Student-Athletes of the Year

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Valencia – Fred Jenkins: 3.89
Vallejo High School – Eric Westra: 3.37
Victor Valley Christian – Joel King: 4.00
Kernville – Jason Ronald Jones: 3.62
West Covina – Nathaniel Rio: 3.40
Western Christian – Tobi Lomita: 3.30
Westlake – Colby Jones: 3.90
Whitney – Jonathan Rau: 3.56
Woodbridge – Caden Rea: 4.00

GIRLS

Arsenal Christian – Julie Veach: 3.69
Altura Loma – Michelle Lamarre: 3.41
Baptist Christian – Jared Johnson: 3.96
Benevides – Sofia Munoz: 3.52
Bonita – Stephanie Clement: 3.52
Brower Upland – Barry Ciz: 3.40
Buckley – Wendy Wilcox: 3.94
Calabasas – Shantel Jackson: 4.00
California – Tan Dang Nguyen: 4.00
Clermont – Christina Corder: 4.00
Corona – Rosa Toreto: 3.85
Corona Del Mar – Alaysia Loree Kerr: 3.88
Covina Valley – Elizabeth Atien: 3.62
Daytona Beach – Kim White: 3.56
Dillon – Karen Berry: 3.56
Filmore – Lori Larson: 3.91
Frankenw德尔 – Laura O’Connor: 4.00
Franklin – Patrick Pryor: 3.90
Foothill – Stephanie Schwartz: 4.00
Grays – Dominique Perry: 3.90
Glenwood – Carrie Eide Westhoff: 3.86
Hart – Alexia Sophia Rollo: 3.67
Hesperia – Lori Aasum: 4.00
Huntington – Young Kim: 3.76
Inland Christian – Teresa Wolf: 3.52
Kemp – Anna Weg: 3.79
Kern Valley – Jean Marie Welcher: 3.79
La Puente Hills – Tina Elder: 3.83
La Habra – Kathleen De Witt: 3.50
La Sierra – Janet Tphpian: 3.79
La Verne Lutheran – Jodie Scharf: 4.00
Leura – Becky Harris: 3.54
Long Beach Wilson – Margaret Swartz: 4.00
Los Alamitos – Julie Williamson: 4.00
Los Altos – Susan Sasser: 3.76
Los Banos – Kayla Ott: 3.86
Magnolia – Nina Kim: 3.90
Maine – Anne Capra: 3.86
Marshall Faulkner – Annette Lee: 3.87
Marymount – Keisha Klein: 3.98
Mary Star Of The Sea – Laura Papadakis: 3.58
Maryville – Claire Moreno: 3.76
Miraleste – Linda Raw: 4.00
Moore – Grace Fournier: 3.77
Moreno Valley – Leslie Szczesny: 3.58
Mountain View – Alice Chin: 3.96
North Torrance – Jade Hinz: 4.00
Norco – Diane DeFrancesco: 4.00
Noonan Christian – Kathleen Van Vlack: 3.95
Paso Robles – Tiana Druke: 3.58
Rancho Alamitos – Karen Kaye: 3.50
Redondo Union – Christina Welt: 3.71
Righteous – Tiffany Velas: 4.00
Riverside – Marcia Ayers: 3.87
Riverside Poly – Wendy Dow: 3.76
Rio Mesa – Amy Schlegel: 4.00
San Clemente – Alexis Tornberg: 4.00
San Bernardino – Shannon Lingner: 4.00
San Gabriel Mission – Charlene Selle: 3.88
San Gorgonio – Melissa Pilgrim: 3.96
San Luis Obispo – Leona Johnson: 3.84
San Marcos – Elizabeth Yang: 3.94
San Marino – Kathi Kashen: 3.56
Santa Ana – Megan Drucker: 3.81
Santa Ana Valley – Daphne: 3.81
Santa Maria – Jean Clift: 3.79
Sebastian – Chantal Marks: 3.90
Simi Valley – Elizabeth Burger: 3.90
South Pasadena – Alan Rose: 3.52
South Torrance – Randy Houser: 3.79
St Bonaventure – Kathleen Anne Shure: 3.72
St Joseph’s – Olga El-Bagdad: 3.94
St. Lucy’s Priory – Shannon Grifiths: 3.73

Tebetaphi – Andrea Richardson: 3.81
Torrance – Susan Kynem: 3.92
Twenty-Five Palms – Kerri Cole: 3.87
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CIF Southern Section: Where Champions Are Born

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The list of legendary athletes spawned on the playing fields of high schools in Southern California — more specifically with the membership of the California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section — is impressive indeed. Former pitcher Walter Johnson of Fullerton to spintor Frank Yocoff of Glendale. From slugger Ted Williams of San Diego Hoover to Heisman Trophy winner Glenn Davis of Bonita. Since its inception in 1913, the CIF-SS has seen its hundreds of athletes achieve national acclaim.


In basketball, CIF-SS member schools can claim among their alumni such individuals as Paul Westphal of Aviation, Lynn Schackelford of burbank Burroughs, Jamaal Wilkes of Santa Barbara and Charlie Miller of Riverside Poly. Current NBA stars include David Greenwood of Verbum Dei, Bill Laimbeer of Pacifica Verdes and Byron Scott of Morningside. The CIF-SS has been well represented in the Olympics, too. Just look at the Los Angeles games alone. Southern California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section

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An organization called the Athletic Association of Southern California held meets in Los Angeles in 1904 and 1905 without much success. In 1906, the A.A.S.C. moved the annual meeting to Ventura, where bad weather caused a postponement among other problems. Gate receipts from the eventual meet were nil, although the competition was good. The rules of the association provided that profits or losses were to be paid or received by the competing school proportionate to their enrollments. When Los Angeles High School, which had the largest enrollment, received a bill for its share of the loss (just over $100) it simultaneously paid its share and canceled its membership. With L.A. High out of the picture, the A.A.S.C. folded.

Kevin Van Patten moved to South Pasadena High School in 1907, and an organization known as the Academic Athletic Union was trying to establish itself to direct the high school athletic program in Southern California. However, the A.A.U. did not attempt to take on the role of organizing the track championships, citing too many schools, too many details and too much work for such an undertaking. After the failure of 1906, the colleges of Southern California took turns at putting on the championships in 1907 and 1910, USC in 1908 and 1911. Occidental in 1909.

During these years, the A.A.U. worked with the host college in staging the annual meet. The college was governed by a board of directors, consisting of one faculty and one student representative from each of the high school leagues, which consisted of the Citrus Belt (Chaffey, Redlands, Riverside), San Bernardino, Los Angeles, (Oxnard, Santa Barbara, Santa Paula, Ventura), the Los Angeles County (Los Angeles, L.A. Poly, Pasadena, Long Beach, Santa Monica, Whittier) and the Orange County (Anaheim, Fullerton). It had a printed constitution and by-laws, but the members of the board were without experience in running track meets. As a result, the championships were rather informal and the track championships. The general opinion among a large number of schoolmen was that the high schools would be better off if the athletic program were thrown out completely.

VAN PATTERN

COMMISSIONER SETH VAN PATTEN present at the third annual Santa Monica "B" Basketball Tournament in 1947. To his right is Joe Waffling of the Santa Monica Jr. Giants. (From left to Steve: J. A. Winslow of the Executive Committee and at the far right is Seth Van Patten's father, Dr. Floyd Mischler.

The A.A.U. came to an abrupt end during the 1910-11 school year. George Braden, who was Director of Athletics at Occidental College while acting as president, accepted a job offer in Philadelphia. Without his leadership, the remaining A.A.U. officers allowed the organization to die by default. Observers could see that having a college athletic director at the head of the high school association was an indication of the inability of high school men to handle their own affairs.

The prep athletic programs continued to flourish after the demise of the A.A.U. In football, basketball and baseball, the leagues had regular schedules, but no attempt was made to have a playoff among the league champions. In track and field, the colleges conducted invitational meets, but many complaints were voiced by the high schools. In 1912, the Los Angeles Y.M.C.A. tried a hand at running the high school meet, but the experiment continued.

