

# A HISTORY OF BASEBALL TEAMS AT TURLOCK HIGH SCHOOL

*1907-2007*

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Baseball has been an integral part of the sports history of the United States since before the Civil War. As the national sport there is no question, baseball has been and continues to be Number 1 (aside from a few winter contests of some small significance). In this project I have researched the baseball teams at Turlock from inception through 1987. This involves a period of 100 years and a great many participants in the Grand Old Game.

The format for this paper will include a section documenting the earliest beginnings of baseball at Turlock High School. I have divided the rosters by seasons and the teams by decades with a summary introduction of the decades' highlights. All information was researched from Turlock High School yearbooks, dating back to the first yearbook in 1906, former coaches, fans, parents and coaches. In many cases the first names of many players was not available. Information was lacking for the year 1914 and for the depression years of the 1930's. On occasion team pictures and rosters had been left out of the yearbook with only a list of outstanding players. For those years I have produced only that information. This project does not include school records or statistics but it does denote championships.

## 1907-1909: A HUMBLE BEGINNING

In 1906 Turlock High School was formed with a faculty of five instructors but engaged in no athletic contests that first year. According to the 1907 Alert (the annual yearbook): "Last year we did not take part in athletics, because there were so few boys in school, and because our time was fully occupied along other lines of work."

The 1907 school year opened on September 16 and in the first week of school a baseball team was organized by the boys in the school. Victor Hoskins was chosen by the boys to be manager and Corrine Hodges as team captain. The 1907 Alert carried an account of the first athletic contest ever played by Turlock High School. The game was played on September 28, 1907 as the result of a challenge issued by Merced High School. The result of that first-ever game was a victory for T.H.S. by a score of 16-14. The Alert reported: "That game surprised us somewhat, and delighted us more, for now our school has the honor of winning the first debate and the first athletic meet, certainly a good beginning for us."

Baseball continued to be played in the fall when the weather is usually outstanding! The school did not participate in football at this time. In 1909 the baseball team played in the fall and for the first time competed in the spring of the same school year, 1910. Turlock High School joined the A.A.L. (initials unknown) league in 1909. Opponents included Orestimba (Newman), Oakdale, and the first opponent, Merced. A

challenge by Madera was not met due to lack of funds. A common theme throughout the reports on games from this time period is respect for opponents, a sportsmanship that oft times is missing in today's win at all costs society.

1907

Chesley Osborn, Corrine Hodges, George Hall, Charles Swanger, Victor Hoskins, Manley Sahlberg, Will Ferguson, Harry Baker, Raymond Leitzke, C. Curtis.

1908

J. Clipper, Manley Sahlberg, Captain, G. Curtis, Gooch, Coffin, Patterson, Gooch, Victor Hoskins, Carl Rapp, Harry Baker, Raymond Leitzke, Oscar Stephens.

1909

Aaron McCreary, Clair Mills, Carl Rapp, Oscar Stephens, Raymond Leitzke, Jewell Cooper, Harry Baker, Murray Cooper, Milo Smith.

#### 1910-1919: THE NATIONAL GAME THRIVES

The decade began with the conversion to springtime baseball after a 5 game schedule in the previous fall. This would be the only decade in which teams would be fielded in all ten years until the 1940's. Many references to baseball used the term 'National game' instead of the 'National pastime' that is so common today. The composition of the first team of the new decade was identical to that of the team 1909 as it was the same school year. Games with Stockton, Sonora, Lodi and Modesto were added. The 1910 season was delayed until the track season was completed due to the limited number of boys in the school. The longest game reported was a thirteen-inning affair won by Merced in 1911. No roster exists for the 1911 team but many of the 1910 players appear on the 1912 roster so it is safe to assume that many if not most of them also played in 1911 as well. Mr. Cross coached the 1912 team, the first reported baseball coach. One of the members of that 1912 team was Lester De La Mater, was the American Legion sponsor for the Post 88, Turlock Legion Baseball team for many years until his death in the late 1970's. He was an ardent backer of local baseball who never missed a summer legion game while working the gate, retrieving foul balls and paying the umpires. The 1913 season saw the formation of 4-team league. This is also last year that baseball was spelled with two words in the yearbook, instead of one as we do today. No roster or picture was found for 1914 but later yearbooks state that Turlock had always fielded a team leaving no doubt that 1914 was an exception. Pictures but no rosters were found for 1915 and 1917. The 1917 team asked to play on the town diamond (near the present day Towne Center on Golden State Boulevard) as the high school did not have its' own field until the 1930's. The schedule that year was 6 games in length and the team lost only to Ceres. World War I had no apparent effect on baseball despite the emphasis on military preparation at Turlock High. The largest club on campus was the Cadets, an organization of military preparation complete with uniforms. The 1918 baseball team sported new uniforms, won the local league and were challenged by Coalinga for the championship of the Valley only to lose in an eleven-inning game. The

basketball team of that year won 25 games and lost their only game of the season in the State Championship game to Hollywood High School, 31-22. Many of the same athletes were on both the 1919 basketball team and the baseball team, as is common in a small school. The 1919 team won the County Championship for the second year in a row. Unfortunately, no roster exists for the 1919 team although the 1920 Alert states that the team had eight returning veterans from that championship squad.

1910

Aaron McCreary, Clair Mills, Carl Rapp, Oscar Stephens, Raymond Leitzke, Jewell Cooper, Harry Baker, Murray Cooper and Milo Smith.

1911

Picture but no roster

1912

Aaron McCreary, Charles Gowanlock, Clifford Lee, Tom Chatom, Carl Rapp, Edward Cole, Paul Cooper, Robert Hoskins, Golden Wells, Bruce Merman, Mervin Stimpson, Lester De La Mater, Mr. Cross, Coach.

1913

Aaron McCreary, Cecil McConnell, Edgar Cole, Tom Chatom, Ralph Burrows, Charles Gowanlock, Clifford Lee, Golden Wells, J.P. Morgan.

1914

No information found

1915

Team picture only

1916

Sinclair, Boaden, Curtice, Pierson, Burrows, Olson, Bothun, Lee, Kingery, Anderson, Ornborg, Mr. Nichols, Coach.

1917

Scott, Kingery, H. Sinclair, Fariss, Curtis, Ferguson, Pierson, Anderson, Lucid, Bothun, Mr. Nicholas, Coach.

