

ATHLETES

WIN

40 GRADUATES





Foppiano



Reitzel



Neist

Hill

BLOCK SM SOCIETY

During the spring semester, the interest in both boys and girls Block S. M. Societies has increased. The two organizations have been active in managing the rainy day session programs in the gymnasium, as policing committees about the school, serving as Open House guides, and the two presidents acting as members of the Executive Safety Council.

For the first time since its founding, the boys participated in an outside activity in the form of a barbecue held on the beach at Half Moon Bay. The event was so successful that it will probably become an annual affair. Officers of the boys' organization for the spring term were Bok Reitzel, president; Walt Selover, vice president; and Jere Selover, secretary-treasurer.

The girls' society, which is an honorary organization, acted as hostesses Open House night held April 24, and performed the same duties at the gigantic playday held at this school in March, attended by several Peninsula high schools. In the fall semester, Patsy Neist was president and Gertrude Sumetz was secretary; in the spring, Beverly Hill was president and Audrey Thirkell was secretary.



BLOCK SM WINNERS

AMONG 1940 GRADUATES



Marjorie Bank
Jim Barto
Bill Bevier
Fred Boensch
Mary Bolles
Marianne Curry
Ruth Darm
Anselmo Dominguez
Rene Dominguez
Palmer Fallgren
Mary Fernandes
Charles Fisher
Jim Gillis
Emil Hanacek
Francis Harding
Ivan Holm
Buro Hosume
Kathleen Ild
Kenji Kato
John Keesling
Jean Leo
Bill Maes

Al Masterson
Cliff McAbee
John Michelin
Peter Milward
Tony Monisteri
Virginia Mowry
Pat Neist
Marian Nesbit
Earl Pate
Bernard Patterson
Helen Petersen
Ted Ricci
Jere Selover
Bill Stalder
Jack Sullivan
Gertrude Sumetz
Audrey Thirkell
Angelo Tocchini
Roy Trinta
Clark Van Housen
Harlow Waggoner
Bette Wick



TEAM ROSTER

Walter Barth
 Bob Bevier
 Joe Blunk
 Fred Boensch
 Tom Burke
 Tony Damale
 Clint Furrer
 Joe Humphreys
 Ken Johnson
 John Keesling
 Cliff McAbee
 Gordon McLeod
 Jack McNally

FOOTBALL

Although the San Mateo football squad didn't terrorize the PAL, the Bearcat eleven won one game over a highly favored South City squad, 6-0, and outplayed Burlingame and Sequoia, statistically, finally losing out because of lack of a final scoring punch inside the opponent's twenty-yard line.

The Cats made a 500% average in their practice games by losing to Hayward, 13-6, and edging out the Watsonville varsity, 6-0. South City was the first league game and the Bearcats went down to defeat the next weekend before an underdog Jefferson team, 10-0. San Jose smothered the Matean eleven, 19-0, one week before the "Big-Little Game" with Blingum.

Before packed stands San Mateo showed a vastly improved team which set the Panthers back time and time again, and threatened scores on several occasions. A beautiful run by George Cator for forty yards was the contributing factor in the Cats downfall.





The season was concluded by losses to Sequoia and Palo Alto by the scores of 19-7 and 13-12. Wag Jorgensen was coaching San Mateo for the first time, and his team showed some of the razzle-dazzle play that Wag adopted from professional football. Flankers were used by the squad consistently for long gains.

The success of the season is not so evident in the won and lost record as in the large increase of interest among the students. Better than fair turn-outs were exhibited by the students at all the games, even those away from home.

Boys who played a majority of the playing time were John Keesling, Jack McNally, Bok Reitzel, Joe Humphries,, Fred Boensch, Jack Noble, Tom Burke, Bill Wolff, Red Williams, Bud Robinson, Pete Milward, Henry Frietes, Cliff McAbee, Tony Monisteri, Jack Sullivan, Bill Stalder, Ken Johnson, Clint Furrer, Bob Bevier.

Pete Milward
Tony Monisteri
Jack Noble
Bok Reitzel
Bill Stalder
Bud Robinson
Bill Stalder
Larry Stoeven
Jack Sullivan
Ralph Sullivan
Bob Williams
Hugh Kernohan, mgr.
Gaston Periat, mgr.

1939 SEASON





TENS BASKETBALL

* One of the best teams in San Mateo basketball history was the 1939 tens. Coached by Joe Acheson, and sparked by captain Seichi Adachi and Freshman George Benoit, the team missed an undefeated season by one point in two games, one practice and one league game.

The loss to San Jose by one point cinched the championship for the valley boys, and San Mateo had to be content with second place. The other one-point victory over the Matean squad was St. Ignatius; but San Mateo had the satisfaction of beating the ultimate winners of the city league, Lowell, in another practice battle.

