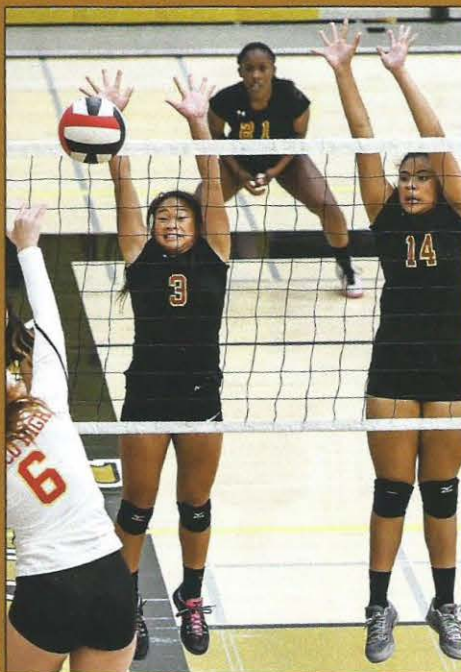
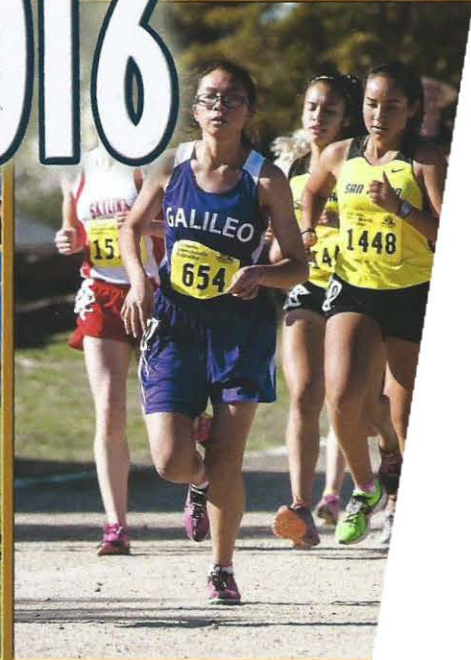


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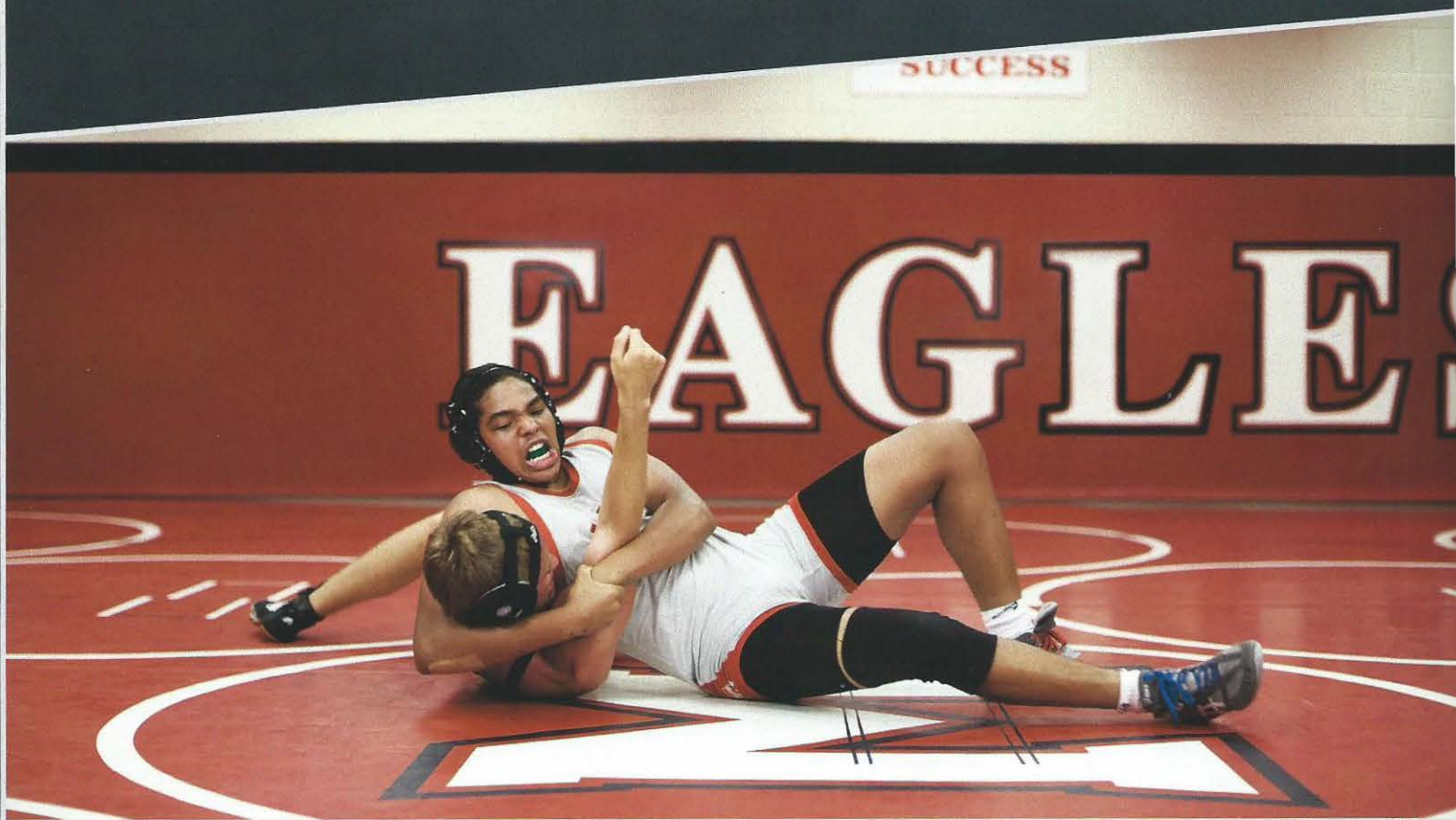


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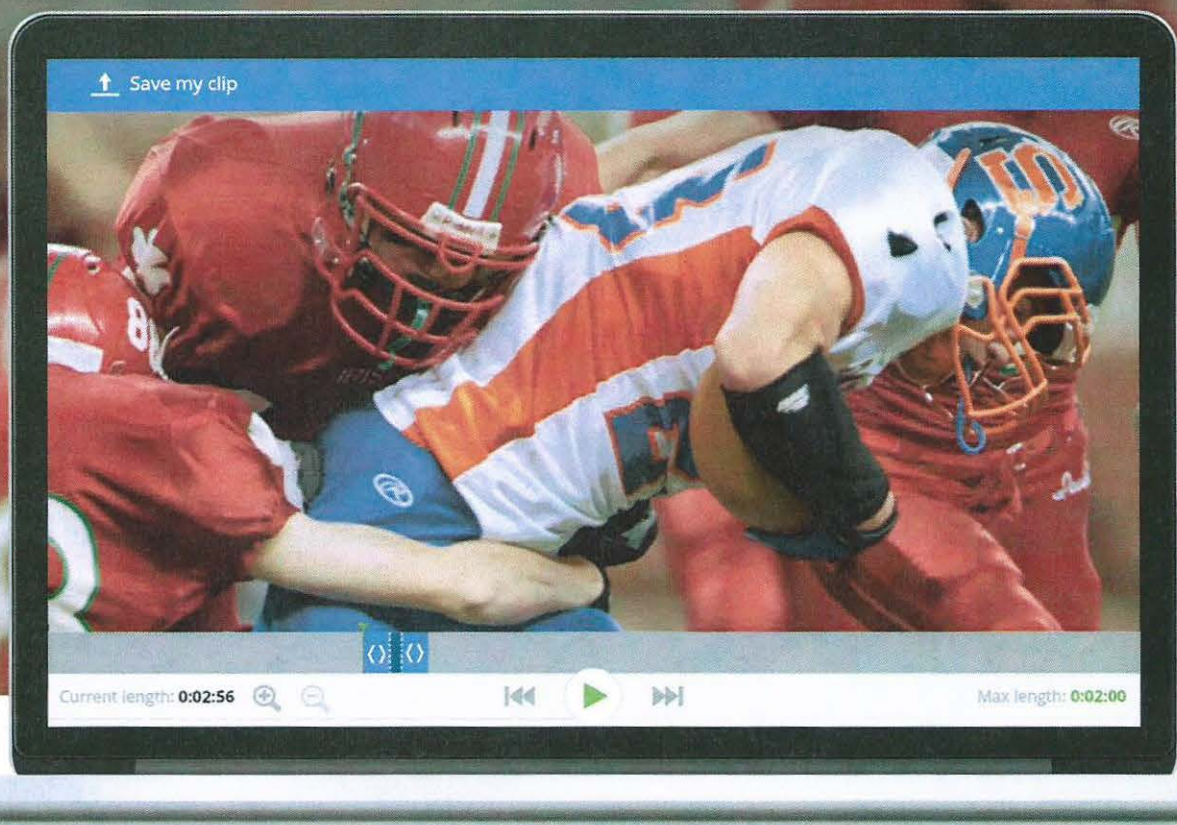
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November 24, 2016

Dear Guests:

Welcome to the 2016 San Francisco AAA City Football Championships. I would like to congratulate the players and coaches for their hard work, dedication and determination for advancing to this traditional season ending finale. I'm sure you'll agree with me that this season has certainly been very competitive and exciting. Our student athletes have accomplished so much this year - improving their athletic and leadership skills, both on and off the field while exemplifying the California Interscholastic Federation's goal of pursuing victory with honor.

As you may not know, the San Francisco Section has added Girls Flag Football to our Section! Let's all support our Girls Flag Football Championships in the Spring and begin a new tradition!

In closing, I would like to thank the parents, guardians, teachers, and all those who have supported these athletes. Without you, these outstanding players could not have risen to this high level of competition. In addition, I would like to thank Mr. Don Collins, Commissioner of Athletics, his staff and the Board of Managers. Without their leadership and commitment to our District's athletic program, we would not be able to sustain and improve the high standards of athletic competition found in the San Francisco Section.

On this Thanksgiving Day, take time to reflect on the many blessings that fill our lives and embrace the love that we share with our family and friends.

Mahalo,

*Andrew W. Ishibashi
President Board of Managers
CIF AAA San Francisco Section*



SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME

Welcome back J. Eugene McAteer alumni, teachers, staff and coaches to the 2016 Academic Athletic Association Championship Football Game.

During the years 1973 to 2002, J. Eugene McAteer High School was a member of the Academic Athletic Association of the California Interscholastic Federation - San Francisco Section. Over those 29 years, McAteer played a vital role in the rich tradition of prep athletics in San Francisco.

Many of the athletic accomplishments are written within the other pages of this program. The McAteer Jaguar Varsity Football Teams won AAA championships in 1985, 1991, 1994, and the round-robin championship in 1998. Over the years countless players from McAteer and the other Academic Athletic Association member schools have met on Thanksgiving Day, most often at Kezar Stadium, to play for the AAA Football City Championship.

Since 1983, the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame has inducted and honored numerous San Francisco prep athletes in various sports, some of whom were athletes from J. Eugene McAteer High School.

Today, the rich tradition of the "Turkey Day" Championship Game continues with the crowning of yet another champion. Congratulations to those coaches and athletes who are competing in this wonderful tradition.

To those alumni, athletes, and coaches of J. Eugene McAteer, as well as the athletes, students, and alumni from other schools in San Francisco, and to all those persons in attendance, I wish to personally extend my sincerest best wishes to you and your family as we begin to celebrate the 2016 holiday season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marc Christensen".

