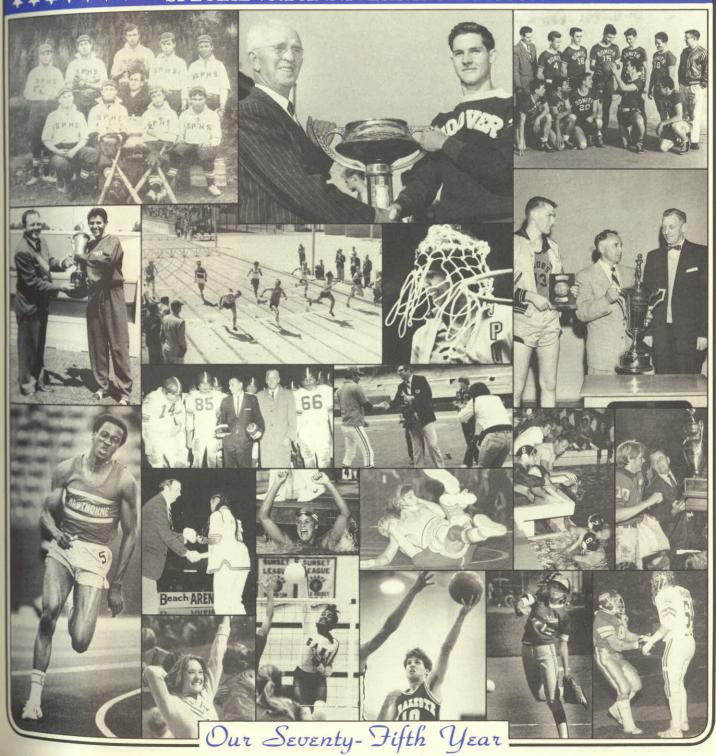


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# COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



THE FUTURE IS OURS

By Stan Thomas Commissioner of Athletics

As the CIF Southern Section pauses for a look back at 75 years of progress, one has to wonder what lies ahead for our organization as a whole, for our member schools individually and for the thousands of coaches and student-athletes for whom we serve.

Although we can't expect a prophecy, one thing is for sure, the basic concept on which this organization was conceived will never change: that high school activities – such as athletics – are an intregal component of the total educational experience; that extracurricular programs are a major enhancement to academic success; and that well-rounded, productive citizens are the end product of the programs fostered by our organization.

The association bonding our member schools for so many years has endured because of cooperation and the common goals of sportsmanship, fair play and providing the highest quality of interscholastic athletic competition. If cooperation between the member schools continues, and if the common goals remain in sight, then the sky truly is the limit for the future of the CIF Southern Section.

As we stand on the threshold of the final quarter of our first century, everyone involved – school principles, athletic directors, coaches, students, parents and support personnel of all types – need to have a basic understanding of the big picture. When a situation arises, will they act to suit their own interests, or will they maintain sight of the common goals and work to achieve cooperation?

Please keep in mind the importance of what's at stake. School activities offer students a chance to excel at something of their own choosing. They provide the opportunity for young people to earn status and a sense of respect among their peers. Activities cultivate self respect and confidence. Moreover, national surveys have proven that

# CIF SOUTHERN SECTION: WHERE CHAMPIONS ARE BORN

By Scott Cathcart Director of Media & Public Relations

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

Want more? How's this for a base-ball lineup: Hall of Famers Bob Lemon of Long Beach Wilson, Ralph Kiner of Alhambra, Jackie Robinson of John Muir, Ed Mathews of Santa Barbara and Duke Snyder of Compton. Current stars George Brett of El Segundo, Jack Clark of Gladstone, Tony Gwynn of Long Beach Poly, Mike Witt of Servite and Mark McGwire of Damien.

Football? How about Heisman Trophy-winner John Huarte of Mater Dei and legends Frankie Albert of Glendale, "Alley-Oop" R.C. Owens of Santa Monica, Billy Kilmer of Chaffey, Gene Washington of Long Beach Poly. George Beuhler of Whittier, Pat Haden of Bishop Amat and Sam "Bam" Cunningham of Santa Barbara. Current NFL stars? Ronnie Lott of Eisenhower, Randy Cross of Crespi, Dennis Smith of Santa Monica, Darrin Nelson of Pius X, Duane Bickett of Glendale, Randal Cunningham of Santa Barbara and Anthony Munoz of Chaffey.

In basketball, CIF-SS member schools can claim among their alumnistandouts such as Paul Westphal of Aviation, Lynn Schackleford of Burbank Burroughs, Jamaal Wilkes of Santa Barbara and Cheryl Miller of Riverside Poly. Current NBA stars include David Greenwood of Verbum Dei, Bill Laimbeer of Palos Verdes and Byron Scott of Morningside.

The CIF-SS has been well represented in the Olympics, too. In the 1984 Los Angleles games alone, Southern

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# THE SETH VAN PATTEN YEARS



1913 **-** 1950

Seth F. Van Patten

When Mr. Seth F. Van Patten came to Southern California as a member of the Escondido High School faculty in December of 1900, there existed some beginnings of high school athletic leagues. formed for the purpose of promoting football and baseball games between area schools. These leagues were more or less informal organizations, with no constitutions or by-laws. Eligibility rules had not been heard of, and all too frequently, young men and boys wound up playing in the games of schools they were not attending.

School administrators took no part in the management of these contests. The lack of administration and organization under such a loose setup provided for a great many disputes, causing the average high school principal to give little attention to the cause of interscholastic athletics.

Two ill-fated attempts were made at organizing prep athletics – and most notably, a championship track meet – in Southern California prior to 1912.

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students who participate in high school activities are more likely to have higher grades and a better attendance record than those who don't.

The very essence of the CIF Southern Section is voluntary membership. The organization's success or failure depends soley upon the willingness of its members to strive together for the common goals. The future welfare of interscholastic athletics in our area is up to each of us. Only we, as involved individuals representing our member institutions, can control our mutual destiny. How we handle this reponsibility will ultimately determine prosperity or demise.

# **RED LETTER DATES**

# 75 YEARS OF PROGRESS

The following is a chronological listing of important events that have shaped the progress and growth of the 75-year history of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section.

OCT. 1912 The California Interscholastic Federation was organized in a meeting conducted at the old Y.M.C.A. playground on Stevenson Avenue in Boyle Heights.

APR. 1913

Pomona High School, under Coach Ralph Dignowitty, wins the 1913 Southern California Track and Field Championships, held at the Y.M.C.A. field in Los Angeles. The event is recognized as the first ever conducted by the CIF-SS.

MAY 1913 The Southern California Interscholastic Athletic Council, which eventually became the CIF Southern Section, was formed in Los Angeles.

MAR. 1914 The California Interscholastic Federation initiative was adopted statewide.

SEPT. 1914 The Southern California Interscholastic Athletic Council officially changed its name to CIF Southern Section.

MAY 1914 Orange High School captures the first-ever CIF-SS baseball championship with an 8-4 win over Long Beach Poly. The game was played at Occidental College.

FEB. 1915

Whittier High School posts a 38-32 win over Covina in the first-ever CIF-SS championship basketball game, held at Manual Arts High in Los Angeles. Coached by John Wilson, the Cardinals go on to win the first three CIF-SS cage titles consecutively, with wins over Citrus in 1916 and Hollywood in 1917.

NOV. 1915

Under the direction of Head Coach Duffy Sea, Pasadena High School wallops Whittier, 50-0, in the first-ever CIF-SS championship football game, held at Occidental College. However, Pasadena is the second member school to claim a CIF-Si grid title, as Santa Ana was declared the 1914 champion by virtue of its league record, which included no losses and one tie. The '14 Saints were coached by Walter Hall.

NOV. 1922 The "Four Point" rating table (height, weight, age and grade) adopted for classification of high school boys for interscholastic competition.

MAY 1926 Los Angeles High School captures the first-ever CIF-SS swimming championship, in a meet held at Huntington Park High School.

NOV. 1926 Los Angeles Poly High School wins the first-ever CIF-SS Cross Country Championships, conducted at Griffith Park.

MAY 1930 Mr. Seth Fields Van Patten recommended for the position of first CIF Southern Section Commissioner of Athletics. Van Patten had participated actively in CIF-SS affairs prior to this date as manager of track and field and secretary of the organization.

OCT. 1930 Seth F. Van Patten assumes post as first CIF-SS Commissioner of Athletics.

MAY 1935 Los Angeles City Schools depart from the CIF-SS membership to form the CIF Los Angeles City Section.

