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CIF-SS GYMNASTICS AND COACH JOHN P. DRAGHI

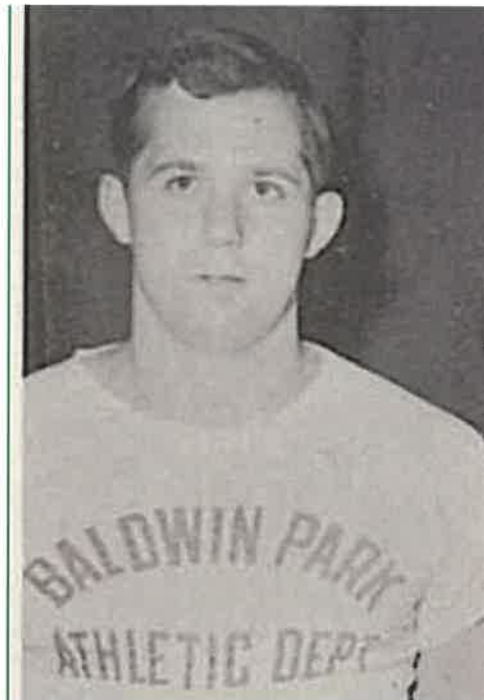
Baldwin Park High School

CIF-SS Champions

1961-1966



John Draghi



JOHN DRAGHI
Endless win streak



Rolph Anderson does a fly away at practice with spotters ready to catch him.



Doing a chair and a cheststand as part of their routine is John Burgess and Jeff Curtis.



Going from a handstand to a one armstand is Robert Kamen.



From a handstand to a handstand on the parallel bars.

U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016

California > Baldwin Park > Baldwin Park High School > 1961



Row 1: A. Armendariz, L. Zamora, J. Chapman, B. Nash. Row 2: Coach Draghi, R. Reyes, R. Elkins, R. Russell, B. Anderson, R. Rasco, S. Munger. Row 3: E. Duckett, R. Staples, D. Hornecker, R. McRae, S. Lucio, T. Siegel, L. Neisler, M. Bollinger, M. Ott, J. Curtis, T. Ammon, J. Burgess.

U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016

Winning Two Invitationals



Coach John Draghi



Jeff Curtis



Mack Ott



Bill Nash

Draghi was an all-L.A. City gymnast at Manual Arts High and later starred at L.A. City College and USC. After receiving B.A. and M.A. degrees at USC, he began a sensational winning streak at Baldwin Park.



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GYM TEAM

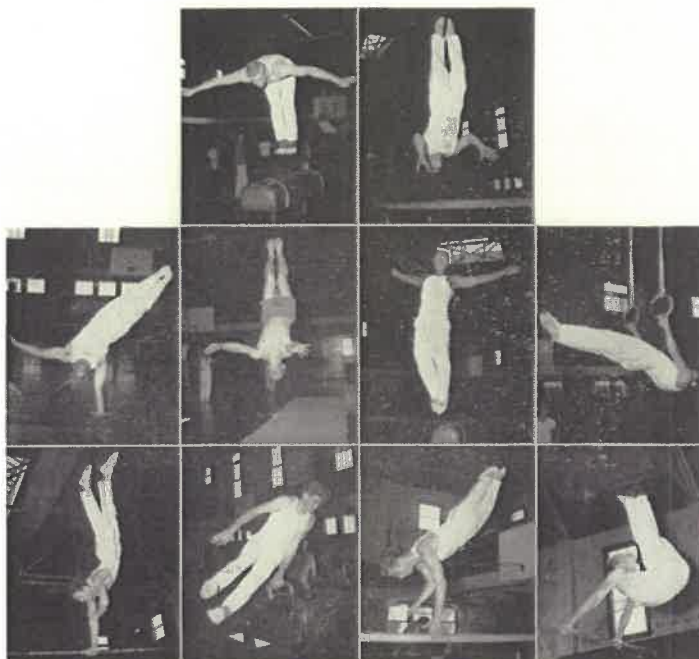


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- Manual Arts, 61; South Gate, 59.
- Manual Arts, 82; San Pedro, 38.
- Manual Arts, 67; Venice, 53.
- Manual Arts, 92; Dorsey, 28.
- Manual Arts, 87; Marshall, 33.
- Manual Arts, 97; North Hollywood, 23.
- Manual Arts, 64; Lincoln, 56.
- Manual Arts, 62; Hamilton, 58.
- Garfield, 67; Manual Arts, 53.
- Manual Arts, 65; Washington, 55.
- Manual Arts, 66; Jefferson, 54.
- Roosevelt, 79; Manual Arts, 41.
- Fremont, 63; Manual Arts, 57.