Van Patten moved to Los Angeles High in 1910 and by 1912 was elected President of the Los Angeles Interscholastic League. Track and Field competition was always a live topic at league meetings, and in a particularly stony situation during the 1912-13 school year, a motion was made for the league president to file a number of complaints with the colleges and the Y.M.C.A. in regard to the track championships. Van Patten bluntly refused this motion, and stated categorically to league representatives that "if they did not have guts enough to run the meet properly themselves, they did so deserve a championship," at Los Angeles High Principal W.R. Moberly, who had made the original request, asked to make a substitute motion. He noted that the High School Leagues of Southern California run their own championship meet in 1913 and the Van Patten be elected meet manager.

The motion passed. The action of the Los Angeles County League was referred to the other Southern California leagues and was approved unanimously. Administrators of the schools involved involved formed a league of cooperation and the 1913 meet held at the old Los Angeles Y.M.C.A. Field was a success. The CIF Southern Section was born, and Seth Van Patten proceeded to manage 39 consecutive CIF-SF track and field championships.

When the organization drew up its first constitution and by-laws in 1917, there was no provision for the Southern California Interscholastic Athletic Council. M. W. Oliver, principal of Los Angeles High School, was elected first president of the council. The name change to CIF Southern Section in March was known as the Southern California Interscholastic Athletic Council. M. W. Oliver, principal of Los Angeles High School, was elected first president of the council. The name change to CIF Southern Section in March was known as the Southern California Interscholastic Athletic Council. M. W. Oliver, principal of Los Angeles High School, was elected first president of the council.
1934. Sharp debates also arose over relegating procedures, resulting in a "choosing up of sides" among distinct geographic districts. The talk of restructuring the section into four sub-divisions surfaced, and was referred to committee in 1934. The report of this committee was brought to the council on Feb. 9, 1934, calling for a two-way split of the Southern Section and schools of the Los Angeles School District. The action came as a surprise to most of the members of the 1934-35 council, but after lengthy discussion, the motion was supported unanimously by the council. Following the 1934-35 school year, the Los Angeles City Schools split off to form their own CIF section.

In the 15-year period 1935-50, the CIF-SS as an organization took nothing for granted. The CIF-SS, its leaders, was a roller-coaster ride. The athletic program was well supported by the administrators of the member schools, even though the depression and war years. But finances reached a low ebb during the war and the better part of the 1940s. Many schools were cutting corners in every way. Van Patterson witnessed a resurgence of the high school athletic program in Southern California. He wrote: "There is a new wave of success which had not been achieved ever before.

Van Patterson retired from his position as CIF-SS Commissioner of Athletics at the age of 77. His many years of dedicated service and genuine devotion to the welfare of high school athletics were a direct benefit to literally thousands of young Southern Californians. Further, his determined efforts formed the very foundation on which one of the nation's most outstanding and useful youth organizations - the CIF Southern Section - was built. He will be remembered as the "father" of the CIF Southern Section.

William W. Russell

William W. Russell was appointed as the second CIF Southern Section Commissioner of Athletics upon the retirement of Seth Van Patterson in 1950. An unusual scenario of events led to his appointment. Russell, a native of Santa Barbara, had returned to Santa Barbara State College (later to become UC Santa Barbara) to assume his position of manager of student affairs. He was a member of the CIF Southern Section and of the CIF-SS Executive Committee, which at the time was in search of a replacement for Commissioner Van Patterson. Hult had been aware of Russell's potential for the commission's position, and had expressed his willingness to support him. Russell was appointed as the new CIF-SS Commissioner of Athletics.

Russell's tenure lasted from 1950 to 1954. During his time, he worked tirelessly to strengthen the CIF-SS and its programs. He was known for his fairness and integrity, and his dedication to the organization's mission. Russell was a key figure in the development of modern CIF-SS programs and policies, and his leadership played a significant role in the organization's growth during this period.

The Bill Russell Years

1950 - 1954

Early on, Russell saw the need to organize the CIF-SS in a more professional manner. He implemented several changes, including the creation of the CIF-SS Office, which was responsible for managing the association's affairs and overseeing the organization's operations. Russell also worked towards improving the CIF-SS's relationship with member schools and the public, ensuring that the organization's actions were transparent and fair. His efforts contributed to the CIF-SS's success and reputation as a leading athletic association.
Russell

Angelen directory. That way the compet- ing schools could look it up if they wanted to confirm it.

In 1952 Russell was instrumental in forming the first-ever CIF golf competition. With the assistance of Executive Committee member Oliver Corbin, Russell headed off a proposal of some member leagues to discontinue the football playoffs. He was involved with the CIF's Southern Section's decision to adopt the National Federation Football Rules in April of 1950, which eventually led to state-wide adoption of National Federation Rules in all sports. In 1952, Russell saw to it that the CIF-SF obtained non-profit status, and thus would not be taxed on playoff admission receipts.

When the State Executive Director of the California Interscholastic Feder- ation Protection Fund, Arthur Bingham retired in 1955, Bill Russell was appointed his successor. He inherited the dual function of administering the state insurance program, in addition to overseeing the full-time staff of each of the State CIF. Under his direction the CIF Protection Fund became the largest school non-profit benefit and relief association in the United States. While State Commissioner, Russell served as Chairman of the National Federation Track and Field Rules Committee, where under his leadership, the first ever combined rule book for both boys and girls track relay was established. He was also instrumental in ushering in the highly successful state-wide interscholastic athletic program for girls in the early 1970's. In 1980, Russell retired from a 30-year career as one of the most influential and progressive leaders in the development of California's interscholastic athletic program. The CIF is a great organization," added Russell, "and was good purpose and has built an outstanding reputation over its long his- tory. It gives me great pride to say that I was part of that history."

The Kenny Fagans Years

1954 - 1975

J. Kenneth Fagans

The mid 50's to mid 70's have been viewed as perhaps the most significant and exciting era of CIF Southern Section history. It was an era of tremendous ex- pansion in many areas. It is often referred to as the golden era in which CIF athletics and the CIF organization came of age. And it was orchestrated masterfully by a highly talented and devoted man by the name of J. Kenneth Fagans. If Seth Van Patten was recognized as "Father of the CIF," then Kenny Fagans surely was "Mr. Southern Section."

As the third CIF-SF Commissioner of Athletics, Fagans began his term in June of 1954 when Bill Russell assumed the position of State CIF Com- missioner. He was well suited for the job, as he was a graduate of San Jose State College, and had been a pillar of the Southern California athletic community. He was an assis- tant principal and director of athletics at Central High School of Compton at the time of his appointment. His guidance and leadership in athletic administration included 12 years as Commissioner of the California Collegiate Athletic Association, and two years as Commissioner of the Pacific Coast Athletic Association. Fagans had also worked for 10 years as a basketball official in the CIF and A.C.C. Conference.

As a youngster, Fagans was a stand- out athlete at Huntington Park High School, where he led his team to CIF-SS basketball titles in 1926 and 27. He went on to star at Stanford University, earning All-Pacific Coast honors as a forward. But Fagans gained even greater recognition as one of the Southland's most successful basketball coaches, guiding a variety of high school teams to a phenominal 248-23 record over a seven-year period

first experience with the football playoffs, and the major_division results did not meet with his expectations. Here was the most popular of all high school spectator sports and the organi- zation's best chance to improve its financial situation, yet nothing could be done for it when it was all over.

"When I started, the established policy for pairing the playoffs were for the Executive Committee to set the dates by leagues in the spring of the year for the following season," said Fagans. "So what happened in '54 was that the best two teams, Long Beach Poly and San Diego, met in the first round. It just killed the interest. In addition, we had 10 league champions going into an eight-team bracket, so you would have byes for two teams in the first round. Every league complained. The teams with the byes argued that they lost their competitive edge with the week off, and the teams without the byes claimed they had more chance for injury to key players. I had to agree with both."

So for the 1955 season, Fagans con-vinced the Executive Committee to hold off on seeding the playoffs for the rest of the league season, when the best information would be available on the strength of the teams. He also eliminated the byes by filling the draw with representative teams to form a playoff structure that was workable mathematically. The result was a more competitive struc- ture, which helped to cultivate the fans and draw more attention from the press. Soon afterward, the Executive Committee and Council determined that Fagans' plan could apply to the playoff structure for all sports, laying the foundation for all future CIF Southern Section playoff activities.