SEPT. 1935 CIF-SS Council passes a new "three-point" system for classification of lower level athletic competition.

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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 meet 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 schools in proportion 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 cancelled its membership. With L.A. High out of the picture, the A.A.S.C. folded.

When Van Patten moved to South Pasadena High School in 1907, 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 job of organizing the track championships, citing too many schools, too many details and too much cost as problems it could not overcome. After the failure of 1906, the colleges of Southern California took turns at putting on the meet: Pomona 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 union 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), the Channel (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 and Santa Ana). It had a printed constitution and by-laws, but the members of the board were without experience. Endless disputes progressed at nearly every meeting, and as a result, the colleges became overly involved concerning the track championships. The general opinion among a large number of schoolmen was that students and the schools would be better off if the athletic program were thrown out completely.



COMMISSIONER SETH VAN PATTEN (center) presents awards at the third annual Santa Money "B" Basketball Tournament in 1947. To his right is Joe Walling of the Santa Monica Jr. Chamber second from left is A.E. Konold of the Executive Committee and at the far right is SMHS Athle Director 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 program continued to flounder 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 its hand at running the high school meet, but the unrest continued.

Van Patten moved to Los Angeles High in 1910 and by 1912 was elected President of the Los Angeles County League. Track and Field competition was always a live topic at league meetings, and in a particularly stormy session 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 categorcally to league representatives that "if they did

not have guts enough to run the meet properly themselves, they did not deserve a championship meet." Comp ton High Principal W.R. Moberly, who had made the original request, asked to make a substitute motion. He moved that the High School Leagues of Southern California run their own championship meet in 1913, and that Mr. Van Patten be elected meet man-

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 became involved, formed a membership 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-SS track and field championships

When the organization drew up its first constitution and by-laws in 1913 it was known as the Southern California Interscholastic Athletic Council. Mr. E.W. Oliver, principal of Los Angeles High School, was named the first presdent of the council. The name changed to CIF Southern Section in March of 1914, when the CIF initiative was adoped statewide.

In the early years, the organization had no central office or permanent employees. The CIF-SS conducted its business entirely through meetings of the council, which included appointed managers for each sport. The managers

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ers, who were administrators of member schools, found the added responsibility of conducting regular-season and playoff competition in their sports to be a taxing burden when combined with the day-to-day operation of their own schools. However, their capable and consciectious efforts carried the young organization and provided the foundation on which today's Southern California interscholastic athletic competition was built. The original group included Van Patten for track and field. Harry J. Moore for football, Art Badenoch for baseball, R.E. Squires for basketball, Fred Johnson for aquatics and Walter Hall for tennis.

When the organization was formed for the 1913 track championships, roughly 20 schools were involved. By 1928, the membership had grown to over 100, and competition was conducted in three classes (A/B and C). providing over 600 participants for the CIF-SS track and field finals alone.

With the steady growth, it became evident by the late 20's that a restructuring of the organization was necessary. And so in 1930, Van Patten was appointed as the first Commissioner of Athletics to deal with CIF-SS affairs on a daily basis. The first Executive Committee was also appointed at the time, providing an administrative body beyond the council to deal with the growing number of decisions and operational function of the organization.

In 1932, a three-man committee composed of Dr. Fred Cozens of UCLA, Mr. Martin Trieb of the Los Angeles City Schools and Mr. N.P. Nielsen, State Director of Health and Physical Education, assumed the task of developing a new system for determining competitive levels of high school students. After nearly three years of research, the committee's three-point system of classification, which was based on age, height and weight, was adopted by the CIF-SS council in September of 1935, replacing the old system established in 1922. From that point until 1972, when lower levels of competition were changed to the current system based strictly upon school grades, the three-point rating or "exponent" system was maintained with few changes.

Increasingly pointed discussion over items of the classification system were commonplace at council meetings by

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SEPT. 1937

Upon the recommendation of Commissioner Van Patten, the CIF-SS begins publication of a monthly bulletin to include all Council and Executive Committee minutes, playoff results and other news of the organization. At the commissioner's request, the bulletin is to be distributed to all member schools and interested parties.

**SEPT. 1937** South Pasadena High School becomes the new office site for Commissioner Van Patten and the CIF Southern Section.

DEC. 1937 Under the direction of W.R. "Bill" Schroeder, the Helms Hall Athletic Foundation conducts a meeting of Southern California prep sportswriters for the purpose of selecting the first-ever All-CIF team in the sport of football. Quarterback Frank Albert of Glendale is named the first MVP. Although its name has changed, the organization has provided recognition for the high school studentathletes of Southern California ever since.

FEB. 1942 The CIF-SS Office moves to Oneonta School in South Pasadena.

CIF Southern Section programs are limited severly due to 1942-1944 the war effort.

The CIF Southern Section Office moves to the Helms Hall NOV. 1949 Athletic Foundation, located at 8760 Venice Blvd. in Los Angeles. The office space was provided free of charge to the CIF-SS and made possible by Mr. Paul H. Helms.

Member schools of the CIF Southern Section adopt APR. 1950 playing rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations for the sport of football.

Commissioner Seth F. Van Patten, recognized as the **JUNE 1950** "Father of the CIF" retires at age 77. Just two years later. Van Patten passes away at his home in Alhambra.

SEPT. 1950 William W. Russell becomes the second CIF Southern Section Commissioner of Athletics.

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NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER Bill Russell (left) joins the outgoing Seth Van Patten at an athletic luncheon in the Helms Hall Building in 1950.

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1934. Sharp debates also arose over releaguing procedures, resulting in a "choosing up of sides" among distinct geographic groups within the section. 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 what might best be described as a rollercoaster ride. The athletic program was well supported by the administrators of the member schools, even through the depression and war years. But finances reached a low ebb during the war and the bottom of the barrell was being scraped every month. With peace came prosperity though, and from 1946 until his retirement in 1950, Commissioner Van Patten witnessed a resurgence of the high school athletic program in Southern California to a level of success which had not been achieved ever before.

In 1950, Van Patten 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. Just two years after his retirement, Mr. Van Patten passed away at his home in Alhambra. He will always be remembered as the "father" of the CIF Southern Section.



# THE BILL RUSSELL YEARS



1950 -1954

William W. Russell

William W. Russell was appointed as the second CIF Southern Section Commissioner of Athletics upon the retirement of Seth Van Patten in 1950. An unusual scenerio 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 and athletics after service in World War II. In the spring of 1950, he was summoned to the office of Santa Barbara High School Principal Harvey Holt, a member of the CIF-SS Executive Committee, which at the time was in search of a replacement for Commissioner Van Patten. Holt had been made aware of Russell as a candidate for the commissionership by then Santa Barbara High football coach and athletic director Clarence Schutte. He informed Russell of the impending vacancy at the CIF Southern Section, and out of the meeting Russell filed an application.

"It is my understanding that the CIF-SS had approximately 40 to 50 applicants for the position," noted Russell. "Most of the applicants were either coaches or athletic directors, who had been around for a long time. The committee couldn't settle on anyone, so I was offered an opportunity to interview for the position. In the interview, Mr. Kinter Hamilton, who was chairman of the Executive Committee, asked me what I knew about the CIF and my reply was 'not much'. All I knew was what I had gathered from Mr. Holt and a few things I picked up in glancing at the Blue Book. He explained to me that a big part of the job was being able to say no to people who would want an exception to the rules. He asked me point-blank

if I could say no to principals and superintendents on any issue, and my response was something like I wouldn't hesitate to say no to you. About six months after I was appointed Commissioner, Mr. Hamilton told me my flippant answer to that particular question insured him I would be secure in the position."

"It was a lucky break for me," added Russell. "I know that I would never have done anything in my life as an occupation that I would have enjoyed more than working at the Southern Section and State CIF Offices."

In his first year, there were three people Commissioner Russell would call on if he had a question or wasn't absolutely certain about a ruling of some type. They were Harry J. Moore, who was the State CIF President and principal of Long Beach Wilson High School, former Commissioner Van Patten, and L.A. City Commissioner Bill Lopez. Russell felt that by consulting other experts in the field, he would be better equipped to develop consistency in his decisions and confidence in the public's view of the organization.

Of course, Russell received a great deal of assistance from former Commissioner Van Patten.

"He brought the organization into the world and pulled it together from a loose-knit association. He centralized the CIF Southern Section for all sports. He was just a person who you couldn't help but admire and get to like for his manner and ability. His accomplishments were tremendous. I had the opportunity to work under him for six months. He left good records and worked diligently to make the transition smooth."

