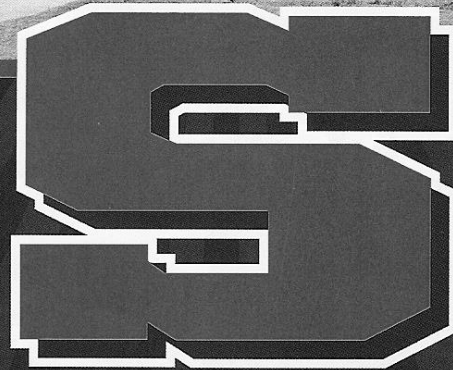
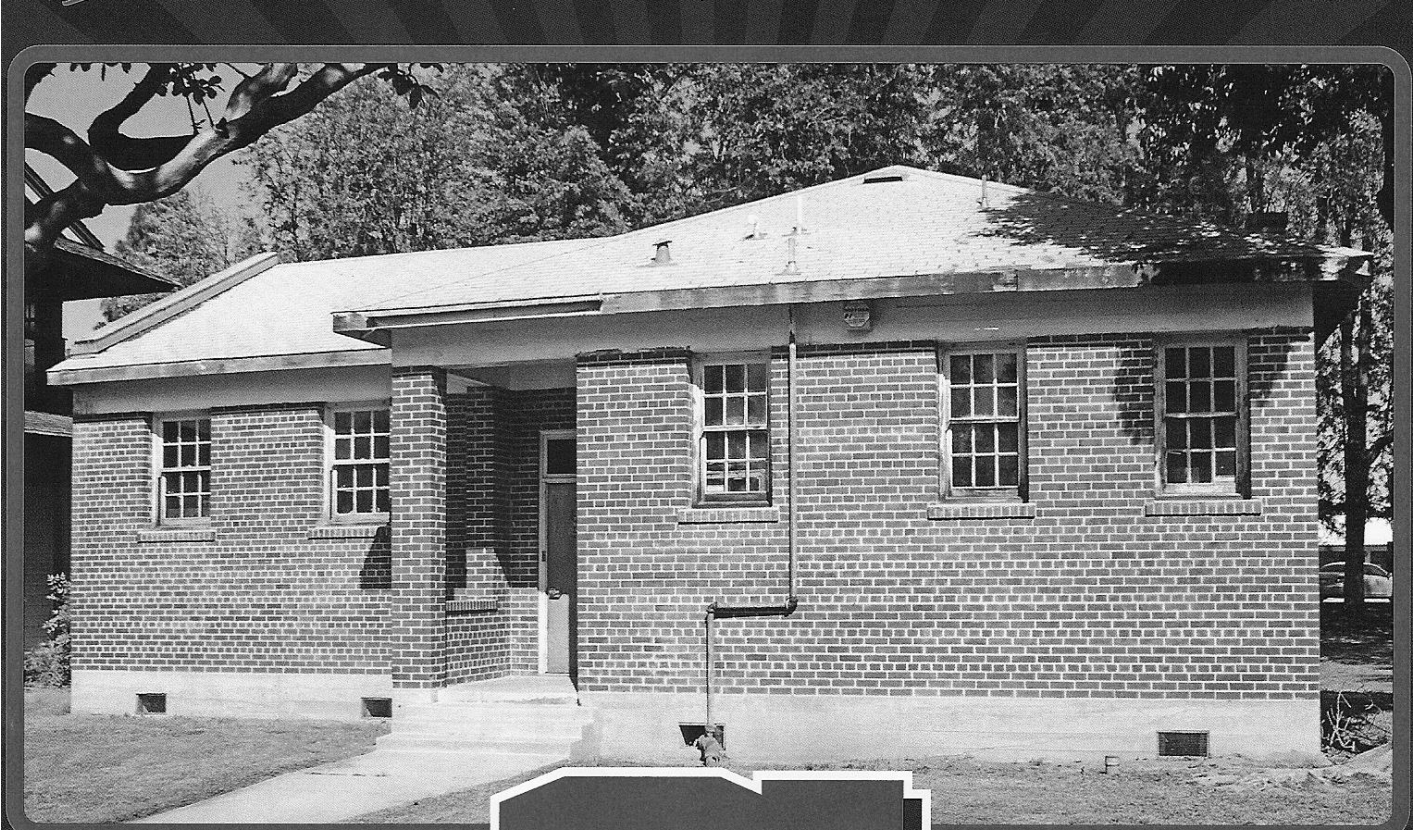




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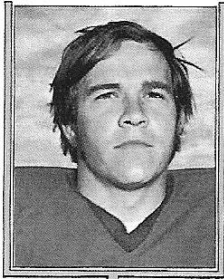
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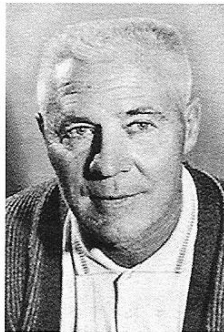


BRUCE BARNES PUNTER
PATRIOTS

BRUCE BARNES

Bruce, a 1969 Sanger High School graduate, a three sport letterman in football, baseball and basketball. He played on the 1968 Apache football team that won League and Valley Championships. Bruce was also on the 1968 Apache basketball team that won a League Championship. After graduating from Sanger, Bruce played football at UCLA, becoming their all-time punting leader. Bruce booted for 7,478 yards at UCLA, nearly a 42 yard average. He was a three time PAC 8 punting leader, conference All-Star in 1970 and 1972 and runner-up for the NCAA punting title in 1972. Bruce also played in the East-West Shrine game and was on the PAC 8 All-Athletic team. After graduating from UCLA, Bruce was drafted by the Patriots in 1973, and compiled a career punting average of 37.4 yards with New England.

PETE BEIDEN

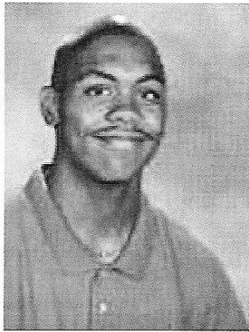


Pete was a 1926 graduate of Sanger High School and starred on the baseball, football and basketball teams. He was on the 1925-26 Apache basketball team that won the County Division Two Championship. After high school, Pete went on to play football and baseball at the University of Redlands. He received All American honorable mention at Redlands as a quarterback and he was captain of the football and baseball teams. Pete passed up a professional baseball career to concentrate on coaching, eventually taking the helm of the Fresno State baseball program. He led the Bulldogs for 17 years, winning eight California Collegiate Athletic Association championships and making six appearances in the National Collegiate Athletic Association District Eight playoffs. In 1959 Pete led the Bulldogs all the way to the College World Series. Pete coached, among others, Mike Garcia of the Cleveland Indians, Vic Lombardi of the Dodgers and Pirates, Truman Clevenger of Washington and the New York Yankees and Ted Wills of the Boston Red Sox. After his coaching career, Pete Beiden was enshrined in the Fresno County Athletic Hall of Fame and had the Fresno State baseball stadium named in his honor.

JR BOONE

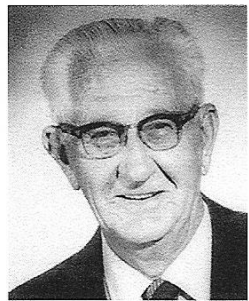


JR Boone coached football at Sanger from 1959 to 1965. Under his tutelage, the Apaches won four League Championships in 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1963, including an undefeated season in 1959. In 1960 he coached the County team to a 7-0 victory in the Fresno City-County All Start Game and another team to a 21-7 win in the Kern County All Star Game. JR, a multi-sport high school athlete in Oklahoma, played football at the University of Tulsa and in the National Football League with the Chicago Bears, San Francisco 49ers and Green Bay Packers. After coaching at Sanger, he coached the Reedley College Tigers to a State Championship and a number one national ranking among community colleges before becoming the head football coach at Fresno State. JR was inducted into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame in 1972.



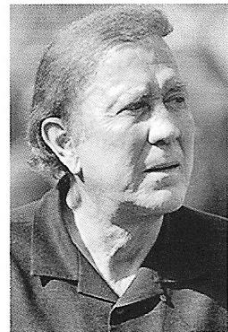
HERMAN COOKS

Herman, a 1999 Sanger High graduate, played on the 1998 Valley Championship team and holds school records for the most touchdowns (38) and the most rushing yards (2,517) in a single season. Herman was the 1998 CIF Co-Player of the Year and an All-Fresno Bee selection. He dominated the CIF Central Section title game by running for 210 yards and two touchdowns, including the game winner, as Sanger upended previously unbeaten Edison. Herman had 44 touchdowns in his career and 2,859 career rushing yards, including seven 200 plus yard games. He was third on the Central Section single-season rushing list as a senior and fifth all-time on the Central Section scoring chart with 228 points. His 38 total touchdowns as a senior ranked fourth on the Central Section single-season list. He was selected to the Shriners All-Star Game and upon graduation signed a letter of intent to play for Pat Hill and the Fresno State Bulldogs.



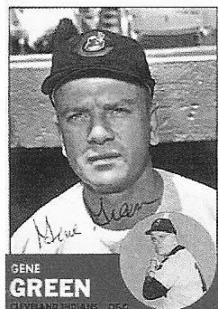
HUNTLEY DAYTON

Huntley Dayton coached multiple sports at Sanger High School from 1926 to 1957 and is arguably the most influential in establishing Sanger High's athletic legacy. His teams won five football Championships, 12 basketball Championships and 11 baseball Championships. He was inducted into the Fresno County Athletic Hall of Fame as an all around coach and he was inducted again with his 1950 Valley Championship Apache baseball team. His varsity football teams won League titles in three successive years. In basketball, he coached seven successive teams to Sequoia League titles. Sanger High School's baseball diamond, now at Washington Academic Middle School, is named "Dayton Field" in his honor. Coach Dayton also received many other well deserved honors, including a state assembly commendation.



TOM FLORES

Tom Flores, a 1954 Sanger High graduate, was named Senior Athlete of the Year for his accomplishments in three sports. He then went on to become an honorable mention All-American quarterback at Fresno City College, followed by an outstanding football career at College of the Pacific. He broke most of the school's passing and scoring records and was an Academic All-American. Tom briefly played with the Calgary Stampeders before signing with the Oakland Raiders in 1960. During his six seasons as a Raider, he completed 810 passes for 11,635 yards and 92 touchdowns. Tom played a couple more seasons with the Buffalo Bills and Kansas City Chiefs, quarterbacking the 1969 Super Bowl Champion Chiefs. He was named head coach of the Raiders in 1979 and led the franchise to Super Bowl titles in 1980 and 1982. He was named NFL Coach of the Year in 1982. In 1988 he received the NFL Life Achievement award and numerous other accolades for his humanitarian work. His Tom Flores Foundation has contributed thousands of dollars to Sanger elementary schools and his Raider Nation Blood Drive has saved countless lives throughout the years.



