

# Booters take SPAL title; Lose first CCS match

by Tony Sloss

Displaying true championship form, the soccer team put it all together last Friday as they overcame a 2-0 halftime deficit to defeat Woodside 3-2 in overtime and capture the SPAL soccer crown. It was Ravenswood's first Varsity championship in six years.

## BULLETIN

After 80 minutes of soccer and a continued 1-1 tie in the opening round of the Central Coast Section Championship against Cupertino, the Trojans took a 4-3 lead in the penalty kick section of the overtime period.

But they missed a kick that would have won the game, and when Cupertino's Brian Ward knocked the next shot past valiant substitute goalie Lorenzo Soria, the Trojan season was over.

In last Friday's final, the Trojans faced a 2-0 Woodside at the half. Woodside had

scored both goals on loose balls in front of the goal.

Coach Marino Mangiola then made the crucial change by switching forward Miguel Lopez to the wing, Frank Espinoza to a halfback, and Tony Sloss to the inside. "It (the switch) put more variety in our attack. It compensated for the close marking of the two insides," explained Mangiola.

Mange was right, for on the opening kickoff of the second half, Miranda passed to Sloss who dribbled downfield to the goal and shot. Woodside goalie Scott Mosher cut off the angle well but was only able to deflect Sloss' shot to Lopez who knocked in the Trojan's first goal.

The score gave Ravenswood the needed momentum as they later tied the game in the same quarter. "We were too confident and let down in the first half. Fortunately our team only needs one goal to get going. After that we're



Miguel Lopez [with ball] and Rafael Miranda, the second and first leading scorers in the league this year, begin one of

pretty hard to stop," commented fullback Juvenal Sandoval. The tying goal came when senior Bob Holland gave a long pass to Miranda who had only the goalie to beat as he dribbled in for the score.

The game went scoreless through the remaining regulation time and the match went into overtime (two five-minute halves).

Ravenswood capitalized on one of Woodside's fouls when Sandoval took a free kick from 25 yards out and chipped the ball over the 'Cats fullback line to the waiting Miranda who shot and scored before the ball ever touched the ground.

As time ran out, spectators poured onto the field yelling such chants as "We're number one" while carrying Coach Mangiola for a victory ride, something he had almost forgotten since leaving Sequoia in 1972.

Newly found cheerleader Dan Wagner described the game as "cosmic", and said he would definitely return for the next match. Over 500 fans turned out for the afternoon game at Sequoia, which was also where an even larger crowd had turned out for Tuesday's night game between the two rivals.

In this, the first of the two must win contests, the Trojans opened the scoring early in the first period when Miranda received a through pass from Sloss and hit the corner for Ravenswood's first tally.

Later in the half, Lopez added another but not before Woodside's Jamie Enomoto knocked in a loose ball in front of the goal.

Woodside started to retaliate with drives of their own but were unable to penetrate the Trojan defense, led by Sandoval, Russ Crane, Ted Alway, Bob Holland, and goalie Tony Soria, who played "outstandingly", according to his teammates. Soria blocked many shots, as well as deflecting some well-placed Woodside free kicks over the crossbar.

With 17 seconds left in the game, the crowd went wild as Espinoza came up from his halfback position to blast in the Trojan's third goal after Mosher had fended off shots by Miranda and Lopez.

Attendance was unsurpassed in SPAL history as over 1,000 spectators showed for what proved to be the thriller of the season.

In their first playoff match played two weeks ago at Ravenswood, the Trojans

their patented charges up the middle of the field in the first-round playoff game against Palo Alto.

photo by Tim Strohane

were held scoreless by Paly Vikings 5-1. Miranada scored for the first half. It didn't last four goals (his second such long as Troy scored 5 goals in feat this year) after which the second half to defeat the Sandoval added the fifth.

## Varsity hoopsters barely miss playoffs

by Rick Altman

Ravenswood's varsity basketball team gave it all they had plus some, yet came up short and missed the playoffs by one game.

That one game was against league-leading Woodside on February 14, as Easley, Garcia and company, with help from a huge home crowd, proved too much for Coach Ken Rivera's trying Trojans, winning 68-62.

Mike Garcia hit 23, all from the outside, and Myrt Easley was everywhere, snaring 19 points and 21 rebounds.

### VERY ERRATIC

The Trojans ended up 5-5, winning with absolute domination offensively and defensively, and losing lackadaisically to teams they shouldn't have.

Against San Carlos at 2-2, Ravenswood scored 17 in a row to lead 21-4 after the first quarter. Up by as much as 34 points late in the third quarter, the Trojans coasted into the clubhouse with a 71-42 victory. Byron Griffie and Tate Smith each hit 14, and SPAL Player of the Week Bruce Kelley also had 14, while grabbing 13 rebounds. Gerald Simien blocked five shots, four in the first half.

