

Cougar contingents close campaigns

Cagers end dismal year

By CHRIS MARTIN

Excitement, disappointment, heartbreakers, great school spirit and bizarre injuries, all characterized Cubberley's 1968 - 69 varsity basketball campaign. On the bright side, the Cougar cagers managed to register nearly three times as many victories as last year's squad, but posted a relatively unimpressive 8-15 slate. Cubberley also walloped arch-rival Paly twice -- an accomplishment no Cougar cage team has managed in quite some time.

A thrilling overtime upset win over Sequoia, a respectable showing in the perennially rugged McLane Invitational Tourney, several shattered school basketball records, a solid all-league selection and a season-ending annihilation of the Gunn Titans, all contributed to making this past season worthwhile.

On the dreary end of the spectrum, the Cougs finished a disappointing seventh in the standings, posted a dismal 6-10 SPAL record and ended directly behind Paly. The Cougs dropped a pair of games to mediocre Woodside on consecutive nights, choked a sure victory to Sequoia the first time and couldn't hold on to whip the eventual champs, Ravenswood, in what could have been a stunning upset.

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the last game of the season when the Cougs mauled Gunn 82-59.

The season finals against cross-town rival Gunn, witnessed by an unusually enthusiastic throng of Cougar supporters, saw Cubberley avenge an earlier embarrassment to the Titans.

Four Cubberley seniors double-figured in the scoring, led by Prehn's 25-point barrage.

The Cubberley cagers will officially terminate the season when Coach Jim Yelton stages his annual spaghetti bash on NCAA finals night. Though playing skills and finesse will not be on display that night, appetites most certainly will.

Soccer team boots way into fourth

By MIKE LEE

Soccer season has come to an end and the Cougars have come to rest in fourth place in the league - a position that isn't as bad as it looks. The Cougars were only one game out of first and managed to soundly beat both Paly and Gunn who stand deadlocked for the championship, with 20 points apiece. Sequoia has 19 points

and Cubberley 18. Championship points are set at 2 for a win, 1 for a tie and 0 for a loss.

Cubberley's record stands at 6 wins, 2 losses, 6 ties. It was the booters inability to put together a consistent scoring attack that left them despairingly tied in so many games where the opponent was obviously outplayed. However, Cubberley's

goalie, Dan St. John, can boast with the rest of the defense Louie Smith, Mike Macres, Tom Miller, Don Williams, John Kmetovic and Mike Lee, the best goal thwarting in the league. Only 7 goals were allowed in 14 games and 9 of those games were shutouts. San Carlos is second in least goals allowed with 11; Paly has 13 and Gunn 16.

In recent games Cubberley beat Carlmont 2-0 with goals by halfback Mike Lee and right inside, Monte Ahrens. Next was the San Carlos game which resulted in another depressing 0-0 deadlock due to San Carlos' fine goalie and a multi-man defense with as many as nine men at a time. The Cougars outshot the Dons 38 to 6 but nevertheless failed to tally. The next game against Gunn, Cubberley really pulled its offense together for the first time in the season and routed the Titans with a 3-1 victory. Gunn was quite strong at mid-field but the Cougar offense took advantage of all scoring opportunities; two corner kicks by Ron Young were rerouted in mid-air by John Griswold and Mark Schuman for two big scores and a fast break tally by winger Art Ignacio scored his first career goal. To quote halfback John Kmetovic, "The fans were buzzing about that one!"

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Cubberley regular Todd Starks, a shrewd passer and fine shooter, was hampered by irritating injuries and had to sit out much of the season. A freak ankle injury at Gunn started the misery, and when several hefty chunks of glass tubing were located in the palm of his hand, a minor operation followed.

Center Major Sharpe's effectiveness was severely limited because of an old knee injury, and flu cases aplenty also added to the agony.

Senior Gary Prehn ended a brilliant career as a Cougar, placing sixth in the SPAL scoring derby and setting a host of individual Cubberley records in the process. His 339 points place him second in single season scoring, and Prehn also has become the sixth highest career point-maker at Cubberley, with 526.

