KENNETH CARPENTER
OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

Kenneth Landon Carpenter will have no problem learning to swim, if he hasn't already. At the tender age of three-years-old, the young son of Crescenta Valley High Athletic Hall of Fame inductee Kenneth Carpenter will learn at the hands of one of the best athletes ever produced by the CV Aquatics program.

Truth be told, Kenneth Carpenter or "Kenny" as he was known a decade ago, was already an age-group swimming sensation when he started at CV in 1995. By the time he graduated in 1999, he had earned high school All-American honors an astounding 20 times as well as six All-CIF awards in water polo and swimming. Besides being named the Glendale News-Press Male Athlete of the Year three times, the Glendale News-Press also honored him as one Glendale's top-50 athletes of the 20th century.



But in information provided by his family, the side of Carpenter that made him such a great teammate speaks volumes about him as a person. "In a sport that focuses on individual accomplishments, Kenny's proudest moments as a Falcon were the association he had with Head Coach Pete Loporchio, his coaching staff, and his teammates on two consecutive CIF Division II Championship teams and being part of a remarkable swim program that never lost a Pacific League dual-meet in his time there."

He continued his swimming career at Brigham Young University, where he was a member of three Mountain West Championship swim teams. He graduated with a degree in business and he is currently in the Masters of Business Administration program at the Marriott School of Management at BYU.

MEREDITH CERVENKA
OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

In the softball battle between pitcher and hitter, CV hurler Meredith Cervenka struck fear in the heart of every batter she faced.

In four years on the mound for the Falcons, she won 91 games and struck out 1,080 batters from 1998 to 2001. Her most impressive feat was setting the CIF and state record with 292 1/3 innings pitched without allowing an earned run.



Ironically, she broke the record of 268 innings set by Lindsay Parker from La Canada High, the daughter of her pitching coach Tom Parker. Cervenka said in her bio notes that Parker had a saying that she used to repeat to help her calm down before games. "It's okay to have butterflies in your stomach. Just try to get them to fly in formation."

A four-time Pacific League MVP and first team All-CIF selection for the Falcons, Cervenka took her considerable pitching skills to Long Beach State, where she was a three-time Big-West Conference Softball Pitcher of the Year for the 49ers from 2003-2005 and is the school's all-time leader in strikeouts.

But none of what Meredith Cervenka accomplished would have been possible without embracing a work ethic that helped her rise above the competition. "I would pitch everyday but on the days I didn't want to pitch, my Dad would say, 'I can't force you to practice but on the days that you don't all the other girls are and they are getting better than you.' That always motivated me to pitch everyday and push myself to the max."

GEORGE CLAUSEN
MERITORIOUS SERVICE

It has been almost 50 years since George Clausen started teaching a few physical education classes at Crescenta Valley High and started a career path that lasted 23 years and made friendships that have lasted a lifetime. These are the recollections of a man who will turn 87 years young early in 2009 and wonders what he will do when he gets old.

Clausen retired from CV in 1984 after 23 years. He was the school's first athletic director and had a prime view from the Foothills of what he considered the perfect place to work and a better place to make friends and influence young people. Retirement may have taken away from the day to day duties of his office, but he never failed to support CV athletics and help out any way he could.



"It doesn't seem that long ago when I was helping "B" football coach Bill Heil work with the players or helping out with what ever team needed something," said Clausen who also coached track and golf. "It was like we were taking part in a special journey with our first teachers and coaches and players, and I could not be more pleased at how everything has turned out."

From the crew top haircuts that the boys wore in those early days to the rules and regulations that were part of everything they did, Clausen regards CV as a model school to this day. Even the blazers and ties that Ed Goorjian's basketball players wore on game days don't seem so far fetched to hear Clausen tell the story.

ED GOORJIAN
OUTSTANDING COACH

Ed Goorjian helped put CV basketball on the map as one of the elite programs in Southern California in 16 years as head varsity coach from 1962 until 1978. He started the program in 1960, when he and assistant coach Don Duncan led a group of sophomores to a 7-9 record playing a junior varsity schedule.

As the varsity coach, Goorjian had 16 consecutive winning seasons and an overall record of 328-103 for the Falcons. He led the 1971 team, that included Bill Boyd and Bob Trowbridge, to a 29-0 mark before falling to Verbum Dei in the CIF Championship game. He had eight 20 win seasons at CV and won seven league titles and won prep and national coach of the year honors in 1977 and 1978.



Even more impressive was the fact that 32 of his Falcons earned scholarships to play basketball at four-year colleges and he also coached 12 All-CIF selections and four prep All-Americans, including his son Greg Goorjian, the 1977 and 1978 State Player of the Year. He also coached his sons Brian and Kevin during his tenure at CV and both are currently coaching in Australia. Brian was the Australian Men's National Team coach in the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

After leaving CV, Goorjian coached at Glendale College and then at Loyola Marymount as the head coach for five years. He also coached with Brad Holland at Cal State Fullerton, and for two years as head coach of the Hellal Club in Saudi Arabia and then at USC and UNLV. He is retired and living in Oceanside with his wife Joyce.