The fruits of Fagans' new playoff structure came to bear in a reality on Dec. 14, 1956, when the Colonials and VIK- ings each brought perfect 13-0 records into the Los Angeles Memorial Coli- seum.

"When we secured the Coliseum for our championship game against Glendale that year, 1956, we were assured we would draw eight to 10,000-max for a high school game," recalled Fagans. "On their recommen- dation, we employed six ticket vendors and eight ticket takers for the event.

Well, the game was so attractive, that the people just ate it up. Of course I was there early at 8:30 a.m. to start setting things up, and when I checked to see how our ticket sales were going at about seven a.m., they were literally lined up for blocks trying to get in. I went down immediately to open an- other ticket booth, but it didn't do much good. So I went to Bill Nichols, who was operating the stadium, and asked him to open the big double gate behind the press box. We announced anyone with the right change can enter here and it was a stampede. We got some boxes and filled them with money as the crowd came through. I was able to grab off a couple of coaches that I recognized to give us a hand, but that crowd was just too much. At about a quarter of eight, I ran for the field and brought together the coaches (Clare Van Hoorebeke of Anaheim and Dick Hill of Downey) and said, listen, we've still got 20,000 people outside. I want to see the game continue back to 8:30. They weren't happy about it, but they agreed, and I was able to get all of those people in."

Considering the circumstances, an accurate crowd count for the evening was impossible to determine. The gate receipts and turnstile count, the official number was set at 41,383, which was about as close as one could ever witness a CIF Southern Section event. As for the game! The two teams battled to a field goal apiece and were declared co-champions. According to Fagans, it was the night the CIF South- ern Section came of age and one that would forever be forgoten.

Another of Fagans' early goals was to restructure the make up of the Executive Committee. When he became commissioner, Fagans noticed that many of the committee's members had on the Board of Directors. He felt that board should be spread more independently, over a longer term. It was his contention that representation on such an important governing body should be spread among the member schools. At his urging, the committee was expanded to include seven members - one for each of the section's distinct geographic areas - and committee members would serve four-year terms on a rotating basis. The committee recognized the outstanding contributions

FAGANS

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MEMBER SCHOOLS MAKE "CLAIMS TO CIF-SS FAME"

A survey of CIF Southern Section member schools, which asked the question: "What is your school’s Claim to CIF Southern Section Fame over the past 25 years?" was conducted at the beginning of the current school year. The responses of those schools to participate are listed below, along with the year in which the school opened.

AUGOULA (1964)
Two years in a row (1986 and 1987) Augoula High School won both the boys and girls soccer championships. In 1984 it won the Desert-Mountain Conference in football.

ALEMANY (1956)
Alemeny has maintained 16 league championships in the past 17 years. Student-athlete Tim Politi in 1979 set a National high jump record of 7-7 feet.

ALHAMBRA (1989)
Alhambra has won CIF-SS championships in basketball (1922, 25), football (28, 39, 46) and tennis (30, 38, 40). It has also been the CIF-SS runner-up in track (37), baseball (27), basketball (25, 34, 49), football (42, 45, 55) and wrestling (83, 84). Alhambra has attained over 90 varsity league championships in various sports, while the girls tennis team has laid claim to 10 consecutive league titles.

ANTELOPE VALLEY (1912)
Antelope Valley High School also celebrates a rich academic and athletic tradition in its 75th year. Our accomplishments range from individual state championships to CIF-SS championships in football, basketball, baseball, and gymnastics.

APPLE VALLEY (1968)
Apple Valley High School won the CIF-SS championship in water polo in 1967. The school’s first principal was Balsamo, principal of Apple Valley since its opening, is past president of the CIF-SS, past president of the State CIF and currently vice President of National CIF. The school has also been as well as being on the Executive Board of all three organizations.

ARROYO GRANDE (1989)
Arroyo Grande won the Girls’ CIF-SS cross country championships in 1984 and 1985, as well as the Girls’ 2A track title in 1985. Coach Greg DeNike was the 1985 Cross Country Coach of the year for the Southern Section. In this past fall, the Eagles claimed the CIF-SS Northern Section football crown.

ATASCADERO (1921)
Atascadero has laid claim to eleven CIF-SS team championships and eight CIF-SS runners-up finishes. The school has also received the Adolph Farms-Dodger Sportmanship Award.

AZUSA (1964)
Azusa High School claimed CIF championships in 1A softball and 1A baseball in 1983. The school was also noted in Ripley’s Believe It or Not with courageous kicker Eddie Hernandez, who had no arms and played on the 1968 football team.

BEAUMONT (1908)
In 1967, Beaumont won the CIF-SS 1A championship in football for the first time that a championship was decided by using the tie-breaker rule. Don Smith was the head coach.

BISHOP DIEGO (1940)

BISHOP AMBROSE (1908)
Bishop has claimed two CIF-SS titles: The 1957 football championship and the 1969 baseball championship. The Broncos also hold a CIF-SS record for consecutive league championships with 12. The school has also entered a team in the CIF-SS basketball playoffs for 18 straight years. Howard Frost, a Bishop sportswriter, is a Hall of Fame Recognition Award recipient.

BOLSA GRANDE (1959)
Bolsa Grande won the 1986 CIF-SS Central Conference Football Championship.

BRAWLEY (1908)
Brawley has claimed three CIF-SS football championships (1951, 1952 and 1955). It also won nine consecutive league championships from 1953-63. The Wildcats were the 1984 CIF-SS runners-up in cross country. In 1968, Steve Rogers was the State CIF long jump champion. In 1952, Junior Foster was the State CIF 100-yard dash champion.

BUENA (1959)
In 1969, Buena High of Ventura won the CIF-SS boys swimming championship. In 1983 and 1984 it won the State Division I championship in girls swimming. The Bulldogs have also appeared in five CIF-SS girls swimming finals, winning titles in 1979 and 1984. In 1976, Buena was the Boys 4A Division runner-up in basketball.

Burbank (1909)

CABRILLO (1965)
Cabrillo High’s student-athlete George Porter set an all-time National high school record in 1985 in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles.

CAJON (1970)
The Cowboys’ girls’ volleyball teams from 1975 through 1985 won 125 league games, including 11 championships. This past fall, the Cowboy football team won the CIF-SS Southeastern Conference title with a resounding 44-6 win over defending-champ Arroyo in the championship final.

CALEXICO (1954)
Calexico was the 1978 CIF-SS 2A soccer champion. Ramon Sanchez was named the 1963 CIF-SS player of the year in basketball. The girls cross country team has not lost a league dual meet in the past three years.

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

CANTERBURY (1953)
California School for the Deaf continues to provide hearing-impaired students the opportunity to compete in interscholastic athletics, evidencing such outstanding past students as Tim Moore, Rick Aguilar, Melinda Moore and Carol Newman.

CANYON/CANYON COUNTRY (1968)
Canyon High School’s claim to fame includes three consecutive CIF-SS Football Championships (1983-85), a section-record 46-game winning streak, and divisional Misses of the Year Rick Burton, Randy Austin and Ken Sollom during the period.

CAPITANERIA (1977)

CHANNEL ISLANDS (1966)
The Raiders claimed back-to-back CIF-SS 2A basketball championships in 1977 and 1978. Brian Burns was the 1977-78 2A Basketball Player of the Year. The Channel Islands High School team has held the CIF-SS playoffs in nine of the past twelve years, including an appearance in the 1987 Coastal Conference title game.

CLAREMONT (1909)
Claremont has claimed CIF-SS football championships four times – 1956, 1958, 1984 and 1985. Claremont also captured the CIF-SS girls soccer championship.

CONNELLY (1961)
The Koolas claim a total of 18 league championships in the sports of basketball, volleyball, softball and tennis, as well as appearing in the semi-finals in basketball.

CORONA DEL MAR (1962)
Over the last two decades (1967-87), the Sea Kings have won 27 CIF-SS championships in 13 different sports.