The gymnasts wound up third in the Southern League, and then finished a surprising third in the City finals, with John Draghi, Ken Barber and Dave Applegate capturing first place medals

GYMNASTS



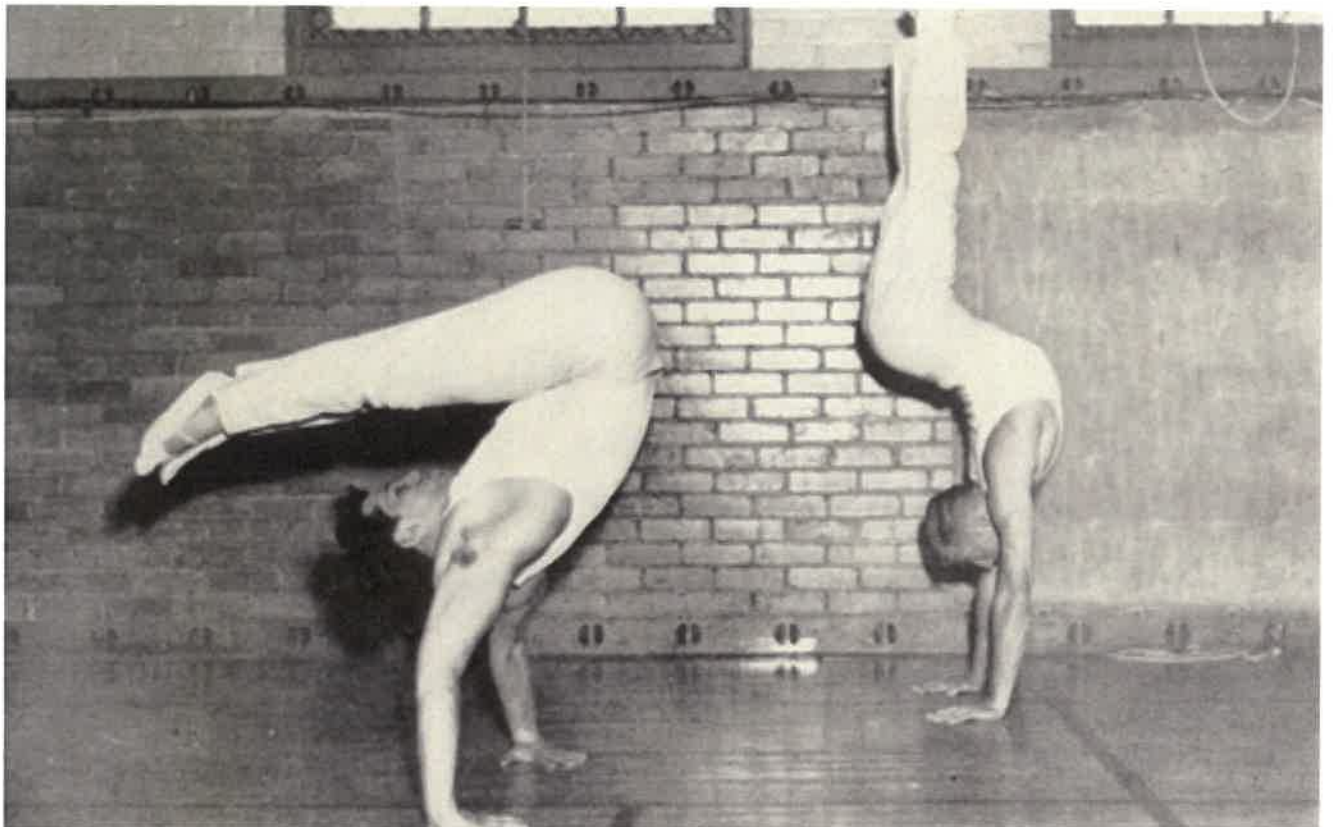


GYMNASTICS



1954 Gymnastics Team

Row One: (l. to r.) Ken Barber, John Draghi, George Wikler. Row Two: Lloyd Coahran, Jerry Wenzel, Henry Levin, Bob Ramsdel. Row Three: Clifford Altenburger, Manager: Bob Toliver, Mark Linnes, Don Stinson, Logan Williams, Coach: Charles Graves.



Musclemen Draghi and Tolliver Show Their Form in Practice

Gymnastics in the CIF-SS, since its founding in 1913, was an important sport, but was not sanctioned until 1939 some three years after an informal Championship was held.



COMMUNITY PROGRAM—Gymnastics are part of recreation program being offered at L.A. San Antonio College this fall. Here coach John Draghi works with Craig Masagi for the benefit of Bob Teel, center, and Bob Feagles. In background, Donna Schleif, Carolyn Haney and Martha Metcalf, from left, practice balancing. Classes are given Monday through Wednesday nights from 7 to 10. Times photo

Coach Draghi began his dominance of CIF-SS 1961 through 1966 with six (6) straight gymnastic Championships for the Braves.

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John Draghi, the Long Beach City College gymnastics coach, is a man overflowing with records. Not only have his Vikings won the state championship five years in succession, but they topped that feat last week by capturing the National AAU Championship in Indiana.

Going further, the 39-year-old Chicago native NEVER has lost a conference championship in 18 years of coaching, skipped Baldwin Park High School to six consecutive CIF titles and had a string of 365 consecutive wins during his prep tutoring career.

What is the secret of such fantastic success, especially on the rugged junior college level?

"Well," smiled the USC graduate, "gymnastics is a complete way of life for me. I started becoming involved in junior high in Los Angeles just swinging on the apparatus on the school grounds. I never stopped becoming involved. In fact, I'm taking a three-week vacation in June and that will be the first vacation I've had in 20 years. Gymnastics is a year-round operation.

