

# Baseball squad eyes city playoff spot

*Cogill Comments*

by Gary Cogill

In just about two weeks the varsity baseball season will be over and that will be the end of athletics for another year at this school.

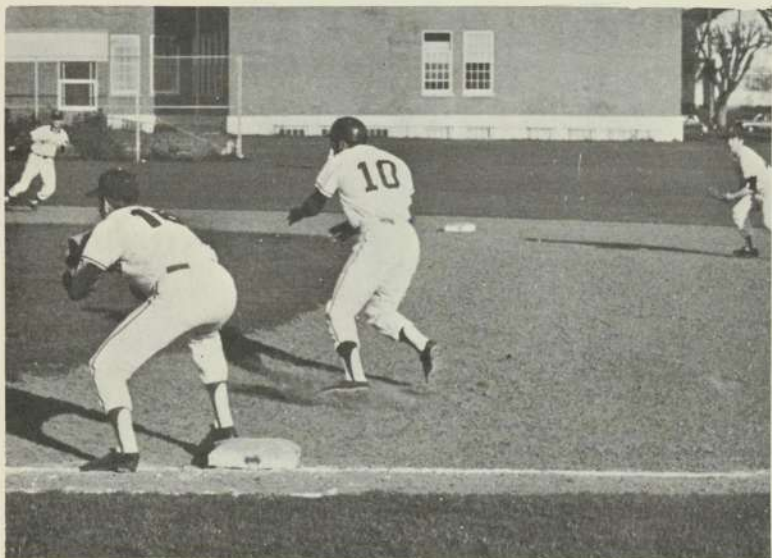
Baseball has always had a place in the PIL for the Generals just like football and track and every other sport. In past years under the coaching of Roy Harrington the varsity diamond teams have always been in title contention.

This year Coach Harrington has received outstanding performances from not only the seniors on the team, but juniors and sophomores as well. The team this year could be termed as a true "Team." There is team leadership, balance and spirit.

This aspect of the varsity baseball team can be seen in every game. If you have noticed, the Generals are always the first ones over to shake their opponents' hands after a game. Win or lose.

This sort of pride takes a long time to develop. It just doesn't come naturally. The team this year faced a record number of defeats in their preseason action, and this taught them a great deal about sportsmanship. Now they are one of the top teams in the league, and state.

You might say that the baseball team is now playing their best brand of baseball and being consistent. When the playoffs roll around you can be sure the Generals will be in there fighting.



SENIOR ARTIE WILSON shows form in recent varsity baseball game that has enabled him to steal bases this year. Artie is the team's leading hitter besides being an avid base runner.

With the playoffs drawing near the Varsity baseball team outlasted a strong Jefferson team last Friday and was dumped the following day by the Cleveland Indians.

Behind the strong pitching of sophomore Mike Nelson, the General nine beat Jefferson 3-2 with Nelsop going the distance and punching a base hit into center field.

"Mike did a fine job on the mound today for us," commented Coach Roy Harrington, after the victory over Jefferson.

This was Mike's first start on the mound this year for the team and was one of the toughest teams to throw against.

Jefferson has a reputation of being a hard hitting baseball team but Mike's curve ball worked very well last Friday and that cooled the Democrats'

On Saturday the Cleveland Indians outplayed the General team and came out on top of a 5-3 score.

Artie Wilson and Robin Sinclair reached Indian starter Ron Eshleman for two hits apiece. Sinclair getting a triple in the first inning.

Cleveland erupted for four runs in the third inning on one error and three hits and from then on the Generals couldn't catch up.

Harrington's Generals won the first half in the Green division title, and is more than likely to face Cleveland for the division title. Cleveland is now ahead by two games with four to go in the second half race.

Winner of the Green division will go into a two out of three game playoff with the Red division winner.



Ready, go! An enthusiastic member of the girls' track team gets set to practice the dashes during recent track practice. Hard work like this has enabled the track team to be a real success.

## Roosevelt holds Road Rally; Grant entrants capture first

by Steve Johnson

Senior Dave Clark, driving a 1969 Camaro, took home first place honors in the April 26 Road Rally, held at Roosevelt High School. The rally, sponsored by Roosevelt's distributive education program, took place on the streets of North and Northwest Portland.

**SPEED IS** no object in a road rally, since the entrants were concerned with coming close to a predetermined time, which was set by the judges. Before the start of the rally, the judges had gone over the 52 mile course several times, obeying all traffic laws and following the directions that were to be given to the contestants. They then averaged their times and came up with a time of approximately one and one half hours. The contestant coming closest to this prescribed time was the winner.

"I was stunned when they told me I had won, since it was my first road rally. Tom Kervin, my navigator, should be given a lot of credit, since he was responsible for reading the directions to me," exclaimed Dave. "There were also hidden judges at certain checkpoints, unknown to the entrants, whose job it was to check off each car as it passed that point. It was therefore important to follow all instructions exactly. We finished about 3 1/2 minutes off of the perfect time."

"**ONE OF MY** jobs was to keep a running count of all stoplights we passed, since many of the instructions involved a certain numbered stoplight. The directions were difficult to follow at times, also," Tom stated.