Marc Christensen
President
San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame

LINCOLN MUSTANGS



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| Mascot | No. | Name | Position | Yr. | No. | Name | Position | Yr. |
| Mustangs | 2 | Kaung Sett Hein | WR/DB | Jr. | 41 | Erick Arraiza | WR/LB | So. |
| | 3 | Randy Wong | WR/DB | Jr. | 42 | Colson Ryan | RB/LB | So. |
| Color | 4 | Daniel Robedillo | WR/S | So. | 45 | Julian Aguirre | OL/LB | So. |
| Crimson/Gold | 5 | Rocky Marania | QB/LB | So. | 50 | Jorge Guerrero Jr. | OL/LB | Jr. |
| | 6 | Desean Crawford | RB/LB | So. | 51 | Alexander Medina | OL/LB | Jr. |
| Principal | 8 | Ellis Moye | LB | Sr. | 53 | Francisco Gonzales | OL/LB | So. |
| Shari Balisi | 9 | Roel Marania | QB/DB | Sr. | 55 | Alramah Hussain | RB/LB | So. |
| | 10 | Alex Chan | RB/DB | Sr. | 56 | Albert Moore | OL/DL | So. |
| Athletic Director | 11 | Jackson Walker | RB/LB | Jr. | 57 | Ming-Hung Lee | OL/DL | Jr. |
| Kevin Grayson | 12 | Jack Gaughan | RB/DB | So. | 58 | Carlos Leiva | OL/DL | Jr. |
| | 13 | Lucky Fenton | WR/DB | Jr. | 60 | Ruben Mejia Perez | OL/DL | So. |
| Head Coach | 15 | Victor Niu | WR/DB | Jr. | 64 | Laurenz Qi | OL/DL | Jr. |
| Philip Ferrigno | 16 | Haris Khan | QB/LB | So. | 65 | Luke Amodeo | OL/DL | Sr. |
| | 17 | Erick Solares | WR/LB | Jr. | 66 | Melvin Osario Amaya | OL/DL | Jr. |
| Assistant Coaches | 19 | Charles Peacock | RB/LB | So. | 67 | Adrian Nie | OL/DL | So. |
| Kevin Doherty | 21 | Corey Nguyen | RB/DB | Sr. | 68 | Jonathan Juarez | OL/DL | So. |
| Brendan Ferrigno | 22 | Jovon Baker | RB/DB | So. | 72 | Sio Laulusa | OL/DL | Jr. |
| Donald Harris | 23 | Justin Jimenez | WR/DB | Jr. | 73 | Abraham Faletagaloa | OL/DL | Sr. |
| Mike Paolucci | 25 | Josiah Calvo Martinez | RB/LB | Jr. | 74 | Timoteo Potasi | OL/DL | Sr. |
| Andre Walker Thomas | 27 | Stephen McPeters | WR/DB | Jr. | 75 | Ronald Phelps | OL/DL | Sr. |
| Greg Wood | 31 | Giovanni Mullane-Fay | RB/DB | So. | 76 | Livan Sanchez | OL/DL | So. |
| | 32 | Norman Lin | WR/S | So. | 79 | Jovani Serrano | OL/DL | So. |
| | 34 | Ethan Angeles | RB/DB | So. | 80 | Arthur Ong | WR/DB | Jr. |
| | 37 | Eugene Larios-Felton | RB/LB | So. | 85 | Ajani Adewusi | WR/DE | So. |
| | 39 | Andy Zhen | RB/LB | Jr. | 88 | Lucca Reichborn-Kjenn | TE/LB | So. |

MISSION BEARS



Mascot
Bears

Color
Brown/Gold

Principal
Eric Guthertz

Athletic Director
Arnold Zelaya

Head Coach *
Greg Hill

Assistant Coaches
Chris Ayag
Hasan Bey
Fidel Pugh
Issaac Straznickas
Lamar Williams

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Yr.</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Yr.</u> |
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| 2 | Yeurra Blaylock | WR/LB/DE | Sr. | 34 | Willie Chase | RB/LB | So. |
| 3 | Duncan Lau | K | Sr. | 42 | Sammy Burciaga | WR/FS | Jr. |
| 4 | Faraji Abram Jr. | QB | Sr. | 50 | Lucas Lee | MLB/DT | Sr. |
| 5 | Niamey Harrris | QB/S/WR | Sr. | 51 | Shively Fua | DT/DE | Sr. |
| 6 | Joseph Broussard | RB/CB | Sr. | 52 | Marvin Xita | G/DE | Jr. |
| 7 | Tyrese Johnson | WR/FS/QB | Sr. | 54 | Brindan Shepard | G/DT | So. |
| 8 | David Rodas | QB/WR | Jr. | 56 | Edder Cen Garma | OT/DE | Sr. |
| 9 | I'Jah Pratt | RB/CB | Jr. | 57 | Zeke Bellino | OL/DL | So. |
| 10 | Jason Leui | MLB/FB/LS | Sr. | 58 | Ciaran O'Donnell | OL/DL | So. |
| 11 | Floyd Barrow | FS/SS | Sr. | 60 | Robert Lee III | OT/DE | Jr. |
| 12 | Dreon Tobie | RB/OLB | Sr. | 64 | Tenzin Vassallo | C/DT | Jr. |
| 20 | Nicholas Dias | WR/OLB | Sr. | 65 | William Villalobos | T/DT | Sr. |
| 21 | Jamir Melton Dreher | WR/S | Jr. | 66 | Tony Inson | OL/DL | So. |
| 24 | Jamal Dixon | RB/OLB | Jr. | 74 | Donae Jones | DT/G | Sr. |
| 32 | Anthony Amaral | RB/OLB | Sr. | 79 | Benjamin Bennett | OL/DL | So. |
| 33 | Lacharles Wells | RB/LB | Jr. | | | | |

* The original print version erroneously listed
2015 Coach Joe Albano as the head coach

FOOTBALL VARSITY

Final Standings and Results

As of November 24, 2016

| Team | Wins | Losses | Ties | Games Behind |
|----------------------------|------|--------|------|--------------|
| Mission Bears x | 6 | 0 | 0 | -- |
| Lincoln Mustangs y | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1.0 |
| Balboa Buccaneers y | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2.0 |
| Galileo Lions yz | 2 | 4 | 0 | 4.0 |
| Burton Pumas | 2 | 4 | 0 | 4.0 |
| Lowell Cardinals | 1 | 5 | 0 | 5.0 |
| Washington Eagles* | 1 | 5 | 0 | 5.0 |

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x—clinched first place

y—clinched playoff spot

z—earns final playoff spot by virtue of win over Burton

Playoff Results:

11/17/16: Galileo 26, **Mission 49**
Balboa 15, **Lincoln 41**

Results:

11/11/16: **Mission 42**, Galileo 36
Washington 0, **Balboa 2** (forfeit)
Burton 6, **Lincoln 42**

11/5/16: **Balboa 20**, Burton 14
Lowell 2, Washington 0 (forfeit)

11/4/16: Lincoln 9, **Mission 19**

10/29/16: **Balboa 20**, Galileo 13

10/28/16: **Mission 57**, Lowell 8
Burton 28, Washington 0

10/22/16: Galileo 18, **Lincoln 21**
Lowell 8, **Balboa 28**

10/20/16: Washington 0, **Mission 54**

10/15/16: **Galileo 26**, Burton 14

10/14/16: Balboa 8, **Mission 39**
Lincoln 41, Lowell 0

10/8/16: - Washington 0, **Lincoln 39**
Mission 43, Burton 2

10/7/16: Lowell 8, **Galileo 42**

10/1/16: **Lincoln 49**, Balboa 27

9/30/16: Galileo 0, **Washington 2** (forfeit)
Burton 30, Lowell 14

*Washington dropped their team after four games. All remaining games are recorded as forfeits.

Non-league Results:

9/24/16: **Mission 45**, Mills 6
 Lowell 20, **Madison Park 22**
 Burton 30, **Richmond 65**

9/23/16: **Lincoln 14**, El Camino 13
 Washington 0, **CA School for the Deaf 55**

9/17/16: Lowell 0, **Tennyson 21**
 Washington 0, **Albany 2** (forfeit)
 Galileo 14, **Piner 17**
 Balboa 6, **Eureka 36**

9/16/16: Mission 25, **San Mateo 28**
 Lincoln 18, **Hillsdale 42**

9/10/16: Burton 0, **St. Patrick-St. Vincent 60**
 Lincoln 14, **Santa Cruz 46**
 Washington 6, **Richmond 47**
 Balboa 0, **Tamalpais 14**
 Mission 26, **Redwood 56**
 Galileo 0, **Hercules 33**

9/9/16: Lowell 6, **Mt. Eden 53**

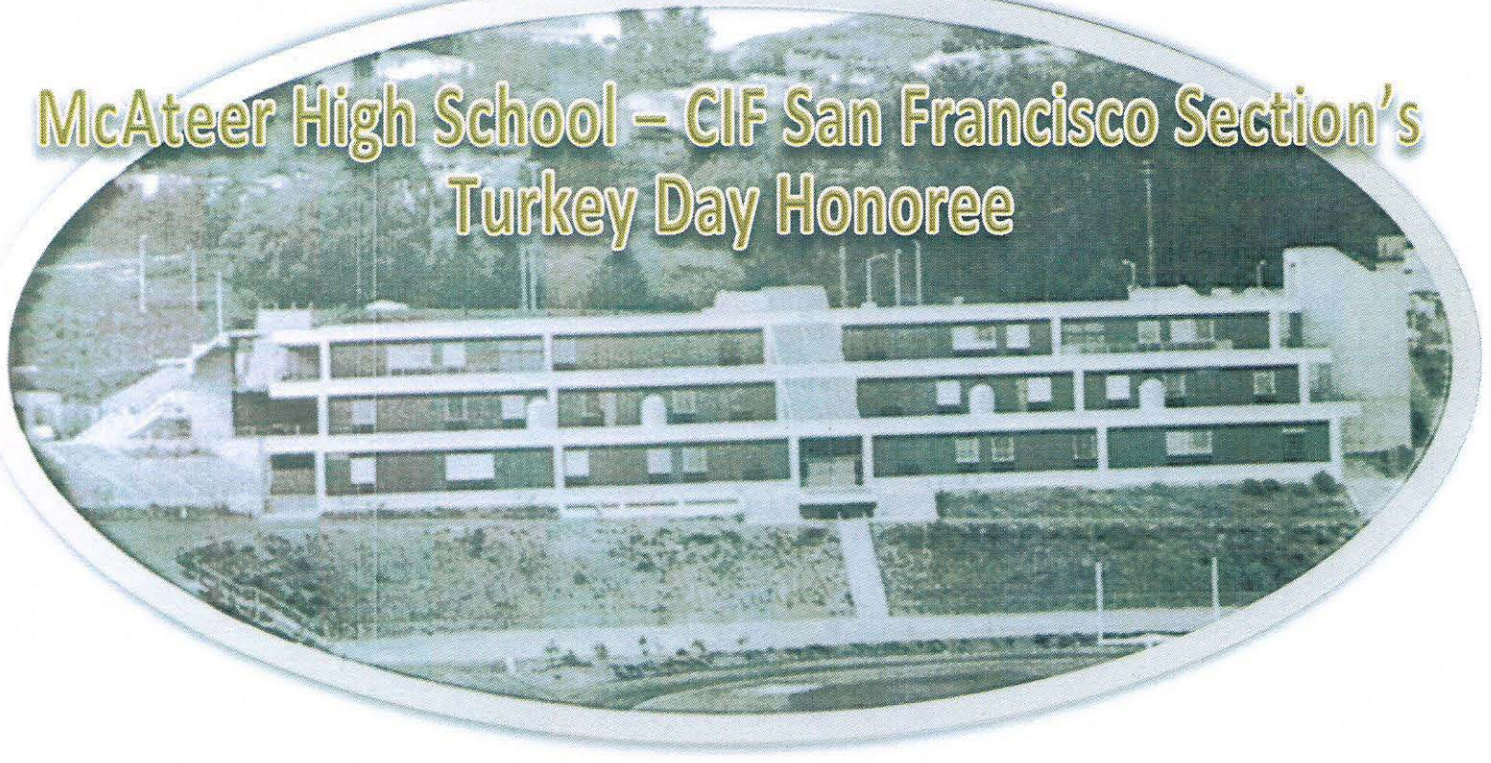
9/3/16: **Washington 18**, Madison Park 6
 Galileo 20, San Lorenzo 17
 Burton 2, Emery 0 (forfeit)
 Lincoln 13, **Kennedy 40**

9/2/16: Balboa 0, **Piedmont 63**
 Mission 14, **Menlo 35**
 Lowell 28, **Richmond 42**

8/27/16: **Burton 20**, Madison Park 8
 Lincoln 13, **Menlo 42**
 Balboa 6, **San Lorenzo Valley 51**

8/26/16: Mission 20, **Jefferson 43**

McAteer High School – CIF San Francisco Section's Turkey Day Honoree



McAteer High School hit the drawing board in 1964. The City's voters authorized San Francisco Proposition B, the school bond that ultimately built Diamond Heights Elementary School (which is now the SF Police Academy headquarters), Potrero Hill Junior High School (which now houses District Offices), Visitacion Valley Junior High School (which is still in use as the Visitacion Valley Middle School), and McAteer.

By 1967, Diamond Heights Elementary School was completed. However, progress on McAteer High School was slow, and the school still bore the name "Diamond Heights High School."

McAteer may have opened in the 1970s, but the architects designed it with some 1960s problems in mind. The 1960s were a time of student protests and urban unrest. One of the side effects of these 1960s problems were broken windows.

With the passage of time, it's not clear if there was really a rash of broken windows in the 1960s or whether 1960s youth broke just enough windows to mortify their elders. We'll never know as too many years have passed, and the alleged window breaking youth of the 1960s are now the respected, upstanding elders of today and are highly unlikely to confess to being a generation of window breakers.

However one characterizes the broken windows problem, the District found it to be of

sufficient magnitude to ask the architects to address it at McAteer, as well as at Potrero Hill and Visitacion Valley. All three schools have some architectural similarities, and one of those similarities is an attempt to minimize windows and student access to windows. The unfortunate side effect of this architectural reality is that the inhabitants of these three schools ended up being deprived of the big bay windows that would have provided sweeping views of San Francisco's hills. On the other hand, sans the distractions these sweeping views would have provided, the students were undoubtedly more able to focus on their school work.

Broken windows notwithstanding, McAteer had one particularly big problem in the late 1960s: It was still designated as "Diamond Heights High School." It took a tragedy to give the school the name "McAteer."

