

Cougars make it close

Palo Alto wins city track title

Palo Alto High School had a tougher time than expected but still defeated Cubberley High School 59 1/6-53 5/6 for the Palo Alto City track championship at Cubberley yesterday.

The Vikes figured to win the meet by 20 points based on performances of the teams during the season.

The first hint that the meet would be closer than expected came when Mike Nichols of Cubberley, throwing the shot-put for the first time this season, took a second in the event with a 45-0 heave.

NICHOLS, WHO has won track events than any other SPAL athlete this season, also won the 440-yard dash and the high jump.

He ran the anchor leg on the Cubberley relay team that scored another upset by beating a Palo Alto quartet of sprinters in 1:34.1.

Don Castle of Cubberley put his name in the Peninsula track record books with a superb performance in the discus and shotput.

Castle, a sophomore, pushed the shot 52-0½ for a new school record. It also is the best effort in Peninsula history by a sophomore.

IN THE DISCUS Castle set another school record as he almost upset John Rubenis of Palo Alto. Castle surpassed his previous best by 12 feet with a 140-2 heave. Rubenis won with a 140-10½ heave.

Castle completed his day by outrunning Ray Hamm of Palo Alto on the anchor leg of an exhibition weight-man relay. The event, 440 yards, was limited to Palo Alto and Cubberley athletes who competed in the discus and shot put.

Other members of the Cubberley team were Al Sira, Dennis Martin and Pete San Jule.

Palo Alto won seven of the 12 events. John Pasteniaks doubled in the broad jump and the low hurdles. He nipped teammate Chris Dyer in the latter event.

DYER WON the high hurdles in 15.4, best time in the league this season.

George Linn and Mike Chilton of Palo Alto staged an epic battle in the half mile. Chilton led for all but final three yards when Linn surged by to win in 1:57.0, a meet record.

Mike Lehner won the mile

race in a "disappointing" 4:28.8. It was a disappointment only to Lehner who had hoped to beat 4:25. The 4:28.8 is the top five times run in league competition in Northern California this season.

The results:

120-yard high hurdles—Dyer (P), Kunselman (C), Bennett (P), 15.4.
880-yard run — Linn (P), Chilton (P), Evans (C), 1:57.0.
100-yard dash—Askew (P), Prime (C), Lowman (P), 10.1.
440-yard dash — Nichols (C), Wheeler (P), Brady (P), 51.5.

Shot-put—Castle (C), Nichols (C), Elkington (P), 52-0½.
Pole vault—Stevenson (C), Gilliam (C), Washer (C) and Shearer (P) tied, 11-0.

180-yard low hurdles — Pasteniaks (P), Dyer (P), Kennon (C) and Kunselman (C) tied, 21-0.

220-yard dash—Prime (C), Lowman (P), Asch (C), 23.1.
1-mile run—Lehner (P), Levy (P), Cook (C), 4:28.8.

Discus—Rubenis (P), Castle (C), San Jule (C), 140-10½.

Broad jump—Pasteniaks (P), Gray (C), Fields (P), 20-10.

High Jump—Nichols (C), Gray (C), Hamm (P), and Pasteniaks (P) tied, 6-0.

Relay — Cubberley (Prime, Asch, Ballard and Nichols), 1:34.1.

Class B score—Cubberley 73, Palo Alto 40.



READY FOR A BIG PUT

Don Castle, Cubberley High School sophomore, sucks in his breath as he prepares to put the shot in the SPAL trials at Stanford yesterday. Castle qualified in both the discus and the shot-put