

Editorial

Rule tide needs turning

Is it just to penalize a student who is anxiously pursuing the finest possible education by refusing him the privilege of participating in the athletic program? Is an athletic transfer student actually a member of the student body? In interpreting the existing rules of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) regarding this touchy, often volatile subject, one might justifiably conclude that a transfer student is NOT actually a certified member of the student body until he has weathered a ninety-day term at the school. Only then may he compete in sports.

The Gunn High varsity cage squad was forced to forfeit a convincing win over Carlmont earlier in the season because their coach inadvertently used an "illegal" player. This year's Cougar lightweights staggered through a disappointing season without the services of their star pivot man -- a transfer from San Mateo -- because he too was ineligible. The 1968-69 Cubberley B's have also tasted the effects of this archaic ruling. The Cubs elected to forfeit those games in which one of their teammates -- also a transfer -- participated, as a sincere protest, hoping to call immediate attention to, and effect a significant change in the ninety-day ruling.

Mr. Stanard journeyed to Santa Barbara to argue the eligibility question with the commissioners of the CIF (which governs the SPAL) but met with discouraging results.

The ruling was originally designed to eliminate the temptation of recruiting by cagey coaches and school-hopping by ambitious players desiring championships. But it appears that the rule may have outlived its usefulness -- at least in the SPAL. Building athletic dynasties seems to be gradually fading in importance and giving way to the educational and inspirational values on which high school athletics were supposedly based. All schools delight in championship teams, but hopefully coaches would not sacrifice ethics and recruit super-stars under the pretentious guise of "educational pursuits."

One obviously feasible but perhaps over-simplified solution would be for the CIF to abandon the ruling entirely and appoint local boards to consider each individual transfer case. For as it now stands, an athletic-minded transfer student who wishes also to receive a thorough education must indeed pay dearly.

The Cougar lightweights chose to sacrifice a possible SPAL title and protested the ruling; the Gunn Titans certainly didn't applaud the ninety-day provision, and until the CIF adopts a policy similar to the one mentioned above, we of the sports staff would like to add a big boo of our own.

CHRIS MARTIN, Sports Editor

Cougs capture thriller

By CHRIS MARTIN

Kelly Schulz' incredible last-second shot enabled the scrapping Cubberley varsity cagers to register a stunning 50-48 overtime win over a physical Sequoia team Saturday night. The previous evening, an inspired Cougar comeback attempt fell short as Cubberley succumbed to some torrid M-A shooting and dropped a tough decision to the Bears.

Earlier last week, Paly discovered once again that 1969 is certainly not a year of tradition as they lost a shocker to the Cougars, 56-51. This win coupled with the victory over the Cherks allowed Cubberley to begin their ascent to respectability in SPAL circles. Only one game remains on the schedule for the Cougs -- an afternoon encounter with the Gunn Titans on Tuesday.

Saturday night, after scoring a mere two points the entire first quarter, Cubberley fought back from a 15-4 margin and eventually came within two points with just 23 seconds remaining.

Gary Prehn, a reliable all-league candidate who had been leading the comeback surge, forced up a jumper with just seconds remaining but it was short of the mark. Then Schulz alertly retrieved the ball, and hit a desperation jumper as the

SPORTS

B cagers rip Paly, M-A; bow to Cherks

Rolling to a crushing conquest of Paly and to a tense squeaker over M-A, Cubberley's B basketballers were thwarted in their bid for three in a row by Sequoia's high-flying Cherokees.

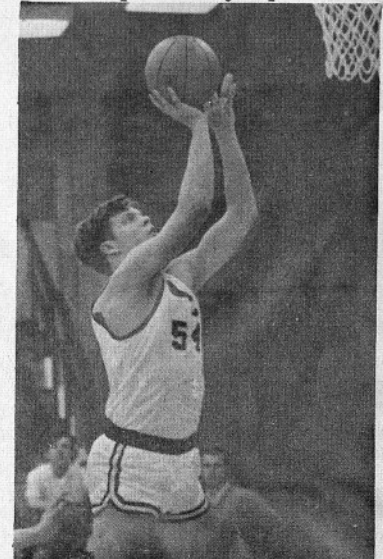
Although entering the half time break with a slim four points lead over the 'Skins at 19-15, the Cherks stormed back in the third and fourth quarters to win the cliffhanger, 41-34. The lightweights had trouble combatting the tenacious Sequoia full court press as the Indians

raced to the lead and eventually to victory.

