

Raphael Miranda, Ravenswood's second leading scorer, controls the ball despite being surrounded by three Carlmont players. photo by Scott Grafton

Booters make playoffs

Tying San Carlos to insure itself of a play-off berth with a 4-3-1 final league record, Ravenswood was hampered slightly as it lost to both Sequoia and Woodside, the two top teams in the league.

Looking for a victory over winless San Carlos, the Trojans were unprepared for the Dons narrow and windy field as they recorded their first tie of the season, at 1-1. after receiving a good pass from Rafael Miranda.

Coming off a tremendous but costly victory over Carlmont, the booters suffered their second defeat of the year when they were overcome by Woodside 1-0 in a heated rivalry that had one player thrown out of the game.

Plagued by the loss of two starters, Ravenswood's play was outstanding but the Trojans were overwhelmed by an unsurmountable number of thirteen opponents on the field, eleven Woodsiders and two referees.

The lone score of the game came early in the third quarter off a shot that was unsuccessfully deflected by a Ravenswood defender. Tension mounted as Ravenswood came back to score but the goal was called have goaline was pushed over, unclear.

Playing sheer defense, Woodside switched to a manfor-man, and in doing so harassed one Ravenswood player, who was expelled from the game for striking an opponent. This left Ravenswood with ten men, which was not enough to pull them out of the approaching defeat.

In a conference after the game, Coach Mangiola said

the team played well, "on a field which resembled the moon," referring to the rough terrain of Woodside's craterlike field, "but we had an unbelievable amount of bad luck.' Players expressed their views as being distraught while commenting that the officiating was rather "erroneous" and perceptive.

The Trojans fourth win of the year came against the Scots of Carlmont. Again, it was Phil Cole who eluded two Carlmont defenders and placed the ball into the corner of the net. Unfortunately, the game ended in tragedy when three Ravenswood booters were injured, which ultimately led to defeat at Woodside.