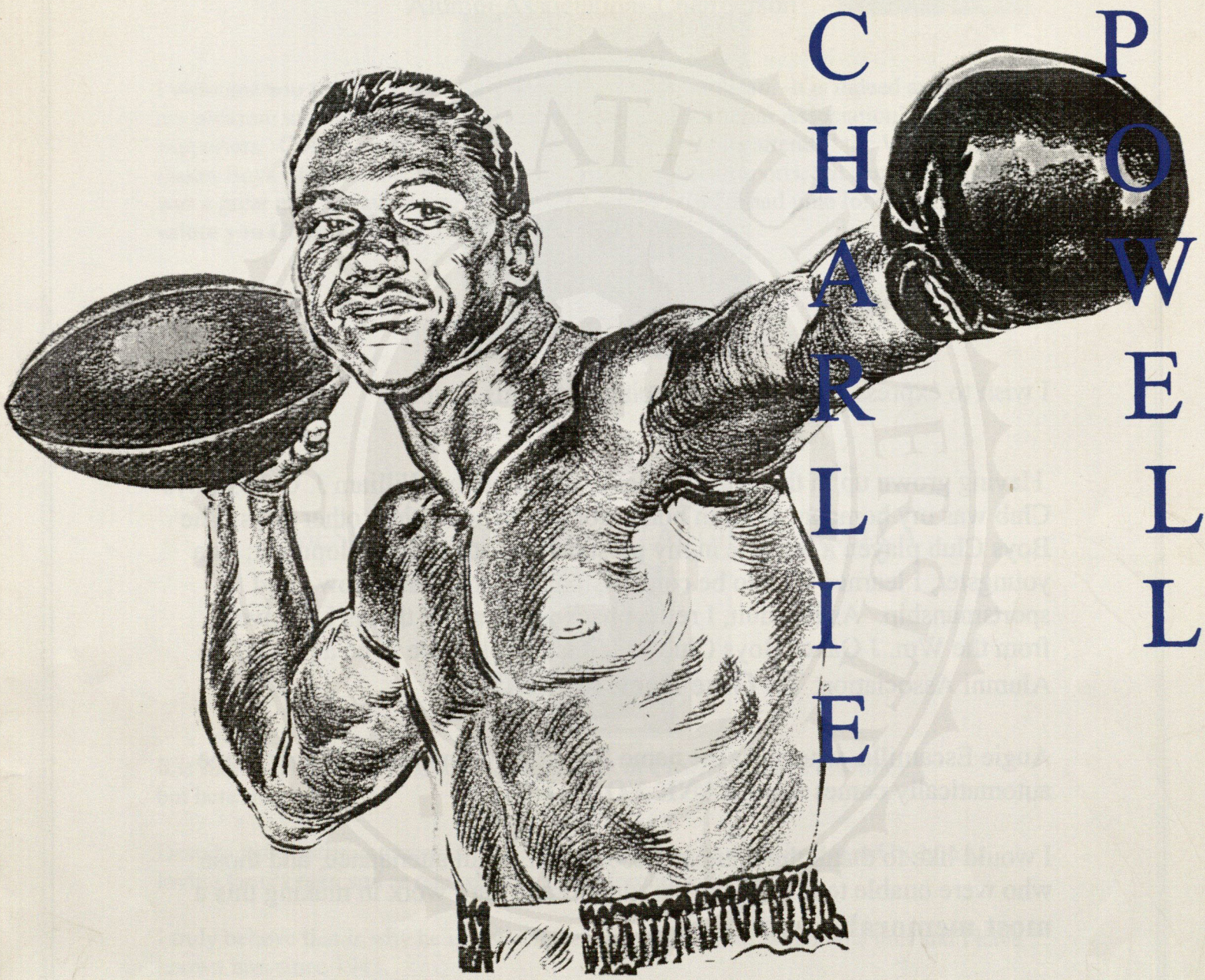


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SATURDAY
OCTOBER 25, 2003

MESSAGE
FROM
CHARLIE POWELL



I wish to express my utmost appreciation for this honor:

