

## Swimmers debut is promising

By soundly trouncing the Menlo Atherton Bears, 69-24, the Cubberley swimming team has shown that they are a better bet for the season than at first expected.

The varsity mermen won all but three events and many good times were recorded. Although backstroker Steve Rubesin was absent and the varsity lacks a good butterflyer, Coach Harlan Harkness used some skillful planning and moved up B stars Ron Hlavka and Tom Scholer.

The Cougars started off the victory by winning the Medley Relay, and Andy Mallory took it from there and captured the 200 yd. freestyle. Perhaps the biggest highlight of the afternoon was George Graeber winning the 50 free in the fast time of 24.5, while Tom Scholer



Swimming stars Ron Young, Dave Frost, George Graeber and Dan St. John contemplate their next foes. Photo: BARBER

beat his brother John in doing a time of 1.06.7 in the 100 yard butterfly. Cubberley captured first and second places in the 100 backstroke with Pete Solberg taking first and Chris Hamaker followed. Dan St. John captured first place in the breast-stroke and Lee Miles

took second.

The Cougars are now 1-1 in league competition, their loss coming at the hands of Palo Alto.

The B's lost to M-A, 41-40, on March 14. Jim Vais and Ken Sakai starred for the swimming lightweights.

## Coug nine faces uphill battle

By DOUG PETERSON

Despite continuously strong performances by the pitching staff, the Cubberley Varsity Baseball Squad has gotten off to an unexpectedly slow start in SPAL competition. The punchless hitting attack seems to be the cause behind this temporary slump as in 17 innings of league play, the Cougars have produced one run, a home-run by Craig Clark.

In the league opener against San Carlos, seniors Tony Pitre and Jay Pearson combined to pitch a 10 inning, two-hit shut-out. Unfortunately, Cubberley batsmen were unable to score a run, thus producing a 0-0 tie. However, Bill Locke did manage to stroke two hits during the contest.

In their most recent outing, the Cougar hitting attack collected only two hits, bowing to

Viking star Chuck Krause, 2-1. On the mound for Cubberley was Jay Pearson who yielded four hits while striking out eight. But two errors committed on a two-out single proved to be the losing margin. The one bright spot of the game was a solid 4th inning homerun down the left field line belted by all-league contender Craig Clark.

Pre-season action saw the Cougars bounce back from a poorly played 3-3 tie to Mitty, to pound three St. Francis pitchers for eight hits and an 11-1 victory.

Against St. Francis, Cubberley put together its best game of the season. Jay Pearson turned in a four-hit, seven strike-out performance quieting the usually explosive Lancer bats. Jay also contributed to his own cause by knocking in three important runs with two clutch singles. Other highlights included Ted Trish with three hits and Chris Martin with two.

Participating again this year in the M-A Holiday Tournament, Cubberley won the first game 2-0 over a young Sequoia team with Tony Pitre pitching a 4-hit shutout. The M-A Bears proved to be a little more than the Cougs could handle as a boy named Steve Vignau broke up the second game in the 8th inning by slamming a drive to left-center that is probably still rolling. Roger Whitley soaked up the defeat but threw a fine eight innings of baseball and showed he is ready for action in league competition this year.

## Sophs fall to Vikings

Art Kuehn pitched a three-hitter, but to no avail, as the Soph baseballers lost to the Palo Alto Vikes, 1-0, last Tuesday on the Cubberley diamond.

The Vikings score came in the first inning after Kuehn walked two men and a Viking teammate singled in the runner on second. After the first inning, the Vikes were completely mystified by Kuehn's knuckleball and other pitches.

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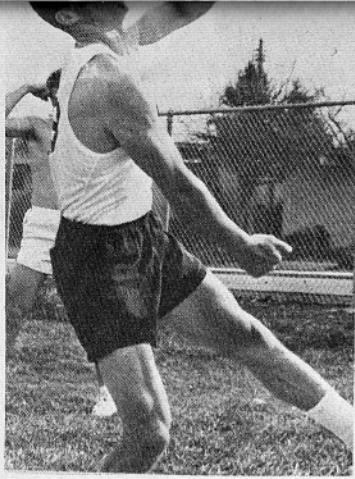
## Golfers hot on links

The Cubberley Cougars opened the 1969 golf season with a non-league defeat at the hands of the St. Ignatius Wildcats 16 1/2 - 10 1/2. The Cougars hosted the Wildcats at the par 36 Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course.

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## Spikers taste defeat in first two outings

The Cougar track team suffered its second loss in as many outings by losing to the Carlmont Scots, 94-44, last Thursday, March 13, on the latter's home field.

Cubberley came on strong in the field events, winning every one offered at the meet. Senior Bob Torcellini captured two first places, one in the Long Jump and the other in the Triple Jump. Major Sharpe put the shot 48 feet, five inches for a victory. The Cougs also got a first in the Discus; John Kmetovic tossed it 147 feet, 7 inches in a winning effort. Scott Smith tied for first in the Pole Vault at 12-6, and Jeff Wihtol took the High Jump at 5 feet 8 inches.

On the track, Ron Bahlman and Paul Patterson both got seconds, Ron in the 100 yd. dash and Paul in the mile run.

