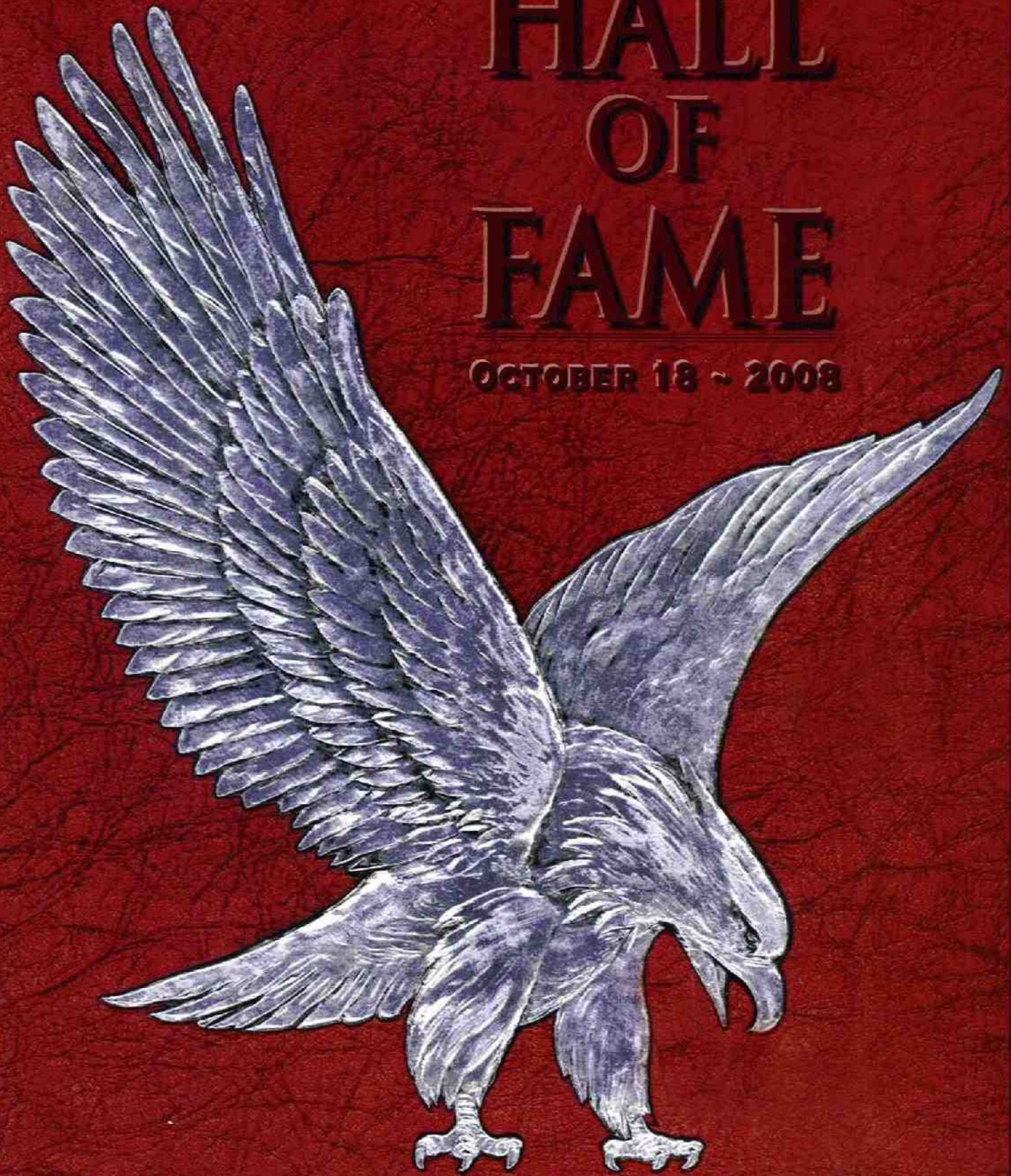


CLAYTON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

HALL
OF
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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Welcome to the Clayton Valley High School Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, brought to you by the CVHS 50th Anniversary and Hall of Fame Committees.

The CVHS Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding athletic performance in all male and female sports and their dedication to upholding the high standards of the Clayton Valley High School Athletic Department.

Today we honor athletes who exemplify excellence in athletics and who have used the skills acquired on the field to excel in their professions and communities as well. In addition the committee also wishes to acknowledge the hard work of former athletic directors Dee Billeter and Bill Nelson who have worked tirelessly to set up the criteria for selection, to locate the nominated athletes, and to bring this event together.

"ONCE AN EAGLE ALWAYS AN EAGLE"

Pat Middendorf
CVHS Athletic Director



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Social

Buffet Brunch

Welcome – *Pat Middendorf*

Introductions – *Dick Ellis, Master of Ceremonies*

Presentation of Inductees



PRESENTATIONS

Presenter

Jim Della
Hart Fairclough
Dee Billeter
Bob Smith
Herc Pardi (for Ralph Belluomini)
Steve Coccimiglio
Dennis Bledsoe
Pam Barringer
Tom DiMercurio
Dan Ford
Karen Johnson
Pete Carpino
Dick Ellis (for Frank Harrison)
Sue Lackey
Bill Martel
Joe Hafey
Lisa Von Felden
Dick Ellis
Dee Billeter (for Gary Gardner)
John Mahlock
Dick Ellis
Lynn Harrison (for Gary Gardner)
Bill Nelson and Bill Smith

Inductee

DR. DAN DELLA
BRUCE IVERSEN
KAREN JOHNSON
BILL SMITH
BUD BEEMER
RON COCCIMIGLIO
RON DADAMI
AUSTIN DEATON
JACK DUNCAN
GREG FORD
SONYA SATRE GOODMAN
MIKE HALUCHAK
LYNN HARRISON
KIM LACKEY
PETE LAURENCE
GARY LOVERIDGE
SHERYL SMIAROWSKI LAWRENTZ
CLYDE MASHORE
STARRY SUTTICH
BOB THOMASON
1959 BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM
1976 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM
1977 WRESTLING TEAM

DAN DELLA

PRINCIPAL, 1958-1981



The Clayton Valley High School Gymnasium is dedicated to our first principal, Dr. Dan Della. Dan was an outstanding leader who laid the groundwork that has enabled the school to excel in so many areas in the past 50 years.

Dan was the principal for 23 years. He was known for his beaming smile, wonderful sense of humor, tremendous intelligence and respect for all who crossed the threshold of the Eagles. Dan inspired hundreds of teachers and thousands of students to reach for the stars in every endeavor.

Dan grew up in Delano, California and in high school he lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track. His love for sports never diminished. He received his BA from Fresno State College then joined the Navy and spent 2 years as an engineering officer overseas. After his discharge from the Navy, Dan went on to graduate with an MA in education from UC Berkeley. He then returned to Delano to teach and coach. In 1948 he traveled to Lima, Peru to coach the Peruvian Olympic Basketball Team. He returned to Delano and became Dean of Boys and Director of Adult Education.