GENE GREEN

Gene, a 1952 graduate of Sanger High School, played on the 1950 Valley Champion Apache baseball team and the 1951 Valley Champion football team. He also played Apache basketball - and for that - he is already in the Sanger High School Basketball Hall of Fame. He was signed by the St. Louis Cardinals organization in 1952 right after he graduated from Sanger High and played for the Cardinals, the Baltimore Orioles, the Washington Senators, the Cleveland Indians and Cincinnati Reds. He led the first-year Senators in home runs (18) and slugging percentage (.489). His Major League highlights also include one 4-hit game — two doubles and two singles and a three hit game of two home runs and a single, and 5 RBIs. His career totals include 408 games played, 307 hits, 46 home runs, 160 RBIs, a .441 slugging percentage, and a lifetime batting average of .267.

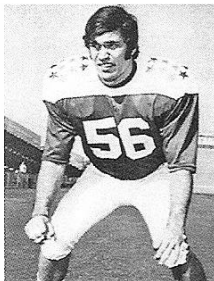


NICK KATZMEYER • Tackle

NICK KATZEMAYER

Nick Katzemayer graduated from Sanger High School in 1937. While at Sanger, Nick played football and basketball. He was on the League Championship 1936 football team and the Fresno County Division 3 Championship basketball teams in 1935 and 1936. After graduation he enrolled at St. Mary's, a small private college in Moraga, California. Nick became Sanger High's first college All-American football player during his career at St. Mary's. His time at St. Mary's is highlighted by his play as a tackle on the Gaels football team that participated in what is widely considered one of the biggest upsets in college football history. Nick led the 5-2 Gaels over the undefeated and 11th ranked Texas Tech Red Raiders 20-13 in the Cotton Bowl.

JIM MERLO



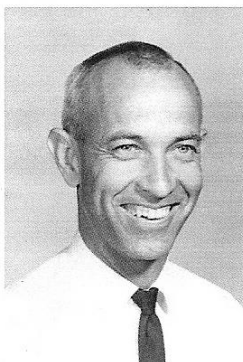
Jim, a 1969 Sanger High graduate, is one of the school's most versatile, all around athletes to walk its halls. He was named Sanger High's Athlete of the Year after winning MVP honors in football and basketball. After graduation, Jim played football at Fresno City College under Clare Slaughter, leading the Rams to the State Championship and earning All American recognition at center. The following season, he was named the Rams football MVP, the school's Athlete of the Year, and an All-American. Jim then played linebacker at Stanford University, where he led the team to the Rose Bowl, earned third-team All America honors, and was named team MVP in 1972. He also played in the East-West Shriners game, Hula Bowl, All-America and Collegiate All-Star games. He was drafted in the fourth round by the New Orleans Saints and completed an outstanding seven year NFL career. He was the Saints' team MVP in 1976 and set an NFL record by returning three interceptions for touchdowns in a single season. Jim is a member of the Fresno City College Wall of Fame, the California Community College Hall of Fame, and the Fresno County Athletic Hall of Fame.

DAVID NARANJO



David, a 1986 Sanger High graduate, was a Footlocker All-American cross country runner in high school and a star at Fresno State. David was a member of the Apache Valley Championship cross country team in 1982 as a freshman. He is the school record holder in the track and field 1600 meter run, number two all-time in the 3200 meter run and number three all-time in the 800 meter run. In 1984 he was the Central Area track and field meet champion in the 800 and 1600 and in 1985 and 1986 he was tops in the 1600 and 3200. David set a record of 15:07 on the Woodward Park 3.1-mile course that stood for 25 years before it was finally broken. David still has an all-time top 25 time on the Fresno State Men's Cross Country record list.

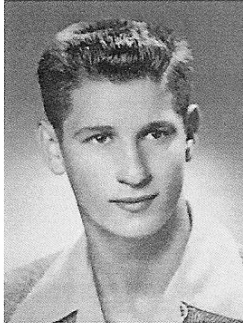
DEAN NICHOLSON



Dean Nicholson taught and coached at Sanger High School from 1951 to 1989, and at Fresno City College until 2000. He coached many sports at Sanger High School and found success in all of them, but most notably in basketball. His Apache basketball teams won Championships in 1960, 1963, 1965, 1966 and 1968. He also produced Championship golf teams in 1962 and 1963 and as an assistant he helped coach the football team to its first Valley Championship in 1951, its second Valley Championship in '56 and League Championships in 1952, 1955, 1960, 1961 and 1963. Coach Nicholson was also a World War Two veteran, an educator, a member of the Citizen's Measure S Oversight Committee, a Grand Marshal of the Nation's Christmas Tree City Toyland Parade and with his wife, Jean, a leader of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for more than 20 years. Above all "Coach" is remembered as a nice guy, a wonderful math teacher and a man of ethics and integrity. In October of 2013 hundreds gathered in downtown Sanger to celebrate his life and to raise money to establish a scholarship for deserving high school seniors in the name of Dean and Jean Nicholson. The Sanger High north gym was named in his honor in 2017, now known as the Dean Nicholson Gymnasium.

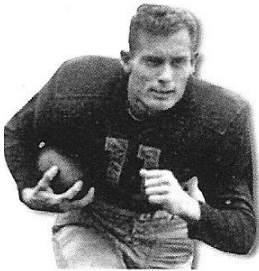


LOUIS (LOU) PAPAC



Louis Papac, a 1945 Sanger High School graduate, played four sports and gathered 17 varsity letters in his high school career. Lou was on the football, basketball, tennis and track and field teams. He played on the 1944 undefeated football team and on the basketball League Champion teams in 1944 and 1945. After high school, Lou joined the US Marine Corps and went 43-0 as a boxer before attending Fresno State where he lettered in football and basketball. His football career at Fresno State was highlighted by his play in the first annual Raisin Bowl. Lou graduated from Fresno State in 1951 and came back to coach for a short time at Sanger. He was the assistant coach for the 1951 Valley Championship football team before spending 35 years in the insurance business. Lou was an active member of the Bulldog Foundation, a Past President of the Fresno State Alumni Association and a Charter member of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame committee.

BILL POWELL



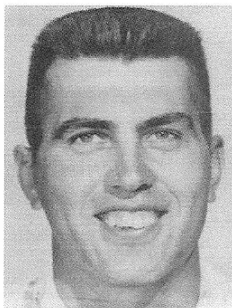
Bill, a 1945 Sanger High grad, was a star football and basketball player. His 1944 Apache football team was undefeated and his 1944-45 basketball team is one of the best in Sanger history. After high school, Bill joined the Cal Bears team in Berkeley and in October of 1951 Bill set a PAC 12 record for the longest run from scrimmage – 98 yards and a touchdown - against Oregon State. In the same month, a Life Magazine story, with photos, featured Bill and his performance in a game against USC. The Golden Bears were ranked Number One going into that game – but lost to USC 21-14. It didn't take long for young Bill Powell to begin living life on a very public stage when he left his quiet little hometown of Sanger and his Apache football team.

RENEE SCHNEIDER



Renee Schneider was a 1988 graduate of Sanger High School. She starred in basketball and also water polo. She was the MVP of the 1987-1988 Lady Apaches basketball team that won the program's first Valley Championship. When Renee was on the court the Apaches were almost unbeatable. The team also hosted the first State Playoff game in school history. Renee led the team to 27 wins with only 7 losses in that remarkable season. Renee's 460 points is still number three on the all-time single season scoring record. Her career 682 points is number 16 on the Lady Apaches all-time career scoring list.

CLARE SLAUGHTER



Clare coached football for six seasons at Sanger High School, from 1949 to 1955, and his teams compiled a 47-15-2 record. He coached two other inaugural class inductees, Tom Flores and Gene Green, and another, Jim Merlo, at Fresno City College. He left Sanger High in 1955 to become an assistant football coach at Fresno City College. Four years later he was named Head Coach – a position he held for 20 years. During that time the Rams were 136-61-6. They won seven Valley Conference Championships and appeared in four other post-season bowl games. In the Rams 12 State playoff appearances they never lost a game. Clare was named California Community College coach of the year four times. His 1972 and 1973 teams had identical 11-1-1 records and both were State Champions. Among the players he coached, in addition to Tom Flores, Gene Green and Jim Merlo, were Mike Freeman, Freddie Figuerroa, Ervin Hunt, Dwayne Crump, Rod Perry, Greg Boyd, Bob Glazebrook and Anthony Washington. Named to the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame in 1983.

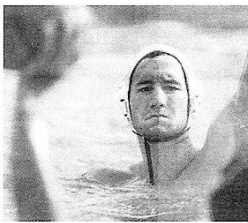


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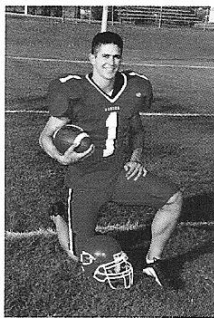
Atomic, a 1966 Sanger High graduate, lettered all four years in football. He was named the team's most valuable player in 1965 and was selected to play in the All Valley All-Star game. His high school shot put and discus records are still in the CIF Central Section's all time top 100. After high school Atomic went on to Reedley Junior College where he was the West Coast Junior College Shot Put Champion in 1969. He was football All Conference and All American Honorable Mention in 1967 for the Tigers. He went on to play football for the Fresno State Bulldogs under Coach Daryle Rogers. He still holds, after 51 years, the Sanger High School shot put and discus records. While playing football for Fresno State he boomed a punt more than 70 yards against Montana State. In the same game, he kicked off and recovered the ball in the Montana State end zone for a touchdown. He went on to a successful career in produce sales after college.

BRIAN WALLIN



Brian, a 1993 Sanger graduate, was a standout water polo player and basketball player for the Apaches. His hardcourt records on the Apaches' top 25 list include: all-time career scoring; all-time career three pointers; all-time single season three pointers; all time one game three pointers; and all-time single season scoring. But ultimately Brian's legacy would be in the pool. Brian matriculated to Stanford University to play water polo. He starred in the pool at Stanford, becoming an All-American and captain of Stanford's NCAA Championship water polo team. In 1996 Sasha Mitelman wrote a story in the Stanford Daily that praises Wallin, "One would expect a boastful swagger from one of the nation's best water polo players and captain of the Stanford water polo team. However, Wallin takes his impressive record and his talent with an unassuming stride." A fitting tribute to a great, but humble, Apache.

