

# Mets Celebrate, Fans Seek Ducats



HEAD GROUNDSKEEPER John McCartney holds his head and rake Thursday while working on an area in center field at New York's Shea Stadium. Excited fans ripped up 1,000 to 1,500 feet of sod following the Mets' clinching of the National League East title Wednesday. (AP Wire-photo)

By MIKE RECHT  
NEW YORK (AP) — While the groundskeepers tried to put Shea Stadium back together again, while the Mets sang for their lunch, while Tom Seaver and Cleon Jones laughed it up on national television, young Mark Cohen waited in line for playoff tickets.

There were more than 300 other Metsomania fans waiting behind him for anything in the world," the 17-year-old student from Brooklyn said today. So determined was he to get his playoff tickets that he started the line at 6 p.m. Wednesday three hours before the New York Mets clinched the National League's East Division title.

Although he did miss the clincher and the Metsomania that followed, Mark did not

come out of the evening empty-handed. One of the departing players gave him a bottle of champagne.

While Mark waited in line and Mayor John Lindsay declared next week as Mets Week, the Mets still were loudly celebrating. By Thursday afternoon, they were toasting in a recording studio in midtown Manhattan where they cut an album. They play baseball better than they sing.

## Frankly Speaking



BY FRANK GORDON  
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We do not know how St. Helena and Calistoga high schools will do on the football field this season, although we have a hunch both will be contenders for league titles, but we do know that they should be even stronger in 1970 than this season.

St. Helena coach Ed Schoolcraft can say, for instance, that he has an all-junior backfield in quarterback Bruce Galleron, running backs Keith Stansberry and Bob Silveira and flanker Joe Tomlin.

Seven of the 11 starters on the St. Helena club, as a matter of fact, are either juniors or sophomores.

Calistoga also had a junior quarterback, Bill Soekland, and a sophomore fullback, Louie Giammona. Dick Blakeley, another starting running back, is a junior and only Jess Leon is a senior among the four who handle the ball.

Guard Bruce Kauffman and center Doug Archard are the juniors among the five interior linemen starting this week. There are only six seniors on the 20-man Calistoga squad. There are 12 juniors and two sophomores.

So, regardless of how these clubs do this season (and they should do well), we can probably look forward to 1970 with even more optimism than 1969. A year of experience usually makes a ballplayer better.

## Register SPORTS

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### Ducks Claim Great Fear Of Stanford

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Oregon's dark-horse Rose Bowl hopes get an early test Saturday when the Ducks collide with Stanford's powerful offense in the first Pacific-8 conference game for both teams.

The Ducks put on an impressive offensive show last week when they downed Utah 28-17 while Stanford was rolling over San Jose State 63-21.

"Stanford," says Oregon Coach Jerry Frei, "is awesome. They have one of the best quarterbacks in the country in Jim Plunkett and the Indians have to be considered one of the favorites in the Pacific-8."

## Meason Captures Napa Golf Title

Dick Meason finished two strokes ahead of the field to capture the 1969 Napa Golf Club championship Sunday at Kennedy Park.

Meason won the 54-hole championship flight, played at scratch, with a 226 while tied for second just two strokes behind him were Bill Paulson and John Kleinman at 228.

Jim Paulson won the first flight with a net score of 211 while Rome Brazzi was second at 219 and tied for third were R. Jordan, L. Woodruff and B. Eggleston at 222.

Russ Braun captured the second flight with a 221 effort while S. Grinnell was second at 225 and R. Rutherford third at 227. Evans at 219 while J. Lawson

took second at 225 and George Villegas third at 229. Don Douma won the fourth flight with a 220 score while Bill Freitas was second at 221 and Guy Payton third at 229.

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