before leaving pro baseball.

In later years Joe worked as a manager for California State Auto Assn. for 41 years. Kirrene passed away in 2016 and was survived by his wife of 63 years, Grace.

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MCNAMARA BROTHERS



Jim McNamara '47

was the starting shortstop for the legendary 1946 undefeated Brothers baseball team. The following year, he made the All-City team and led Brothers to the City Championship with a 12 and 4 record. Considered to be one of the finest fielding shortstops to ever come out of Sacramento, Jim was drafted by the New York Giants in 1947 and spent five years in the minors. Jim was inducted into the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame in 1996, and distinguished himself by chairing that event for thirteen years. Jim passed away in 2012 and was married for 56 years to Mildred Petralli.

Frank "Muggs" McNamara '51 was the captain and center fielder of the 1951 Brothers team. He went on to play two years at Sacramento City College and hit .360 for the 1953 State Championship team. His baseball career continued at Chico State where, once again, he was voted captain of the team, and lead them to the Far West Conference Championship in 1958. Frank hit .316 and made the All-Conference team. When several professional contracts were offered, Frank chose graduate school and became an esteemed Sacramento educator for 44 years. He was inducted into the La Salle Club Hall of Fame in 2000. Frank has been married to Sally Byrne for 59 years.

John McNamara '50 was an outstanding defensive catcher for the Gaels, earning All-City selections in 1949 and 1950. He would never make the majors as a player, although he did play for the Sacramento Solons in 1956. In 1959, he would become a player/manager with Lewiston in the Northwest League, a minor league affiliate with the Kansas City A's.

McNamara would advance up the minor league ladder, nurturing young stars Reggie Jackson, Sal Bando, and Tony LaRussa, and many others along the way.

In 1967 McNamara reached the big leagues as a third base coach for the Kansas City A's.

The team soon moved to Oakland, and in 1969, McNamara was named manager at the age of 37. Although his 90 and 72 record was the best A's effort since 1920, McNamara was fired after a second place showing. He would go on to manage for 19 years compiling a record of 1,167 and 1,242, ranking 48th on the all-time managerial list. He also managed and/or coached the Giants, Padres, Angels, Reds, Red Sox, and Indians.

In 1979, McNamara managed the Cincinnati Reds to the division crown, and in 1981 his Reds had the best record in all baseball, but failed to make the post season, due to a split season brought on by the baseball strike. McNamara will be most remembered by the 1986 post season as the manager of the Boston Red Sox. Game 5 of the 1986 ALCS is still considered to be one of the greatest games in major league history. Down to their last strike and behind by 3 runs, his Red Sox would claw their way back to win in 12 innings, fueled by an iconic home run by Dave Henderson. Squaring off against the heavily favored New York Mets in the World Series, McNamara's Red Sox would battle them for 7 games, only to lose in heartbreaking fashion. John McNamara would earn the Manager of the Year award in 1986. His last year managing was in 1996 with the California Angels.

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CHUCK CHATFIELD '54

Chuck Chatfield was a 3-year Varsity letterman in both Football and Baseball at Brothers earning All-City in Football in 1953.

Chatfield went on to graduate from College of Pacific in 1958 where he played as a wide receiver and field goal kicker (1954-58); he was 7th in the nation as a wide receiver in 1957. Chatfield also played on the baseball team as a pitcher at COP and was the team MVP in 1958.

After graduating, he coached football and baseball at COP in 1958 and 1959. He then served as head football coach at Sacramento City College in 1960. He coached as an assistant coach for Washington State (1961-2) and Utah (1963).

Chatfield also worked with for the Dallas Cowboys under Tom Laundry in 1964 as an assistant coach in charge of player personnel signing for the Cowboys All-Pro's Jethro Pugh and "Bullet Bob" Hayes, the only athlete ever to win both the Super Bowl and an Olympic Gold medal. Chatfield lives in Clements, CA and is the grandfather of 12.

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JOE GUTIERREZ '70

Joe Gutierrez was a 3-year All-Star Varsity basketball and a 2-year Varsity football player for the Falcons. As a basketball player, he was an all-Metro Area performer averaging 20.8 points per game. In football, Gutierrez was a two-time all-City performer as a receiver; he played in the first Holy Bowl versus Jesuit, a 20-13 victory in 1969 before 6,000 fans.

