

San Francisco vs. East Bay **High School All-Star Football,** **1932 to 1938**

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Like faithful fans everywhere in the early days of Bay Area high school football, backers of San Francisco and East Bay prep teams argued about who played the best brand of ball in the region. Aside from a few preseason practice games between teams from both sides of San Francisco Bay there was very little evidence to settle the argument.

That changed in the 1930s, when San Francisco and East Bay high school all-star teams played for bragging rights nearly every year and champions of the San Francisco and Oakland leagues met twice in post-season play.

During the height of the Great Depression between 1932 and 1938, a series of games matched prep all-star football teams from San Francisco's Academic Athletic Association against top players from the Oakland Athletic League, the Alameda County Athletic League and other East Bay schools. Gate receipts went to charities supported by two Masonic organizations, the Sciots and DeMolay, and provided financial aid to destitute children and families. The American Legion Welfare Fund replaced the Sciots as a sponsor in 1936 with its share going to support a veterans' hospital in Livermore.

The eight East-West All-Star games were scheduled after the end of the high school season, usually in December, although the inaugural contest, which was organized in 1931, wasn't played until January, 1932. The first six games were contested at San Francisco's Kezar Stadium and the last two were at the University of California's Memorial Stadium in Berkeley. Attendance generally ranged between 5,000 and 15,000 except for the 1932 and 1937 games, where the crowds were held down by adverse weather conditions.

Performance in the games was often ragged because the teams were put together and practiced for only about two weeks before each contest. The first game included several players who had not played high school ball for a year or two and several players in the eight-year series played as juniors as well as seniors. Throughout the series many of the players were first team picks on newspaper all-league squads. They are designated by an asterisk (*) on rosters displayed at the end of each year's game account.

San Francisco outdid its cross-bay rivals in the series, winning four games, losing two, tying two and outscoring their opponents 102 points to 48. AAA Champion Galileo High won its two games against the OAL champs.

The following is based on advance stories and game accounts published in seven Bay Area newspapers. Despite the fact that reporters were watching the same game each year, stories occasionally differed slightly in details of the games and names of the players who participated.

1932 (January) - BLOWOUT BY THE BAY

All-Star football was not a new concept to either San Francisco or the Masonic Lodge in 1931. The Shriners had sponsored the annual East-West Shrine Game in the city since 1925. It had drawn crowds that sometimes filled Kezar's 60,000 seats as fans watched many of the best college players from all parts of the country perform in early January. Ticket proceeds helped fund the Shriners' San Francisco Hospital for Crippled Children.

San Francisco's football-mad fans seemingly couldn't get enough of the gridiron game, so promoters also brought in National Football League teams each year to play against all-star squads made up of former college players. In the first game early in 1926, the West Coast All-Stars whipped famous All-American halfback Harold "Red" Grange and his Chicago Bears, 14-7. These games continued at Kezar for nearly a decade.

The Masons may have come up with the idea for the first San Francisco versus East Bay high school game the previous year, when a team of former preps playing for the San Francisco chapter of the Junior Elks Club met a group of high school players representing the Oakland DeMolay. The 1930 mid-December charity game was won

by the Elks, 12-6, and drew a crowd of 4,000 to the Fremont High School field in East Oakland.

Originally planned as a 1931 contest, the inaugural game of the new San Francisco-East Bay All-Star series didn't actually take place until Jan. 10, 1932. For 50 cents admission spectators saw a pre-game pageant featuring DeMolay bands and drill teams plus the all-star contest.

It could have been considered a home game for the San Franciscans, because Academic Athletic Association teams had played 26 league games at Kezar in 1931. The University of San Francisco, St. Mary's College, Santa Clara University and the San Francisco Olympic Club also called Kezar home and played another 14 games on the stadium's tired turf.

Late in 1931, coaches were picked and invitations sent out to scores of prospective prep all-stars. San Francisco was coached by John Hurley, a 1925 and 1926 All-AAA end at Lick-Wilmerding High who had starred with Washington State's 1930 Pacific Coast Conference champions and had just completed a year playing with the Cleveland Rams of the National Football League. The East Bay mentor was Ted Beckett, the University of California's 1930 All-American guard.

Players came and went during the 10-day training period. Some turned down invitations because of injuries suffered during the regular season. A few passed on an appearance because of other commitments or interest in getting ready for basketball or spring sports. Not all the players were seniors in 1931. At least eight had last appeared in a high school uniform in either 1929 or 1930.

Pretty much everything that happened after the 2 p.m. kickoff went badly for the young men from across the Bay. As 7,000 fans looked on, the East Bay team gave the ball away several times and the San Francisco squad took advantage of nearly every mistake to ring up a decisive 38-0 victory. All future games of the series would be much more competitive and feature lower scoring than the inaugural.

Commerce High All-City halfback Johnny Reisner was the game's star, scoring three times on passes, twice from Bob Norton of Lowell and a third time on the theft of an errant aerial thrown by the East Bay's Harry Mattos of McClymonds.

Scoring began early in the first quarter. After the San Franciscans returned a punt to their 25-yard line, they went 75 yards in three plays. Reisner bucked for two yards and then Frank Walker, 190-pound captain of Poly High's city champions, raced to the East Bay's 45-yard line. On the next play, Norton cut inside left end, reversed his field and scampered the rest of the way for the first touchdown. Commerce guard Matt Brasnyo failed to convert the extra point with his place kick.

In the second period, a player, variously described in newspapers as either Sacred Heart guard Bernard Corrigan or Galileo end Carl Spirz, burst through the line to block a punt and the ball was recovered by San Francisco at the three. Walker scored on a short run three plays later.

The game turned into a rout after half time. Commerce center Bob Roth blocked another punt, grabbed the ball in mid air and ran 43 yards to pay dirt. Brasnyo's successful kick extended the lead to 19-0. A pair of Norton to Reisner passes accounted for the next two scores, the first covering 55 yards and the second 30 yards. A Norton to Hurley pass added the point after and the lead was 32-0. Reisner closed out the scoring by picking off Mattos' pass and running the ball back 31 yards for a touchdown.

The San Francisco fans were delighted with the result and said they'd be back for the next all-star game. The sponsors were pleased with the turnout and indicated they'd schedule another game in December.

Score by periods

San Francisco All-Stars	6	6	13	13	--	38
East Bay All-Stars	0	0	0	0	--	0

San Francisco -- Bob Norton, 45-yard run (kick failed); Frank Walker, 3-yard run (kick failed); Bob Roth, 43-yard blocked punt return (Matt Brasnyo kick); Reisner on pass from Norton, 55 yards (kick failed); Reisner on pass from Norton, 30 yards (Hurley, pass from Norton); Reisner, 31-yard pass interception return (kick failed).