When Russell took the reigns of the CIF Southern Section in 1950, the office was located at the Helms Hall Athletic Foundation building, located at 8760 Venice Blvd. in West Los Angeles. The membership stood at approximately 160 schools. The playoffs in each sport were paired six-to-eight months prior to their opening by the Executive Committee, which would assign the champion of one league to meet the champion of another in the first round. In those days, only league champions gained entry.

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Early on, Russell saw that officiating for the various sports had serious problems in the outlying areas. In metropolitan Los Angeles and the larger cities such as Long Beach, Pasadena, Santa Ana and San Diego, the officials had good numbers and well organized associations. These associations provided instructional programs, in which the officials attended weekly meetings and were required to pass qualification examinations. But in outlying areas such as Needles, Barstow, Paso Robles and Lancaster, there were only a few officials to go around and no associations. All too often, home town officials worked the local games, which invited controversy. So Russell formed instructional programs for football and basketball to travel to the vast boundaries of the section and provide clinics. The experts he sought to conduct these clinics were Norman Duncan of UCLA, who was an official in the NFL, and Ken Fagans of Compton High School, who was an outstanding basketball coach and official.

"Neither Norm or Kenny was paid a nickle to make those trips," said Russell. "They volunteered because they had a genuine concern for the welfare of high school athletics in Southern California. We would leave together on Friday afternoon and conduct clinics on Friday night, Saturday afternoon and Saturday night. As a result, we ended up with a better organization. We also assisted the officials in getting some mileage pay and were finally able to ask officials to travel for assignments in the outlying areas."

Another problem that arose during Commissioner Russell's tenure dealt with assigning home and away teams for playoff games. When he first became Commissioner, Russell continued the old procedure of flipping a coin, but most of the time, competing schools could not be in attendance. The only person other than himself who actually saw the flip was his secretary, and many times the coaches or administrators calling for results were hard to convince. So Russell devised what he termed "the telephone-book routine", where he would ask one school for an odd or even number in reference to the last number on a specific page of the Los

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THE HELMS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION Building, located at 8760 Venice Blvd. in West Los Angeles, served as home for the CIF Southern Section from November of 1949 through March of 1959.

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DEC. 1956

**MAY 1965** 

FEB. 1952	As a non-profit school organization, the CIF is ruled to have tax-exempt status on admission receipts from playoff
	games by the Internal Revenue Service.

MAY 1954	Commissioner Russell is elected to the position of Assis-
	tant Executive Secretary of the State CIF and Protection
	Fund. The position is eventually entitled State CIF
	Commissioner of Athletics.

JULY 1954	J. Kenneth Fagans is appointed as the third CIF Southern	
	Section Commissioner of Athletics.	

In a landmark CIF-SS event, Anaheim and Downey High
Schools play to a 13-13 tie to share the major-division
football championship. The crowd of 41,383 at the Los
Angeles Memorial Coliseum endures today as the largest
in CIF-SS history. The Mickey Flynn-led Colonists were coached by the legendary Clare Van Hoorebeke, while
Downey and quarterback Randy Meadows were directed
by Dick Hill, who went on to become the first CIF-SS coach to win grid championships at three different schools including Santa Ana Valley in 1974 and Santa Ana in
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	poration," insuring the organization will forever maintain
	status as a non-profit organization unto itself.

APR. 1959	CIF Southern Section Office moves to 5443 W.	Washing-
	ton Blvd. in Los Angeles.	

JUNE 1960	Member schools of San Diego County split off to form the	e
	CIF San Diego Section.	

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Angeles directory. That way the competing schools could look it up if they wanted to confirm it.

In 1951, Russell was instrumental in forming the first-ever CIF golf competition. With the assistance of Executive Committee member Oliver Corbin, he headed off a proposal of some member leagues to discontinue the football playoffs. He was involved with the CIF 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-SS obtained non-profit status, and thus would not be taxed on playoff admission receipts.

When the State Executive Director of the California Interscholastic Federation Protection Fund, Arthur Bingham retired in 1955, Bill Russell was appointed State Commissioner. He inherited the dual function of administering the state insurance program, in addition to overseeing the function 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 competition 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 intescholastic athletic program. "The CIF is a great organization," added Russell. "It has good purpose and has built an outstanding reputation over its long history. 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 expansion in many areas. It is recongnized as the period in which the organization came of age. And it was orchistrated 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-SS Commissioner of Athletics, Fagans began his term in June of 1954 when Bill Russell assumed the position of State CIF Commissioner. He was well suited for the job. At the age of 44, he had long been a pillar of the Southern California athletic community. He was an assistant principal and director of athletics at Centennial High School of Compton at the time of his appointment. His background 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 Pacific-8 Conference.

As a youngester, Fagans was a standout 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 Oregon State 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 junior college and high school teams to a phenominal 248-23 record over a seven-year period

a remarkable winning percentage of .915. His Compton High School team won 53 consecutive games from 1950. 53. a mark exceeded only twice in the 75-year history of the CIF-SS. His 1951-52 club went 32-0 and was the second of Fagans' back-to-back majordivision champions.

The sheer growth of the section during the Fagans era was nothing less than dramatic. When he started his long term as commissioner, the CIF-SS was composed of 218 schools. By the time he left, the membership had expanded to 458, even though 48 schools left when the San Diego Section was formed in 1960. During the period, the number of CIF-SS sanctioned sports increased from 11 for boys only to 22 for both boys and girls. The dramatic growth also created a greater demand for services and an ever-increasing volume of phone calls, correspondence. inquiries, requests and paper work. As a result, the CIF-SS office staff itself was expanded from just Fagans himself to nine full-time employees.

When Fagans assumed his position as commissioner in 1954, the CIF Southern Section was a rather low-key operation. The assets of the organization consisted entirely of one typewriter and one desk. The office was housed in a single room at Helms Hall, which came free of charge thanks to Paul Helms. The CIF-SS was also provided with the opportunity to use Helms' addressograph and mimeograph machines in order to conduct its daily operations.

"The only expense we had in those days was our telephone bill," recalled Fagans. "And the only assets we had were in war bonds that Seth Van Patten had purchased years before. A major portion of my responsibility was to assign the officials for a wide area so I soon found out more help was needed."

One of the first items on his agenda was to re-organize and simplify the process for assignment of officials by providing a complete schedule to each rather than game-by-game correspondence. In 1956, he brought in Darol Roundy, a UCLA Phys-Ed graduate, to assist in the assignment process.

In the fall of 1954, Fagans' had his

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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 organization's best chance to improve its financial situation, yet nothing could be shown 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 draw 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. Everybody 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 convinced the Executive Committee to hold off on seeding the football playoffs until the end 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 structure, 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 the fall of 1956. Two football teams of unmatched capabilities, which were led by the finest ball carriers of their era -Anaheim with Mickey Flynn and Downey with Randy Meadows - were on a collision course from the outset of the campaign. When playoff time rolled around, Fagans skillfully seeded Anaheim and Downey one-two, so if both teams survived, the only game in which they could possibly meet would be the championship final. Kenny's dream game became a reality on Dec. 14, 1956, when the Colonists and Vikings each brought perfect 13-0 records into the Los Angeles Memorial Coli-

"When we secured the Coliseum for our championship final that year, they insured us we would draw eight to 10,000-max for a high school game," recalled Fagans. "On their recommendations, we employed six ticket sellers and eight ticket takers for the event.

the people just ate it up. Of course I was there at 4 p.m. to start setting things up, and when I checked to see how our ticket sales were going at about seven, the people were litterally lined up for blocks trying to get in. I went down immediately to open another 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 below 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 back to 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 set the starting time back to 8:30. They wern't happy about it, but they agreed, and we were able to get all of those people in."

Well, the game was so attractive, that

Considering the circumstances, an accurate crowd count for the evening was nearly impossible. But through the gate receipts and turnstile count, the official number was set at 41.383, which stands today as the largest crowd ever to witness a CIF Southern Section event. As for the game? The two teams battled to a 13-13 tie and were declared co-champions. According to Fagans, it was the night the CIF Southern Section came of age and one that would never be forgotten.

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 sat on the board for extraordinarily long terms. It was his contention that representation on such an important governing body should be spread further among the member schools. At his urgence, 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. Fagans also recognized the outstanding contribution



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1960-61 - front row: Marion C. Hays, Keith Gunn. Oliver Corbin. Harold Wetzler, John W. Landrum. Back row: John R. Taylor, Winston Nelson, Frank O. Hopkins. Commissioner Ken Fagans, Robert D. Ashton, Robert J. Schilling.