The tall, versatile Prehn further set a single game free throw mark and eclipsed the single game field-goal percentage barrier. He is also co-owner of the season assist record, tying Chris Martin with 50, and set the all-time career assist mark with 76. Ranking extremely high in rebounding totals, registering impressive all-SPAL birth and winning the 1969 MVP award, Prehn, needless to say, has had quite a career as a Cougar.

Big Major Sharpe is now holder of the season and career accuracy marks, breaking Bruce Asche's long-standing standards. Martin also ranks third in career shooting percentage, checking in with a .436 accuracy mark.

Cubberley shattered the single game scoring record on two different occasions -- once with a 91-point outburst against the Scotties, and again during



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Annually the Old Pro examines a list of movies -- classics, recent, rusty and rotten flicks, and occasionally even quality pictures. The movie giants obviously had plenty of Cubberley personalities in mind when they produced the following pictures:

On a recent ski venture Coach Harlan Harkness apparently wasn't able to make the GREAT ESCAPE from the snow-covered Sierras... Neil Howe, in a valiant attempt to trim his wasteline for the lightweight weigh-ins, fought the BATTLE OF THE BULGE and won... The officiating during the second Woodside-Cubberley basketball game proved to be a HUMAN COMEDY... Chess sensation Dave Amkraut could be the PAWNBROKER... We varsity cagers at times resemble LITTLE WOMEN... When it comes to obtaining a hall-pass from him in study hall, Coach Second is DR. NO... Paly's student body could be a THOUSAND CLOWNS... Carlmont's version of a swimming pool might aptly be named

WATERHOLE #3.

Wrestling coach Bob Peters, Cubb's own LION IN THE WINTER, could also be called the MIRACLE WORKER for the impressive showing of his grapplers this past season and especially in the SPAL finals... Mr. Second, in introducing the new Cougar coaching aid, might say "You men will be weight-lifting this afternoon with the KING AND I"... Hey fellas, you - know - who is DR. STRANGELOVE. Clue: he signs all letters TO SIR WITH LOVE... Each fall, grid coach John Second dreams of running an ANIMAL FARM... Paly athletes are realizing that when it comes to beating the Cougars in football and basketball, this is just one of THE IMPOSSIBLE YEARS. Those giant machines which have recently been digging, drilling and devastating the senior court during the HIGH NOON hour, appear to be making a JOURNEY TO THE CENTER

OF THE EARTH...

Cub cager Paul Benzer discovered that he was not FAIL-SAFE last year during P.E. and has been hassling eligibility ever since... During this past year's lively Spirit Week activities, several footballers were anxious to pay their respects to some sign-toting, stick-stealing individuals and were overcome with the urge to HANG 'EM HIGH. But Mr. Stanard warned the gridders to keep out of the VALLEY OF THE DOLLS and remain as FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD as possible or else!... Rumorhasit that Gary Prehn's incredible last-second forty-foot swisher against Sequoia was merely a SHOT IN THE DARK... Traditionally the Old Pro has had a tough time assigning anything to the VICTORS... Could it be possible that Opel-owning baseball phenom craig Clark fixed his CAMELOT last year in the auto-shop?

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Don Williams got his second career tally against Woodside but the Cougars were stung when the Wildcats were awarded a penalty kick and scored an almost sure goal. The Cougars again outplayed and outshot their opponents but this is a common story in the league. In Cubberley's last game against Paly, the Cougs came through with a powerful win on the exceedingly well conditioned home field. Paly's offensive attack was completely stymied by the strong hustling defense for which Cubberley is noted. Two goals in the first quarter proved to be enough to take the game 2-0. The first goal resulted when Mike Lee took a direct shot from 30 yards which skimmed off the goalies finger tips, hit the cross bar and landed a yard from the goal with nobody around except Monte Ahrens who proceeded to place the ball securely in the nets. The second goal was an unassisted corner kick by Ron Young which, chalked up his first league goal this year.

Cubberley's only all-leaguer was Dan St. John with halfbacks John Kmetovic and Mike Lee making the second team.

Congratulations to the finest varsity soccer team Cubberley has yet had and to their loved coach, Ron Skillicorn.



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