Tragedy struck on May 26, 1967 when California State Senator J. Eugene McAteer died of a heart attack while playing handball at the Olympic Club. Senator McAteer was the front-runner in the 1967 Mayoral race. Joe Alioto, Senator McAteer's campaign finance chairman, took the Senator's place in the Mayoral race and was elected Mayor.

The outpouring of grief over the death of the highly respected and personable Senator McAteer combined with support from Mayor Alioto, the McAteer family, and the San Francisco Board of

Education led to “Diamond Heights High School” finally being named J. Eugene McAteer High School in April, 1972. The City couldn’t have known it at the time they named the school, but it soon found out that Frances McAteer, the late Senator’s wife, would virtually adopt the school that bore her husband’s name, regularly visiting, helping and maintaining a regular presence.

Frances McAteer’s light shined beyond her role as wife to Senator McAteer and patron of the school that bore his name. Frances was a vital member of the City in her own right. Her service on the Recreation and Park Commission, and work on behalf of youth sports ultimately led to her induction into the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame where she was eventually joined by her son, Tim McAteer. Tim hewed a more traditional path to Prep Hall of Fame glory. He was the hero of the 1961 Turkey Day game, one of the most memorable of our football finals. It was Tim who soared to intercept an errant toss, returning it 35 yards for the touchdown that gave Lowell a 7-0 win over St. Ignatius. Together, Frances and Tim are the only mother and son combo in the Prep Hall of Fame, and together with Senator McAteer they will surely be the only family to have two Prep Hall of Famers and one school namesake.

By the early 1970s, McAteer High School was funded, designed, named, and under construction. It would be ready to open in the fall semester of 1973, but fate would deal it a strange hand. McAteer would become intertwined with the old San Francisco Polytechnic High School.

McAteer and Poly flew parallel paths in the 1960s. McAteer was being planned at a time when Poly was on a decade long spiral through the turbulent 1960s. It seems logical in retrospect that McAteer could have become the new Poly, but the two schools’ paths never merged.

Poly and McAteer’s paths came close to merging as the District worked on desegregation plans throughout the 1960s. Numerous desegregation plans were posed. Some entertained the notion of closing out Poly, but we cannot find plans that linked the closing of Poly to the opening of McAteer.

It is clear that at a time when the District knew that the population was shifting, it did not plan to shift or relocate Poly – although it did consider

closing Poly. However, Poly was not stagnant during this period; it was undergoing a massive demographic shift, and suffering from a dwindling enrollment due to changes in school assignment policies. As Poly changed, the District sealed its fate by not investing in the Poly physical plant.

By the end of the 1960s, social turmoil, District assignment policies, and the crumbling façade forced the closure of Poly. Poly did not have the support to push for its name to adorn the new Diamond Heights High School, and have some other school named after Senator McAteer. Yet, Poly would become intertwined with McAteer High School as the timing of the Poly closure in the spring of 1972 would provide African-American students who could ensure a racially diverse campus at McAteer, and Poly would provide a wellspring of teachers and administrators for the new McAteer.

The closure of Poly in 1972 may have been a foregone conclusion, but it was an ill-timed closure. McAteer wasn’t ready to open until the fall semester of 1973. Worse, it appears that Poly had problems with its accreditation.

The District had a strange confluence of problems: it needed to plan the opening of McAteer; it wanted Poly to keep its accreditation so students could opt for a Poly degree; it had about 300 Poly students who it either couldn’t or didn’t farm out to another school; and it had a number of prospective McAteer students waiting for McAteer to open. The District solved these problems in one stroke.



**Herb
Blanchard**

The District brought in Marian Morena (wife of future Superintendent Steve B. Morena) and Vinnie Contreros to handle the 1972-73 McAteer staging area. They teamed with long time teacher Audre Hallum to work on Poly’s accreditation (so Poly students could get Poly degrees). Morena, Contreros and Hallum were joined by future McAteer teachers, including the legendary Herb Blanchard (who became McAteer’s first athletic director) and a small number of Poly teachers who worked with the students who remained at Poly after its closure.

Of course, the McAteer staging area was the focal point of the year. When we hear of a staging

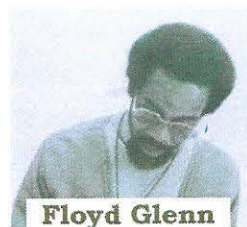
area, we envision planners, and people compiling material and supplies as they prepare for a new venture. And, yes, that happened. Herb Blanchard was joined by some of SFUSD's finest when he worked on this staging area. But the staging area did more than stage.

The staging area became a mix of staging and education. Teachers from Poly and McAtter taught the students. The students took classes in bungalows for their Poly courses. They accessed the building for science classes and courses that needed building resources; the classes in the building appear to have been for the prospective McAtter students, and were taught by future McAtter teachers.

It is not clear whether the students were technically ghost students at Poly or whether they were McAtter students prior to McAtter's actual birth. They were probably in limbo as Poly had to have its accreditation approved. Once the accreditation was approved, the students appear to have been given the option of graduating from either Poly or McAtter. The staging area did have a principal: Dolores Darvive. Principal Darvive appears to have been the principal of both Poly and McAtter simultaneously in this odd interim year.

The oddities of the 1972-73 academic year notwithstanding, the fall of 1973 saw the formal opening of McAtter. And what a school the new McAtter was. Children from wealthy St. Francis Woods and Miraloma mingled with the scions of the working class. Children from Diamond Heights attended school with Fillmore and Hunters Point students. Mission youth shared space with first generation Asian Americans. McAtter's location in the center of the City made it a magnet school – although it was not designated as such.

McAtter was our most economically, culturally and ethnically diverse school from the day it opened. It would spend decades trying to remain that way – and it would create a series of innovative educational ventures in its pursuit of cultural richness and ethnic diversity.



Floyd Glenn

McAtter was not a traditional startup. It had a significant number of transfer students from Poly and other schools. Those students actually played sports for

McAtter in the odd 1972-73 limbo year. They did quite well as they were basically retuning Poly athletes. Indeed, Floyd Glenn's boys' basketball team was a strong contender and the lightweight boys' basketball team made the finals. However, the Poly continuity was not enough when the students moved to the McAtter building.

McAtter won no team championships in 1973-74. It's 1974 boys' basketball team sputtered to a 4-12 record to name but one example. McAtter didn't produce any team champions in 1974-75 or 1975-76 either.

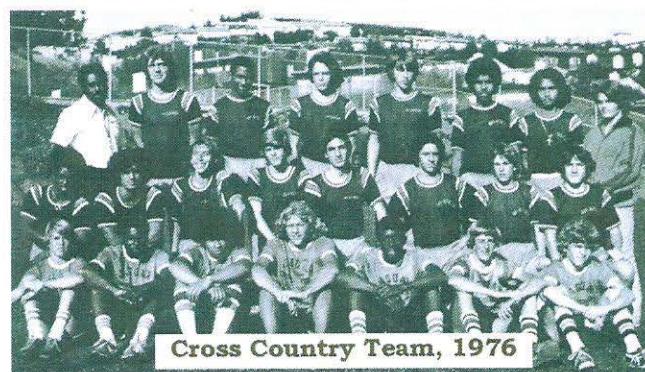


Bill Kehaly

McAtter did find some individual success early. Bill Kehaly won McAtter's first championship, winning the 178 pound weight class in the 1975 All City wrestling tournament. His coach was the legendary football and wrestling coach Bob Griffin. Bill was also McAtter's first All City football player, bearing the nickname "Killer Bill" in the McAtter

yearbook. Bill became McAtter's first success story. He formed an auto racing team, taught himself software and formed a successful software development company. Bill reflects the McAtter spirit of innovation, leadership and trailblazing.

Team success took a bit longer for McAtter. The girls' tennis team broke through in the fall of 1976, becoming McAtter's first team champion. The girls' tennis team wasn't the only successful team in the fall of 1976. The McAtter cross country team began a three-year run as All City Champions, becoming McAtter's first dynasty.



Cross Country Team, 1976

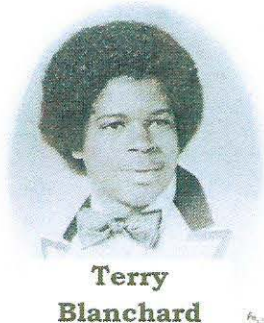
The early McAteer also produced Monique Bynum who played basketball in the late 1970s. Bynum went on to become a Pac-12 women's basketball official in the late 1980s, a time when there were few women officiating major college basketball. She joined with two-time All-City player Carol Buffington to give McAteer a strong one-two punch on the court in the late 1970s.



**Monique
Bynum**

Fred Glosser was Bynum's high school coach. He trained a generation of local high school basketball officials, became an NFL replay official, and spent much of the last decade as the City College badminton coach (he retired two years ago). In addition to coaching girls' basketball, Fred was a renowned high school baseball coach, building upon the work of McAteer's first baseball coach, Armond Quartini.

The early McAteer also produced Terry Blanchard in the late 1970s. Terry is the son of Herb and Alma Blanchard, two legendary San Francisco teachers. Herb was the long-serving McAteer athletic director and boys' basketball coach. He got to coach his son, Terry, and Terry went on to become a successful banker and the owner of three Wing Stop franchises.



**Terry
Blanchard**

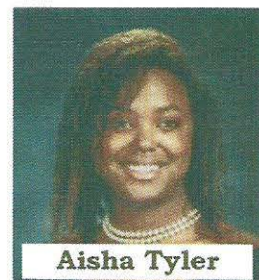


Gerry Biagini

The McAteer spirit also surfaced in fencing under Coach Gerry Biagini. Gerry is responsible for San Francisco being the only CIF Section to sponsor fencing. It took Gerry a few years to get the new McAteer fencing program running, and then Gerry coached the Jaguars to ten titles between 1978-79 and 1989-90. Gerry coached numerous champion fencers, including 3-time champ Sansana Sawasdikosol, who was the first McAteer athlete to be inducted into the SF Prep Hall of Fame.

Coach Biagini wasn't McAteer's only winning fencing coach. The girls fenced in the All-Metropolitan League before they joined the AAA. McAteer's female fencers broke through before the boys did, winning a title in 1976 behind Coach Gloria Joe and the excellent fencing of Donna Gray.

McAteer hit its full stride from 1982-1997. In its never-ending quest for a culturally diverse educational program, McAteer introduced its School of The Arts (SOTA) program in 1982. Board of Education member Myra Kopf worked with Ruth Asawa to implement the new program. Asawa was such a vital presence that SOTA was named after her years later when it became a school. The addition of the School of The Arts (SOTA) program gave McAteer two of its most famous alums: Comedian Margaret Cho and comedian/actress Aisha Tyler (who also competed in track).



Aisha Tyler



Margaret Cho

SOTA wasn't the only innovative McAteer program. McAteer also housed the outdoor experiential Urban Pioneer program. This program incorporated outdoor education with rigorous activity such as rope courses and rock climbing. McAteer also developed some of the District's strongest English language learning programs.

1982 was also the beginning of the glory years for McAteer track. Marc Christensen came over from Potrero Hill Middle School, and built the dominant track program of his era. Under Coach Christensen, McAteer won nine of eleven CIF San Francisco Section track championships from 1985-86 TO 1995-96.

Coach Christensen's 1994-95 boys' team won fifteen of the sixteen events held at All City. That team featured Yonathan and Bolota Asmerom (who later became world class middle distance runners – indeed, Bolota competed in the Olympics), and numerous elite sprinters, including Joe Flood. Christensen became the dean of San Francisco track coaches, and even now is a prominent and respected coach years after he retired from teaching.

McAteer soccer also became a powerhouse during this period. McAteer won seven championships from 1985-86 to 1999-2000. McAteer produced the 1989 defensive player of the year, Roberto Caceras, and the 2001 co-MVP, Milton Navarette.

McAteer basketball also thrived during this era. McAteer won the 1984-85 championship under Coach Blanchard. That team featured All City players Dexter Howard and Keith Haywood. McAteer then won the 1988-89 title under Coach Ed Mullins with a team led by Jody Daggs, Charlie Scott and Wilson Stephens. McAteer topped it off with a repeat title in 1989-90 under Coach Larry Gray. Not to be outdone, the girls' basketball team won back to back titles in 1981-82 and 1982-83 behind Coach Glosser and the stellar play of Karen Redus.

McAteer football also thrived during this period. McAteer won championships in 1985, 1991 and 1994. We have written about each of those football titles elsewhere in this program. However, it is worth noting that the 1985-86 football team featured AAA player of the year Harvey Pulliam. Harvey also led the baseball team to its only title in 1985-86. Indeed, 1985-86 was a fine year for McAteer as it won titles in football, baseball, fencing, boys' and girls' track, and soccer. Pulliam went on to a fine Major League Baseball career. A decade after Pulliam, Curtis Holden would also letter in multiple sports and go on to a successful NFL career.

McAteer achieved athletic success despite having to relocate from the fall semester of 1987 through the middle of the spring semester of 1989 for a major asbestos removal. Students attended school at James Lick and commuted to McAteer to use the outdoor athletic facilities.