# 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 75 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 . . .

#### AGOURA (1964)

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

### **ALEMANY (1956)**

Alemany has attained 16 league championships in the past 17 years. Student-athlete Tim Poltl in 1979 set a National high jump record of 7-feet 3-inches.

# ALHAMBRA (1898)

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 our 75th year. Our accomplishments range from individual state champions to CIF-SS championships in football and gymnastics.

# **APPLE VALLEY (1968)**

Apple Valley High School won the CIF-SS championship in softball in 1978. Tony 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 Federation, as well as being on the Executive Board of all three organizations.

# **ARROYO GRANDE (1898)**

Arroyo Grande won the Girls' CIF-SS cross country championships in 1984 and 1985, as well as the Girls' 2-A track title in 1985. Coach Greg DeNike was the 1985 Cross Country Coach of the Year for the Southern Section. This past fall, the Eagles claimed the CIF-SS Northwestern Conference 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 Adohr Farms-Dodger Sportsmanship Award.

#### **AZUSA (1964)**

Azusa High School claimed CIF championships in 1-A softball and 1-A 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 1-A championship in football. It was the first time that a championship was decided by using the tie-breaker rule. Don Smith was the head coach.

# **BISHOP DIEGO (1940)**

Bishop Garcia Diego of Santa Barbara claims eight CIF-SS championships: 1972 cross country, 1975 volleyball, 1976 girls volleyball, 1977 boys basketball, 1977 volleyball, 1978 boys basketball, 1978 volleyball and 1978 girls basketball. The Cardinals have also won 26 league championships.

#### **BISHOP (1886)**

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 1955-63. The Wildcats were the 1984 CIF-SS runners-up in cross country. In 1958, Steve Rogers was the State CIF long jump champion. In 1952, Junior Foster was the State CIF 100 yard-dash champion.

# **BUENA (1961)**

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 basketball. The Bulldogs have also appeared in five CIF-SS girls basketball finals, winning titles in 1979 and 1984. In 1976, Buena was the Boys 4-A Division runner-up in basketball.

#### **BURBANK (1909)**

Burbank claims five CIF-SS championships – 1967 swimming, 1964 and 1970 cross country, and 1975 softball and volleyball.

# CABRILLO (1965)

Conquistador student-athlete George Porter set an alltime 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 2-A 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, RIVERSIDE (1953)

California School for the Deaf continues to provide hearing impaired students the oportunity to compete in interscholastic athletics, evident by such outstanding past student-athletes as Jerry 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 MVP's Rick Burton, Randy Austin and Ken Sollom during the period.

# **CAPISTRANO VALLEY (1977)**

In Capistrano Valley High School's 10-year history, it has captured six CIF-SS championships: Football (1980), 2-A Soccer (1981), girls Gymnastics (1983), 2-A Baseball (1983, '87) and Girls 4-A swimming (1987). The Cougars also reached the Boys 4-A Division Basketball finals this past season.

#### CARPINTERIA (1917)

Carpinteria holds a 60-game league win streak in football from 1947-1957. Warrior teams have won CIF-SS Football Championships in 1975 and 1987, a baseball title in 1972 and tennis crowns in 1981 and 1982.

#### **CHANNEL ISLANDS (1966)**

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

# CLAREMONT (1909)

The Wolf-Pack claimed CIF-SS football championships four times – 1956, 1958, 1984 and 1985. Claremont also captured the 1985 CIF-SS girls soccer championship.

# CONNELLY (1961)

The Koalas claim a total of 18 league championships in the sports of basketball, volleyball, softball and tennis. Competed in the CIF-SS finals in volleyball and also appeared 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 - the 1986 2-A water polo title, the 1976 boys 4-A cross country title and the 1960 1-A baseball crown. The boys cross country team accumulated 10 league championships from 1960-1980.

#### COVINA (1897)

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, an Olympic medalist in diving. Jim Hanifan, a 1951 graduate, went on to coach professional football with the St. Louis Cardinals.

# CRESCENTA 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 Goorjian in 1978 for basketball. C.V.'s Mr. Ted Andrews is a receipient of the CIF-SS Gold Life Pass.

# CROSSROADS (1971)

The girls' basketball team has won 46 straight league games (1984-87). The boys' basketball team has claimed numberous league championships along with four CIF-SS basketball championships (1982, 1983, 1986 and 1987). It won the State CIF Southern Regionals in basketball in 1983, 1986 and 1987. In 1987 Crossroads was the Boys Division III State Basketball Champion. In baseball, Crossroads has claimed the CIF-SS championship twice (1985 and 1987).

# **CULVER CITY (1951)**

The Centaurs have captured CIF-SS championships in five different sports – 1954 boys basketball, 1958 boys cross country, 1978 football, 1979 girls' baketball 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 Spartan soccer team was the CIF-SS runnerup.

# **DESERT (1952)**

The athletic highlight 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, numerous Brahma student-athletes are competing in the college ranks.

# **DOWNEY (1905)**

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 Smitheran 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 football program in Orange County over the last ten years. The Vanguards have 100-plus victories, have entered the CIF-SS playoffs ten times, captured three CIF-SS titles, and been the championship runner-up on two additional occasions. Home of Orange County Hall of Fame Coach Bob



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Lester, Olympic competitor and coach Dick Becker, and seven professional athletes within the past 10 years.

# EL SEGUNDO (1927)

The Eagles have won twenty-six CIF championships, led by the water polo squad (12), boys' swimming (6), baseball (5), softball (2), and boy's basketball (1). El Segundo lists among its graduates Bobby Bethard, 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 currently coach at Arizona State, Debbie Landreth.

# EL TORO (1973)

El Toro can lay claim to boys titles in football (1982, '86, '87), swimming ('82, '83, '84), cross country ('81, '82), water polo ('84, '85), wrestling ('79, '84, '86), basketball ('87), soccer ('79), baseball ('83, '84, '85), swimming ('79, '82, '83), volleyball ('79, '87) and golf ('84). Girls' titles include track ('77), softball ('78, '79, '80, '83, '86), volleyball ('80, '85), basketball ('82, '85, '86, '87), cross country ('85), and soccer

# **FULLERTON (1893)**

Has won 25 CIF championships, 29 Orange County, and 97 league titles. One time home to David Sepulveda, who holds the national football record for twenty-six receptions in one game, and Natalie Kaaiawahia, the national shot put record holder. Fullerton can also count current pro football players Keith Van Horne and Hoby Brenner, world shot put record holder John Brenner, and baseball Hall of Fame players "Arky" Vaughan and Walter Johnson among its ex-students.

# GLENDALE (1908)

Glendale's CIF titles include basketball (1981, 1985), football (1924), and baseball (1938). Distinguished Glendale graduates include John Wayne, 1985-86 NFL Rookie of the Year Duane Bickett, Olympian Dwight Stones, NFL player and coach Frankie Albert, and baseball great "Babe" Herman.

# WILLIAM S. HART (1945)

Most recently, Hart captured a CIF football crown (1986) as well as being runner-up in 1985. In baseball (1982) and basketball (1959), the school has experienced a near misses. Ex-Hart athlete Bob Walk started a World Series game in 1980, and weight lifter Greg Garrett won a Peruvian power lifting contest in 1987.

### HESPERIA (1984)

In its short history, Hesperia has won two CIF-SS 2-A division titles in girls cross country (1985, 1986), in addition to nearly missing in girls basketball as a divisional semifinalist in 1987.

# **HERBERT HOOVER (1931)**

Hoover's boys basketball squad was a CIF runner-up in 1982 behind guard Joe Hillman, who has gone on to play for for Indiana University. Two Olympic swimmers, Rich McGeagh and Russ Craig (1964), and 1984 silver medalist boxer Hector Lopez (representing Mexico), call Hoover their alma mater.

# **IRVINE (1976)**

Irvine High has two CIF-SS girls' volleyball championships to its credit (1981, 1984) and has sisters Kim and Elaina Oden both with outstanding chances to make the 1988 Olympic volleyball team. While at Irvine, Kim was CIF-SS Player of the Year in 1981 and Elaina captured the same honor in 1984. Both have been named NCAA Players of the Year since.

# JORDAN (1933)

Saw its' girls' track team win the 4-A CIF-SS crown in 1982. The baseball squad was a runner-up in 1976. Jordan can claim football coach Darryl Rogers, baseball player Ron Fairly, 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-SS Boys 3-A basketball title. Other championships won by Kennedy athletes include softball (1984), boys' soccer (1980), and football (1971). Among Kennedy's well known graduates are pro baseball players Alan Bannister, Gary Atwell, and Dave Huppert, along with Linda Sharp, the USC womens basketball coach,

# LA CANADA (1963)

La 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 1987.