1931 SAN FRANCISCO ALL-STARS

End - *Ken Harper (Polytechnic), *Carl Spirz (Galileo), Lyle Patton (Cogswell), Will Patton (Cogswell), Goble (Commerce)
Tackle - *Bernard Corrigan (Sacred Heart), *Larry Rouble (Lowell), Harry Carlson (Lowell), Hall (Polytechnic)
Guard - *Woodward Adams (Balboa), *Matt Brasnyo (Commerce), *Jimmy Ficken (Galileo), Robert Church (Lowell), Albrecht (Galileo)
Center - *Bob Roth (Commerce), Sid Rosenberg (Galileo) Harold Cooke (Lowell)
Back - *Prentiss Goldstone (Galileo), *Earl Hoos (Commerce), *Bob Norton (Lowell), *Frank Walker (Polytechnic), *Johnny Reisner (Commerce), Harold Hayden (San Mateo), Charlie Hale (Cogswell), Robert Haas (Polytechnic), Harold Parks (Polytechnic), Dalby (San Mateo)

1931 EAST BAY ALL-STARS

End - *Asa "Ace" Anthony (Roosevelt), Ed Barker (Roosevelt), Russell Porterfield (Fremont), Homer Johnson (McClymonds),
Tackle - Ed Tieberg (Piedmont), Harvey Saxton (Roosevelt), Bill Dennis (Berkeley), Grandon Russell (Fremont)
Guard - *Charles Mosely (McClymonds), *Bob Davis (Oakland), Keith Smith (Fremont), Pete D'Alfonso (University), Bob Peterson (Roosevelt),
Center - *Monty Phillips (Castlemont), Wood Wilkinson (Oakland)
Backs - *Bob Pringle (McClymonds), Harry Mattos (McClymonds), Dick Moyer (Piedmont), Ted Gore (Berkeley), Ted Adams (Fremont), Ray Denham (McClymonds), Jack Whiting (Fremont), Les Hamilton (Castlemont), McPherson (Oakland), Ryan (McClymonds), Gardner (Oakland),

1932 (December) - DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW

San Francisco is blessed with mild weather all year around. It's cooled by fog in the summer and winter temperatures are moderated by bay and ocean waters that border the city on three sides.

As a result, it doesn't snow very often in San Francisco. It's a certainty that sponsors of the San Francisco versus East Bay All-Star game didn't have snow in mind when they marked Dec. 11, 1932, on their calendar for the second game.

But, what they got was enough rain and snow to make the heavily used Kezar Stadium turf a quagmire and cold temperatures that kept nearly all the paying customers away from the stadium's soggy wooden bleacher seats.

Only 200 spectators braved the coldest San Francisco weather in 62 years to watch the game which was played, ironically enough, for the benefit of the Sciots' charity, the "Sunshine Fund." Eight-tenths of an inch of snow fell overnight, the most since 3 1/2 inches had blanketed the city in 1887. The snow continued to fall past the 2 p.m. kickoff, when the temperature rose to a still-frigid 30 degrees from a midday low of 27.

"San Francisco and Oakland High School All-Stars fumbled, slipped, skidded and slapped themselves in an attempt to keep warm while trying to play a game of football," said the *San Francisco Chronicle*. "The final gun left the score a 6-to-6 tie and sent the 200 who braved the weather scurrying home to thaw out by the good old kitchen stove."

John Hurley was back as San Francisco's head coach and it appeared his All-Stars might be in line for a repeat of the previous game's blowout when they scored in the first minute of play. Balboa High captain Ray Rodriguez provided the West Bay touchdown. The end rushed in and blocked the first punt of the day by McClymonds' Bob Gonzales, picked the ball up at the six-yard line and ran in for the score. The conversion try by his Balboa teammate, Roy Johnson, failed to connect.

San Francisco had another opportunity to put points on the scoreboard later in the quarter. Attempting to kick from his own 10-yard line, Gonzales fumbled the slippery ball and Commerce High guard Cedric Woodard recovered. But East Bay held and finally took the ball back at the 15.

East Bay head coach Jimmy Dixon, a star halfback with Cal during the mid-1920s, rallied his team, which scored early in the second quarter. Halfback Elliott Kelley of Berkeley High swung around left end, eluded several tacklers and sprinted 40 yards to the nine-yard line before being brought down by Cogswell back Charlie Hale. Three plays later, Kelley carried the ball in from the six, according to the majority of newspaper reports. Several

other stories identified Gonzales as the scorer. Kelley's attempted drop kick for the PAT slid off the side of his foot and the score was knotted at 6-6.

Poor field conditions kept most of the play during the second half between the 20-yard lines and the deadlock continued until the end of the game.

There was talk afterward that a rematch might be arranged for the following Sunday to settle the issue and add money to the Scouts' charity fund, but nothing ever came of the discussions.

Score by periods

San Francisco All-Stars	6	0	0	0	--	6
East Bay All-Stars	0	6	0	0	--	6

San Francisco -- Ray Rodriguez, 6-yard blocked punt return (kick failed).
East Bay -- Elliott Kelley, 6-yard run (kick failed).

1932 SAN FRANCISCO ALL-STARS

End - *Carl Schott (Galileo), Ray Rodriguez (Balboa), Suren Hagopian (Lowell), Ed Douglas (Lowell)
Tackles - Eugene McAteer (Mission), Jack Cooke (Lowell), Bill Drewlen, (Balboa), Frank Morena (Galileo)
Guard - *Roy Johnson (Balboa), *Frank Adamich (Galileo), *Tom Hawkins (Sacred Heart), James Prideaux (Polytechnic), Cedric Woodard (Commerce)
Center - Ed Farrer (Lowell), Sebastian Passanisi (Galileo)
Backs - *Arnold Davis (Commerce), *George Lapin (Galileo), Charles Purpora (Commerce), Gerald Stubo (Balboa), Art Stevens (Galileo), Dick Gratton (Polytechnic), Jack Rolla (Polytechnic), Charlie Hale (Cogswell), Joe Telesmanic (St. Ignatius, a junior)

1932 EAST BAY ALL-STARS

End - *Al Nelson (Castlemont), Jud Callaghan (St. Mary's), Norm Finney (Piedmont), Reno Passone (Richmond)
Tackles - Elwyn Dunstan (Castlemont), Kenny Kouns (McClymonds), George Meyer (Alameda), Karl Orth (St. Mary's, a junior)
Guard - *Chris Mederias (Roosevelt), *Harold Rossi (Roosevelt), James Symington (Roosevelt), Buss McNabb (Castlemont), Robert Drexel (Richmond), Norm Robinson (Berkeley)
Center - John Britton (Piedmont), Harry Flick (Roosevelt)
Backs - *Roy Schmitt (Roosevelt), *Bob Gonzales (McClymonds), Homer Helmstein (Alameda), Elliott Kelley (Berkeley), Overido Dami (Technical), John Caredis (McClymonds), Frank Ferreira (St. Mary's), William Whitmore (Richmond), Fred Schmallenberger (Alameda), Leonard Coombs (Richmond), Joe Passafiume (McClymonds)

1933 - LET'S PLAY TWO

If there was anything some Bay Area prep football fans wanted more than one East Bay versus West Bay post-season football game it might have been two. They got their wish in 1933.