"Long Beach City College is a good area for gymnasts. Lakewood, Wilson and Millikan always produce good gymnasts. They're in our backyard, so recruiting is that much easier. We also have a very intensified program at LBCC, including an intensified SUMMER program—that's why I've never been able to take a vacation—and the boys know it.

"An interesting statistic, by the way, is that 95 per cent of our LBCC gymnasts have gained university scholarships, I'm more proud of that than anything else."

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Gymnastics Plans for Future Years

At the June Meeting of our Executive Committee Mr. Van Patten was directed to report at this time on plans for arousing more interest and more activity in **gymnastics** among our member schools. He recommended that:

(1) Every school be urged to stress gymnastics because of their value to each boy who takes part.

(2) That each league be encouraged to hold a league **gymnastics** meet.

(3) That league champions be brought together in a C. I. F., Southern Section, Championship meet along lines similar to those followed in track and swimming.

Mr. Van Patten reported that the Fred Medart Manufacturing Company of Saint Louis, Missouri, through its Southern California Representative, Don Paramore, had placed at the disposal of the Office of the C. I. F., Southern Section, 150 copies of a manual on **gymnastics**. The manual was prepared by Charles E. Miller, Gymnastic Coach at the University of Nebraska. Mr. Van Patten stated that Mr. Cecil Hallinsworth, Gymnastic Coach at the University of California at Los Angeles, had given it as his opinion that the Manual by Mr. Miller can be very useful to any high school coach handling a gymnastic team and especially to one new to that work.

Mr. Van Patten also reported that he had discussed with Mr. Hallinsworth of U.C.L.A. the subject of judging gymnastic meets and that Mr. Hallinsworth had stated that he would confer with leading gymnastic judges in Southern California regarding uniformity of procedure in judging gymnastic meets and then prepare a brief outline on the problems involved.

When this outline is received by the C. I. F. Office, copies will be prepared and sent out to all of our member schools.



CONSTITUTION and RULINGS

1945 Blue Book

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GYMNASTICS

A gymnastics championship may be held in April if interest in the sport warrants. Not more than three boys from any one school in each event may be entered. The entry fee shall be 50 cents per boy, per event. A C. I. F., Southern Section medal will be given to the boys placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, in each event. A C. I. F. plaque will go to the school scoring the most points. The points scored for the first five places shall be: 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1. No event with less than five entries will be scored. Southern Pacific A. A. U. Rules will govern the conduct of the meet.

Events: Free Exercises; Rope Climb, 20 ft.; Horizontal Bar; Side Horse; Parallel Bars; Long Horse; Tumbling; Rings.

GYMNASTICS

The Fifth Annual Gymnastics Meet was held at the Beverly Hills High School on Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 P. M. Seven high schools, Beverly Hills, Harvard, Inglewood, Long Beach, Redondo, Santa Monica and Santa Paula entered teams.

Nine events were held. The events were: rope climb, free exercise, Indian clubs, horizontal bar, parallel bars, side horse, long horse, rings and tumbling.

The spectator space in the gymnasium was completely packed with boosters for the different teams.

Santa Paula, coached by Randall Bryden, former world champion in the rope climb, won the meet.

First CIF-SS Gymnastic Championship Meet in 1949

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150 Gymnasts Expected For CIF Meet Tonight

By BILL GOSSETT

More than 150 of the finest athletes ever to don their schools' gymnastic jerseys will be competing this evening in the CIF Championship Gymnastic Meet which is scheduled to be run off in the Pasadena City College gym. First event is slated to get underway at 7:30. Tonight's affair marks the first time that a CIF final has ever taken place at the local PCC campus.

In the eight events to be performed, each school is allowed to enter no more than three members. Five places will be awarded.

Nine teams have already turned in a list of their entrants but several more squads not yet registered, are expected to make an appearance. An aggregation of some 24 gym lads, the largest squad in the affair, has been entered by Long Beach Poly while Santa Paula, defending champs, will have 21 performers on hand. Coach Dave McBride's PCC Bullpups have the least number competing for a high school with only 8 members on tonight's card. Alhambra, Mark Keppel, and Muir all have 20 gymnasts ready with Antelope Valley sending 18, Santa Monica 14, and Elliot Jr. High 3.

If coach McBride's Pup squad captures the meet, it will be the first time that a high school team from PCC has won possession of a CIF championship. But winning hopes were dimmed somewhat yesterday when Dale Downing turned up with an injured hand. Downing will compete on the high bar and parallels, however, if the trouble subsides. Another Pup casualty was high bar and ring performer, Bill Slater, sidelined with a twisted ankle. Except for these two, the rest of the team look in top notch condition for this evening. Freshman Archie Durham, who has been turning improving performances all season, will get his chance on the long and side horse in addition to the parallels. Another sure point gatherer for the locals is 11th grader Phil Allin who will compete in five events. Keith Baker, still another newcomer, plans to perform on the rings and parallels plus the free exercise activity.



★ Golden Gate Results

(By United Press)

FIRST—\$2,000, claiming, 4 year olds and up, 6 furlongs.

Barging Lady, 113 (Neves)	2.30	3.70	4.00
Pronto Wash, 118 (Dennis)	20.00	15.40	
Brokers Flash, 113 (Trent)		14.30	

Time—1:11 3/5.