Probably the most outstanding feat of the year was the victory over Sequoia, 12-2, in a PAL game in which the tens held the Cherokees to not one field goal and yielded but two free throws. They whipped every other PAL team except San Jose, and at the end of the season Seichi Adachi and George Benoit were selected on the San Mateo Times all-league five.

After the season was completed the eight block winners, Adachi, Benoit, George McMills, George Lee, Herb Pease, John Nelin, Tony Freskett, and Bob Moritz, who were members of the Hi-Y, traveled through the southern part of the state and beat five out of six opponents. The team then entered the county Y. M. C. A. tournament, and finally, after winning the championship, defeated the Chinese Y of San Francisco, 36-22, for the Northern California Y. M. C. A. championship.





TWENTIES BASKETBALL

The twenties basketball squad didn't have so successful a season as past Matean twenties have had, winning only one PAL game. Although they usually fought well enough in the first half of their games, they always weakened in the second half. Game after game the Bearcats would leave the floor at half time, either tied or within a few points of their opponents. In the second half the boys would try to play an offensive game instead of the defensive style they had used in the opening half, and would lose out.

Naoyuki Yui was captain of the team, directing from the guard position. Other boys who completed in most of the league games were Grif Ohran and Don Foppiano as forwards; Bob Drisko and Red Johnson as guards; and Paul Holm as center, a first year man who showed plenty of promise.

Following the end of the PAL season, Yui, Ohran, Drisko, Foppiano, Holm and Johnny Nelin of the tens competed on a Hi-Y twenties five and won the county championship after a close race with Burlingame, Sequoia, and South City. They were finally eliminated in their drive for the Northern California championship of the Y. M. C. A. by the Chinese Y squad of San Francisco.



THIRTIES BASKETBALL

A team which was fortunate in copping third place in the PAL basketball race when it had a potential championship squad is a "right to the point" description of the thirties division basketball team which finished the season with a record of four victories out of a possible seven. The only saving gesture of the season was when they completely routed a favored Burlingame squad in their final contest of the year, 38 to 23.

This brought to an end the brilliant high school casaba career of one of the best all around players that Coach Art Smith has ever had the pleasure of tutoring, Jere Selover. Jere played so magnificently against Blingum that he cinched for himself a first string berth on the mythical all league five. In the Bearcat-Panther classic he alone amassed 18 of his team's total points, and was nothing short of sensational in his defensive work. This marked the third straight year that Selover has been chosen on the all PAL team.

Outstanding, too, was Al "Honey" Martin, Jere's running mate at forward. Al was placed on the second team in the league selections and played superbly on defense and offense throughout the whole season.

Joe Smith, who because of ineligibility was forced out of the first half of his squad's games, finished the season in fine fashion. Joe is the type of competitor that any coach would gladly have on his team, and had he participated the whole season it would have been no surprise to see him as one of the top casabans in the league. As it was, Joe gained honorable mention.



VARSITY BASKETBALL

Last season's unlimited casaba squad was one which possessed a number of outstanding players; yet the team as a whole couldn't seem to function. The varsity had possibly the best defensive man in the league, an all around boy holding down the pivot position, and a former all PAL forward; yet they finished the season no better than a tie for fourth place, with three victories and four defeats.

Their final game of the year, against Burlingame, was the best they played all season. The Cats entered the fray as underdogs, and even though they lost, 30-28, each boy performed creditably. From the opening whistle to the bark of the final gun the team worked as a unit, but it was too late. The season was ended. Ivan Holm, who finished his last season of basketball, was outstanding center in the league. The tall, dark haired boy fought every moment of the game, and was rewarded by placing on the second string all league team. His defensive and offensive work in every contest were sensational, and he was his team's top scorer during the season.

Les Foppiano, a former all PAL player for the thirties, found the going a little tougher, but his playing was excellent. Les was chosen on the second team along with his teammate Holm, and was a real offensive threat.

Although he received only honorable mention, little Angelo Tocchini was as good a defensive player as any coach could hope to have. Seldom did the casaba get past Angelo for two points, and he took his share of his team's points also. Tocchini is a graduate and will be sorely missed.

Filling out the remainder of the first team was Jerry Kilten who is but a sophomore, and Mel Masut, a graduate who received honorable mention for his splendid work throughout the season.



TENS AND TWENTIES TRACK

After a rather mediocre dual meet season, the 20's and 10's cindermen had to be content with fourth and fifth places, respectively, in the PAL meet. The really outstanding performances made this year were by little Seichi Adachi of the 120-lb. team, who came within an eyelash of breaking the league mark in the pole vault, and took seconds in the broadjump and low hurdles in the PAL finals. Jere de la Fontaine, Bob Butow, and Art Schade also did their share in adding points to the scoring column.