After many years of refusing to allow their league champion to play the San Francisco leader, Oakland Athletic League officials relented in the interest of charity fund-raising and a game was arranged for the University of California's Memorial Stadium on the first Sunday in December. The third All-Star game followed two weeks later at Kezar with 10,000 fans in attendance.

The first game on Dec. 2 matching AAA champion Galileo against OAL winner Oakland High was watched by 8,000 shivering fans at the big Berkeley stadium. Oakland was given a slight edge at 8-0-1 with only a tie against Berkeley High marring its record. Galileo had losses to Marin Junior College and Richmond High and a tie with Stockton, but had knocked off previously undefeated Commerce, 7-6, to take the Triple-A title.

The Lions' Leon Chevalier scored on a short run in the first quarter and Dario Lodigiani kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead. Oakland's Bob Lammon returned the third quarter kickoff 68 yards for a score, but failed to convert the PAT and the Wildcats trailed 7-6. Oakland moved 220-pound tackle Jack Sobrero into the fullback position in the second half. While he and Lammon consistently gained yardage, Galileo held them scoreless the rest of the way and tacked on a safety when end Ted Spurz blocked a punt out of the end zone for a 9-6 victory.

For the All-Star game, San Francisco coach John Hurley was joined by his brother, George, a 1925 All-City tackle at Lick-Wilmerding High, who had played at Washington State and was coming off his second year in the National Football League. Oddly, their roster for the Dec. 17 game at Kezar included only three players from the champion Galileo squad, guard Milt Seropian and backs Chevalier and Bill Roberts.

East Bay coach Jimmy Dixon liked what he saw in the Galileo-Oakland game and moved Sobrero into the East Bay backfield from the tackle position where he had been selected on the All-OAL team during the regular season. Five of Sobrero's Wildcats teammates were on the All-Star roster, Lammons, end Louis Climo, guard Al "Whitey" Gustafson, center/end Bert Voortmyer and tackle Walt Loving.

As a fullback, Sobrero was an unusual offensive weapon in an era when few prep backs weighed as much as 190 pounds and most linemen tipped the scales at between 160 and 195. The big fullback gained good yardage on the ground against the San Francisco All-Stars, caught three passes for substantial gains and put on what the *San Francisco Examiner* described as, "a brilliant performance at kicking."

The East Bay had a chance to do some damage early in the first quarter when Fremont High's Hugo Scarzella recovered a punt return fumble by the usually reliable Jimmy Coffis of Commerce High at San Francisco's 25-yard line. The threat ended when Leo Englert of St. Mary's High passed incomplete into the end zone on first down for a touchback and possession of the ball was given to San Francisco on the 20-yard line.

Some comments about the rules might help. Today's football fans would recognize the game as played under 1933 rules, but there were some major differences. Any incomplete pass into the end zone was an automatic touchback. In 1934, the maximum circumference of the ball was reduced by an inch to make it easier to grip and to improve passing. As the passing game became more popular, the touchback rule eventually was rescinded along with another that invoked a five-yard penalty for more than one incomplete pass in the same series of downs.

There were other significant rules' differences in 1933 involving substitutions and coaching. Once a player was removed from the game, he could not return until the next period. An illegal substitution resulted in a 25-yard penalty. Coaches and players had to remain seated on the bench and were not permitted to walk the sidelines. Coaches were prohibited from giving instruction to players on the field and a substitute was not permitted to talk to a teammate in the game until one play had been run. Illegal communication cost the team 15 yards.

There were two more scoring threats in the second period. Commerce High's Vernon Alley intercepted an Englert pass on the East Bay 17 and returned it to the two-yard marker. But, the East held and Sobrero punted out of danger. Near the end of the half, the East Bay's passing attack netted 48 yards to the San Francisco 11-yard line, but the drive failed when Englert passed incomplete into the end zone again.

After the scoreless first half, the East Bay drove from San Francisco's 42-yard line and Sobrero scored from the three for a 6-0 lead. A bad pass from center cost the East Bay any chance for the extra point.

On the fourth quarter's first play, San Francisco evened the score when Coffis darted outside left tackle for 21 yards and a touchdown. The PAT failed on a signal mixup and the final count remained a 6-6 tie for the second straight year.

Score by periods

San Francisco All-Stars	0	0	0	6	--	6
East Bay All-Stars	0	0	6	0	--	6
	San Francisco -- Jimmy Coffis, 21-yard run (kick failed).					
	East Bay -- Frank Sobrero, 3-yard run (kick failed).					

1933 SAN FRANCISCO ALL-STARS

Ends - *Henry Sparks (Polytechnic), Bob Dakan (Commerce), Gene McSweeney (Sacred Heart), George Frates (Lowell), Joe Balzer (St. Ignatius)

Tackles - *Bill Marcus (Polytechnic), *John West (Polytechnic), *Jerry Ginney (Lowell), *Earl Castro (Commerce)

Guards - *Bob Gorman (Lowell), *John "Red" Stephens (Commerce), *Harry Gold (Commerce), Milt Seropian

(Galileo)

Center - *Leo Scatena (Polytechnic), Jack Berlin (Balboa),

Backs - *Leon Chevalier (Galileo), *Cedric Woodard (Commerce), *Jimmy Coffis (Commerce), *Vernon Alley (Commerce), Bill Roberts (Galileo), Len Colbert (Lick-Wilmerding), George Johnstone (St. Ignatius), Joe Telesmanic (St. Ignatius), Anton Boehle (Balboa)

1933 EAST BAY ALL-STARS

End - *Louis Climo (Oakland), *Dick Moitoza (Richmond), Bert Voortmyer (Oakland), Ralph Job (University), Daun (Hayward)

Tackle- *Nick Glavinovich (Berkeley), Karl Orth (St. Mary's), Walt Loving (Oakland), Matt Moore (Technical), Milt Walton (St. Mary's), Earl Dyer (Fremont)

Guard - *Al "Whitey" Gustafson (Oakland), *William Castro (San Leandro), *Ed Ware (Berkeley), *Charles Wheeler (Piedmont), Bud Shea (St. Mary's)

Center - *Graham Judge (Technical), Hugo Scarzella (Fremont)

Back - *Jack Sobrero (Oakland), Johnny Pestana (Roosevelt), *Bob Lammon (Oakland), *Chester Donner (Piedmont), *Leo Englert (St. Mary's), *Perry Thomas (Berkeley), John Mack (McClymonds), Elijah Tharp (Roosevelt), Norman Flagg (Fremont)

1934 - SAN FRANCISCO'S STILL IN CHARGE

San Francisco continued to dominate post-season high school football in 1934, chalking up a pair of wins against opponents from the other side of the Bay.

The second annual game between league champions was played on Monday, Nov. 12, a holiday that celebrated Armistice Day marking the day World War I ended on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. Galileo High returned to the contest as repeat AAA champions, winning the title with a single loss to second place Lowell. The San Franciscans faced Castlemont High, a school that had opened in the farthest suburban part of East Oakland only four years earlier and was celebrating its first OAL football title.