1918

Partial roster: Bothun, Lucid, Roor, Kingery, Ferguson, Curtis, Humble, Hultberg, Lindblom. No coach found.

1919

No roster or picture. Team was unbeaten. Lefty Borden, only name found.

## 1920-1929: THE ROARING TWENTIES AND THE LOCAL NINE

The Roaring Twenties ushered in a new sport at Turlock High School. The first football team began play in 1921. Not surprisingly, by 1928 the Alert stated, "The great national sport was hardly recognized in Turlock High School." The caption was written by a member of the baseball team but the rivalry for the attention between the two sports is still felt to this day.

The 1921 team did not enter league competition but played eight games including surely one of the fastest 9-inning game played, a 4-3 Ceres victory in 1 hour and 30 minutes. The 1924 season was cancelled due to an outbreak of foot and mouth disease (a contagious disease common among cattle and deer but transmittable to man) that we know as hoof and mouth disease today. Due to the cancelled season, the field fell into disrepair and the 1925 season was limited for that reason although 7 games were played. The home run was big news in the early twenties and the local nine was no exception. The 1926 season was highlighted by a three home run game against Modesto High School. The coach that year was a young teacher by the name of Fred Earle, now of Modesto. In a phone interview, Mr. Earle recalled his one season as the baseball coach as an enjoyable one with the active support of the faculty. He moved on after the 1925-6 school year and when given names of his players it brought a lot of old memories to him. It's extremely difficult to imagine and appreciate the fact that this was over 60 years ago.

The decade ended with the beginnings of a national worldwide depression but not before a successful turnout of 14 boys and one manager completed the 1929 season for T.H.S. with 8 wins and 0 losses.

### 1920

Lefty Borden, Swager, N. Strader, Curtis, Lucid, Fowler, S. Strader, Zipser, Rudolph Ferguson, Pierson. No coach found.

### 1921

McPherron, Swager, Bedwell, Swanson, Marvin Criser, Sunderland, Zipser, Kraft, Ferguson, W. Brown, J. Smith, Williams, Mascot. No coach found.

### 1922

Partial roster: Robert Fowler, P. Swagger, Harold Fiorini, Gunnar Wallstrum, Duffy. No coach found.

### 1923

Swanson, McPherron, Smith, Zipser, Carlquist, Larson, Crowell, Claes, Ferguson, Heinrich, Bonander, Williams, no coach found.

### 1924

No team fielded due to disease

### 1925

John Smith, Lyle Schmidt, Heinrich, Carlquist, Draft, Thornburg, Carlson, Taylor, Sterner, Geer, Virgo, G.P. Senter, Coach.

1926

J. Divanian, M. Martin, C. Colbert, C. Walker, L. Fiorini, R. Lewis, V. Thornberg, R. Craft, A. Gregoroy, B. Taylor, M. George, C. Stooksberry, Creighton Geer, Thompson, Schmidt, Convers, Mike Piaz, Fred Earle, Coach.

1927

A. Sonntag, Wallace Johnson, Walter Holgren, C. Samuelson, Raymond, Lewis, O. Rude, Joe Pera, Watkins, Convers, L. Fiorini, Vernon Thornburg, Alford Gregory, Creighton Geer, G. Wulz, J. Mitchell, C. Johnson, Mascot, no coach found.

1928

Richard Vollrath, Jimmy Mitchell, W. Zimmerman, R. Lewis, G. Nunes, E. Hoffman, L. Fiorini, Mike Paez, W. Marshall, A. Sonntag, B. Deas, Baker, K. Belier, C. Ford, Norman Lewis, C. Johnson, M. Lindblom, L. Carlson, Coach Stevens.

1929

Marshall, Carlson, Emminger, Colburn, Peters, Fosberg, Vollrath, Garcia, Lewis, Jimmy Mitchell, Zimmerman, Soderstrom, Johnson, Farnum, Walters, Paez, Hoffman, Fiorini, Belier, Sawatari, Sawatari, Shaw, Manager, Coach Stevens.

#### 1930-1939: AN ENDING AND A NEW BEGINNING

With the advent of the Great Depression in the 1930's the high school arena of extracurricular activities began to wane. Despite back to back championships in 1929 and 1930 the T.H.S. baseball team was no exception to cut backs. The 1931 team was the last team to compete until 1937. The 1932 season was cut for lack of a coach and, of course, funds. Joe Debley, now retired, was the physical education instructor, football coach and track coach from 1932 to 1966 (except for War World II military service). In two interviews he not only helped to identify players from those years but also filled in many pieces of history between those early years. Mr. Debley states that the old 1932 uniforms were stored until the 1937 season when they were used again as funds were still scarce when baseball was reintroduced. Baseball competition at the high school was replaced by fastpitch softball which swept the nation as a major summer recreation sport and form of entertainment in the depression/ pre-television days. The mid-thirties, forties and fifties were marked by fastpitch softball competition between many teams from the surrounding area. Many of the high school players were on these teams in lieu of school sponsored teams.

In 1935 the first local American Legion Baseball team was formed for boys ages 18 and under. A picture of that first team hangs in the Department of Community Activities and Facilities at the Turlock City Hal. In the picture many of the uniforms appear to be the ones worn by the high school beginning in 1918 through 1925. the same uniforms also appear on seven players on the first documented "B" squad in the 1946 team picture. Baseball began again in 1937 as Coach Armand Seghetti began a 15 season stint that would cover parts of three decades.

1930

Jimmy Mitchell, Ralph Vollrath, Elgin Williams, Johnson, Dick Vollrath, Walters, Norman Lewis, Hoffman, Walters, Walt Marshall, Garcia, Cliff Farnam, Fosberg, Thornburg, Sonntag, Peterson, Adams, Coach Haymes.

1931

Partial roster: Norman Lewis, Bill Noda, Clifford Farnam, no coach found.

1937

Willie Hess, Wendel Olson, Pete Johnson, Bob Mitchell, Bob Leitzke, Ken Nordell, Joe Freitas, Tony Rozario, Wilson Abraham, Pershing Dahlstrom, Charles Zukel, Charles Schrum, Ted Wall, Tony Galvan, Manuel Branco, Bob Little, Wayne Staley, Wesley Swanson, Manuel Rozario, Donald Swanson, Donald Murray, Clifford Crosmon, Grant Galvin, Norman Miner, Lester Edman, Leslie Convers, Carlson Orville, Jack Saunders, Richard Swanson, Armand Seghetti, Coach.