COSTA MESA (1958)
The Mustangs have claimed three CIF-SS championships in the 1986-2A water polo title, the 1976 boys 4A cross country title and the 1960-1A baseball crown. The boys cross country team accumulated 10 league championships from 1960-1980.

COVINA (1897)
As early as 1925 CIF-SS football champions, Covina was narrowly defeated, 14-13, by heavily favored Bakersfield in the State title game before 40,000 fans in the L.A. Coliseum. Among students who went onto athletic success were Robert Clark, an Olympic medalist in the decathlon, and Paula Jean Myers, Olympic time in diving. After a 1951 graduate, went on to coach professional football with the St. Louis Cardinals.

CRESCENT VALLEY (1961)
Crescenta Valley has won a total of four CIF-SS championships – the 1973 football championship, the 1978 girls track championship, the 1981 cross country championship and the 1986 softball championship. It counts four students among CIF Players of the Year – Mark Miller in 1973 for football, Scott Harper in 1976 for water polo and Greg Goojian in 1978 for basketball. C.V.’s Mr. Ted Andrews is a recipient of the CIF’s Gold Life Pass.

CROSSROADS (1971)
The girls’ basketball team has won 46 straight league games (1984-87). The boys’ basketball team has claimed at least nine CIF-SS championships in five different sports – 1954 boys basketball, 1958 boys cross country, 1978 football, 1979 girls’ basketball and 1982 boys’ soccer.

DAMIEN (1962)
The high point of Damien’s athletic achievement was its 1977 CIF-SS football championship. Other noteworthy accomplishments were being co-champions for football in 1982 and advancing to the final-four twice (1980 and 1985). In addition, the 1980 soccer team was the CIF-SS runner-up.

DESERT (1952)
The Desert Highland at Desert High School was winning the 1981 CIF-SS Inland Conference Football Championship.

DIAMOND BAR (1982)
In just five years, Diamond Bar has amassed 35 league championships, appeared 11 times in the CIF-SS finals and won five CIF-SS titles. Additionally, it has produced Brahma All-Americans and state champions.

DOWNEY (1995)
Doaks for Downey High School has won CIF Southern Section Championships in Football (1945, 1957, 1958), Water Polo (1962, 1972), Girls Swimming (1975) and Boys Basketball (1975). Downey is also proud to claim CIF Hall of Fame member Bill Smitharan and past CIF-SS President Moe Chavez, who is also a Gold Life Pass recipient.

EL MODENA (1966)
El Modena has the distinction of being the winningest program in Orange County over the last ten years. The Vaquard’s have in 16 plus victories, entered the CIF-SS playoffs ten times, captured three CIF-SS titles and been named CIF-SS runner-up on two additional occasions. Home of Orange County Hall of Fame Coach Boh...
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Lester, Olympic competitor and coach Dick Becker, and seven professional athletes within the past 10 years.

EL SEGUNDO (1927)
Toro was named the Eagle of twenty-six CIF championships, led by the water polo squad (12), boys’ swimming (6), baseball (5), football (2), and boys’ basketball (1). El Segundo also captured the Southern Section title in football under Coach Robert Berthel, general manager of the Washington Redskins, Keith Erickson, formerly of the LA Lakers, George Brett of the Kansas City Royals, and Olympic volleyball great and current coach at Arizona State, Debbie Landreth.

EL TORO (1927)
El Toro can lay claim to boys titles in football (1982, ’86, ’87), swimming (’82, ’83, ’84, cross country (1981, 1982), water polo (’86, ’84, ’86), basketball (7), soccer (79), baseball (83, 84, 85), volleyball (’79, ’82, ’83), volleyball (’79, ’85) and golf (’84). Girls’ titles include track (77), softball (76, 90, 93, 96), volleyball (’70, ’85), basketball (72, 85, 86, 87), cross country (’85), and soccer (’84).

FULLERTON (1893)
Has won 25 CIF championships, 29 Orange County, and 97 league titles. One time home to David Sepulveda. He holds the football national record for twenty-six reception in one game, and Natalie Kasaibawa, the national shot put record holder. Fullerton can also count current pro football players Keith Van Horne and Hobby Breener, world shot put record holder John Brenner, and baseball Hall of Fame players “Arky” Vaughan and Walter Johnson among its ex-students.

GLENDALE (1908)
Has won 22 CIF titles that include baseball (1981, 1985), football (1924), and baseball (1938). Distinguished Glendale graduates include John Wayne, 1985-86 NFL Rookie of the Year, and his sister Carrie, Olympic gold medalist, and football coach Frankie Albert, and baseball great “Babe” Herman.

JOHN R. HART (1945)

HESPERIA (1964)
In its short history, Hesperia has won two CIF-2A district titles in girls cross country (1985, 1986). In addition to nearly missing in girls basketball as a divisional semifinalist in 1986.

HERBERT HOOPER (1931)
Hoover’s boys basketball was a CIF runner-up in 1982 behind guard Joe Hillman, who has gone on to play for four years at the University of Oklahoma, two years at a University of Oklahoma, Rich McGeath and Russ Craig (1964), and 1984 silver medalist boxer Hector Lopez (representing Mexico), call Hoover their alma mater.

IRVINE (1976)
Irvine has two CIF’s high school girls volleyball championship titles to its credit (1981, 1984), and has sisters Kim and Elena Oden with outstanding chances to make the 1984 Olympic volleyball team. While at Irvine, Kim was CIF Player of the Year in 1981 and Elena captured the same honor in 1984. Both have been named NCAAA Players of the Year since.

JORDAN (1933)
Saved the track team win the 4-A CIF-SF crown in 1982. The baseball squad was a runner-up in 1976. Jordan can claim football coach Darryl Rogers, baseball player Ron Festy, CIF 100-meter record holder Lisa Winston, and professional basketball player Katherine Hamilton among its alumni.

JOHN F. KENNEDY (1964)
The Irish claimed the 1988 CIF-SF Boys 3-A basketball title. Other championships won by Kennedy athletics include softball (1984), boys soccer (1980), and football (1982). Among Kennedy’s well known graduates are pro baseball players Alan Bannister, Gary Awall, and Dave Huppert, along with Linda Sharp, the USC women’s basketball coach.

L.A. CANADA (1963)
L.A. Canada High School has established a tradition of excellence in athletics. Spartan student-athletes have won a total of 51 Rio Hondo League championships, have appeared in 11 CIF-SS playoff finals, and won six sectional championships.

LA SALLE (1956)
La Salle has won CIF titles in soccer (1983, 1984), and cross country (1979, 1981). The school also has eight consecutive Santa Fe league soccer championships from 1979 to 1986.

LA SERRA (1961)
In 1987, La Serra won three CIF-SS academic team championships. Corbin Walburger, CIF-SS Male Student Athlete of the Year, was All-American water polo team in 1986, the school’s swimming program produced an All-American 4x100 freestyle relay team in 1987, and in 1967, the football squad won the AA championship All-pro football player Dave Dalby, and Olympian Steve Callahan (high jump) and Cindy Plaist (swimming) got their start at La Serra.

LAKEWOOD (1957)
Lakewood has some CIF champions four times in gymnastics and baseball, once each in boys’ basketball, girls’ gymnastics, and volleyball. State champions include: John Knaus and Marcus Hooks (track), and Ray Gilmartin (wrestling).

LOARA (1962)
Herbert has been Laora’s head football coach since the school opened in 1962. His current record is 166-90-8. Hill’s six-time CIF titles (1983-84 and Southern Conference in 1979), 10 league championships, and qualified for the playoffs 13 times.

LOS ALAMITOS (1964)
Los Alamitos is proud to list Greg Harris (pro baseball pitcher) and Ron Cassidy (pro football wide receiver) among its former students.

LOS ALTOS (1958)
The Couper are claim six CIF football titles, one cross country, one swimming, two individual champonships, seven CIF-SF Academic Teams of the Year, and one National Academic Team of the Year. Los Altos is the only school to win four different football championships in its first season in a new conference in 1982 Southern Section (Eastern). The school counts CIF-SF President Pat Mach, 1984 silver-medalist water polo player Joe Vargas, and University of California water polo coach Dwayne Dejean among its graduates.