SECOND—\$2,000, claiming, 3 year olds 1 1/16 miles.

Pretext, 110 (Cardiali)	7.10	3.90	2.70
Adrianna, 114 (Zufelt)	4.30	2.80	
Without, 116 (Westrope)		2.60	

Time—1:45 3/5.

THIRD—\$2,000, maiden 3 year olds, 6 furlongs.

Songland, 118 (Westrope)	3.10	2.30	2.40
Bullrifle, 113 (Michals)	4.00	3.80	
Tappers Lassie, 113 (Volzke)		14.60	

Time—1:11 1/5.

FOURTH—\$2,200, allowances, 2 year olds, 4 1/2 furlongs.

Bull Remember, 111 (W'pe)	14.30	3.70	2.40
Dina Barn, 116 (Neves)		2.70	2.20
Chaffly, 120 (Balaski)			2.30

Time—:52 4/5 (New track record)

FIFTH—\$2,000, claiming, 4 year old and up, 1 1/16 miles.

K Ration, 110 (Westrope)	7.60	3.70	2.90
Hunters Girl, 112 (Bravo)	4.40	4.10	
Ragamuffin II, 118 (Neves)		2.10	

Time—1:46.

SIXTH—\$2,100, claiming, 3 year olds 1 mile.

Holly Time, 119 (Wright)	13.90	6.90	5.00
Vino Fino, 119 (Choinacki)	5.50	4.00	
Argenta, 115 (Zufelt)		7.50	

Time—1:38 2/5.

SEVENTH—\$2,200, claiming, 4 year olds and up, 1 1/16 miles.

Moonstruck, 119 (Neves)	11.00	5.00	4.50
Cold Roll, 106 (Cardiali)		4.40	3.60
Diri, 120 (Litzenberg)			4.10

Time—1:43 2/5.

EIGHTH—\$2,000, claiming, 4 year olds and up, 1 1/16 miles.

Rialta, 108 (Cardiali)	6.30	3.70	2.90
War Edict, 110 (Litzenberg)	4.40	7.50	
Gold Jacket, 112 (Grohs)		3.50	

Time—1:45 4/5.

But leading the LBCC pack—as it has since 1969 —was the school's gymnastic team. Under John Draghi the Vikings have won eight consecutive state titles and more than 100 consecutive dual meets against junior college competition.

This season Draghi and his gymnasts reached another pinnacle, adding a national title. LBCC defeated Odessa, Tex., the reigning king, for the title.



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TOP GYMNASTS HONORED

First year coach John Draghi piloted Long Beach City College's gymnastic team to second-place finish in California junior college championships.

Top point scorers included Les Armstrong (left), Jim Jennings and Richard Swartz. Pasadena City College won title.

—Staff Photo

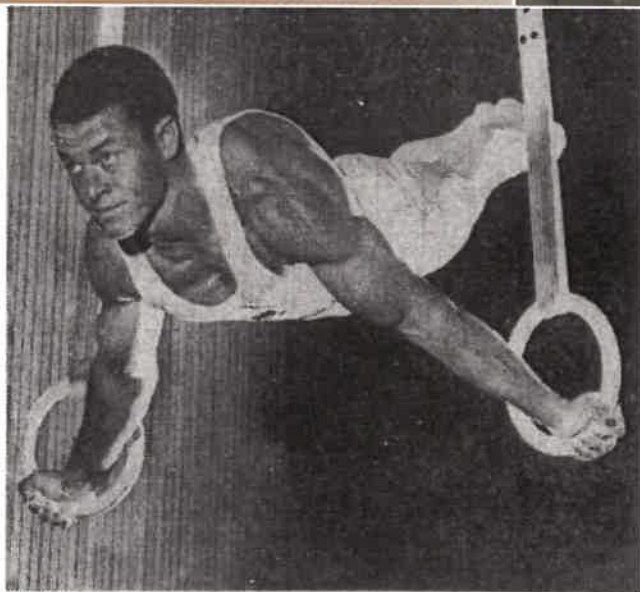


Robert Teel

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Baldwin Park High School was great in the sport of gymnastics one reason was their coach who is one of the greatest that has ever lived, [John Draghi](#).



ONE OF THE BEST—Mt. San Antonio gymnast Bob Teal is ranked by many coaches as the top gymnast in the nation on the still rings. He hopes to compete on the United States' 1968 Olympic team.

He won the CIF' gymnastics championship three years in a row as a high school student. His chest measurements swelled from 30 inches to 55 inches, his biceps grew from 8 to 18 inches, and his weight more than doubled to 160 pounds.

HONORS FOR JOHN P. DRAGHI



INDUCTEE

John Draghi

Class of **1994** • Disciplines(s): **Men's Artistic** • Inducted as: **Coach**



John Draghi

John Draghi's coaching skills at the junior college level were unsurpassed as he put tiny Long Beach City College on the gymnastics map. The former Junior College Coach of the Year and the 1991 Honor Coach Award, Draghi formed a celebrated rivalry with Jerry Todd's Pasadena City College. Draghi's coaching success carried over to the judges' table, where he put together a hall-of-fame career judging local meets as well.

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Eight former coaches were inducted into the CIF Southern Section Hall of Fame on Thursday.