BRENT WEBBER



Brent, a 2004 Sanger High graduate, is the most prolific running back in school history. He is the school record holder for rushing yards in a career with 3,429 and touchdowns in a career with 51. Brent is also the school record holder for touchdowns in a single game with seven vs. Lemoore in 2003. He is second behind Herman Cooks for touchdowns in a single season with 38. Brent is also second for rushing yards in a single game (354) and third in yards in a single season (1,716). He led Sanger to two Valley Championships in 2001 and 2003. Brent played football at Sacramento State after graduating from Sanger, earning Honorable Mention All-Big Sky Conference and All-American honors for intercepting six passes in one season. He had 176 career tackles and eight career picks heading into his senior year.

LYNETTE WILKE



Lynette Wilke-Lopez, a 1984 Sanger High graduate, was a four sport star for the Apaches. She earned nine varsity letters during her career; three in both basketball and volleyball, two in softball, and one in tennis. She earned two All-League honors in both basketball and volleyball, she earned Fresno Bee Metro Player of the Year in basketball and was named to the Fresno Bee Metro first team in 1984. Lynette went on to play volleyball at Fresno State, earning All Big West honors in 1987 and 1988 and earned All-American Honorable Mention honors in 1988. She is the Fresno State record holder in total blocks and blocks per set for a single season and number two all-time in career blocks per set. After graduating from Fresno State, Lynette played professional volleyball for the Sacramento Stars and she was a member of the Women's Professional Beach Volleyball Association Tour in 1992.



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1950 BASEBALL TEAM

The 1950 Sanger High baseball team is the most accomplished baseball team in school history. The 1950 Apaches won the North Sequoia League with a perfect 6-0 record and won the Central Section Sequoia Division Championship. The Apaches defeated Roosevelt High School in the semifinals at Eules Park with a score of 11-9 and hosted Visalia High in the Championship game. The Visalia game was close throughout and entered the ninth inning with an 8-8 score. The Apaches pulled out the win in dramatic fashion in the bottom of the ninth when Swede Johnson drove in Bill Krider with the winning run.

The 1950 team was enshrined in the Fresno County Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010, 60 years after their Championship. Coach Huntley Dayton and players Charles Davis, Charles Greer, Gene Green, Richard Johnson, Bill Krider, George Kubo, Richard Myers, Eddie Perez, Ray Perez, Manuel Pinedo, Thurman Smith, Bob Spate, Vernon Summers, John Terzian and Harry Yasumoto were listed on the roster of those inducted in 2010. Astonishingly, four of the players on the 1950 team signed pro contracts; Charles Greer, Bill Krider, Vernon Summers and Gene Green.



RON BLACKWOOD



Ron Blackwood, a 1957 Sanger High School graduate, is considered the preeminent track and field statistician and historian throughout the Central Section. Ron has kept and maintained track and field statistics for Sanger High School and the entire Central Section for over 60 years. He has also kept statistics and records for Sanger High football and basketball for most of the last 60 years. He has been in attendance to keep records at hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Sanger High School athletic events. From the 1950s to the present, if you were to attend a Sanger High School football game, basketball game, or track and field meet, you would almost certainly find Ron with scorebook or microphone in hand. He is a veritable walking Sanger High School athletics record book.



Ron began taking statistics for the Apaches' football, basketball, and track and field programs when he was a high school student in 1954. His work is invaluable to the community of Sanger and to the Central Section as a whole. The very existence of the Sanger High School Athletic Hall of Fame is due to Ron's record keeping. He is the one who has persistently encouraged the idea of a hall of fame for many years. It is unimaginable to have this hall of fame without Ron's work. As former Fresno Bee sports editor Andy Boogaard wrote, "Remove Ron Blackwood from the picture and you rip the heart out of track and field in the Central San Joaquin Valley."

Ron was recently recognized for his years of service to Sanger High School and Central Section athletics with the California Coaches Association Ed Strelow Media Award for 2019 and the CIF Central Section Distinguished Service Award for 2019. Surely there is no one more deserving of these awards than Sanger's own Ron Blackwood.





DAVID DODSON

David Dodson, a 1958 Kingsburg High graduate, is the longest tenured cross country and track and field coach in Sanger High School history. Dave was an outstanding track athlete at Kingsburg High before earning his degree and teaching credential at Fresno State and taking a history teaching position at Sanger High. He took over the boys cross country program in 1964 and the track & field program two years later. He remained the cross country coach for 44 years until 2007 and the track & field coach for 48 years until 2013.

Dave's cross country teams were immensely successful. His teams won league five League Championships, three CIF Central Area Championships, and four CIF Central Section Championships in 1982, 1987, 1993, and 1999. The 1982 season is especially notable; that team went undefeated and won the Central Section when the entire section competed in one division. Dave's cross country teams produced many outstanding individual athletes. He qualified 47 boys and 20 girls to the CIF State meet from its inaugural in 1987 to his last year as cross country coach in 2007. Dave's track and field teams were also great. His teams won League Championships in 1981 and five in a row from 2008 to 2012. He coached 14 boys and two girls to Central Section individual event Championships. He qualified 38 boys and 19 girls the CIF State meet. Seven of those athletes placed at the state meet, most notably fellow Hall of Fame inductee Cole Herron, a two-time State Champion.

Perhaps most notable are Dave's contributions to the sports of high school cross country and track and field in Sanger and the entire Central Section. He directed the Sanger Invitational, now known as the Sanger Metric Classic, from 1966 to 2013. It is the oldest metric meet in the state of California. He helped lead the way for the installation of the all-weather track in 1991. He hosted the Sanger Spring Classic from 1993 until 2013 and the Sanger Easter Classic from 1994 until 2013. Dave has been the chairperson of the CIF Central Section Track and Field advisory board since 1984 and has hosted eight CIF Central Area Championship meets and 11 Central Section Championship meets. Fittingly, the Sanger High School track and field facility was named "Dodson Field" in 2002.



CINDY WEIBERT FIRES

Cindy Weibert, a 1989 Sanger High School graduate, is one of the greatest female three sport athletes the school has ever seen. She was a star in volleyball, basketball, and softball. She helped put Sanger girls basketball on the map as the point guard for the outstanding 1987-1988 team that won the NYL National Division Championship and the CIF Central Section Division II Championship. This team laid the foundation for a series of high performing girls basketball teams. She is #1 all-time in Sanger High girls basketball history in assists in a single season with 155, #4 all-time in career assists with 328, and is #29 all-time in scoring with 503 career points. In softball, she maintains the record for most wins in a single season with 11, the most strikeouts in a game with 21, the most strikeouts in a single season with 233, and most strikeouts in a career with 473.

Cindy went on to compete in softball at Cedarville College in Ohio. She had a fantastic career. Cindy gained national attention for her softball prowess from Sports Illustrated and The Sporting News in 1990 when she pitched two no-hitters in two days. One of those no-hitters was a perfect game pitched against Shawnee State. Cindy to this day remains one of the most decorated female athletes in Sanger High history.

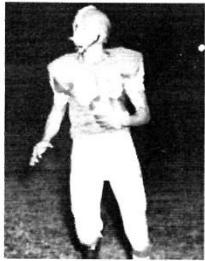




WILLIE GARCIA

Willie Garcia, a Sanger High School 1958 graduate, was a fantastic three sport athlete for the Apaches. He played football, basketball, and baseball. He led the 1955 football team to a League Championship and to a Central Section Sequoia Division Runner-Up. He led the 1956 football team to another League Championship and to a Central Section Sequoia Division Championship. The 1956 team's 40-6 victory over Corcoran was the first Championship earned in Sanger High School's new stadium, now known as Tom Flores Stadium.

Willie's football exploits earned him a full ride football scholarship to USC. Willie's basketball and baseball careers were also stupendous. He is #17 all-time in school basketball history in career scoring with 698 points (in an era long before the three point line). He had eight games where he scored over 20 points. Willie was a four year varsity baseball player. He led the 1955 and 1956 teams to League Championships and he played on Sanger High's last Central Section Sequoia Division Championship team in 1955. He was truly one of the best athletes to come through Sanger High School in the mid-1900s.



COLE HERRON

Cole Herron, a 2003 Sanger High graduate, is the greatest track and field athlete in school history. He is a two-time Central Area, two-time Central Section, and two-time California State Champion high jumper. He is Sanger High's only State Champion in any sport, an especially incredible accomplishment considering that the California state meet is known as the best high school track and field meet in the nation. He won the state meet in 2002 with a jump of 6'11" and in 2003 with a jump of 6'10". He also qualified to the finals of the state meet as a sophomore in 2001 with a jump of 6'8". His 7'0" jump to win the 2002 Central Section meet is still a meet record. Perhaps Cole's most notable accomplishment is his school record 7'0.25" high jump at the 2003 Sanger Metric Classic. His school record jump is #4 all-time in the history of the Central Section.

Cole was also an outstanding basketball player for the Apaches. He was a three year varsity player and earned a number of noteworthy accomplishments during his career. Cole is #1 in school history with 61 blocked shots, #2 in school history in career rebounding with 601, and #11 all-time in school history in career scoring with 798 points.

Following graduation, Cole matriculated to the US Naval Academy, where he competed on the track and field team. During his freshman year with the Navy, he placed first versus Princeton and in the Navy Invitational in the high jump and placed second in the Patriot League Championship with a jump of 6'9". As a sophomore, Cole jumped a career best 6'9.75" at the University of Pennsylvania Invitational, a mark that ranks him fifth on the Naval Academy's high jump record list since 1989. As a junior, he was named to the All-East team, qualified for the IC4A Championship, and earned Second-Team All-Patriot League honors. He was also selected to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll. Cole was the captain of the Naval Academy's track and field team his senior year and won the Patriot League Championship high jump.

Cole continued his service with the United States Navy after his track and field career and now holds the rank of Major.





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CHUCK SHIDAN



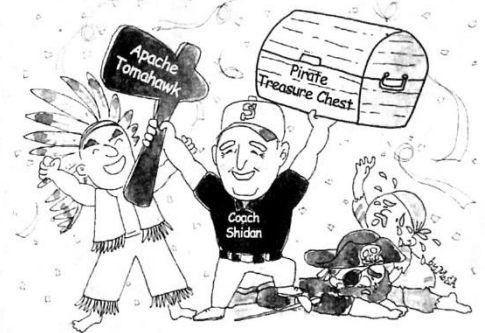
Chuck Shidan, a 1975 Sanger High graduate, is the longest tenured and winningest football coach in Sanger High School history. He played football and baseball for the Apaches as a high school student and went on to play collegiately at San Francisco State University. Chuck returned to the Central Valley after graduating from SFSU, and after a brief stop at Roosevelt High School, eventually came back to his alma mater. Chuck was hired as the Sanger High head football coach in 1990 and held that position for a school record 27 seasons.