The Knights were no match for the Lions, turning the ball over on four fumbles and a pass interception in a 49-0 drubbing before 25,000 fans at Kezar. Galileo's powerful All-City fullback, Jean LaCau, scored three times. The Lions led 31-0 at the half and cleared the bench in the second half to give the substitutes some playing time.

The All-Star contest on Dec. 1 at Kezar was a different matter. San Francisco won, 6-0, but the 10,000 spectators saw a game where defense ruled the day on a badly overused field that had been soaked by rain for weeks. The East Bay team's offense sputtered, gaining only 44 yards and one first down and never advancing past San Francisco's 40-yard line. And while they gave up 244 yards all over the field to their San Francisco opponents, the East Bay's stubborn defense repeatedly stiffened close to the goal line and thwarted several attempts to score.

San Francisco drove 65 yards to the one-foot line in the opening stanza, but the East Bay held, took over the ball and was forced to kick. Marshall Ede of Piedmont punted poorly to the 28-yard marker and it was returned 14 yards by Jack Huebel of St. Ignatius. Galileo end Ted Spirz picked up 10 on an end around and LaCau pounded twice into the line before reaching the end zone on fourth down. Playing in an era when football helmets were not equipped with face masks, LaCau was put out of the game in the fourth quarter with a broken nose.

The East Bay defense stopped San Francisco several times near the goal line. The closest the West Bay squad came to scoring before LaCau's touchdown was in the first quarter when Lowell's Jerry Dowd field goal attempt from the 15-yard line fell short.

It was the same in the second half. Halfback Murray Shea of St. Ignatius contributed the longest run of the day, a 27-yard dash to the 11-yard line, where East Bay held off the San Franciscans again. A 23-yard pass from Dowd to St. Ignatius end Jim Coughlan put the ball on the East's seven-yard stripe on the last play of the game.

Score by periods

San Francisco All-Stars	0	6	0	0	--	6
East Bay All-Stars	0	0	0	0	--	0

San Francisco -- Jean LaCau, 1-yard run (kick failed).

1934 SAN FRANCISCO ALL-STARS

End - *Ted Spirz (Galileo), *Bill Butler (Lowell), Joe Marelich (Mission), George Warren (Polytechnic), Jim Coughlan (St. Ignatius), Andy Stojkovich (Balboa)
Tackle - *Oran DeVoto (Galileo), Jack Tompkins (Lowell), Earl Finnerty (Balboa), Al Wolff (Mission), Ed Parker (Commerce)
Guard - *Frank Russo (Galileo), *Bill Pedrin (Lowell), Willard Millar (Commerce), Lynch (Sacred Heart)
Center - *Dick Sutton (Lowell), Jack Thomas (Polytechnic)
Back - *Jerry Dowd (Lowell), *Jean LaCau (Galileo), Murray Shea (St. Ignatius), Jack Huebel (St. Ignatius), Bernard Moncla (Galileo), Peter Fay (Galileo), Benny Barazoto (Mission), Bob Smith (Sacred Heart), Blair Beckett (Polytechnic), Bill Bruce (St. Ignatius)

1934 EAST BAY ALL-STARS

End - *Frank Sweeney (McClymonds), *Lew Staehle (Piedmont), *George Zulem (St. Mary's), Ray Jones (Piedmont), Vern Thornton (McClymonds),
Tackle - *John "Jack" Thew (Castlemont), Marco Ambulla (Technical), Howard Robinson (Piedmont), Art Perro (McClymonds), Roy Sutro (McClymonds), Bale (Piedmont)
Guard - *Willy Budko (Roosevelt), *Bob Lee (Berkeley), *Harold Booth (Piedmont), Tom Ray (Piedmont), Ralph "Red" Settle (Oakland), Don Brain (Fremont)
Center - *Harold Pepperal (Castlemont), Hook (Mount Diablo),
Back - *Eddie Woodward (Fremont), *Dick Leighton (University), *Augie Hildebrandt (Castlemont) *Marshall Ede (Piedmont), *John Erickson (Piedmont), Herb Denk (Piedmont), Jim Barlow (Mount Diablo), Frank Thomas (McClymonds), Jim Porter (Piedmont)

1935 - THE EAST BAY CELEBRATES AT LAST

In six tries -- four in the San Francisco-East Bay All-Star series and twice in the league champions match ups -- post-season trans-bay football had resulted in a pair of ties and four San Francisco victories.

That finally changed on Dec. 1 at Kezar when two Berkeley High ends gave East Bay supporters among the crowd of 10,000 something to cheer about as the visiting All-Stars pulled off their first victory, 6-0.

There was speculation before the game that the San Francisco All-Stars had the edge. The West Bay squad was confident and featured six members of Poly's undefeated league champions including 230-pound All-City tackle Fidel Neilson and All-City halfback Vance Peters, who had set an AAA season record by scoring 70 points.

The OAL race had been very close with San Leandro winning its first championship since the school opened in 1926. The Pirates didn't dominate, however, winning five and tying two games. They earned the title with a win over runner-up Oakland High, which finished league play with a 6-1-0 record.

The East Bay head coach was Jimmy Hole, who had guided Berkeley High to the 1924 state football title and now was head man of the Cal Ramblers, the university's junior varsity football team. His assistant was Arleigh Williams, an All-America halfback at Cal the previous season. The Hurley brothers were back at the helm for San Francisco.

The game started slowly. East Bay penetrated San Francisco's defense to the 14-yard line in the second quarter and made other forays to the 25 and 21. But, offensive miscues stopped each attempt as the opportunistic San Francisco defense intercepted three passes and recovered three fumbles during the course of the game.

The East Bay attempted only 11 passes all day and completed only three. But, all the successful receptions came during a third quarter scoring drive.

After Castlemont guard Bill Breese intercepted one of Peters' passes and returned it to the East Bay 44-yard line, Tom Lane of St. Mary's threw to Berkeley High end Johnny Allen for nine yards. Then, he hooked up with the Yellowjackets' other end, Bill Biggerstaff, for a gain to the San Francisco 13. After Quentin Thompson of Oakland High plunged for two more yards, the rangy 6-foot-4 Biggerstaff leaped high above two defenders, grabbed Lane's pass and fell across the goal line for the touchdown.

Allen played a huge role from his defensive end position, rushing the San Francisco passers so effectively that they completed only 5 of 15 tosses for 26 yards and gave up five interceptions. The San Francisco running attack was more productive, out gaining East Bay, 132 yards to 106.

Although one of his kicks was blocked, punter Fred Ball of Richmond High was effective at keeping San Francisco deep in its own territory. He averaged 40-yards on eight punts including one quick kick that sailed 60 yards in the air and rolled to SF's 14-yard line.

Score by periods

San Francisco All-Stars	0	0	0	0	--	0
East Bay All-Stars	0	0	6	0	--	6

East Bay -- Bill Biggerstaff on pass from Tom Lane, 11 yards (kick failed).

