

Coug cagers clinch third place in SPAL

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After losing a heartbreaker to powerful Woodside 56-54, Cubberley posted their third best record in the school's history by dismantling Ravenswood 84-66. The victory over the Trojans clinched third place in the SPAL Shaughnessy Playoffs, after the Cougars had been locked in a three-way tie for second place in league competition.

Cubberley played on an even par with league titlist Woodside if not better than the Wildcats, and led by one point with less than two minutes remaining. But seven-foot nemesis Rich Kelley stole an errant Cougar pass and drove the lane for the sure go-ahead bucket. Kelley was neatly submarined and eventually missed the first shot of a one on one situation. But, Keith Betchley, a thorn in Cubberley's side all night, rebounded the missed free throw and was fouled. The Wildcat ace converted the two charity tosses, adding his total to 16, giving the 'Cats a slim one-point margin.

Cubberley looked for one last shot and Phil Ashworth, who paced the Cougar offense with 17 points, missed a shot and a jump ball was called. The Wildcats controlled the tip and Betchley was fouled and sank a free throw. Hans deLannoy missed a desperation shot at the buzzer by only inches.

Despite losing, Cubberley played an excellent game. The fact that deLannoy only tallied two field goals attested to the strength of Woodside's defense and hurt the Cougars offensively. Ashworth helped to compensate with his best game of the year. Kelly did not dominate the game as he had done in the Wildcat's 78-48 blasting of Cubberley previously, but Betchley and Don Wilson hit well from the perimeter. Wilson was top scorer with 18.

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B basketballers nab fourth spot in league

Despite a disappointing fourth place finish in the Shaughnessy Tourney, the Cubberley B basketballers completed an encouraging season after a somewhat discouraging start.

Throughout the year, Coach Clarence Bakken's legions dis-

played strong potential, such as their 74-44 manhandling of the league leading Menlo-Atherton Bears. And toward the sad conclusion of the season, even the talented group of reserves, led by sophomores Andy Winfrey and Bob Ross, made their presence known.

However, with the championship at stake, Cubberley was unable to play the consistent style of basketball they had finally achieved during the regular season, and consequently were thoroughly beaten on successive dates by Ravenswood and San Carlos, respectively.

One of the team's finer moments came in a life and death struggle for the last remaining playoff berth, in which our heroes put together a brilliant second half performance to overcome the Gunn Titans, 61-59.

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Mike Anderson displays the talent that brought him the CATAMOUNT sports photographers award, an exposed roll of film, in these dazzling portraits of the SPAL's third place finishing Cubberley Cougars. He's our best photographer, and our only one.

Booters close to finish in fourth

Cubberley's soccer team didn't live up to its expectations, but finished the season with a 5-4-5 record, good enough for fourth place in the SPAL standings.

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The booters continued their winless ways through the first four league games, tying Paly and San Carlos, and losing to M.A. and Sequoia. But Cubberley developed an explosive offense. Concluding the first half of the season, the 'Cats bombed Carlmont 4-1, edged Gunn 3-2, and defeated Woodside 3-1.

Hard luck hit the Cougars during the second half of the season. Cross-town rival Paly defeated the Cougars 1-0. Four ties sunk the booters lower in the standings. The only victory Cubberley could manage was a 2-1 triumph over Gunn.

The leading scorers this season were Monte Ahrens, with nine goals, and first string all-league wing Bill Austin, with eight. Mike Flaherty garnered six, and Mark Schumann netted four.

Halfbacks Roger Smith, Gene Wekkin, and Mark Housman sparked the team consistently. Coach Skillicorn also commended the play of Schumann and Flaherty.

Although it was a disappointing year, Coach Skillicorn feels that he will have an experienced team next year. Stefano Vignano, an all-league second string full, will head the list for returning starters.

Feisty feast held

The annual Winter Sports Award Banquet, sponsored by the Letterman's club, will be held tomorrow evening starting at 6:00 PM.

Festivities will include a home-cooked dinner, guest speakers, door prizes, and recognition of outstanding performances by Cougar athletes.

Sophs improve

By winning 2 out of their last 4 games, the Cubberley sophomore soccer team managed to finish fourth in the SPAL standings with a 2-5-7 record. This year's team was plagued with a number of injuries and illnesses resulting in a poor overall record.

The Cougars won their two pre-season games against Branham and St. Francis with Gary Hughes and Jack Estonactoc leading the offensive charge. The highlight of the season came when Hughes scored 3 goals against Branham in the opening game. After the first two games the Cougar offense was credited with 8 goals while the defense held opponents to one score a game.

When the SPAL season started the sophomores were confident that victory would come often. After the first ten games of the season Cubberley had possession of an 0-5-5 record with sole ownership of last place. A lack of offensive scoring and defensive solidarity allowed opponents to control games while the Cougs were fighting for a tie.