# **LA SERNA (1961)**

In 1987, La Serna won three CIF-SS academic team championships. Corbin Walburger was named to the All-American water polo team in 1986, the school's swimming program produced an All-American 4x100 freestyle relay team in 1970, and in 1967, the football squad won the AAA championship. All-pro football player Dave Dalby, and Olympians Sharon Callahan (high jump) and Cindy Plaisted (swimming) got their start at La Serna.

# LAKEWOOD (1957)

Lakewood has been CIF champions four times in gymnastics and baseball, once each in boy's basketball, girls' gymnastics, and volleyball. State champions include: Jim Knaub and Marcus Hooks (track), and Ray Gulmatico (wrestling).

# LOARA (1962)

Herb Hill has been Loara's head football coach since the school opened in 1962. His current record is 166-90-8. Hill's Saxon teams have won two CIF titles (3-A in 1968 and Southern Conference in 1979), 10 league championships, and qualified for the playoffs 13 times.

# LOS ALAMITOS (1967)

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 Conquerors claim six CIF football titles, one cross country, one swimming, two individual champions, seven CIF-SS football Players of the Year, and one National Athlete of the Year. Los Altos is the only school to win four different football championships in its first year in a new conference (1973 4-A, 1977 Big Five, 1982 Southern, 1986 Eastern). The school counts current CIF-SS President Pat Mauch, 1984 silver-medalist water polo player Joe Vargas, and University of California water polo coach Dwayne DeSpain among its graduates.

# LOS ANGELES BAPTIST (1963)

In 1971-72 less than ten years after the school opened, LA. Baptist won CIF championships in football and boys' basketball. Year in the year out, virtually every team fielded qualifies for the playoffs. CIF Executive Board member Dr. Gary Smidderks and CIF Hall of Famer Dr. Ivan Mears are L.A. Baptist alumni.

# LOYOLA (1965)

Has had more CIF-SS Players of the Year than any other large school football team, as well as a 35 game football winning streak (1962-64). The Cubs captured the 3-A volleyball title in 1983, 1985, 1986, and 1987. Pro football standouts Gordon Banks and George Kunz played at Loyola.

# **LOS ANGELES LUTHERAN (1953)**

The Lions have four CIF baseball titles (1964, 1965, 1967, 1973), two boys' basketball championships (1966, 1984), and one football crown (1963) to their credit. The school was home to CIF-SS baseball Players of the Year Rod Poteete (1964, 1965) and Bob Goodyear (1973), who holds seven CIF pitching records.

#### **LUTHERAN LA VERNE (1973)**

One of the smallest schools in the CIF with a big wrestling reputation. Finished first or second in league the last ten years, has 31 league championships, sent 42 wrestlers to CIF, eleven have placed, and came in fourth place in the CIF 1-A

# **LUTHERAN VENTURA COUNTY (1979)**

The high point in the school's short history came when the softball team scored a CIF-SS record 62 runs in a Heritage league game against Viewpoint in 1987.

# **RIO MESA (1966)**

The proud Spartans have won the following CIF-SS and State titles: baseball (1981, 1986), football (1971), boys cross country (1968), girls track (1979), and golf (1973 State champions). Another high point in the school's history was in 1986 when Angela Burnham placed first in the 100-meter dash at the State Track Meet.

# MAGNOLIA (1961)

Counts two professional athletes among its graduates. Brian Downing (1968) of the California Angels and Hank Bauer (1972) of the San Diego Chargers call Magnolia their a'ma mater.

# MARANATHA (1965)

Has captured boys cross country league championships and

been 1-A finalists six of the last seven years. Maranatha completed a 10-0 football season with an Alpha League championship in 1984. In girls cross country, the school has seven consecutive league championships and 1-A finals appearances in addition to winning to 1-A division in 1986.

Were CIF-SS softball champs in 1977 and 1979. Won the CIF-SS badminton title in 1984. Had the State 400 meter champ, Chip Rish, in 1984 and 1985.

### MARLBOROUGH (1889)

Has won CIF volleyball championships in two divisions 3-A and 4-A, the former in 1982, the latter in 1985. Marlborough took the 4-A Gymnastics crown in 1985. Three students, Robin Baker (1985 CIF-SS Gymnasticcs All-Around Champ), Hillary Malloy (CIF-SS 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 Marlborough's list of outstanding athletes.

# MARYMOUNT (1931)

Marymount has three-consecutive Adohr Farms/Dodger Sportsmanship 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 has claimed CIF-SS championships in footbball (1956, 1957, 1960, 1965), baseball (1979), soccer (1987), cross country (1981), and basketball (1983, 1985, 1986, 1988, and a State crown in 1987). Heisman Trophy winner John Huarte (Notre Dame 1965) was the 1960 CIF Player of the Year as a Mater Dei student. Current USC women's basketball coach Linda Sharp held the same position at Mater Dei, where she compiled a 63-7 record.

# **MIRALESTE (1968)**

Between 1981 and 1986 Miraleste was a dominant force in boys and girls tennis as justified by three championships and two runner-up 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 team has won 13 consecutive CIF titles (1975-87) and eleven National Championships. The girls at Mission Viejo have eleven consecutive CIF titles and have been national champs 10 times. Olympic medalists Brain Goodell and Jesse Vassallo are Mission Viejo alums. The school has also claimed two CIF-SS football crowns (1978 and 1981).

# **MONTEBELLO (1911)**

Noteworthy graduates of Montebello include 1984 gold medalist wrestler Joe Gonzales, tennis player Jack Kramer, and American League Golden Glover Bobby Knoop.

# **NEWBURY PARK (1967)**

The Panthers have won CIF championships in baseball (1968), swimming (1979), had Denise Ball win in track and



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field (1981, 1982), Melissa Sutton in cross country in 1984, 1985, and 1986, and were CIF runner-up in girls' cross country in 1978.

### **NEWPORT HARBOR (1930)**

The Sailors have won 10 CIF-SS water polo titles since 1967, girls' volleyball (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 Yardley is a Newport Harbor graduate.

# NORCO (1967)

Norco's cross country teams have two titles in the eighties. The boys' team won in 1980 and the girls' in 1986. Two runner-up finishes were acheived by the baseball (3-A-1984) and girls' swimming (2-A 1982) teams.

# NORDHOFF (1909)

Nordhoff was the California State Volleyball Girls' Division II Champion in 1986, as well as winning 2-A titles in 1984 and 1985 and was the 3-A champ 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 (1985-86), finished second in girls' 3-A track (1980), third in boys' 4-A track (1984), advanced to the finals in football (1983), and was a CIF-SS finalist in softball (1979). North Torrance won the CIF-SS championship in baseball in 1971 and was runner-up in 1972, while the boys' basketball squad was a finalist in 1965.

# 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 Cobb, a former NFL player and an assistant AD at USC, and NCAA wrestling champion Marty Kistler.

# **OAKWOOD (1951)**

Oakwood High of North Hollywood has a combined fifteen Liberty league championships since 1984. Oakwood also had All-CIF soccer state scoring record holder Craig Sherman (1980) and Mitchell Butler, who holds the 1-A long jump record and was the Small Schools Basketball Player of the Year in 1987 and 1988.

# **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)**

Ontario Christian has enjoyed tremendous success in the CIF-SS, with 1-A championships in softball (1978), girls'

basketball (1979-1980), boys' soccer (1981-82), and football (1978-1982).

# PALOS VERDES (1961)

During its first twenty-five years, Palos Verdes High has won eighteen CIF 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 semi-finals in fifteen years, and had a 1977 finals appearance as well.

# PASADENA (1894)

Pasadena High is proud of its diversification of athletic acheivements with emphasis on its great number of national and world class athletes. Noteworthy among Pasadena's alumni are May 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 (1892)

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 interceptions in a career with 34.

#### PATER NOSTER (1960)

Pater Noster's first graduating class reached the 1964 basketball quarterfinals and its' 1965 soccer team won a CIF title under coach Tom Becker.

#### **POINEER (1958)**

Poincer High won its first ever CIF championship in 1979's soccer competition. Led by Antonio Carriollo, Poincer captured the 3-A title. Carriollo was a first team All-CIF selection two times and scored a career total of 146 goals.

# **LONG BEACH POLY (1895)**

Long Beach Poly athletes have won 63 CIF championships and numerous athletes have gone on to distinguished careers. 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 McCullouch (the world record holder in the 120-yard high hurdles, an Olympian, and a professional football player).