Dan came to the Bay Area as a Vice-principal at Pleasant Hill High School. In 1957, he was asked to open a new school and spent a year in the district office planning and shaping what is now CVHS. Dan opened CVHS in the fall of 1958 and continued as the "Head Eagle" until his retirement in 1981. He continued his own education receiving his Doctorate from UC Berkeley in 1966. Dan took a leave of absence in 1969 to go to Columbia on a World Bank project. He helped plan and build 19 large high schools serving thousands of students there.

During his years at CVHS, Dan put his heart and soul into every activity. His enthusiastic support of athletes and coaches is legendary. He truly embodied the spirit of the Eagle. Dan was a gentleman and a true professional who served the school and community with class and distinction.

Clayton Valley is truly grateful to Dan's family for sharing him with us for so many years. He has left us all a fantastic legacy.

BRUCE IVERSEN

COACH, ATHLETIC
DIRECTOR, 1960-1991



From 1960 to 1991 Bruce Iversen became a C.V.H.S. Coaching institution and provided a legacy of outstanding leadership, devoted service, and a dedication to his chosen sport of basketball that may never be equaled in the future of C.V.H.S. athletics. For those who were privileged to work with or for him, to coach with or against him, or to just know him, knew we were in the presence of a very special person and truly exceptional coach.

At any level, coaching should be more than just the X's and O's and "Coach Iversen" was certainly more than putting the plan on a chalkboard. His 493 win and just 310 losses (.614 winning percentage) validates his ability to mold and inspire each athlete to reach their maximum potential. There are few of his post 70's basketball players who won't remember the "Scramble Offense," fast-brake drills and options, or the 2-2-1 full court trapping defense which were part of the Iversen system. It took several years for the league to figure out the scramble system let alone how to defend it. Furthermore, the six league championships all point to his exceptional coaching abilities and the wonderful student athletes that participated in Coach Iversen's program. There is no doubt Bruce was an excellent tactician but his love for the game of basketball, his "kids," and his competitive nature made him the coaches coach. His roots go back to Oakland's Fremont High, Stanford University (playing varsity level basketball for the Cardinals), Mt. Diablo High (the beginning of his coaching career), and then went on to C.V.H.S. which would be his home away from home for over 30 years. At C.V.H.S. he taught P.E., was department chairman, athletic director (which allowed him to use his wisdom and leadership skills to help mold the D.V.A.L. into a strong and complete Northern California force) and finally to his outstanding career as a basketball coach.

As a man his calm nature, warm personality, and unquestioned character enhanced his ability to be the successful coach we all know today. His calmness carried over to the competition of the game and he seemed to never lose sight of what was necessary during the heat of battle. Bruce has been described as a "Class Individual" who had the ability to teach, challenge, and encourages all of those that were a part of his program. Every practice was designed to be a positive learning experience without ranting and raving so often associated with coaching. He provided coaching leadership that influenced each young man to try and also to be their best and in the end that was what it was all about for Bruce; as a loving husband, father, teacher, and as Coach Iversen.

Those many people, who have and are associated with Bruce, know that he was and is a caring, kind, person with an uncompromised integrity. His office, no bigger than a small closet, was open to all most of the time. He was very proud to have had only two technicals during the course of his 803 game coaching career (word is, one "T" was caused by an assistant coach). Certainly, this demonstrates his dedication to being a positive role model for his "kids".

For all those who played for coached with or against or just watched as spectators or parents, most, if not all, would say they were proud to have been a part of the Iversen led era of Clayton Valley Basketball. Over his 31 year tenure he became the best of the best for any coaching level, let alone shaping students lives to become leaders, parents, and the role models that they are today. Coach Iversen, welcome to the newly formed Clayton Valley High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

KAREN JOHNSON

COACH—ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, 1966-1976



In 1966, when Karen Johnson arrived at Clayton Valley High School, she found the athletic program for girls was limited to a few “play days” during the year with schools in the area. When Karen departed 10 years later, Clayton Valley girls athletic teams were leaders in the DVAL, with JV and Varsity teams in 7 sports.

The advances made in girls sports over those years did not come easily. Karen Johnson was at the forefront of the push for equality for girls in our district and section. She worked tirelessly with women coaches in our area striving for respect, recognition and validation of our programs. In 1966 the Diablo Valley Girls Athletic League was founded and CVHS fielded teams in Field Hockey, Softball and Basketball. Karen coached all three teams to 2 firsts and a second place respectively in league play. From 1968–71, Karen coached Varsity Volleyball, Basketball and Softball. Each team won the league for 3 consecutive years, a total of 9 championships. From 1967–71 she also coached JV Basketball to first place finishes. Karen continued to coach Varsity Basketball from 1972–76 earning 5 more league championships.

Karen’s coaching record is second to none at CVHS. Between 1968 and 1976, Karen coached the Varsity Basketball team to 57 straight wins in DVGAL league play, 9 consecutive league championships, and 8 consecutive DVGAL Tournament wins.

Karen’s phenomenal success was due to her talent, dedication, and a commitment to giving girls the opportunity to realize their potential. A 1976 Concord Transcript article about her basketball program stated: “What CVHS has is a combination of talent, pride, the desire to win and a rapport between players and between players and coach that few teams have been able to build.”

Karen was the first Girls Athletic Director at Clayton Valley. She inspired, encouraged, and mentored fellow teachers and coaches. Her hard work and expertise won the respect of athletes, coaches, administrators and parents.

BILL SMITH

COACH, 1976-1983



Raised in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Bill won two NCAA titles at Iowa State Teachers College and Three National AAU titles from 1949-1951. In 1952, he capped his Amateur Wrestling career with a gold medal at the Olympic Games held in Helsinki, Finland. Bill made the 1956 team but was declared ineligible for being a professional because he was coaching in high school.

His Rock Island, Illinois team won the State High School Championship in 1956 after which he coached a highly successful team at the University of Nebraska. In 1960, he became the coach of the San Francisco Olympic Club and his teams set some unprecedented records. In 1960-1965 his teams won nine National AAU Championships, five in Freestyle and four in Greco-Roman. He had six wrestlers on the 1964 Olympic Wrestling Team.

Bill Smith made an immediate impact on the wrestling program when he and some of his wrestlers joined Clayton Valley High School after transferring from Pacifica High School, when it closed its doors. When Clayton Valley won the 1977 California State CIF Wrestling Championship, Bill became one of the few coaches to win state high school championships in two different states.

Clayton Valley went on to dominate the Diablo Valley Athletic League by winning seven titles from 1977 to 1983, and back-to-back North Coast Sections Championships in 1977 and 1978. He produced numerous NCS and CIF Champions during his tenure as coach at Clayton Valley.

