

Cubberley aims for NCS track title

By DICK O'CONNOR

A track team from South Palo Alto, and a youthful strongboy from Los Altos head for Berkeley this Saturday with the same purpose in mind.

The team is Cubberley High School and the lad is Bob Stoecker. Both want to win a title and continue of the last few weeks.

Stoecker would like to throw the discus a little farther than he did in the North Coast Section II track and field meet at Camden High School last Saturday.

If he does, he can become the best discus thrower in all prep track history.

BEST IN NATION

Stoecker got off a prodigious 186-11 throw at Camden. That's the best in the nation to date and an all-time record for the state of California.

Stoecker's competition at Berkeley will be about the same as it was at Camden. Teammate Max Leetzow was second with a throw of 177 feet. Leetzow has thrown better than 190 in practice. A large crowd and fine discus ring at Berkeley could get one of the pair the national record.

Cubberley was a surprise winner of the team title in the NCS II meet. The Cougars scored heavily in the shot put, sprints and relay.

SECOND IN CENTURY

Bruce Asch, the blond bullet, got a second in the 100 and a fourth in the 220. The Cougar relay team was bounced around by Monterey in the final turn but still took third.

Don Castle remained undefeated in the shot-put by winning with a 61-7½ throw.

High jumpers Henry Brown and Bob Ballard also qualified for the NCS finals to give Cubberley a chance to score in that event.

Midpeninsula teams took three of the top four spots at Camden. And the other spot went to another team, Carlmont, the South Peninsula Athletic League dual meet champion from Belmont.

Los Altos was second with 31 1-3 points, two less than Cubberley. Bob Owen won the high hurdles

by an eyelash from Carlmont's Gary Gaskill. Other Knight points came from the discus throwers, shot putter Randy Schneider — second to Castle — and pole vaulter Mike Kamrar with a 12-11

M-A FOURTH

Menlo-Atherton was fourth with 18½ points. Jimmy Cheatham got 17½ of those for wins in the 100 and 220, and a tie for fourth in the broad jump.

There were four records broken. One was shattered into tiny particles. That was the mile standard of 4:25.2 set three seasons ago by George Linn of Palo Alto High School.

All five place winners beat Linn's mark Saturday. Bert Stringer, a little Santa Clara senior who looks and runs like Jim

Beatty, won in 4:18.1. That's the third fastest time in the nation by a prep this year.

Owen's 14.6 cracked the high hurdles mark, Castle wiped out the shot put record, and Stoecker got the discus standard.

FINAL TEST

This week at Berkeley in the final test for high school athletes. The top three there earn a trip to the state meet at Los Angeles June 3.

That's the ultimate for prep runners and jumpers.

San Mateo won the Class B title at Camden. The best races were in the 75 and 150-yard dashes. Ray Askew of Ravenswood won the short race by nipping Don Wilson of Del Mar in a record, but wind-aided, time of 7.7. Wilson got even by winning the 150.

The results:

129 HH—Owen (LA), Gaskill (Ca), Arnaudo (MV), Sawyer (Ca), Vanater (MV); :14.6.

880—Fishback (SM), Parson (W), Crawford (Hills), Smith (Rav), Pennington (Buc); 1:56.4.

100—Cheatham (MA), Asch (Cu), Mitchell (Cap), Benjami (Cu), D'Neil (Cup); :10.1.

440—Smith (NS), Duran (Cup), Medina (Hill), Watkins (Rav), Payne (Jun); :49.8.

180 LH—Johnson (Sal), Gaskill (Ca), Sawyer (Ca), Baughman (Camp), Arnaudo (MV); :19.6.

Shot-put—Castle (Cub), Schneider (LA), Schmidt (King City), Pinson (WG), Kennedy (MA); 61-7½.

Broad Jump — Benjamin (Cub), Vance (Mont), Biazini (SM), Cheatham (MA), Wright (Mont); 22-10.

Relay—Carlmont, Cupertino, Cubberley, Los Altos, Monterey; 1:30.8.

