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**CIF/CENTRAL COAST SECTION**  
**ATHLETIC ALUMNI**

**A LIST OF ATHLETES FROM CCS MEMBER SCHOOLS WHO CONTINUED TO ACHIEVE RECOGNITION IN SPORTS AFTER LEAVING HIGH SCHOOL**

\*\*\*\*\* Please note that all achievements are not listed \*\*\*\*\*

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➤ **CRITERIA**

These athletes gained recognition after their graduation from high school for being:

- 1) an individual national, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), or world record holder
- 2) an individual national, NCAA, world or Olympic champion (\*)
- 3) a member of a national, NCAA, world or Olympic championship team (\*)
- 4) a consensus All-American, All-Pro or winner of a national award
- 5) a player in a major professional league or sport for a minimum of five years.
- 6) an inductee into a university, regional, national or international Hall of Fame.

(\*) Some Olympic team members and medalists may not be listed because they were still attending high school at the time of their achievement.

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**John Barrette** (Bellarmine). Basketball coach at St. Francis, Menlo-Atherton and Palo Alto Highs 1964 to 1994. His undefeated 1993 Palo Alto team (31-0) won the State Div. 3 title.

**Dante Benedetti** (St. Ignatius). USF head baseball coach from 1965-1980 is in the University of San Francisco Hall of Fame.

**Tom Blackwood** (Menlo Atherton). Basketball coach retired in 2004 after 39 years at Miramonte High of Moraga where his teams compiled a 636-337 record.

**Steve Blaser** (Overfelt). Won CCS Division 2 basketball titles in 1984 and 1985 during 14-year coaching career at North Salinas High. Married CCS Commissioner Nancy Lazenby Blaser in 1990.

**Francis "Bud" Bresnahan** (Terra Nova). Jefferson High basketball coach, 1978-92, where his 1988 team was State Div. 3 champs.

**Armand Brett** (South San Francisco). California Wrestling Hall of Fame member coached Chico State from 1974 to 1996.

**Ron Calcagno** (St. Ignatius). Little All-American quarterback at Santa Clara University coached St. Francis football teams to a record of 233-59-3 and 10 CCS titles in 24 seasons.

**Mike Ciardella** (Jefferson). Sacred Heart Prep girls basketball coach guided teams to four straight state titles in the 1990s.

**Peter Cutino** (Monterey). University of California water polo coach guided the Golden Bears to eight NCAA titles and a record 519 victories from 1963-1988

**Dudley DeGroot** (Sequoia). Successful college and pro football coach in 1930s and 1940s who is in San Jose State Hall of Fame.

**Bob Drucker** (St. Ignatius). Head coach at St. Ignatius from 1967-86 (394-150), His 1980 and 1984 teams were CCS Champions.

**Bob Fatjo** (Bellarmine). Head coach of Bellarmine baseball from 1943 to 1968 compiled a 509-206 record.

**Steve Filios** (Serra). A rarity among coaches, he guided teams to CCS titles in two sports at St. Francis High in Mountain View; girls track 1984 and 1986-89, and boys basketball 1992, 93, 95, 98 and 2000-02. Honored many times with state and section coach of the year awards, his 1992 basketball team won the State Division II title as he compiled a 309-180 career record in the sport.

**Charles "Bud" Finger** (Burlingame). Stanford golf coach, 1948 to 1976. His teams won the 1953 NCAA and 12 conference titles.

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**Wilbur "Bill" Hubbard** (San Jose). San Jose State Hall of Famer coached football, baseball and basketball at the university.

**Ron Isola** (Riordan). His Riordan High basketball teams won CCS championships in 1980, 1985, 1986, 1989, 1990 and 1994.

**Sheryl Johnson** (Monta Vista). USA Field Hockey Player of the Year at Cal three times coached Stanford to nine conference titles.

**Phil Kelly** (Fremont). Coached basketball at Fremont High from 1966-90 (457-156) and won CCS titles in 1968, 1983 and 1990.

