



# ASA WHETSTONE '51 †

Asa Whetstone was a varsity letterman in both football and basketball at Christian Brothers.

He attended St. Francis Elementary School before attending Christian Brothers at the previous 21st and Broadway campus. Whetstone played football for Hall of Fame coach Ray Clemons.

After playing for the Gaels, Whetstone received a scholarship to the University of San Francisco to play both football and basketball, but the football program was cancelled. He was then redirected to Santa Rosa Community College where he enjoyed playing semi-pro football.

Whetstone was drafted into the Army during the Korean War. After his service, he attended Sacramento State, where he met his wife, Susan, with whom he raised five children: Christopher, Greta, Sheila, Amy and Megan. As worked for Aerojet as a rocket engineer before joining IBM where he enjoyed a 27-year career.

Whetstone was devoted to the Christian Brothers, building lifelong friendships and enjoying "The Brotherhood" events. He loved being a part of this extraordinary group of men who are bonded at the heart and living the motto, "Enter to learn, leave to serve." He was a lifelong learner and was dedicated to serving others. Whetstone passed away in 2019.





## DAN CARMAZZI '71

Dan Carmazzi was a four-year football and basketball player for Brothers. During his senior year, he was the starting quarterback for

a Falcon team that won the Metro League title, the first one in Christian Brothers' varsity football history and for Hall of Fame Coach Dick Sperbeck.

After high school, Carmazzi played football at UC Davis for four years during which the Aggies won three conference championships. He started many games for the Aggies and threw five touchdown passes in a game against CSU Hayward in 1974, resulting in a 37-0 victory.

Carmazzi went on to become a highly successful football coach for 41 years, including three years as the head coach at Christian Brothers, leading CB to a CIF Section title game in 2016. He also coached at Jesuit for many years, where his team won two Sac-Joaquin Section titles. As a position coach and head coach, Carmazzi has coached several quarterbacks who later played college and professional football.

In addition to coaching, Carmazzi also served in athletic administration for over 20 years, including two as the Athletic Director at Christian Brothers and nine at Jesuit. Carmazzi has also refereed high school basketball games and umpired women's softball for over 20 years. He was a physical education and social studies teacher for 40 years and is now retired.

Carmazzi has been married for 46 years to Gloria '71. Dan and Gloria are the parents of five children: Matthew, Giovanni, Angelina, Veronica and Dominic. They also have maany grandchildren. Carmazzi was fortunate to have coached his three sons in high school football.



## RAY CLEMONS †

Ray Clemons went to high school at Fremont High School in Oakland, CA. He attended St. Mary's College



of California in Moraga, graduating in 1947. His college career was interrupted by World War II when he joined the U.S. Navy for the war. After St. Mary's, Clemons was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in 1947. Clemons played offensive guard with the Packers under legendary NFL Hall of Fame coach and player Curly Lambeau, the man of which Lambeau Field in Green Bay is named after.

Clemons served as the varsity football coach for the Christian Brothers Gaels from 1948 to 1955. In his seven years as coach, he compiled a 45-22 record including two Northern Interstate Conference Titles in 1954 and 1955. Clemons's teams included Hall of Fame players Jerry Cooke '56, James Church '50, Chuck Chatfield '54, Dave Jesmer '54, Asa Whetstone '51, Ken Orvick '50 and Peter Bollinger '57.

After coaching at Christian Brothers, Clemons was named head football coach at Sacramento City College in 1956. Clemons moved over to Sacramento State in 1960, serving as line coach for one season before succeeding Johnny Baker as head football coach. Clemons's record at Sacramento State was 72-75-3 in 15 years as the head coach. Clemons's teams won two Far Western Conference championships in 1964 and 1966.

Clemons has six children: Judith Clemons, Suzanne DeCoite, Michael Clemons '63, Patrick Clemons '67, Timothy Clemons '69, and Daniel Clemons '73. His four sons played football at Christian Brothers. Michael '63 was an All-City selection for the Falcons and went on to play linebacker at Sacramento State, playing for his father. He was inducted into Sacramento State's Hall of Fame in 1981. He also returned to Brothers and served as Athletic Director.

After coaching at Sacramento State, Clemons left in 1975 to become a commercial fisherman on the North Coast of California. Clemons passed away in 2005.

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Co-captains Bob Gatiss and Pete Bollinger accept the NIC co-championship from Brother Gabriel in 1956

## PETER P. BOLLINGER'57

Peter Bollinger began his high school education at Christian Brothers at the previous 21st and Broadway location, before moving to the Bishop Armstrong campus in Oak Park the first year it opened. He was multi-sport varsity athlete at Christian Brothers, being an All-City football player, playing for the Gaels basketball team, and competing on the track and field team. Bollinger played with several Hall of Fame football players at Christian Brothers. As a junior, Bollinger was a co-captain of the Gaels football team under the leadership of Hall of Fame coach Ray Clemons that won the Northern Interstate Conference Title in 1955.

After high school, Bollinger went on to attend Sacramento State. In 1969, Bollinger formed the Peter P. Bollinger Investment Company, developing and managing very successful commercial and residential real estate projects throughout the Sacramento Area, including well known shopping centers, such as the Fountains Shopping Center in Roseville.

Bollinger is continuing to make his mark at Christian Brothers, making a transformative gift to help fund the construction of the Peter P. Bollinger '57 Stadium on campus that was completed in February 2020. This new state-of-the-art, multi-sport stadium includes a turf field, all-weather six-lane track, stands for 1,200 fans, press box, digital scoreboard, and lights. CB student-athletes will now be able to train and compete in top-notch facilities for years to come, thanks to generous benefactors like Bollinger.