Having grown up in the Logan Heights area, and the William J. Oakes Boys Club was my home away from home, for me and countless other boys. The Boys Club played a big role in my personal growth and development; as a youngster, I learned how to be compassionate, caring and show good sportsmanship. As an adult, I reflect back at the many things I received from the Wm. J Oakes Boys Club and, it is my pleasure to be a part of the Alumni Association, **To Give Back to the Club.**

Augie Escamilla, whenever the name Boys Club is mentioned, your name automatically comes up, **THANK YOU AUGIE.**

I would like to thank the Alumni Association, all in attendance, and those who were unable to attend, for the support and hard work in making this a **most memorable event.**

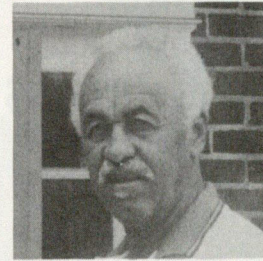
I love you all; God bless you.

Charlie

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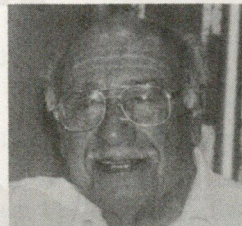
John Taylor

Alumni Association- Chairperson



I welcome you to the **Charlie Powell Testimonial Luncheon**. It is indeed an honor and my pleasure to pay tribute to our friend and one of the Alumni Association's biggest supporters. Charlie was a role model to all of the boys who attended the William J. Oakes Boys Club, not because he was a great athlete in all sports, but because Charlie was a great guy, always caring about his friends, he always had time for everyone. **We salute you Charlie on this Your Special Day.**

MESSAGE FROM "COACH" AUGIE ESCAMILLA



It is impossible for me to give my impressions of Charlie in just a few lines but here they are:

Despite his illustrious career in athletics, I continue to be most impressed by him as loving family man and as one who has never forgotten his roots.

I truly believe that is why he is respected and loved by all us who know him and I have known him since 1943.

I happily share my display of photos and newspaper articles about him.

Augie Escamilla

Augie Escamilla

OUR HISTORY

BOYS' CLUBS OF SAN DIEGO, INC.

Our first Boys' Club was opened in the City of San Diego... for boys from 7 to 19 years of age... on November 11, 1942... at 2930 Marcy Avenue... following nearly two years of planning and fund-raising, under the direction of Aaron Fahringer, Regional Director, Boys' Clubs of America. The building was erected at a cost of approximately \$50,000, through the cooperation of the A.F. of L., whose trade groups donated many man-hours to assist in the construction—and many businesses donated both material and labor. Boys' Clubs of America granted official charter to Boys' Clubs of San Diego, Inc. on December 22, 1942.

In 1949 the gymnasium building and locker rooms were added... opening on January 3, 1950... with...with funds raised through "shows" and contributions. In October the swimming pool was added... making possible a complete program for the membership of approximately 1,800 boys of all creeds, colors, and nationalities... all this without incurring any indebtedness.

A survey by the Boys' Clubs of America and Community Welfare Council pinpointed Linda Vista as the next area most in need of our program for boys. In May of 1955 this branch was dedicated—built with funds from the Anderson Trust... a trust set up by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson, who for many years served on our Board of Trustees and headed the Endowment Committee... as well as contributions from many individuals, and more special "Shows."

