



CANDLESTICK STREETS NAMING CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 23, 2017
San Francisco
City Hall

The City and County of San Francisco, in collaboration with FivePoint, will announce the naming of streets at Candlestick. The names honor the history of the 'Stick and recognize some of the great athletes and executives instrumental to the grand moments Candlestick Park provided to the Bay Area and the world.

PROGRAM
1:00 - 3:00PM

Opening Remarks

Dedication Ceremony

Reception in the North Light Court

San Francisco sports figures honored in naming ceremony

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Joe Montana passed to Dwight Clark for another memorable play on Sunday.

San Francisco plans to name the streets of a development on the land formerly occupied by Candlestick Park after some of the city's most prominent sports figures, and Montana says he wants "Joe Montana Drive" to be renamed "Joe Montana-Dwight Clark Drive."

Montana and Clark hooked up for the winning touchdown in the 1981 NFC Championship Game against the Dallas Cowboys. Clark's leaping grab in the back of the end zone is remembered simply as "The Catch."

Montana says he wants "to honor my very special friend." Clark, whose No. 87 has been retired by the 49ers, announced last month he has amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a disease that attacks cells that control muscles.

"The first time (Clark) saw me he thought I was the kicker, and if it wasn't for that 'well-placed' throw that he caught, we would still be chasing the Cowboys today," Montana said.

The city of San Francisco announced its plans for the streets in a dedication ceremony on Sunday. Hall of Fame safety Ronnie Lott and former coach Bill Walsh are among the honorees on the 49ers' side, and former San Francisco Giants players Barry Bonds, Orlando Cepeda and Juan Marichal also will have streets named after them.

"These names will honor the history of the 'stick, and recognize some of the amazing athletes who've called the city home," San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee said of the plans to recognize the city's sports stars on a 7,000-home master planned development, the city's largest such project in more than a century.

"When these families move into the neighborhood they'll be living on streets bearing the names of some of San Francisco's most cherished athletes and executives," Lee said.

Candlestick Point streets to be named for 49ers, Giants legends

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49ers head coach Bill Walsh, center, shares a laugh with quarterback Joe Montana, in red jacket, and receiver Dwight Clark, left, at Candlestick Park on Jan. 16, 1985. Associated Press file

SAN FRANCISCO

Joe Montana called an audible Sunday at a street-naming ceremony.

Holding a black and white sign – Joe Montana Drive – for a street to be built where Candlestick Park once stood, the former 49ers quarterback requested that it be changed to include the wide receiver who caught his most famous pass.

“I would like to share this,” Montana said at the two-hour event at City Hall. “I would ask that you change this to Montana-Clark Drive.”

Dwight Clark, who was among several famous San Francisco athletes in the audience, was diagnosed with ALS earlier this year and his former teammates have been quick to rally around him. Montana credited former 49ers safety Ronnie Lott with fostering the close-knit atmosphere on those 1980s-era teams that has continued today.

“We’re all in this together, and we’ll find ways to win,” Montana said of the team’s former mantra. “... On and off the field, everybody tried to help everybody else in any way they possibly could.”

Sunday’s presentations were made by Mayor Ed Lee, former mayor Willie Brown and officials with FivePoint, the developer in charge of the 7,000-home project on Candlestick Point.

The 49ers haven't played in San Francisco since 2014, when Levi's Stadium was opened in Santa Clara, 38 miles to the south. The mark the 49ers left on the city, however, never can be lifted.

The 49ers won five Super Bowl titles, the first coming in 1982 just a few years after three tragic events rocked San Francisco: the assassination of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk; the deaths of 900 Californians in the Jonestown tragedy; and the realization that AIDS had gripped the city.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who was mayor at the time, has said that the initial Super Bowl title helped lift San Francisco from its grief. On Sunday, Lee also noted the "sense of history" the former 49ers squads held.

Among the other former 49ers who will have streets named for them: Lott, long-time owner Edward J. DeBartolo, receiver Jerry Rice and coach Bill Walsh, who died in 2007. His sign, Bill Walsh Street, was presented to his widow, Geri.