“Coach Smith was a superior technician, motivator, strategist, and understood the mental aspect of coaching. His passion for the sport was evident and spread to his wrestlers. He stressed discipline, dedication, and sportsmanship at all times. But the most enduring thing about Coach is his personality; you just wanted to be around him. Coach is a mentor and life long friend. He had a story for every situation, be it related to wrestling or life. Those moments we as athletes cherish more than any medal.” – Brett McNamar, former wrestler of Bill’s.

Bill was also instrumental in the organization of the Bay Area Wrestling Association. In 1978, he was inducted into the California Wrestling Association and the National Wrestling Association Hall of Fame. Last year he was inducted into the San Francisco Olympic Club Hall of Fame. Today, Bill Smith will be inducted into his 12th Hall of Fame. Congratulations to an amazing teacher/coach.

BUD BEEMER

FOOTBALL-BASKETBALL-BASEBALL, 1962



Bud was a member of the first four-year graduating class of Clayton Valley High School. He was a three-sport athlete playing football, basketball, and baseball during his high school years and he was named senior Athlete of the Year in the Class of 1962, recognized by the Talon.

Bud was a three year starter in baseball earning 1st Team All-C.C.D. as a sophomore, 1st Team All-CCD SS as a Junior, and 2nd Team All-C.C.D. of as a senior. A true Utility man. It was during his sophomore and junior years that the Eagles were league champions. He led the team in hitting (.451 BA) his sophomore year and graduated with a .363 career batting average. Bud was also named to the Concord Transcripts/ MDUSD 1960's All-Decade 1st Team in Baseball. As a basketball player he was a starting forward for two years and in his senior year was the team scoring leader, setting an individual game record for scoring.. He was voted team captain, 2nd Team All-C.C.D. and named to the Acker Tournament All Tourney team in the post season. In football his senior year Bud was named to the HM All-C.C.D. All League team as a defensive back and set a school record for the longest kickoff return in CV history. Bud's three sport career play earned him Clayton Valley's White Sweater Letter- the highest athletic award CV offered during that era.

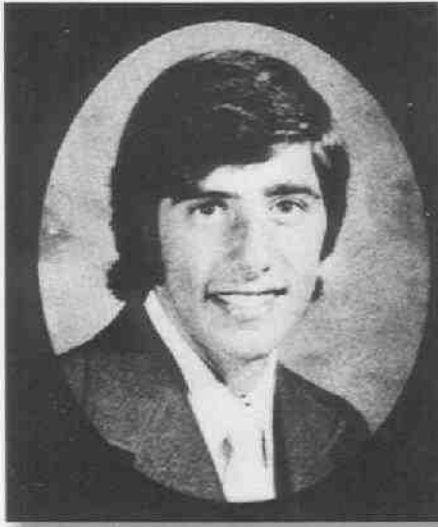
After graduation Bud went to the University of California on a baseball scholarship and led the freshmen team in home runs on a 24-2 team. It was at that time he was offered a professional contract by the Minnesota Twins. Committed to earning his college degree he decided to postpone a professional career and went to Washington State University on a scholarship. He lettered as an outfielder on the Cougar's College World Series team in 1965, a team that ranked 3rd in the nation. His dream of a professional career ended the following year with shoulder and knee injuries.

Moving back to the Bay Area, Bud came to the Mt. Diablo Unified School District in 1968 where he taught and coached at College Park High School for 20 years. During those years he coached football, baseball, basketball, and softball teams at all levels. His 1976 College Park basketball team was one of the best ever in the area. He was named Coach of the Year in basketball and in softball during his tenure at CP, the first coach ever to be honored in two different sports with boys and girls. Moving on to Acalanes High in 1981, he was the head basketball coach for four years, winning the league championship his final year and being named league coach of the year. Bud coached one year at DVC as an offensive backfield coach.

When Bud completed his teaching and coaching career he entered school administration and was an administrator at Concord, College Park, and Northgate High schools. He continued his interest in athletes by serving as MBAL league president, a member of the eligibility committee. He retired in 2004 but has continued his work in education and athletics; he is currently the league commissioner for the Bay Valley Athletic League and is a certified trainer with the American Sport Education Program training new coaches in Northern California. Bud also acts as a coordinator for athletic directors in the MDUSD.

RON COCCIMIGLIO

FOOTBALL-BASKETBALL-
BASEBALL-TRACK, 1976



Ron Coccimiglio is considered by many Clayton Valley coaches to be the most talented multi-sport athletes in CVHS history. Tremendous hand-eye coordination, great athletic anticipation, a major leagues competitive drive and an unmatched work ethic were characteristics that earned Ron nine varsity letters: three in football and two each in basketball, baseball, and track. Eagle lore tells the story of Ron doing the Triple Jump at a track meet the same day he played in a baseball game.

Ron is best remembered for his football accomplishments. In 1974, Ron led the Roger Zino coached Eagles (10-1) to its first Diablo Valley Athletic League championship in school history and a win over Alhambra in the Turkey Bowl. Coccimiglio and his teammates were ranked #1 in the final East Bay Writer's Pool, while setting team records: 5 shutouts and 18 consecutive shut-out quarters that exist on the Gym Football Record Boards today. The junior earned 1st Team All-DVAL honors two ways (WR/DB), 1st Team All-East Bay Defensive Back and Team MVP.

In 1975 the gifted athlete helped his team repeat as DVAL Champs, participated in the first NCS play-offs and earned his second team MVP honor. Ron repeated as two-way All-DVAL selection, earned 1st Team All-East Bay two ways, 1st Team All-Nor-Cal DB honors, and was chosen the Northern California Defensive Player of the Year. He also played in the 1976 Contra Costa-Alameda All-Start Game. On the hardwood, Ron was a starting senior guard and led the Eagles to a 20-9 record, second place in the DVAL Playoffs and earned Honorable Mention All DVAL. In the spring, Ron picked up his glove and started for two years as the utility man for head coach Tom DiMercurio. Ron hit .310 as a junior and helped the team to a stellar second place finish in the DVAL Playoffs. To top off his senior year, he was named CVHS Athlete of the Year.

Ron's football talents earned him a football scholarship to the University of California Berkeley. He was a three year starter of defense, Co-Captain and all Pac-10 selection his senior year. He played in two college All-Star games: East-West Shrine and the Japan Bowl.

After his playing days at Cal, he signed with the Minnesota Vikings as a free agent. In 2000, Ron Coccimiglio was named as one of the twenty-two members of the University of California All-Century Team.

RON DADAMI

SWIMMING, 1966



Ron graduated from Clayton Valley High School in 1966. He was on the swimming team all four years and was voted Most Valuable Player in 1964, 1965, and 1966. Ron was team captain in his junior and senior years. During his four years, he won eight DVAL Championships, the maximum amount he was able to win because of the limit of only two events per swimmer. He broke eleven DVAL records, won the North Coast in six events, and set three records in the North Coast. When Ron graduated, he held eight school records. During the course of his career at Clayton Valley, he broke and reset eighty records. He was named the Top College Prep Swimmer of the Year in his junior and senior years. Ron made the All-American Team in two events in 1966.