In his senior season, the Falcon basketball team managed a 16-6 record in spite of the fact that Joe was the only basketball player over six feet tall (Joe is 6 feet 2'). Joe lists CB Hall of Fame coach Jack Witry as the best coach he played under.

After Brothers, Gutierrez went on to the University of Santa Clara where he played football and basketball earning his B.S. Degree in Political Science.

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MONTY BUCKLEY '91

Monty Buckley was an accomplished track star at Christian Brothers and is listed 4 times in Brothers Track and Field record books (4th for 200 meters, 2nd in 400 meters, 1st in both 4x100 relay and 4x400 relay). However, Buckley would be known mainly as a 5-star basketball star at Brothers playing on the Varsity team for 3 years. At 6-7, Buckley was the perfect combination of size, speed, and athleticism that you would expect a 5-star basketball recruit to have. As a senior, Buckley was named the Sacramento Metro Area Player of the Year in 1991.

Buckley enjoyed a 4-year scholarship basketball career at Cal. He helped Cal recruit Jason Kidd to play for Cal. Both Buckley and Kidd have been longtime friends playing together on the same AAU basketball team prior to playing together at Cal. Buckley helped Cal win an NCAA basketball Tournament game against defending Champion Duke by scoring two key 3-point baskets for a Cal helping the team advance to the Sweet 16, March 20, 1993. During his Cal career, Buckley was known as a great defensive player at Cal and was named best team defender in 1992 and 1995. He was also known as a dangerous 3-point shooter, shooting .337 during his four years at Cal. In his senior year at Cal, Buckley averaged .407 from 3 point range, 16 points a game and was named Cal Team MVP. Buckley is in the Cal Basketball record book for points scored in a career: good for 45th all-time with 1,035 points.

After Cal, Buckley played professionally in the NBA with the Golden State Warriors and Portland Trail Blazers as well as internationally in the Philippines and Argentina. Today, Buckley is a highly regarded basketball trainer and basketball coach. He has coached for nationally ranked AAU Basketball teams and is involved in high level basketball training for youth in Northern California.

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THE 1981 CBHS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM



Honored September 15, 2018, at Hughes Stadium (halftime of Varsity game vs Capital Christian)

THE ONLY TEAM IN FALCON VARSITY FOOTBALL HISTORY TO ACHIEVE THESE MILESTONES:

- 1. Won the Metro League championship title both undefeated and untied in Metro League games.**
- 2. Held a #1 ranked Division I Varsity football team to no (zero) first downs for an entire game in the victory over #1 Grant 6-0 at Hughes Stadium, November 27, 1981.**
- 3. Defeated three (3) Division I Varsity football teams in a season that were ranked #1 in the Sacramento area at the start the game. (Cordova, Grant, and Napa)**
- 4. Defeated a nationally ranked Division I prep team #2 or higher: Cordova was ranked #2 nationally when Christian Brothers beat them 24-6 at American River College. In 1981, Cordova featured running-back Kevin Willhite who was recognized as the national player of the year by five (5) organizations after the season.**

THE FIRST TEAM IS SCHOOL HISTORY TO:

- 1. Win the Division I Sac-Joaquin Section Title by defeating previously undefeated #1 Napa 14-10 at Hughes Stadium. First of two (2) section titles in school history.**
- 2. Win the Sacramento City Championship defeating #1 Grant: first of three in school history.**

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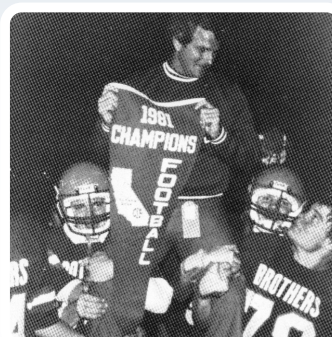
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THE 1981 CBHS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

QUOTES ABOUT THE 1981 TEAM FROM THE 1981 SEASON AS IT UNFOLDED:

Sacramento Bee Correspondent Tom Clark in his preview of the Metro League football season 1981: *"There will be no attempt to convince anyone that a close race is likely for this season's Metro League football title. Barring divine intervention, or some other unlikely occurrence, #1 Cordova will march to the title."*

