



# 1977 All-SPAL

## FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Player	School	Yr.	Rec.
P	Dave Callaway	Woodside	Sr.	4-1
P	Ivan White	Woodside	Sr.	5-0
C	Brett Cesarin	Woodside	Sr.	.346
C	Bob Melvin	M-A	So.	.406
1B	Darryl Page	Menlo	Sr.	.323
INF	Gary Davenport	San Carlos	Sr.	.487
INF	Bill Swanberg	Woodside	Jr.	.467
INF	Paul Noce	Sequoia	Jr.	.364
INF	Lou Ayers	Woodside	Jr.	.417
OF	Kevin Bass	Menlo	Sr.	.429
OF	Paul Carey	Woodside	Sr.	.400
OF	Steve Lautze	San Carlos	Sr.	.400
DH	Mel Culpepper	Sequoia	Jr.	.462
UT	Joe Peterson	San Carlos	Sr.	4-0
				.324

## SECOND TEAM MENTION

P	Konrad Meyer	Sequoia	Sr.	3-2
P	Kurt Jorgensen	M-A	Sr.	2-2
1B	Jim Wright	M-A	Sr.	.321
INF	Bob Kilburg	San Carlos	Sr.	.419
OF	Glen Carey	Woodside	Sr.	.323
OF	Jim Chelossi	Carlmont	Sr.	.367
OF	Craig Courchaine	Carlmont	Sr.	.313
DH	Tod Sedlacek	San Carlos	Jr.	.414
UT	Bob Campbell	Menlo	Sr.	.333
				1-1

# Paul Carey SPAL Play



—Staff photo by Tom Bullock

## Best of the SPAL batsmen

Members of the Tribune's 1977 All-SPAL varsity baseball team include (front, from left), Paul Carey, Bill Swanberg, Brett Cesarin, Lou Ayers, Dave Callaway and Ivan White of Woodside and Bob Melvin of Menlo-Atherton;

(standing, from left) Mel Culpepper and Paul Noce of Sequoia, Kevin Bass and Darryl Page of Menlo School and Joe Peterson, Steve Lautze and Gary Davenport of San Carlos.



# Six Cats make all-league team

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Five season-long standouts earned unanimous acclaim and Woodside High, befitting its first outright SPAL baseball champion, made a record haul on the Tribune's all-league team.

Woodside centerfielder Paul Carey, who set an SPAL record ratio for runs batted in per game, was chosen Player of the Year as one of the five unanimous picks and six Wildcats honored.

The other four hands-down choices, consultation with the league's coaches revealed, were outfielders Kevin Bass of Menlo School and Steve Lautze of San Carlos and infielders Gary Davenport of San Carlos and Bill Swanberg of Woodside. Swanberg is the only junior.

Other first-team Wildcats were senior pitchers Dave Callaway and Ivan White, junior infielder Lou Ayers and senior catcher Brett Cesarin, who was honored behind the plate along with Menlo-Atherton's brilliant sophomore prospect, Bob Melvin.

Completing the honor squad are junior infielder Paul Noce and junior designated hitter Mel Culpepper of Sequoia, senior first baseman Darryl Page of Menlo School and senior utilityman Joe Peterson of San Carlos.

Cesarin and Bass were the only first team repeaters; Davenport and Lautze moved up from the second team.

Melvin is the first sophomore to earn top honors since 1972, when Carlmont's Steve Wallace made it, and only the fifth player so young on the first team since 1959, the first "modern" SPAL season. (The others were Sequoia soph Rich Koeper in 1959, Sequoia freshman Dick Sharon in 1965 and Ravenswood soph Doug Gardner in 1965.)

It was no surprise that the entire outfield was unanimous.

Bass batted .429 — and almost always made crisp contact — as a

pro prospect who drew scouts to every Menlo game.

Lautze not only hit .400 and topped the SPAL with nine stolen bases, but also may have fielded better than any circuit outfielder since Sequoia's Sharon, a former major leaguer, in 1968.

Carey, of course, tied the league RBI record with 22. But Carey did it in 10 games, while the two previous record-holders needed 16. Carey was most responsible as Woodside won its first seven league games.

In the infield, Davenport, who led the league at .487, and Swanberg, runnerup at .467, both set school average records while fielding superbly at shortstop.

Ayers, who hit .417 as the league's best second baseman, and Noce, who batted .364 and played a daring shortstop, won their second all-league first team honors, a rarity for juniors. Lou was an all-league football defensive back, Paul an honored offensive back.

Page, Peterson and Culpepper all played several positions, but were so generally excellent that spots had to be found for them.

Page was placed at first base, where he saw about one-third of his varied duties. He batted .323, led the league in homers with three and was RBI runnerup with 12.

Peterson was 4-0 as an inexperienced but willing pitcher and .324 as a hitter. Culpepper usually played catcher, but his .462, third in the league, earned honors as a designated hitter, the "tenth man" the rules makers have given prep baseball in recent years.