Clayton Valley did not have a water polo team when Ron attended the school, but he did play Club Polo at the time.

Ron was President of the Block CV his senior year, and was the vice president of the Senior Men's Honor Society. When he graduated, he was awarded nine full college scholarships and four partial scholarships in swimming and water polo.

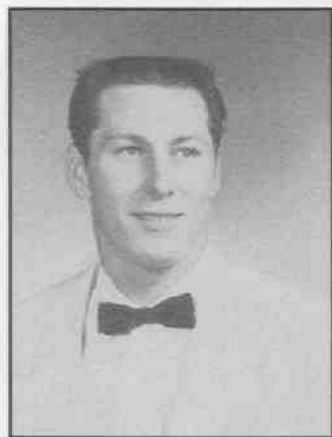
While in high school, Ron swam with the Pleasant Hill Swim Club, he was a National Record Holder in four events in 1963, three events in 1964, two events in 1965, and three events in 1966.

Ron chose to attend Diablo Valley College, and played Water Polo and became team captain. As a member of the Viking swim team, he broke four conference records, qualified in the top ten four events, and was a Junior College All-American in two events. At Fresno State University, Ron was the Water Polo team captain and High Point winner. In swimming he set four school records. Ron became the Water Polo coach for the Clayton Valley High School Boys Team between the years of 1971 and 1976. He was also a coach for the Concord Swim Club. Ron was a Special Education teacher in the Mount Diablo Unified School District from 1973 to 2005.

Ron set a high standard for all swimmers who came after him, and without a doubt his legacy in the pool will never be forgotten.

AUSTIN DEATON

FOOTBALL-BASKETBALL-
BASEBALL, 1961



Austin Deaton, Class of 1961, was a member of Clayton Valley High School's first sophomore class in 1958. Following a frosh season of football, basketball, and baseball at Mt. Diablo, Austin came to the district's "new" high school – CVHS- along with a group of fellow ex-Diablo athletes. They were the beginning of sports at CVHS and in particular, Austin Deaton, whose outstanding contributions during a 3-year/3-sport career helped establish a winning tradition for the new school – a tradition that lasts to this day!

As the school began with only 9th, 10th, and 11th grades, there was no Varsity football that first year, just a Junior Varsity schedule. Austin played on that first team, one that was successful until a 6-6 tie with the "old" school, Mt Diablo, in the final game of the season. Austin also played Varsity basketball and Varsity baseball during Clayton Valley's first year, setting the foundation for the future success.

As a sophomore, Austin was selected the 1959 All-Contra Costa Honorable Mention in baseball as an outfielder. He was to repeat this honor, again being named All-Contra Costa 1st Team outfielder in 1960 and 2nd team in 1961, as CVHS won the championship both years. In basketball, as a junior, Austin was a letterman on the 1960 DVAL Championship team. As a senior starter in 1961, he was selected as the All Tournament Player in the Acker Invitational.

But in football, Austin's unique blend of athletic ability, heart, toughness, and tenacity found the fullest expression. His accomplishments on the football field and his awards reflected it: a two-way player at offensive and defensive tackle, winning him the All-DVAL Contra Costa Lineman 2nd Team during his junior year in 1959. His senior year in 1960 earned him: All-DVAL Contra Costa Lineman 1st Team, the SF Examiner All-Northern California 2nd Team, the SF Examiner All-Metropolitan 1st Team, the SF Chronicle All-Northern California 1st Team, the QB Club's "Lineman of the Year", and the 1960 North-South Shrine Game player. Austin was named to the Concord Transcript/Mt. Diablo School District's 1960's All-Decade 1st Team in Football and Baseball.

Clayton Valley High School's Athletic Hall of Fame has a unique beginning, like most at the start of things. Austin Deaton was there at that CVHS beginning and his efforts helped put CVHS athletics on the map, Austin's selection is a most-fitting tribute, one he would surely cherish.

JACK DUNCAN

FOOTBALL-WRESTLING-BASEBALL, 1971



When the multi-talented Pop Warner Football All-American Jack Duncan entered Clayton Valley in 1967, he went straight to the JV Football Team. As a freshman, he started both ways as a running back and linebacker. A two way sophomore starter on the Varsity team, he earned the team's Most Improved Player award. In his junior year, again he started both ways and led the Eagles to a winning 1969 season by setting two school records for nine pass receptions in a Las Lomas victory and 28 receptions in a season. Jack was named MVP and was selected 2nd team All-DVAL (LB). As a senior leader, Jack earned team MVP and 1st team All-DVAL (LB) honors, Jack once again was the hub of another winning season, and was selected the Contra Costa County / National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete winner.

Jack played basketball his freshman year then switched to wrestling his sophomore year. He got his first taste of success by winning the DVAL Novice Tournament, and lettered as Varsity grappler. After gaining a year of Varsity competition, Jack exceeded his expectations by going undefeated in league matches his Junior and Senior seasons. As a junior, he placed first at the DVAL Tournament and 5th at NCS and as a Senior, placed first at the DVAL and 2nd at NCS qualifying for the State Meet.

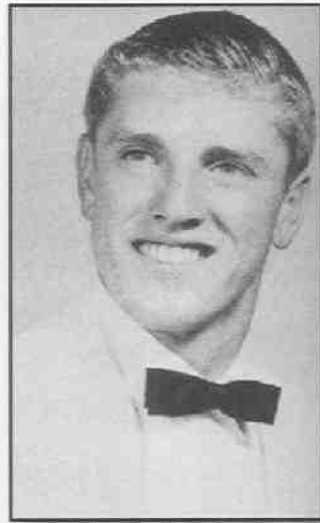
His baseball career started like his football career. He started as a freshman catcher on the JV team and actually moved up to the Varsity team for a few games. Jack was a three year Varsity catcher/outfielder started earning 1st team All-DVAL honors hitting .333 his Senior year.

Jack was not real big in stature, but "pound for pound, was one of the hardest hitting tacklers and blockers I've ever seen!" according to a former teammate and current Clayton Valley Varsity Football coach Herc Pardi. He was dedicated and durable, being able to play three sports for four years and never missing a game due to injury. There were many games where he played every minute.

He is proud to have lettered nine times. Some Clayton Valley athletes are still trying to top him and get ten block letters. Jack finished his Senior Year by being CV's Athlete of the Year.

GREG FORD

FOOTBALL-
BASKETBALL-TRACK, 1962



Excelling in one sport is extremely difficult. Making the team of any sport is challenging to everyone, which is why it takes an astounding amount of talent to play multiple sports. Greg Ford possessed that amount of astounding talent. Football began Greg's impressive sports resume, playing as a quarterback on the freshman team. The following year as a sophomore, he was a varsity running back and was awarded an All League Honorable Mention Halfback for his outstanding season. His junior year added another All League Honorable Mention Fullback and had it not been for an injury his senior year, there probably would have been more awards to come his way.