1935 SAN FRANCISCO ALL-STARS

End - *Alfred Wright (Sacred Heart), *Glen Wunderling (Polytechnic), *Frank Gibeau (Commerce), Joe Lacey (St. Ignatius)
 Tackle- *Fidel Neilson (Polytechnic), *Eugene "Hank" Maffie (Mission), *Frank Bennett (Lowell), William West (Polytechnic)
 Guard - *Bill McGuffin (Galileo), *Bill Sinclair (Polytechnic), Stockton Shaw (Lowell), Nick Cresci (Sacred Heart)
 Center - *Preston Worsham (Balboa), John McDonagh (St. Ignatius)
 Back - *Roman "Pete" Guaraglia (Polytechnic), *Zane Stickel (Lowell), *Hal Missamore (Galileo), *Vance Peters (Polytechnic), *John Schiechl (Balboa), Rodney Wair (Mission), Frank McCann (Commerce), Andrew Ortiz (Balboa), Howard Campbell (Balboa), Jim Wilson (St. Ignatius), Roy Pinella (St. Ignatius),

1935 EAST BAY ALL-STARS

End - *Bill Biggerstaff (Berkeley), *Johnny Allen (Berkeley), *Elwood Pierce (Technical), Charles Ostrander (Richmond)
 Tackle - *Jack Chapman (Oakland); *Mel Nauman (Roosevelt), Jack Heaslet (Berkeley), Jim Wilson (Richmond), *George Rideaux (Alameda)
 Guard - Louis Marchiorlatti (Technical), Bill Breese (Castlemont), Carl Hoberg (Oakland), Herb Rowley (Roosevelt), Ken Sutherland (Berkeley)
 Center - *Milo Milicevich (Richmond), Bud Bischoff (Oakland)
 Back - *George Lasater (Roosevelt), *Bernard Remson (McClymonds), *Quentin Thompson (Oakland), *Fred Ball (Richmond), *Bob Fairchild (Berkeley), Paul Durckel (Technical), Tom Lane (St. Mary's), Glenn Sinnott (St. Mary's), Howard Hickingbotham (Piedmont)

1936 - FINALLY, SOME TOUCHDOWNS

A Kezar Stadium crowd of 10,000 turned out for the highest scoring game of the All-Star series which ended in San Francisco's favor, 18-12.

Five touchdowns on the scoreboard was only one fewer than both teams had created in the previous four games combined. It was a high total for a 48-minute high school game, or even one of the 60-minute college variety in 1936. By comparison that year, the Bay Area's five major colleges -- Cal, Stanford, USF, St. Mary's and Santa Clara -- and their opponents scored more than 30 points combined in a game only nine times in 49 contests.

But, the final score was deceptive and the game was not the offensive extravaganza that it might immediately appear. For one thing, there were 22 punts, a dozen of them by the San Francisco team.

Coached once again by the Hurley brothers, the West Bay stars dominated their East Bay rivals offensively, 210 yards to only 39. The East Bay, under the direction of Arleigh Williams and his former Cal teammate, All-American tackle Larry Lutz, rushed the ball 20 times for a total of minus five yards. In the air, East Bay completed 8 of 18 passes, but for only 36 yards. Five of their passes were picked off and penalties totaling 40 yards more than offset East Bay's meager offensive output.

Injuries to star players probably adversely affected the offensive potential of both teams. Mike Klotovich, star

halfback of Mission High's AAA champions, missed the game entirely because of a broken collar bone suffered in the final league contest. Lloyd "Rocket" Francisco, a halfback who had scored 82 points in the eight games played by ACAL champion Piedmont High, sprained his ankle badly in practice. He played briefly in the All-Star game before limping to the sidelines.

Midway through the opening quarter, San Francisco put up the first score after a 65-yard drive that featured a 27-yard pass from Mission's Andy Marefos to Roy Yuretich of Balboa High. Marefos scored the touchdown on a one yard plunge over right guard. Yuretich's conversion place kick was wide.

The East Bay equalized in the second period. Richmond end Leroy Borgstrom blocked Marefos' punt at San Francisco's 27, picked up the bouncing ball at the seven-yard stripe and ran into the end zone to knot the count at 6-6. The PAT kick missed wide.

San Francisco iced the win with two scores in the third quarter. With the ball on its own 48, Yuretich sped around left end, dodged a tackle by Oakland Tech's Demetrius Kimble at the 12 and scored the go-ahead touchdown. Kimble returned the subsequent kickoff, but fumbled on the East Bay 33-yard line where Sacred Heart's Joe McGrath recovered. Several plays later Marefos passed to St. Ignatius end Bill Telesmanic, who caught the ball and ran in for the score on a play that covered 24 yards. The conversion kick was blocked and San Francisco was ahead, 18-6.

East Bay got one score back in the fourth quarter when Valdemere Mattos of Hayward High fielded a punt on his 10 and raced 90 yards for the final touchdown. The day's fifth conversion kick failed and the game ended 18-12.

Score by periods

San Francisco All-Stars	6	0	12	0 -- 18
East Bay All-Stars	0	6	0	6 -- 12

San Francisco -- Andy Marefos, 1-yard run (kick failed); Roy Yuretich, 52-yard run (kick failed); Bill Telesmanic on pass from Marefos, 24 yards (kick failed).

East Bay -- Leroy Borgstrom, 27-yard blocked punt return (kick failed); Valdemere Mattos, 90-yard punt return (kick failed).

1936 SAN FRANCISCO ALL-STARS

End - *Jon Consiglieri (Balboa), Art Andersen (Polytechnic), Jim Desmond (Sacred Heart), Bill Telesmanic (St. Ignatius)

Tackle - *Bill Braun (Mission), Dick Mesak (Mission), Bob Dunnigan (St. Ignatius), "Tank" Hill (Polytechnic)

Guard - *Joe McGrath (Sacred Heart), *Stanley Buffa (Balboa), George Poppin (Commerce), Boyd Garrison (Polytechnic)

Center - *Lee Stanfel (Commerce), Hughes Ogilvie (Polytechnic)

Back - *Andy Marefos (Mission), *Roy Yuretich (Balboa), Joe Buckley (Sacred Heart), Ed Baber (Commerce), Joe McEntarffer (St. Ignatius), Bill Collier (Commerce), Sam Johnstone (Polytechnic)

1936 EAST BAY ALL-STARS

End - *Stan Graff (Oakland), *Nat Hellman (Piedmont), *Leroy Borgstrom (Richmond)

Tackle - *Ray Wesner (Fremont), *Bill Turner (Piedmont), Stan Bierwith (Alameda), Ed Johansen (Richmond)

Guard - *John "Jack" Warnecke (Oakland), *John Hanson (Piedmont), *Louis Bonaparte (Richmond), Eugene Visentin (St. Mary's),

Center - *Joe Carr (Fremont), *Charles Morrill (Piedmont)

Back - *Lloyd Francisco (Piedmont), *Glen Whalen (Roosevelt), *Valdemere Mattos (Hayward), Pete Visentin (St. Mary's), Lloyd McCloud (St. Mary's), Bob Shields (Piedmont), Demetrius Kimble (Technical)

1937 - LOTS OF RAIN, LOTS OF EXCITEMENT

For the second year in a row All-Star game spectators saw a high scoring contest and one that produced the best offensive show of the series. Unfortunately, there weren't many fans in the stands for the game which finished with an 18-14 East Bay victory.

