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Fudge-Hammer Night

By Gerry Stratford

Remember the Seventies, when your kids wore hot pants, disco boots, danced to Donna Summers and rocked with Led Zeppelin? Or did you escape from all of that craziness by going out to the newly built Candlestick Park and watching a game that you actually understood. If you followed the 49ers then, you certainly remember one of the game's greatest linebackers. They called him the Fudge-Hammer and he was the strength in the middle for an amazing ten years.

Frank Nunley first came to California as a Michigan Wolverine to play in the 1967 Rose Bowl and was drafted by the 49ers that spring. Weighing in at well over 200 pounds, his teammate Stan Hindman said he looked like he was "Full of fudge but he hit like a hammer!" and the nickname stuck.

Frank says that his first season was definitely a wake up call. The Wolverine defense had a total of nine coverages (3



man-to-man, 3 zones and 3 blitzes) but the professional game was so complicated that half the time "I didn't know where to stand." And then, just as he was beginning to figure out the middle line backer position, starter Matt Hazeltine was injured and coach Nolan moved Frank over to the left side.

However, the young giant did his homework, he memorized the patterns and habits of opposing quarterbacks and was soon able to predict the next play. He became the anchor of the flex-defense that dominated the NFC West in 1970, knocking off the Raiders and surprising the Vikings before losing a tough one to the Cowboys at Candlestick.

Although plagued with injuries (he tore an ACL on the first play of his first game for San Francisco and suffered countless knee strains and tears in subsequent seasons) he didn't miss a game that first season, and was still able to run the 40 in 4.7—hitting like a hammer wasn't just about being big!

Frank will have a hundred stories to tell us and remind us of our own fondest memories about those years, but be sure to ask him to describe the interception he made in his first game against Baltimore. It gives a whole new meaning to the title of a Rolling Stones album released just a few years later.



Members & Guests at the 2012 Spring OTA Meeting

Jack Abad
 Manny Agorastos
 Vince Aguiar
 Gary Bader
 John Bain
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 Dewey Barron
 Jim Bass
 Mark Bass
 Wayne Batmale
 Art Belcher
 Done Benedetti
 George Bentetos
 Marv Berkson
 Maurice Bessiere
 Ken Bianchi
 Larry Bingham
 Vida Blue
 Jerry Bocci
 Charles Bragg
 Bob Braghetta
 Bob Brown
 Craig Brown
 Ed Browne
 Charlton Buckley
 Andy Burke
 Leo Burns
 Harry Bush
 Mel Canevaro
 Dan Casey
 Lynn Chapman
 Marc Christensen
 Dave Clisham
 Jack Coates
 Bill Collins
 Dan Costello
 Michael Cutone
 Frank Damon
 Bob Datwyler
 Ron Davis
 Bob Dawson
 Tom Dee
 Bill De Mattei
 Tony DiGiovanni
 Larry Doherty
 Jack Donahue
 Jere Driscoll
 Kevin Dunleavy
 Alonzo Emery
 Warren Fannin
 Roger Ferrari
 Chuck Figone
 Marcel Fiore
 Jack Fitzpatrick
 Alan Fraser
 Richard Friedman
 Gene Gallagher
 Jim Gallagher
 Norman Gard
 Art Gerrans
 Russ Giambastiani
 Jerry Gibson
 Con Glafkides
 Frank Glynn
 Sam Goldman
 Jerry Gosland
 Jeff Graff
 Jeff Green
 Ray Greggains
 Bob Guddee
 Tom Gumina
 Gil Guzman
 Bob Hagler
 Tom Hall
 Jerry Hamilton
 Ken Haukom
 Jerry Heckert
 Frank Hedley
 Walt Heim
 Carl Hellman
 Al Hitchcock



OTA members signing in for dinner at the Olympic Club Lakeside Clubhouse

Dick Hoedt
 Bill Hogan
 Tim Hornbecker
 Don Hourigan
 Bebo Hughes
 John Iocco
 Dean James
 Bill Johnson
 Thomas Johnson
 Warren Johnston
 Charles Jones
 Bob Jonsen
 Bob Kahl
 Rick Kell
 Herb Kessler
 Kris Kimball
 Jim Kirby
 Quentin Kopp
 George Korte
 John Kristovich
 Tom LaGrave
 Mike Landridge
 Leo LaRocca
 Charley Leach
 Tim Leach
 Bob Lee
 Phil Lellmen
 John LeTourneau
 George Lippi
 Bill Lynch
 Bob Macaluso
 Ron Macaluso
 Dave Mackin
 Mike Maffei
 Roger Major
 Bob Maloney
 Al Martino
 Mario Maso
 Bob Max
 Walt McCall
 John McCarthy
 Ray McDonald
 Tom McGraw
 Val McKeever
 Don Meek
 Robert Micheli
 Bob Mitchell
 Al Modena
 Al Monaco
 Ray Monteroso
 Alan Mootz
 Richard Moresco
 Shaun Morrison
 Bob Morton
 Atilio Mossi
 Gene Mullin
 Lou Murgo
 Rich Murphy
 Jon Nakamura
 Charles Norton
 Oleg Obuhoff
 Dennis O'Connor
 Thomas O'Connor
 Brendon O'Neil