They include **Mike Barte**, who coached boys' basketball at Riverside North; **Daniel Hirsch**, former cross country coach at Buena Park; **Eleanor Dykstra**, former girls' basketball coach at Cerritos Valley Christian; **Dwayne DeSpain**, former football coach at Los Altos; **John Draghi**, former gymnastics coach at Baldwin Park; **John Herbold**, former baseball coach at Long Beach Poly and Lakewood; **Jan Most**, former swim coach at Mission Viejo, and **Ron Palmer**, former boys' basketball coach at Long Beach Poly.

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CENTURY CLUB AWARD WINNERS

Baseball — Steve Derian, Russ McQueen.

Basketball — Glen Gerke, Rich Plante, Roscoe Pondexter.

Boating — Bill Dalessi, Barney Flam, Dr. Maurice Haskell, Chuck Kober, Stan Miller, John Queen.

Cross Country — Ted Banks, Ron Pryor.

Fishing — Joe Creek.

Football — Bill Cecil, Paul Gorham, Anthony Hill, Terry Metcalf.

Golf — Beau Baugh, Laura Baugh, Jane Becker, Bill Deeble, Fred Good, Jack Hinton, Mike Krantz, Mike Reehl, Marianne Stangeland, Bob Unger.

Gymnastics — Tina Carr, **Jim Draghi**, Debbie Pike, Jim Fountaine, John Herried, Patti Mirtich, Keith Murfus, Keith Porrazzo, Glenn Tidwell, Gaye Wilson.



Author



I'm Mary Hudson. Growing up as a gymnast, I taught gymnastics for 10+ years. I love the sport of gymnastics! Hope you find interesting the stories about Gymnastic of

Biography: DRAGHI, John

March 21, 2018 by [Mary Hudson](#)

John Draghi was one of the two best junior college coaches throughout the late 1950's and '60's. He was also another multi-sport athlete, a common finding among Hall of Fame athletes. One of his strongest characteristics was the charisma he generated with his teammates as well as with his athletes and other coaches against whom his teams

competed. I had the greatest respect for John, and he had the respect of everyone who knew him. The respect and admiration he received allowed his teams to go beyond what they thought were their limits. He was a great coach and contributed much to the development of improved gymnastics during his time in the gym.

John Draghi attended Manual Arts High School in Los Angeles where he was a gymnast and also played on the "B" football squad. **Los Angeles City Gymnastic Championships:** Gold-FX, (1950). The L.A. city school system had approximately 46 schools competing in this meet, so to win an event was an outstanding achievement. **NCAA Gymnastic Championships:** Silver-FX, (1955). **Coach:** John began his coaching career at Baldwin Park High School. He led his teams to numerous league and C.I.F. championships during his years at the high school. Then he moved on to become the Head Gymnastic Coach at Long Beach City College (LBCC), and within just a few years his teams began to challenge Jerry Todd's Pasadena City College (PCC) gymnastic dynasty. Their rivalry became one of the more incredible gymnastic stories of the era. Draghi and Todd actually had city college teams that could compete on a par with most Division I university teams in the country. At least that was the speculation of athletes and coaches

who were enjoying the competition. It was a special era in the junior college system of California. Both gymnastics programs were eventually dropped, but Draghi and Todd had become best of friends. They judged local meets, played golf, and swatted the handball together for years. **Honors:** Recipient of Honor Coach Award, (1991); Named to the Judges Hall of Fame; Named Jr. College Coach of the Year; Served as a member of the Board of Directors for the So. California Gymnastics Judges Association. **Family:** (m) Diane Newell. Children: Mike, John, Rick, and a daughter, Mardi. Rick was a fine gymnast and now coaches club gymnastics. Grandchildren: Angela, Kiana, David, Nicholas, Zoe, Samatha, & Riley. Great Grandchildren: Gavin & Peyton.



INDUCTEE

Rusty Mitchell

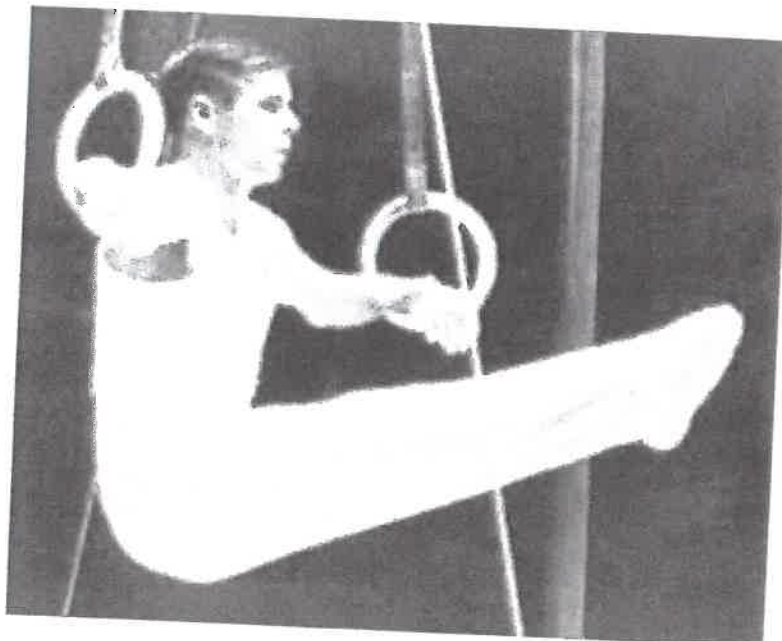
Class of 1985 • Disciplines(s): Men's Artistic • Inducted as: Athlete Coach



While known for inventiveness on the floor exercise as an Olympic athlete, Rusty Mitchell's legacy will be that of a successful Division I head coach. Thirty-three years at the University of New Mexico produced 243 wins, a .713 win percentage, 11 Western Athletic Conference team titles, and 53 All-Americans.