Chuck's head coaching career is chalk full of illustrious accomplishments. He won a school record 203 games, tenth most all time in the CIF Central Section. He also won eight league titles, two in the West Yosemite League in 2002 and 2003 and six in the County Metro Athletic Conference in 2004, 2006, 2012, 2014, 2015, and 2016. Chuck's teams brought four Central Section Championships home to Sanger. The Apaches upset a powerful Edison team 35-28 in 1998 at Rateliffe Stadium for Chuck's first title. His teams defeated Centennial twice for Central Section Championships, 20-3 in 2001 and 23-7 in 2003. His last title came during his final season in 2016 with a 20-10 victory over Ridgeview in front of more than 6,000 fans at Tom Flores Stadium. The 2016 season was one for the history books, with the Ridgeview win being a school record 13th for the season. Chuck coached his final game a week later against Serra of San Mateo in the school's first ever state playoff game, also in front of more than 6,000 at Tom Flores Stadium.



The incredible success of Chuck's teams brought the community of Sanger continual attention throughout his career and helped it to regain its reputation as a football town.



ROY TANIMOTO



Roy Tanimoto, a 1965 Sanger High graduate, is the winningest girls basketball coach in Sanger High School history. He coached the Apache girls basketball team for 18 years from 1975 until 1993. His 292 career wins is the most in Sanger High history and was #7 all-time in Central Section history at the time of his retirement. His teams won five North Yosemite League Championships and two CIF Central Section Championships in the 1987-1988 and 1991-1992 seasons. The 1987-1988 team went 27-7 and the 1991-1992 team went 23-4. The 27 wins in the 1987-1988 season is the school record for most wins in a single season. As a team that year the Lady Apaches outscored their opponents by more than 300 points and pulled down more than 260 rebounds.



Roy also coached Sanger High football for four years from 1982 through 1985. He is only the third coach in Apache history to win league championships in both football and basketball. In 2003 Roy was inducted into the City/County Hall of Fame and in 2014 he was honored by the Central Section at its basketball championships at Selland Arena. Roy and his 1987-1988 basketball team have also been honored by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. His teams are known for beginning a strong tradition of Sanger High School female athletics.





TED TOROSIAN

Ted Torosian, a 1977 Sanger High School graduate, was one of the greatest three sport athletes to ever compete for the Apaches. Ted was the leading rusher on the 1975 football team with over 700 yards on the ground. He topped that in 1976 with over 900 rushing yards, as a fullback, his primary role being the lead blocker for tailback Bert Burks. He was a major contributor on that renowned 1976 team that won the Central Section Championship and was named Cal-Hi Sports' #1 Division II team in the state. Ted is the nineteenth leading rusher in Sanger High history with 1,629 yards. He was also an outstanding wrestler, winning the WYL in 1976 and 1977 and placing third in the section in 1977. Perhaps most impressive are Ted's track and field accomplishments. His triple jump of 47'1.5" in 1975 was the school record until 2017. He is the number four all-time discus thrower in Sanger High history with a throw of 166'11". He was the WYL champion and section runner-up in the discus in 1977.



Ted's phenomenal high school athletic accomplishments earned him the Sanger High School Athlete of the Year award in 1977. That fall he matriculated to Fresno State on a full ride football scholarship. He played football for the Bulldogs from 1978-1981 and had a stellar career. He was named first team all-conference in 1980 and 1981. He finished his Bulldog career with nearly 2,100 rushing yards, second in school history at the time, and 82 pass catches and 18 touchdowns. After college, Ted played professional football for two years with the Oakland Invaders of the United States Football League. He started at fullback in 1983 and 1984. Interestingly, Ted scored a number of notable touchdowns at some important nearby venues. He scored the first touchdown at Lamonica Stadium as a high schooler in 1974, the last Fresno State touchdown at Ratcliffe Stadium, the second touchdown at Bulldog Stadium in 1980 and the first touchdown in the inaugural game at the Oakland Coliseum.



CHRIS WALLIN

Chris Wallin, a 1990 Sanger high School graduate, is one of the greatest water polo players and swimmers in school history. He led Sanger High School to a League Championship and a third place overall finish in the Central Section his senior year. He was the team MVP in 1988 and 1989. He was also the League Player of the Year his senior year. He was one of 16 athletes from across the nation to be named to the United States Junior National Water Polo team. He competed for three years on the National team in tournaments in the US, Puerto Rico, Sweden, and the Netherlands. Chris was also an outstanding swimmer. He was the CIF Central Section Champion in the 100 yard backstroke and 200 yard medley relay his senior year. He led Sanger High School to a CIF Central Section team Championship his senior year as well. Chris was named high school All-American his senior year for his outstanding backstroke. It was one of the 25 fastest times in the nation that year.



After his stellar high school aquatics career, Chris went on to compete in water polo at Stanford University. He was outstanding for the Cardinal earning All-American honors during a time when the school was a national water polo powerhouse. He played all four years and was a major contributor to the school's NCAA Division I Championship his senior year and two prior seasons as NCAA Division runner-up.





3rd Class 2020

1951
Apaches Football Team
**1st Valley Champions in
 Sanger High School History**

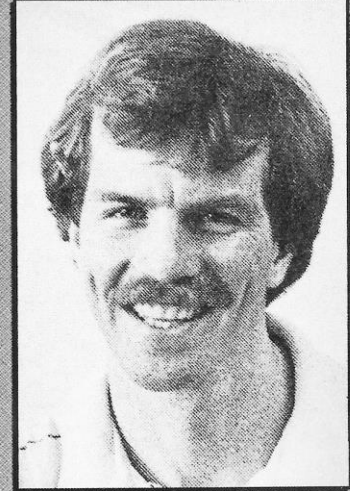


The 1951 Apaches football team won Snager’s first ever Valley Championship with a 26-20 victory on a pass from Nick Papac to Gene Green with 20 seconds remaining in the game. Team members names dot Sanger history, including Hank “Scooter” Vasquez, later inducted into the Reedley College Hall of Fame, Dan Hightower, Gene Green, a member of Sanger High’s Inaugural Hall of Fame class, Noel Hildbrand, Jim Fleming, Ron Olson, and the others who contributed to the championship that set the standard that still exists today for Apache football. The team was led by Clare Slaughter, who later moved to Fresno City College for a long award winning career and became a member of that Sanger High Inaugural Hall of Fame class. Assistant coaches Dean Nicholson and Lou Papac also were named to the inaugural class.

C.Anderson, R.Avalos, D.Barnes, G.Barnes, B.Bedoian, A.Bentley, Davis, L.Dickson, R.Egbart, J.Fleming, B.Flores, G.Green, Y.Gomez, D. Hightower, N.Hilderbrand, E.Jones, D.Justice, B.Koda, V.Kondo, A.McElroy, D.Moya, K.Ogen, R.Olson, N.Papac, B.Presley, J.Rivera, J.Rocha, C.Scharnick, K.Stacks, H.Vasquez, D.Vig, D.Williams, W.Wallace
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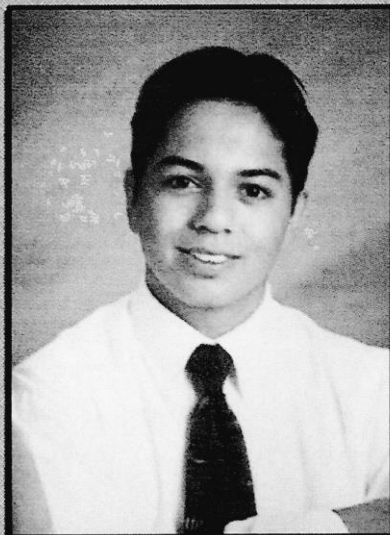
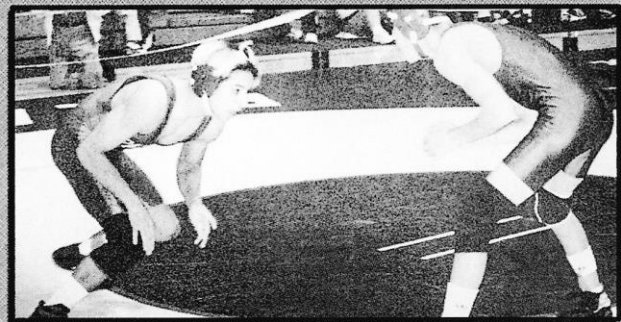


Del Beshore Coach 2020



Del Beshore rejuvenated the boys basketball program beginning in 1985. He coached for 12 years, winning 154 games. His 1987-88 team was the first Sanger team to advance to the Valley Championship game, where they lost to eventual State Champion Bakersfield Foothill 64-58. The 1988-89 team was the last Sanger team to win a championship when they captured the North Yosemite League National Division title. Del went on to coach at Fresno Pacific University. His coaching "tree" includes present Sanger High coach Al Alvarado III, along with other area coaches and administrators at Roosevelt, Bullard, and Clovis North High Schools. This is Coach Beshore's fourth hall of fame induction, following his own high school in Pennsylvania, California University of Pennsylvania, and the Sanger High Basketball Hall of Fame.

Jaime Garza Athlete Class of 1997 2020



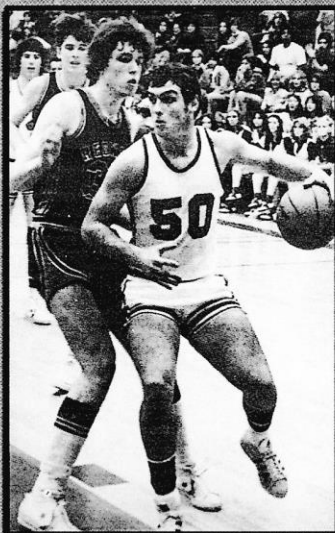
Jaime Garza becomes the first wrestler to be inducted into the hall of fame. He was a two-time Valley Champion at 103 and 112 pounds in successive seasons and a second place winner at the State Championships at 123 pounds, the first Sanger wrestler to attain that level. Coach Dale Phillips says that Jaime was "the outstanding wrestler of the time." He later wrestled at national college powerhouse Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.



