

# High School Football Player profile series: Cameron Storay

By Brian Arrington

Just how do you measure the success of a high school football program? Do you measure it in wins and losses? Do you measure it by the number of passing yards the offense accumulates, or touchdowns, or rushing yards? Do you measure it by the number of shutouts the defense accumulates, or by sacks, or interceptions? It's an unfortunate reality that most fans unfortunately do use just these items to judge a team as a "winner."

But I ask, what is a "winner" worth when you have football players that lack moral fabric? Take a look at the recent happenings in the NFL, New York Jets defensive lineman Kenrick Ellis will soon be doing jail time for assault and battery stemming from a 2010 fight while attending college in Virginia; Dallas Cowboys linebacker Keith Brooking is accused of trying to hide some of his personal assets so that the bank couldn't seize them after he failed to make good on a loan; Chicago Bears wide receiver Brandon Marshall was accused of hitting a woman outside a night club.

The list of misdeeds of college and pro football players and their rap sheets are endless. How do we keep our next generation from becoming a part of these statistics? To keep these kids' innocence and bright eyed and excited with a hope of fulfilling their NFL dreams. Sure, winning is great, it's



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**Cameron Storay**, who recently graduated from Arrowhead Christian Academy in Redlands one year early, will be attending Culver-Stockton College in Missouri on a football scholarship.

nice at the end of the season for everyone to get a first place trophy.

If a team doesn't win, are they immediately deemed a failure? When it comes to molding our youth, I don't believe so at all. The prime example is what is currently taking place at Arrowhead Christian Academy (ACA) nestled in

Redlands. In years past, the school's sports programs, most noticeable football, was an Inland area powerhouse. But the program has recently fallen on hard times. With that, there was a changing of the guard at the Head Coaching spot.

In came Head Coach John Beak, who has made coaching stops at

some of the Inland Empire juggernaut programs, including Corona Centennial and San Bernardino El Cajon. In his second season at the helm the program did suffer some setbacks, their first season they compiled a 5-5 record, only to fall at the Sophomore jinx of an 0-10 record.

But when speaking with recent ACA graduate, Cameron Storay, you would never know the team did not win a game during the 2011 season. "Coach (Beak) made me a man, he made me the person that I am, and he is like my dad." Storay, who was raised by his mother Carmen and grandmother Gladys Storay, leaned on Coach Beak as a positive male influence in his life.

It was Coach Beck who helped guide the raw talent that has attended ACA since the 9th grade, and his drive to reach his highest potential in football.

Storay, whom actually graduated a year early and just did turn 17 years old, speaks like a man that has the wisdom twice his age. Standing at 6' tall, 255 pounds, squatting 600 pounds and benching over 335 pounds, you can see this kid has quite the bright future

ahead of him. It might be an insult to actually call him a kid, it takes a man to put the hour in that he did. Typically beginning his days with a 5a.m. workout, including weight lifting, then attending classes, then work training after school, followed up by film session, not ending his day until well after 7 p.m.

With Storay dominance at just about every position on the field, from Offensive line, to Defensive line, Fullback, Linebacker, he was rewarded with the prize of a college scholarship. This fall he will be taking his talents to Culver-Stockton College. Just as ACA, Culver-Stockton is a small Christian school, competes at Division Two, and is located in Canton, Missouri.

"He worked harder than anyone and he deserves all that he's earned," added Coach Beck. "His commitment and dedication, earned him this opportunity, we wish him greatness"

Culver-Stockton College couldn't be getting a better person, aside from his football talent. His skill, size, speed and strength will be a welcome addition to his now Wildcats team mates.

