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BASEBALL COACHING STAFF

Jack Woerner - Head Coach

Nickname

Panthers

College Founded

1916

Colors

Cardinal and Gold

School Enrollment

1,800

Conference - Big Seven (Junior College)

Physician

Richard G. Soutar, M. D.

Managers

Leroy McClain  
James Brown

Phone Number

GI 2-3651  
Sacramento

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Jack Woerner, S. J. C.'s versatile baseball coach, is entering his fifth year of college work this semester as he welcomes a group of ball players who, he declares, "are the caliber of boys for a top team".

Woerner learned his athletics in the farming and fishing community of Elk Grove where he attended high school and starred in baseball, track, basketball, and football. In his senior year, he also found time to be president of the Student Body.

In 1931, Jack came to Sacramento Junior College where he narrowed his activities down to baseball and football. Both terms here he was all-conference pitcher on Hack Applequist's nine and in 1932 was all-conference center on S. J. C.'s football squad.

Woerner carried on his career at Oregon State where he was captain of the baseball team in his final year '36 and played right guard and quarterback on the gridiron eleven.

After being graduated with honors, Jack began coaching at San Juan High School in 1937. During 1938 and 39 he was an instructor at the California Junior High School. In 1940 he switched to C. K. McClatchy High where he coached baseball and football. He came to the college in 1940 and has since served as head baseball coach and line coach of the football team and Junior Varsity basketball coach.

Jack's biggest thrill in athletics came when he was playing for Oregon State. After losing five years in a row to U. of Oregon, Woerner threw a five hitter against them. Besides hurling the victory, Jack aided the cause with a home run. Joe Gordon, ex-major leaguer and present Sacramento Solon Manager covered at shortstop for U. of Oregon and was held hitless by (glass arm) Woerner.

Another of Jack's claims to success is the fact that he is married, has three girls and two boys.

Woerner is again offering a treat for Panther baseballers of giving a dinner to a player and his girl friend if said player collects five successive base hits at any time during the season. The reason for this is that our hero himself accomplished this feat in '32 in a game against Menlo J. C.

## Panther Roster

--1951--

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Clayton 'Buzz' Berriesford	P	18	170	6' 1½"	Legion 2-Hs	Sacramento
Albert Brown	RF	19	180	5' 11"	Legion 1-JC 2-HS	"
Dick 'Scratch' De Fazio	2B	20	175	5' 7"	Legion 2-HS 1-JC	"
Milton 'Bud' Farley	3B	19	158	6'	Legion 2-HS 1-JC	"
Larry Hampshire	LF	19	165	5" 10½"	Legion 1-JC	"
Jerry Kaeser	SS	19	150	5' 9"	Legion 2HS 1-JC	"
Don 'Ducky' Knezovich	P	20	155	5' 9"	Legion 4-HS 1-JC	"
Bob Lehtolo	P	20	190	6' 1"	Legion 2-HS 1-JC	"
John McNamara	C	18	162	5' 9½"	Legion 3-HS 1-JC	"
Bob Nelson	C	23	180	5' 11"	1-HS 2-JC	"
Dick Olson	1B	19	145	5' 10"	Legion 1-HS 1-JC	"
Bill Ott	INF	18	160	5' 10"	4-HS 1-Leg.	Anderson
Ezio Pedretti	INF	21	150	5' 9"	4-HS, 2-Leg. 1-SJ Frosh.	Placerville
Bob Richmond	INF	21	175	6' 4"	2-HS Ureka 1-HS Palo Alto 1-Humboldt St. Frosh Eureka	
Tony Stathos	P	18	162	5' 9½"	Leg., 2-HS	Sacramento
Jack Stemagel	CF	18	190	6' 3"	Legion	"
Pete Vartanian	OF	19	155	5' 7"	Legion 3-HS	"
J. R. Brown, Manager						"
Leroy McClain, Manager						"

Tony Stathos--Left handed pitcher and batter--All-Sac-Joaquin 1950  
C.K. McClatchy H. S. (Varsity 2 yrs.) Post 61 Amercian Legin District  
2 Champions 1949. KFBK-Sacramento All-Stars 1950. All-City 1949-50.  
Julius Winter League Champions. Authored two no-hitters Elk Grove Hi.  
1950-Latepaquena Winter League 1950. Member of the East Bay All-Stars  
in the 1950 S. F. Chronicles All-Star Baseball game. Wt. 162 lbs.  
Ht. 5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "-Age 18- High School Coach-Cliff Perry. Yreka No. Calif.  
League.