Greg played on the freshman and JV basketball teams in 1960 and 1961. As a Junior on Bruce Iversen's varsity squad, he was a part-time starter leading the Eagles to a solid 1962 season. He did not play his Senior year to devote more time to track.

It is undisputable that Greg shined in football and basketball, but without a doubt his true calling was on the track. In 1961, as a varsity sophomore, super-star Greg won the DVAL 120 HH Crown, placed second in the 180 LH, placed 2nd at the NCS in the HHs, and 3rd in the LHs qualifying for the State Meet. Greg placed 5th HHs and 7th LHs in the qualifying State Meets and was named CV's Most Improved and Most Valuable.

As a junior, Greg placed second in both hurdle events at the DVAL, NCS Qualifying Meet and at the NCS. Quarterback Club's "Track Man of the Year" and team MVP.

In 1963, Greg swept the 120 HHs and the 180 LHs in the following major meets: The DVAL, the NCS Qualifying Meet, and the NCS Championship Meet setting the stage for the State Meet. Greg was the only area trackman to place in the State Meet at Cal Berkeley, placing 5th in 120 HHs (14.0) and 6th in 180 LHs (19.4). His phenomenal year earned him a repeat at the Concord Quarterback Club's "Track Man of the Year" and a third team MVP award.

With no surprise, Greg's athletic talent earned him a scholarship to Stanford for both football and track. Greg played one year of freshman football under Bill Walsh and lettered three times in track under the legendary Payton Jordan.

SONYA SATRE GOODMAN

VOLLEYBALL-BASKETBALL-SOFTBALL, 1976



Sonya was the first in her family to make the name Satre prominent in area athletics. At Clayton Valley Sonya played 4 years varsity volleyball, 4 years varsity basketball, 3 years varsity softball and competed 1 year in track and field. She was a natural athlete, graceful, agile and skilled in each sport.

During her junior and senior years Sonya helped lead the softball and volleyball teams to league championships. She was the Most Valuable Player and led the basketball team to league and DVGAL tournament championships in each of 4 years. Sonya was selected to all -tournament teams in nearly every volleyball and basketball tournament in which she competed and was named MVP in several. Her senior year she was honored as Clayton Valley Athlete of the Year and received a volleyball scholarship to San Jose State University

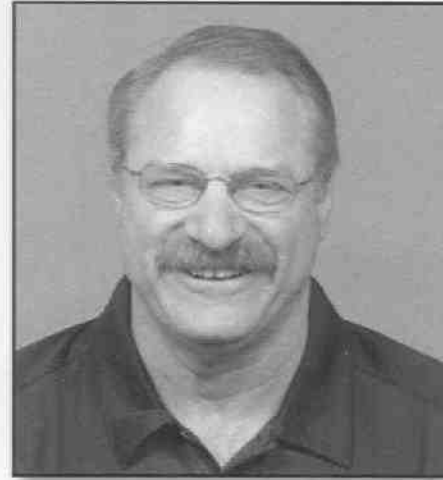
Sonya played varsity volleyball at SJSU for 3 years. Her junior year the team placed 4th in the regional AIAW (forerunner to NCAA) tournament and Sonya was named to the All-Tournament first team. The team went on to place 7th in the Nationals. In 1979, she was selected SJSU volleyball MVP, chosen for the Olympic bound US National Team and in 1980 was named to the NorCal volleyball All-Conference first team.

In 1980, Sonya played professional volleyball for the San Jose Diablos. From 1980 to 1983, she was an assistant coach for the De Anza Junior College volleyball team, which won the league championship all three years.

The Satre family tradition continues today. Sonya's eldest daughter Heather is currently playing volleyball at San Jose State University.

MIKE HALUCHAK

FOOTBALL-TRACK, 1967



Mike Haluchak was one of if not the most tenacious and hardworking athletes who ever participated in football and track at CVHS. He earned the football most valuable player award in 1966 as well as being selected team captain. He was named to the 1st team All-DVAL at linebacker in 1966, as well as to the Concord Transcripts/ Mt. Diablo School District, 1960's All-Decade 1st Team. He was selected to play in the Contra Costa All-Star Football Classic in 1967. For his efforts, he received a full-ride football scholarship to USC.

Mike also qualified for the North Coast Sectionals in both the shot-put and discus in 1967, and was a member of the wrestling team. He was selected Clayton Valley High School Athlete of the Year in 1967 and Grand Altair Award winner as well in 1967.

At USC he was nicknamed "Crazy Horse" by his team for his outstanding work ethic. He played in the 1969 and 1970 Rose Bowl games vs. Ohio State and Michigan. Mike was one of the Trojan Team Captains his senior year.

Upon graduation from USC in 1971, Mike became a high school football coach in Southern California (1972-75), then entered the collegiate ranks as a graduate assistant at USC (1976-77). He moved to Cal-State Fullerton in 1978 and to the University of the Pacific (1979-80). Mike also coached at California (1981), North Carolina (1982) and then 3 seasons with the Oakland Invaders of the USFL (1983-85). His hard working efforts extend 23 years to the present.

He has been with seven different NFL teams, starting with the Chargers (6 years), Bengals (2 years), Redskins (3 years), Giants (3 years), Rams (3 years), Jaguars (2 years), and at present with the Cleveland Browns (4 years). He coached in the Super Bowl 2002 game- Rams vs. Patriots.

LYNN HARRISON

VOLLEYBALL—BASKETBALL—TRACK, 1977



In 1977, Charlie Zeno, the long-time sportswriter for the Contra Costa Times, described Lynn Harrison as “the best female athlete to come out of Clayton Valley High.”

Lynn played four years of varsity volleyball and basketball, and also competed on the track team. She was a top player on the 1975, 1976, and 1977 championship basketball team, and on the league championship volleyball team in 1975 and 1976. The 1976 volleyball team went on to win the Tri-Valley championship and the first NCS championship.

Lynn’s awards included the 1977 Flecto Sports Female Athlete of the Year, the 1977 Contra Costa Times East Bay Volleyball Player of the Year, and the 1977 CVHS Athlete of the Year. In addition, she was selected to the 1976 NCS Championship All-Tournament Volleyball Team and received the first women’s full-ride scholarship to U.C. Berkeley.

An unfortunate injury prevented Lynn from playing at Cal and she subsequently joined the U.S. Air Force, where she once again excelled in basketball and volleyball, as well as softball.

Lynn was named to the U.S. Air Force/Pacific All-Tournament Team in basketball and softball in 1981 and 1982, and in volleyball in 1982 and 1983. She was also on the U.S. Armed Forces All-Tournament Volleyball Team in 1982 and 1983.

After four years in the Air Force, Lynn went to school in Arizona and competed in volleyball at the junior college level. In 1984 and 1985 she was selected for the All-Conference and All-Regional 1st teams and twice selected as an All-American by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Lynn’s recent athletic achievements include climbing Humphrey’s Peak (the highest point in Arizona at 11,500 feet), and completing the P.F. Chang Marathon in Phoenix in 2007.