Carmen Policy, the longtime 49ers executive and DeBartolo's right-hand man, will be enshrined into the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame later this week. He also was honored with a street name, Carmen Policy Avenue.

"I always figured if I got something named after me, it would be 'Carmen Policy Alley, where you put your garbage,'" Policy quipped. "To have it actually say 'Avenue' – it's pretty special."

Former Giants players – Willie Mays, Juan Marichal, Orlando Cepeda and Barry Bonds – also will have streets in their honor. Willie McCovey will have a park built in his name.

Said McCovey, whose 231 home runs at Candlestick Park were the most by any batter in a stadium infamous for its blustery wind: "I enjoyed Candlestick. I was one of the few players who enjoyed playing there."

As was the case in years past, Sunday afternoon belonged to Montana and Clark.

Clark, 60, has declined interviews since revealing he has amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, an incurable affliction also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

On Sunday, however, he was put in the spotlight after it was revealed that the development project also would include a public mural of the famous Montana-to-Clark connection, known as The Catch, that came in the 1982 NFC Championship and that instantly became the most iconic play in franchise history.

Looking lean and tan in a dark gray suit and white shirt, Clark took the microphone and noted that when the 49ers practiced it before the game, Montana would invariably sail the ball over his head or put it at his feet. The pass in the back of the end zone at Candlestick

Park was perfect, prompting Montana to lobby to call the famous play, “The Throw.”

Said Clark to his friend in mock protest: “Give me my one play!”



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Barry Bonds, Joe Montana, Willie Mays getting streets in San Francisco

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Former Miami Marlins batting coach Barry Bonds watches batting practice before a game against the St. Louis Cardinals at Busch Stadium on July 15 at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, Mo. Photo by Bill Greenblatt/UPI | [License Photo](#)

April 24 (UPI) -- [Barry Bonds](#) might not have a smooth road to Cooperstown, but he'll have his own street in San Francisco.

The [San Francisco Giants](#) legend is one of several athletes who will have streets named after them at a real estate development being constructed on the former site of Candlestick Park.

City officials and FivePoint real estate development representatives had a ceremony Sunday at City Hall where the street names were announced. Other athletes that will be honored include: [Jerry Rice](#), [Joe Montana](#), Orlando Cepeda, [Willie Mays](#), [Willie McCovey](#), Juan

Marichal, and [Ronnie Lott](#).

Mays and McCovey will also have parks in the Candlestick Point development with their namesake. The project is planned for 7,000 homes, shops, restaurants, a film and arts center, a hotel, and more than 100 acres of parkland and open space, according to the [Mercury News](#).

There are also streets named after owner Edward J. DeBartolo and coach [Bill Walsh](#).

Montana requested that his street be named Montana-Clark Drive, in honor of Dwight Clark. Clark caught the most famous pass in Montana's career and perhaps in NFL history.

Montana's 1981 NFC Championship-winning touchdown pass to Clark is simply known as "the catch." Montana completed the pass with 58 seconds remaining in the game when he scrambled back against the [Dallas Cowboys'](#) pass rush and found Clark in the back of the end zone. The 49ers trailed 27-21 at the time, before pulling out the 28-17 win.

Candlestick Point will also have a mural of the famous play. [Muralist Cameron Moberg was](#) the artist behind "The Catch" painting.

"I enjoyed playing at Candlestick," [McCovey told the Mercury News](#). "I was one of the few players who enjoyed playing there. I will cherish this honor for the rest of my life."

The Giants played at Candlestick Park from 1960 to 1999, while the 49ers played there from 1971 to 2013.

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Clark, 60, [recently announced he has ALS](#).

"We are [entering into a new era](#) for the Candlestick neighborhood, and we will always cherish the memories that we have with the amazing sports moments," San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee told NBC Bay Area.

"We're all in this together, and we'll find ways to win," [Montana told the Sacramento Bee](#). "...On and off the field, everybody tried to help everybody else in any way they possibly could."

Demolition of Candlestick Park began in 2014 and was completed in 2015.