#### **RAMONA (1957)**

Home of Discovery space shuttle pilot Michael Coats and eleven former athletes who went on to participate professionally in golf, football, basketball, and baseball. Had four pitchers (Steve Barber, Tom Hall, Ron Ogelsby, and Jim Shellenback) on the same major league baseball club, the Minnesota Twins.

# **RANCHO ALAMITOS (1957)**

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



# RIM OF THE WORLD (1949)

The Fighting Scots have won CIF Volleyball championships in 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, and 1985, while winning the State title in 1981, 1982, and 1983. In 1984, the girls' track team won the CIF crown and Rim has won two football championships, in 1964 and 1976.

# **RIO HONDO PREP (1964)**

As the smallest school in the CIF-SS Eight-Man Large Division, the Kares have won championships in 1977, 1979 and 1982. Rio Hondo Prep also won the 1973 Six-Man football championship.

# ROSEMEAD (1949)

Rosemead High was the 1982 CIF-SS Southeastern Conference co-champion in football. The Panthers also claimed the 1985 3-A Divison title in wrestling.

# SADDLEBACK (1967)

Along with a 17-game winning streak, Saddleback was the 1985 CIF-SS Central Conference football champion. Danny Ontiveros, the Central Conference 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 exiting teams in volleyball, basketball and softball, the school's claim to CIF-SS fame would be the 1980 (3-A) and 1986 (4-A) championship softball teams.

# ST. JOSEPH/SANTA MARIA (1964)

Has claimed four CIF-SS championships and has played in the final game five times. Also noted are two CIF-SS Players of the Year for softball – Tracy Mills (1982) and Ellen Castro (1983). The school's individual champions include 1982 800-meter winner Don Young, 1984 long jump winner Amy Martinez, 1985 shotput winner Hannah Rehder, 1985 high jump winner Mike Demeter, 1985 wrestler Matt Hoffman, and 1986 1600-meter and 3200-meter champion Evelyn Martino.

# ST. PAUL (1957)

The Swordsmen claim thirty years of excellence in academics and athletics. St. Paul has claimed three CIF-SS football championships (1968, 1972 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.

# SAN CLEMENTE (1964)

Graduates of San Clemente 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.

# SAN GABRIEL (1955)

Two CIF-SS soccer championships, 11 straight girls basketball league championships and 80 straight league victories; eight 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 4-A baseball title and the 1987 3-A Girls Soccer crown.

# SAN LUIS OBISPO (1927)

San Luis Obispo High School has won the CIF-SS championship in football four times (1947, 1960, 1968 and 1980). It has won CIF-SS championships in swimming (1982, 1985, 1986); baseball (1958, 1959); girls basketball (1985) and boys basketball (1952).

# SAN MARCOS (1961)

The Tournament of Champions Runnin' Runts of San Marcos went 48-0 and never lost a regular season game throughtout the 1980 and 1981 basketball seasons. The Royals have a strong tradition in golf, having won six CIF-SS titles. During the 1987 season, SMHS grads Steve Pate, Sam Randolph and Mike Gorton won tournaments on the PGA Tour. In adddition, Tom Richards was a national decathalon champion.

# **SANTA ANA (1889)**

Santa Ana is recognized as the oldest high school in Orange County. It has claimed 100 league championships and 11 CIF-SS championships. The Saints were the first Southern Section CIF football champion in 1914. The school is also recognized as having played the first football game ever in the L.A. Coliseum, beating U.S.C.

# SANTA ANA VALLEY (1959)

Santa Ana Valley has claimed two CIF-SS championships in football (1961, 1974).

# SANTA BARBARA (1875)

Santa Barbara High School's proud athletic tradition includes 22 major-division CIF-SS team championships. Don alumni include Baseball Hall of Famer Ed Mathews, golfer Al Geiberger, basketball star Jamaal Wilkes, Olympic volleyball star Karch Kiraly and football greats Peter Zucco, Ernie Zampese, Marv 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 the coaching of Mollie Kavanagh.

# SANTA MONICA (1891)

Since 1891, the Santa Monica Vikings have accumulated

# "CLAIM TO FAME"

CIF-SS championships in every major sport. Numerous successful coaches and players have contributed to this proud tradition.

# SANTA PAULA (1889)

The proud Cardinal athletic tradition includes 10 CIF-SS team championships: Football (1948, '50); Boys Gymnastics ('41, '48, '49, '51, '53); Girls Volleyball ('80) and most recently, the 1988 Boys 1-A Division Soccer title under Coach Joe Magdaleno. Santa Paula has also won two Dodger/Adohr Farms Sportsmanship Awards.

# **SANTIAGO (1961)**

Santiago High of 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 Escanuela (1986).

# **SAVANNA (1961)**

Savanna High of Anaheim has two CIF-SS baseball championships to its credit, 1-A in 1962, and 3-A in 1968. Savanna bills itself as the professional baseball capital of the CIF-SS, with such notables as Don Aase, 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 Footbill 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 baseball crown in 1983, was a basketball semifinalist in 1985, had the CIF-SS Small Schools basketball Player of the Year in Richard Leonard (1985), and the CIF-SS Small Schools cross country individual champion, Tanya Thayer, in 1986.

# **SHERMAN INDIAN (1907)**

Is the only school in CIF history to win four cross country titles in a row (1973-76). The Braves also lay claim to the best cross country record in CIF-SS competition, with 10 championships and three runner-up finishes over a 15-year span.

# **SONORA (1966)**

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, 1978). Sonora is also possibly the only school to have a brother-sister combination achieve such high standards 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 girls' swimming (1985). Three of the school's titles were in the large school division, despite the fact that South Hills' enrollment is between 1100-1250.

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# **SUNNY HILLS (1958)**

During its 30-year history, in nine separate sports, Sunny Hills has earned eleven CIF-SS championships and been runner-up 17 times. In addition, the school's water polo team has scored 104 straight Freeway league victories and has 17 consecutive league titles. Pro baseball's Gary Carter was a Sunny Hills student.

# TEHACHAPI (1928)

Tehachapi High has won CIF championships in football (2), and girls' basketball (1). The Warriors have claimed nine Desert-Inyo league titles, seven in boys' basketball, four in girls' basketball, 12 in baseball, and three in golf. Tehachapi athletes have captured Sierra League crowns 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 crown 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 66-year athletic tradition has included CIF-SS team and individual championships and has produced Olympic medalists (Bruce Ibbotson, rowing; and Evelyn Furtsch Ojeda, track), an astronaut (David Leetsma), 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 home to 38 water polo and swimming All-Americans and three boys' tennis All-Americans. One time home of baseball star Tim Wallach, Olympians Jeff Campbell, Peter Campbell, and Amy White, and national track record holders Polly Plummer and Grey Whitely.

# **VALLEY CHRISTIAN, CERRITOS (1936)**

Valley's boys and girls teams have won nine CIF-SS championships and achieved runner-up positions seven times. It has also had 10 players of the year. The girls' basketball team has eleven-straight league titles and has made six appearances in the CIF-SS finals, which constitutes a section record. The Crusaders once benefited from the presence of softball great Barbara Reinalda, 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 Verbum Dei alums, Rhodes scholar Emile Wilson also called the school home, as did George McQuarn, who coached at Verbum Dei prior to taking over the men's head basketball coaching position at Cal State Fullerton.

# VICTOR VALLEY (1917)

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

# VIEWPOINT (1962)

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

# VILLA PARK (1965)

Won a CIF football title in 1977, while achieving runner-up status in 1976. Villa Park also has claimed a water polo championship, (1981), while nearly missing the title in 1980 and 1982. The Spartans also had a CIF-SS Player of the Year in football in Bruce Ben Ben (1976), and CIF-SS water polo Player of the Year in Glenn Thomas (1981). Olympic water polo team member (1988) Doug Kimball, and pro football players Robbie Martin and Paul Moyer went to Villa Park.

#### **WALNUT (1968)**

As Walnut High starts its third decade, the school reflects on the following past athletic accomplishments: nine CIF-SS championships, six times CIF-SS runner-up finishes, 20 individual titles, and 88 league varsity championships. Walnut alumni include baseball star Lance Parrish, football lineman Gary Zimmerman, and soccer players Jeff Hooker (1984 Olympian) and Paul Caligiuri (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 Durko, and Steve Myer, 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 team championships. Additionally, 32 league titles have been earned. Eight graduates have played in major league baseball or the NFL. Andy Messersmith and then teacher-coach Lute 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)**

Home of two track and swimming record holders. Traci Jackson (2-A CIF high jump record, 1983, 5'4"), and Dara Torres (2-A records in 50 yard 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 S.C.G.A. title in 1988. Westlake is also home to the 1986-87 4-A soccer Player of the Year, Eric Wynalda, and the 1984 state boys' high-jump champ, Kenny Burke.