Mile—Stringer (SC), Kamrar (Ca), Singleton (Hills), Davila (Jeff), Winward (Hills); 4:18.1.

High Jump—Anderson (Fre), Haddix (Seq), Mollosi (Jeff), Brown (Cub), Ballard (Cub); 6-2½.

Discus — Stoecker (LA), Leetzow (LA), Schmidt (KC), Wilkin (MV), Castle (Cub); 186-11.

Pole Vault—Taylor (KC), Lee (Mont), Kamrar (LA), Rediker (DM), Washer (Cub); 13-0.

220 — Cheatham (MA), Mitchell (Cap), Pierce (W), Asch (Cub), Medina (Hill); :21.6.

Team scoring—Cubberley, 33 5/6; Los Altos, 31½; Carlmont, 28½; Menlo-Atherton, 18½; King City, 14; Cupertino, 11; San Mateo, 11; Monterey, 10 5/6; Washington, 8; North Salinas, 8; Capuchino, 8; Salinas, 8; Santa Clara, 8; Fremont, 8; Mountain View, 7½; Hillsdale, 7; Sequoia, 5; Jefferson, 4½; Hill, 4; Ravenswood, 4; Del Mar, 3½; Willow Glen, 2; Campbell, 2; Junipero, 1; Buchser, 1.

Class B scores—San Mateo 32, Ravenswood 26, Del Mar 18, Menlo-Atherton 17, Pioneer 16, Carlmont 13½, Buchser 13, Mountain View 12½, Campbell 11, Watsonville 9, Los Gatos 8½, Fremont 8, Monterey 8, Woodside 8, Palo Alto 7, South San Francisco 7, Westmor 6, Jefferson 6, North Salinas 5, Willow Glen 3½, Salinas 3, Terra Nova 2, Cubberley 2, Hollister 2, Los Altos 1, Hillsdale 1, Santa Cruz 1.

TOP DISCUS THROWERS

Discus throwers Bob Stoecker and Max Leetzow give Los Altos an excellent chance for 13 points. Shot putter Randy Schneider, pole vaulter Mike Kamrar, hurdler Bob Owen, and a relay team of Owen, Ren Potter, Tom Thomas and Bill Frost also could add to the Los Altos point total.

So talented is the field at Berkeley that as few as 18 points could win the team crown. Los Altos has the potential to get that many in the weight events.

Stoecker or Leetzow is the closest thing to a sure winner in the meet. Stoecker hurled the discus 186-11 last week. Leetzow, who has thrown 194 feet in practice, finished second in the NCS trials.

Cubberley's Don Castle appears to be a cinch winner in the shot put. His chief competition comes from huge Mike Mallory of El Cerrito but Castle has defeated Mallory twice this season.