1938

Picture, partial roster, Bob Mitchell, Armand Seghetti, Coach.

1939

Partial Roster: Jim Mello, Frank Mendosa, Zukal, Ken Nordell, Freitas, Leitzke, Joe Yonan, Gavin Spensley, Steve Sliger, Leroy Lee, Armand Seghetti, Coach.

#### 1940-1949: BATTLES ON AND OFF THE DIAMOND

The year 1940 saw the Nazi blitzkrieg overrun Europe, threaten England and endanger the security of the United States. Life at home continued virtually interrupted, as America looked the other way. New cars continued to roll off the assembly lines in Detroit while Congress debated, then narrowly passed the Lend-Lease Act of aid for our allies. Little did the boys in uniforms on the sandlots across America realize that they would soon be engaged in another type of training wearing another uniform. Turlock was no different as young men, their coaches and teachers would soon enlist or be drafted into the armed forces of the United States. This time, however, the fight would be not against friendly rival across the diamond but against an enemy determined to destroy the way of life that make that friendly competition possible. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the innocence of high school life was forever altered for the students and athletes of the early and mid-forties. In all 25 T.H.S. students would give their lives in World War II, including 1937 baseballer, Manuel Rozario.

President Franklin Roosevelt had decided that major league baseball should continue as a morale builder throughout the war even though many major league ballplayers had left for military service. Following this lead, baseball in small town America continued as well. The 1942 season saw the departure of Coach Armand Seghetti to the U.S. Navy in mid-season. Teacher Bob Colyar took over to complete the season before he left for military duty. The following season of 1943 was cancelled for lack of a coach but returned in 1944 when Art Rohde took the team for the next two years. In that 1944 season what certainly must have been one of the longest games at

T.H.S., was played. Turlock and Hughson engaged in a three-hour, 16 inning marathon game that ended when Turlock scored the games' only run in the bottom of the sixteen inning. The 1940-45 teams all had more that 20 members each with the 1941 team numbering 30. Light poles and light were added to the school diamond after the WWII bomb plant on Faith Home Road was closed at the end of the war. Other location receiving lights were the Wakefield School diamond, as well as Hilmar and Denair High Schools. Although some of hem still work as of 1988, they are not used. After VJ Day and the boys returned home, postwar prosperity in America brought a close to the war years. Beginning with the 1946 season two baseball teams per year would be fielded, as a team for the younger boys was formed.

1940

Partial roster: Frank Mendosa, Jim Mello, Al Ohanis, Zukal, Ken Nordell, Jim Monroe, Armand Seghitti, Coach.

1941

Partial roster: Frank Date, Jim Monroe, Al Ohanis, Gavin Spensley, Armand Seghitti, Coach.

1942

Partial roster: Dale Daniels, Richard Ellis, Marshall Simon. Armand Seghetti, Bob Coylar, Coaches.

1943

No team fielded due to lack of a coach.

1944

Partial roster: Ray Nelson, Lawrence Mendosa, Ken Rose, Ronald Staley, Ken Edwards, Lawrence Mann, Ernie Badal, Ed Channing, Charles Mollard, Lloyd Rude, Art Rhode, Coach.

1945

Partial roster: Ed Channing, Ken Edwards, Ernie Badal, Manuel Hornen, Rees Knight, Harold Cornell, Lloyd Rude, Charles Mollard, Bob Falk, Darol Charlson, Mervin Kampfing, Art Rhode, Coach.

1946

Wayne Bergman, Charles Mollard, Kill Lenser, Clyde Downing, Charles Larson, Ken Edwards, Glenn Jackson, Melvin Furtado, Robert Pietsch, Ernie Badal, Rees Knight, Maurice Nordell, Manuel Homen, Joe Dias, Ed Channing, Dave Weise, Coach.

1947

Jim Frayer, Dana Parker, Tommy Bill, Dick Jacobs, Rees Knight, Maurice Nordell, Melvin Nordell, Melvin Furtado, Bob Pietsch, Dale Ocken, Wayne Bergman, Jim Brandenburg, Haig Asdurian, R.V. Stafford, Glenn Jackson, Lem Davis, Manuel Homen, Ed Simon, Joe Hernandez, George Olivera, Armand Seghetti, Coach.

1948

Partial roster: Maurice Nordell, Knight, Ocken, Morse, Rush, Gorham, Armand Seghetti, Coach.

1949

M. Goodrich, Joe Dias, R. Malik, J. Gorham, E. Simon, P. Larson, D. Perry, Manager, S. Andrews, J. Kennedy, D. Kline, D. Cerdelind, Myron Carlson, Jim Conover, B. Spear, Rollin Raleigh, Dale Ocken, Dick Sawyer, Steve Burnett, R. Hedstrom, A. Triplett, Manager, Armand Seghetti, Coach.

#### 1950-1959: BASEBALL – BIG AND LITTLE

The Advent of two teams at the high school to accommodate a growing student body was a significant milestone in the development of baseball in Turlock. The 1950's saw an even more dramatic change with the organization of Little League baseball in Turlock. Former Athletic Directors Joe Debley, Les Ratzlaff and Ex-Principal and coach Don Goldstein, all have stated that the advent of the Little League program resulted in a much higher quality of baseball player entering the high school ranks. The man responsible for starting the program was Jin Brainbridge, then the manager of Pacific Telephone. A large, jolly man, Bainbridge was interested in giving young boys an organized situation in which to play ball. Local Little League began in the year 1955 and the first players reached the high school in 1957 as freshman.

The decade of the 1950's witnessed three coaching changes as Armand Seghetti, returning from Military service, gave way to Les Ratzlaff. Two years later, Ratzlaff took over the reigns of the football program was replaced by Ezio (Atch) Pedretti. Under Pedretti, Turlock baseball grew to become a well-respected and recognized program throughout the Central Valley. Pedretti would guide Turlock baseball teams for the next 24 seasons. In 1958 Turlock joined the newly formed Central California Conference and played an 18 game schedule, some four more than had previously been played under the old format.