Ravenswood's next guest, Cubberly, got more of the same. Troy's balance of Smith (14 points), Kelley (13), Griffie (12), and Rudy Law (11) turned the Cougars into kittens, winning 56-39.

### CRUCIAL LOSSES

Now at 4-2, the Trojans met Palo Alto, also 4-2, for what might have been the most important game for the two teams. Paly rose to the occasion; Ravenswood did not. Plagued by their old nemises — erroneous ball-handling and lazy defense — the Trojans handed them the game 44-37.

On February 7, Ravenswood sought revenge against Menlo Atherton, after losing at the buzzer against them earlier in the season. M.A. had other ideas though. Griffie's 12 points and flawless defense were not enough, as Clarence Ware led the Bears to a well-deserved 51-41 win.

### SEQUOIA ROMP

The Trojans needed the next two games for any chance at all of a playoff spot. The first was against the winless Sequoia Cherokees, a team that shouldn't have been any trouble. Griffie made sure they weren't. Byron had 17 at the half, and ended up with 33 points for the day, the second highest individual point total in the '74-'75 SPAL season. The final score was 90-54, the highest team score in the league.

Rivera commented on the Trojan rampage: "When we are loose, we're great, unstoppable. That's all there is to it."

Thus, setting the scene for the final game of the season, at Woodside. Both teams were fighting hard, but Ravenswood always seemed to be playing catch-up. They led at one time 45-44, but Garcia and Mark Sullivan quickly hit for eight in a row, and the 'Cats marched to the playoffs with Gunn, San Carlos, and Palo Alto.

Senior Bruce Kelley, a three year varsity player, overviewed his final season as a Trojan: "It was a hot and cold season. I was very disappointed that we choked against MA and Paly, because we needed those games for a playoff, and we should have had them."

Of the ten players on the team, Sophomore Gerald Simien and Juniors Tate Smith and Billy Roberson will be returning next year.



## Trojan Sports

# JV's half-way to title

Ed Thomas' Junior Varsity basketball team lost to Woodside 44-40 in the first round of the SPAL playoffs Wednesday, but get another chance at the championship because they beat the Wildcats 52-50 in overtime in the regular season finale to win the round-robin title.

Because the round-robin champion must be beaten twice to be eliminated, the Trojans get to play the winner of today's playoff final between Woodside and M-A. The championship game is to be played next Tuesday at 5 P.M. at either Canada College or Sequoia, depending on whether the Varsity playoffs last until Tuesday.

In the M-A game Marcus Griffie and James Williams were both the high scorers with 18 points. Coach Ed Thomas stated, "The team just lost its poise and there was too much individual effort. Also we lost because of a lot of missed free throws and poor officiating."

The starters are Marcus Griffie and Tyrone Romes at guards, James Williams and Petie Carswell at forwards, and Randy Jackson at center. High-scoring guard Bobby McGee is the sixth man.

While the trojans were not challenged much by most

teams in the regular season, a few teams gave them trouble. M-A and Sequoia halted their seven-game winning streak by beating them 51-50 and 46-42 respectively.

## O. B. disqualified

# Jones wins wrestling title

In the S.P.A.L. wrestling finals held at Cubberly last Friday, the wrestling team tied San Carlos for fifth place with 41½ points.

Keith Fort became the only defending champion to be defeated, losing to Gunn's Brad Craig in the 178 lb. division. Charles Jones was more fortunate, taking the championship in the 123 lb. division.

Top-seeded Obular Butler surprisingly failed to make it to the championship round. O.B. thought he had pinned his opponent just before the end of his second-round bout and was disqualified for voicing that opinion. O.B. had been undefeated in all previous SPAL matches.

Gunn swept to an uncontested victory with 105½ points to second place Paly's 68½.

Before these games the Trojan's had beaten Paly 60-56 in their seventh league game to remain undefeated and cinch one of the four SPAL playoff spots.

After getting off to a mediocre start, the wrestling team came back to defeat Woodside and Cubberly to gain its first S.P.A.L. victories in 75 tries, but went downhill after losing to top rated Gunn.

Gerald Guess said, "the biggest problem concerning the wrestling team has been in getting enough students to come out for the team." The team was hurt early in the season when 11 players quit the team for various reasons ranging from fear of getting hurt to, as Guess put it, "just being afraid of losing."

Gerald believes that talent for a good wrestling team is here, and would especially like to see more white students coming out. "We just need people willing to come out and get in shape, and try and do their best" said Guess.