Large areas of Northern California were flooded as streams over topped their banks following a protracted period

of heavy rain. It rained on Dec. 11 in Berkeley, where the All-Stars' first visit to Memorial Stadium attracted a game day crowd estimated at between 2,000 and 2,500. They saw a contest that produced five touchdowns for the second consecutive year and an outstanding performance in a losing cause by Mission High's Pete Franceschi.

"Surrounded by blockers for the first time this season," said Bob Brachman in the *San Francisco Examiner*, "Pete rambled, passed and kicked with brilliance that surpassed anything seen since the DeMolay charity game series started in 1931."

In pre-game stories, reporters predicted the 155-pound halfback would be San Francisco's main weapon on offense. They noted that Ken Casanega of OAL co-champion Castlemont High and Roosevelt High's Bill Lasater also were a pair of potent triple threat backs, who could run, pass and kick from the East Bay's wing formations.

This was the period before the modern "T" formation came into vogue in the 1940s. Almost every team -- prep, college and professional -- relied on either the single and double wing with unbalanced line formations developed by Stanford Coach Glenn S. "Pop" Warner, or Knute Rockne's Notre Dame box formation with its balanced line. Both emphasized powerhouse running supplemented by the deception offered by spinning fullbacks and reverses run by swift wing backs. A skillful triple threat halfback who could perform well in all aspects of the offense was every coach's ultimate dream.

Fortunately for the backs on both teams, Cal's grounds keepers had kept the field dry during daily downpours by covering it with a canvas tarpaulin. Franceschi wasted no time demonstrating there was firm footing, speeding 51 yards to the East 25 on the game's opening play, spinning out of the grasp of several would-be tacklers along the way. Six plays later, he drove in from the 2-yard line for the first of his two touchdowns. Poly High's Mike Slepnikoff converted -- the first successful PAT kick in the series in six seasons.

During the rest of his day, Franceschi returned punts for 39 and 46 yards, completed passes of 22, 13 and 26 yards and contributed runs of 22 and 24 yards while gaining 103 of the West's 105 net yards on the ground and a large share of the team's 145 yards in the air.

George Hurley was joined on the San Francisco coaching lines by Russ Sweet, the San Francisco Junior College head man, and Clifford "Biff" Hoffman, a Petaluma High product who was the 1927 NCAA discus champion and 1928 Rose Bowl MVP at halfback for Stanford University. Larry Lutz and former Cal player Joe Smith coached the Easterners. While their team was winning the battle of the statistics, Hurley, Sweet and Hoffman could not concoct a defense that could prevent the East Bay from getting three scores.

After San Francisco took the lead, the East Bay chose to kick off and Franceschi returned the ball to the 31-yard line. The strategy paid off when Lowell's Vernon Ambrose fumbled a punt attempt and was run out of bounds at his own 32. Four plays later Casanega threw a 15-yard pass to Lasater for the score. The conversion failed.

In the second quarter, the East got what observers thought was good break on a bad call by Referee Tommy Fitzpatrick, the McClymonds High football coach and an experienced Pacific Coast Conference official. An Ambrose punt was blocked at San Francisco's 36 by St. Mary's High guard Don Mackin, who chased the ball, but overran it when it stopped at the one-foot line. With one knee touching the ground behind the goal line and the other in the playing field, Mackin picked up the ball and placed it in the end zone. Fitzpatrick ruled it a touchdown.

There was no instant replay available, but most observers figured the East Bay could have scored from the one foot line, anyway, so there was little protest and the East took a 12-7 lead when the point after attempt failed.

San Francisco regained the lead near the end of the third period when end Nate Howard of Commerce High blocked a punt by Berkeley High's Mel Reid and the ball was recovered by Balboa's Frank Zmak at the five. Franceschi scored from the three several plays later. The conversion try was blocked, but an alert Jack Francis of Balboa High picked up the ball and ran into the end zone to raise the difference to 14-12.

The East Bay went ahead for good in the final period. A 51-yard punt return for a touchdown by Casanega was called back because of a penalty, but he ran the next punt back to San Francisco's 38. A 33-yard pass from Reid to end Jack Meyers of ACAL champion Richmond High put the East on the five-yard line and Richmond's Bob Crane went into the end zone from the two moments later to provide the East with its winning margin.

Score by periods

San Francisco All-Stars	7	0	7	0	--	14
East Bay All-Stars	6	6	0	6	--	18

San Francisco -- Pete Franceschi, 2-yard run (Mike Slepnikoff kick); Franceschi, 3-yard run (Jack Francis ran in blocked PAT attempt).

East Bay -- Bill Lasater on pass from Ken Casanega, 15 yards (kick failed); Don Makin, recovered blocked punt in end zone (kick failed); Bob Crane, 2-yard run (kick failed).

1937 SAN FRANCISCO ALL-STARS

End - *Nate Howard (Commerce), Jack Cochrane (Galileo), Bill Ross (Mission), Ed Carberry (St. Ignatius)

Tackle - *Al Ward (Polytechnic), *Frank Zmak (Balboa), Gomer Jones (Lowell), Nick Seminoff (Commerce)

Guard - *Frank Peschiera (Galileo), Dave Rohrer (Polytechnic), Emmett Hickson (Mission), Harding Leong (Commerce), Jim Hearning (St. Ignatius)

Center - Walter Crombie (Mission), Clayton Wolfe (Balboa)

Back - *Jack Francis (Balboa), *Pete Franceschi (Mission), Bud Carroll (Galileo), Bill Ward (Galileo), Jimmy Concannon (Commerce), Mike Slepnikoff (Polytechnic), Clark "Chuck" Keyer (Sacred Heart), Vernon Ambrose (Lowell),

NOTE - The Oakland Tribune and San Francisco Call-Bulletin reported that Jim Hearning of St. Ignatius was on the team at guard. The Berkeley Gazette, San Francisco Chronicle and San Francisco Examiner all reported that Harding Leong of Commerce had the roster spot.

1937 EAST BAY ALL-STARS

End - Henry Vickers (Alameda), Myron Weekes (Oakland), Jack Meyers (Richmond), Warren Simpson (Castlemont)

Tackle - Owen Henson (Richmond), Harold Bystrom (Oakland), Walter Batchelder (Richmond), Walter Otto (Piedmont)

Guard - *Roger Yawata (University), *Arnold Carston (Oakland), Don Mackin (St. Mary's), Cliff Machek (Berkeley)

Center - Larry Taylor (Piedmont), Dante Lazzaretti (Richmond)

Back - *Bill Lasater (Roosevelt), *Ken Casanega (Castlemont), Mel Reid (Berkeley), Bob Crane (Richmond), Pat Rhyan (Fremont), Ken Speer (Richmond), Henry Daley (Fremont), Jack Pearce (Technical), Stafford MacGregor (Fremont)

1938 - THE END OF THE ROAD

The All-Stars series, which started with a shutout victory for the San Franciscans in 1931, ended with another one in the finale.

