

Bishop Montgomery---CIF Champions

Pomona Beaten By 6-2

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Bishop Montgomery is not only the best team in the CIF AA ranks, but also the best in the 3-A division!

A few days ago Coach Marv Wood took a banquet audience he read this statement in today's edition of the Press-Herald, and since this is his year, he is right again.

Coach Wood's Knights won their fourth straight CIF ball game with a 6-2 win over Pomona High yesterday afternoon at El Camino to win their first CIF title.

The game ended on a frustrating note for Pomona when catcher Gary Sendt slammed a drive to the base of the left centerfield fence to knock in his team's second run, but Gary passed Dave Miller going to third base and both were tagged out on the play to end the game.

The six Bishop Montgomery ballplayers named to the Press-Herald All-Torrance team figured in the victory. Rich Perez won his 10th game without a loss. He threw a six-hitter.

Second baseman Skip Jarvis, a junior, collected three hits, stole two bases, scored three runs and was flawless afield.

Danny Graham clubbed two hits and scored a pair of runs. His 4-game batting was 9-for-14.

Chuck Bongard knocked in a run on two occasions yesterday while Dan Pritchett and Nels Straley each got an RBI with a hit.

The Knights finished the season with a 21-3 record and culminated a 19-game win streak. They were 15-0 in the Camino Real League.

Perez concentrated on his fastball during the first three innings and mixed it with a change of pace pitch. He went more with a low curve ball late in the innings.

He gave up a run in the fourth inning. Rich was touched with two straight hits, but with two away runners were at first and third. A pickoff at first was ruled a balk to allow a run to score.

By this time Montgomery already had a 3-0 lead. Jarvis scored in the leadoff inning. He stroked a single to right, went to second on a wild pitch, made it to third on an infield out, and came home on a wild pitch.

His second run was more legitimate when he singled to center with two away, stole second and came home on Graham's scorcher to left. Graham romped around when Bongard drove a double inside third base.

The clinching three runs in the fifth followed the regular pattern. Perez walked and Jarvis forced him. Skip stole second and went to third on Graham's base hit.

Bongard's hit to deep short was good enough to score Jarvis, Pritchett and Straley then sent Mike Cichon to cover with hits and the score went to 6-1.

Two hits and an error in the seventh almost put Pomona back in the game, but the mixup on the bases ended the contest abruptly.

Perez was embraced by his fellow champions. He thought the game was a tough one to pitch. Rich said he had his best stuff in the final league game against Crespi. That one assured the team of a perfect league record.

Bongard thought this was his best thrill in a long exciting career in athletics.

Graham, tired from a long year of football, basketball and baseball, looked ready for a good shower and shave. He smiled each time somebody made a remark about the victory. Earlier in the day he was drafted by the Boston Red Sox Toronto club.

As part of the championship Pritchett played his harmonica. Somebody remembered a pledge they made as freshmen to win a CIF championship during their tenure.

Steve Patterson, a junior, said, "Bring on Millikan!" anticipating the winner of the CIF-AAA crown.

Coach Wood simply said, (Continued on Page C-10)

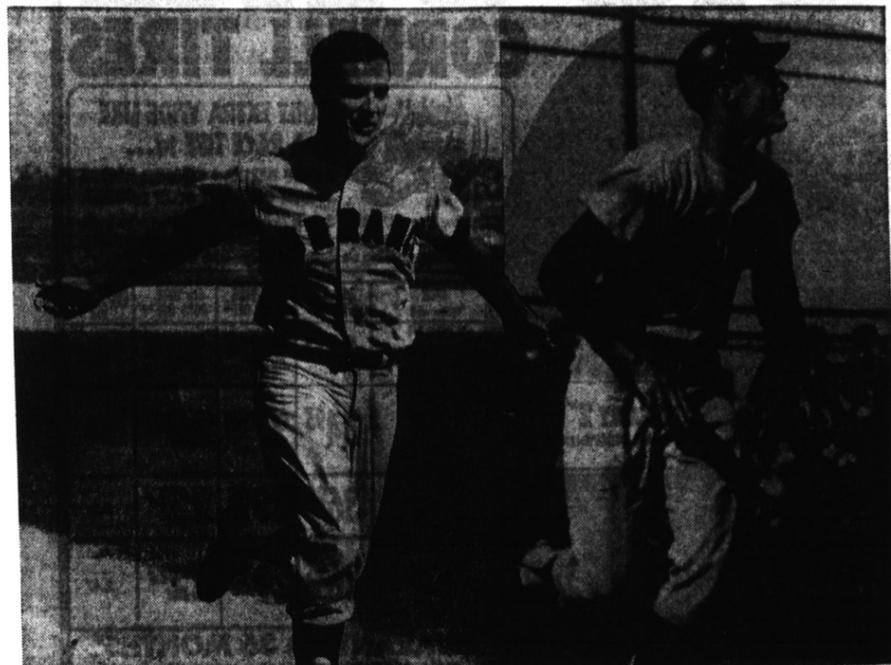


RICH PEREZ
Pitcher



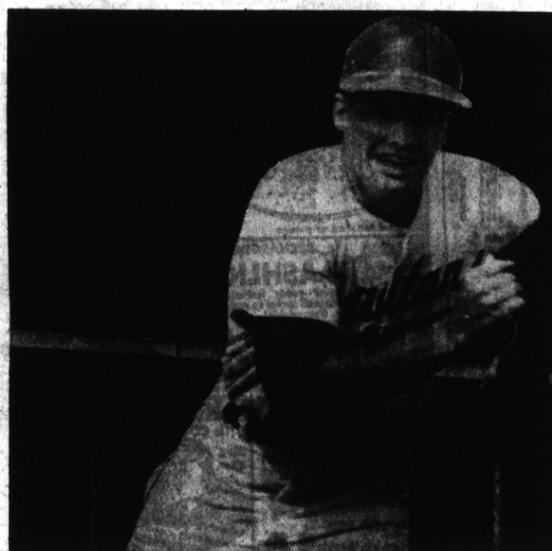
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Shortstop