Mitchell was twice selected as an assistant on the U.S. Olympic Team coaching staff (1968 and 1972), as well as an assistant for the men's World Championships Team in 1974.

Beyond coaching, the National Honor Coach and Southern Illinois University Hall of Fame inductee served as Vice-President of USA Gymnastics as well as on the U.S. Olympic Committee.



Braves' Mitchell among area's finest



By [DAILY NEWS](#) |

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When you talk about the greatest athletes in San Gabriel Valley history, the name Rusty Mitchell must be mentioned.

Mitchell was a champion at the high school, college and international levels. He later became a highly successful college coach. In fact, in a very real sense, he revolutionized his sport.

His sport? Gymnastics. His high school? Baldwin Park.

The CIF no longer sanctions boys gymnastics and hasn't since 1985, but there was a time when the sport was highly popular among the area's high schools. But no school dominated the sport like Baldwin Park, which won an unprecedented six consecutive CIF-Southern Section titles (1961-66).

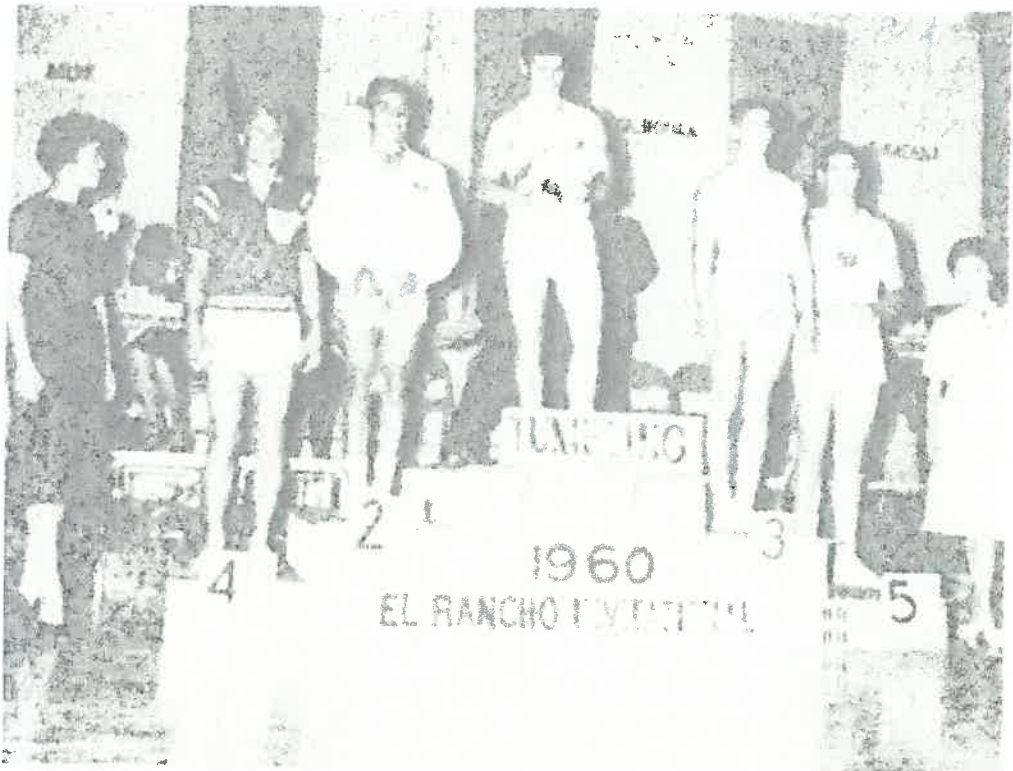
Baldwin Park's amazing run all started with a coach named John Draghi and a talented young man named Rusty Mitchell who, ironically, actually resided in West Covina. Fueling the run was one of the more controversial rulings in CIF history.

Gymnastics was sanctioned as a CIF-SS sport in 1939. In the early days, the sport was dominated by Beverly Hills, Santa Monica and Santa Paula, all of which had successful city league/AAU programs already in place.