As they had in most of the previous games, San Francisco dominated their opponents offensively on their way to a 14-0 win at Berkeley's Memorial Stadium on Dec. 10. The victors ground out a net 106 yards rushing to minus six for the East Bay and out gained their opponents 85 yards to 65 in the air. Kicking once again played a major role in the game with 20 punts spiraling through the Strawberry Canyon air, a dozen of them by the East.

Former Cal players Sam Chapman and Bob Carlton were the East Bay coaches. Chapman, an All-American halfback on the Golden Bears' Rose Bowl team the previous New Year's Day, had just finished playing outfield for the Philadelphia Athletics in the first of what would become an 11-year major league baseball career. Carlton was the Alameda High football coach. "Biff" Hoffman and Ras Johnson, the head coach at Galileo High, were on the bench for San Francisco.

The San Franciscans had nine players from AAA champion Galileo on their roster and four of the Lions teamed up to put the all-stars on the scoreboard early in the second quarter for a 7-0 lead.

Fremont High end Bob Abbott stepped back to punt for the East Bay from his 30-yard line, but Galileo's Al Ratto shot through the line, blocked the ball and sent it bounding toward the goal line. Tackle John Aguirre scooped it up at the 21 and ran in for the score. Galileo's Bill Russo passed to teammate Solon Scordelis for the successful conversion.

The Westsiders put the game out of reach late in the fourth period. After marching 41 yards to the East Bay 15, Bob Stevens of Commerce dropped the ball in the end zone and the incomplete pass resulted in a touchback. But, Ivan "Buzz" Trebotich of St. Mary's High fumbled and Galileo's Ray Gennette recovered at the 17. Three plays later, Mission's Marshall Leong blasted through the line for seven yards and the score. Lowell's Charlie Morgan place kicked the extra point for 14-0.

The East Bay mounted a threat to score with just under a minute left in the game. From their own 35, Oakland High's George Fratis rifled a pass to Don Butcher of San Leandro good for 15 yards, then tossed to Abbott for 42 more to the eight-yard line. On the game's final play, Fratis couldn't find an open receiver and was nailed for a 12-yard loss.

After the game, Cal football coach Leonard "Stub" Allison presented a 27-inch high silver winners' trophy to Lowell High's Milt Vucinich, captain of the winning team.

None of the 15,000 spectators knew it at the time, but they had watched the last game of the San Francisco versus East Bay All-Stars series. Game sponsors later decided to discontinue the game and turn their charity efforts in other directions.

On Dec. 9, 1939, almost 12 months to the day after the final game of the popular eight-year series was played, all-star teams representing the best players from schools in the Oakland Athletic League and Alameda County Athletic League attracted a rain-soaked crowd of 5,000 to Memorial Stadium, where they saw the county players defeat the city squad, 13-0.

Three weeks later, a team of San Francisco's top players under the direction of Mike Voyne, head coach of the AAA champion Lowell Indians, and Poly High's Joe Verducci, traveled to Arizona, where the all-stars were defeated by a team of Phoenix high school players, 6-0.

Score by periods

San Francisco All-Stars	0	7	0	7	--	14
East Bay All-Stars	0	0	0	0	--	0

San Francisco -- John Aguirre, 30-yard blocked punt return (Solon Scordelis, pass from Bill Russo); Marshall Leong, 9-yard run (Charlie Morgan kick).

1938 SAN FRANCISCO ALL-STARS

End - *Alyn Beals (Polytechnic), *Keith Bridwell (Galileo), Charlie Morgan (Lowell), Bob Stevens (Commerce), Frank Valenzuela (Mission), Ray Gennette (Galileo), Bill Moore (Lowell)

Tackle - *Barnard Lahaderne (Polytechnic), *John Aguirre (Galileo), Joe Compagno (Washington), Harold Ebright (Galileo)

Guard - *Walt McIntyre (Sacred Heart), *Ernest Gentner (Lowell), Lacey Abbey (Mission), Harry Mould (Galileo), Frank Thompson (Balboa)

Center - Al Ratto (Galileo), Al Hooke (Mission), Bob Shoemaker (Polytechnic)

Back - *Alex Spieller (Galileo), *Milt Vucinich (Lowell), *Albert Santucci (St. Ignatius), Bill Russo (Galileo), Vic Ramus (Polytechnic), Jack Sloan (Lowell), Marshall Leong (Mission), Leo Leggett (Washington), Solon Scordelis (Galileo), Larry Olsen (Commerce)

1938 EAST BAY ALL-STARS

End - *Bob Abbott (Fremont), *George Vila (Albany), Jack Tellefson (Technical), Bob Martinez (St. Mary's), Bob Crook (Castlemont)

Tackle - *Jack O'Connell (Technical), Dwayne Nelson (Fremont), Bill Freeman (Fremont), Joe Levisone (Emeryville), Bruno Banducci (Richmond), *Alden Peterson (Piedmont)

Guard - *Ray Clemons (Fremont), Bob Reich (Oakland), John Van Sicklen (Alameda)

Center - *Gordon Brown (San Leandro), *Channing Kilburn (Piedmont), Elvo Travalini (Richmond), Ellsworth Madsen (Fremont)

Back - *Don Butcher (San Leandro), *Harry Terrell (Oakland), *Frank Porto (Technical), Dennis O'Connor (St. Mary's), George Fratis (Oakland), Ivan Goyak (Richmond), Joe Vargas (Richmond), Johnny Gray (Berkeley), Johnny Odisio (Richmond), Ivan "Buzz" Trebotich (St. Mary's), Walt Gordon (University)

POSTSCRIPT - MORE GRIDIRON GLORY

The All-Stars' football careers did not always come to an end with their graduation from high school. Many continued to make their mark on college varsities and beyond into professional football.

A few played minor league professional football for Pacific Coast Football League teams that thrived in the Bay Area until the San Francisco 49ers of the All-America Football Conference arrived in 1946 and drove the PCFL out of business. Several others played major league professional football in either the AAFC or National Football League.

World War II also took its toll on the All-Stars. Bill Bruce of St. Ignatius and the 1935 West Bay team enlisted in the Navy at the start of the war and was killed in an airplane crash in 1943. The Bruce-Mahoney Trophy given annually to the winner of the Sacred Heart Cathedral versus St. Ignatius competition in football, basketball and baseball honors him and Sacred Heart graduate Jerry Mahoney.

Bill Telesmanic of USF was a seventh round draft choice by the Green Bay Packers in 1941. He did not make the roster as a rookie and never had another chance because he was killed in action in 1943

Following is a summary of the All-Star players who achieved recognition for gridiron performance after high school. They are listed by the college attended.