# **WESTMINISTER (1959)**

Westminister, "The Home of Scholars and Champions" has eight CIF-SS championships in five different sprots, 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-American 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' swimming titles (1979, 1984, 1987), and CIF-SS girls' swimming Athlete of the Year Jill Sterkel (1979) as its claim to fame. Sterkel and Youn Hee Choi represented the USA and Korea respectively in the 1984 Olympics. Williams has gone on to North Carolina University, where he has become a starting forward for Dean Smith's Tar Heels.

# **WILSON, LONG BEACH (1926)**

Wilson High School has produced 25 professional athletes, including Norm Standlee, Bob Lemon, Bob Grich, Jeff Burroughs, and Laura Baugh. The Bruins also have their share of Olympians, Pat McCormick, Tim Shaw, Joan Lind, and Jody Campbell. 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 finalist (1984); seven basketball league titles (1961-67); four baseball league crowns and six straight playoff appearances (1978-83). Individually, these sports have produced 26 All-CIF performers, in addition to 16 league champion wrestlers.

FAGANS

made by the Executive Committee without compensation, so he enhanced its status and started a tradition by inviting the wives of the members to social functions and retreats to coincide with the meetings.

With the continued growth of the section and its ever increasing services, the need for more office space was required, so in April of 1959, CIF Southern Section headquarters moved to 5443 W. Washington Blvd. in West Los Angeles.

Due in large part to ongoing travel problems, the schools of San Diego County split off from the Southern Section in 1960 to form their own CIF section. The move was initiated and passed by the Southern Section and State CIF organization for the benefit of all member schools involved.

The Southern Section made great strides in the field of media and public relations in 1963, when Commissioner Fagans brought Don Andersen on board with the permission of the Executive Committee. Andersen, who had achieved national attention when he staged an elephant race to signal the beginning of the athletic program at Orange State College (later to become Cal State Fullerton), initiated the weekly CIF-SS press release based on top ten polls of the area sportswriters, publised the first-ever CIF-SS record book and became editor of the monthly bulletin.

In May of 1965, ground was broken on a permanent office site for the CIF Southern Section on the campus of soon to be opened Richard Gahr High School in Cerritos. The land for the new structure was donated by the Artesia-Bloomfield-Carmenita School District, which at the time was headed by Dr. Murrell Miller. By November of the same year, the new office, which remains the home of the CIF Southern Section today, was open for business.

Commissioner Fagans added to his staff by bringing in Tom Morgan and Lou Joseph, who spent short periods as administrative assistants. They were subsequently replaced by Kendall Webb and Tom Byrnes, who went on to positions as San Diego Section Commissioner and State CIF Commissioner, respectively.

With growing support among the member schools and on state and



GROUND BREAKING - May 21, 1965. Commissioner Kenny Fagans is joined (from left) by Dr. Murrell Miller, Vern Furgeson, Executive Committee Chairman Robert D. Ashton, Gahr High Principal Willard Redfern and Charles Hutchinson, as ground is broken for the new CIF-SS Office in Cerritos. Miller, Furgeson and Hutchinson represent the Artisia-Bloomfield-Cerritos School District

national levels, a competitive program for girls interscholastic athletics was on the horizon in the late 60's. In June of 1970, Fagans organized the first-ever CIF-SS sanctioned event for girls, a swim meet conducted at Beverly Hills High School. Expenses for the event. including the program and all awards were underwritten by Mr. Bruce Hopping and his Kalos Kagathos Foundation, which for many years had made tremendous donations of time, effort and funds in support of CIF-SS aquatic events. The meet was considered a "rousing success" and helped to open the door for girls athletics within the Southern Section.

In May of 1971, acting upon an overwhelming mandate of the member schools from results of a survey, the CIF-SS Council passed an initiative to form a Girls Interscholastic Athletic Board (GIAB), which marked the official beginning of girls athletic administration in the section. The following November, the CIF-SS crowned its first-ever official girls champions in the sport of tennis. In September of 1974, Fagans announced the hiring of Margaret Davis as an Administrative Assistant, and by 1975, Barbara Wilson of Beverly Hills High School became the first woman ever appointed to the Executive Committee.

Fagans was responsible for initiating the CIF-SS Gold Life Pass award in the mid 50's. Another key accomplishment of the Fagans era was the development and singing of the CIF-SS Articles of Incorporation, a critical legal document which established the CIF Southern Section as a recognized non-profit organization unto itself.

During his 21 year-stint as commissioner, Fagans never once was forced to ask the Executive Committee or the Council to raise the annual dues paid by member schools. The CIF Southern Section achieved financial independence and flourished as an organization due to his skillful management of playoff activities.

"It was a hard row," Fagans pointed out. "Our budget kept increasing and costs kept going up.We wanted to have a first-class operation and provide our member schools with the best awards and best facilities possible. In my day, we couldn't allow ourselves to have sponsorships, because that was considered professionalism and commercialization. In my first five years, we were dependent soley upon contributions. Everything was done on a voluntary basis. Our officials, ticket sellers, ticket takers and the schools that provided and prepared the facilities were happy to contribute. So when we turned the corner, we started to pay these people. It wasn't much, but it was appreciated. And the people working for us made it a first-class operation."

In 1975, Kenny Fagans stepped down at the age of 65. His energy and will to succeed brought the CIF Southern Section of age. His foresight and management skills took a practically unknown entity and built it into an organization of strength and respect.

# THE TOM BYRNES YEARS



1975 **-** 1980

Tom Byrnes

In 1973, Commissioner Fagans was in 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 recalled a young athletic director from El Dorado High in Placentia, who a year earlier had aroused his interest by initiating a rules clinic for the administrators 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 proceded 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 as a teacher, coach and director of athletics at Moorpark High School. At the age of 22, he was the youngest coach and A.D. in the state. 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 conditioning programs for his athletes. When the Berlin crises hit the following year, he was called to active duty with the National Guard, and upon his dis-

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NOV. 1965 The new CIF Southern Section Office in Cerritos is open for business.

HINE 1979 The first ever CIF SS engagered event for girls a swim

JUNE 1970 The first-ever CIF-SS sponsored event for girls, a swim relays meet, was conducted at Beverly Hills High School.

MAY 1971 Athletic teams of CIF-SS member schools are reclassified by grade level, replacing three-point exponent system.

MAY 1971
On the mandate of overwhelming results from a survey of member schools, the CIF Southern Section Council passes an initiative to form a Girls Interscholastic Athletic Board (GIAB). The board's purpose will be to study specific management guidelines for the avdent of girls athletics as an addition to the CIF-SS program.

NOV. 1971

The CIF Southern Section holds its first-ever official championship event for girls, the individual finals in tennis. Dana Lee of Redlands wins the singles title, while Lilly Valdes and Holly Blare of Corona del Mar team to

capture the doubles championship.

JAN. 1975 Kenny Fagans retires after 21 years as CIF Southern Section Commissioner of Athletics.

FEB. 1975 Tom Byrnes is appointed as the fourth CIF Southern Section Commissioner of Athletics.

NOV. 1975 The CIF-SS Executive Committee adds new representation in the form of a Girls' Athletic Directors' Representative. Barbara Wilson of Beverly Hills High School becomes the first-ever woman appointed to the CIF-SS Executive

Committee.

SEPT. 1977 Commissioner Byrnes puts into effect a new playoff grouping for the sport of football, known as the "Conference system". The new playoff setup is based on the geographical location of the leagues in addition to enroll-

ment and strength of program. The popular innovation allows more CIF-SS member schools than ever before to participate in the greatest drawing of all high school spectator sports.

JAN. 1980 Administrative Assistant Ray J. Plutko is elevated to the position of Commissioner of Athletics when Commissioner sioner Byrnes accepts an appointment as CIF State

Commissioner, replacing the retiring Bill Russell.

# **EVOLUTION OF THE CIF-SS LOGO**







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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 1930's. A bronzed medallion of the original logo still appears on all CIF-SS awards. Development of the modern version (center) was underwritten by Mr. Bruce Hopping of the Kalos Kagathos Foundation in 1970. The logo was registered with the Federal Trade Commission in October, 1987. The 75-Year Anniversary version is at right.

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charge, landed a teaching and football coaching job at Valencia High - once again as the youngest coach in Orange County. When the Placentia Unified School District opened El Dorado High in the mid 60's, he became its first Director of Athletics. He was the youngest Administrator the CIF-SS had ever had, and went on to become its youngest Commissioner at the age of 37 in 1975.