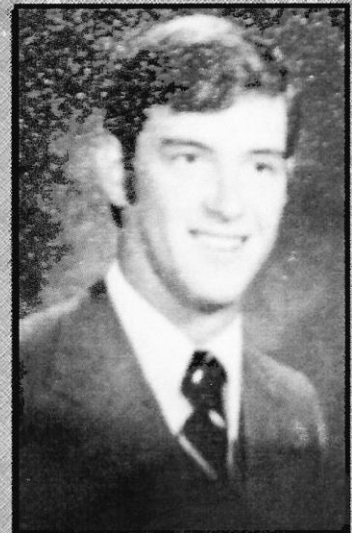
Pat Henry Contributor 2020



Pat Henry is inducted as a community contributor. Sanger High athletics has a long history of community help, beginning with the construction of the Sanger football stadium in 1954/55 by the Sanger Lions Club and many local farmers who dug the area out and built the berm seating we still use today. But for sheer breadth of work and benefit to multiple programs, Pat Henry's "Get on Track and Light It Up" project of 1991/92 stands alone. Over that year the first Sanger High all-weather track, reconfigured to 400 meters, the Dayton Field berm seating, and all of the lighting at Tom Flores Stadium the Varsity softball diamond, the Dodson Field track area, and Dayton Field were all installed. Without his efforts Sanger residents would not have enjoyed the benefits of these facilities over these past 30 years.



Tony Herron Athlete Class of 1978 2020



Tony Herron, the son of one hall of fame member and the father of another. Tony was a three sport star who played strong safety on the 1976 Valley Championship football team, and whose name is still found in the school's basketball records for single season and career scoring and rebounding, which later resulted in his induction into the Sanger High Basketball Hall of Fame. In baseball his fastball led him to Fresno State, where again, he was later inducted into the Fresno State Baseball Hall of Fame. He signed with the Boston Red Sox after Fresno State and rose to Triple-A status at Pawtucket before an injury ended his career on the cusp of reaching the major leagues.



Scott Jett Class of 1991 2020 Athlete



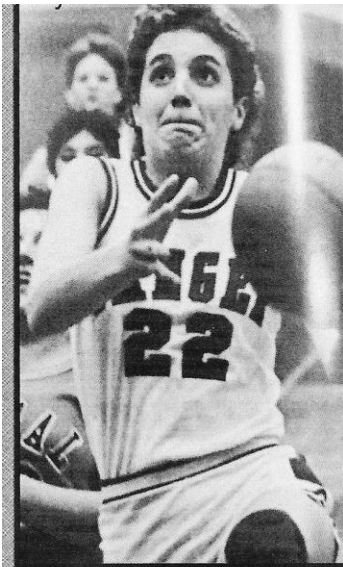
Scott Jett was the fastest swimming sprinter in Sanger High history. Scott was a four-time Valley Champion in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle in 1990 and 1991. He also provided that speed during water polo games. He attended Auburn University on scholarship and earned All-American honors. He missed qualifying for the 1996 Olympics in the 50 yard freestyle by just .018 seconds.

Diana Macias Copeland Athlete

Class of 1977 2020



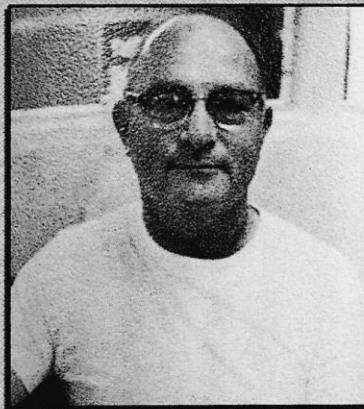
The "first female superstar" of track coach Dave Dodson's 50 year career was Diana Macias Copeland. Along with playing volleyball and basketball all four years, she was Sanger's premier track athlete of that time. As a sophomore she qualified to the State track meet in the 100 yard dash and on the 440 yard relay team, which finished fourth at the State meet in a Sanger record time that still stands today. She still holds the school record in the 200 meter dash, and in her senior year, she won four individual West Yosemite League championship titles, setting league records in all four events. She was named Sanger High Female Athlete of the Year in 1977 and went on to successfully compete at Fresno City College.



Staci Mosher
Athlete
Class of 1986
2020

Another three sport standout to join the 2020 class is Staci Mosher, who is described by coaches as the “heart and soul” of teams on which she played. Staci played varsity volleyball for three years, varsity basketball for two years, and varsity softball for four years. She was a team captain in all three sports, and was voted to All-League teams in all three sports, in addition to being named Sanger High co-Athlete of the Year in 1986. She later attended COS in Visalia where she starred on a State Championship softball team. She has continued to contribute to athletics as Head Softball Coach at West Hills College for over 20 years.

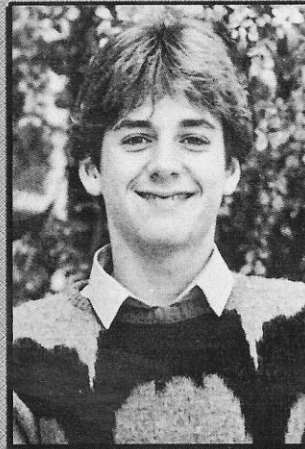
Jack Tiftick
Coach
2020



Jack Tiftick coached 28 years of aquatics and water polo during his long teaching career at Sanger High. His teams won consecutive league championships in aquatics from 1958 through 1968, including Section Championships in 1958, 1964, and 1966, an unprecedented 11 year record of success that had not been duplicated at Sanger High by any other team in any other sport. His teams also dominated league water polo, winning Section in 1966 and 1967. He can be described as the “father of aquatics programs” at Sanger High.



Mark Wallim
Athlete
Class of 1988
2020



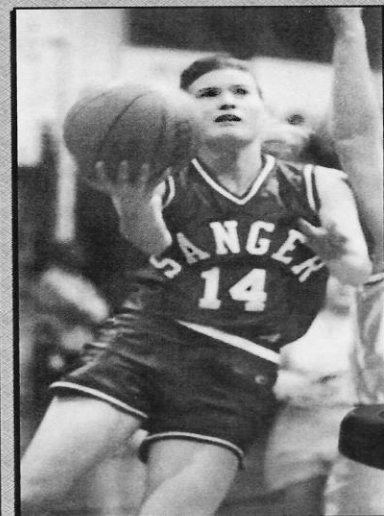
Mark Wallin, the oldest of the three Wallin brothers in the hall of fame, was perhaps the best water polo player in Sanger High history. After setting all of the scoring records at Sanger, he went on to become an All American at Stanford University. Mark Wallin was the first building block in the Sanger High School waterpolo rebirth that continues in both the boys and girls programs to this

4th Class 2021

Michelle Anderson
Athlete
Class of 1994
2021



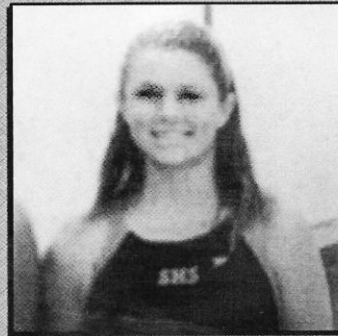
Michelle Anderson is arguably the greatest all-around basketball player in Sanger Girls Basketball history, a history with numerous outstanding players, but none so versatile as her. At present, she is still 7th in career scoring, 5th in career steals, and 2nd in career assists. She was the engine that drove the team in her variety of ways with her variety of skills. She played with other great players on NYL Division Champions in 1991 and 1992 and a Valley Championship team in 1992. After high school, she played four years at Fresno State and later became the girls basketball coach at Sunnyside High School.





Sheri Johnson Bock

Athlete
Class of 2000
2021



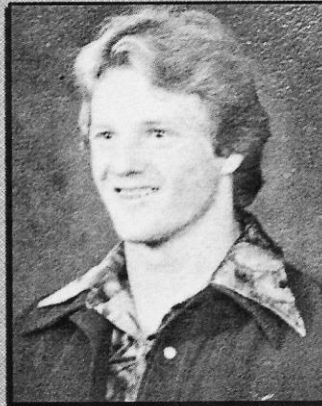
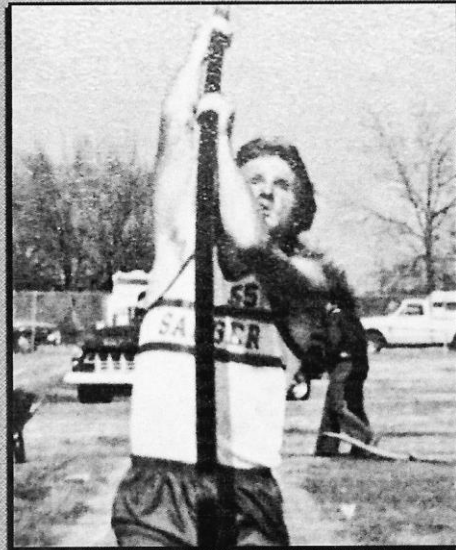
Sheri Johnson-Bock was named to multiple All-American teams in both high school and college womens' water polo. At Sanger in 1998 and 1999 she was the team leader in scoring and steals and became League and Valley MVP after her senior year. She was named CIF All-State after both years and high school All-American after both years. She played on the US National Youth Team, and was Sanger High Female Athlete of the Year in 2000. She attended Hartwick College in New York and her career trajectory continued. She was All-East 2nd team, All-East 2nd team, and All-East MVP in successive years, as well as Honorable Mention All-American twice and All-American 3rd team once. She was Hartwick's Female Athlete of the Year and was inducted into the Hartwick Hall of Fame in 2013. She became a high school coach in New York and her teams are three-time New York State Champions and she was New York Coach of the Year in 2010.

Janell Odom

Coach
Class of 1988
2021



Janell Odom was an athlete without a program in high school who then went on to collegiate glory and later founded the program in which she would have played in high school. Janell played boys water polo for 4 years because there was no girls program, She went on to play at UC, Davis, where she was a four-time All-American and the 1993 collegiate MVP of the Year. She played on the Junior National Team and the National B and C Teams. She returned to Sanger and became the founding coach of the girls water polo team, a program that has been populated by a parade of outstanding players, winning or sharing league titles each year since its inception. She coached Sanger for 10 years before moving to Fresno City College to start the program there.



Billy Jack Pierce

Athlete Class of 1977 2021

Billy Jack Pierce was a prolific star in the pole vault and a member of the 1976 Valley Champion, state ranked #1 Division 2 football team. In football Billy Jack held records in punt return and kick off returns in addition to being named All-League as a defensive back in 1976. But in the pole vault, he rose to unheard of heights, became a high school All-American in 1977, and the first Valley vaulter to clear 16 feet. He was the 1977 Masters Meet Champion, and placed fifth and second in successive years at the State track meet. He was picked for international events and placed second at the Junior National Meet. He competed at Fresno State after high school.



