



When Walt Ludovico began school at CBA in the fall of 1936, the nation was recovering from the Great Depression and the CBA tuition was somewhere near 20 dollars per quarter. The football program at that time was anything but dominant. In fact in the mid thirties, the Golden Tornadoes went 4 years without even winning a game! That streak was broken, however, during Walt's junior year. And in his senior year, his team defeated all of the Syracuse area teams and were considered by some to be the City's best team that year. Walt distinguished himself during this time by being named to the All City team as a back one year and as a lineman the next. Also while at CBA, Walt was a golden gloves boxer. He not only worked at the craft himself, but he was named the student coach of the intra squad boxing team that used to provide the entertainment at the annual Fathers and Sons night in the late 30's. After CBA, Walt earned a boxing scholarship at Manhattan College.



Walt returned to CBA in the fall of 1948 after being stationed in the Philippines in the Air Force during World War II. He was appointed head football coach to go along with his teaching duties of biology and world history. During his tenure at CBA, Ludovico became one of the most successful high school coaches in the area. Seven of his teams posted undefeated records and en route to City league championships with the 1953 team being unscored upon as well as undefeated. On three other occasions, the Brothers tied for the league crown. His teams had a 37 game overall winning streak between 1950 - 1955 and a 38

league game winning streak from 1950 - 1956. Overall under Ludovico, the Brothers won 78 games losing 12 with 3 ties. In recognition of his outstanding achievements, Walt was named National High school Catholic coach of the year in 1954. He also was voted coach of the year by LeMoyne College in the same year. But winning was only a pleasant byproduct of Walt's coaching plan. In truth, he was molding young men. On the playing fields as well as the classroom, the gentle but demanding Walt was imparting lessons of discipline, courage and humility in an atmosphere of paternal warmth and steady support.

In 1962, Ludovico was lured away from CBA by Liverpool High School. At the time he commented, "I will always have some wonderful memories at CBA and the boys who played for me. So he turned the reins of his program over to another graduate and one of his former players, a young man named Frank Cappelletti and took his charismatic coaching and teaching style Liverpool and eventually Bishop Ludden High School. He also embarked on a 30-year career as a city counselor.

In June of 1987, news of Walt's unexpected death shocked the CBA Community and the city at large. A flood of affection poured forth for a true gentleman whose unfailing warmth, integrity and concern had earned countless friends and inspired countless youngsters, every one of whom he called "Sonny Boy".

At CBA, we have a special claim to the legend of Walt Ludovico. He received his start as a "Brothers Boy" and went on to mightily enhance CBA's reputation for excellence. I am honored to present to Lynn Madden, Walt's daughter,