KIM LACKEY

TENNIS, 1978



When Kim Lackey's family was selected as the United States Tennis Association NorCal Family of the Year in 1976, Kim was already making her mark at Clayton Valley High School.

Kim played the #1 singles position all 4 years at CVHS. She lost only once in league play in those 4 years. Kim also played JV basketball her freshman year and was on the varsity basketball championship team as a sophomore.

Kim was named the MVP in tennis each year and led the team to the league championship in 3 of those years. As a junior, Kim lost the only league match of her high school career in a close contest. She went on to win the DVAL Singles Crown and was second in the North Coast Sectionals. Kim received a tennis scholarship to California State University at Bakersfield as well as the Debra Warford Memorial Scholarship.

Kim had continued success at CSU Bakersfield. In 1979 through 1981 she won All-Conference honors in both singles and doubles placing first in singles and doubles at the conference championships. She also placed in both singles and doubles at the National Championships and helped the team to fourth place in 1979 and 1980 and second place in 1982.

Kim returned to CVHS and coached the girls tennis team to winning seasons each year from 1985 to 1990. In 1988 she also coached the boys team to the DVAL championship with a 14-0 record. She went on to coaching success at Diablo Valley College from 1989-2001.

In recent years Kim has been competing in the USTA National Senior circuit. She has won many national titles in the over 45 and younger age groups. In 2007 she was ranked 2nd in the over 45 team doubles and won 1st place in national indoor doubles.

PETE LAURENCE

WRESTLING, 1963



Coach Don Gercich began Clayton Valley High's strong wrestling program when the school opened in 1958. Pete Laurence was one of the Varsity wrestlers on Clayton Valley's 1961 team that shocked the league and returning Pleasant Hill champions by CV taking 1st place at the DVAL tournament. In 1962 the Team again took the League championship, and as co-captain Pete took 1st in his weight class at the DVAL, then 1st place at North Coast and placed 2nd at the Nor Cal State Tournament. In those years the Nor Cal was the highest tournament in California, it covered from Bakersfield to Oregon, was larger and had more population than most states and was called "State".

In 1963 Coach Bill Martell continued CV's winning tradition. With Pete as team captain and many fine wrestlers, Clayton Valley again won the DVAL championship. To help the team to its perfect 15 and 0 record, Pete wrestled the other team's best wrestlers up to the 175 lb weight class (which for safety can't be done now). Doing so he defeated 12 of them including breaking Pittsburg star Jimmy Thomas's 50 consecutive win streak. Pete also tied 2 of the heavier opponents, and having the flu that day lost by only 1-point to Del Valle's John Scholfield who took 2nd at state that year at the 157 lb class.

At his own 138 lb weight class as Pete advanced through tournaments in 1963, he dominated everybody. He again won the DVAL tournament pinning 2 of his opponents, then won the North Coast with only 1 point scored against him in 3 matches then pinned his opponent in the championship match. At the Nor Cal (state) Pete also advanced and took 1st place. Pete was the only wrestler from the DVAL League to win that year, and was also the 1st state champion in Clayton Valley High's young wrestling history.

With Pete's championship and Tom Hook taking a second, Clayton Valley took 4th place in the Nor Cal (State) in 1963. (Starting a tradition Tom followed the next year also with a 1st place, and Coach Martell's team won our 4th DVAL League championship.)

While wrestling for Clayton Valley Pete also earned other awards, from "Most Improved" to "Most Valuable", being Team Captain, his many Tournament Championships, being the Concord Quarterback Club's "Wrestler of the Year", and earning the East Bay's "Prep of the Week" award with a luncheon in Berkeley, a trophy, and media coverage.

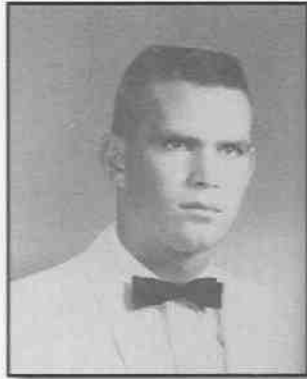
Pete was also eligible for Clayton Valley's coveted "White Block CV" Sweater, but because his father died when he was a sophomore he didn't buy or wear one because he gave the pay from his jobs at Lucky's and Shakey's Pizza to his mother to help run the family.

Pete credits athletics in general and CV Wrestling in particular with getting him in peak physical condition, and with helping teach him the important "life qualities" of dedication, sportsmanship and leadership.

These qualities later helped Pete as he served our nation as a "Green Beret" in combat in Vietnam, become a successful business and family man, and served successfully 3 times as the Mayor of Clayton.

GARY LOVERIDGE

FOOTBALL-BASKETBALL-TRACK, 1961



Clayton Valley was not always the athletic institution that it is today, in fact, fifty years ago, the brand new school was just waiting for some great athlete to come and leave his or her mark on it. Gary Loveridge came and did just that. He was arguably one of the first great athletes to walk Clayton Valley's halls and the first to pave a way for other athletes that followed. Gary's great athletic career began in his sophomore year, his first year at Clayton Valley, as the starting quarterback for the 1958 junior varsity team. The school's first football team had a good year at the JV level and Gary walked away with the title of "Most Improved Player." Gary was the starting quarterback for all three years he attended Clayton Valley. In 1959, he was named CV's Most Outstanding Player, earned 2nd team All-Contra Costa Division (DVAL) and 2nd Team SF Chronicle All-Metropolitan. Gary scored the school's first Varsity touchdown, completed 52/84 passes for a present day school record 62% and tossed 14 touchdown passes, for the CCD runner-up 7-2 Eagles. In his final football season, the 6-3 Eagles overall had a very impressive year considering only two offensive players returned. Gary earned honorable mention All-CCD but was talented enough to be recruited by Stanford and by a California assistant coach named Bill Walsh.

While his football playing spoke for itself, Gary did not limit himself to one sport. In the winter season of his sophomore year, he became a member of the Eagle's first Varsity basketball team. The team coached by Bob See finished a close second to Pittsburg that season and Gary was not only the team's highest scorer but also an honorable mention All-C.C.D. Gary and the basketball team worked hard all summer to improve and it paid off in his junior season when they won the league title. Gary was once again the team's leading scorer and was appointed to the All-Contra Costa Division 1st Team. Not to mention he was chosen to be a member, along with teammate Bob Ewing, to the TOC All-Tournament team. In his last year on the basketball team he was named once again to the All-Contra Costa 1st Team and to the Acker All-Tournament Team and was impressively the highest scorer in the league. Gary was named to the SF Chronicle and SF Examiner All-Northern California's 3rd and 4th Team respectively. In both newspapers, he was selected 1st Team All-Metropolitan. Gary was named to the Concord Transcript/Mt. Diablo School District's 1960's All-Decade 1st Team. Gary also competed on the track and field team.

Gary earned a full ride basketball scholarship to Stanford University, where he was team captain his senior year. And while he attributes much of his success to great coaches, in the end it is undeniable that most of his success is because of his athletic talent. He was one of the first sports heroes that called himself a Clayton Valley Eagle.