1950

B. Harwood, Bill Beasley, Jim Conover, Don Cerderlind, J. Kennedy, Steve Burnett, H. Myers, F. Fernandes, J. Tyler, A. Triplett, Manager Rollin Raleigh, Dan Ball, D. Alsup, Dan Kline, Don Odishoo, Myron Carlson, Delmar Osborne, A. Munoz, Manager Bert Watson, Armand Seghetti, Coach.



1951

B. Moore, M. James, J. Tyler, J. Reich, Bert Watson, B. Harwood, Joe Diaz, Stan Beasley, C. Goodman, Manager J. Stevens, Manager, Delmar Osborne, R. Fernandes, A. McLean, D. Alsup, Bill Beasley, Don Odishoo, F. Niebaum, Dan Ball, A. Munoz, Manager Armand Seghetti, Coach.

1952

Ray Tolleson, Chuck Osborn, Stan Beasley, O.B. Parks, Marty Peterson, Jesse Diaz, Bert Watson, Ted Dekasha, Don Burnett, John Genseal, Homer Pantazopoulos, Abe Rojas, Merle James, T.R. Maples, Atto Alexander. Don Jamison, George Washburn, Felix Munoz, Managers, Armand Seghetti, Coach.

1953

Gene Ocken, Ronnie Jorge, Ben Rude, Charles Price, Roger Gregg, Jim Henson, Ronnie Sinclair, Chuck Osborne, Abe Rojas, Ray Tolleson, Frank Colliers, Marty Peterson, Don St. Louis, Roy Milton, Manager, T.R. Maples, Atto Alexander, Dean Reed, Ed Mirza, Manuel Santos, Westely Crespín, Manager Armand Sehetti, Coach.

1954

John Stevenson, Bill Buck, Ron Sinclair, Lawrence Jones, Dean Reed, Roger Gregg, Don Stevenson, Dick Panter, Jim Henson, Ed Mirza, Clarence Peterson, Louie Aguiniga, Bob Smith, Marty Ayala, Nick Nixon, Ron Jorge, Joe Price. Robert Sichender, Richard Dula, Managers, Armand Seghetti, Coach.

1955

Edwin Mize, Jimmy Reeves, Bob Sicheneder, Berry Kimzey, Richard Dula, Mangers. Bob Smith, Larry Jones, Clarence Peterson, Jerry Jerner, Ted Falk, Roger Gregg, Jim Rawling, Don Morre, John Stevenson, Fred Nugent, Dan Belew, Sidney Virgo, Jerry Clements, Nick Nixons, Lowell Tolleson, Stewart Larimer, Don Stevenson, Armand Seghetti, Coach.

1956

Dan Belew, Ted Falk, Marvin Schreck, Fred Nugent, Jim Rawlings, Jerry Jerner, Phil Larson, Don Morre, Jerry Sanders, Bob Stitt, Tony Ferro, Herman Tamraz, Charles Tamraz, Louie Dutra, Gene Pike, Les Ratzlaff, Coach.

1957

Herman Tamraz, J. Stitt, D. Vollrath, D. Row, R. Balswick, Phil Larson, M. Motsinger, J. Sanders, J. Mayberry, Tony Ferro, J. Forte, J. Lyons, S. Harper, Larry Christofferson, G. Hill, Charles Tamraz, M. Kronberg, J. Kennedy. Durelle Mayberry, Dave Fox, T. Martinez, Al Ward, Managers. Les Ratzlaff, Coach.

1958

L. Sousa, Leroy Youngquist, Dale Vollrath, M. Motsinger, B. Moore, C. Hoffenkamp, Gene Fusi, F. Mettert, B. Rogers, Charles Tamaraz, R. Balswick, Tom Fetherston, J. Mayberry, Larry Christoffersen, Carl Hass, M. Kronberg. Durelle Mayberry, David Murray, Dave Fox, Managers, Ezio (Atch) Pedretti, Coach.

1959

Gene Fusi, K. Dow, N. Balswick, Bobby Neely, C. Hoffencamp, B. Hammond, G. Atwood, D. Larson, Leroy Youngquist, Tom Fetherston, D. Brown, Larry Palmer, L. Hughs, T. Rutishauser, Bob Kelley. M. Miranda, D. Murray, Managers, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

### 1960-1969: Change and Stability

The 1960's ushered in an age of social change that included a missile crisis in Cuba, the beginnings of a war in an unknown region called Vietnam and a group of English musicians called the Beatles. Through all the change and upheaval, one constant remained: baseball. Now known as the National Pastime, the game was entering its second century, practically unchanged. The ball, the bat, the rules, the drama, and the fun were still the same as it had been for the fathers and grandfathers of Americans everywhere. The game continued locally as well. Runs were scored, hits were made and taken away, strikeouts were recorded, walks given up and errors committed. Turlock baseball entered its seventh decade of competition with high expectations by young and old alike.

1960

Bobby Neely, C. Hoffernkamp, R. Spensley, Dick Kirby, N. Balswick, Gordon Fredeen, J. McClellan, G. Atwood, Doug Brown, B. Comage, Larry Plaer, M. Jensen, Bob Kelley, Tom Reeser, Gene Hart, R. Pinching, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

1961

L. Pole, T. Spensley, J. Hillerman, R. Spensley, Jack Revelle, S. Peterson, D. Weise, D. Duffy, Tom Reeser, B. Brown, Gene Hart, M. Jensen, Dick Kirby, Gordon Fredeen, J. Hartt, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

1962

J. Hillerman, Frank Duffy, G. Newman, D. Weise, T. Spensley, D. Owens, Roger DeSalles, J. Back, Gary Parkinson, K. Davis, S. Peterson, J. Hartt, D. Duffy, B. Martin, L. Pole, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

1963

Frank Reyes, Duane Olesen, Hank Leslie, Frank Duffy, Jim Moore, Louis Campos, Roger DeSalles, Gale Newman, Alan Davenport, Leon Hartvickson, Gary Parkinson, Ron Ehrlich, Jim Back, Dick Wallace, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

1964

Roger Desalles, Ted Hedgpeth, Larry DeBora, Mel De La Motte, F. Reyes, B. Newman, Frank Duffy, Duane Olesen, Billy Martin, Tony Volk, Hank Lesley, Dick Wallace, R. Espinola, Doug Merritt, G. Parkinson, Ron Ehrlich, A. Davenport, Leon Hartvickson, Alan Davenport, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

1965

Glenn Van Winkle, Ted Hedgpeth, Ken Yamamoto, B. Newman, Larry DeBora, B. Berlau, Lance Olson, Mike Pimentel, Ken Coate, B. Richards, R. Espinola, J. Nystrom, Bruce Ocken, Tony Volk, Mel de la Motte, R. Boyd, Mickey Weise, Doug Merritt, J. Morais, D. Pereira, J. Price, Managers. Atch Pedretti, Coach.

