

# 'Bad News Bears' devour Scots

After 13 years of anxious waiting, Coach Plato Yanicks, M-A's head track man, has finally realized a dream. Credit must be given to the Varsity and Frosh M-A track teams who made this dream come true last Thursday by speeding past Carlmont to win the SPAL championship, 76-60 and 77-59, respectively.

A very happy Coach Yanicks comments on M-A's long awaited victory. "Years of frustrating bad luck have finally come to an end. We are no longer the bridesmaids and we are finally the champs." M-A's JV lost to

Carlmont, 70-66.

Marked by superb performances from both teams, the Carlmont meet can only be termed a thriller. The outcome was a tossup from the beginning and the score was too close for either team's comfort, until well into the second half of the meet.

The highly versatile Bates hopped, skipped, jumped, and ran his way to victory, winning all four of his events. He took the quarter in 50.8 and anchored the winning 3:26 mile relay, showing awesome speed as he left all contenders in the dust. Bates, now one of the top long jumpers

in the nation, also collected his usual points in the long and triple jumps with marks of 23'5" and 47'8".

Clark, M-A's resident hurdler specialist, snatched both the high and low hurdles from Carlmont in 14.4 and 38.9, a school record. Clark also led the mile relay team to victory.

Middle-distance man Keith Young experienced his finest moment when he hit the finish tape after a season best 1:59.4 880 yard run.

M-A's weightman, led by Marshall Newson and Regan Avery, did not disappoint either.

Newson put the shot 56' 7 3/4" in a tremendous life time best effort. Avery hurled a winning 154' xx 2 1/2" in the discuss.

Carlmont's fine distance squad, led by Bob Love and Greg Mandanis, got dangerously close to shattering the Bear's hopes for the championship. But, hard as the Scots tried, M-A's Gary Thurston tried harder. Thurston managed to steal a crucial second in the mile from Mandanis, which helped widen the gap on the scoreboard.

After M-A's exciting bout with Carlmont the week before, the Woodside meet was an emotional let down. "It was just hard to fire them up after our victory over the Scots," comments Coach Plato Yanicks.

But even their extreme lack of spirit couldn't stop the Bears from stomping all over Woodside 92-44.

The Bears claim not only the Varsity and Frosh SPAL crowns, but also the Girls' championship. "This is the best overall team ever to be at M-A at one time!" exclaims Coach Yanicks proudly.

Still undefeated in dual competition, the Varsity Bears boast

a winning streak of 17 in a row over the past two years.

The Bears travel next to the SPAL Relays, which will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. on Sequoia's lighted track.



The girls Varsity track team duplicated the boys upset of Carlmont by trouncing the Scots, 65-44. The Bears title drive was spearheaded by Sophomore sprinting sensation Patrice Bates.

Pat blazed to San Mateo County season bests in the 100 (11.4) and 220 (26.2), and opened up an untouchable lead in the 440 relay 50.8. She later came back and anchored the girls finest relay effort 4:19.1.

Scoring life bests were, Brenda Damon in the high hurdles (16.0), Trish King high jumped 5-0, and Suzie Galvez long jumped 16-1.

Patrice Bates will be leading the girls in their first invitational outing of the year, April 30 at King City, as the 1977 Champs "Tuneup", for the first annual District Relays May 6, 7:30 p.m. at Sequoia.



## Sluggers a bit sluggish

Menlo-Atherton High's Varsity baseball team has dropped six straight SPAL games, without a

pull it out and lost 6-5. Kevin Bass tripled home Menlo's winning run. Wright and Bobby Melvin