The asbestos removal didn't stop McAteer's athletic glory but it was a harbinger of change. McAteer lost a quarter of its students when it

relocated to Lick. Over the years fewer and fewer students from the neighborhoods around McAteer attended public schools. This chipped away at McAteer's diversity. McAteer maintained diversity with aggressive ESL programs – probably the most comprehensive in the District.

McAteer also had the SOTA and Urban Pioneer programs. However, in 1992, SOTA moved to the SF State campus and became its own school. The beginning of the end was near.



Once SOTA moved, the District shifted its assignment system and allowed McAteer to receive more disciplinary transfers and students who had academic problems. Worse, McAteer's asbestos problem was repaired, but repairs to the rest of the physical plant were sorely needed. The District sued contractors for shoddy work, but did not do basic maintenance on the physical plant. By the late 1990s, the culturally diverse McAteer turned into a de facto inner city school with limited programming, but it was an inner city school sitting in a wealthy neighborhood that didn't send its kids to public schools. McAteer was essentially a magnet school but the magnet no longer held a charge. The circle was complete. McAteer had become Poly: a victim of District assignment policies and a deteriorating plant.

Still, there was one more splash of athletic glory. McAteer basketball continued to be strong until the end. In 2000-01, a strong McAteer team coached by Craig Carson and led by AAA Player of The Year Dante Sawyer won McAteer's last title. In 2001-02, the District closed the school. But, nothing is that simple

SOTA moved back to the McAteer campus in the fall semester of 2002. The former McAteer program now had the whole McAteer campus to itself. SOTA was too small to fill such a big campus, and in 2005 SOTA Principal Donn Harris pushed to open The Academy, a general education school, to share the campus with SOTA. The circle was complete - again. The McAteer campus once held a general education school (McAteer) and the SOTA arts program. Now, it again holds a general education school (The Academy) and the Ruth Asawa School of The Arts.

McAteer suffered from a deteriorating facility and from District assignment policies. The Ruth Asawa School of The Arts and The Academy have benefitted from a major bond that repaired the campus, modernized the building, fixed the leaks, crumbling concrete, and other signs of over 40 years of neglect. Even the embarrassing rubber gym floor has been replaced with a wood floor. The Academy, under the leadership of Greg Markwith, a vibrant, young principal is not the recipient of excessive disciplinary transfers; District assignment policies have not burdened The Academy.

All this begs the question: why didn't the District do all this when McAteer was still in existence? But, that's the same question that Poly and Wilson could ask. There is no rational answer. Another set of alumni have been divorced from the District only to see their building functioning with the exact same type of school that they were only under a different name. Instead of McAteer/SOTA we now have Academy/Asawa. There is no logic, and the Poly and Wilson alumni would likely say, "The more things change...."

But McAteer is still with us. You just have to know where to look. Teacher and Lightweight basketball coach Mike Carson can be found watching his son Craig coach at Menlo-Atherton. Danny Link, an outstanding soccer player, has coached at numerous District schools and has even coached at Skyline College. Dezebbee Miles, a student in the 1970s, is coaching the KIPP basketball team. Mike Cheatham, another 1970s student, went on to a successful career with Rec/Park.

Noel Corea, the last McAteer soccer coach, stayed on campus to teach at SOTA and coach The Academy. He finally retired in June, 2016. Mike Denatale, who won two football titles, is an administrator at Jefferson. Verna Castro coached girls' basketball in the mid-1980s. She went on to win AAA titles at Balboa and ISA and is now coaching boys' basketball at O'Connell. Pat Stein helped teach First Aid and CPR program for coaching certification for years after McAteer closed. She has finally retired. Chris McAllister, our 125 pound wrestling champ in 1995 and a member of the 1994 Turkey Day champs and 1995 All City track and field champions, has coached track and soccer in the SFUSD middle school program.

We close by noting a man who started his career teaching at McAteer, and went on to become a School Superintendent in Nevada County and Inyo County. We close as we started: with a McAteer. Indeed, it is Dr. Terry McAteer, son of J. Eugene, product of San Francisco, molded by McAteer High School, who went on to move to the highest ranks of education. McAteer served us all well and it has also served this latest member of the McAteer family well.

If you know where to look, you'll find that McAteer is still there.



Girls' Basketball Team, 1980



Fencing Team, 1995

MCATEER CHAMPIONS 1973 – 2002

| SPORTS | WINNERS |
|---|---------|
| Basketball BV | 2000-01 |
| Soccer BV | 1999-00 |
| Soccer BV | 1998-99 |
| Soccer BV | 1997-98 |
| Track BV | 1995-96 |
| Cross Country BV | 1994-95 |
| Football V | 1994-95 |
| Track BV | 1994-95 |
| Track BV | 1993-94 |
| Track BV | 1992-93 |
| Wrestling V | 1992-93 |
| Track BV | 1991-92 |
| Soccer BV | 1990-91 |
| Basketball BV | 1989-90 |
| Fencing BV | 1989-90 |
| Basketball BV | 1988-89 |
| Fencing BV | 1988-89 |
| Softball GV | 1988-89 |
| Track BV | 1988-89 |
| Soccer BV | 1987-88 |
| Track BV (McAteer, Lowell) | 1987-88 |
| Basketball 115's | 1986-87 |
| Fencing BV | 1986-87 |
| Soccer BV | 1986-87 |
| Track BV | 1986-87 |
| Baseball V | 1985-86 |
| Fencing (Mission, McAteer) | 1985-86 |
| Football V | 1985-86 |
| Soccer BV | 1985-86 |
| Track BV | 1985-86 |
| Track GV | 1985-86 |
| Basketball BV | 1984-85 |
| Basketball 115's | 1983-84 |
| Fencing BV (Galileo, McAteer, Washington) | 1983-84 |
| Volleyball GV | 1983-84 |
| Wrestling V | 1983-84 |
| Badminton GV | 1982-83 |
| Basketball 125's | 1982-83 |
| Basketball GV | 1982-83 |
| Fencing BV | 1982-83 |
| Wrestling V | 1982-83 |
| Basketball GV | 1981-82 |
| Fencing BV | 1981-82 |
| Tennis BV | 1981-82 |
| Wrestling V | 1981-82 |
| Basketball 125's | 1980-81 |
| Basketball 115's | 1980-81 |
| Fencing BV | 1980-81 |
| Wrestling V | 1980-81 |

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| Badminton GV | 1979-80 |
| Fencing BV | 1979-80 |
| Basketball 125's | 1978-79 |
| Cross Country BV | 1978-79 |
| Fencing BV (McAteer, Washington) | 1978-79 |
| Cross Country BV | 1977-78 |
| Softball GV | 1977-78 |
| Basketball 115's | 1976-77 |
| Cross Country BV | 1976-77 |
| Tennis GV | 1976-77 |

McATEER HIGH SCHOOL



1994-95

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THE 1995 MCATEER BOYS' VARSITY TRACK & FIELD TEAM

The 1995 McAteer Boys' Varsity Track Team ranks as perhaps the most dominant in All-City history, winning 15 of the 16 events. The only event not won was the 110meter high hurdles, where McAteer athletes placed second and third.

In the All-City trials, McAteer's Boys' Varsity had the top qualifying mark in all 16 events. Ten individuals placed first in the 14 individual events. Double winners included Yonathan Asmerom (800, 1600) Maurice Byrd (300 IH, High Jump), and Joshua Grate (Shot Put, Discus). McAteer set four All-City records, including both relay teams, in a total dominating performance.

At the time it was McAteer's fourth consecutive AAA/San Francisco Section Championship and the 8th in the past ten years. They would win again in 1996.

So dominant was the All-City performance that the team scored 244 points, more than all the other teams combined.

1995 All-City winners were: 100 – Joe Flood, 200-Felton Charles, 400 – A.J. Burleson, 800 – Yonathan Asmerom, 1600 – Yonathan Asmerom, 3200 – Bolota Asmerom, 300 IH – Maurice Byrd, High Jump – Maurice Byrd, Pole Vault – Calvin Chanmany, Long Jump – Kobie Roberts, Triple Jump – Anthony Ratcliff, Shot Put – Joshua Grate, Discus Throw – Joshua Grate, 400 m relay – Roberts, Burleson, Charles, Flood, and 1600 m relay – Roberts, Morton, Charles, Burleson.

Other medal winners were, 2nd Place: 200 – Joe Flood, 800- Jerome Morton, 1600 – Bolota Asmerom, 110 HH – Maurice Byrd, Triple Jump – Kobie Roberts; and 3rd Place victory stand performers: 200 – A.J. Burleson, 1600 – Jerome Morton, 110HH – Calvin Chanmany, 300 IH – Chris McAllister, High Jump – Calvin Chanmany, Triple Jump – Chris McAllister, and Shot Put - Derrick Dickerson.

The 1995 top season marks for the McAteer Boys Varsity Team are impressive. The team was ranked in the top ten of all high school teams in the United States in track and field. Season bests were:

100: Felton Charles 10.3, Joe Flood 10.5, A.J. Burleson 10.6

200: Felton Charles 20.8, Joe Flood 21.7, A.J. Burleson 21.7, Kobie Roberts 22.2

400: Felton Charles 47.7, A. J. Burleson 49.6, Kobie Roberts 49.7, Jerome Morton 50.5

1600: Yonathan Asmerom 4:15.8, Bolota Asmerom 4:20.7, Jerome Morton 4:30.3

3200: Bolota Asmerom 9:19.4, Yonathan Asmerom 10:09.2, Jerome Morton 10:25.1

110HH: Maurice Byrd 14.7, Calvin Chanmany 15.8

300IH: Maurice Byrd 39.8, Chris McAllister 42.7, Calvin Chanmany 43.0

High Jump: Maurice Byrd 6'6", Calvin Chanmany 6'2", Greg Babers 5'10", Anthony Ratcliff 5'8", Tino Ratcliff 5'8"

Pole Vault: Calvin Chanmany 12'2", Nate Green 10'0"

Long Jump: Kobie Roberts 21'9", Anthony Ratcliff 21'2", Greg Babers 20'8 ½", Maurice Byrd 20'8"

Triple Jump: Anthony Ratcliff 45' 1 ¾", William Dudley 41'3", Kobie Roberts 41'0"

Shot Put: Steve Parker 52'0", Joshua Grate 44'9", Derrick Dickerson 38'10"

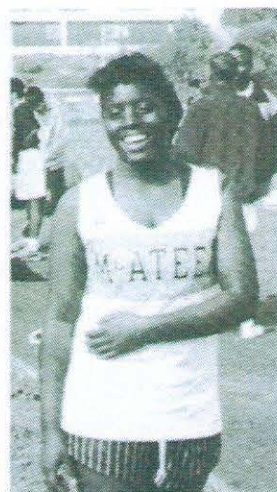
Discus: Steve Parker 151'7", Joshua Grate 124'3", Derrick Dickerson 87'10"

400 m. (4 x 100) Relay: K. Roberts, F. Charles, A.J. Burleson, J. Flood 41.2 (41.4a)

800 m. (4 x 200) Relay: M. Byrd, J. Flood, A. J. Burleson, F. Charles 1:27.9

1600 m. (4 x 400) Relay: K. Roberts, J. Morton, F. Charles, A.J. Burleson 3:18.5

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CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

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| 2015-16 | Mission | 1984-85 | Balboa | 1953-54 | Polytechnic |
| 2014-15 | Mission | 1983-84 | Galileo | 1952-53 | Polytechnic |
| 2013-14 | Galileo | 1982-83 | Washington | 1951-52 | Polytechnic |
| 2012-13 | Lincoln | 1981-82 | Galileo | 1950-51 | Commerce |
| 2011-12 | Mission | 1980-81 | Balboa | 1949-50 | Polytechnic |
| 2010-11 | Washington | 1979-80 | Lincoln | 1948-49 | Polytechnic |
| 2009-10 | Galileo | 1978-79 | Galileo | 1947-48 | Polytechnic |
| 2008-09 | Lincoln | 1977-78 | Lowell | 1946-47 | Polytechnic |
| 2007-08 | Lincoln | 1976-77 | Balboa | 1945-46 | St. Ignatius |
| 2006-07 | Lincoln | 1975-76 | Balboa | 1944-45 | Polytechnic |
| 2005-06 | Lincoln | 1974-75 | Galileo | 1943-44 | Lincoln |
| 2004-05 | Lowell | 1973-74 | Balboa | 1942-43 | Lowell |
| 2003-04 | Washington | 1972-73 | Lowell | 1941-42 | Lowell |
| 2002-03 | Lowell | 1971-72 | Balboa | 1940-41 | Polytechnic |
| 2001-02 | Galileo | 1970-71 | Lowell | 1939-40 | Lowell |
| 2000-01 | Washington | 1969-70 | Lincoln | 1938-39 | Galileo |
| 1999-00 | Washington | 1968-69 | Balboa | 1937-38 | Polytechnic |
| 1998-99 | Galileo | 1967-68 | Balboa | 1936-37 | Mission |
| 1997-98 | Washington | 1966-67 | St. Ignatius | 1935-36 | Polytechnic |
| 1996-97 | Galileo | 1965-66 | Lincoln | 1934-35 | Galileo |
| 1995-96 | Lowell | 1964-65 | Washington | 1933-34 | Galileo |
| 1994-95 | McAteer | 1963-64 | St. Ignatius | 1932-33 | Mission |
| 1993-94 | Wilson | 1962-63 | St. Ignatius | 1931-32 | Polytechnic |
| 1992-93 | Galileo | 1961-62 | Lowell | 1930-31 | Mission |
| 1991-92 | McAteer | 1960-61 | Washington | 1929-30 | Mission |
| 1990-91 | Galileo | 1959-60 | Polytechnic | 1928-29 | Lowell |
| 1989-90 | Galileo | 1958-59 | St. Ignatius | 1927-28 | Lowell |
| 1988-89 | Galileo | 1957-58 | Balboa | 1926-27 | Lowell |
| 1987-88 | Washington | 1956-57 | St. Ignatius | 1925-26 | Polytechnic |
| 1986-87 | Galileo | 1955-56 | Polytechnic | 1924-25 | Lowell |
| 1985-86 | McAteer | 1954-55 | Mission | | |

5 Years Ago (2011)

The 2011 Mission Bears: One Year Late, But right On Time



The Mission Bears won the CIF San Francisco Section in 2011. This Turkey Day win was Mission's first title in 57 years. Ending a 57 year drought is definitely a cause for excitement, but it's not clear whether Mission's 2011 title was as exciting as its 1954 title.