John O'Neil
 Chuck Osborn
 Don Papa
 Jack Phelan
 Howard Poblitz
 Nick Poppin
 Howard Powelson
 Fred Quinn
 Kirk Rademaker
 Ted Rademaker
 Bob Randall
 Harry Redlick
 Buck Reed
 Tony Ribera
 Baxter Rice
 Joe Richardson
 Al Romero
 Joe Rotenberg
 Ed Rothman
 Len Rovegno
 Steve Rubin
 Andy Ruiz
 Michael Saia
 Seb Saia
 Paul Sari
 Larry Saros
 Bernie Schneider
 Jack Schroth
 Jack Scramaglia
 Bill Shaughnessy
 Wallace Sheehan
 Bob Shrocker
 Dick Siggins
 Bob Simi
 Dick Skidmore
 Ray Solari
 Bill Stevenson
 Gerry Stratford
 Carl Sundquist
 Terry Taylor
 Jeffery Thomson
 Dominic Tringali
 Alan Tripp
 Chuck Vanoncini
 Dick Verbrugge
 Frank Verducci
 Dick Verling
 Joe Vollert
 John Wagner
 Howard Waits
 Urie Walsh
 John Ward
 Ray Warman
 Terry White
 Ray Wilson
 Greg Wood
 Jeff Wrench
 Russ Ziebell
 John Zuffo

Guests Present:

Joe Bannovich
 Brett Barron
 Joel Barron
 Cess Bornia
 Ray Braghetta
 Sean Buckley
 Jason Geller
 Ron Granucci
 Brian Kearney
 Joe Kelly
 Michael Krook
 Mike Mahoney
 Ed Mayer
 Bill McDonald
 Roger Mein
 Mike Milstein
 James Mootz
 Dick Pera
 Pete Quevado
 Cornell Ross
 Steve Simi
 Bob Skinner
 Greg Suhr
 Rudy Vasquez
 Angelo Vidvic

NewKIDS

We Welcome the following New Members

Joe Banovich - Riordan 1974. 3 yrs Football. U.S.C. 1978. 2 yrs Football.

George Benetatos - Lowell 1963. 4 yrs Football 1 yr Football, Univ Idaho.

Steven Caria - Carlmont H.S. 1963, Belmont. 4 yrs Baseball & Basketball. Baltimore Orioles, 1963-67. CAL 1970-71, Asst Baseball Coach.

Aldo Congi - S.I. 1972. 4 yrs Track & Field, All League. San Jose State, 1977. 4 yrs Track, All PCAA. St. Ignatius Track Coach 1981-2000, and now current coach. Numerous WCAL Championships. Olympic Club Member; 30 yrs.

Michael Cronk - Lowell 1965. 3 yrs Football & Baseball.

Fr Charles Gagan - S.I. 1955. A lover of All Sports.

George Greco - Galileo 1956. A Great Sports Fan.

Carl Hellman - Burlingame H.S. 1953. 4 yrs Track. Football & Basketball. Stanford 1957. 4 yrs Sailing.

Bill Johnson - Avalon H.S. Southern Calif. 1970. 4 yrs Baseball, Basketball & Golf. Long Beach CC 1972. 2 yrs Baseball. Cal State Fullerton 1974. 2 yrs Baseball. Chicago Cubs Farm System 1974-1980

Brian Kearney - S.H. 1967. 4 yrs Baseball.

Rick Kell - PolyTechnic 1961. 4 yrs Football. All-City Honorable Mention.

Bob Maloney - Riordan 1974. 1 yr Soccer. S.F. State 1989. 10 yrs Olympic Club Basketball & Softball. 20 yrs SF Youth Baseball. CYO & PAL Basketball & Soccer.

Ed Mayer - Lowell 1949. 4 yrs Baseball, All-City. CAL 1953. 4 yrs Baseball. Professional Baseball, 4 yrs Boston Red Sox Farm Teams. 1 yr St. Louis Cardinals, 1957-1958. Pitched for the Chicago Cubs.

Michael McCormack Riordan/Lincoln 1955. 3 yrs Football.

Michael McNaughton S.H. 1979. 4 yrs Baseball. USF 1983.

Sports Editor USF "Foghorn".

Jim Mootz - Moreau H.S. 1987, Hayward, CA. 4 yrs Golf, Football & Wrestling.

James Owen - S.I. 1955. 4 yrs Golf & 2 yrs Basketball. O C Member.

Dr. John Quilici - S.I. 1954. 4 yrs Football. USF 1958. Intramural Football

Steve Simi - San Marin H.S. 1988. 4 yrs Baseball, Football, Soccer, Tennis & Wrestling. S.F. State 1992. CAL MBA 1994.

Greg Suhr - S.I. 1976. 4 yrs Foot & Baseball. C.C.S.F. 1976. 32 yrs G Gate Rugby.

TIME OUT

By Manny Agorastos

Congratulations are in order:

The Olympic Club thanks the following OTA members who volunteered to work the 112th U.S. Open Golf Championship this June. John Abendroth, Mark Avelar, Gerald Bachecki, Fred George, Jerry "Goose" Gosland (Past President), Dr. Rob Micheli, Patrick Murphy, Don Papa & Gerald Stratford (Past President). Hailed as one of the greatest Golf Championships, ever conducted, most of our members did not get to see much golf. But, luckiest of all was Dr. Micheli, who was the Marshall at the 18th Green, all four days of The Tournament.

Well-done Members.

Dick Davey

Our guest speaker in the fall of '93 and current OTA member, retired after 34 yrs of College Basketball coaching at CAL, San Jose State, Santa Clara and Stanford. Before coaching at Stanford, Dick spent 30 yrs working with the men's basketball program at Santa Clara and served as the Broncos' head coach for 15 seasons. A four-time WCC Coach of the Year. Dick finished his career with a 251-190 overall record. One of those wins was an upset victory over second-seeded University of Arizona in the 1993 NCAA Tournament.

LAST OF THE NINTH

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Howard Waits

Ray Wilson

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