1966

Louie Naranjo, Gene Tate, Stan Jantz, Les DeBora, Doug Adams, Ron Boyd, Tony Leo, Ken Yamamoto, Stan Soares, Mickey Weise, Glenn Van Winkle, Jim Ericksen, Bruce Richards, Bruce Ocken, Jerry Nystrom, Jim Johnson, J. Miller, D. Periera, Managers, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

1967

Stan Soares, Jim Heckendorf, Bob Sarhad, Louie Narajo, Tom Alvernaz, Jim Johnson, Gene Tate, Dan Lewis, Jim Ericksen, Gary Dahlstrom, Doug Adams, Tony Leo, Dan Hill, Dan Hill, Mark Libby, Les DeBora, Carl Dowdy, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

1968

Danny Lewis, Gary Dahlstrom, Ralph Rodriguez, Dan White, Carl Dowdy, Dan Hill, Jim Heckendorf, Dave Chavez, Fred Ratzlaff, Mickey Tate, Gene Tate, Bob Johnson, Mark Libby, Greg Sneed, Richard Dutra, Tom Alvernaz, J. Wright, L. Periera, Roger Leam, Managers, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

1969

Rick Dutra, Harold Koop, Bobby Morais, P. McElhaney, Dennis Oliveira, Rick Sawyer, Ron Rocha, Dan Salazar, David Chaves, Fred Ratzlaff, D. Davis, Greg Sneed, Max Goldstein, Mick Tate, Dan White, Bob Johnson, Roger Leam, K. Walter, L. Periera, Managers, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

## 1970-1979

The 1970's were marked by the first CCC Championship in T.H.S. history as the 1971 team nicknamed, "Atch's Angels" surprised many enroute to a banner year ending in an appearance in the Sac- Jaoquin Section Tournament of Champions. The Team would finish with 20 wins, the highest total of victories to that time. As styles of baseball attire began to change with the reappearance of colored uniforms and white sleats on professional level the trend also carried to the high school level as well. Pin striped uniforms made a reappearance for the first time since the early 1940's. These however would be made of a more comfortable double knit material. At the same time as the new uniforms arrived, a new field at the high school was readied for the 1975 season replacing the old field at the corner of Berkely and Marshall. That field had served as the home games during the school year for the high school, Babe Ruth League, Senior Little League and American Legion games in the summer. Also known as the "B" diamond, it has been in continous use for over 70 years and was the first home of the new college team, Stanislaus State in the mid-sixties.

### 1970

Bob Saugstad, Bill Larson, Ron Rocha, Rick Lesan, Louie Costa, Rick Sawyer, Bob Morais, Dan Slazar, Max Goldstein, Steve Ashley, Dennis Oliveira, Dave Yamamoto, Rick Dutra, Dave Yonan, Tom Volk, Dick Venema. Chris Weed, Larry Periera, Ross Clark, Mangers, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

### 1971

Louie Costa, Rob Hillberg, Tom Volk, Bob Saugstad, Mike Valgos, Terry Rodger, Hector Salazar, Dan Larson, Dave Yamamoto, Dan Pedretti, Tom Sperry, Steve Ashley, Rick Lesan, Bill Larson, Alan Tate, Bob Backlund, Sam Gallegos, Larry Pacheco, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

### 1972

Rick Adams, Dan Larson, Tom Sperry, Hector Salazar, Sam Gallegos, Dan Pedretti, Bob Backlund, Mike Sawyer, Leon Smith, R. Spesley, Mario Godinez, Manger, Don Thorsen, Doug Leo, Jamie Newell, Tim Wooten, Alan Tate, Jim Bryan, Dave Hanson, Rob Hillberg, Terry Rodger, Dave Van Winkle, Terry Gray, Ross Clark, Manager, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

### 1973

Rick Adams, Don Thorsen, Dave Van Winkle, Dave Hanson, Terry Gray, Mike Sawyer, Doug Leo, Sam Pedretti, Jim Bryan, Greg Gross, Scott Cooper, Greg Groll, Ken Pimentel, Ed Gomes, Jamie Newell, Rick Lesan, Tim Wooten. Ross Clark, R. Myers, Managers, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

1974

Rod Gray, Rick Perez, Mike Lazar, Tom Rojas, Ed Gomes, John Nored, Greg Groll, Ken Pimentel, Greg Gross, Sam Pedretti, Ron Pimentel, Chris Pedretti, Mark Parkinson, K. Gove, Bill Vega, Mike Land, Brian Webster, Manager, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

1975

Rod Gray, Tom Rojas, Mike Copeland, Loren Hillberg, Chris Pedretti, Brian Kennedy, Dave Kirby, Ron Pimentel, Dan Louis, D. Nyberg, Craig Tatro, Manager, Randy Couchman, Terry Berg, Gary Gomes, Mike Lazar, Greg Holly, Mark Parkinson, Bill Vega, Brian Webster, Noah Webster, Managers, Mark De La Motte, Asst. Coach, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

1976

P. Garcia, Mike Copeland, Gary Gomes, Rick Morais, Greg Holly, Brad Serpa, John Groll, Terry Berg, Dan Louis, Dave Kirby, Jon Bailey, Jim Pimentel, Stuart Smith, Jeff Black, Kendall Hanson, Brian Kennedy, Brad Leslie, Mike Connor, Tom Waterson, Derek Catone, Loren Hillberg, Alan Couchman, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

1977

Randy Kuchan, Alan Grubb, Don Ow, Brad Serpa, Jeff Lucero, Byron Hayes, Craig Rojas, Steve Jaureguy, Manger, Jeff Black, Stuart Smith, Mike Conner, Jim Pimentel, Marvin Bucholtz, John Groll, B. Thomas, Manager, Derek Catone, R. Sanderson, Manager, Atch Pedretti, Coach