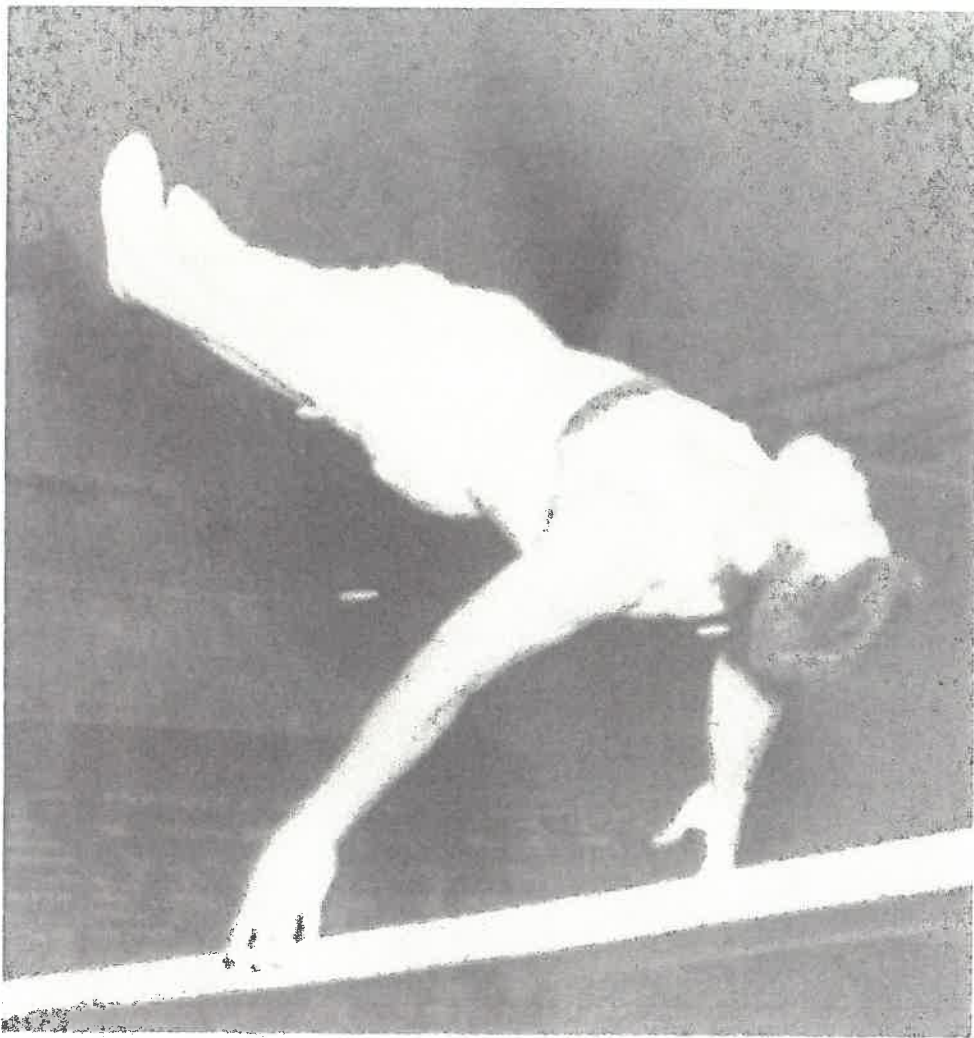
By 1949, Pasadena High broke through to become one of the CIF's powerhouse gymnastics programs. From 1949 to 1959, PHS won five CIF-SS titles and finished second three other times. Dave McBride was the first gymnastics coach at the school, with Jerry Todd taking over in 1954.

Baldwin Park's program, under the guidance of Draghi, emerged as a force to be reckoned with in 1960. Baldwin Park was one of the smaller schools, enrollment-wise, in the CIF-SS gymnastics field, but that didn't stop the Braves.

In contrast to sports such as football and basketball, gymnastics puts a premium on body control and upper body strength. Height and excess weight is a definite disadvantage in the sport, in which excellence is obtained via use of the most power to move the least



El Rancho Invitational—Tumbling—1st place—Rusty Mitchell
4th place—John Burgess



Rusty Mitchell—Pommel—Burk Catch

amount of mass. The key to success in gymnastics – in fact, the only way to succeed – is to practice. There is no such thing as a “natural” gymnast, and top competitors commonly work out 8-10 hours a day.

In 1960, for purposes of CIF competition, those events consisted of the parallel bars, the high bar, tumbling, rope climb, rings, pommel horse, vaulting, floor exercise and all-around. At Baldwin Park High, under Draghi's direction, the proper techniques in each event were taught in P.E. classes. Those who excelled in class could “vault” onto the school's gymnastics team.

The star of the 1960 Braves clearly was Mitchell, who went on to win CIF-SS titles in floor exercise and all-around. That year's Southern Section finals were held at Antelope Valley High, and Antelope Valley, Baldwin Park and El Rancho were locked in a fierce competition for the team title.

When the competition concluded, Baldwin Park, based on its own scorekeeping, was convinced it had won the title with 25 points, with Antelope Valley and El Rancho at 24.5. Antelope Valley, however, claimed to have 25.5 points. A check of judge's scorecards revealed the discrepancy occurred in tumbling. Beyond that, no one agreed on how it happened. Baldwin Park team members were convinced an Antelope Valley tumbler had been given a fourth pass, illegally, during which he surpassed his previous high score and resulted in the extra point.

CIF officials conferred at the meet and for days afterward. However, in the absence of any existing film or videotape and in the face of conflicting witness statements, the extra Antelope Valley point was allowed and AVHS won the title.

Draghi never let his athletes forget the incident. It was all the motivation they needed to rattle off their streak of six consecutive CIF team titles, at the time a CIF-SS record for boys competition.