SHERYL SMIAROWSKI LAWRENTZ

SWIMMING, 1979



What a fabulous athlete. A wonderful student - a complete student at Clayton Valley High School. Toward the end of the 1970's, girls were finally able to compete in "girls" swimming. A few years earlier Sheryl would have had to compete against boys. As things were in the 70's boys may have been her only competition. When I first met Sheryl she was only 12.1 knew of her "Top Ten Rankings." Top Ten in the Nation - WOW! Sheryl's strength would have been her discipline and devotion to her sport. This meant she would get up early for a 5am practice, followed by school, weights, and then an even longer evening workout.

Obviously she had parents who were willing to drive to and from those workouts and give up countless weekends going to meets. As the years went by there were many more honors. There would be more National Top Ten Rankings, High School Records, NCS Championships, Junior Nationals, and even Olympic Trials twice. Sheryl finished High School undefeated while swimming every event at least once. This might not be incredible in some states, but in California it is almost impossible. Sheryl's success as a student and athlete earned her a full scholarship to Stanford University.

In 1980, she was on Stanford's first NCAA Championship team. It would be the first of many. Sheryl would go on to explore triathlons. Her running and biking skills were almost as good as her swimming. It makes you think - what would have happened if Sheryl had completed in the 80's, 90's, or later, when women's sports were as established as they are today.

- Coach Ron Clark

Clyde Mashore

FOOTBALL-BASKETBALL-TRACK, 1964



In the Bay Area, the Mashore name is synonymous with great athletic performances. Dike Mashore, an outstanding softball player, passed on his athleticism to his son Clyde. The Little League and Youth Sports legend had a brilliant four year career at Clayton Valley High School.

Clyde is one of the few three sport All-League athletes. Clyde was a two-way, three year starter on the Eagles football team, and was the true utility player. He played, quarterback, running back, linebacker and defensive back. He also punted and kicked.

Clyde held the school's field goal record of 37 yards and the Punt Ave. record at 39.4 ave. His senior year, Clyde led the team in scoring and rushing, and earned the Clayton Valley Lions Club "Best Back." He earned HM All-Contra Costa Division three straight years.

In basketball, as a starting guard, Clyde had a sensational senior year scoring 31 points in a loss against Pittsburg, one point shy of the school record, and was selected to the 2nd team All-CCD squad.

Clyde's first love was baseball. He started three years as a catcher and was selected to the HM All-CCD team as a sophomore, 1st team All-CCD as a junior and 2nd team All-CCD as a senior. Clyde led the Eagles in runs scored, stolen bases, and walks as a senior. In addition, he was chosen Most Valuable Player for all three sports, and was named Athlete of the Year at the first All Sports Banquet in the gym before five-hundred people in 1964.

Clyde was the first CV schoolboy to sign with a Major League Team. The Cincinnati Reds were the successful bidder, signing Clyde to a bonus "near five figures." A memorable moment for Clyde occurred when he hit a home run in his first major league "at bat." After 11 years in the majors, Clyde retired as a Montreal Expo.

STARRY SUTTICH

VOLLEYBALL—SOFTBALL, 1978



Good things often come in small packages. Starry Suttich was small in stature but her talent, desire and dedication were huge. At Clayton Valley, Starry played four years varsity volleyball, four years varsity softball, one year J.V. basketball and one year varsity basketball.

The volleyball team won the league championship her sophomore, junior and senior years. Her junior year, the team had a 15-1 league record, won the Tri-Valley Championship and the first NCS championship, and Starry was named to the NCS All-Tournament team. The following year, 1977, Starry was the MVP on the team, which repeated as league, Tri-Valley and NCS champions. Starry was again named to the NCS All-Tournament Team and won the Contra Costa/East Bay Flecto Sports Award.

The softball team won the league each of the four years Starry played, and her senior year the team was second at the NCS championships. That year, Starry was named MVP, won the Fitzpatrick Softball Player of the Year Award, and was the Contra Costa Times All-League shortstop, with a .481 batting average.

Starry played varsity basketball her junior year, and the team won the league championship. Starry ended her career at Clayton Valley having played on eight championship teams in three sports with two firsts and a second place at the NCS championships.

Starry received a volleyball scholarship to the University of the Pacific. Her second year, the team made the finals of the AIAW (later the NCAA). Starry went on to play at the University of Washington for her last two years of college.

In 1985, Starry returned to Clayton Valley to coach the girls J.V. volleyball team for two seasons. Over the years, Starry has continued to coach both boys and girls volleyball teams in the area, including the Clayton Valley boys varsity team in 1996 and 1997. Her talent and experience are in great demand and each time she plans to retire she comes back to face another challenge. In 2001, Starry was named the DFAL Boys Volleyball Coach of the Year. She was awarded the NCS Honor Coach of the Year for Boys Volleyball in 2005. In 2006, she was selected as a CIF State Model Coach of the Year, which is the highest award given to a coach in the state.

BOB THOMASON

BASKETBALL – GOLF, 1967



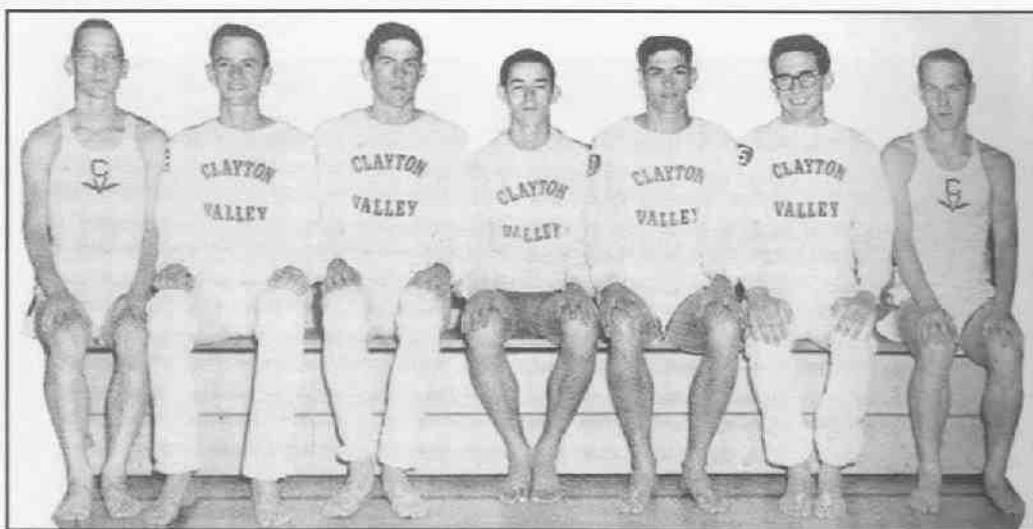
Bob Thomason is enjoying a lengthy and successful basketball career as both a player and coach. Being the son of a basketball coach, Bob was destined to follow in his father's footsteps by coaching and playing the sport.