1978

Tim Baldwin, Rick Beasley, John Marson, Abel Mota, Craig Rojas, Henry Alvarado, Rich Curiel, Jeff Lucero, John Nelson, G. Rogers, Bill Threet, Steve Hayes, Don Ow, Tom Sani, Craig Nutcher, Bryan Hayes, Alan Grubb, Bruce Hollis, Marvin Buchholz, Mike Myers, Lenny Mendonca, Jim Washburn, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

1979

Jeff Gomes, Lee Marchant, John Nelson, John Marson, Lenny Mendonca, Rick Beasley, Henry Alvarado, Keith Leedom, Tim Baldwin, Tom Sani, Bruce Hollis, Bill Threet, Jerry Brunelle, Brett Tate, Jim Washburn, Craig Nutcher, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

## 1980-1989: INTO A SEVENTH DECADE

The 1980's have included several major turning points in Turlock baseball. As the decade of the 1980's unfolded, Turlock High baseball teams would complete a sixth and enter into a seventh decade of competition. The 1980's would be the fourth decade in which Atch Pedretti would lead baseball teams at T.H.S. unknown to anyone, the 1981 season would be his last as he passed away in the fall of 1981. The period of time that followed brought forth a great deal of sorrow but even more evoked a great many fond memories.

The 1983 and '84 seasons were played at the newly completed Pedretti Park Sports Complex as the high school field was inundated with gophers. This move to the park allowed the first known home games to be played at night. Although chilly nights were the norm, the local fans turned out in good number as they have for a great many years. In 1985 the local nine once again played home contests at the high school field. In 1986 a championship was won for the first time since the 1970's and the 1987 team reached the Sac-Joaquin Section Championship against Rancho Cordova before losing. Another milestone was reached in the 1988 season, as Turlock High fielded its' 75<sup>th</sup> baseball team.

Over the years these many young men have experienced a common love for the game, a sense of accomplishment and a sense of pride as participants in the Grand Old Game. Hundreds of players have come and gone since that first team took the field way back in 1907 including countless sons and at least two grandsons of former T.H.S. players. The old adage that the only death and taxes are certain in life should be amended to read death, taxes, and baseball!

### 1980

Jeff Parker, Jeff Gomes, Lee Marchant, Brian Machado, Ronnie Gomes, Jeff Trussler, Rick Salazar, Larry Hudson, Brett Tate, Don Kelso, Ken King, Craig Carlberg, Keith Leedom, Stuart Parker, Jerry Ragsdale, Sean Mills, Jess Godinez, Gred Couchman, Jerry Brunelle, Dennis Gray, Ted Sani, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

### 1981

Keith Jenkins, Jeff Trussler, Larry Hudson, Mike Willemse, Mike Ireland, Brian Machado, Ronnie Gomes, Craig Carlberg, Rick Salazar, Ralph Gonzales, Ken King, N. Copeland, Kevin Moore, Matt Sadowski, Mike Kinsley, Robert Christopher, Jerry Ragsdale, Jess Godinez, Glenn Chong, Scott Stinson, Brian Fantazia, Charlie Dragna, Atch Pedretti, Coach.

### 1982

Jeff Segars, Keith Jenkins, Brian Crivelli, Mike Willemse, John Christian, Steve Finney, Gil Tamayo, D. Howell, Ralph Gonzales, Jaime Trujillo, Robert Christopher, Matt Sadowski, Charlie Dragna, Scott Stinson, Dom Pedretti, Brian Fantazia, Mike Fischer, Sam Brennan, Doug Lilly, Manager, Jay Jones, Asst. Coach, Mark De La Motte, Coach.

1983

Steve Finney, Paul Miranda, Jon Fortado, Dan Carskaddon, Stan Carlberg, Gary Vessel, Richard Lucas, Terry Vessel, Gary Hudson, Dennis Azevedo, Brian Crivelli, Adam Hilpert, Dom Pedretti, Tony Castelli, Greg Crivelli, Jaime Trujillo, Barry Jenkin, Sam Brennan, Gil Tamayo, John Christian, Jeff Rice, Dave Kook, Asst. Coach, Mark De La Motte, Coach.

1984

Stan Carlberg, Adam Hilpert, Barry Jenkin, Gary Hudson, Greg Crivelli, Richard Lucas, Mickey Tobin, Jeff Rice, Steve Higgins, Jon Fortado, Harvey Gonzales, Roger Quillen, Shane Yori, Terry Vessel, Eric Jones, Dennis Azevedo, Jeff Brown, Darrel Alexander, Mark De La Motte, Coach.

1985

Sargon Samo, Bryan Tobin, Steve Soares, Roger Qullen, Kelly Martinez, Harvey Gonzales, Mark Lewis, Robert Mendonca, Darrell Alexander, Mickey Tobin, Dustin Farnam, Juan Perez, Mike Meeker, Shane Yori, Jesse Godinez, Asst. Coach, Mark De La Motte, Coach

1986

Sargon Samo, David Stapleton, Bryan Tobin, Steve Soares, Kirk Johnson, Scott Kennedy, Kelly Martinez, Mark Lewis, Robert Mendonca, Mike Christian, Scott Neilsen, James Rochester, Phil Govea, Chris Gergen, Dustin Farnam, Roger Miller, Don Eldridge, Mark Crivelli, Rich Lucas, Asst. Coach, Mark De La Motte, Coach.

1987

Mark Lewis, Chris Hagen, Scott Nielsen, Rob Mendonca, Rocky Slybaugh, Dennis Dudley, David Stapleton, Mike Christian, Marco Ponticello, Mark Crivelli, James Rochester, Kirk Johnson, Juan Perez, Dominic Dutra, Bill York, Asst Coach Wayne Hinds, Mark De La Motte, Coach.

1988

Dennis Dudley, Wade Watson, Marco Ponticello, Dominic Dutra, Chris Etharidge, Mike DePalma, Doug Boyle, Bobbie Marson, Travis Rodriguez, Don Nichelson, Lance Justice, Bryan Kyte, Bill York, Durvette Walling, Jason Tosta, Rocky Slaybaugh, Asst. Coach Wayne Hinds, Coach Mark delaMotte.