Donald (Ducky) Knezovich--Right Handed Pitcher and Batter-Utility  
infielder and outfielder. Mythical city champions 46-47-48-49.  
Christian Brothers H.S. (Varsity 4 yrs). Post 61 (1 yr) and George  
Manhart American Legion (1 yr). Cannery Union Winter League-Isleton  
County League--Two of his brothers Al and Mel pitched for St. Mary's  
College Gaels and Mel is now a member of the Cleveland Indians chain.  
Wt. 155 lbs. Ht. 5'9" Age 20. High School coaches--Roy Misfeldt,  
Ray Curry, and Brother Eugene F. S. C.--S. J. C. 50 W 8 L 1 Batted 417  
All-City 48-49. Infielder and Outfielder.

Bob Lehtola--Right handed pitcher and batter, Southside American Legion  
(1 Yr)--Luchini's Rural League Champions 1949--Roseville A C-Placer-  
Nevada League. Mythical city champs 48-49. Christian Brothers H. S.  
(Varsity 2 yrs). All-City Football End 1948. Outstanding Athlete  
CBS 1949--SJC Football 1950 W 4 L 2 Batted 214.  
Wt. 190 Ht. 6'1"--20 yrs--High school coaches--Ray Curry--B rother Eugene FSC.

Clayton (Buzzy) Berriesford--Right handed throwing and left handed  
battng pitcher--Sacramento HS (Varsity 2) High School coach Woody Adams  
George Manhart American Legion Post (1 Yr) Luchinis Rural League  
49-50. KFBK-Sacramento Bee All Stars 49-50. Julius Winter League  
Champions 1951.

John McNamara--Right handed throwing and batting-catcher. Mythical  
city Champ '48-49. Christian Brothers H. S. (Varsity 3). Southside  
American Legion (2 yrs) High School coaches Ray Curry, Brother Eugene  
FSC and Jack Buick. Clarksburg County League Champions 1950--Julius  
Style Shop Winter League Champions 1951. Leading Hitter and Chosen the  
outstanding player in the 1950 State Semi-Pro Championship Tournament  
at Atwater. Outstanding Player in the S. F. Chronicles East Bay-  
West Bay All-Star game in S. F. won a trip to the World Series. KFBK-  
Sacramento Bee All-Star team 50 All-City 49-50. Wt. 162 lbs. Ht.  
5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Age 18.

Bob Nelson--Right handed throwing and batter. Catcher. Sacramento H. S.  
(Varsity 1 yr) American Jewelers, Pete-N-Nichs, and Luchinis Rural  
League Champions 49. Wt. 180 lbs. Ht. 5'11" Age 23. Sports Editor  
Pony Express S.J.C. Newspaper--President of Block S Society S.J. C.  
1950-51.

Dick Olson--Lefthanded throwing and batting First baseman--Sacramento  
H.S. (Varsity 1 yr) Sac-Joaquin Co-Champions 1949--George Manhart  
American Legion District 2 Champions 1948--Luchinis Rural League Champions  
1949, American Jewelers, Glenn's Market. S.J.C. 50 Batted 309  
Wt. 145. Ht. 5' 10" Age 19 High School Coach Woody Adams.



Bob Richmond--Eureka H.S. (2 yrs.) Coach-Les Mooney-Ham. Palo Alto H.S. (1 yr.) Coach-George Hurley. Humboldt St. College (1950) Batted Coach-Ted Staffler. Eureka V. F. W. (2 yrs.). Humboldt-Del Norte C.I.F. High School League Champions 47-48. Humboldt Del Norte H.S. All-Stars 1948. Wt. 175 Ht. 6'4" Age 21

Dick (Scratch) Defazio--Sacramento H.S. (Varsity 2 yrs.) All City 47-48. High School Coach-George Relles. Sac-Joaquin Baseball Champions 1948. George Manhart Amer. Leg. Post 1946-47. State Finals 46 Hit 676. Captain Sacramento H. S. Football Team 1949. All Sac-Joaquin third baseman 1948. American Jewelers-Julius Style Shop Winter League Champions 1951- Clarksburg County League Champions 1950. Capt. of the SJC Baseball Team Hitting 312. No. 1 punter on the SJC Football Team 1950. Wt. 178 Ht. 5'7" Age 20 U.S. Navy 1 yr.