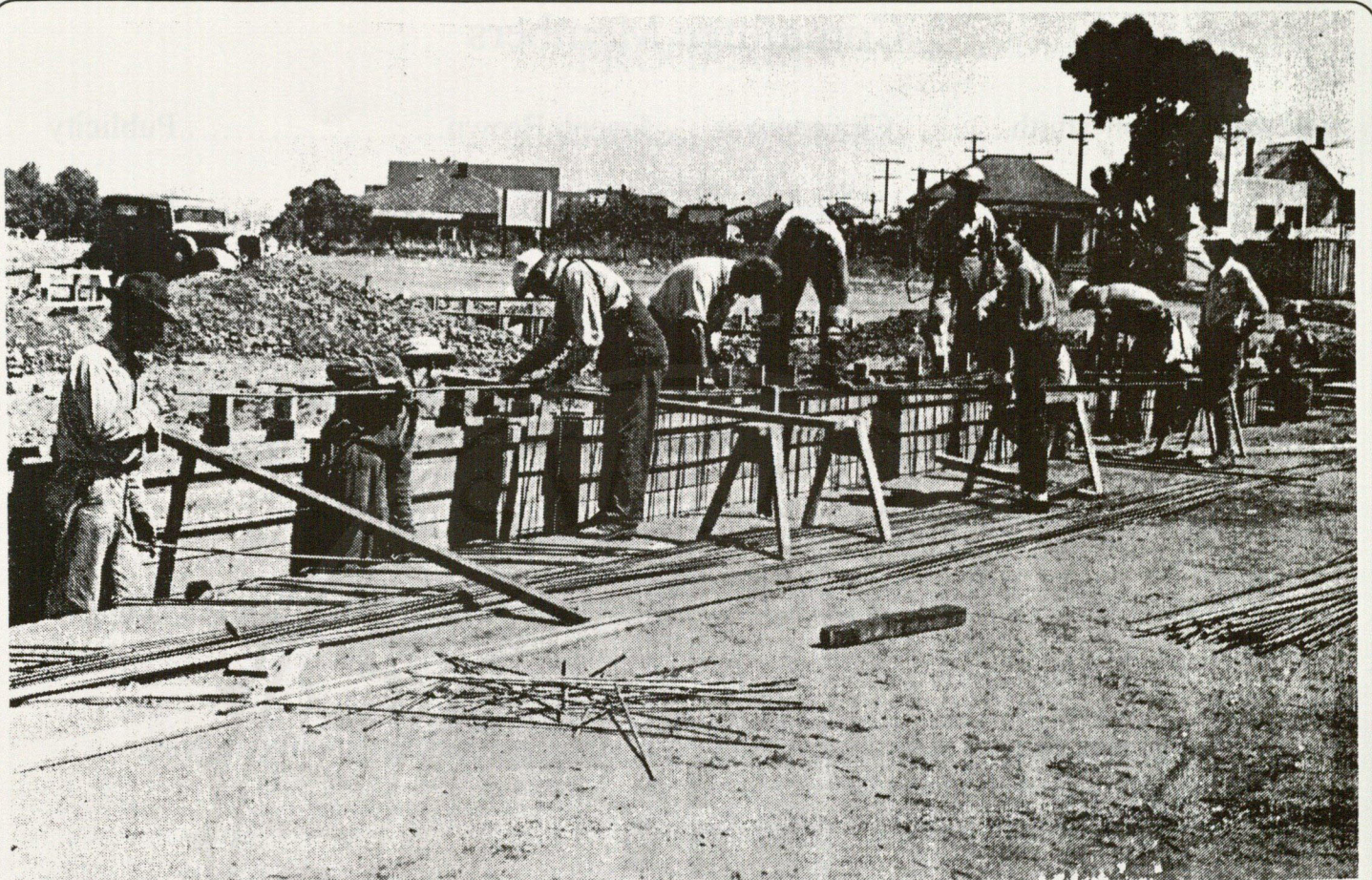
On October 22, 1954 the building at 2930 Marcy Avenue was dedicated the "William J. Oakes Building" – in honor of the late William J. Oakes, founder and first President, who for many years served as Principal of Memorial Junior High School in the Logan Heights area. Mr. Oakes called together the first group to tell them of the need for a Boys' Club in that area. Among the first group was the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Anderson, and two of the men who are still serving on the Board of Trustees... George A. Scott – and Jackson Butterfield. The William J. Oakes and Linda Vista buildings are on property leased from the City of San Diego.

Our third Boys' Club was erected in Clairemont and dedicated on February 22, 1960. A group of civic leaders, headed by Irving Kahn and David Garfield, donated more than three acres of land, valued at approximately \$85,000.00 for a site for our branch Boys' Club. This building was built with funds from a campaign conducted in 1959, and with the assistance of the Anderson Trust and Boys' Incorporated.