Slowed by sickness, Cougar stalwarts Paul Keplinger and Ross Buckley could not provide the punch necessary to liven the Cubberley attack.

The Cougs still had a chance to win in the closing minutes, but a Cherokee stall iced the game and squared the Coug's record at seven wins and seven losses.

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Saturday night's hero...

buzzer went off, sending the chaotic game into turmoil and overtime as well.

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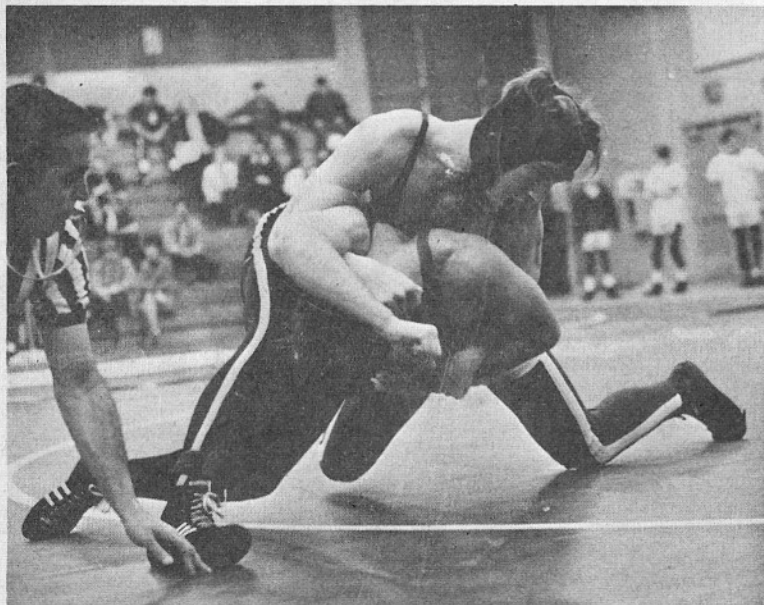
By STEVE RUBESIN

Although Cubberley placed third in the SPAL wrestling finals, the Cougars captured more individual titles, four, than any other team.

The matmen, finishing 19 points behind league champion

Palo Alto and 4 points behind second place San Carlos, also walked away with three fourth places.

Laddie Green, undefeated and once tied during the season, started the ball rolling with a 12-1 decision in the 123 pound class.



Undefeated Dan Mallory is shown above manhandling his opponent in the recent SPAL finals. Photo: BARNES

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Undefeated Garth Pintler made it two titles in a row with a third round pin in his 130 pound match.

In the 136 pound division, Dave Hanabusa gave the Cougars their third consecutive win as he triumphed 9-5 in a very close match.

Dan Mallory, also undefeated during the league dual meet season, handed the Cougars with their fourth title when he recorded a first round pin, the fastest of the tournament in the 157 pound class.

Vernon Lockwood, Rick Hanan and Steve Murk helped the Cougar cause with fourth place finishes in their divisions.

This was the best Cougar showing in SPAL finals, as the Cougars won twice as many titles as they had during the 1966, '67 and '68 seasons.

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In the squad's biggest triumph of the season, the B's easily ripped the Viking lightweights for a 56-26 laugh.

Controlling the game from the start, the Cougs sprinted to a 15-3 first quarter margin and never looked back. Guard Ted Trish, having his finest scoring effort of the year, garnered 22 points to top all players.

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Prehn finished the night with 26, running his grand weekend output to a staggering 56 points. Hans Delanny enjoyed his best shooting night of the year, and big Major Sharpe nabbed 12 rebounds to add some variety to the attack.

M-A was scorching the nets from the outset, and their pivot man ended the night hitting 13 of the 14 shots he attempted.

Cougar Gary Prehn flipped up a beautiful array of jumpers, twisting drives and soft hooks in netting his career high at 30.



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