Ezio Pedretti--Bats right-Throws right San Jose State Frosh (50). Wt. 150 Ht. 5'9" 21 yrs. El Dorado H.S. (Placerville) (Var. 4 yrs.) Coach L.A. Brown, Placerville 49ers - Placerville Bartletts- Placerville Amer. Legion 2 yrs.

Milton (Bud) Farley--C. K. McClatchy H. S. (2yrs. Varsity) Coach-Cliff Perry Co-Champions Sac-Joaquin Conference Champions 1949. All-Conference third baseman 1949. Hitting 511. American Jewelers-No Sacramento Merchants Clarksburg County League Champions 1950. Julius Style Shop Winter League Champions 151. Post 61 Amer. Legion 1 yr.-K.F.B.K.-Sac. Bee All-Stars 1948. S.J.C. 50 leading hitter. 398 Wt.158 Age 19

Jerry Kaeser--Mythical City Champions 48-49. Christian Brothers H.S. (2 varsity) High School Coaches Ray Curry and Brother Eugene FSC. Right Handed throwing and batting shortstop. Southside American Legion (1 yr.) Luchinis Rural League Champions 1949. Luchivis 50 S.J.C. 50 Batted 314 Wt. 150 lbs. Ht. 5'9" Age

Bill Ott--Bats right-Throws right-Anderson H. S. (4 yrs. Varsity) Coach (Flea) Bailey-1 yr. Legion Wt. 160 Ht. 5'10" Age 18

#### OUTFIELDERS

Larry Hampshire-Sacramento H. S. (Ineligible). George Manhart American Legion District 2 Champions 1948. K.F.B.K.-Sacramento Bee All-Stars 1949-American Jewelers-Luchinis Rural League Champions 1949-S.J.C. 50 batted. .393 Left handed batting and right handed throwing outfielder. Student Body President S. J. C. Spring 1951. Wt. 165 lbs. Ht. 5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Age 19 Paul Moton Winter League.

Pete Vartanian-Right handed batting and throwing outfielder. Mythical City Champions 49 Christian Brothers H. S. (Varsity-2) Southside American Legion (2yrs) Florin County League-Copes Buick Winter League. All-City Halfback 1949-Varsity Halfback S.J.C. 1950-J.V. Basketball S.J.C. 51-High School coaches Brother Eugene F.S.C. and Jack Buick. Wt. 155 lbs Ht. 5'7" Age 19

Jack Steinagel-Gruaduate of C. K. McClatchy H. S. Did not compete in Athletics. (3 yrs) Post 61 American Legion District 2 Champions 49-50 K.F.B.K.-Sacramento Bee All-Stars 1949. Clarksburg County League Champions 1950. Julius Style Shop Winter League Champions 1951

Al Brown-Mythical City Champions 1949 Christian Brothers H. S. (Varsity 1)  
All-City 49 Southside American League (1 yr) Luchinis Rural League 2 yrs.  
Champions 49 Cannery Union Winter League S.J.C. 1950 Hit 17. Wt. 180  
Ht. 5'11"-19 yrs. Bats right-Throw: right High School Coach Brother Eugene  
F.S.C.

#### MANAGERS

Leroy (Mack) McClain-Manager-Sacramento H. S.-Manager Basketball Team  
Sacramento H. S. 48-49-50. Head Manager S. J. C. Basketball Team 50-51  
season

Jr (Rich) Brown-Manager-St. Ignatius H. S. (S.F.) 46-47-Football and  
Baseball-Christian Brothers H. S. 48-49-Manager S. J. C. Baseball team  
1950. Assistant Manager S. J. C. Basketball Team 1950-51. Treasurer  
Block S Society S. J. C.-Baseball Reporter of Pony Express S. J. C.  
Newspaper.