1989

Steve Soderstrom, Jason Tosta, Kevin Crivelli, Mike DePalma, Jason Edeal, Bryan Kyte, Chris Etharidge, Jason Walters, Brady Sebok, Steve Bowen, Steve Dickson, Travis Rodriguez, Wade Watson, Matt Martinez, Bob Marson, Don Nickelson, Asst. Coaches Brett Tate, Wayne Hinds, Coach Mark delaMotte

## 1990-1999: LAST HURRAH OF THE OLD CENTURY

The decade of the 90's included some of the very best Turlock teams ever. As the nation prospered so did THS Baseball. The city population began to swell and so did the number of players in the program, which eventually added a second freshmen team. In 1990 and again in 1997 the Dogs reached the section finals with truly outstanding teams. The championship season of 1990 was highlighted by back-to-back no-hitters. Steve Soderstrom and Brady Sebok accomplished the feat in March. Soderstrom would go on to star at Fresno State and become the third THS player to reach the Major Leagues with the San Francisco Giants. By the end of May, the Dogs found themselves facing Elk Grove in the Section Finals, unfortunately the Dogs came up short in their second attempt at a section crown.

In 1991, Mike Vincent took the reigns for a year and the team reached the South Section Finals. The 1993 season was a historic one highlighted by the first, and so far only, perfect game thrown by a Bulldog when David Hartvickson dazzled Johansen HS. In 1994 pitcher Dan Reichert would dominate the opposition and follow in Soderstrom's footsteps of college All-American and eventually become the fourth Bulldog in the Major Leagues with the Kansas City Royals.

In 1997, Mile Trainor would take over the program as Mark de la Motte became the baseball coach at CSU Stanislaus. Trainor's first team would bring home the most wins ever in a 24-11 season. That team also reached the section finals against Elk Grove again. Painfully the third time was not a charm for THS. As the century closed there would be a great deal of nostalgia around the world. The nostalgia on the diamond here was no different. Nearly a century of baseball here would be marked by four wars, disease, unemployment and nation-wide depression. In between and beyond there were hundreds of eager players, coaches and fans to experience the highs and lows of growing up, leaving home and striving to return, all the while learning life's lessons along the way between the lines.

### 1990

Coach Hinds, Shawn Halcomb, Scott Steingrebe, Mike Estrada, Kevin Crivelli, Steve Soderstrom, Erik Ward, Steve Dickinson, , George Gil, Jason Walters, Damian Walling, Randy Stafford, Brady Sebok, Jason Edeal, Jared Grein, Rick Coleman, Matt "Cub" Martinez, Jeff Sliger, Greg Smith, Asst. Coach WayneHinds, Coach Mark delaMotte

### 1991

Randy Stafford, Damian Walling, Danny Texiera, Jared Grein, Craig Zuber, Jeff Peterson, Tony Corbin, Loren Hayes, Mike Estrada, George Gil, Derek Thorn, Chris Van Rossum, , Mike Vincent, Richard Willoughby, Scott Steingrebe, Dan Makin, Scott Erickson, Matt Engelken, Asst Coaches Darryl Galloway, Wayne Hinds, Bill Kimble, Coach Mike Vincent.



1992

Jeff Peterson, Matt Hileman, Brandon Dutra, Jose Perez, George Olson, Tony Gonsalves, Bobby Fuentes, Jason Canen, David Hartvickson, Craig Zuber, Manager Robert Underwood, , Greg Quillen, Dan Makin, Scott Ericksen, Curt Macfarlane, Tony Corbin, Mat Engelken, Chris Van Rossum, Asst. Coach WayneHinds, Coach Mark delaMotte

1993

Dan Reichert, James Zavala, Craig Pacheco, Matt Zumstein, Brandon Dutra, Matt Hileman, Jorge Maldonado, Jose Perez, Neil MacDannald, Chis Gale, Curt McFarlane, Morgan Williams, Aaron Hackler, Jeremy Davis, Bobby Fuentes, Joe Guichard, Chris Rowell, Kyle Bettencourt, Asst. Coach WayneHinds, Coach Mark delaMotte

1994

Kevin Pierce, Craig Pacheco, Brian Faria, Matt Zumstein, Jorge Maldonado, James Zalva, Jacob Martinez, Chris Gale, Brian Hart, Shakib Handosh, Erik Hart, Aaron Hackler, Morgan Williams, Kirk Trombley, Kyle Bettencourt, Ryan Lawhon, Mike Skonovd, Fernando Trujillo, Ryan Streeter, Dan Reichert, Chris Rowell, Brian Vincent, Brian Hall, Asst. Coach Mike Vincent, WayneHinds, Coach Mark delaMotte

1995

David Sandoval, Michael Cook, Nathen ErlenBusch, Shaun Holt, Dustin Bettencourt, Nicholas Guichard, Daniel Roe, Chad Clark, Travis Pedretti, James Chippineri, Brock Morias, James Lewis, Jeffrey Miller, Duraye Roque, Brandon Jones, Craig Macedoo, Chad Cabral, Manager Walter Welker, Michael Maya, Kekoa Cox, Bill McClendon, David King, Asst. Coach WayneHinds, Coach Mark delaMotte

1996

Walter Welker, Bill McClenden, Michael Maya, Travis Pedretti, Jeff Miller, James Lewis, Chad Cabral, Duraye Roque, Brock Morais, David King, Coach de la Motte, Danny Roe, Craig Macedo, Dustin Bettencourt, Nathan Erlenbusch, Chad Clark, Nick Guichard, Kekoa Cox, Shaun Holt, Jim Chipponeri, Brandon Jones, Mike Cook, David Sandoval, Asst. Coach Mike Vincent, Asst. Coach WayneHinds, Coach Mark delaMotte

1997

Mike Maya, Travis Pedretti, Guillermo Ramirez, Matt Applequist, Brock Morais, Jeremy Kirkpatrick, Scott Stiles, Joe Linhares, Tommy Waterson, Duraye Roque, Matt Cox, Adam Tovar, David King, Travis Boelter, Jim Chipponeri, Josh Sousa, Adam Moore, David Sandoval, Justin Reyes, Asst. Coach Rob Mendonca, Coach Mike Trainor

