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People enjoy the Yuba Drive to El Camino Real segment of the Stevens Creek Trail after a dedication ceremony Saturday.

Happy trails expanded

Mountain View dedicates new segment

By **Melanie Carroll** / Daily News Staff Writer

Safety Bo McNally of the White Team was getting an earful from a Red Team member as the time wore down in Saturday night's Stanford Spring Football Game at Stanford Stadium.

"How do you like your hot dog, Bo?" said

the chider.

It was just some good, old-fashioned ribbing from the winning Red side, which got to eat steak after a 24-6 "victory" over McNally's White unit.

The teams were split up last Sunday via an NFL Draft Day scenario, complete with War Room. Stanford head coach Jim Harbaugh served as draft commissioner. On paper, it seemed the White Team had the more notable names on the defensive side of the ball with McNally, corner Wopamo Osaisai, linebackers Patrick Maynor and Clinton Snyder and defensive tackle Erik Lorig. Talented receiver Richard Sherman also played with the White Team, along with stalwart offensive lineman Alex Fletcher and quarterback Tavita Pritchard, who guided Stanford to its earth-shaking upset of USC last season.

Defensive end Pannel Egboh, who combined with former Serra-San Mateo star Will Powers to foil a fourth-and-short run play, was one happy steak-eater after the game.

"We had a little competition," Egboh said. "Winners get steak, losers get hot dogs. We were talking back and forth to each other all week. Having a draft was a great way to do our Spring Game. I had so much fun (tonight). It was an overall success."

"The draft was a different twist, but a lot of fun," McNally said. "It makes everybody play a little harder to beat their buddies across the ball.

Noticeably absent from McNally was his long mane from underneath his helmet. But, unlike Samson in the Bible, McNally didn't lose his strength. He came up with two interceptions, returning one for good yardage before slipping while trying to cut it inside.

LOUKAS STARS: The most competitive position is at quarterback, where Pritchard, Alex Loukas and Jason Forcier are battling for the starting berth. Loukas and Forcier played for the Red squad. All three quarterbacks had their moments Saturday, but Loukas threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to wideout Doug Baldwin on the night's first drive. Loukas even played a fair amount at wide receiver. He not only exhibited good hands while catching passes, he was able to get in high gear in a hurry, gaining extra yards after the catch. Loukas capped off his stellar outing when he optioned over left tackle for a gain of some 60-plus yards. Loukas had a 70-yard run in practice a few days ago.

"I'm just trying to be a leader and get the guys fired up," Loukas said. "I made a couple of mistakes on an interception I threw. I got a little greedy on the pass."

"Hats off to Alex Loukas," Fletcher said. "He was a one-man show out there."

Harbaugh was equally impressed with Loukas.

"Loukas was the difference in the game," Harbaugh said. "He did a good job receiving. He did a good job running and throwing."

INJURY REPORT: The biggest question marks regarding Cardinal injuries are tight end Jim Dray, who blew out a knee against TCU last fall, and offensive tackle Allen Smith, who suffered a knee injury in the Cardinal's win over San Jose State. Smith was using a cane Saturday, while Dray stood on the Red sideline in a knee brace.

"We have 10 or 11 players who are out who are big-time contributors," Harbaugh said.

CARDINAL CRUNCHIES: Running back Anthony Kimble, playing for the Red Team,

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had two nice runs on the opening drive. ... Stanford will have a new punter and kicker this fall with the graduation of punter Jay Ottovegio and kicker Derek Belch. ... A good crowd was on hand and gave a credible standing ovation after the final horn sounded ... A reporter was bowled over by Sherman after an incomplete pass play, but, fortunately, neither the reporter or Sherman were injured ... Stanford starts the season vs. Emerald Bowl victor Oregon State on Aug. 28 at Stanford Stadium.

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