CHUCK BONGARD
Third Base

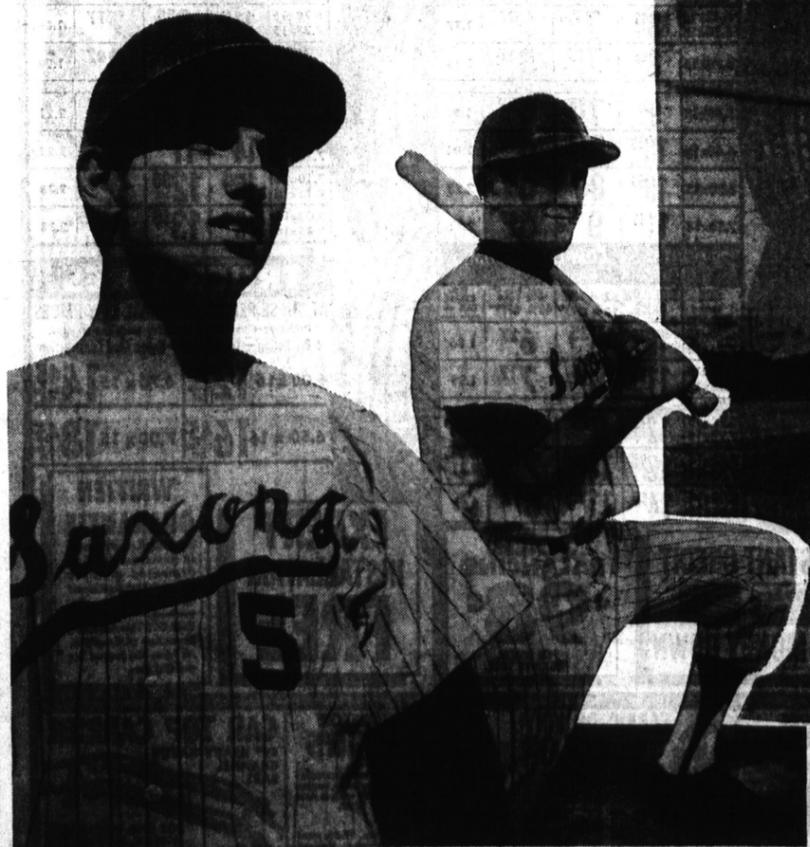


FRED KENDALL
Catcher

BART JOHNSON
Pitcher



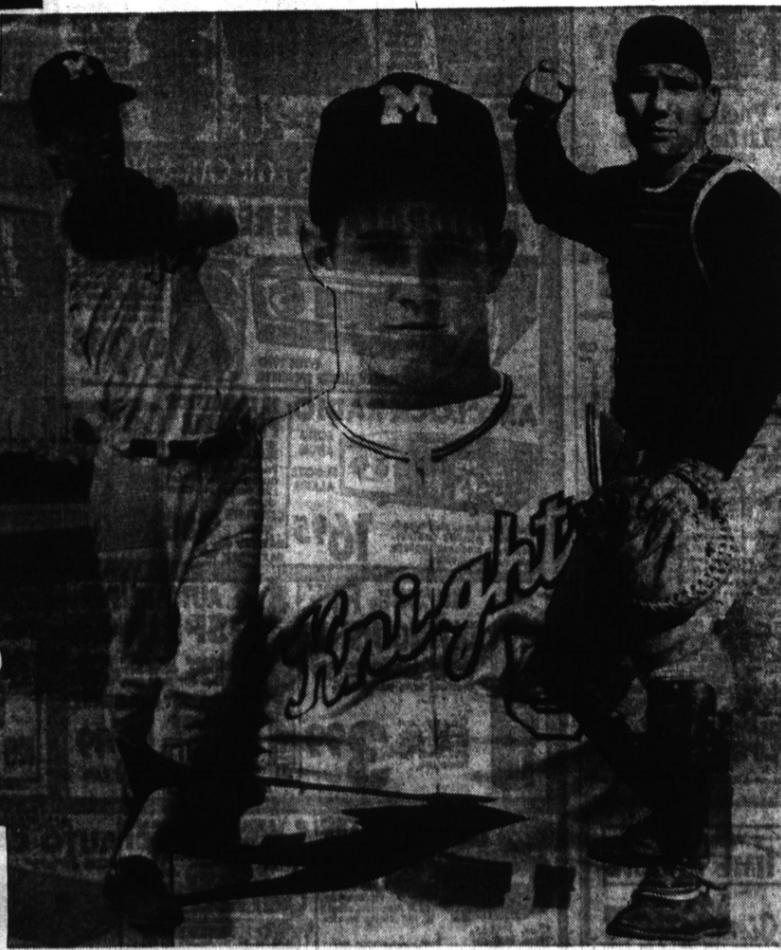
JEFF WANG
Outfielder



MIKE BARNES
First Base



RICH GONZALES
Outfielder



DAN PRITCHETT
Outfielder

SKIP JARVIS
Second Base

NELS STRALEY
Catcher