Ernie Reese

Athlete

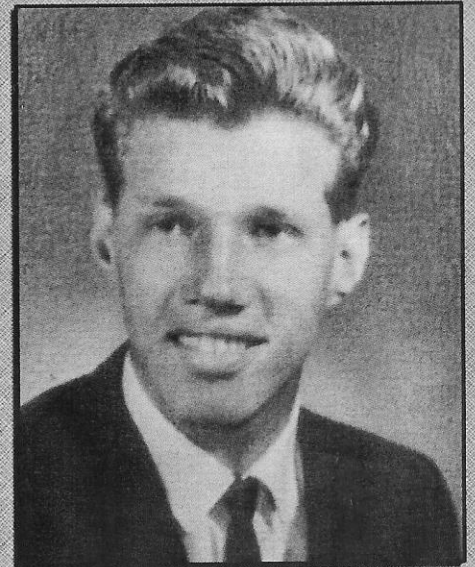
Class of 1957

2021

Ernie Reese was a member of the 1955 and 1956 league champion and 1956 Valley Champion football teams. He was an Apache Athlete of the Year and the Apache athlete of firsts in football—the first player to rush for 1000 yards in a season and the first player to rush for over 300 yards in a single game, both in 1956. After high school, he played in the Fresno County All-Star game and then went on to play at the University of California, Berkeley. After one year at Cal, he transferred to junior college powerhouse Bakersfield College for one year, and then moved to the University of Utah for his last two years. At Utah he was named to the small school All-American team after his senior season.



Floyd Sanders



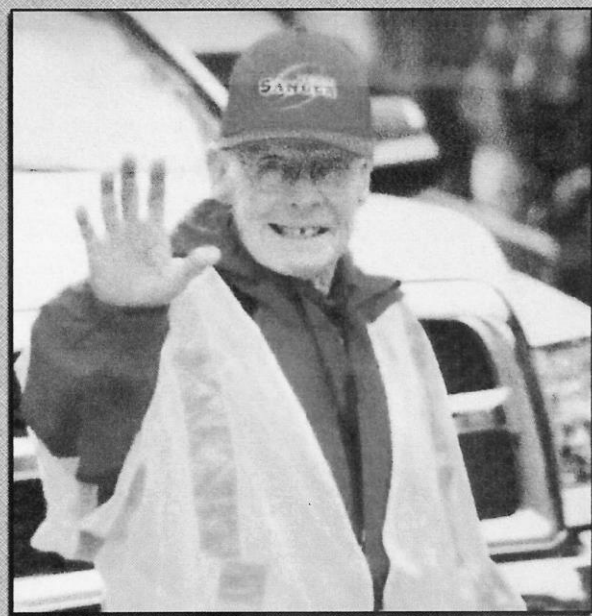
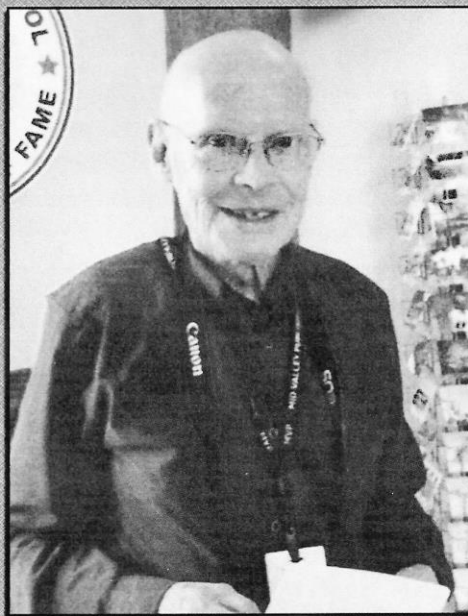
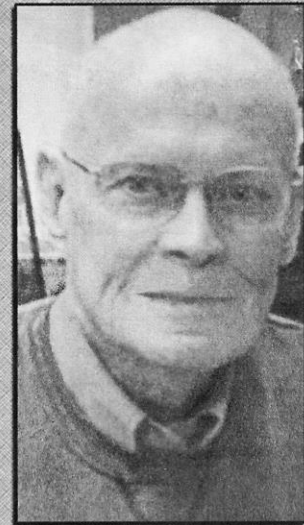
Lloyd Sanders

Athletes Class of 1965 2021

Floyd and Lloyd Sanders were named high school All-Americans after their senior season in 1965, a first for Apache basketball players. Floyd and Lloyd were inducted together because their careers were both sides of the same coin, bookend high scoring forwards. They led the team in scoring, the highest scoring duo up to that time in school history. That team, under Coach Dean Nicholson, a fellow Hall of Fame inductee, was league co-champions with eventual Valley Champion Reedley. Lloyd and Floyd were also elected into the founding class of the Sanger High Basketball Hall of Fame in 2006.



Dick Sheppard The Sanger Herald Contributor 2021



Dick Sheppard enjoyed a long media career in the Valley, from KRDU in Dinuba, to KMJ in Fresno, and then in “retirement” to the Sanger Herald. At the Herald he became a long-time observer and supporter of Apache athletics. He could be found on the sidelines at Tom Flores Stadium or Dean Nicholson Gym or any other Apaches athletic venue. He reported the games, but more importantly, made the Apaches come alive through his words and pictures and captured the essence of our community’s love affair with their Apaches. Many people unable to attend a game eagerly went to Dick’s social media to find the live score and ongoing action of Apaches games. All of this was Dick’s passion in addition to his real job of reporting Sanger news. He was a tireless source of information about Sanger and its many groups and organizations that make our community what it is.

Dick passed away just after the announcement of his induction to the hall of fame. The Hall of Fame committee wishes to express its condolences to his family.



5th Class 2022

1976 Football Team
 Yosemite Division Valley Champions
 West Yosemite League Champions
 #1 State Ranked Class AAA Team by Cal-Hi Sports
 State Team of the Year Division II by Cal-Hi Sports



The only Sanger Apaches football team to ever win a large-school (Yosemite Division) Valley Championship. The only Sanger team to ever be voted number one in the Valley, and to be recognized by Cal-Hi Sports as the number one school in the state of California. The Apache football team that outscored their opponents 323-92 over 13 games. The only Sanger team to shut down the town and schools on a Friday afternoon because they had to travel to Visalia for an afternoon game instead of playing at night because the Visalia stadium was being renovated and had no lighting. The team with a devastating defense led by a big defensive line with Greg Hart, one of the baddest guys ever, a linebacking corps second to none and featuring Steve Karmann, and a defensive backfield that included Billy Jack Pierce and Tony Herron, players already in the Hall of Fame. The team with a punishing, unrelenting ground attack lead by another Hall of Famer and future college and professional player, Ted Torosian, Mr. Inside. Mr. Outside Bert Burk regularly making back-breaking long runs behind a Sanger offensive line that was big, efficient, and active. Craig Lawley pulling the trigger as the option quarterback. Lots of weapons. Some of Sanger's best-ever athletes. Many of Sanger's most memorable team members and football players. All led by Coach Gary Scott. A team for the ages. All Apaches fans remember the 1976 Valley Championship football team and all of the players that continued the excellence that defines Sanger football to this day.





1976 Apaches Valley Championship Roster



#12 Craig Lawley



#14 Tim Ogawa



#15 Roland Rico



#17 Roy Rodriguez



#20 Johnny Martinez



#21 Johnny Morales



#22 Oscar Morales



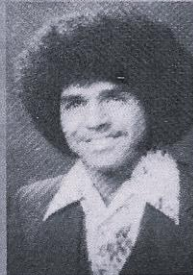
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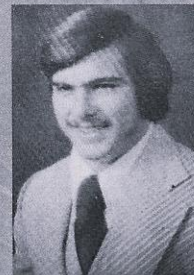
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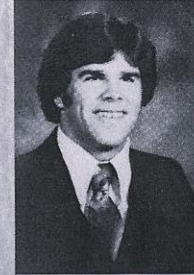
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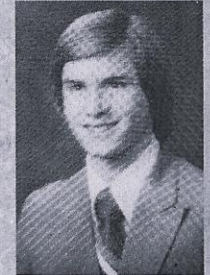
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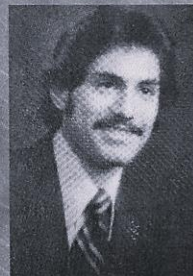
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#50 Tom Merlo



1976 Apaches Valley Championship Roster



#51 Jeff Claiborne



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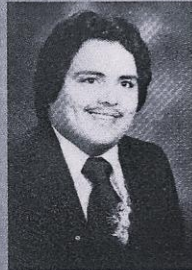
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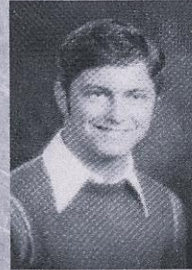
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#66 Jeff Shahbazian



#67 Brian Watson



#68 Marc Lopez



#70 Louis Mata



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#76 Bobby Rodriguez



#80 Mike Alvarado



#81 Rob Powell



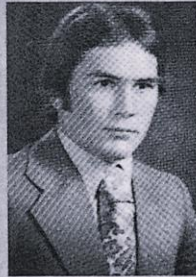
#82 Ray Martinez



1976 Apaches Valley Championship Roster



#83 Peter Grant



#84 Bill Strobe



#85 Kerry Mobley



#86 Roger Hemman



Steve Powell

1976 Apache Football Coaching Staff



Head Coach Gary Scott

Graduate of the University of the Pacific. Would coach at Sanger High School for five seasons, compiling a record of 34-16-4, winning two League championships and one Valley Championship. Relocated to Stockton area to continue career until retirement.



Assistant Coach Fred Ratzlaff

Graduate of the University of New Mexico. Coached at Sanger High School until 1982. Was named Assistant Principal in 1985 and Principal of Sanger High in 1990, where he worked until his retirement.



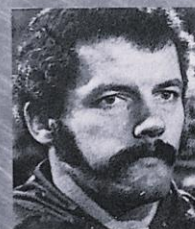
Assistant Coach Jim McKittrick

Graduate of the University of New Mexico. Coached football and tennis at Sanger High School. Taught in the Business Department until his retirement.



