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Editor,

It was good to read your article on Aaron Poreda making it to the show and his Campolindo background. I wish him much success in his baseball career and will be rooting for him.

In the article you indicate that he became the second player in Campolindo High School history to play professional baseball.

Actually, Campolindo has a storied baseball history. In the I980's they were league champions in '80-'81-'82-'83-'84-'85-'87 & '88. They were North Coast Champions in 1988 when teams from all divisions played for one championship. That I988 team was also voted the #1 team in the East Bay and the #1 3A team in the state by Cal Hi Sports.

A number of players from the I980's and '90's went on to play college and professional baseball. In I983 Ron Delucci was the #7 overall pick by the Pittsburg Pirates in the Major League draft. Dave Carley, a pitcher, was drafted in the 8th round. Chip Hale, Paul Faries & Steve Erickson went on the college from that team and all played professional ball. Hale got a World Series ring playing for the Minnesota Twins and is currently the third base coach for the Arizona Diamondbacks. Faries played in the big leagues for the San Diego Padres and the San Francisco Giants.

From the 1988 team a number of players were chosen to play professional baseball including Steve Bishop, Mike McDermott, Sean O'Connell, Jeff Scarpitti, Mike Harrison and Jon Zuber. Harrison was drafted in the 3rd round out of Campolindo, but went to Cal with Zuber. Both were drafted out of college. Zuber got to the show with the Phillies in '96 and '98 and played in Japan for the Yokahama Bay Stars. He currently is the hitting coach at the University of California.

Jeff Pederson, Clint Hoover and Jeff Stevens are three more Campolindo baseball players that have had an opportunity to play professionally and Stevens is close to getting big league time.

I apologize for any players I may have missed, but Campolindo High School has had many fine baseball players over the years who have played professionally.

Congratulations to Aaron Poreda for making it to the big leagues. May he have a long and successful career and always remember where he got his start.

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(Editor's note: Our thanks to the many readers who called our attention to this error. We have printed a correction on page 18)

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