LOS ANGELES BAPTIST (1963)
1971-72 less than ten years after the school opened. L.A. Baptist won CIF championships in football and boys basketball. Year in the year out, virtually every team fielded quality players. Coach Jerry Baski (1983 CIF-SF Gymnastics All-Around Champ), Hillary Malloy (CIF-SF 4-A Volleyball Player of the Year 1985), and Denise Corlett (1974 4-A Volleyball Player of the Year, 1975 co-player of the Year in volleyball and 4-A badminton singles champ and Player of the Year in 1975 and 1976) head Mariboro’s list of outstanding athletes.

MARYMOUNT (1931)
Marymount has three consecutive Ador Farms/Dodge Sportmanship Awards to its credit in 1984, 1985, and 1986. Among the school’s graduates are actresses Marlo Thomas, Debbie Boone, Mia Farrow, and Mariska Hargitay.

MATER DEI (1950)

MATER DEI (1956)
Between 1981 and 1986 Mirabella was a dominant force in boys and girls tennis as justified by three championships and two State titles in tennis and finishes in the CIF-SS 4-A Division by each team. The school has had five All-American tennis players in the last six years.

MISSION VIEJO (1966)
The Diablos have quite a swimming record over the last thirteen years. The boys have won 13 consecutive CIF titles (1974-86) and eight National Championships. The girls at Mission Viejo have won eleven consecutive CIF titles and have been national champs 10 times. Olympic medalists Brad Snyder (1984, 1988) and Lance Vasallo are Mission Viejo alumni. The school has also claimed two CIF-SS football crowns (1978 and 1981).

MONTEBELLO (1911)
Noteworthy graduates of Montebello include 1984 gold medalist Joan Black Kramer, and American League Golden Glove Bobby Knoop.

NEWbury Park (1967)
The Panthers have won CIF championships in baseball (1986), swimming (1979), and had Denise Wall in track and
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NEWPORT HARBOR (1930)
The Sailors have won 10 CIF-SS water polo titles since 1979 (1979, 1987, boys’ volleyball (1979, 1987), and girls’ cross country teams have brought Newport Harbor Athletic acclaim. Olympic water polo coach Bill Barnett is a member of the school’s faculty, six students have participated in the Olympics, and former NBA player George Yarole is a Newport Harbor graduate.

NORCO (1967)
Norco’s cross country teams have two titles in the eighties. The boys’ team won the 1986 and the girls’ in 1986. Two runner-up finishes were achieved by the baseball (3-A 1984) and girls’ swimming (2-A 1982) teams.

NORDHOFF (1999)
Nordhoff was the California State Volleyball Girls’ Divi-
nion II Champion in 1986, as well as winning 2-A titles in 1984 and 1985 and was the 3-A champion in 1986, the boys’ basketball team won the CIF-SS 1-A crown in 1967.

NORTH TORRANCE (1953)
The Saxons have had CIF academic winners in tennis (1955-56), finished second in girls’ 3-A track (1980), third in boys’ 4-A track (1984), advanced to the finals in football in 1983, and was a CIF-SS finalist in softball (1979). North Torrance has been CIF-SS-sanctioned in baseball in 1971 and was runner-up in 1972, while the boys’ basketball squad was runner-up in 1987.

NOTRE DAME (1957)
Notre Dame High of Riverside won the CIF-SS 1-A football championship in 1977 and was the 1980 1-A boys’ basketball runner-up. Among Notre Dame’s alumni are Ray Plutko, former CIF Southern Section Commissioner and a successful basketball coach while at Notre Dame. Marvin Collins is a football player and an assistant AD at USC, and NCAA wrestling champion Marty Kistler.

OAKWOOD (1951)
The school has won 13 CIF championships and has had 12 athletes win 13 CIF-SS titles in football, basketball, and baseball. The football team captured state titles in 1959, 1960, and 1962, and was the 1966 runner-up in the CIF-SS Division I.

ONTARIO (1967)
Ontario High saw its varsity wrestling team under coach Doug Brooks go undefeated for 10 years (1969-1978) in league competition. Al Newman of the Minnesota Twins played at Ontario, as did Charlie Moses, who went on to play in the Canadian Football League.

ONTARIO CHRISTIAN (1958)

PALOS VERDES (1961)
During its first twenty-five years, Palos Verdes High has won eight CIF Southern Section championships in nine different sports, four of which are girls, including the 1988 CIF-SS 2-A basketball title. The soccer program has participated in six CIF Section tournaments in fifteen years, and had a 1977 final appearance as well.

PASADENA (1894)
Pasaden High is proud of its diversification of athletic achievements with emphasis on its great number of national and world class athletes. Noteworthy among Pasaden’s alumni are Mary Sutton Bundy, US and Wimbledon tennis champ, Stan Smith, also a Wimbledon winner, baseball manager Dick Williams, Olympic figure skating champion Peggy Fleming, college basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian, as well as Michael Cooper of the L.A. Lakers.

PASO ROBLES (1962)
The Bearcats claim five CIF-SS championship teams and have been runner-up four times. Graduate Paul Kinne still holds the CIF football record for interception in a career with 34.

PATER NOSTER (1960)
Pater Noster’s first graduating class reached the 1964 basketball quarterfinals and its’ 1965 senior team won a CIF title under coach Tom Becker.

POINERE (1958)
Pioneer High won its first ever CIF championship in 1979’s soccer competition. Led by Antonio Carrillo, Pioneer captured the CIF 2-A soccer title. Carrillo was a first team All-CIF selection two times and scored a career total of 146 goals.

LONG BEACH POLY (1985)
Long Beach Poly has won 63 CIF championships and numerous athletes have gone on to distinguish themselves in college. Among the more well known Poly graduates are Billie Jean King (tennis), Tony Gwynn (baseball), Gene Washington (football), Martha Watson (a three time Olympian), and Earl McCullough (the world record holder in the 200-yard hurdles, an Olympian, and a professional football player).

RAMONA (1957)
Home of Discovery space shuttle pilot Michael Collins and eleven of his colleagues who went on to participate professionally in golf, football, basketball, and baseball. Had four pitchers (Steve Barber, Tom Hall, Ron Oglesby, and John Sheehanack) on the same major league baseball, the Minnesota Twins.

RANCHO AMALITOS (1957)
Rancho Alamitos has an illustrious list of successful alumni. Included in the list is Gary Hall (a silver medalist in the 1968 Olympics), Randy Vazza (Stanford University and New England Patriots), and Richard Anderson (an NBA player with the Denver Nuggets).

RIM OF THE WORLD (1949)

RIO HONDO PREP (1964)
The oldest school in the CIF-SS Eight-Man Large Division, the Kares have won championships in 1977, 1979, and 1982. Rio Hondo Prep also claimed the 1973 Six-Man football championship.

ROSEMEAD (1949)
Rosemead High was the 1982 CIF-SS Southeastern Conference Football champion in football. The Panthers also claimed the 1983 3-A Division title in wrestling.

SADDLEBACK (1967)
Along with the winning streak, Saddleback was the 1985 CIF-SS Central Conference football champion. Danny Ostrowski, the Central Coast Co-Player of the Year (1985) is the school’s only athlete to have his football jersey retired.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS (1907)
The greatest moment in the history of our school came in 1987 when Coach Graham and the volleyball team became league co-champions.

ST. BERNARD (1957)
St. Bernard’s greatest claim to fame was when it had nine players participating in the PAC-10 at the same time (1983-87).

ST. JOSEPH/LAKEWOOD (1964)
Although St. Joseph has fielded many memorable athletes and teams in the school’s history, the school’s claim to fame was in 1980 (3-A) and 1984 (4-A) championship softball teams.

ST. JOSEPH/SANTA MARIA (1964)

ST. PAUL (1957)
The Swordsmen claim thirty years of excellence in academic and athletics. St. Paul has claimed three CIF-SS football championships (1968, 1979, and 1981). It also participated in the major division football finals in 1975 and 1977. The Swordsmen were named the No. 1 football team in the State of California in 1968, 1972 and 1981. The school has also won 13 Angelus League championships in football and 10 Angelus League championships in baseball.