Cubberley's first victory came at San Carlos against the Dons when Cleveland McDonald and Jack Estonactoc scored goals to give the Cougars a 2-0 win. Ed Lazear scored the lone goal on a penalty kick to give Cubberley its second triumph of the year against Carlmont.

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Ending the season with a 16-6 record, Cubberley's cagers ended up with the third most respectable record in this school's history.

Hans Delannoy topped all scorers on the squad with a massive 345 total points for a hot clip of 15.7 points per game. Delannoy, in SPAL action, captured the fourth spot in the average per game, among eight other teams, shooting 18.4 pts. a contest. Junior Paul Trainer compiled 272 points, for second spot among the Cougars, and in the process became the most accurate shooter, hitting on more than 54% of his shots. Phil Ashworth and Paul Keplinger were just one point apart overall, with Keplinger scoring 193 and Ashworth 192.

The team's overall shooting percentage was close to 44%, an average which is quite respectable.

From the freethrow line the Cougars fared very well, hitting on over 63% of the charity tosses. Once again, Delannoy led the Cougs, going to the line 120 times and sinking 89 of the shots. Geoff Kostyshak had the finest average, as he came on strong at the end of the season, in sinking 21 of 28.

Trainer, Keplinger, and Doug Warnock were all over the century mark when it came to pulling down the rebounds. Trainer did the best job, grabbing 180 rebounds in the 22 contests.

Strong defensiveman Gary Morton ended up with 52 points and 53 rebounds, and dribbler Steve Chenn pumped in 62 points.

Low turned in a great performance to snag second place. Art Kuen gave an all out effort to earn second place honors in the unlimited division, and in the 123's, Robert Au beat Woodside's Nate Kawaya to garner third place awards.

Ending with a 4 - 3 - 1 record and 4th in the league, Cubberley beat M-A 28 - 23, crushed Ravenswood 58-5, defeated Woodside 28-22, stomped San Carlos 24-40, and tied a strong Sequoia squad 28-28. The only losses suffered were from league champion Paly, Carlmont and Gunn.

Throughout the season the Cougs relied on strong performances of Bob O'Connor, Steve Murk, Dave Low, Mike Wise, Rick Hanan, Mike Kaku, Jerry Hanabusa and Art Kuen, whose matches decided Cubberley's victories over Woodside and Menlo-Atherton, and the tie with Sequoia.

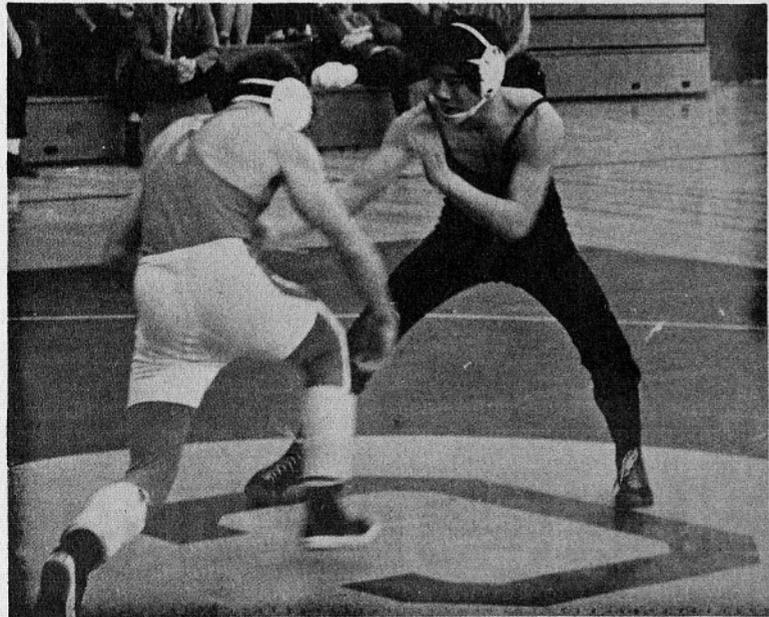
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Relying primarily on deadly free-throw shooting, the Cougs hit on 75% of their foul shots to account for over half of their final tally. Leading the charity toss barrage was senior Larry Amkraut, who converted an incredible 21 of 24 shots from the line.

At the end of the hard-fought first half, Coach Bakken's crew found themselves on the bottom of a 31-29 score. But our inspired quint was not to be denied storming back with a 19 point third quarter and a 45-43 lead. During the frantic fourth quarter, the lead changed hands right down to the buzzer, with the accurate Cougar foul shooting accounting for the final victory margin.

Scoring chores were handled by three ever-hustling seniors. Amkraut led the offense onslaught with 29 points, followed by Ted McCrea with 14, and Dave George with 10.



Jerry Hanabusa, the SPAL 130 pound division champion, shows the flair that bagged the Cougar wrestler the title.

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