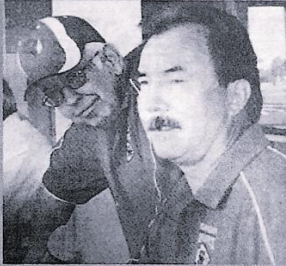
Assistant Coach Jim Duckhorn

Graduate of University of Northern Colorado and Fresno State. Coached football at Sanger High and taught in the Business Department at Sanger High until his retirement. Also coached baseball and was the first softball coach at Sanger High.



Assistant Coach Dennis Keran

A graduate of the University of Toledo. Taught in Sanger until his retirement. Coached football and wrestling at Sanger High, and taught at Washington Middle School until his retirement. Dennis passed away in 2009.



Rick Bubenik

Sanger High Class of 1972

Rick Bubenik is inducted as a community contributor after being the “Voice of the Apaches” at Sanger High School and in Tom Flores Stadium for the past 50+ years. Rick began in 1968 while he was a Sanger High student, announcing JV football, swim and track meets, and tennis. By 1972 he was fully involved with JV football, Varsity football halftimes, and Varsity basketball along with Pop Warner football. After the retirements of Led Blue and Bob Bosserman as Apaches Varsity announcers, Rick took over and has been there ever since, his familiar voice and cadence well known by two and three generations of Apaches fans along with the neighborhoods surrounding the stadium. Rick’s plan in announcing is simple: Give everybody their due, including home and visiting players and cheer squads and bands and the many other people that work the games. Rick’s calls give everyone lasting memories, and make everyone from both schools feel welcome in Sanger and enjoy the experience of our “Apache Pride.”



Ed Dittenbir

Sanger High Class of 1941

When the greatest all-around athletes in Sanger High history are mentioned, two familiar names in those discussions are Gene Green (Hall of Fame Class of 2018) and Ed Dittenbir, a 1941 Sanger High graduate and inductee in the Hall of Fame Class of 2022. Dittenbir information is difficult to find now, but we do know he set the Sanger High long jump record in 1940, a record that lasted 43 years until finally broken in 1983. We know Ed played football for Fresno State College after graduation from Sanger High, and we know he was a member of the NCAA National Championship Track and Field team from the University of Southern California in 1949. Because he graduated from Sanger High in 1941, and competed with USC in 1949, it is probably safe to assume that wartime conditions and/or service either delayed or interrupted his athletic career. But Ed Dittenbir is remembered in Sanger as that all-time great athlete who went on to play two different collegiate sports at two different colleges/universities.



Ray Newman Sanger High Football and Track & Field Coach

Ray Newman was a coach of firsts and a championship winning coach in the mid 1950s in both football and track and field. He was the first coach in what is now Tom Flores Stadium in 1955 and the first to coach on the fast clay track in 1956 in what is now Dave Dodson Field. His winning percentage in football in his two seasons in 1955 and 1956 as head football coach was .900, with a record of 18-2 with two League championships and one Valley championship in 1956. He will join two of his players, Bill Herron and Ernie Reese, in the Hall of Fame. He left Sanger High to coach football at national powerhouse Bakersfield College, where as head coach from 1959 to 1966 his teams compiled a record of 65-11 and a winning percentage of .855. After Bakersfield he became a professional football scout for the New Orleans Saints, San Diego Chargers, and eventually the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League. In 1979 he scouted and signed an unheralded quarterback from Washington named Warren Moon, who promptly led Edmonton to five consecutive Grey Cup championships, the greatest dynasty in CFL history. Moon later moved to the NFL and was ultimately named to the Professional Football Hall of Fame. Interestingly enough, Mr. Newman was honored in 1976 by another of this year's inductees, the 1976 Apache Valley Championship football team.



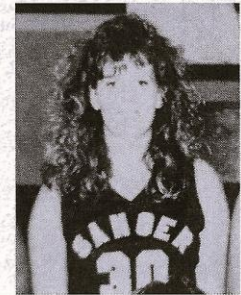
Colleen Santos Sanger High Class of 2000

Colleen Santos becomes the second girls' water polo and swimming standout to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, following Sheri Johnson, inducted in 2021. Colleen was a four-year varsity water polo player from 1996-1999 who was All-League First Team, All-Valley First Team, and a high school All-American. She also played on three USA Junior Olympic teams. After high school she attended Hartwick College in New York where she played on teams that won conference championships and finished as high as fourth in the national championships. In 2004, Colleen became the face of Hartwick athletics when she was chosen to be pictured on the cover of the Hartwick media guide. Immediately after graduating from Hartwick, she played in Australia on a First Grade team in Sydney and also coached at Sunnyside High School in Fresno. She then was named assistant coach at Hartwick and stayed for five years during which the teams won four division and two ECAC championships. Since 2010 she has been a water polo official beginning at the high school level and then moving through the Olympic Development Program for officials. She presently travels as a collegiate water polo official.



6th Class 2023

1987-88 GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM



The 1987-88 Girls Basketball team, led by Sanger Hall of Fame Coach Roy Tanimoto and his long-time friend and Assistant Coach, the late Jim Deaver, was the **FIRST**.

The first Sanger High girls' team ever to win a CIF Valley Championship.

The first basketball team (girls or boys) ever to win a Valley Championship.

The first Sanger High team (girls or boys) ever to win a CIF State Playoffs game.

And, the winningest basketball team (girls or boys) ever in Sanger High history, with a record of 27-7.

They were a team of destiny, carefully built upon previous seasons' losses in the Valley Tournament, going back to the earlier 1980s. Other teams, led by other Hall of Famers, fell tantalizingly short in the quest for the title, but all those experiences led to the ultimate success that this team accomplished. A team of history, led in scoring by Sanger Hall of Famer Renee Schneider and Kari Vance. Monica Perez and Sanger Hall of Famer Cindy Weibert led from the guard position. Seniors steadied the course, and underclass performers such as Annie Lovett and Cathi Isom contributed heavily to the team's success and would continue the tradition the following seasons. Interestingly, team member and sophomore leader Holly Vasquez is inducted into the Hall of Fame this year along with her father, Hank Vasquez.

This team set the standard for others to follow. Girls Basketball has won two more Valley titles, and they have been followed by Valley titles in other girls' sports: Volleyball, Tennis, Soccer, Cross Country, Golf, and Stunt Cheer.

It all began with the **FIRST**, 1987-88.



1987-88 GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM APACHE ROSTER



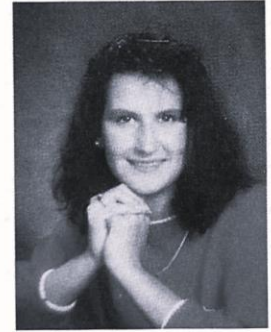
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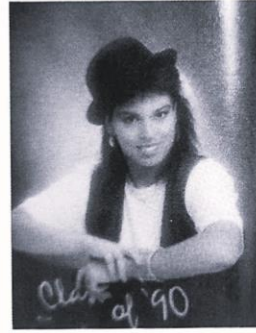
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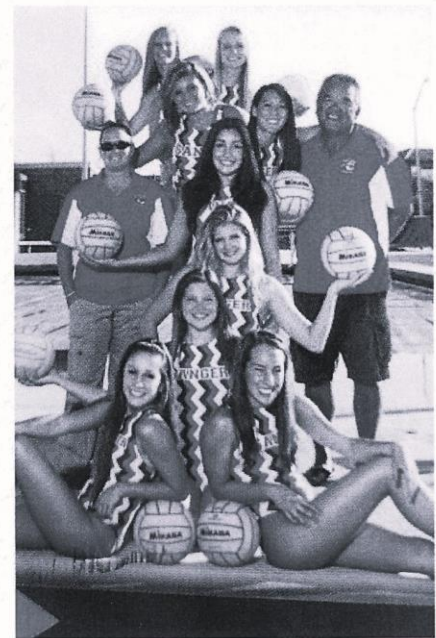
Hillary Boos was an accomplished Water Polo and Swimming athlete at Sanger High before attending Cal State University, Bakersfield where she played Water Polo.

Hillary returned to Sanger in 2005 as the Head Swimming Coach. She coached swimming from 2005 to 2009 and then again from 2013 to 2015. She was Head Water Polo Coach from 2008 to Spring, 2021 (Covid-delayed season). Hillary had one of the most successful coaching runs of anyone in Sanger High history. In Water Polo, she won League Championships every year from 2008 to 2021. From 2012 to 2021 (Spring), her teams were undefeated in league play except for 2018. The 2017 team was the most successful ever, finishing second in the Division One Valley Championship and then second in the Division Two State Regional Finals. In Swimming, her girls teams won four League Championships, in 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2015. Seventeen (17) League Championships. Thirteen (13) in a row in Water Polo. That streak is unparalleled in Sanger High history. Hillary's teams make her the fifth winningest coach in any sport at Sanger High, with her overall record of 232 and 64.

In addition to Sanger High coaching, Hillary has also coached at the US Junior Olympics level, taking teams to Hawaii and Croatia.

Hillary is presently the Water Polo and Aquatics Coach at Fresno City College, where she began in Fall, 2021.

Hillary Boos Sanger High Class of 1998



Jarred Contente Sanger High Class of 2002



When Jarred Contente graduated from Sanger High in 2002, he reigned as the undisputed greatest scorer in the school's 113 year basketball history. During his 80-game career, Jarred set and held over 20 school scoring records. While some of these 20+ records have since been broken, the following still-standing records indicate his dominance.

Total Points for Career: 1629, a margin of 324 points above the second place total.

Average Points Per Game: 20.4 points, a margin of 5 points per game above second place.

One-Season Points Total: 650, a margin of 116 points above the second place total. Number of Games Scoring 20+ Points: 57, a total of 28 higher than second place.

Jarred's Single-Game Scoring Total record, his One-Season Points Per Game Average record, his Three-Point Baskets Made Career record, and his Two-Point Baskets Made Career record enjoyed a long life until being broken in the years 2020 through 2022.

After Sanger High, Jarred played at Reedley College for two years before transferring to Cal State, Chico University for his last two years before ending his formal basketball career.