1951 SCHEDULE

\* League Game-Doubleheader

Tues. March 13	Placer J.C. 1	S.J.C. 22	W. Land No. 2	3:00 p.m.
Fri. March 16	Travis Air Base 4	S.J.C. 16	W. Land No. 2	3:00 p.m.
Fri. March 23	U. California 14	S.J.C. 1	Berkeley (Edwards Field)	3:15 p.m.
Sat. March 24	Hamilton Field 6	S.J.C. 4	There	3:00 p.m.
Wed. March 28	Placer J.C. 23	S.J.C. 1	Auburn	3:00 p.m.
*Sat. March 31	C.C.S.F.	S.J.C.	Wm. Land No. 1	12:30 p.m.
Tues. April 3	Yuba J.C.	S.J.C.	Marysville	8:00 p.m.
*Sat. April 7	Modesto J.C.	S.J.C.	Modesto	12:30 p.m.
Tues. April 10	Yuba J. C.	S.J.C.	Wm Land #1	3:00 p.m.
Wed. April 11	Orland Tigers	S.J.C.	Orland	8:30 p.m.
Sat. April 14	Stockton J.C.	S.J.C.	Wm Land #1	12:30 p.m.
Tues. April 17	Grant Tech	S.J.C.	Wm Land #1	3:00 p.m.
Wed. April 18	Marysville Giants	S.J.C.	Marysville	8:30 p.m.
*Sat. April 21	San Mateo J.C.	S.J.C.	Wm Land #1	12:30 p.m.
Wed. April 25	Colusa	S.J.C.	Colusa	8:30 p.m.
Sat. April 28	San Quentin	S.J.C.	San Quentin	9:30 a.m.
Tues. May 1	Grant Tech	S.J.C.	Grant	3:00 p.m.
*Sat. May 5	Contra Costa J.C. (W)	S.J.C.	Richmond	12:30 p.m.
Sat. May 12	Santa Rosa J. C.	S.J.C.	Santa Rosa	12:30 p.m.

LAST SEASONS RECORD

Sacramento J. C.	5	Modesto J. C.	4
Sacramento J. C.	4	Modesto J. C.	3
Sacramento J. C.	3	Stockton J. C.	8
Sacramento J. C.	20	Stockton J. C.	2
Sacramento J. C.	5	San Mateo J. C.	4
Sacramento J. C.	0	San Mateo J. C.	3
Sacramento J. C.	3	Yuba College	0
Sacramento J. C.	6	Pittsburg C. I. O.	0
Sacramento J. C.	19	Mather Field	9
Sacramento J. C.	5	Mather Field	2
Sacramento J. C.	10	Cal. Blues	7
Sacramento J. C.	9	Col. of Marin	7
Sacramento J. C.	21	Col. of Marin	5
Sacramento J. C.	13	Vallejo J. C.	3
Sacramento J. C.	20	Napa J. C.	5
Sacramento J. C.	13	Placer College	1
Sacramento J. C.	6	Yuba College	5
Sacramento J. C.	8	McClellan Field	2
Sacramento J. C.	1	Cal. Blues	7
Sacramento J. C.	12	Vallejo J. C.	2
Sacramento J. C.	9	Napa J. C.	6
Sacramento J. C.	4	Mather Field	3
Sacramento J. C.	18	Sacramento Police	2
Sacramento J. C.	2	Santa Rosa J. C.	7
Sacramento J. C.	1	Santa Rosa J. C.	5
Sacramento J. C.	8	Grant Tech	4
Sacramento J. C.	7	Sacramento Police	10
Sacramento J. C.	6	Grant Tech	5
Sacramento J. C.	2	Chico Dons	11

Games won---22

Games lost---7

Conference games won---11

Conference games lost---2

1950 team won second place in the North Division of the N.C.J.C.C.

Conference Championships---2 (1947 and 1948)

CURRENT BATTING AVERAGES

	A B	H	PCT.
Berriesford	6	4	667
Olson	30	18	600
Nelson	5	3	600
Lehtola	7	4	571
McNamara	27	12	444
Knezovich	9	4	444
Vartanian	14	6	429
Richmond	7	3	429
Brown	24	10	417
Stathos	17	7	412
Steinagel	27	11	407
Hampshire	32	13	406
DeFazio	35	12	343
Farley	38	12	316
Kaesar	33	10	303

VETERANS FROM 1950 TEAM

Dick Olson, first base  
 Bob Lehtola, pitcher  
 Don Knezovich, pitcher  
 Al Brown, outfielder  
 Larry Hampshire, outfielder  
 Dick De Fazio, second base  
 Bud Farley, third base  
 Jerry Kaesar, shortstop