USF -- Ken Harper (Polytechnic, 1931), Prentiss Goldstone (Galileo, 1931), Sebastian Passanisi (Galileo, 1932), James Prideaux (Polytechnic, 1932), George Johnstone (St. Ignatius, 1933), Leon Chevalier (Galileo, 1933), George Frates (Lowell, 1933), Earl Finnerty (Balboa, 1934), Jean LaCau (Galileo, 1934), Glen Wunderling (Polytechnic, 1935), Alfred Wright (Sacred Heart, 1935), Rodney Wair (Mission, 1935), Sam Johnstone (Polytechnic, 1936), Eugene Visentin (St. Mary's, 1936), Pete Visentin (St. Mary's, 1936), Bill Telesmanic (St. Ignatius, 1936), Pete Franceschi (Mission, 1937), Mel Reid (Berkeley, 1937), Keith Bridwell (Galileo, 1938), Vic Ramus (Polytechnic, 1938), Ray Gennette (Galileo, 1938), Bill Moore (Lowell, 1938)

Reid was one of the early African-American players at USF. His race prevented him from seeking a place in the National Football League, but he was a star in the minor league Pacific Coast Football League in the 1940s, and was league MVP in 1945. Also an outstanding baseball player, Reid played for the Oakland Larks in the West Coast Baseball Association, the region's only Negro League.

ST. MARY'S -- Matt Brasnyo (Commerce, 1931), Harry Mattos (McClymonds, 1931), Leo Scatena (Polytechnic, 1933), Leo Englert (St. Mary's, 1933), Karl Orth (St. Mary's, 1933); Jerry Dowd (Lowell, 1934), Milo Milicevich (Richmond, 1935), Jon Consiglieri (Balboa, 1936), Joe McGrath (Sacred Heart, 1936), Dick Mesak (Mission, 1936), Andy Marefos (Mission, 1936), Owen Henson (Richmond, 1937), Clark Keyer (Sacred Heart, 1937), Al Ratto (Galileo, 1938), Ray Clemons (Fremont, 1938), Johnny Odisio (Richmond, 1938), Ivan "Buzz" Trebotich (St. Mary's, 1938), Dennis O'Connor (St. Mary's, 1938)

Free agent Mattos was the first All-Star to reach the National Football League, appearing with the Green Bay Packers in two games in 1936 and six more with the Cleveland Rams a year later. Dowd also was with Cleveland in 1939. Marefos played for the New York Giants in 1941 and 1942 and with the AAFC's Los Angeles Dons in 1946. Trebotich was a Detroit Lion in 1944 and 1945 and moved in 1947 to the Baltimore Colts of the AAFC. Mesak was a teammate of Trebotich at Detroit in 1945. Clemons played for the Green Bay Packers in 1947.

Englert, Dowd, Milicevich, Consiglieri, McGrath, Mesak and Marefos were members of the team that upset 11th ranked Texas Tech in the 1939 Cotton Bowl. Marefos, Ratto and O'Connor played in the East-West Shrine Game and all three are in the St. Mary's College Hall of Fame along with Clemons, Dowd, Mesak and Orth.

SANTA CLARA -- Homer Helmstein (Alameda, 1932), Elwyn Dunstan (Castlemont, 1932), Norm Finney (Piedmont, 1932), Jerry Ginney (Lowell, 1933), Jim Coughlan (St. Ignatius, 1934), John Schiechl (Balboa, 1935), George Lasater (Roosevelt, 1935), Joe Lacey (St. Ignatius, 1935), Al Wolff (Mission, 1935), Lee Stanfel (Commerce, 1936), George Poppin (Commerce, 1936), Bill Braun (Mission, 1936), Jim Desmond (Sacred Heart, 1936), Ken Casanega (Castlemont, 1937), Frank Zmak (Balboa, 1937), Alyn Beals (Polytechnic, 1938), Albert Santucci (St. Ignatius, 1938)

The Santa Clara University players had a great deal of success after high school, mainly as members of the 1936 and 1937 SCU teams, which were ranked sixth and ninth in the country and won two Sugar Bowl games.

Several Broncos were honored as All-Americans. Wolff was picked third team in 1937 and moved up to the first in 1938, Schiechl was first team as a senior in 1939. Beals was named to third and second teams in 1941 and 1942, respectively. All three have been inducted into the SCU Hall of Fame along with Coughlan and Casanega and all five appeared in the East-West Shrine Game. All but Beals and Casanega played in the annual College All-Star Game against the defending NFL champions, Wolff and Coughlan in 1939 and Schiechl in 1940.

Wolff was the first All-Star drafted by the NFL, selected in the 1939 third round by the Chicago Cardinals. He declined to sign and never played pro football. Ginney, picked in the sixth round of the same draft by the New York Giants, appeared in one game with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1940. Schiechl was with three NFL teams, Pittsburgh, Detroit and the Chicago Bears between 1941 and 1946 with time out for World War II. Schiechl, Casanega and Beals all played with early San Francisco 49ers teams. Beals was one of the AAFC's leading receivers and was named to the All-League team in 1946, 1948 and 1949.

STANFORD -- Earl Hoos (Commerce, 1931), Larry Rouble (Lowell, 1931), Johnny Reisner (Commerce, 1931), Jimmy Coffis (Commerce, 1933), Bob Dakan (Commerce, 1933), Peter Fay (Galileo, 1934), Andy Stojkovich (Balboa, 1934), John "Jack" Warnecke (Oakland, 1936), Stan Graff (Oakland, 1936), Bruno Banducci (Richmond, 1938)

San Franciscans helped Stanford go to the Rose Bowl in 1934, 1935, 1936 and 1941. Rouble played on all three '30s teams and Reisner appeared in the 1934 and 1935 games. Hoos was a bowl team member in 1934. Coffis played in the 1936 Rose Bowl and appeared in the 1938 College All-Star Game. Graff and Banducci played in the Rose Bowl in 1941. Banducci appeared in the East-West Shrine Game in 1943 and was a member of the 1944 College All-Star squad. Four times an all-pro, Banducci played with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1944 and 1945 and was a member of the 49ers from 1946 to 1953.

CALIFORNIA -- Eugene McAteer (Mission, 1932), Jud Callaghan (St. Mary's, 1932), Henry Sparks (Polytechnic, 1933), Perry Thomas (Berkeley, 1933), Walt Gordon (University, 1938), Frank Porto (Technical, 1938), Bob Shoemaker (Polytechnic, 1938), Ernest Gentner (Lowell, 1938), Milt Vucinich (Lowell, 1938)

McAteer High School, now San Francisco's School of the Arts, was named for the 1932 Mission High All-Star tackle, who later became well known in the city as a state senator and civic leader. Sparks and Thomas played for Cal's 1937 Pacific Coast Conference champions who beat Alabama, 13-0, in the Rose Bowl. Porto played in the East-West Shrine Game in 1943.

SAN JOSE STATE -- Al Azevedo (Oakland, 1931), Robert Drexel (Richmond, 1932), Johnny Allen (Berkeley, 1935)

Allen is regarded as one of San Jose State's greatest athletes and has been inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in football, basketball and baseball. As an African-American, he was not allowed to pursue a career in professional football or baseball, but he played for the Oakland Larks in the West Coast Negro League.

USC - Charles Morrill (Piedmont, 1936)