Dave added: "We received a trophy and a \$5.00 gift certificate for our efforts and they instructed us not to spend all the money in one place."

**REX PIERSON**, with Allen Maberry, drove his Volkswagen Squareback to a third place finish and also received a trophy.

Another Volkswagen, driven by George Dombrowski, with navigator Steve Gerrard, took fourth place. These boys were given one free McDonald's hamburger. Pat Doyle, with an unidentified navigator, piloted his car to a sixth place finish. Grant was presented with the Spirit Trophy for the most participants.

## G-men top Demos

## Eight-team meet slated

Facing seven of the strongest teams in the state, the varsity track squad will travel to Corvallis tomorrow to participate in the Corvallis Invitational meet. Last year, the Mark Cotton coached spikers won narrowly, and this year the field is as tough as ever.

**OF THE TOP** six javelin men in the state, thus far, five will be in attendance, including General Steve Hopkins. Jeff Hammons of David Douglas has thrown the discus 175 feet and should prove a tough match for Greg Schukart.

Dave Harrington, also of David Douglas, has cleared 14 feet recently in the pole vault. Lake Oswego, headed by versatile Brad Richards, boasts the state best in the mile relay with a time of 3:27. They also set a state record in the two-mile relay, an event which will not be held at Corvallis. The Laker distance corps should really put the test by Don Johnson and undefeated Scott Jackson.

**TINY** Central Linn is headed by sensational Tinker Hatfield, who has a 19.3 low hurdles time to his credit. Chuck Morris has run the half-mile in 1:57.9 for the same school.

South Salem, winner of the

Beaverton Relays, is undefeated this season. Scott Rutledge has high jumped 6'3" for the Saxons.

The Generals should prove to be strong contenders in the mile and 440 relays, javelin, discus, high jump, and distance runs. In coach Mark Cotton's words: "I consider this the state team championship meet since team strength is necessary, unlike the state meet, where a few individuals may pile up enough points for the team title."

### Varsity Track Results Grant 103 Jefferson 32

**440 Relay**  
1) Grant (B. Bates, Hopkins, Graham, Mears) 44.1

**Mile Run**  
1) Don Johnson—4:20.2, 2) John Othus—4:35.0, 3) Courtney Huff—4:36.0

**440 Yard Dash**  
2) Rick Rosenbloom—52.0, 3) Bob Usselman—53.0

**100 Yard Dsh**  
1) Robert Bates—10.0, 3) Greg Graham—10.1

**High Hurdles**  
1) Steve Rooney—15.8, 2) Rick Hibbs—16.6

**880 Yard Dash**  
1) Mark Powell—2:02.0, 2) Jeff Klein—2:02.2, 3) Frank Wall—2:04.3

**220 Yard Dash**  
1) Robert Bates—22.6

**Low Hurdles**  
1) Rick Hibbs—20.9, 3) Steve Rooney—21.6

**Two Mile Run**  
1) Scott Jackson—9:23.3, 2) Scott Bailey—10:19.8, 3) Greg Schukart—11:59.9

**Mile Relay**  
1) Grant (Huffsmith, B. Bates, Rosenbloom, Usselman) 3:36

**Pole Vault**  
2) Rick Wiedmaier—11'6"

**Shot Put**  
1) Dick Lex—49'6", 2) Dave Cluck—45'8"

**Discus**  
1) Greg Schukart—160'8", 2) Dick Lex—133'4", 3) Ward Bruner—130'4"

**Javelin**  
1) Steve Hopkins—205'4", 2) Greg Schukart—185'10", 3) Rick Fisher—167'3"

**High Jump**  
1) Glenn Ross—6'0", 2) Ron Hartley—5'6"

**Long Jump**  
3) Wilson Walker—20'4"

## Mark Cotton receives award as Track Coach of the Year

"I'm very fortunate to be at Grant," commented Coach Mark Cotton. "If I wasn't at Grant something like this would have never been possible," he concluded.

Coach Cotton has been selected by the National High School Athletic Association as the district eight winner for "Coach of the Year." Coaches from Oregon, Hawaii, Washington, Alaska, Nevada and California were nominated for this honor.

Mr. Cotton was selected last year as Oregon's "Coach of the Year." This year he is the "Coach of the Year" for the West Coast.

June 19 Coach Cotton will go to Chicago to receive his award. He will stay at the

Sheraton Hotel. He will attend the National Convention, which is being held in Chicago this year.

Coach Cotton has been a coach here at Grant for eight years. He started in 1962-1963. For the past eleven years Grant has held an undefeated dual meet record.

Mark Cotton is presently the president of the Oregon Coaches Association. It is called the Oregon State Athletic Association or O.S.A.A. Before starting his teaching and coaching here at Grant Mr. Cotton was a coach in Hermiston, Oregon.

"I could have never received this honor without the backing of the student body and the efforts that the track and cross country team put out," concluded Coach Cotton.

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**Student of the Week**

Steve is presently a member of the varsity tennis team and National Honor Society. He has been on the High Q Team for the past two years and acted the part of Malcolm in the Shakespeare Department's production of Macbeth. He also helps accompany Junior Symphony members.