Hall of Fame coach Jeff Tisdell, an assistant coach in 1981: *"I think the 1981 season was a great experience and one that I'm sure will never be forgotten."*



Hall of Fame Cordova coach Max Miller after the game vs the Falcons: *"I don't think (Dallas coach) Tom Landry expected to lose to the 49ers and I didn't think we'd lose to Christian Brothers. In all the years that I've coached, I've never had a team that was outplayed the entire game like that."*

Before the Section Title game, Napa coach Les Franco: *"Their (CB's) scrappy 'little' line could give us trouble."*

Don Drysdale, Sacramento Union staff writer in the story about the Falcon's section title victory:

"Johnson and crew won the Metro League title. Their reward: they were told they didn't deserve to be in the playoffs. And after they beat La Sierra and Grant for the championship of Sacramento, the critics still were not silent. The Falcons had it tattooed into their collective heads that Hughes Stadium's slimy surfaces was the only thing that got them into the Sac-Joaquin Section AAA championship game against Napa. But a funny thing happened. The mud at Hughes Stadium dried up. And Christian Brothers, the scallywags of the Metro League, outmuscled and outhustled a bigger, supposedly superior Napa team Friday night, winning the section title 14-10."

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THE 1981 CBHS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

SEASON AND TEAM SUMMARY

This 1981 Varsity football team did not look like a championship team to start the season losing to El Camino 23-0 and La Sierra 7-0. Four games into the season, a court order made senior transfers Mark Allen and Albert Johnson eligible to play for the team. In Albert Johnson's first game, he rushed for 164 yards and two touchdowns as the Falcons defeated #1 Cordova 24-6. Head coach Craig Rundle, Sacramento Bee's coach of the year in 1981, credited Albert Johnson's effort as well as a dominating Falcon offensive line for the win against Cordova led by three seniors: center Marty Ledesma and All-Metro Team selections Dave Jablonsky (guard) and Bill Callaghan (tackle). On defense, All Metro Team selection seniors John Arbuckle (defensive tackle) and Scott Brown (defensive back) anchored a defense that allowed an average of 7 points per game and shut out four teams during the season including 2 teams in the playoffs in route to the Sacramento City Championship. After the loss to La Sierra in the third game of the season, this 1981 team won 10 straight games and was ranked #1 only after the season ended with a Section title game victory over previously undefeated #1 ranked Napa by a score of 14-10.

As with all Championship teams there were role players who stepped up in the clutch when the team needed them the most to help the 1981 Falcons win 10 games in a row. For example:

1. Senior Rob Delgado returned a 60-yard punt which gave the Falcons a win over Jesuit 17-10 in the second game of the season. Delgado also caught a rare pass from senior Keith Cherry during the Section title game good for 19 yards and a 1st down converting a 3rd down helping the Falcons keep alive an offensive drive to start the 3rd quarter that resulted in a 2-yard touchdown run by Vince Hill making the score 7-3.
2. Although this Falcon team was primarily a rushing team on offense, senior quarterback Keith Cherry threw a clutch 73-yard TD 'pop' pass to senior tight end Troy Bird in the 14-8 win over Burbank completing the only untied and undefeated Metro League season for the Falcons.
3. Junior Vince Hill was relegated to a backup role with the emergence of MVP senior running back Albert Johnson, the Sacramento Bee's player of the year. However, Hill was the difference in the playoff games against La Sierra and Grant. Hill scored the only TD of the game in the victory over #1 Grant and scored both touchdowns against La Sierra including a 75-yard kickoff return for a touchdown to start the game.
4. Seniors Steve Lahey (guard) and Stan Mette (tackle) were the difference during the Section title game against Napa. With less than 3 minutes left in the game down by 3 points, it was the left side of the offensive line, Lahey and Mette, that cleared the way on a critical 4th downplay that enabled Albert Johnson to gain 4 yards and the 1st down. Vince Hill would be called on to convert a second critical 4th down play of the drive gaining 1 yard for the first down. On the next play, Albert Johnson would score the game winning touchdown with 54 seconds left in the game completing a game winning 66-yard offensive drive that were all rushing plays.