Although not one of the tens placed individually in the PAL meet, many boys gave creditable performances in dual meets.

Coaches Art Smith and Vaden Mayer termed the past season a very successful one, not only from the standpoint of team and individual performances, but also from the enjoyment and experience the cindermen received from this sport.





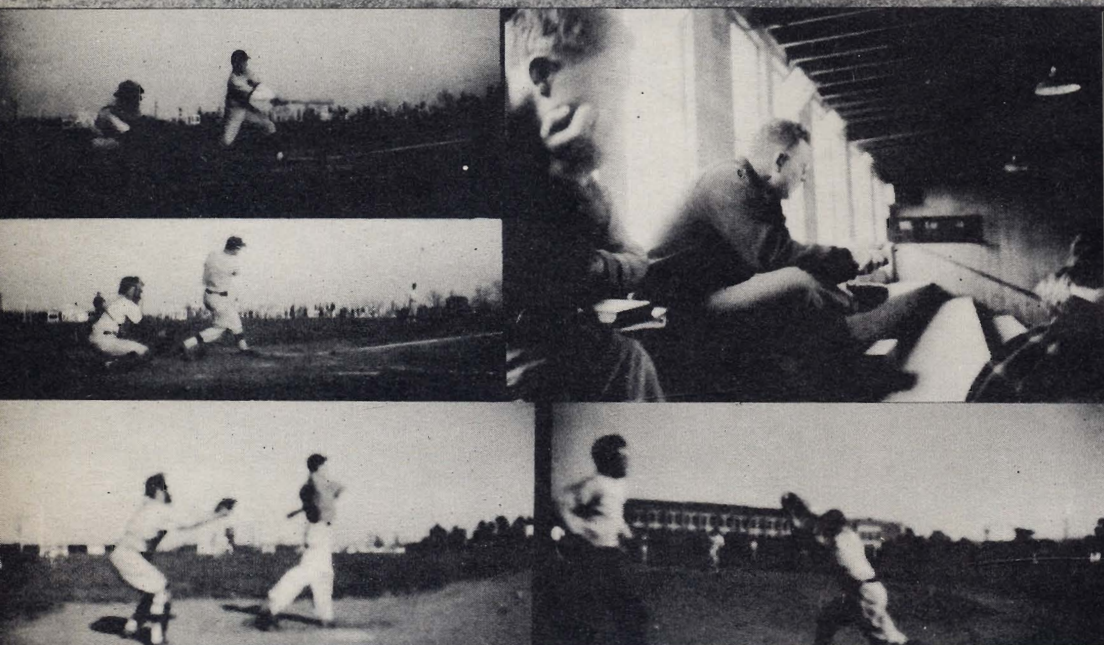
An outstanding performance by the 30's and varsity track teams in the PAL finals at Angell field, Stanford, early in May, proved them to be the best of the four Bearcat squads. The unlimited cindermen went through the season without the loss of a PAL dual meet, but managed to place only second in the league meet; Palo Alto taking first. The thirties grabbed third spot in the big meet.

Outstanding varsity trackmen of the past season were Romano Sanvidotti, ace hurdler and 440 man; Henry Orsi, who broke the school record in the discus; Jack Sullivan, first place winner in the pole vault at Stanford; Mercer Brown, who was undefeated in dual competition, and winner of the PAL broadjumping crown; and Bill Maes, Ozzie Mack, Don Cornman, Bob Sears, Al Herminghaus, and Bill Huber, all of whom contributed valuable points.

The mainstays of the 30's squad were Al Masterson, dashman; Paul Van Boven, ace hurdler; Ralph Sullivan in the pole vault; and Harry Brown, outstanding all year in the 440 and 880-yd. runs.

THIRTIES AND VARSITY TRACK





BASEBALL

With a team composed chiefly of sophomores and juniors, Coach Brick Williamson's baseball squad piloted themselves into a top spot in the O'Shaughnessy playoffs (which were yet to be played when the *Elm* went to press). The Cats went through an undefeated PAL season, with their record marred only by a tie with Sequoia.

The only teams that the Mateans found trouble with were Sequoia, San Jose, and Burlingame, the latter two contests won by only one point margins. The victory over the Panthers kept intact the record of Coach Williamson whose baseball teams have never been beaten by their twin city rivals.

Easily the outstanding performer on the squad was young Bud Guldberg who pitched five of his team's six league games and won all except the Sequoia encounter. Bud supplemented his masterful performances in one of the games by poling out a home run, which is quite an oddity for a pitcher, especially Guldberg.