JIM CHEATHAM

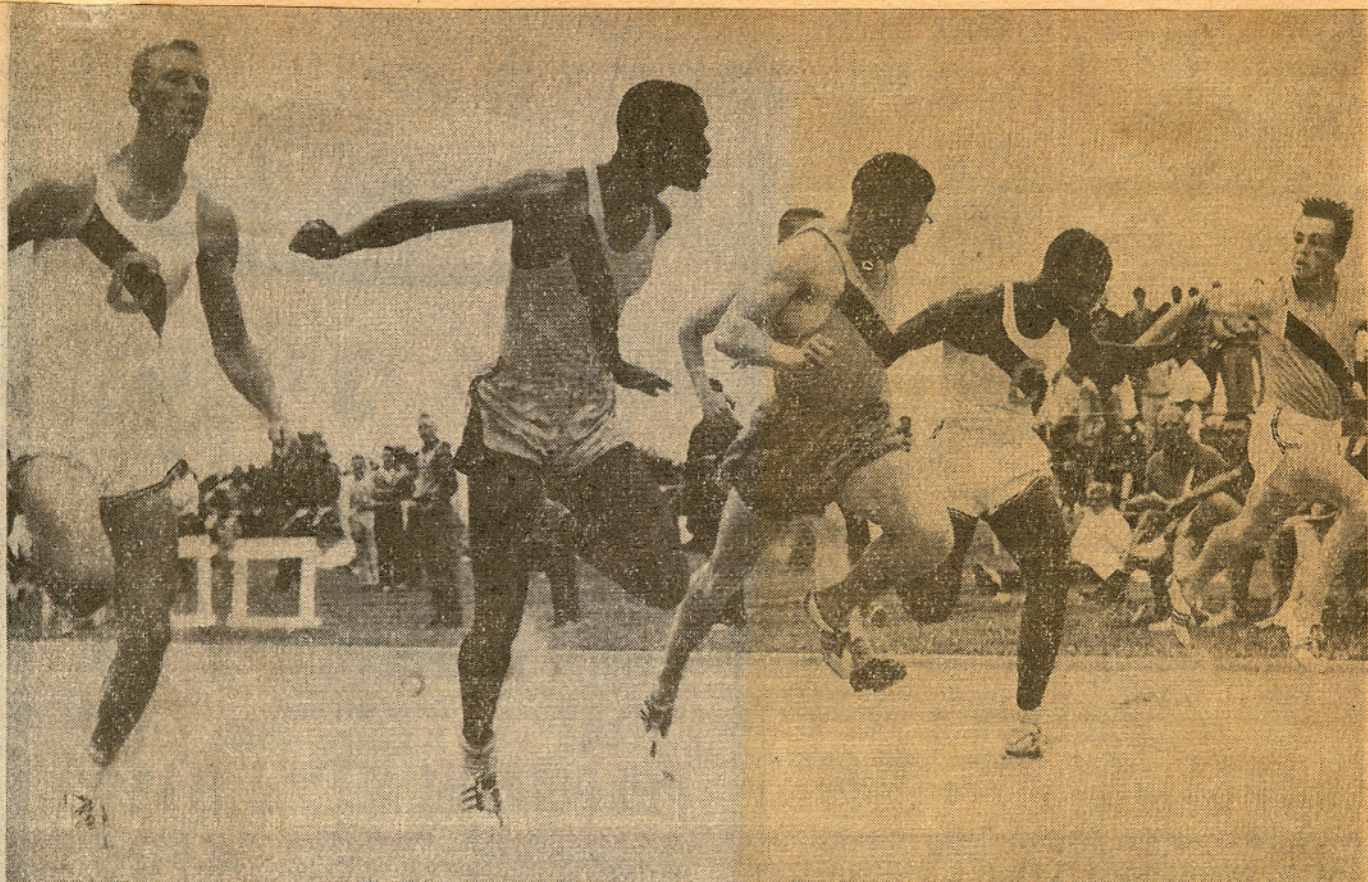
Cheatham has won just about everything there is to win in track. He won the 100- and 220-yard dashes in the South Peninsula and North Coast Section II meets.

He has ran the 100 in 9.7 and his fastest time for the 220 is a Peninsula best of 21.1.

He was a member of the "Untouchables" relay team that set school, SPAL, and NCS records in the 880-yard relay in 1960. He competed in the 1960 state meet in both the relay and 100-yard dash.

Jim played varsity basketball for three years and was a regular for most of the last two seasons. He scored almost 300 points last season as a senior and helped the Bear team make the Peninsula Basketball Tournament at Stanford for the second straight year.

In football, Cheatham was an end. He scored many touchdowns on long pass plays—using his tremendous speed to outrun defenders. Jim was a varsity football player for three years and won a total of eight varsity letters at M.A.



BLANKET FINISH . . .
. . . How close can a race get?
These four runners, including
winner Jim Cheatham
(second from left) of Menlo-

Atherton, gave a good example
in the 100-yard dash Saturday
during the North Coast Section
II finals. Left to right are Bruce
Asch of

Cubberley (second), Cheatham,
Ted Mitchell of Capuchino (third),
Fred Benjamin of Cubberley
(fourth) and Bob O'Neil of Cupertino

(fifth). The meet was held at
Camden High School, San Jose.

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