The controversy certainly did not deter Mitchell, who went on to star at the University of New Mexico, make the U.S. team for the 1964 Olympics and earn seven United States Gymnastics Federation national titles. Mitchell became the first gymnast to win the USGF all-around title three years in a row (1964-66).

He was exceptional in all events, but his strongest event probably was tumbling. He was the first to accomplish a double back flip, in the days when competitions were held on stationary flooring as opposed to the spring-loaded floors used in current-day gymnastics.

Mitchell was named coach of the New Mexico gymnastics program in 1966 and held that position until the university dropped men's gymnastics in 1999. During his 33-year tenure, Mitchell coached 50 All-Americans and 20 NCAA national champions.

He also was one of a small group of athletes and coaches who helped change the face of gymnastics in America. In 1963, tired of the archaic rules of the AAU, which many felt discriminated against NCAA athletes, Mitchell helped form the USGF as the governing sport for gymnastics.

Back at Baldwin Park, the Braves proved unbeatable in the CIF-SS ranks. Despite strong competition from larger schools such as El Rancho, Muir and Lakewood, Baldwin Park put together six consecutive championship teams. El Rancho finally ended Baldwin Park's CIF winning streak in 1967, when the Braves finished second. Baldwin Park was second again in 1968, to Lakewood. At that point, Draghi opted to leave the school to take over the gymnastics program at Long Beach State.

Baldwin Park never again won a gymnastics title. Declining interest, along with rising costs of equipment and insurance and a lack of qualified coaches, brought an end to boys gymnastics following the 1984 season. El Rancho won the final gymnastics title.

During its amazing 10-year CIF run, Baldwin Park gymnasts won 35 CIF-SS titles. In addition to Mitchell, other CIF champions from BPHS were: Art Armendariz, Walt Hilleger, Ries Xavier and Steve Zamora on parallel bars; Armendariz, Zamora and Jim Chapman on high bar; Sylvester Lucio, Bob Teel, Steve Wright and Wendell Fainberg in rope climb; Teel, Ray Reyes, Sendor Munger and Don Stovall on rings; Richard Ekin in tumbling; Munger and David Kitrell on pommel horse; Craig Dickson in vaulting and Armendariz and Dickson in floor exercise and all around.

Draghi now is retired and living in Long Beach. Mitchell still lives in New Mexico and still works for the university.

At Baldwin Park High, the mats have been put away, the apparatus has been junked and the trophies have disappeared. Only traces of chalk dust – and history's echoes – remain.

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The importance of Title IX for the ability of young women to “*compete*” and just not “*play*” ...CIF-SS Championship Competition vs Intra-murals, was very important during the time of Coach Draghi. In Orange County, not too far from Baldwin Park at Los Alamitos High School a famous young lady was making gymnastics popular among girls throughout the United States. She would later become a movie star. The CIF-SS was very progressive in their pre-Title IX reforms. Unfortunately, this famous movie star never had a chance to participate in high school gymnastics as the first girls CIF-SS Championship was held in 1975.

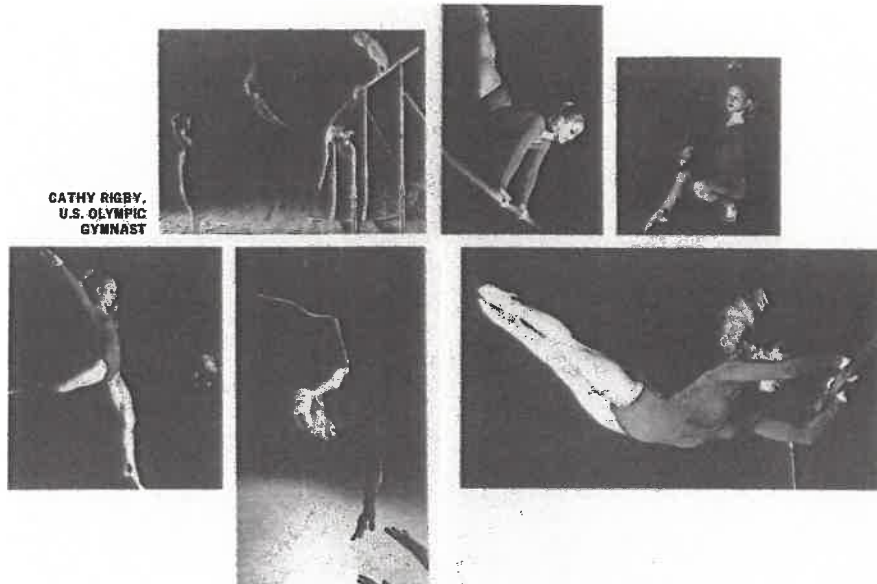
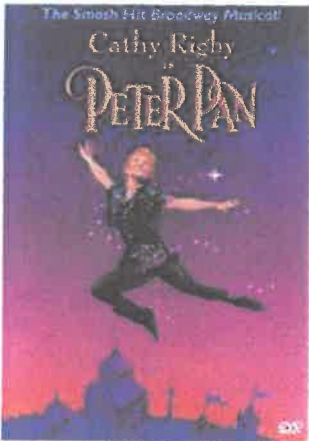
CATHY RIGBY

Los Alamitos High School – Class of 1971



CATHY RIGBY

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Gymnastics



**CATHY RIGBY,
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