## SB Valley College alumnus, international men's volleyball star and coach, Gene Selznick, has passed on

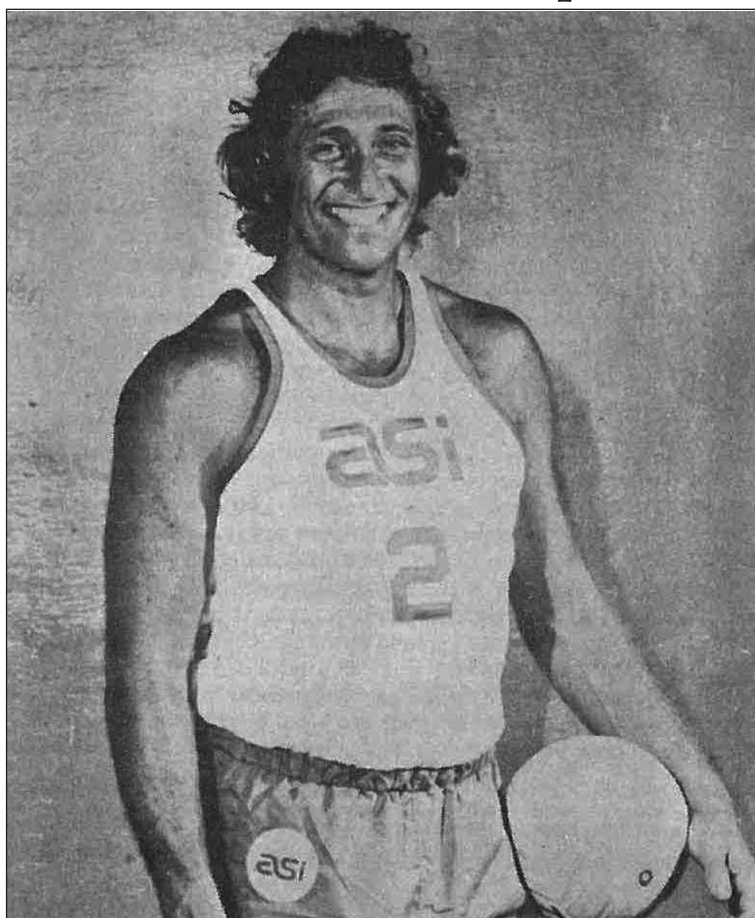
SBVC alumnus from the early 1970's, Eugene "Gene" Selznick died last Sunday, June 10 in Los Angeles. His influence on men's pro beach volleyball was so significant, that he was nicknamed, "Mr. Volleyball."

Selznick played Men's Volleyball for SBVC in 1973 and was co-head coach in 1975 with famed head coach, Gene Mazzei. In 1976, Selznick was co-head coach again, this time under Gene Melcher. Selznick's brother, Dane, was National Junior College All-American selection in 1975 and 1976.

He organized and played volleyball with Wilt Chamberlain's "Big Dippers" and was a member of seven U.S. Open Volleyball Champions. Selznick was a three time USVBA MVP and coached the Team USA men's beach volleyball duo of Carl Henkel & "Sinjin" Smith at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. In the 2000 Sydney Olympics, Selznick coached the Team USA women's beach volleyball duo of Holly McPeak and Misty May-Trainer.

Selznick's effect on pro beach volleyball is immeasurable and was named to the Volleyball Hall of Fame in 1988, the Southern California Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in 1990, the California Beach Volleyball Association Hall of Fame in 1992, the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in 2002 and the Los Angeles High Schools Hall of Fame in 2011.

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San Bernardino Valley College alumnus **Eugene "Gene" Selznick**, who had a major impact on volleyball, died last Sunday, June 10. He served as co-head volleyball coach in 1975. "Mr. Volleyball," as he was nicknamed, is pictured here in 1973.

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## 66ers lose fifth straight heading into break

By Richard Dawson

The all-star break came at a necessary time for the Angels High-A minor league affiliate.

Inland Empire lost 5-3 on the road Saturday night as Lancaster completed the three game sweep.

The Jethawks got on the board in the bottom of the fourth. With one out, George Springer singled to center field. With Erik Castro batting, Springer stole second. A wild throw by 66ers catcher Ricky Pacione allowed Springer to advance to third. Castro was still batting when a wild pitch for 66ers starting pitcher Lay Batista scored Springer to make it 1-0.

C.J. Cron answered in the top of the fourth for Inland Empire with a solo shot that knotted it 1-1.

The tie ball game didn't last long. In Lancaster's half of the fourth, Jonathan Meyer hit a lead off single. A few pitches later, Chris Epps took Batista deep over the right field wall to make it 3-1. Epps went 2 for 3 with the home run and two RBIs on the day.

Batista fell to 3-6 on the year for Inland Empire, allowing three runs, two earned, on eight hits and

four walks over 4 1/3 innings.

The Jethawks added two more insurance runs in the bottom half of the sixth. Back to back singles by Ben Heath and Ben Orloff put two runners on with no outs. Springer followed with a two-run double to deep center field off 66ers reliever Bryant George pushing the lead to 5-1.

The insurance runs would prove important for Lancaster as Inland Empire scored two more in the eighth. Cron, who has been an RBI machine, hit a two-run single that scored Brian Hernandez and Rolando Gomez.

Cron finished 2 for 4 with his 11th home run and three RBIs. Cron's three RBIs pushed his season total to 60, which leads the California League at the seasons midway point.

Jethawk's starter, Bobby Doran, was very efficient over 7 1/3 innings, allowing two runs on three hits and two walks with three punchouts to earn his sixth victory.

Andrew Robinson pitched a scoreless ninth to earn his fourth save for Lancaster.

The loss dropped the 66ers record to 31-39. The sweep improved the Jethawks record to 37-33.

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