Mission's last title was won in a long-ago era where Poly and its great coach Milt Axt won seven of twelve titles, including four out of five titles between 1951 and 1955. Mission's 1954 semifinal win over Poly triggered a City-wide celebration, featuring Mission fans driving across the City blasting their horns. The celebration was warranted. Poly entered the semifinals on a 36 game winning streak, but Coach Dutch Elston's Bears, led by running back Garland Bluford, not only beat Poly, but stunned them 27-7. Mission went on to win the 1954 championship, beating Lincoln 21-6.

Oddly, Mission was not supposed to be fighting to end a 57 year drought in 2011. The drought looked like it would end after a mere 56 years. You see, 2010 was supposed to be the Year of The Bear and it would have been one of the all-time great stories. The Mission varsity team folded after three non-league games in 2009; so Mission promoted Joe Albano, its frosh/soph coach to take over the varsity in 2010. Mission proceeded to be the feel-good story of 2010, logging an undefeated 7-0 league record. The confluence of the

resurgence of a team that collapsed the year before combined with the then 56 year drought and the sheer dominance of the 2010 Bears made Mission the focus of media coverage for the entirety of the 2010 season.

Mission appeared poised to finish a magical 2010 season with a championship... until they were upset by the 2010 Balboa Buccaneers in the playoffs. Washington went on to beat the Bucs on Turkey Day. Suddenly the Mission magic dissipated.

At the end of the 2010 season, Washington and its coach Karl Finley became the story as people noticed that Coach Finley had three Turkey Day appearances and one championship in his first four seasons at the helm of the Eagles. And Washington built on the momentum from 2010, going undefeated in AAA League play in 2011.

Washington had to overcome some adversity to go undefeated in league play in 2011, and make it to Turkey Day for the fourth time in Coach Finley's five year tenure. The Eagles started the year without their Quarterback Aram Gevandian. Gevandian would return, and he went on to become a first-team All City quarterback. However, in his absence the Eagles leaned on running backs Jamie McHenry and Lajarie Mabrey. This powerful one, two punch drove the Eagles through the season even when Gevandian returned.

While Washington became the story of 2011, the Bears were quietly building on their 2010 performance. The Bears had speed on offense with Player of The Year Davon Hargraves, and Receiver of The Year Algeron Malbrough. Mission's running back Antoine Porter may have been the most exciting player in the league. But, the Bears were quietly building a powerful defense, led by a massive front line featuring 315 pound tackle Mane Fale, the defensive lineman of the year, and 260 pound defensive end Darius Grays, who also was the offensive lineman of the year.

Still, 2011 looked like the Eagles year, especially when they ran for over 300 yards against Mission in the regular season, handing the Bears a rather resounding 28-7 beating. After both teams won their semifinal games, they prepared for a Turkey Day rematch. The game turned into a slog.

Turkey Day 2011 was a day where the defenses dominated. Washington only gained 120 total yards all day. Mission didn't do much better, gaining 195 yards for the game. The two teams compounded a lack of offense with a surplus of turnovers: Mission lost two fumbles, and had an apparent touchdown on a brilliant 47 yard first quarter run by Porter called back due to an illegal block. Washington one-upped Mission (or dare we say two upped them), losing two fumbles and tossing two interceptions.

Washington got off to an early lead, when Jamie McHenry returned a Mission punt 93 yards near the end of the first quarter. The extra point made it 7-0.

Mission scored with 58 seconds left in the second quarter on a 25 yard pass from Hargraves to Demetrius Thibeaux, but missed the extra point. The 7-6 Washington lead held up until the 5:48 mark of the fourth quarter when Washington pulled out a trick play, running a reverse to Antoine Porter who raced 17 yards to score. Mission again missed the extra point, giving them a tenuous lead of 12-7.

Mission's 12-7 lead put them a mere 5:48 away from their first Turkey Day win in 54 years – but this game was destined to be a nail biter – all the way down to the quick.

Mission followed their score by taking advantage of a Washington miscue, recovering an on-side kick after their score. But Mission couldn't run out the clock. Washington got the ball on downs with 2:00 to go in the game, but their last drive ended when Mission's Miles Prescott (listed in the program as #15 but wearing #56 on the field if you ever watch the on-line highlights) sacked Gevandian.

It took 57 years, but Mission had its championship. It would not be their last as Mission and Coach Albano won again in 2014 and 2015, and entered the 2016 season looking to three-peat. If Mission pulls off the three-peat, they will do so without the man who revived the program as Coach Albano and his family moved to Oregon at the conclusion of the 2015-16 school year.

Time will tell how Coach Albano's resignation impacts Mission. However, enough time has passed to know how a resignation impacted the powerful Eagles. Eagle Coach Karl Finley resigned before the 2012 season, and Washington's fortunes have not recovered. The Eagles have not returned to the playoffs since Coach Finley left.

Fortunes reverse quickly in athletics. Turkey Day 2011 marked the start of an era of good fortune for Mission, and it marked the end of an excellent era at Washington. But, history and eras were not on the minds of Coach Albano and the Mission Bears in 2011. For them, Turkey Day 2011 was about winning the championship that eluded them in 2010. They succeeded in 2011... a championship that may have been one year late, but for the 2011 Bears and their championship starved fans the 2011 Turkey Day title was right on time.

10 Years Ago (2006)

Henderson's Dashes Lead Lincoln Comeback

Defending Champion Lincoln had to overcome the aerial dynamics of Balboa QB McLeod Bethel-Thompson to win their 2005 championship. The 2006 game would be the polar opposite as Lincoln faced the double-wing offense of the Lowell Cardinals.

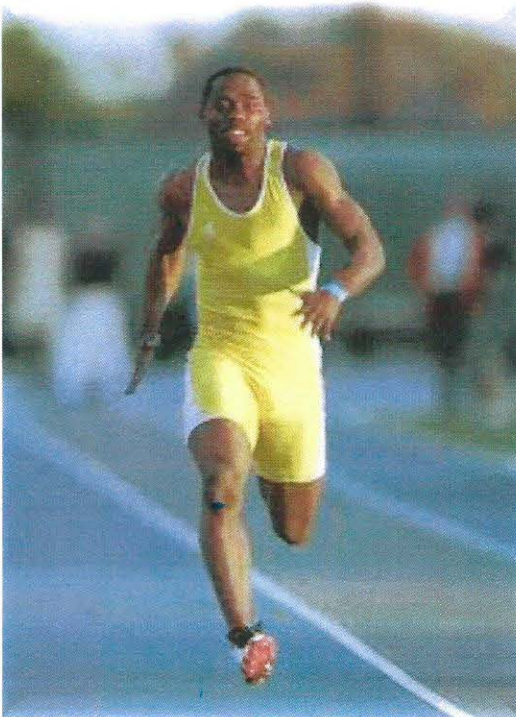
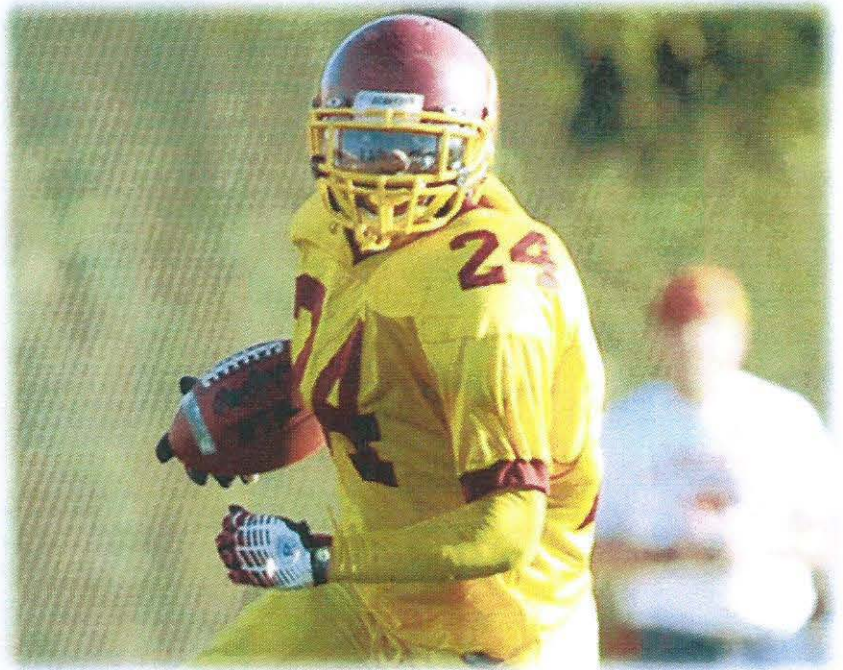
The Cardinals double-wing was billed as a conservative attack, but the electric backfield of quarterback Carter Rockwell, and running backs Bismark Navarro and Marcos Cronander made the 2006 Cardinal attack a potent one.

The Cardinals were the story of most of this game, limiting Lincoln's time of possession with their ball-control attack. Lincoln only had three first downs in the first half while Lowell simply never let the Mustang offense on the field, racking up two 12 play drives. Navarro led the Cardinals to a 16-6 halftime lead with touchdown runs of 24 yards and 15 yards.

The second half was a different story, though, as Lincoln's David Henderson took over the game. Henderson, who many consider the greatest running back in San Francisco history, rushed for over 5,600 yards in his high school career. He got 96 of those yards on two touchdown runs, going 49 yards to cut Lowell's third-quarter lead to 22-21, and then dashing 47 yards for the fourth-quarter clincher in Lincoln's 29-21 win.

Turkey Day was the traditional end of the San Francisco season for 83 years, but Lincoln got to move on to play in the first and only Transbay game against a powerful Oakland McClymonds team. You can read about that game on another page in this program.

David Henderson also was successful in track, finishing ninth in the State in 2007-08.



10 Years Ago (2006)

First – And Last – Transbay Game Featured Lincoln and McClymonds

By 2006, the CIF Oakland Section (OAL) and CIF San Francisco Section (AAA) champions played Transbay games in sports that didn't lead to a State Championship. These Transbay games were played in boys' and girls' soccer, baseball and softball. But, there was no Transbay football game, and yes, people noticed.

For years, the Oakland Athletic League had an offer on the table: if San Francisco wanted to play, the OAL was ready. Finally, in 2006 everything lined up and San Francisco and Oakland would play a Transbay football game on December 1, 2006 at Laney College.

The 2006 OAL representative was the McClymond Warriors. McClymonds was a Northern California powerhouse. They had a 10-2-1 record, and featured a number of Division I-A prospects.

2006 was a bittersweet year for McClymonds, though, as their two losses and a tie pretty much eliminated them from practical consideration for the first year of CIF State Football Bowl Championships. The sad irony is that the 2005 McClymonds team probably would have been selected for a Bowl game after an 11-1 season – with their only loss being to powerful LA Dorsey. McClymonds was a perennial power, led by legendary coach Alonzo Carter (now coaching at Contra Costa College). Carter coached over 40 Division 1 football players in his eight year run at McClymonds, but he lost 9 Division 1 signees from his great 2005 team. The 2006 McClymonds team was elite, but not elite enough to be selected to play for a State championship.

Lincoln, the two-time defending Turkey Day champ, didn't have the McClymonds pedigree. As Lincoln Coach Phil Ferrigno told the Chronicle, "They're just better." However, Lincoln wasn't without weapons of its own. First, they had Coach Ferrigno, who had rebuilt the program in his short tenure at the helm. Second, they had a tough defense, led by San Francisco Defensive Player of the Year Phillippe Lewis, and Defensive Lineman of the Year David Garcia. Finally, of course, they had David Henderson, the superlative running back who many consider the best back to ever come out of San Francisco. The big question for Lincoln was whether a well-coached and spirited David could beat Goliath. For a very short while it looked possible.