SANTA CRUZ (1964)
Graduates of Santa Cruz High School include Bob Yoder now the U.S.C. volleyball coach; Bill Kenney, quarterback of the Kansas City Chiefs, and Dean Garrett, starting center of the 1987 NCAA basketball champions from Indiana.

SAGANIEL (1955)
Two CIF-SS soccer championships, 11 straight girls’ basketball league championships and 80 straight league victories, 11 straight girls’ volleyball championships. The boys basketball program holds a CIF-SS record of 53 straight home victories.

SAN GORGONIO (1965)
San Gorgonio High School of San Bernardino has claimed two CIF-SS championships, The 1977-4A baseball and also the 1987 3-A Girls Soccer crown.

SAN LUIS OBISPO (1961)

SAN MARCOS (1961)
The Tournament of Champions Runnin’ Runts of San Marcos went 48-0 and never lost a regular season game throughout the 1980 and 1981 basketball seasons. The Royals have a strong tradition in golf, having won six CIF titles. During the 1987 season, SMHS grads Steve Pat, San Anselmo and Mike Gorton were announced as potential targets on the PGA Tour. In addition, Tom Richards was a national decathlon champion.

SANTA ANA (1889)
Santa Ana is recognized as the oldest high school in Orange County. It has claimed 10 league championships and 13 CIF-SS titles. The school was the first Southern Section CIF football champion in 1914. The school is also recognized as having played the first football game ever in the United States.

SANTA ANA VALLEY (1959)
Santa Ana Valley has claimed two CIF-SS championships in football and one CIF-SS title in basketball.

SANTA BARBARA (1875)
Santa Barbara High School’s proud athletic tradition includes 22 major-division CIF-SS team championships. Don adres also includes Basketball Hall of Famer Ed Matthews, golfer Al Geiberger, basketball star Jaima Wilkes, Olympic volleyball star Karol Kiraly and football greats Peter Zocc, Ernie Zampese, Mary Goux, Jim Murphy, Rod Dowhower, Sam Cunningham and Randall Cunningham.

SANTA FE (1955)
Santa Fe has captured three consecutive CIF-SS 3-A volleyball championships. Its volleyball teams also accumulated a 141-game winning streak between 1967 and 1981 while under coach Mollie Kavanagh.

SANTA MONICA (1891)
Since 1891, the Santa Monica Vikings have accumulated
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CIF-SS championships in every major sport. Numerous successful coaches and players have contributed to this proud tradition.

SANTA PAULA (1899)

The proud Cardinal athletic tradition includes 10 CIF-SS track championships: Football (1988, ’89), Boys’ Gymnastics (’41, ’48, ’49, ’51, ’53), Girls’ Volleyball (’80) and most recently, the 1988 Boys L-A Division Soccer title under Coach Joe Magdaleno. Santa Paula has also won two Dodge/Adolf Farms Sportsmanship Awards.

SANTIAGO (1961)

Santiago High’s Garden Grove is proud of its 1975 CIF-SS championship in girls’ basketball. It also has two CIF-SS wrestling champions: W.D. Martin (1975) and Luis Encarnada (1986).

SAVANNA (1961)

Savanna High of Anaheim has two CIF-SS baseball championships in their credit, 1-A in 1962, and 3-A in 1968. Savanna high itself as the professional baseball capital of the CIF-SS, with such notables as Don Asa, Al Hrabosky, Glenn Hoffman, Greg Matthews, and Marty Castillo having played there. Savanna is also where NFL quarterback Steve DeBerg got his start.

SCHURR (1971)

Schurr High of Montebello lists several football achievements, including a CIF-SS Eastern Conference championship in 1980, two consecutive sportsmanship awards (1986-87) in the Football League, and having the Coastal Conference Football Player of the Year in 1985, Hubert Turner.

SERRANO (1977)

Serrano High of Phelan captured the Small Schools State title in 1983, was a basketball semi-finalist in 1985, had the CIF-SS Small Schools Basketball Player of the Year in Richard Leonard (1985), and the CIF-SS Small Schools county Outstanding Field Champion, Tanya Tyler, in 1986.

SHERMAN INDIAN (1997)

Is the only school in CIF history to win four consecutive titles in a single sport. The Braves also lay claim to the best cross county record in CIF-SS competition, with 10 championships and three runner-ups finishes over a 15-year span.

SONORA (1966)

Sonora High of Sonora has won several league championships in all sports. It has seven CIF-SS titles to its credit: Basketball (1971, 1983), (baseball-2 A 1972), football (2 A 1975), boys’ soccer (1984) and field hockey (1976). Sonora is also possibly the only school to have a brother-sister combination achieve national prominence. The pair of Jones were successful in athletics as Dave and Anne Meyers, who stand out above all of Sonora’s past athletes.

SOUTH HILLS (1964)

Considering the school’s young age, it has been very successful in athletics. South Hills claims CIF-SS crowns in baseball (1966), 4-A football (1974), gymnastics (1972), wrestling (1981 as well as being state champs), girls’ softball (1982), and female student-athletes’ 1,500 meters (the school’s titles were in the large school division, despite the fact that South Hill’s enrollment is between 1100-1250.

SUNNYS (1995)

During its 30-year history, in nine separate sports, Sunnys Hills has earned eleven CIF-SS championships and been runner-up in seven more. The school’s 22nd place in the state’s water polo has scored 104 straight Freeway league victories and has 32 consecutive league victories. Pro baseball’s Gary Carter was a Sunnys Hills student.

TEHACHAPI (1998)

Tehachapi High has won CIF-SS championships in football (2002, and girls’ basketball (1)). The Warriors have claimed nine league titles, seven in boys’ basketball, four in girls’ basketball, 12 in baseball, and three in golf. Tehachapi athletes have captured Sierra League titles 23 times, and count 61 championships in 59 years of existence.

TEMPLE CHRISTIAN, PERRIS (1984)

In its first year, the football team made the CIF-SS playoffs, as did the baseball squad. The Swordsmen claimed a CIF-SS football championship in the 1986-87 season, and the girls’ basketball team qualified for the playoffs in 1987. Temple Christian’s Brian Dodson was named CIF-SS Co-MVP in football in 1987.

TUSTIN (1921)

Tustin’s 46-year athletic tradition has included CIF-SS team and individual championships and has produced Olympic medalists (Bruce Hbopton, rowing; and Evelyn Furst Ojeda, track), an astronaut (David LeCompte), in addition to professional athletes and coaches.

UNIVERSITY (1971)

University High of Irvine has won 62 league championships. It counts CIF titles in water polo (1), boys’ cross country (1), girls’ cross country (3), girls’ track (1), field hockey (1), and boys’ tennis (1). University has been to 38 water polo and swimming All-Americans and three boys’ tennis All-Americans. One time home of baseball star Tim Wallach, and now has Jeff Campbell, Peter Campbell, and Amy White, and national track record holders Polly Plummer and Dan Dunlap.

VALLEY CHRISTIAN, CERRITOS (1936)

Valley’s boys and girls teams have won nine CIF-SS championships and achieved runner-up positions seven times. The GV boys had 10 players of the year. The GV girls’ basketball team has eleven-straight league titles and has made six appearances in the CIF-SS finals, which constitutes a record section. The Crusaders once benefited from the presence of softball great Barbara Reinwald, who has two Pan Am Games gold medals, played on seven national championship teams, participated in the World Games three times, and was on the International Cup squad twice.

VERBUM DEI (1962)

Verbum Dei has captured seven CIF-SS basketball titles, three national basketball championships, and two CIF-SS football crowns. NBA players David Greenwood and Kenny Fields are Verbumb Dei alumni. Rhodes scholar, Emile Wilson, also played on the school home, as did George McQuaran, who coached at Verbumb Dei prior to taking over the men’s head basketball coaching position at Cal State Fullerton.

VICTOR VALLEY (1917)

Victor Valley High School saw its wrestlers win a CIF State championship in 1987, a girls’-CIFs cross country title in 1981, and had the football and boys’-basketball teams reach the CIF-SS finals twice. The school’s Keith Gunn and Don Conde as CIF-SS Gold Life Pass recipients.