On September 17, 1969 the Swimming Pool at the Clairemont Branch was dedicated and named the "George C. Hatch Swimming Pool" in memory of the late George Hatch, civic leader and executive of the Coca Cola Bottling Co. This followed three years of efforts by the Board to raise the \$109,000, needed to build this Olympic size swimming pool. Thus making the three Branches in the City of San Diego complete units.

Funds for the operation of the three branch clubs come from the United Way, fundraising projects, and individual contributions.

On February 14, 1973 escrow was started on the purchase of a 17,000 sq. ft. Safeway supermarket building at 6785 Imperial Avenue, which was to be the fourth branch of the Boys' Clubs of San Diego. This building was purchased at a cost of \$148,769. Following months of fund-raising, renovation, and remodeling, the Encanto Branch was opened on a full-time basis for the boys of this community on December 10, 1973. An outdoor program for boys was provided during the summer months while the building was being prepared.



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Saturday, October 25th, 2003
12:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

HONOREE: CHARLIE POWELL

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Comments from Attendees
(2 min. limit please)

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PHOTO - 1948 - 9TH GRADE



CHARLIE POWELL

Another '40 Acres' standout is the sensational Charlie Powell. Charlie, like his Dad, Elvin Powell, could knock the cover off of a baseball. Mr. Powell and Mr. Presley, father of Bill and Harry Presley, were known in San Diego to hit baseballs from 28th St. (between Logan and Memorial School) all the way to Memorial Gym, and over the roof into the Boys Club grounds. This is a distance of more than 700 feet. In fact, it is Charlie Powell who holds the record for the longest ball ever hit out of Balboa Stadium. He surpassed Hall of Famers, Ted Williams who played for across town Hoover High School, and Babe Ruth, who played exhibition games in Balboa Stadium.

At San Diego High School, Charlie won three varsity letters in each of four sports. He played center on the basketball team that won the Coast League Championship. In football, he was the CIF Player Of The Year. In track & field, he high jumped 6 feet, ran on relay teams and was 1st in the city, with a shot Put record of 57'-9 1/4" that has just been broken after 48 years standing.

Charlie told me he learned to run by going over to Earl and Tony Loman's house, on Clay St.(Logan Heights) Charlie and his pals would race against Mr. Tripp. Jim Tripp was a large man who was a broad jump champion at San Diego State, and was also very swift in sprints. Charlie says "I would be barefoot, as we raced in the street-you know how fast Jim Tripp could motor, but at the finish line,(end of the block) I'd be looking him in the eye." Charlie also says when he and his buddies would ride the bus home from school, it would be so crowded that he and his pals would pull the buzzer and exit out the back door unseen by the bus driver—they would then outrun the bus for two stops and get back on the bus. He says they would have a good laugh as they looked at the driver's confused face, because he thought for sure, that he had picked them up earlier...

Charlie was also heavyweight boxing champion of California, defeating Number 2 contender Nino Valdez. This brought on a fight at Pittsburgh in 1963 with a brash, fast talking, smooth boxing youngster named Cassius Clay.(Muhammed Ali) Known by his friends as "choo choo" as in locomotive train; If Charlie "choo choo" hit you, you know you had been hit! Or to put this another way, you didn't know *what hit you*. This was the fate of Ali. Powell hurt clay real bad in round 2 but didn't finish him off... In round 3, Cassius TKO'd Charlie. Two fights later, Ali was heavyweight champion after beating Sonny Liston. I asked 'choo choo' why didn't he finish off ali ? Charlie said that Clay was dazed, staggered and so badly hurt, and appeared to be out on his feet, he feared that any more blows delivered, may have caused permanent or even fatal damage to Ali.