Lincoln's Henderson started this one and only Transbay game by returning the opening kick 85 yards. Surprisingly, Lincoln led. It did not last long.

McClymonds scored immediately to tie it on a 41 yard pass to Joseph Gray (who played in college at UC Davis). Indeed, McClymonds scored virtually every time they had the ball as Andre Island (who played in college at Sacramento State) ran for 119 yards, and Willie Griffin (who played in college at Portland State) ran for 191 yards.

Lincoln couldn't stop McClymonds, but McClymonds learned to respect them as Lincoln battled them every inch of the way. More notably, McClymonds learned that Henderson could truly hurt them ... and hurt them he did, putting on what the Chronicle called "a masterpiece." Henderson rushed for 242 yards on 20 carries against a defense that was stacked against him. He kept Lincoln close in the first quarter, adding a 63 yard touchdown run to his 85 yard kickoff return. He followed that run up with a 65 yard touchdown run in the second quarter. Ultimately, though, McClymonds wore Lincoln down and walked away with a 78-37 win.

The game, while not close, whetted the San Francisco and Oakland appetites for more. However, once the State Football Bowl Championships started in 2006, the Transbay football game had to close down because Transbays are only authorized in sports that do not lead to a state championship. Indeed, the 2006 game was only played because it had been planned in advance, and the CIF gave it a one-year exemption. Still, for one day, local fans had the game they wanted for years, and Lincoln, McClymonds, Island, Griffin, and Henderson gave them quite a show.

1994

McAteer In Full: Domination on Turkey Day

The 1994 Jaguars were the best team in McAteer's history. We say this with all due respect to McAteer's 1985 and 1991 Turkey Day champs.

The 1994 Jaguars certainly had the best record in school history. The 1994 Jaguars powered to a 10-1 overall record. McAteer was no mere local strongman; they were a regional power. Their dominance held true in league and non-league games.

Coach Mike DeNatale certainly knew that he had something special. Coach DeNatale told the Examiner's late great reporter Merv Harris that this was McAteer's best team "both by record and by talent."

Coach DeNatale's fellow coaches concurred. The coaches-vote gave McAteer the lineman of the year - Scott Nyce; the defensive player of the year - linebacker Aziel Toeina; and the player of the year - running back Joe Flood. Interestingly, Flood made two major switches. First, he switched from receiver to running back in 1994. But Flood's biggest switch was switching from Wilson to McAteer.

Flood, Leon Thomason and Willie Mickles were all on the 1993 Wilson championship team. When the District closed Wilson in June of 1994, they made the switch to McAteer. McAteer literally had a dual championship pedigree.

McAteer's strength didn't stop with its players of the year. They placed ten players on the All City team: defensive back Albert Burleson; safety William Dudley; linebacker Jerome Robinson; lineman Leon Thomason; quarterback James Williams; and tight end Kamara Wilson. This team was so strong that when Flood went out, they simply turned to sophomore Curtis Holden, a future two time All City player who went on to play for the New Orleans Saints. Today's fans will never get the opportunity to see these players, but one does not need to see a team to know that when one has the player of the year with a future professional waiting in the wings, there is a deep reservoir of talent.

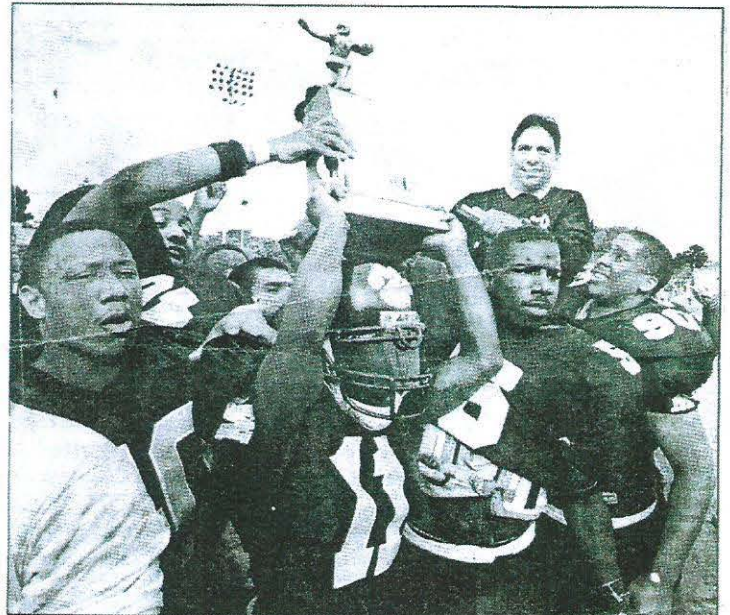
Still, McAteer, for all its talent, had to produce on Turkey Day. Produce they did.

The constant in all of McAteer's Turkey Day teams - and most of its other teams - was a toughness on defense. The best McAteer teams didn't give up a lot of points. This held true on Turkey Day 1994 as McAteer pitched a shutout for the three quarters. Galileo didn't score until the middle of the fourth quarter, and McAteer forced five turnovers.

McAteer left no doubt. They beat Galileo 20 - 7, opening the scoring with a double reverse, flea flicker featuring Flood handing off to Dudley who pitched back to quarterback Williams who threw to Kamara Wilson for the 67 yard touchdown that got the scoring started. And, once the scoring started, McAteer ground them down as Holden, Flood and Kobie Roberts crushed Galileo with a powerful ground game.

This was McAteer in full. Their third and last title - all won over a ten-year span. McAteer is now closed, but those who saw this powerful team will not soon forget them.

RAZZLE-DAZZLING CHAMPS



McAteer High School's trickery in the Turkey Bowl at Kezar Stadium produced a 20-7 win over Galileo for the city championship Thursday. Coach Michael DeNatale, hoisted here by his players, concocted a double-reverse with a flea-flicker, executed by quarterback James Williams, to surprise Galileo. [D-1]

25 Years Ago (1991)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

MCATEER USHERS IN THE ERA OF THE JAGUARS

There are times when that which is old can become new again. And so it was in 1991 when the McAteer Jaguars returned to Turkey Day. The Jaguars won the 1985 Turkey Day crown, closing out the old Kezar. They returned to a shiny, new and smaller Kezar after Kezar's demolition and remodeling in the late 1980s.

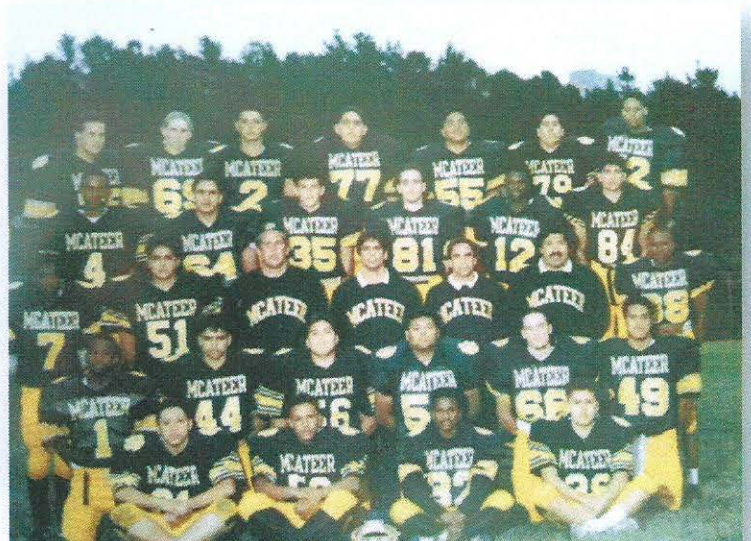
And McAteer had a new look as Mike DeNatale had replaced Bob Griffin as head coach after the Jaguars last appearance at Kezar. But, DeNatale wasn't completely new. He had already taken McAteer to Turkey Day in 1988 when Turkey Day was played at Washington. McAteer lost that day to a mighty pride of Lions from Galileo. Galileo three-peated between 1988 and 1990, but now it was time for new blood and a new mini-era of dominance. The Jaguars were ready to assert themselves.

This McAteer team was a talented bunch. They were led by running back Frank Madu, the Player of the Year. We don't hear Frank's name mentioned much anymore – since McAteer closed in 2002 there's no active group of McAteerites to keep his name and legacy alive. But, the great Madu went on to a stellar career at Washington State. Madu was not alone. Ed Miles was a fine quarterback, and King Togiai, Quincy Mouton, Noel Reyes and Duane Ross were outstanding two-way players providing a corps of strong linemen and linebackers.

McAteer went 9-2-1 overall in 1991. Never one to take the easy road, McAteer had to beat the team that tied them, the Balboa Buccaneers, to take home the title. They did so resoundingly.

The surprise on Turkey Day 1991 was how dominant McAteer was. McAteer won 19-6, scoring all of their points in the first half. The score did not accurately measure the degree of dominance. You had to listen to Balboa to know what happened. Balboa's coach, Don Boucher, told The Chronicle, "They just took us out of the game... We thought we could pass, we couldn't. We thought we could run our dive plays, we couldn't."

By now, the McAteer story was becoming clear. McAteer played great defense in their 1985 Turkey Day win. They did it again in 1991. They would later do it in 1994. McAteer played hard and gritty. They were tough – and that toughness brought them their second title in six years.



1985

McAteer Earns First Ever Turkey Day Championship



Today we honor McAteer High – and our program features all three of McAteer's Turkey Day titles.

In 1985, McAteer went on a dazzling run to win the school's first Turkey Day Championship.

McAteer's 1985 title was forged in 1984 where a very good McAteer team went 6-1 to finish second in the league season, but then lost in the semifinals. That semifinal loss was particularly galling as muddy field conditions turned the semifinal game against Galileo into a slog which Galileo ultimately won 3-0. McAteer felt that 1984 was their year but for the fickle fate of fortune and weather.

The disappointment of 1984 fueled the 1985 Jaguars. The Jaguars won the regular season crown in 1985. This team was a force in both league and in non-league games, finishing the season with a 10-2 overall record.

The 1985 Jaguars were led by AAA Player of the Year, Harvey Pulliam at Quarterback. Pulliam led a strong group of Jaguars. All City running back Andy Mitchell was a constant breakaway threat. The defense was anchored by Aaron Jones, Sandy Jackson and All City defenders Joel Brown, Ronnie Cooper and Michael Neely.

This powerful Jaguar team went out on Turkey Day and ran into the same type of weather that bogged them down in 1984. A pouring rain storm and a nasty field, marred what was either the last game or one of the last games played at the old Kezar Stadium before it was remodeled.

Unlike their 1984 team, the 1985 Jaguars conquered the weather – and they conquered the Washington Eagles. The Jaguars pulled out a 7-6 victory on a rain-soaked field over Jim Ruane's Washington team. Ronnie Cooper scored the winning touchdown on a counter-trap. Coach Bob Griffin had brought home McAteer's first Turkey Day title. His assistant, Mike DeNatale, would later win two more titles for the Jaguars.

"We lost in the playoffs the year before on a touchdown that got called back, but we came along and finally won one," Griffin said.

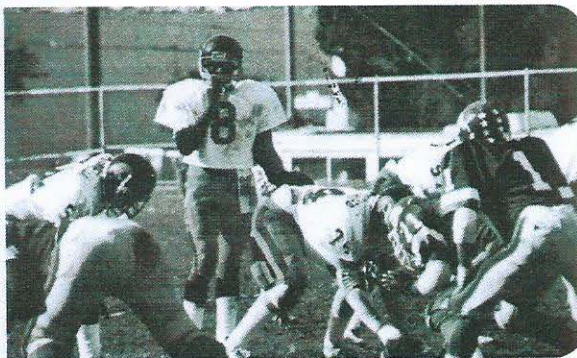
Griffin also expanded on Pulliam, who was the only player in San Francisco history to make an All-City team four years straight, and went on to play major league baseball for the Kansas City Royals and the Colorado Rockies in the 1990s.



"He was just a great athlete," Griffin said of his former quarterback. "He was 6-foot, 195 and he could run."