VIEWPOINT (1962)

Viewpoint’s softball squad won the Heritage league four out of the past six years (1982-85). The boys’ volleyball team earned Viewpoint Scholar-Athlete for the highest team G.P.A. in 1987.

VILLA PARK (1965)


WALNUT (1968)

As Walnut High starts its third decade, the school reflects on the following past athletic accomplishments: nine CIF-SS championships in football, CIF-SS runner-up finishes, 20 individual titles, and 88 league varsity championships. Walnut alumnae basketball star Lance Parrish, football lineman Gary Zimmerman, and soccer players Jeff Hooker (1984 Olympian) and Paul Caliguri (NCAA title team member and West German pro league 1987).

WEST COVINA (1958)

West Covina High School counts six professional athletes among its graduates: Football players Bill Sabatino, Sandy Duane, and Steve Meyer, basketball’s Keith Smith, and baseball players Bill Stoneman and Tom Brunansky (Minnesota Twins) call West Covina their alma mater.

WESTERN (1957)

Western’s claim to fame includes playing for six CIF-SS championship teams. Additionally, 32 league titles have been earned. Eight graduates have played in major league baseball or the NFL, Andy Messermitter and then teacher-coach Luke Olson are the most familiar of Western’s ex-student/faculty.

WESTERN CHRISTIAN (1962)

Baseball player Mike Rust set the CIF-SS stolen base record for a single season in 1985.

WESTLAKE, LOS ANGELES (1929)

House of two track and swimming record holders, Traci Jackson (2-A CIF high jump record, 1983, ’84, ’85) and Dara Torres (2-A record in 50 and 100 freestyle swimming 22.69, 1985, 100 yard freestyle 49.76, 1986, 100 yard butterfly 56.16, 1983, as well as earning a gold medal in the 1984 Olympics in the 4x100 freestyle relay). Torres graduated in 1986.

WESTLAKE (1978)

Westlake High School has won CIF-SS championships in golf for two straight years (1987-88), in addition to having its golf team capture the C.S.C.A. title in 1988. Westlake is also home to the 1986-87 4-A soccer Player of the Year, Eric Wynaalda, and the 1984 state boys’ high-jump champ, Kenny Burke.

WESTMINSTER (1959)

Westminster, “The Home of Scholars and Champions” has eight CIF-SS championships in five different sports, and 55 Sunset League titles. Its alumni include current Utah Jazz basketball player Mark Eaton and 1984 volleyball Olympian Debbie Green, as well as Diane Watson, a two year All-Americans volleyball player at the University of Texas.

WILSON, HACIENDA HEIGHTS (1966)

Wilson High of Hacienda Heights lists its 1986 boys’ basketball CIF State Division II championship, CIF Player of the Year (3-A and All-American) Scott Williams. CIF-SS girls’ basketball (1979, 1984, 1987), and CIF-SS girls’ swimming Athlete of the Year Jill Stierkel (1979) as its claims to fame. Stierkel and Yoon Hee Choi represented the USA and Korea respectively. (Different) Wilson has also gone to on North Carolina University, where he has become a starring forward for Dean Smith’s Tar Heels.

WILSON, LONG BEACH (1926)

Wilson High School has produced 25 professional athletes, including Norm Miller, Roger Grich, Jeff Burroughs, and Laura Baugh. The Bruins also have their share of Olympians, Pat McCormick, Tim Shaw, Joan Lind, and Dan Schouest. Team wise, Wilson has won 36 CIF titles, and two state championships.

YUCAPIA (1959)

Yucapia’s proud athletic tradition includes four football league championships, six playoff appearances, CIF-SS boys’ basketball league and six straight playoff appearances (1978-83). Individually, these players have produced 26 All-CIF performers, in addition to 16 league championship wrestlers.
THE TOM BYRNES YEARS

1975 - 1980

Tom Byrnes

In 1973, Commissioner Fagans was need of an administrative assistant to replace Tom Morgan, who left the CIF Southern Section for a position with the Southern California Golf Association. When he began to assemble possible candidates for the job, he met with former athletic director from El Dorado High in Placentia, who a year earlier had aroused his interest by undertaking a reorganization of the administration of member schools. That young A.D. was Tom Byrnes.

"When I was the athletic director at El Dorado, I became involved with CAPHER, the California Coaches Association and the Cal A.D.'s Association," recalled Byrnes. "We had some problems interpreting some of the Southern Section rules, so I called Kenny Fagans and asked if it might not be a good idea to put on a rules seminar for the school administrators. Kenny said 'That's a great idea Tom. How do you propose to organize it?' I said 'I'd put it together, and we proceeded with a 'Know Your Blue Book Day.'

Byrnes had always been a rising star. When he graduated from Occidental College in 1960, he was immediately hired by the CIF Southern Section as a sports information director of athletics at Moorpark High School. At the age of 22, he was the head coach and A.D. at Moorpark. At Moorpark he coached every sport, lined the fields, drove the bus, washed the uniforms and taught seven classes. With his first paycheck, he went out and bought weights to start a weightlifting program for his athletes. When the Berlins crisis hit the following year, he was called to active duty with the National Guard, and upon his

EVLOLUTION OF THE CIF-SSF LOGO

The original CIF Southern Section Logo (left), which depicts the California Bear and a track and field athlete, was first used on office stationary in the mid 1930s. A bronze millesimal of the original logo still appears on all CIF-SSF awards.

Development of the modern version (center) was underwritten by Mr. Tom Morgan of the Kalas Katagosh Foundation in 1975. The logo was registered with the Federal Trade Commission in October, 1967. The 75-Year Anniversary version is at right.
charge landed a teaching and football coaching job at Valencia High. Once again as the youngest coach in Orange County, he took over the Placentia Unified School District’s football program. By the mid-60’s, he became its first Director of Athletics. He was the youngest Administrator that CIF-SS had ever had, and went on to become its youngest Commissioner at the age of 37 in 1975.

“When Kennedy retired, there were some outstanding applicants for the job,” Byrnes recalls. “I think the people who considered me a pretty good sort of fell into place for me. The finalists included Dick Corcoran at Azusa High and Bob Packer of Costa Mesa. Either would have made a great commissioner.” Byrnes was well prepared for his new assignment after working two years under Kennedy. In those years, the commissioner and one administrator comprised the CIF-SS staff. Byrnes immediately assumed duties involving all facets of the operation. And he learned from the master. “Kennedy’s biggest fault was the finest mind of any athletic administrator I have ever been connected with, and I state that without any weakness, it was that he was so talent ed he could do everything. That meant that sometimes he had to do things he probably could have a big problem trying to do the right thing.”

So the new major task upon becoming commissioner was to draw on the great resource of the school membership in seeking out talented people who could assist in the staging of CIF-SS events. A year prior to his retirement, Commissioner Kennedy was able to bolster the office staff by bringing in Margaret Davis and Kendall Webb as administrative assistants. Just prior to his departure, he replaced Webb, who had accepted the position of San Diego Section Commissioner, with Ray Plutko.

“When I became the commissioner, girls athletics were just coming into the picture and we were expanding the playoff system in all sports to include more schools than ever before,” said Byrnes. “One of the first things I did was to expand the role of certain individuals within the section to be the managers of the various activities. I started by saying: ‘Alright, who puts on the best track meet? Who takes care of the field, the equipment, who is the manager of the equipment? Who is the manager of the field?’”

numbers of athletes than ever before were competing against each other day with their talents with the expansion to divisional individual sports such as track and field, swimming and wrestling.

“I remember one year we had three girls from the same high school. Shirley Babashoff, Brian Goodell and Tim Shaw—who already had won medals at the Olympics—were in the Southern Section finals. That was incredible when you think about it. The competition was just phenomenal.”

In the 1980’s, the CIF-SS was still moving forward to meet the challenges. Byrnes was still there to lead the way, and the organization continued to grow and expand its reach.

COACH DICK BRUCH of Founta inni celebrates the Steelers’ 1988 Big-3 Tie playoff gate with Fountain Valley.

RED LETTER DATES (Continued from page 19)

JUNE 1980

The CIF-SS Corporate Sponsorship Program is formally established with the hiring of Larry Zucker to a full-time position as Director of Sports Marketing and Advertising.

