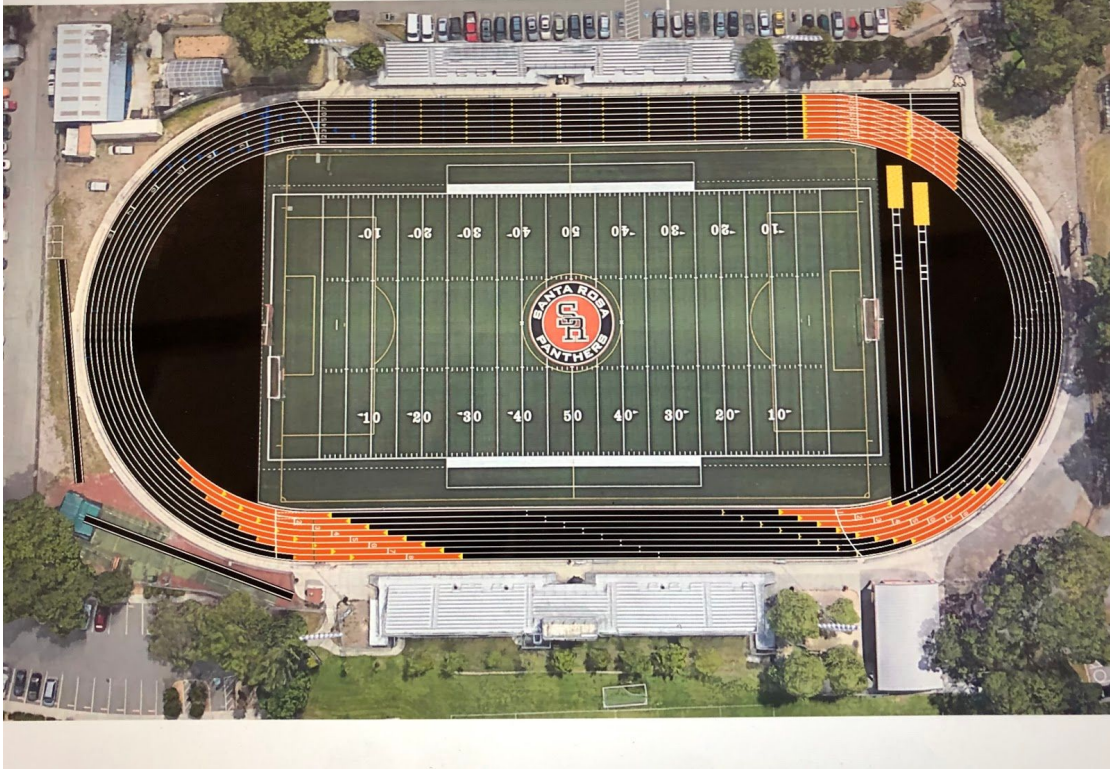


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Submitted by **Carrie Joseph**: Santa Rosa High School, Head Coach Girls Track and Field

Note: I coached with Doug Courtemarche for 23 years as an assistant and a co-coach, and I feel like I am highly qualified to submit this proposal.

Overview

Doug Courtemarche, long-time Santa Rosa High School track and cross country coach, retired in 2019 after 27 years of leading both the boys and girls teams. As a testament to his dedication, we want to name the currently unnamed track after him and commemorate it with an official sign and plaque. This is a perfect opportunity to name the new, unique black and orange track after such a legendary coach.

Goals

1. Name the unnamed track after Doug Courtemarche and also have a new sign and plaque installed.

Specifications

Install a new sign that goes above the scoreboard that says "Nevers Field" and "Courtemarche Track."

Proposed Text of Plaque:

Dedicated to Doug Courtemarche, legendary Santa Rosa High School track and cross country coach from 1992-2019. Thank you for your commitment to SRHS and positive influence on thousands of SRHS student-athletes.

Milestones

- **Team Accomplishments**

In 27 seasons, the Boys track team has finished 1st or 2nd in the NBL 13 times. The Girls track team has finished 1st or 2nd 18 times. Both teams have won multiple Redwood Empire Championships. The Boys have had a winning season 25 out of 27 years, and the Girls have had a winning season 26 out of 27 seasons. Dozens of his athletes have competed at the CIF State Championships. . [Note: there are no class divisions based on school size in California, so qualifying for the CIF State Championships is a truly elite accomplishment.]

- **Individual Team Member Accomplishments**

Julia Stamps: One Foot Locker Cross Country Championship title, eight state and four national track championship titles, plus making five world teams and setting numerous state and national records. Competed for Stanford University where she earned multiple All-American awards. Ran professionally.

Steve Guerrini: National Record Holder in the 2000m steeplechase until 2014. Competed for Wake Forest University and ranked nationally in the 3000m steeplechase.

Reese Byers: School Record holder in the 1600m and 3200m. Competed for Sacramento State where he set the school record for the 5000m. Currently running professionally.

Kirsten Carter: School Record and Redwood Empire Record holder in the 100m, 200m, 400m, and 300mH. National leader in the 300mH after her first time running it. Currently competing for UC Davis on a full athletic scholarship.

Community Contributions

- Doug has played an instrumental role in developing the sport of track and field in the North Bay. Prior to coaching at SRHS, Doug was the coach of Santa Rosa Express, an age-group youth track club for 10 years.
- In 1992, Doug brought his love of track and field to the high school level, where he immediately impacted the landscape of the NBL track and field community. He founded the Big Cat Invitational in 1994, which is now the premiere early season track and field meet in the Redwood Empire. Typically over 20 teams and 1300 athletes compete at Big Cat.

- In 2002, the North Coast Section chose Doug to receive the **NCS Honor Coach Award**. Requirements to be nominated for this award include maintenance of professional standards of conduct, outstanding coaching accomplishments, and additional contributions to school and community. He has also received this award for Cross Country.
- Doug was the track and field representative for 20 years for the Girls Sports Expo held annually at SRJC, where he introduced young girls to sprinting and field events.
- Doug has helped the Empire Runners Club, the largest recreational running club in the North Bay, put on **well over 100 road races and dozens of summer all-comers track meets** as part of the Empire Runners Summer Track Series.
- Doug is the **local expert** when it comes to high school track and field. Ask any North Bay high school track coach, and they will tell you that Doug is the person they call when they have questions about rule interpretations, ethical situations, and technical details. **He has been the Meet Director for countless NBL and Redwood Empire Championship Meets.**
- **Doug Courtemarche is synonymous with track and field** in the North Bay. Dedicating the brand new track at the oldest high school in the district to such a recognizable, influential, and highly respected coach will reflect positively on Santa Rosa City Schools.
- If you need more testimonies regarding the appropriateness of this honor, I know many coaches, parents, athletes, and administrators who would be happy to write a letter of support.

Other Examples of Facilities with Separate Names for their Track and their Field

- UCLA: Drake Stadium and Marshall Field
- Stanford: Cobb Track and Angell Field
- USC: Cromwell Field & Loker Track Stadium