**Sam Klopstock** (San Jose). Stanford hurdler took 1934 NCAA 120-yard highs in 14.4 and national IC4A 200-yard lows in 24.2.

**Hal Kolstad** (Watsonville). Leigh High's head coach led the Longhorns to CCS baseball championships in 1974 and 1976.

**Art Lambert** (Sequoia). San Jose State Hall of Fame water polo player who coached Stanford University and USA's National Team.

**Pat Lovell** (Sequoia). California Wrestling Hall of Fame member who coached James Lick and Monta Vista high schools and coached football at Cabrillo College for 17 seasons.

**John Madden** (Jefferson). Oakland Raiders coach from 1969 to 1978 with a 112-39-7 record and a Super Bowl victory in 1976.

**Pat Malley** (St. Ignatius). Santa Clara University football coach who is in the San Jose Sports Hall of Fame.

**Joe Marvin** (Mountain View). His Sequoia High teams won 33 straight games in the early 1960s. Also coached Cabrillo Community College league champion teams.

**Jim Mastin** (Salinas). Whitman College Hall of Famer coached basketball for 11 seasons at Cabrillo College and 16 more at Whitman.

**Jim McDonald** (St. Ignatius). Assistant football coach at St. Mary's College for 25 years is in the Gaels' Hall of Fame

**Walt McPherson** (San Jose). San Jose State Hall of Fame athlete and baseball and basketball coach from 1940s to 1960s.

**Jimmy Needles** (St. Ignatius). 1920s and 1930s University of San Francisco football and basketball coach and the first USA Olympic basketball coach in 1936 is a member of the USF Hall of Fame.

**Pete Newell Jr.** (St. Ignatius). Santa Cruz High basketball coach ended 32-year prep career with 590 wins, 2005 State Div. 3 title.

**John Oldham** (Campbell). San Jose State pitcher who coached baseball at San Jose City College (390-246) and Santa Clara University (433-324).

**Ben Parks** (Hollister). Football and wrestling coach from 1968 to 1999 at Menlo-Atherton High School, where his outstanding service to the school and community was rewarded in 2005 when the school board

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named M-A's football field in his honor and with his induction into the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame.

**Benny Pierce** (Los Gatos). San Jose State halfback who was Saratoga High's only football coach until his retirement after the 1994 season (249-71-3). His teams won a county championship in 1971 before CCS playoffs began and four section titles.

**Pete Pontacq** (Capuchino). Skyline Community College basketball coach whose teams won 16 league titles and 1982 state title.

**DeWitt Portal** (San Jose). San Jose State Hall of Fame athlete and the Spartans' first boxing coach. In 19 seasons before his death in an accident, Portal's boxers won five individual NCAA titles and 17 Pacific Coast titles.

**John Robinson** (Serra). Football coach for USC, UNLV and the Los Angeles Rams between 1976 and 2004.

**Bernie Schneider** (Riordan). Basketball coach at Marin Catholic and Tamalpais High Schools is a member of the Marin Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame.

**Ann Stluka** (Mercy-Burlingame). Volleyball coach whose teams won two state, four Nor Cal and 21 league titles in 23 seasons.

**Sal Taormina** (San Jose). Coached Santa Clara University baseball for 15 seasons (511-249) and six league titles. His SCU teams never had a losing season.

**Robert "Dink" Templeton** (Palo Alto). Stanford athlete won an Olympic gold medal with the USA rugby team in 1920. As Stanford track and field coach (1921-1939), he guided his teams to three NCAA and four national IC4A titles.

**Carroll Williams** (Lincoln). San Jose State basketball star was Santa Clara University coach from 1971 to 1992 and is in the San Jose Sports Hall of Fame.

**Phil Woolpert** (St. Ignatius). National basketball Coach of the Year after his USF Dons won the NCAA titles in 1955 and 1956.