1998

Jason Cripe, John Acha, Nick Pedretti, Guillermo Ramirez, Mike Bonander, Lane Cunningham, Matt Applequist, Troy Ulrich, Jeremy Kirkpatrick, Brandon Rodriguez, Scott Stiles, Joe Linhares, Tommy Waterson, Brandon Wheeler, Matt Cox, Adam Tovar, Rob King, Travis Boelter, Alex Duran, Josh Sousa, Eric Lawrence, Justin Reyes, Josh Bailey, Manager Nieves Maldondo, Asst. Coach Rob Mendonca, , Coach Mike Trainor

## 1999

Denny Drake, Doug Sperry, Nick Pedretti, Mike Bonander, Cody Mabe, Lane Cunningham, Lee Zuber, Troy Ulrich, Eric Lewis, Mike Perales, John Acha, Joe Stangl, Ed Edsall, Jeff Brem, Dan Fessenden, Rob King, Alex Duran, Jaime Tovar, Eric Lawrence, Rory Hillenga, Josh Bailey, Equip. Manager Nieves Maldondo, Field Manager Helder Almeida, , Asst. Coach Rob Mendonca, Asst. Coach Dustin Farnam, Coach Mike Trainor

## 2000-CURRENT: THE TRADITION CONTINUES

The new millennium saw many changes occur. With Coach Trainor's move to administration in 2000, former Bulldog, and long time assistant, Rob Mendonca was named head coach. The 2002 team captured the league title, winning 22 games, the second highest win total in school history. Three straight playoff appearances highlighted a successful run from '02-'04, which included a combined 61-29 record. In 2003, former head coach Mark de la Motte returned from CSUS. to serve as assistant.

In 2004, with the addition of new valley schools, the C.C.C. was split in two. Turlock became a member of the "new C.C.C." which now includes Pitman, Buhach Colony, and Los Banos along with "old C.C.C." teams Merced, Atwater, and Golden Valley. As the decade continues, Turlock High's tradition of fielding some of the most competitive teams in the valley continues...

## 2000

Blane Adams, Joe Aguilar, Justin Bailey, Jeff Brem, Denny Drake, Dominic Duran, Ed Edsall, Morri Elliott, Danny Fessenden, Joaquin Flores, Blake Gonsalves, Jim Gutierrez, Kevin Hamilton, Brent Hillberg, Rory Hillenga, Matt Leighton, Erick Lewis, Cody Mabe, Jason Machado, Mario Madrigal, Michael Perales, Yofri Rendon, Doug Sperry, Joe Stangl, Jaime Tovar, Asst. Coach Rob Mendonca, Asst. Coach Eric Reza, Asst. Coach Dustin Farnam, Coach Mike Trainor

## 2001

Darron Silva, Kevin Hamilton, Matt Leighton, Hector Irasava, Tommy Tickenoff, Garrett Baker, Anthony Naranjo, Blane Adams, Bobby Barlett, Kenny Gouveia, James Mulhollen, Nick Perez, Yofri Rendon, Jason Machado, Justin Bailey, Alec Smith, David Harrison, Brett Jackson, Eric Jurado, Anthony Hibbs, Dominic Duran, Joe Aguilar, Morri Elliott, Jared McMullen, Brent Hillberg, Asst Coach Lance Cornell, Jerry Passarelli  
Coach Rob Mendonca

## 2002

B.J. Avila, Matt Gomes, Matt Leighton, Paul Shields, Tom Tickenoff, Garrett Baker, Anthony Naranjo, Bob Barlett, Brett Jackson, Niles Anderson, Nick Perez, Jeff Hillberg, Mike Machado, Alec Smith, David Harrison, Tom Brandstater, Kevin Mayer, Tim Mendonca, Anthony Hibbs, Craig Tucker, Asst Coach Lance Cornell, Jerry Passarelli  
Coach Rob Mendonca

2003

B.J. Avila, Tyler Riddick, Jeff Hillberg, Billy Penney, Paul Shields, Ryan Mitchell, Marcos Lopez, Blake Amador, Pete Lindbeck, Brett Jackson, Niles Anderson, Craig Tucker, Shaun Wahid, Mike Machado, Chris Phillips, Aaron King, Mike Nelson, Tom Brandstater, Kevin Mayer, Tim Mendonca, Evan Lucas, Matt Stabelfeld, Manager Kyosuke Ikuta, Asst Coach Lance Cornell, Jerry Passarelli Coach Rob Mendonca

2004

Matt Stabelfeld, Tyler Riddick, Evan Lucas, Billy Penney, Blake Amador, Mike Kramer, Mike Nelson, Ryan Mitchell, Pete Lindbeck, Steffan Pacheco, Aaron King, Chris Curry, Shaun Wahid, Sam Reed, Cory Tolleson, John Wilkins, Tom Mendonca, Cameron Martin, Steve Lauber, Ben Serpa, Josh Addington, Anthony Wallen, Manager Serafin Gutierrez, , Asst Coach Lance Cornell, Jerry Passarelli, Mark de la Motte, Coach Rob Mendonca

2005

Paul Baker, Josh Thomas, Chris Curry, T.J. Roberts, Matt Machado, Ben Serpa, Sam Reed, Ben Tickenoff, Ryan Kane, Cameron Martin, Jacob Addington, John Wilkins, Taylor Soiseth, Steven Garcia, Serafin Gutierrez, Tom Mendonca, Steve Lauber, Josh Addington, Adam Williams, Manager Ryan Sanchez, Asst Coach Lance Cornell, Jerry Passarelli, Mark de la Motte Coach Rob Mendonca

2006

Paul Baker, Josh Thomas, Jeremy Hibbs, Nik Silveira, Josh Rouse, Ben Tickenoff, trevor Reed, Cameron Martin, Grady Baker, Russell Whitmore, Adam king, Chris Peterson, Alec Day, Tom Mendonca, Steve Kramer, James Oliver, Anthony Sayers, Adam Williams, Asst. Coaches: Lance Cornell, Mark de la Motte, Jerry Passarelli, , Coach Rob Mendonca

2007

Kyle Briggs, Josh Rouse, Jeremy Hibbs, Derek Woods, Bryan Romero, Steven Kramer, Stefan Silveira, Matt Harper, Jared Serpa, Derek King, Willie Galdamez, Sergio Perez, Alec Day, Nolan Parks, Nik Silveira, Tanner Mendoza, Chris Peterson, Asst. Coaches Mark de la Motte, Matt Leighton, Jerry Passarelli, Coach Rob Mendonca

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