During most of the season the lineup remained the same, except in the last two league games in which Aldo Rosetto took over the third base position held by Henry Danz. Other than that, the roster found Frank McGraw behind the plate; either Guldberg or Nick Gregoire pitching; Nando Perego on the initial sack; Jackie Chanteloup patrolling second; Pete Pellizzer at short stop; Egidio Federighi, Joe Smith, and Les Foppiano cavorting in left, center, and right fields, respectively.





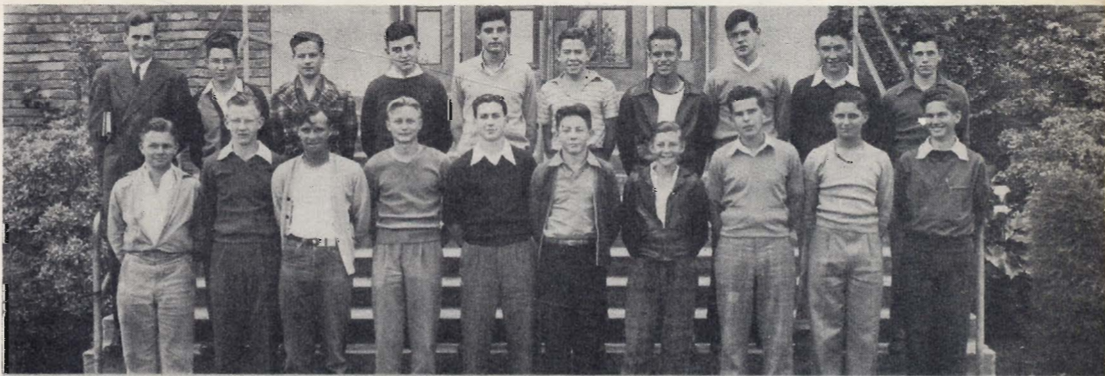
Of the three minor sports of tennis, golf, and swimming, the net squad met with the greatest success this season, by winning the PAL championship. The swimming team was only average, with the varsity placing fourth, and the other three divisions placing third. One of the poorest seasons in years was suffered by the golf squad who lost a majority of their matches.

Coach Eri Richardson started the net season with an all-time signup of forty boys, and from this large turnout managed to find a group of players who swept through the league. Jere Selover and Al Martin were two of the top singles men in the league, and were ably assisted in dual matches by Dick Glasgow, Bob Drisko, Don See, and Garry McLellan.

The doubles combination of Ivan Holm and Johnny Keesling likewise showed strength all season by winning every one of their PAL matches. They were pressed all season for the number one spot by Mike Marini and Frank Sample and the combo of Burt Blaich and Elliot Sample.

The swimming team produced one outstanding mern:an in Clyde Marshall, who cracked the PAL 100-yd. breaststroke record almost every time out. Clyde turned the trick in the league trials and even bettered his own record in the finals. Other boys who performed up to expectations were Anselmo Dominguez, Tommy Frishkorn, the Goulette brothers, Henry and Frank, Don Orth, and Dave Schirm.

MINOR SPORTS





GIRLS SPORTS

The Girls Athletic Council is the governing body of all girls' sports activities. It is comprised of girls chosen to be managers of the various sports, who keep complete records of all points earned by the competitors toward their block awards. They have the power to appoint managers, recommend blocks, order and control interschool playdays, and govern the problems affecting the field in girls' athletics.

One of the two major sports conducted annually is hockey, under the direction of Miss Helen McArthur. Twenty five points are given for attending the six weeks of practice, including the final games. This year the freshman team was victorious over the senior squad in a close contest. Mary Fernandes was student manager.

The other major sport is basketball, with a spring signup of 120 girls. The teams were divided into gym periods, with the captains of each squad chosen by their respective teams. Miss Marcia Hinkins, with Audrey Thirkell and Jean Bryggman as managers, ran this large turnout with systematic schedules. Each girl, at the end of the season, received 25 points toward her block. The high spirit and enthusiasm always shown for this sport makes basketball the most popular one of the entire year.

Among the minor sports offered the girls this season were bicycling, swimming, and badminton.

Bicycling was given for the first time this year and met with great success under the co-operative management of Miss Helen MacArthur as faculty adviser and Margaret Cafferata as student manager. Unfortunately, the sport was limited to fifteen girls, who supplied their own bicycles. The neighboring landscape appealed to these adventurers who received twenty-five points toward their blocks for their exploits.

Swimming offered a Junior Life Saving course against this year under the instruction of Miss McArthur and Student Manager Melita Luke. After three months of learning grips and strangleholds, the swimmers were qualified to pass the final test. On Open House night this group was able to demonstrate teamwork in the water and to compete in relays.

Badminton, which was organized as a co-educational club, is the first sport ever to be offered for points under these conditions. Sixty girls were allowed to join the organization, and many tournaments were played. Peggy Koshland was manager, and Miss Jean McIntyre was faculty adviser.

GIRLS SPORTS