Cesarin provided clutch hitting (10 RBIs on nine hits), solid defense and, perhaps most importantly, handled the inexperienced Callaway and White well.

Neither Callaway (4-1, mostly

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## Meyer, Kilburg top second team list

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against tough foes) and White (5-0) had much prep experience, but they got the most from their abilities.

M-A's Melvin batted .406, threw out more runners than any catcher in the league (24 on the overall year) and made numerous brilliant plays.

Sequoia pitcher-infielder-outfielder Konrad Meyer and San Carlos third baseman Bob Kilburg lead a nine-man second team mention list. So solid was the infield voting, Kilburg was the only other infielder in the league to receive a first team vote (he got one).

With the SPAL having shrunk to six schools from the nine (and last year 10) of the previous decade, the number of total players honored was reduced accordingly.

# SPAL pitchers: early warning

Prep pitchers may have an even tougher time against SPAL hitters next season than they did this year.

Of the 26 SPAL regulars who batted .275 or better for the overall season, 15 were juniors or sophomores, led by Woodside's record-breaking junior shortstop, Bill Swanberg.

Swanberg became the first player in modern Sequoia District history (since the mid-1950's, at least) to bat over .500 for an overall season. He finished at .529 with a record 37 hits.

Also enjoying outstanding seasons were Menlo's Kevin Bass (.434), San Carlos' Gary Davenport (.427) and San Carlos' Steve Lautze (.417), all seniors. All made 30 or more hits, as did Woodside's junior Lou Ayers.

Woodside's Paul Carey hit "only" .333, but knocked in 35 runs, a modern Sequoia District record, with just 25 hits.

Bass' fine season capped a brilliant four-year career. Kevin went to bat 278 times, scored 83 runs, made 113 hits, drove in 60 runs — and struck out a phenomenally low 22 times. His career average was .406.

Here are the final overall averages for all SPAL regulars



**BOB CAMPBELL**  
.**329** hitter overall

(at least two at-bats per season game total):

#### SPAL REGULARS' AVERAGES

	ab	r	h	bi	avg.
x-Bill Swanberg, Woodside	70	29	37	18	.529
Kevin Bass, Menlo	76	24	33	18	.434
Gary Davenport, San Carlos	82	25	35	17	.427
Steve Lautze, San Carlos	72	20	30	12	.417
Darryl Page, Menlo	73	16	28	24	.384
Bob Kilburg, San Carlos	64	13	24	14	.375
xx-Bob Melvin, M-A	73	18	27	16	.370
x-Lou Ayers, Woodside	87	31	32	10	.368
x-Paul Noce, Sequoia	74	25	27	9	.365
xx-Matt Morey, M-A	55	8	20	5	.364
Brett Cesarin, Woodside	61	22	22	21	.361
Jim Chelossi, Carmont	60	15	21	9	.350
Craig Courchaine, Carmont	62	15	21	8	.339
x-Greg Smith, Woodside	71	15	24	12	.338
Jim Wrigley, M-A	68	15	23	17	.338
Paul Carey, Woodside	75	13	25	35	.333
Bob Campbell, Menlo School	73	10	24	12	.329
x-Tod Sedlacek, San Carlos	64	13	21	13	.328
xx-Jim Dunton, M-A	73	8	23	12	.315
x-Kyle Bach, M-A	58	9	17	13	.304
x-Ed Escobar, Carmont	60	10	18	20	.300
x-Scott Gregg, San Carlos	50	4	15	9	.300
x-Mel Culpepper, Sequoia	64	8	19	13	.297
x-Travis Jammer, Sequoia	58	9	17	8	.293
x-LeeRoy Mitchell, Woodside	56	13	16	11	.288
x-Terry Demmon, Menlo	69	18	19	6	.275
Dave Garibaldi, Sequoia	60	16	16	16	.267
Chris Haft, Menlo	45	10	12	3	.267
Glen Carey, Woodside	64	12	17	9	.266
Dave Harris, M-A	50	6	13	1	.260
Konrad Meyer, Sequoia	55	6	14	10	.255
Mark Ortega, Sequoia	52	21	13	13	.250
Neil Powers, Woodside	48	10	12	5	.250
Joe Peterson, San Carlos	70	17	17	12	.243
Kevin Kilty, Menlo	65	12	15	8	.231
Steve Humeny, Carmont	52	6	12	6	.231
x-Drexal Blakes, Sequoia	61	14	14	12	.230
Doug Brigham, Menlo	44	12	10	2	.227
Sam Haines, Woodside	60	8	13	3	.217
Jerry Haasch, M-A	65	7	13	7	.200
Ron Edwards, Sequoia	59	16	11	6	.186
Rob DelSarto, Sequoia	44	9	8	6	.182
x-John Voss, Woodside	50	7	9	5	.180
Kurt Jorgensen, M-A	69	14	12	11	.174
x-Scott Finley, Menlo	59	7	10	14	.169
x-Steve Moore, Carmont	52	1	6	5	.115

x-junior; xx-sophomore.