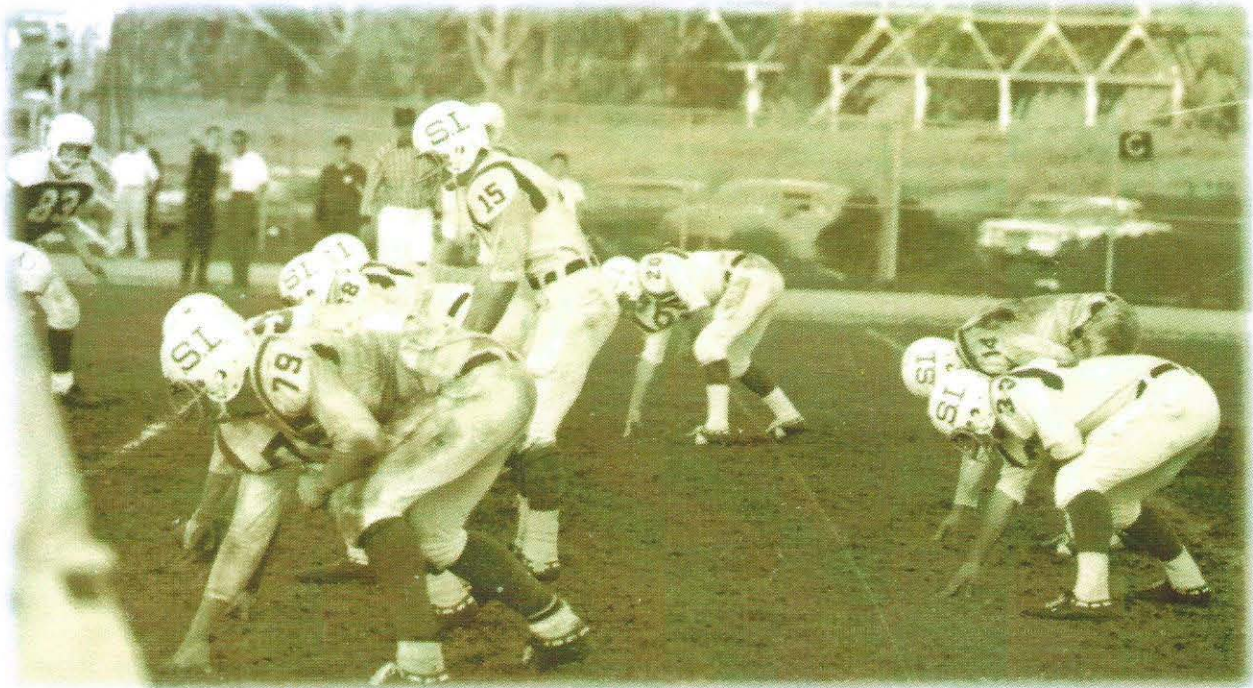
Pulliam also started at safety on defense, which Griffin said was the strength of the team.

"That's what kept us in a lot of ballgames," Griffin said. "It was just a good group of kids and we finally got it to work out."



50 Years Ago (1966)

A Wild(Cat) Send Off: St. Ignatius Wins On Miracle Play



The St. Ignatius Wildcats were a proud and welcomed member of the AAA Athletic League from 1912, when the AAA was still the San Francisco Athletic League, through 1958. After 1958, St. Ignatius was proud, but it was hard to say that they were still welcomed by the principals of the San Francisco Unified School District.

St. Ignatius wore out its welcome by committing that most cardinal of sins: they started winning on a regular basis, leading the SFUSD principals to pass a 1959 rule barring students who lived outside of San Francisco from playing on AAA teams. This rule, which was squarely aimed at St. Ignatius, stemmed from a smaller, localized 1950s and 60s version of the public/private disputes that plague high school sports in many parts of our country today.

Don't misunderstand. St. Ignatius was not without success prior to 1958. However, that success was not routine. St. Ignatius won football championships in 1945, and then again in 1956. But, they could not translate periodic championships into a period of sustained dominance in that era. No, the history of football from 1924 (when we switched from rugby to football) to 1956 was mostly written by Polytechnic and Lowell with periodic contributions from Galileo and Mission, and one-offs from Commerce and Balboa.

St. Ignatius and Sacred Heart, their Catholic school colleague, were respected in the period from 1924-1956, but they did not threaten public school dominance. However, the late 1950s were a transitory period. The nature and makeup of schools was changing.

The winds that lead us to think that private schools have athletic advantages, economic advantages, and – some would say - recruiting advantages were beginning to blow in the late 1950s. Poly felt these winds first. They won the 1955 AAA championship, but unbeknownst to them their days were numbered. They had one more title left in them (in 1959), and then they began a slow descent through the turbulent 1960s. Poly's

enrollment dropped and its physical plant deteriorated. Poly's athletic glory faded, too. Poly finally closed for good in 1972. Her ultimate fate was the wrecking ball.

The cultural and economic changes of the late 1950s and early 1960s foreshadowed the rise of the St. Ignatius Wildcats. St. Ignatius followed their 1956 title with another title in 1958. Winning every twenty years stirred no waves, but when the Wildcats won two AAA football titles in three years, they became the embodiment of the unfair advantages of private schools.

The AAA's new residency rule didn't immediately force St. Ignatius out of the AAA. St. Ignatius stayed. They had to. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, schools didn't drive up and down the Peninsula for athletic contests. The sports world was a localized world. Mobility came later. St. Ignatius periodically sought relief from the residency rule, but to no avail. St. Ignatius was slowly being squeezed.

On the fields of play, St. Ignatius entered its greatest era of AAA success. They won the AAA football title in 1958, and then they entered a period of greatness from 1961-1963. The Wildcats of this era lost a 7-0 heartbreaker to Lowell on Turkey Day in 1961, were ranked #1 in the country and beat Lowell 7-6 on Turkey Day in 1962, and beat an excellent Washington team 21-0 on Turkey Day in 1963.



St. Ignatius's on-field success papered over some off-field issues. St. Ignatius had a student body of approximately 1,110 to 1,200 boys in the late 1950s and early 1960s. They were housed on Stanyan Street where the Koret Center is currently located. The school had no room to expand, and was turning away students who would have otherwise been admitted.

St. Ignatius had to expand to fully serve its populace. It was rejecting students that it wanted to admit. It also couldn't fully serve the students it had. Indeed, the St. Ignatius website states that 125 students lived in Daly City and Pacifica in 1966. Those students were barred by the AAA residency rule in football, baseball, basketball and a host of other sports. The numbers were against St. Ignatius, but they had no viable solution until SFUSD gave them the solution of the ages.

St. Ignatius was saved by SFUSD selling them the land that ultimately became the new St. Ignatius campus. It is not clear why SFUSD sold 11 acres of land that could have serviced its own future growth; it is likely that the SFUSD Board of Education simply couldn't envision how valuable land would become in future years. The wisdom of the Board of Education notwithstanding, the essence of the matter is that St. Ignatius got 11 acres of land that could have benefitted the SFUSD in the decades to come for \$2,001,100. The dye was cast.

St. Ignatius would embark on a path where the Archdiocese, business and alumni began to donate in substantial quantities first to build the campus and then to preserve it. As the funds rolled in from current donors, the AAA Board of Managers barred St. Ignatius's future donors from playing. St. Ignatius realized that fundraising and business could buy them access to their Catholic peers on the Peninsula. They realized that it was time to embrace the Catholic athletic leagues. St. Ignatius's Board of Regents voted to leave the AAA in October, 1966. St. Ignatius had seen the future – they saw the world that we live in today. Interestingly, St.

Ignatius voted before their new campus was ready; they didn't actually move into their new campus until 1969. St. Ignatius took a leap of faith ... and won.

The 1966 season was our farewell to St. Ignatius. AAA teams made them fight for everything they got. St. Ignatius was certainly good, but even their 1962 nationally ranked team struggled in the tough AAA of the early 1960s. The 1964 and 1965 St. Ignatius teams struggled even more as they were most decidedly not a championship level team. The Wildcats were on the outside looking in as Washington and Lincoln won the 1964 and 1965 titles.



By 1966, St. Ignatius had rebuilt their team around a tough, gritty group of linemen. The 1966 Wildcats placed three linemen on the AAA All City first team: Jim Squeri, Boris Koodrin, and Jim Fingone. These Wildcats were tough. They didn't have the same talent as the great 1961-63 teams, and nobody would have argued that they were the best team in the country, but they weren't playing for a national ranking. They were playing to earn the AAA title, a feat that can only be accomplished on the field.

St. Ignatius delivered. They weren't unbeatable. Their record was 7-2, and they lost a tough regular season game to Lowell by a 13-12 score. But when the playoffs rolled around, these tough Wildcats won their semifinal game and stood ready to avenge their regular season loss to Lowell.

Lowell and St. Ignatius combined to play what the San Francisco Chronicle called "one of the finest exhibitions of football in the history of the Thanksgiving Day title game." Lowell entered the game led by Jeff Karp, a fine quarterback. But, Lowell's strength was their defense. Lowell's defensive big three consisted of AAA All City first team linemen Larry Richardson and Carl Nielson, and linebacker Larry Jacobson. They would square off in a mighty battle with St. Ignatius's offensive line all day.

The see-saw battle began in the second quarter when St. Ignatius's Glenn Dennis picked off Karp, dashing 75 yards to paydirt. But Lowell struck back on a 64 yard drive capped off by Fred Coleman's two yard touchdown. The point after tied the game at seven. St. Ignatius struck again. This time with a long, thirteen play drive leading to a Mike Bassi score and a 14-7 halftime lead.

After a scoreless third quarter, Lowell embarked upon an eighty-two yard, fifteen play drive. Karp concluded the drive with a quarterback sneak from the two, and the game was tied at 14.

With thirty-one seconds remaining, and a 14-14 tie, this game appeared destined to end in a tie. The AAA had no overtime rule at this time. But, fate trumped destiny and in one of the oddest twists of fate in AAA history, St. Ignatius turned the almost certain tie into a win. St. Ignatius wrote the script for the perfect send-off as backup quarterback Paul Contreras, inserted due to injury, tossed a desperation lob that was deflected into the hands of Tom Hughes in a play that was a precursor to the Immaculate Reception of

Pittsburgh Steelers' lore. Hughes ran into the end zone, completing a 45 yard miracle play that gave St. Ignatius the perfect send off, a 21-14 miracle victory.

St. Ignatius left on top, surviving a tough 1966 AAA League. They then went on to win the West Catholic Athletic League crown the next year, making them the closest thing to regional champions that California would see until the CIF instituted regional and State championships decades later.



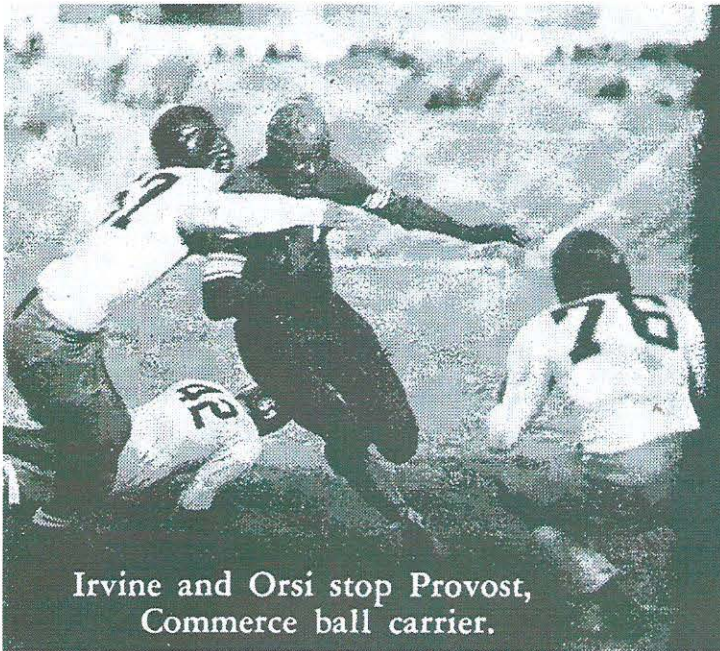
75 Years Ago (1941)

Winless Wonders No More: Lowell Rises From Top To Bottom To Top Again

What a three-year odyssey for Lowell. Lowell's unbeaten 1939 championship team was followed by the 1940 Winless Wonders. Indeed, Lowell was the doormat of the 1940 football season, sinking to the depths of the AAA Athletic League with an 0-7-1 record. But, 1940 was not a wasted season for a rebuilding Lowell team. Coach Mike Voyne gradually built a defensive force, and by the end of a season of pain, Lowell had forged a team that was ready for 1941.

We saw (or more accurately, our great grandparents saw), the beginnings of the 1941 team in Lowell's last two games in 1940. First, Lowell battled Poly to the wire in the 1940 Thanksgiving Day game. In 1940, Turkey Day was not reserved for the championship; rather it was the day for the annual Poly vs. Lowell game. The lowly Lowellies of 1940 played Poly evenly, ultimately losing 7-0 on a Poly touchdown with twenty six seconds remaining in the game. Lowell did not perform like a winless team on Turkey Day. Lowell followed the Turkey Day game with another sterling defensive effort, closing out the 1940 season with a 0-0 tie against Washington.

Lowell entered 1941 as a question mark. Poly, on the other hand, entered as what it almost always was - a power. It quickly became clear that Lowell and Poly were the class of a very tough league.



Irvine and Orsi stop Provost, Commerce ball carrier.

The 1941 AAA Athletic League was a very well-balanced league. Poly powered its way through the league with a team that the San Francisco Examiner's Dick Toner described as a "paragon of power." Poly power faced constant challenge. Poly barely escaped with an 8-6 win over Commerce. They later duplicated that 8-6 score in beating St. Ignatius. Poly pitched convincing shutouts against Mission, Washington, Sacred Heart and Galileo behind the power running of Ignatius Foley and Fernando Asdrubale.

Poly did not enter Turkey Day unscathed. They were fortunate to escape with a tie against Balboa, stopping Balboa at the one foot line to preserve the tie. They entered Turkey Day 1941 on a twenty game unbeaten streak, but they had been challenged and tied during that streak.