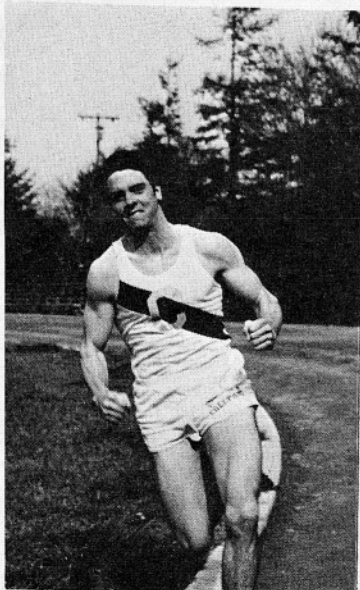
The B's lost their meet, 94-41. Dennis Matthews, Jim Harding, Paul Brenner, Bill Austin, and Dave Correia all got first places in the B's losing cause.

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Returning lettermen to the team are Todd Starks, Joel Amkraut, and Jack Graham. Jan Pfuhl, Matt Judnich, Steve Lacy, Jim Mott - Smith and Phil Kline should provide the necessary strength for a winning campaign.



John Kmetovic (upper left) and Bob Bahlman (above) warm-up for the track season.

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### COMING EVENTS

Swimming, 3:00 p.m., Sequoia here  
 Soph Baseball, 3:00 p.m., at Gunn  
 Varsity Baseball, 3:00 p.m., Gunn here

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## "Kep" merits SPAL honors

"B" basketballer Paul Keplinger made first team All-League for his outstanding performance in "B" basketball. All-League decisions are made at a meeting of all the teams' coaches.

Keplinger was the only Cougar to receive mention for "B" basketball. Along with Keplinger on the first team were Gunn's Thad Philyaw and Wait Barnes, Sequoia's Dave Gutierrez and San Carlos' Kirk Steinseifer.

## Fishers control net play

By MATT JUDNICH

SPAL league contenders Paly and Gunn trimmed the Cubberley varsity tennis squad by the identical scores of 5-2 last week on the Cougars home court.

In a losing cause, Rick and Chip Fisher crushed their Viking opponents handily. The remainder of the team faltered badly, with the exception of the doubles matches bowing out 6-4 and 7-5.

Against Gunn, Rick and Chip Fisher edged their opponents again, but with a little more difficulty before winning. Louis Smith was trimmed 6-4 by his Titan opponent; and Nathan Dean and Loren Esse were nipped 7-5 by a very talented Gunn duo.

In spite of the two losses, Coach Jim Yelton expects the team to place high in the league standings, by season's end.

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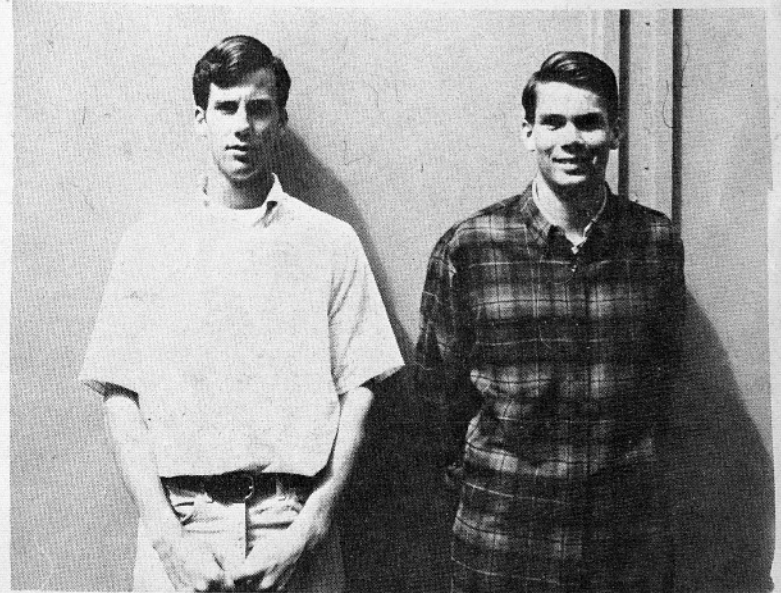
Cubberley outthit the Vikings by collecting six hits; the only problem was that the hits were too spread out. In the first inning, Cubberley looked as if they might be starting a rally. Second baseman Bob Fasset hit a single for one of his two hits, and catcher Gary Morton followed with a double. The remaining batters both got out, ending the inning.

Ten men were left on base for the Cubs, including twice when the bases were loaded. Roger Smith and Mike Morris both got singles and Gordon Strange hit a long double. Strange also made a good play at shortstop, where he stretched for a hot grounder and made the long throw to first in time to get the runner.

the second game in the 8th inning by slamming a drive to left-center that is probably still rolling. Roger Whitley soaked up the defeat but threw a fine eight innings of baseball and showed he is ready for action in league competition this year.

The outlook for the rest of the season is still favorable. With the defense playing superbly under all conditions and the pitching staff continuing to be one of the toughest in the league, all that is left to develop is the hitting. With a lot of hard work and concentration, the Coug bats should come alive at any time.

So this year, the difference between a mediocre team and a championship team will depend on how hard the team is willing to exert itself physically as well as mentally. The 1969 Cougars certainly have the talent to be champions, but whether they have the desire and guts remains to be seen.



Varsity netters Chip and Rick Fisher smirk at the thought of facing upcoming opponents.

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