GREG GOORJIAN
OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

They called Greg Goorjian the new Pete Maravich. Newspapers around Southern California called him a magician with a ball in his hands and a jump shot as pure as there ever was. He wore a Falcons uniform from 1975-1978 and was one of the most prolific scorers the state and the nation has ever seen.

Greg Goorjian averaged a phenomenal 43.4 points per game during his senior year in 1977-1978 and was named the CIF and California State Player of the year and an All-American for several organizations. He was also the California State player of the year as a junior in 1977. His three-year career average in a Falcons uniform was 31.3 points per game and he also held the school record for career assists.



Pursued by many of the top colleges in the nation, Goorjian signed with Arizona State but later transferred to UNLV and then to Loyola Marymount, where he would play for his father Ed. He finished his career as the No. 3 scorer in the nation as a senior in 1983 and was a ninth round NBA draft choice of the Golden State Warriors.

Goorjian is currently the vice-president of marketing and sales for the One Queensridge Place High Rise Development in Las Vegas. But in a return to the family business of basketball, he coached his sons Gavin and Camden and the Meadows High School in Las Vegas to five consecutive 2A State Championships from 2002-2006.

MICHELLE GRECO
OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

Michelle Greco was one of the best all-around athletes Crescenta Valley High has ever produced. It was not just her prowess in girls' basketball as her four state player of the year awards would suggest, or her skill as a tennis player, which were considerable despite the little time she put in the sport.

What she did do was create a standard of excellence in girl's basketball that may never be matched again. It has less to do with her school record of 2,397 points for the Lady Falcons from 1995 to 1999 and countless league, CIF and state player of the year honors and All-American awards, and more to do with her leadership qualities.



Any team that Greco played on was better for her presence as evidenced by the three league doubles championships and one singles title she won at CV. The Falcons were team league champs in girl's tennis and basketball in her four years there.

At UCLA, she was the same player on a bigger stage as she riveted the fans with her energetic play, driving the lane or shooting from the outside. She led the Pac-10 in scoring as a junior and senior and was just as skilled rebounding or finding the open teammate with a timely assist.

She continued her career in the WNBA, playing for the 2004 WNBA Champions Seattle Storm and currently plays in Europe. Still the Falcon at heart, she has run a basketball camp that bears her name during the summer for the past 10 years to inspire young girls to reach their dreams and enhance their skills.

Just like she did.

BRAD HOLLAND
OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

The 1975 CV graduate will go down in history as one of the best to ever play for the Falcons, at a time when he was shuttling between the football field and the basketball court and having great success in both sports.

Holland was primarily a basketball player when he came to CV in 1972 but he was such a good athlete that he was recruited to play football and helped guide the Falcons to the 1973 CIF-3A title, a 14-7 win over Monrovia High school. Holland played both ways for the Falcons at quarterback and strong safety and earned All-Foothill league honors at both positions.



It was on the hardwood that Holland achieved his greatest success for the Falcons and beyond. He was a two-time Foothill League MVP and All-CIF selection in 1974 and 1975 when he played for Ed Goorjian, and signed to play at UCLA where he was the last player recruited by legendary head coach John Wooden. As a senior for the Bruins in 1979, Holland averaged 17.5 points and 4.8 assists per game and earned All Pac-10, All-American and Academic All-American honors.

In 1980, he was drafted in the first round by the Los Angeles Lakers and scored eight points in the decisive sixth game that earned the Lakers the World Championship. Holland later returned to UCLA as an assistant basketball coach and later became the head coach at Cal State Fullerton and at the University of San Diego, where he coached for 13 years and is the school's all-time leader with 200 wins.

He is married with three children to his high school sweetheart, Leslie, and is currently the assistant men's basketball coach at U.C. Santa Barbara.

TOM HOLMOE
OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

Tom Holmoe could do a little bit of everything as an athlete. The 1978 CV graduate was a standout in football playing quarterback and defensive back and also playing basketball and ran track. He was All-CIF in football and track as a senior, and was a teammate of fellow hall of fame inductee Greg Goorjian in basketball and played for head coach and inductee Ed Goorjian.



Holmoe accepted a football scholarship to BYU and he has come full circle 30 years later as the athletic director for the Cougars. He took over that post in 2005 after three years as associate athletic director and oversees 21 sports, 600 student-athletes and a staff of 150. In his tenure as athletic director, BYU has captured 30 Mountain West Conference championships and more than 100 student-athletes have earned All-American status.

While his rise to athletic director has been impressive, Holmoe's success as a college and pro football player and coach might rival it. He played on four conference championship teams for the Cougars and was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in 1983. He spent seven years in the NFL, winning Super Bowl titles with the 49ers as a defensive back in 1984, 1988 and 1989.

His coaching career started as a graduate assistant at BYU. He then became an assistant at Stanford under Bill Walsh and then returned to the 49ers to coach defensive backs in 1994-95, and earned his fourth Super Bowl ring in 1994. Holmoe then became the defensive coordinator at the University of California at Berkeley before taking over as head coach in 1997.