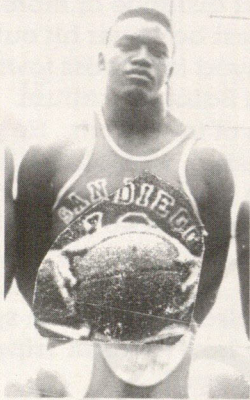
This indeed is a testament to two tremendous athletes. 1) It shows the compassion that Charlie had for his fellow man by not attacking the defenseless Clay with a barrage of blows even in the heat of battle. 2) It proved that Ali could take a punch and had great recuperative power. Some think that Powell made a mistake by letting Ali off the hook- But as Charlie said to me, "I can still think, walk, and speak clearly". Amen to that 'choo choo'.

Charlie Powell is physically a giant of a man, yet as gentle as a lamb. In a boxing ring or on a football field, Charlie is more ferocious than a lion.

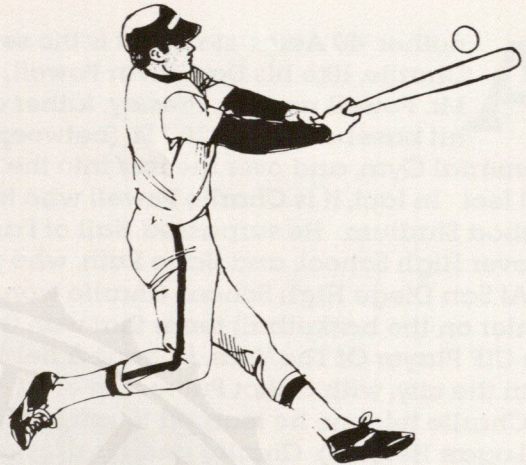
Before deciding on a professional boxing career, Charlie was a pro football player, having gone straight from San Diego High School, to starting with the San Francisco 49ers of the NFL. He made a quick run with minor league baseball during the previous summer, but did not like the minor league lifestyle; so at the end of the summer, he went to the 49ers. To go from high school, to starting on a pro football team is unheard of Today—back then, don't even think about it.... So now imagine this kid, in his very first pro game, running over seasoned veteran linemen to personally tackle Bobby Lane the Detroit Lions running back for 67 yards in losses.

This is the 'stuff' that legends are made of; and Mr. Powell is all of that.

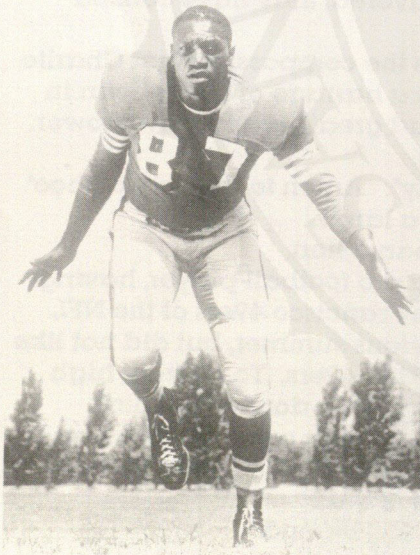
Charlie Powella 40 Acres role model and living legend.



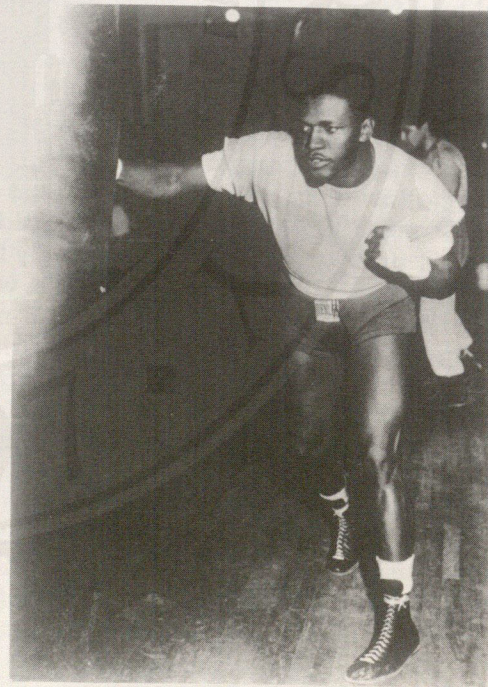
In basketball, he was a second-team all-league center.