Power they were; unbeatable they were not (we note that the Lowell Sesquicentennial states that Poly was 6-1 entering the Turkey Day fray - but a study of the newspapers of the day makes it clear that Poly had one tie, not one loss, as they entered Turkey Day).

Lowell, too, had to navigate the difficult 1941 league. They did it behind skinny Billy Sheridan, a 135 pound quarterback. Skinny he was, but Sheridan was a second team All City Quarterback, and he gave Lowell the ability to, in the words of Dick Toner, strike "suddenly and stunningly." Sheridan constantly found running back Paul Orsi in 1941, and when Orsi didn't do damage, Sheridan's wide receiver, Frank Wigmore did.

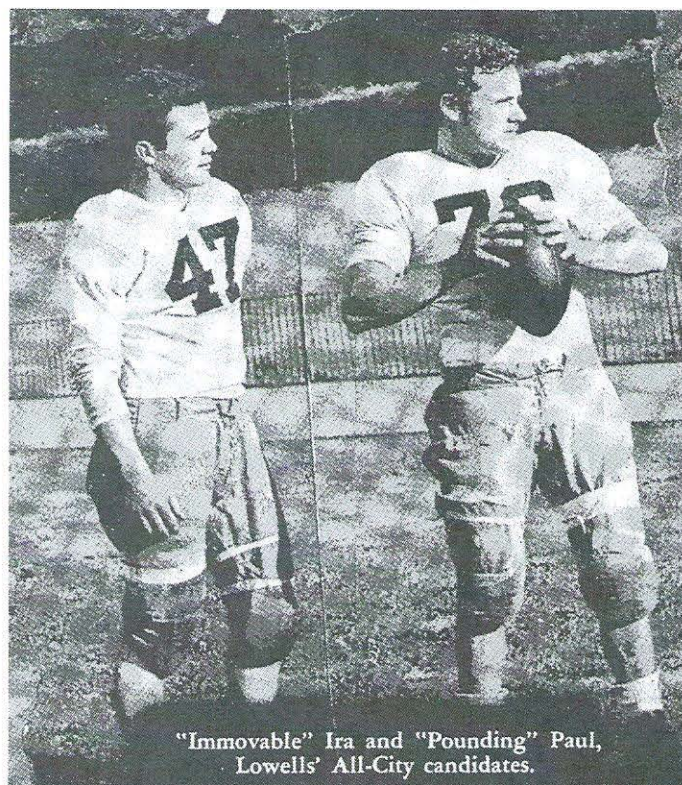
Lowell's passing game, and the defense they developed at the end of the 1940 season came in good stead in very close one point wins over Sacred Heart and Galileo. Lowell beat Balboa 7-0 on a

freak 28 yard touchdown off of a deflection gathered in by Wigmore with 49 seconds to go. Lowell also racked up convincing wins over Washington and Mission. But, nobody got through the 1941 season unscathed. Lowell lost to Commerce 7-6.

Lowell entered the Turkey Day battle with Poly as the underdog. Poly was a clear favorite, but the real winners were the over 37,000 spectators. Turkey Day was reserved for the Poly vs. Lowell game in 1941; it was not reserved for the championship game until 1943. But, this 1941 game was the de facto championship. The winner would wear the crown.

Surprisingly, Lowell dominated the game. But, they had little to show for their domination for most of the game.

Poly put on one of the greatest displays of goal line defense in Turkey Day history. The Lowell aerial attack penetrated the Poly ten yard line three times in the first half. Twice, Lowell passed to Poly's one. Facing twelve plays from within their ten yard line, and eight plays from the one yard line, Poly did not yield. Twelve plays from within the ten netted zero points for Lowell.

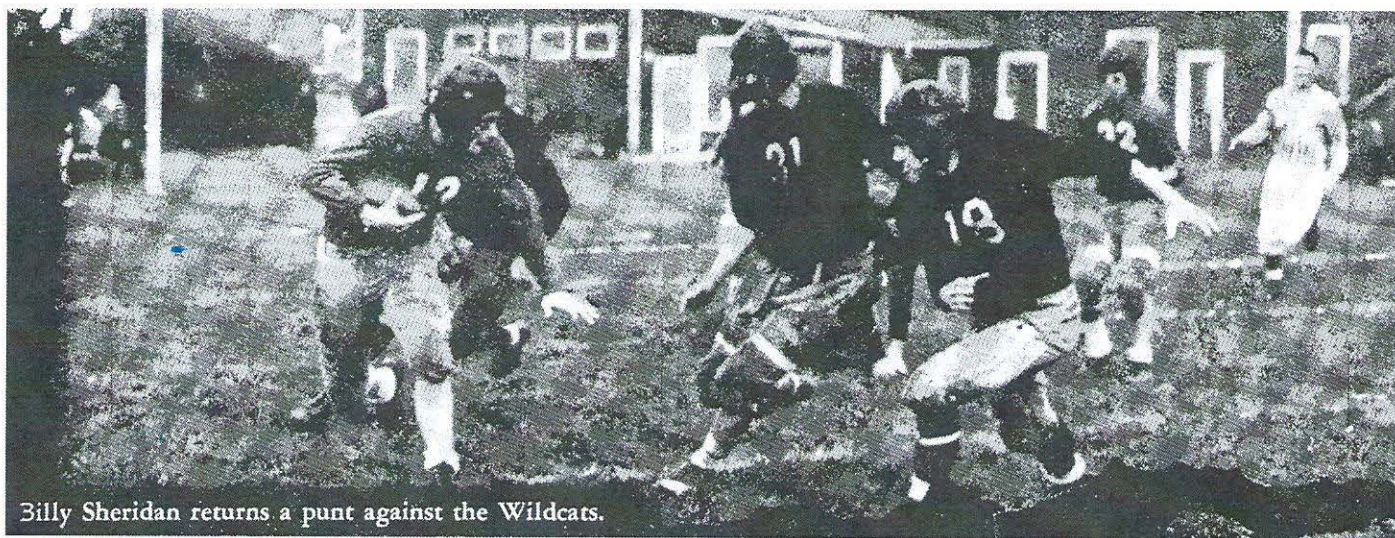


"Immovable" Ira and "Pounding" Paul,
Lowell's All-City candidates.

Poly's defense was the story, but Lowell's defense did not break either. Poly threatened on multiple occasions. Poly power also won vital field position, and one of the biggest plays of this game was a Lowell 73 yard punt, that reversed Poly field position, quashing their momentum. Tellingly, the newspapers of the day made it a point to comment on the importance of the 73 yard punt, which went 70 yards on the fly.

Ultimately, this game came down to a trick play, and Sheridan's quick strike ability. In the fourth quarter, Orsi, Lowell's excellent back, fooled Poly by taking a direct snap from center and passing 23 yards to Sheridan. Lowell was 24 yards from paydirt. They got there with a Sheridan to Orsi pass to the Poly ten, followed by a ten yard touchdown pass from Sheridan to Wigmore for the only score of the day. Lowell converted the extra point, and held on for the 7-0 win.

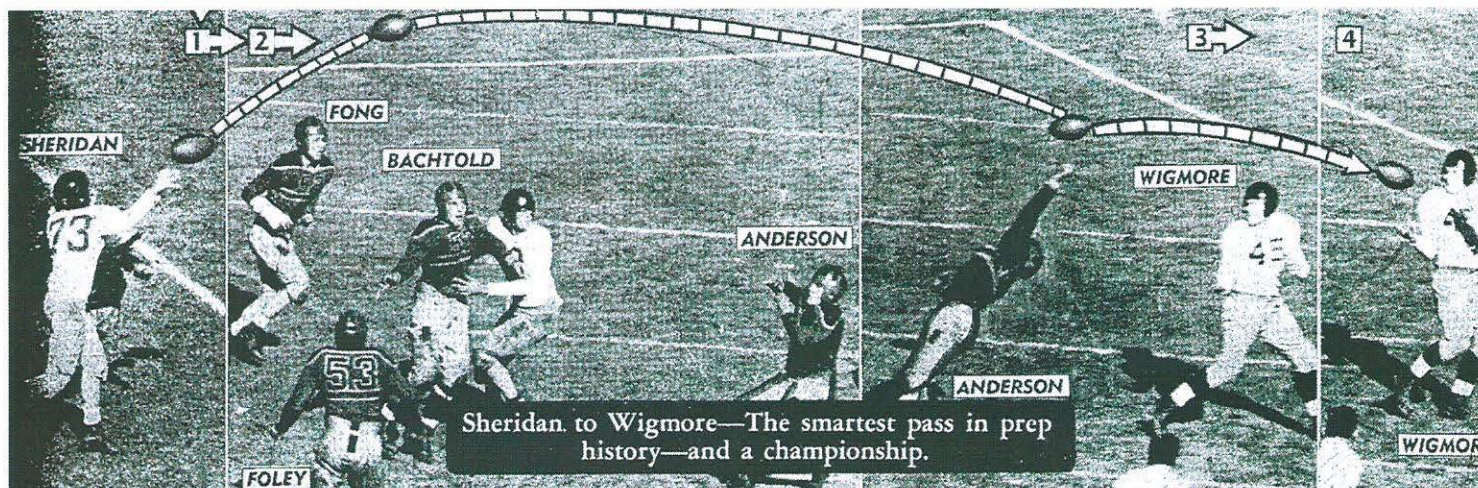
The 1941 Lowell team went from worst to first, stopping the Joe Verducci led Poly team. Mike Voyné was back on top after reaching championship heights in 1939 followed by the depths of



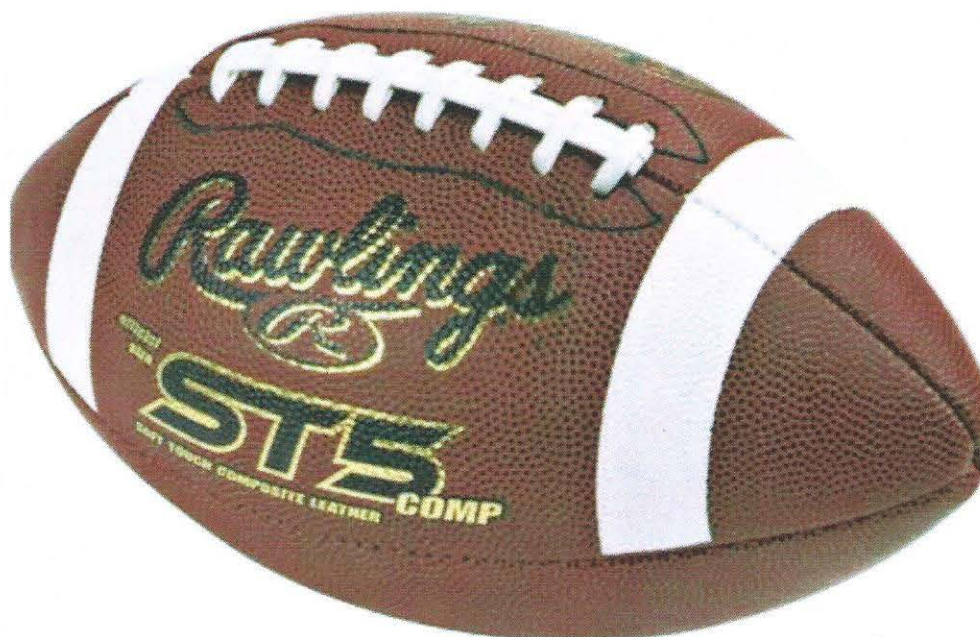
Billy Sheridan returns a punt against the Wildcats.

a winless season in 1940. Lowell would win the championship again in 1942, but they wouldn't win again for nineteen years. Poly won ten titles in those nineteen years, cementing their claim as the greatest football school in AAA history, and Milt Axt, Poly's coach for eight of those titles, staked his claim as the greatest football coach – if not the greatest coach period – in AAA history.

Lowell's era of football excellence neared an end, but that was a story for the future. The story of the moment was Coach Mike Voyne taking Lowell back to the top after a dismal 1940 season.



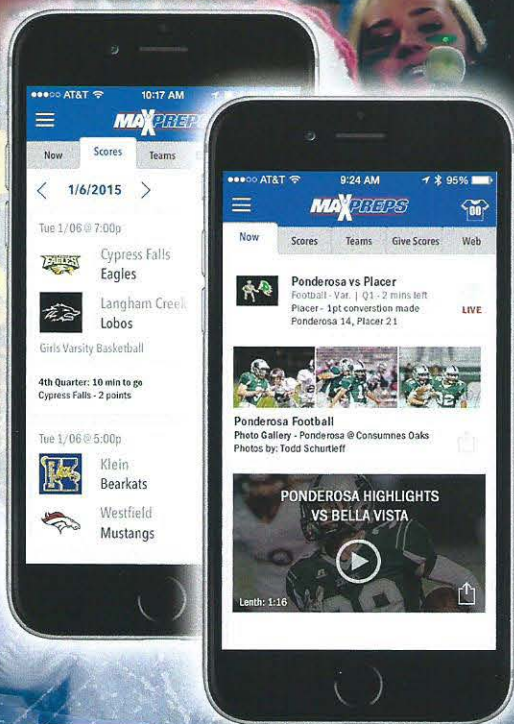
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