OCT 1980

Under the direction of Commissioner Platko, the CIF-SS stages its first-ever Athletic Directors’ Symposium, entitled “Athletics in the New Decade.”

MAR 1983

The CIF-SS draws its largest crowd ever for a single day of championship basketball competition, with a grand total of 17,378 at the Long Beach Arena. The evening session features a showdown between Mater Dei and Long Beach Poly, attended by a capacity crowd of 12,506.

JAN 1984

CIF-SS Hall of Fame Recognition Awards founded. The new program gives the CIF-SS an alternative to the Gold Leather Pass—which for obvious reasons must be limited—for showing its appreciation to outstanding contributors of the organization.

AUG 1984

Former CIF Southern Section athletes collect a total of 44 medals at the XIXMEd Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Had the CIF-SS entered the Olympics in this nation, it would have placed third in the final medal count.

MAR 1986

Commissioner Platko announces he will step down to accept a position with the Colorado State High School Activities Association.

JULY 1986

Stan Thomas, an administrator with the Tustin Unified School District, is appointed as the sixth CIF-SS Commissioner of Athletics.

MAY 1987

The CIF-SS Office staff undergoes a reorganization, which entitles Founta inni Valley as the first-ever Associate Commissioner of Athletics.

OCT 1987

Remodeling and expansion of the CIF-SS Office in Cerritos is completed by the A.J. Pafafon and Son Company, whose generous donation provides four new offices and a new conference room for the organization.

MAY 1988

The CIF Southern Section celebrates its 75th Anniversary with a special invitation luncheon at the Sequoia Athletic Club of Buena Park.
remember clearly one question which was asked during the interview process, and I believe to this day it was the one that made the most impact. The question was: "As an administrative assistant, my singular role would be to make the commissioner look good. As commissioner, my role would be to make the executive committee and member schools look good." It was simple, but I believe very effective.

Pluto set out to bring the organization into the new decade with innovative ideas and a progressive spirit. He immediately went to work on the formal development of an aggressive promotional program, which was established in June of his first year with the hiring of Larry Zucker as full-time director of sports marketing and advertising. The program has since matured into one of the most successful of its kind nationally and currently provides the section with a major portion of its annual operating budget.

Pluto subsequently created a full-time office position for a director of media and public relations, so that the particular task would no longer be handled by an administrator. Further accomplishments in his tenure included development of the CIF-SS Athletic Director's Symposium; several orientation work-shops for coaches and administrators; and regularly scheduled news bulletins to be provided updated communication with member schools; adjusting the always challenging reorganizing process from year to year to a two-year cycle; and bringing the Southern Section back into the state basketball tournament.

Pluto was also instrumental in fighting off an attempt by elements of the state CIF to split the Southern Section into two sections, which later led both divisions into a better working relationship. Other perilous situations that were met head on by Commissioner Pluto included the litigation of the Ocean View undue-influence case of 1985, which was settled out of court in confirmation of the landmark Blue Book rule by the state supreme court, and a 1986 situation in the San Gabriel Valley League, which was solved to the betterment of all schools involved.

Champions

The following list represents the all-time roster of CIF Southern Section Executive Committee Member. The members are forever to be remembered for their contributions and the way in which they carried up the past, present and future of high school athletics.

Seth F. Van Patten (1935-36)
W. B. McPhee (1936-37, 1940-45)
H. B. Marley (1937-40, 1949-52)
W. A. Hart (1940-43, 1949-52)
J. P. Clipper (1943-49)
J. E. McKeown (1949-52)
G. D. Dade (1952-53)
E. W. Lewis (1953-55)
C. B. Duvall (1955-56)
R. A. Allen (1956-57)
C. B. Collins (1957-58)
C. B. Collins (1958-59)
J. L. Miller (1959-60)
R. L. Krug (1960-61)
J. H. Johnson (1961-62)
O. H. Jenkins (1962-63)
E. H. McDaniel (1963-64)
Harry J. Miller (1964-65)
B. E. Miller (1965-66)
E. B. Price (1966-67)
Robert E. Metz (1967-68)
W. C. Wilson (1968-69)
John R. Shumaker (1969-70)
E. H. Peck (1970-71)
Ralph D. Wadsworth (1971-72)
W. C. Hill (1972-73)
Artie Garl (1973-74)
Larry J. Heine (1974-75)
E. B. Price (1975-76)
C. R. Prince (1976-77)
A. A. McCombs (1977-78)
E. C. Franklin (1978-79)
Gary G. Anderton (1979-80)
J. A. Read (1980-81)
Brian H. Hovis (1981-82)

In 1986, Pluto and his staff finalized the entire operation — including a live television crew to Cerritos College, where the Friars and Lancers played before a packed house.

"I would describe the Southern Section as simply superb in comparison to other organizations of its type," added Pluto. "The history of the organization and its previous commissioners had developed it to such a fine point, that when change was needed, it was more of a step backwards rather than change. It has always been a leader among high school associations nationally, and has not afraid to take the lead. Being commissioner of the Southern Section was a great experience for me."

In January of 1986, Pluto accepted the position of Commissioner of the Colorado High School Activities Association — the first such company with the CIF Southern Section after an 11-year association.
ALL-TIME CIF-SS
ADMINISTRATIVE ROSTER
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Mr. Curtis, (1928)
John Albin, (1928-37)
J.W. Grin, (1928)
M. Stack, (1929)
D.E. Garf, (1931-32, 43-46)
G.M. Montgomery, (1929)
D.H. James, (1931-32)
C.E. Johnson, (1929-30)
Norma E. Hartene, (1936-39, 40-48)
M.W. Perry, (1937-38)
O.P. Halig, (1938-39)
Ralph Bunsell, (1939-40)
R.L. Bowerman, (1940-41)
W. Roy Ball, (1941-44)
L. Allen Aiken, (1941-42)
A.R. Brown, (1941-42)
A.E. Kendall, (1941-42)
Arthur W. Badger, (1946-49)
Bechtel Edson, (1946-49)
Fred Johnson, (1948-50)
Harley J. Holt, (1948-51)
E.J. Luedersom, (1948-50)
Keith Grant, (1950-51, 56-66, 67-70)
William W. Russell,
Comptroller of Athletics (1950-54)
A.G. Ogilvie, President of the Commission (1956-77)
Donald W. Roller, President (1951-52)
H.S. Puckwood, President (1952-53)
Bruce Lawson, President (1953-55)
Olive Cottin, President (1957-58)
Joseph Randell, President (1959-60)
J. Kenneth Fagan,
Comptroller of Athletics (1954-75)
Ben F. Jasnov, (1955-60)
Douglas White, (1955-60)
Robert L. White, (1956-57)
Frank E. Williams, (1956-57)
Matt Kowalik, (1957-60)
John R. Taylor, (1957-60)
Rev. L. Carbone, (1957-60)
George W. Phelps, (1958-60)
Vachelis Campanile, (1958-60)
Robert J. Schilling, (1959-60)
Melvin C. Hayes, (1960-64)
Hansell Walter, (1960-61)
John W. Landrum, (1960-61)
Robert D. Atwell, (1960-61)
Charles M. Ross, (1961-66)
Artistic Hoffman, (1961-65, 66-67)
Roland F. Ewing, (1961-65)
Nelson Price, (1963-64)
Harry E. Bigger, (1963-67)
Steve Marquardt, (1966-70)
Dave Franklin, (1966-69)
Chad Hardley, (1968-69)
Michael S. Brown, (1969-70)
Fred Alexander, (1969-71)
Chesler R. Slack, (1969-70)
Keith Lee, (1969-70)
Harley J. Holt, (1969-70)
Fred Alexander, (1969-70)
Jim Thomas, (1969-70)
Jarrod E. Ewing, (1969-70)
Dave Alexander, (1969-70)
Dale LaBonte, (1969-70)
Dr. Richard Cordaro, (1969-70)
Rev. Lawrence Dungy, (1971-72)
Dr. Harrell Rain, (1971-72)
Lee Leonard, (1971-72)
Dr. Lowell Jackson, (1971-72)

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