He was one of the best, if not the best player, in the history of Clayton Valley Basketball. He was a starter for three years and led his teams to two DVAL Basketball Championships in 1964-1965, and 1966-1967 seasons. As a junior, Bob was selected Honorable Mention All-DVAL. During his senior year, he set Clayton Valley's season scoring record of 25.9 points per game, a record he still holds. This was before the three-point shooting line. Other season records include: Most Free Throws Made – 266 for 24 games, Most field goals attempted – made 30/20, Game Record – Most Points scored in a game – 42. Bob set a career record for most rebounds – 606 in 54 games. He capped off his high school career by being selected Team MVP, 1st Team All-DVAL, and 1st Team All-East Bay, and to the SF Chronicle and SF Examiner's 2nd Team All-Metropolitan and 3rd Team All-Northern California.

Thomason was named to the Concord Transcript/Mt. Diablo School Districts 1960's All-Decade 1st Team and in 1973 to the Oakland Tribune's Quarter Century All-East Bay High School Basketball Teams. Bob also played Freshman Football, two years of JV Baseball and two years of Varsity Golf. As a senior he helped lead the Eagles to a Co-DVAL championship and was named Most Improved Player. Bob went on to a fine career as shooting guard at the University of the Pacific and earned All-Conference title as a senior while averaging 17.2 points and shooting 85.5% from the free throw line. While at UOP, he lettered three times in basketball and golf. Bob was first team All-WCAC Basketball pick as a senior.

Bob's coaching history started as an assistant coach at Stagg High School in 1971, then he went on to be the head coach at Escalon High School, Turlock High School, Columbia Junior College, Stanislaus State College, and currently the University of the Pacific since 1988. He has won Championships everywhere he has coached.

THE 1959 BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM



Bob Cooper, Mike Hennen, Ron Vick, Art Heinemann, Jim McGrath, Mel Heaps, Norm Cooper.

On September 16, 1958 the Clayton Valley Cross Country Team participated in the first athletic competition in school history, beating the Pittsburg Pirates on our home course. Taskmaster Floyd Strain's club served notice of amazing performances to come.

In 1958, Coach Strain's underclassmen placed second in the Contra Costa Division, third in the Diablo Valley Athletic League, and first at the North Coast Section/Small School Division at Stanford, with Sophomore Art Heinemann taking first. "We will be 1st in the nation in 1960," according to Floyd Strain in a Talon article.

In 1959, the Eagles were nearly perfect, winning every dual meet, the CCD, the DVAL, and placed 3rd at the NCS (behind Los Altos and Palo Alto). A week later at the inaugural California State Invitational—organized by the state's top coaches as an unofficial State Meet—they won behind the superb performances of team MVP Bob Cooper, his twin brother Norm, Jim McGrath, Art Heinemann, team Most Improved Mike Hennen, and Ron Voight.

A week later, on December 12th, the Eagles won the five-man, ten-mile race at Sanford, setting a National Record of 50:02.4 and became the first Prep Team ever to place four runners in one race with clocking less than ten minutes for two miles. The #1 West Coast Team was proclaimed "National Champions" by their gold-medal performance at the distance/postal event held nationwide.

Floyd Strain's prophecy was correct, but happened a year early. Much of the team's success repeated in 1960 and according to a Concord Transcript article (4/24/61), during track season the CV quartet of McGrath, the Cooper Twins, and Chuck Shekvik broke the two-mile relay National Record at 7:53.6.

A cross country dynasty developed at Clayton Valley due to the passion and drive that Floyd Strain instilled in his runners. The many miles logged by the Eagles, sometimes training twice a day, is the reason why our distance runners in 1959 will be remembered as State and National Champions – forever!

THE 1976 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM



*BACK ROW L to R: Sharon York, Barbara Busick, RaeAnn McGinnes,
Lynn Harrison, Teresa Austin.*

*FRONT ROW L to R: Kellie Ruiz, Kristi Mangelsen, Diane Chan, Starry Suttich,
Sue Carr.*

DIVISION III NORTH COAST SECTION CHAMPIONS

The 1976 volleyball team won the Diablo Valley League Championship with a 15-1 record. They qualified for the N.C.S Championship tournament by going undefeated in the Tri-Valley Division Tournament. In the finals, they beat Holy Names to win the first NCS Volleyball crown, and were 23-1 for the season.

Coach Gary Gardner, in his first year as a varsity coach, had just two returning varsity players. His roster included several girls who had never played organized volleyball, including two freshmen. With his exceptional knowledge and tireless dedication, Gary gave this group of talented athletes the skill and inspiration to become polished, confident champions.

Gary was head coach at Clayton Valley for four years, and his record is incomparable. His teams won the League Championships in 1976, 1977, 1978, and 1979, and went on to win the NCS Championships three of those four years.

THE 1976-77 WRESTLING TEAM



L to R: Stan Bergum, Ron DelPrado, Lee Patrick, Bruce Kopitar, John Hunter, Karl Boeger, Ray Santucci, John Lassen, Steve Marshall, Rocco Cardinale, Rex Mitchell, Kevin Rimbault, Brian Strock, Warren Turnage (Not pictured Jeff Chandler).



FRONT ROW L to R: Lee Patrick, Roger Buckholtz, Matt Lopez, Nels Johnson, Andy Gooderham, Derek Rimbault, Terry Newberry, Mike Hunter, Trent Kramasz, Bill Schmalzel, Mike Taylor. BACK ROW R to L: John Propersi, Terry Tolano, Chris Romer, Bryce Graham, Neil Geitzen, Mark Murdock, Rob Beidermann, Jeff Crosier, Rich Macauley, Randy Eissner, Kirk Woller, Doug Wisman, Mike Jordon (Not pictured Steve Schmalzel).

There have been many successful teams in Clayton Valley's history. The Wrestling Team of 1976-1977 was the first team to win championships in League, North Coast, and the California State Championships in one season.

This unbeatable team set a record in the league with seven individual champions. They are: Ron Del Prado, Warren Turnage, Brian Strock, Rocco Cardinale, Karl Boeger, Bruce Kopitar, and Ray Santucci. John Hunter finished 2nd, and Rex Mitchell finished 3rd. These nine wrestlers qualified for the North Coast Section and set a record for scoring the highest points: 191. The North Coast Champions were Ron Del Prado, Warren Turnage, Brian Strock, Rocco Cardinale, Bruce Kopitar, and Ray Santucci. Karl Boeger won 2nd place, and John Hunter won 3rd place.

The team qualified more wrestlers than any other team in the State Tournament. State Champions were Brian Strock and Bruce Kopitar. Second place was Warren Turnage, and 4th place was awarded to Rocco Cardinale. Ron Del Prado, John Hunter, and Karl Boeger also earned points for the State Title.

The legacy and unbelievable feats of this team have been unforgotten for over thirty years, and will no doubt be remembered for the next fifty years.

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