In baseball, he was the only player folks can remember hitting balls out of Balboa Stadium. In track, he high-jumped 6 feet and put the shot 57 feet 9-1/4 inches, a San Diego High record that still stands. "And every now and then I'd fill in and run the relays," he recalls. "But baseball and track were the same season, so I'd go to a track meet, maybe put the shot a couple of times, and then change in the car and go play baseball."



Charlie Powell was the youngest player in the history of the National Football League, just 19 years old, when he became a starting defensive end with the San Francisco 49ers in 1952, right out of San Diego High School.



The authoritative Ring magazine declared him the best boxer ever to come out of another pro sports. Ed "too Tall" Jones of Dallas Cowboys and Mark Gastineau New York Jets are two of the latest to try. But Powell had boxed as a kid, learning the fundamentals in San Diego in gyms from the likes of the great Archie Moore.

“BRIEF- SPOTLIGHTS” OF CHARLIE POWELL

The speedy Johnson scored three more touchdowns, one on a 65-yard run, as Glendale fell, 40-6. Just 10,000 fans, the smallest turnout for a Hoover game since 1942, watched a Aztec Bowl as Ed Duncan scored twice to pace a 22-6 Caver win in it's first game in the newly formed City Prep League. Powell's ferocious defense play kept the Cards from threatening until they pushed across a meaningless last-minute score.

Powell demonstrated his awesome offensive talents the following week in a Wild 33-21 win over Pt. Loma. He tailed on 27 and 69-yards passed and added another score on a 63-yard end-around play. Powell again starred in the 20-7 win over Grossmont, snagging a 15-yard scoring pass from McDairmant and terrorizing Footthriller backs with his bull-like thrusts into the Gussie backfield from his defensive end position.

The headlines this year at SDHS were another SCIF baseball championship, Duane Maley's successful debut as head football Coach, Coast League championships in all

The grid squad lacked defensive muscle to seriously contend for a championship, although they were certainly able to move the ball. After dropping Hoover, 6-0, in its quarter of carnival action before 25,000 fans, SDHS opened the regular season with a 28-13 win over P. Loma. Darnes Johnson got the season off with a bang when he took the opening kickoff 90 yards down the sideline for a TD.

Charlie Powell' blocking and running from his fullback position in this game were devastation to opposing linemen.

four major sports, and the emergence marvelously gifted sophomore athlete named Charlie Powell. It was yet another banner year for Gray Castle jocks and their fans.

Darnes Johnson, Frank Johnson and Charlie Powell sparked SD to a 26-20 win over Muir.

He is quick to give credit to the legion of coaches, teammates and mentor at Memorial Junior High and the Boys Club—especially Augie Escamilla. “Without a doubt, he was the key - to myself and a lot of others,” Powell says. “Basically Augie was a track man, but he kept us involved in all sports. He took us on trips. He wasn't that much older than us, but he was just like a second father to a lot of us kids.



Charles, you have come a long way from the concrete streets of 3000 Block Martin Avenue and the dirt area of the forty acres. The former Williams J. Oakes Boy's Club gave you the chance to develop yet another skill in that very same gym, which was boxing. It was a joy to observe you as you grew and excelled in all the sports you participated in. Your accomplishments and individual growth has been phenomenal throughout your life.

The young children that you continue to help will be greatly benefited by your mentorship. May God bless and keep you always!

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Brown



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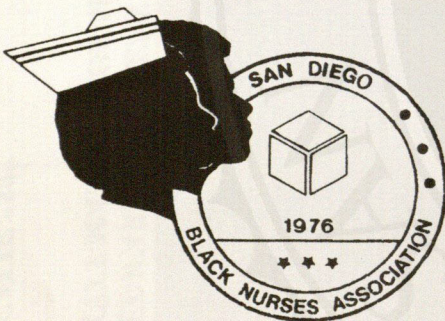
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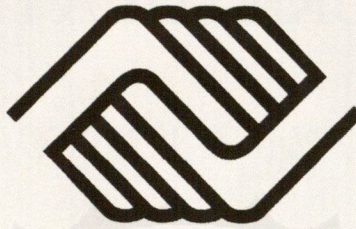
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