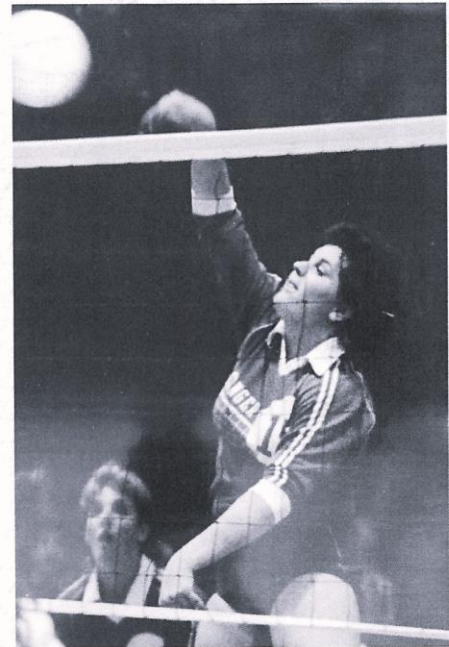
Michelle Gustin Dillon is what today is called “an old-school” three-sport athlete, competing in Volleyball, Basketball, and Track and Field. Michelle earned a total of nine Varsity letters, two in Volleyball, three in Basketball, and four in Track and Field. She was All-League in Volleyball for two years, in Basketball for one year, and was a State Track Meet qualifier in the discus during her Senior Year.

Michelle graduated in 1987 as the Basketball #2 Career and #2 Season rebounding record holder and as the #4 career scoring leader, and as the #1 All-Time Shot Put record holder and the #2 All-Time Discus record holder in Track and Field.

In her Senior year, Michelle was named the Sanger High School Female Athlete of the Year, the Junior League of Fresno Athlete of the Year for Sanger, the CIF Central Section Female Scholar Athlete of the Year runner-up, and played in the City-County All-Star Volleyball game and the City-County All-Star Basketball game.

After high school, Michelle attended Kings River College (Reedley College) in its first-ever honors program and competed in Volleyball and Track and Field. After transferring to Fresno State she competed in Track and Field and was a member of the Bulldogs Conference Championship team in 1990.

Michelle Gustin Dillon Sanger High Class of 1987



Alberto Garza was the pre-eminent wrestler of his time, a champion at all levels in which he competed who went on to great success at the collegiate level at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, a national wrestling powerhouse program. Alberto competed at Sanger High as a Varsity wrestler all four years, first in the old North Yosemite League as a freshman, and then in the TRAC for his remaining three years. His League record was: Freshman, second place; Sophomore, Champion; Junior, Champion; and Senior, second place. After every season, Alberto also moved on to the Valley Championship Tournament. His record at the Valley Meets was: Freshman, second place; Sophomore, Champion; Junior, Champion; and Senior, fifth place. After his last three seasons, Alberto then moved on to the California State Wrestling Championships. His finishes there were: Sophomore, fifth place; Junior, fourth place; and Senior, fifth place. In League, Alberto was a Champion two times and a medalist all four years. In Valleys, he was a Champion two times and a medalist all four years, and at State, he was a medalist three years. At the end of his high school career, he was invited to the National High Schools Wrestling Tournament. Alberto finished eighth in his weight class and was named as an All-American wrestler by the National Federation.

After high school Alberto was recruited to Cal Poly. He wrestled at 125 pounds during college, and his record at Cal Poly includes a high finish of fourth in the PAC-10 Conference Championships and a qualifier to the NCAA National Tournament.

Alberto Garza Sanger High Class of 1996

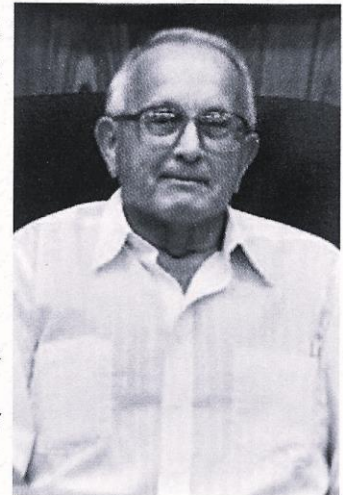




Ken Marcantonio has committed to a lifetime of service to the Sanger High Community. Ken came to Sanger High in 1966 as a history teacher and is best remembered by thousands of students as their last doorway to graduation as their American Government teacher. When he retired from teaching, he stayed involved in the schools by becoming a candidate for the Sanger Unified School District Board of Trustees. Ken served four terms and sixteen years, often being unopposed for re-election, before his retirement from the Board. Also after his retirement from teaching in 2000, he became more fully involved with the Sanger Historical Society and its Sanger Depot Museum in downtown Sanger, where today he serves as President. Towards the end of his Board of Trustees tenure, and as a result of his involvement with the Sanger Museum, Ken collaborated with Matt Navo, then Superintendent of Schools, Athletic Director Brian Penner, and Ron Blackwood, Sanger High athletics historian and Hall of Fame member (2019) to secure the "Red Brick Schoolhouse" behind the museum for the permanent home for the Sanger High Athletics Hall of Fame. While still a work in progress, the permanent facility promises to be a unique facility in the area to honor our Hall of Fame members. Ken will tell you that he has never been directly involved with athletics, but his years of service to our students and his key role in the very founding of the Sanger High Hall of Fame allows the Sanger athletics community to honor him and to offer our thanks and appreciation for his efforts.

Ken Marcantonio

Thank you for a life of service!



Milt Minter

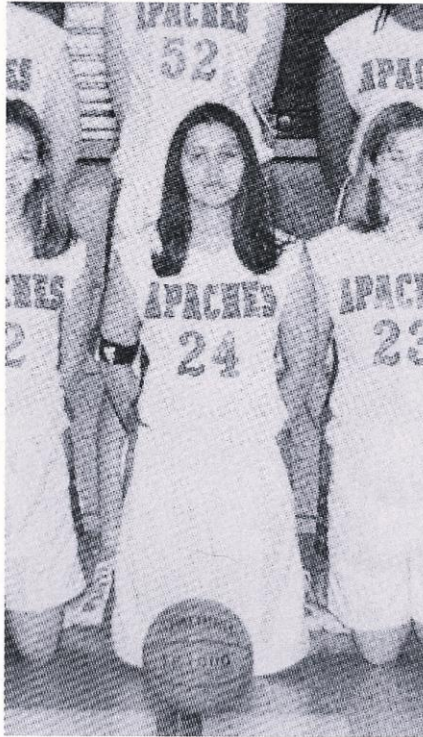
Sanger High Class of 1951



Milt Minter died in 2004. He is honored posthumously for his exploits, his record, and as a tribute to the many friends who remember him as Donkey Bop (a rather long story). Suffice to say "Don't Give Up." Milt raced in all the premiere sports car series, including CanAm, TransAm, SCCA, IMSA, and the Grand American Rolex Series. He raced at the great tracks in racing history, Daytona, Sebring, LeMans, Watkins Glen, Mid-Ohio, and all the others that any racing fan will instantly recognize as the "big time." He even drove a Porsche in the Baja 1000. Milt was noted as a Porsche driver of renown. He was never a factory-team driver with the latest and greatest equipment, but he competed against them and forced them to extraordinary lengths to beat him. In 1972, even as a non-factory driver, he won the Pedro Rodriguez Award, presented by Dr. Ferdinand Porsche himself, as the most aggressive Porsche driver of the year. But, he could drive anything. Some of his best wins and best races were in Camaros and Firebirds. Among his career highlights are several top five finishes at the 24 Hours of Daytona with a high of second place, a high of second place at the 12 Hours of Sebring, several wins including Mid-Ohio, Laguna Seca, and others. In his career, Milt was 1972 Class Champion in the SCCA Series, second in the 1971 CanAm series, and second in the TransAm Series.



Jezzal Quintana Sanger High Class of 2004



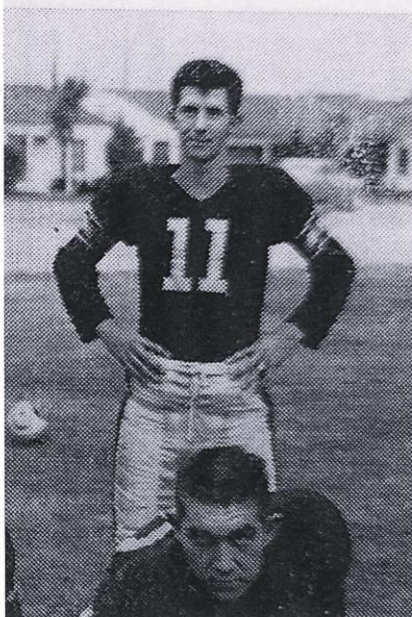
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Jezzal graduated from Sanger High in 2004 with numerous scoring and steals records, in addition to records for games played and games won. Over the modern CIF era (49 years) of Girls Basketball at Sanger, she is the leading scorer of all time. Jezzal's notable records that she still holds today include:

- All-Time Leading Scorer for Career: 1548 points
- All-Time Leading Scorer for Season: 602 points
- All-Time Leading Scorer for One Game: 39 points
- All-Time Leader for Career Steals: 336

Jezzal was also named to the All-League Team (West Yosemite League) for two years and played in the City-County All-Star Game in 2004. Jezzal's teams, under Coach Steve Case, won the West Yosemite League Championship in 2002-2003 and 2003-2004. The 2002-2003 team was runner-up in the Division Two Valley Championship and reached the State Division Two Playoffs before being eliminated in the first round. Jezzal continued her career at Reedley College for the next two years. While there, the teams won two Valley Conference Championships and Jezzal was the leading scorer and All-Conference both years, plus being named to the All-State JC Team after her sophomore year. Jezzal then moved to Northeastern State University in Oklahoma to play her last two years. After college Jezzal coached at Tahlequah Sequoyah High School in Oklahoma and then at Angelo State University in Texas and Metro State University in Colorado.

Henry (Hank) Vasques Sanger High Class of 1953



Hank Vasquez was a four-sport star at Sanger High before narrowing his choices to football and baseball, where he excelled for three years on each Varsity team before moving to Reedley College, where he became a football National JC All-American in 1956 and was eventually inducted into the Reedley College Hall of Fame as a result of those exploits.

As an athlete in the early 1950s he played on memorable teams and was an integral part of those teams' success. As a Frosh Track and Field participant, he won thirteen individual medals and qualified to the State Track Meet in the low hurdles.

In his junior year, Hank was an All-Conference running back on the 1951 first-ever Valley Championship Football team, inducted into the Sanger High Hall of Fame in 2020.

As a senior in 1952, Hank set one record of scoring five touchdowns in one game versus Selma, a record that stood until broken in 2003. Hank was again All-Conference on this Conference Championship Apaches team. And then in baseball in 1953, Hank was All-Conference on yet another Conference Championship team.

Quite a record. A Varsity player on six teams over three years with four Conference and one Valley Championships, along with All-Conference selections in both football and baseball.

At Reedley College Hank continued to excel in football for the next two seasons.



Epilogue

Sanger High Sports

Sanger Unified School District split into 2 separate high schools & teams in 2022

Sanger High Apaches
established 1899



Sanger West High Hornets
established 2022