MIKE HULL
OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

In the fall of 1960, Mike Hull was part of a group of intrepid young sophomores that played on the first football team for the Falcons. That team was coached by Gary Hess and assisted by Ted Tiffany and Todd Thompson, and played a full junior varsity schedule in the Foothill League. They finished with a 3-3 record including a 34-0 win over Glendale High.

Those humble beginnings for the Falcons and Hull count as fond memories to this day whenever "Bambi" as Hull was called, is asked to recount his rise from high school substitute and starter to a future NFL first-round draft choice and played in the 1973 Super Bowl for the Washington Redskins. "I was not blessed with any great skills that got me noticed but I would say that persistence more than anything else paid off for me," Hull said.



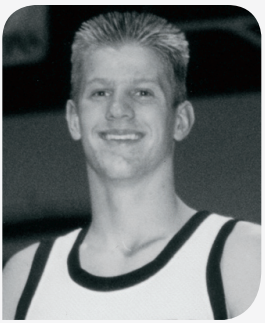
Hull took that persistence to Glendale College in 1963 and then to USC, where he played in two Rose Bowls and on one national championship team for the Trojans, and blocked for Heisman Trophy winners Mike Garrett and O.J. Simpson. "At one practice I didn't even have a jersey when John McKay yelled for me to get on the field; I was a pretty much a fixture after that."

He was a first round draft choice of the Chicago Bears in 1968 and played for George Halas and blocked for NFL Hall of Famer Gale Sayers. He was inducted into the Glendale Community College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004 and continues to speak at local functions and inspire young people.

JAMES JENKINS
OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

Life is not supposed to be measured in days, months and years but James Jenkins got the most out of what it had to offer in his 19 years. He was the swimmer you would want on the deck with the meet on the line and the basketball player taking the last shot with the time clock running out.

His accomplishments as an All-American swimmer for the Falcons and a two-time Pacific League Most Valuable Player in basketball show that he is more than worthy of his induction into the Crescenta Valley High Athletic Hall of Fame



It's ironic that he received most of his attention for capturing back-to-back CIF Southern Section titles in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle events in 2000 and 2001 and helping the Falcons win three straight CIF team championships. He was also an All-CIF Division 1-A first-team selection in basketball and accepted a scholarship to play at San Jose State University.

Because his love of the outdoors mirrored his love of sports, he found the same kind of joy hiking in the mountains or fishing in a river as he did swimming and playing basketball. He was the kind of person everybody wanted to be around and the kind other athletes wanted to emulate.

The fact that the Glendale News-Press named its male athlete of the year award after James Jenkins shows just how much people thought of him. CV feels the same way and that's why he will always be remembered as "Big Game James."

MARK MILLER
OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

Mark Miller started the 1973 CV football season as a 16-year-old senior weighing 170 pounds and standing 5-feet, 11 inches tall. He preferred playing tailback but also caught passes out of the backfield and was the back-up quarterback on offense. He also started at defensive back and returned punts and kicks when called upon.

But most importantly, Miller, the CIF 3-A Player of the Year, was one of the main reasons why the Falcons won the CIF 3-A title with a 14-7 victory over Monrovia High. In a season to remember, the 12-1 Falcons posted seven shutouts and defeated the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams in CIF to win the championship. He rushed for 1,273 yards that season.



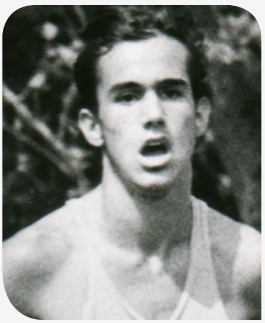
That team was coached by Gordon Warnock, who still remains part of the CV football staff after 40 years, and the CIF title in football is the only one in school history. "When our team came through CV, we were guided by a group of coaches who were as intense as they were passionate," said Miller in his bio notes. "We had a history of failure against St. Francis and our coaches held up the start of the 1973 game for 15 minutes until St. Francis finally had to go on the field first, and then our coaches led us on the field acting like they had just won the football lotto."

After graduating from CV, he earned all-conference honors at Valley College and transferred to San Diego State, where he started at free safety as a junior and senior.

DON MOSES
OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

The era that Don Moses helped usher in for future runners at CV is just as important as the records he set and the accomplishments he earned as a Falcon.

"With strong conviction, the coaching staff at CV are life changers. They have affected our lives in positive ways that have led to personal successes," said Moses in his bio notes. "They have taught us how to persevere and triumph over life's difficult challenges. Whether they know it or not, they gave us more than we could ever give back."



Call it his version of pay it forward

CV obviously had outstanding middle and distance runners before and after Moses but few have his credentials. He was named All-CIF in the mile as a junior in 1975 and won the CIF individual 4-A title in cross-country that same year. He was an All-American in 1976 after winning the CIF 4-A mile in 4:10.8 and placed third in the state meet.

Following graduation, he continued his running career at UC Irvine and helped the Anteaters win PCAA cross-country titles in 1977 and 1978 and he was also conference champion in the 10,000 meters in track. He later transferred to UCLA where he earned his degree in sociology and helped the Bruins win the first ever Pac-10 conference team title in 1980 and the team placed fifth place nationally in the NCAA meet.