## **Burbank High Athletic Hall of Fame 2012**

- 1. **Clyde Richards** ('56) Coach Richards not only taught and coached at BHS, he is also a graduate. Coach Richards gained his fame as our tennis coach winning 13 league titles in a row and a CIF championship in 1993. He also coached basketball for BHS.
- 2. **Jack Loutensouk** Long time teacher and basketball coach. He coached basketball for 17 years, coached the most wins in school history, He also coached arguably the two best basketball players in school history. During his time at BHS he coached football and baseball also.
- 3. **Rick Romero** ('64) Cross Country and track, Rick was the 1964 CIF champion in the 1,600. In cross country that year was the CIF runner up, missing out by .1 Also in the same year he placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in CIF finals. In the 1963 Cross Country season Rick won the Foothill League. He helped to lay the foundation of what would become the most dominate distance teams during that decade
- 4. **John Gaball** ('65) John was a two time all CIF athlete in basketball. Also included in his list of accomplishments are: All Foothill League 3x, Football League MVP 2x, Tournament MVP 5x. Averaged 20 points a game his senior year.
- 5. **Dave LeSeuer** ('67) Dave is our only basketball All American to date. He was Foothill League 2x and was all CIF. He was a member of the CIF semi-finalists team. Also was league runner up in the high jump. Off the court he was ASB president, Boy's state representative and was a National Merit Finalist.
- 6. **Bruce Dodge** ('69) Bruce gained his fame in the swimming pool, Bruce was on 2 league champion teams in water polo and 3 in swimming. To date he is our only All American in two different sports, water polo and swim. He attended Cal State Northridge where he was a 11x all American and NCAA champion in the 100 Breaststroke in 1972.
- 7. **Jeff Ross** ('73) One of most accomplished swimmers. At any given time Jeff could win any race that he swam, in any stroke. He is a 3x all American and two time CIF champion. Still holds the school record in the 100 freestyle. Jeff in his senior year went undefeated in both dual meets and invitationals.
- 8. **Kenny Walker** ('75) affectingly known as "Super Soph". He played in three varsity sports football, basketball and track. In football garnered all CIF honors, twice, once as a sophomore and then again in his senior year. Kenny represented Burbank High School in the Shriner's All Star game. He was also named as a Prep Magazine All American. In track Kenny placed in the Long Jump and threw the shot. In basketball he was the ultimate power forward. Kenny went on to play football at UCLA.
- 9. **Louise Gronich** ('76) One of our first female athlete to garner first team all CIF in school history. She was all CIF twice in volleyball. Louise was all league 3x in volleyball, all-league in Basketball once and ran on the track team one year. She played on the L.A. County all-star team. She went on to Pomona College where she played Volleyball, Basketball, and ran on the Track and Field team.
- 10. **Lin Whatcott** ('79) Lin was the CIF champion in the mile and a 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher in the state two mile. If he wasn't in the same grade as Jeff Nelson he would be one of our better runner. He is the member of record setting distant medley team.
- 11. **Marji Giles** ('88) Our only CIF champion in the triple jump and still holds the school record. Marji held the national triple jump mark as a senior and was runner up in the triple jump in CIF. She was a three time Foothill league triple jump champion. She went onto star at Glendale CC from there to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.
- 12. **Todd Lewis** ('89) Along with Jeff Nelson Todd is the most decorated runner in school history. He is a two time CIF champion in track and cross country. And state runner up in the 800. State CC race finished 6<sup>th</sup>. Foothill league cross country champ. He broke Jeff Nelson course record at Griffith Park.