"When Kenny retired, there were some outstanding applicants for the job," Byrnes recalls, "Everything just sort of fell into place for me. The finalists included Dick Cordano of Arcadia 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 Fagans. 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.

"Kenny Fagans had about the finest mind of any athletic administrator I have ever been connected with, and I state that categorically. If he had a weakness, it was that he was so talented he could do everything. That meant that anyone who succeeded him would have a big problem carring on the operation of the organization."

So Byrnes' 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 Fagans had bolstered 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 Plut-

"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 managers of the various activities. I started by saying: 'alright, who puts on the best track invitational in our section, who puts on the best wrestling

swim meets? Those people are going to be the managers of our championship events.' When I first came into the office, Kenny and I would work for hours on end on a Sunday seeding our track or swimming championships. We'd just do it. When those sports expanded to included three or four divisions, along with adding the girls, it simply became impossible. So we had to decentralize by getting more people involved."

One of the major concerns during Byrnes' era was the releaguing process. Under his direction, the modern 10point releaguing procedure was developed. Until his term, releaguing was handled by committee, but it had gotten to a point where it was becoming an extremely difficult task. The committee was asked to assert its will over the member schools in the section and most notable over groups of had four 11-man divisions, so going to schools in specific geographic regions. Byrnes' procedure began at the grassroots level, involving all of the schools in a specific area.

"With the section expanding, we had to releague every year. In releaguing, you always had five percent of the schools unhappy. It always was and always will be unavoidable. The process breaks down when there are a few schools that everbody leaves in a given league year after year. If they're a perennial doormat, they begin to feel like the odd man out and picked on. That's when you have real problems. The process we developed started with the member schools of each area, because those schools were best suited to determine what was best for themselves."

The second area of major change during the Byrnes' years were the playoff groupings, which underwent drastic alterations in nearly every sport. The most notable new concept allowed each of the CIF-SS leagues to enter three schools in the post-season tournaments rather than just a champion. And when Byrnes installed a totally-new 10-division "conference" set-up for the football playoffs in 1977, it was considered the most radical playoff format revision in the history of the organization.

"First of all, we didn't develop the playoff system, that was done long before I became commissioner," Byrnes pointed out. "But we refined it in a number of areas. It started with the idea of taking three teams in every sport and doing away with the at-large

tournament and who puts on the best concept. When I started, we would have a 32-team bracket, which would allow for some co-champions and some league runners-up. But which schools and which leagues would get the extra spots? How would you determine that in an objective manner? It always led to arguements. So I got the bright idea that we should always take the ton three in each league, and let the leagues determine who those schools would be. The big dispute was never where the school was placed in the playoffs, but if they got in. I think the new system solved a lot of problems. but it also added more administrative duties to the process."

> "The most revolutionary scheme I ever came up with and perhaps initiated the most scrutiney we ever came under was the conference system for football. We really had to sell that concept. Until we made the change, we nine helped us tremendously in terms of geography and travel. However, the main rationale for the change was the fact we had 480 schools, and if you have just four champions, the average school could look forward being a CIF champion every 110 years or so. By going to 10 divisions, it averages out to 40 or 50 years, which we determined would maintain the integrety of the playoffs. Another item we discovered in our research was the fact that only 23 percent of the member schools had ever reached the football finals. One of our key selling points was the basis that it wasn't a realistic goal for kids to strive for a championship if you couldn't provide them with a reasonable chance."

> The era of lawsuits, litigation and the need for a CIF-SS general council also raised its ugly head during Byrnes' tenure. Under his direction, the section office became more sophisticated in handling these situations. One of the positive results was that it provided a need to clairify appeals procedures for the member schools, which led to an increase in participation for governing the section.

"In the old days, decisions were made on a unilateral basis," noted Byrnes. "I want to qualify this statement by noting that there always had been participation, but because of the complexity and the multiplication, we had to increase it."

As for the standards of athletic competition in the Byrnes years, the level of excellence continued to rise. Greater

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numbers of athletes than ever before were afforded an opportunity to display their talents with the expansion to divisions in individual sports such as track and field, swimming and wres-

"I remember one year we had three kids at our swimming championships -Shirley Babashoff, Brian Goodell and Tim Shaw - who already had won Olympic medals when they competed in the Southern Section finals. That was incredible when you think about it. I also recall when a state swimming champion from Iowa transferred to one of our schools and couldn't meet the qualifying standards for the prelims. That was a good example of our competitive level. Baseball, basketball, football, volleyball, water polo, tennis, track and golf. We had 'em all. However, we must remember the CIF is an educational program. Our emphasis should be to produce doctors, lawyers and engineers, not Olympic championships and professional athletes. Certainly, our schools have produced many fine athletes who have achieved national acclaim, and we're very proud of it. But atheltics are only a portion of the educational system, and in our philosophy, we do not want the tail wagging the dog."

With the retirement of Bill Russell in 1980, Byrnes was called upon to inherit the position of State Commissioner of Athletics. And right off the bat, he was thrust into a struggle with nothing less than the very existance of the CIF at stake. Under State Supertindent of Schools Wilson Riles, the State Dept. of Education decided it wanted to take over the interscholastic athletic program and do away with the CIF. But the organization was able to fight off the attempt and establish itself as the official governing body of high school athletics state-wide. A piece of legislation known as Senate Bill 19 was eventually passed, giving the CIF a right to exist on a five-year renewal policy. The entire first year of Byrnes' state commissionership was devoted to preserving the integrity of the CIF, and in his opinion, the Southern Section was instrumental in the effort to convince the state legislature the justice of the cause.



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	JUNE 1980	The CIF-SS Corporate Sonsorship 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 Plutko, 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 Life 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 XXIIIrd Olympic Games held in Los Angeles. Had the CIF-SS entered the Olympics as a nation, it would have placed third in the final medal count.
	MAR. 1986	Commissioner Plutko 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 Dean Crowley 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. Padelford 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.



COACH DICK BRUICH of Fontana celebrates the Steelers' 1988 Big-Five title-game win over

# THE RAY PLUTKO YEARS



1980 **-** 1986

Ray J. Plutko

Ray J. Plutko, who was then working at Notre Dame High School of Riverside, applied for the position of administrative assistant with the CIF Southern Section in December of 1974. As assistant principal and athletic director at Notre Dame, Plutko had the job announcement come across his desk, and after some hesitation, decided to submit an application with the confidence his background would provide just what Commissioner Kenny Fagans was looking for.

Plutko not only had been a successful basketball coach and director of athletics, but was making strides in the field of school administration as well. Before taking his position at Notre Dame, he had also developed outstanding skills as a journalist, in stints with the Ontario Daily Report and Pomona Progress Bulletin.

In the spring of 1975, Plutko was hired to replace Kendall Webb, who had accepted the commissionership of the San Diego Section. He joined Tom Byrnes and Margaret Davis as an assistant to Fagans, who was closing out his 21-year career. His office duties included media relations and editor of the monthly bulletin, in addition to administering various CIF-SS sports. Plutko was a key ingredient in the many changes and extraordinary growth of the Byrnes era. When Byrnes was elevated to the position of State Commissioner in 1980, Plutko was in line to fill his vacancy.

"Having been an administrator for five years, I was certain I had the background and knowledge for the position of commissioner, so I applied for the job," recalled Plutko. "I 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, how would I see my role changing if I were to be named commissioner? My response was: 'As an administrative assistant, my singular role was 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."

Plutko 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.

Plutko subsequently created a fulltime office position for a director of media and public relations, so that particular task would no longer have to be handled by an administrator. Further accomplishments in his tenure included development of the popular CIF-SS Athletic Director's Symposium; several orientation workshops for coaches and administrators; regularly scheduled newsletters to provided updated communication with member schools; adjusting the alwaystough releaguing process from a oneyear to a two-year cycle; and bringing the Southern Section back into the state basketball tournament in 1986.

Plutko was also instrumental in fighting off an attempt by elements of the state CIF to split the Southern Section, which later led both parties into a better working relationship. Other perilous situations that were met head on by Commissioner Plutko included the litigation of the Ocean View undue-influence case of 1985, which ended in confirmation of the standing Blue Book rule by the state supreme court, and a 1986 situation in the San Gabriel Valley League, which was

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COMMISSIONER RAY PLUTKO presents championship plaque to Ramona Coach Orest Stetkevich following the 1982 Eastern Conference football final at Anaheim Stadium.

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Section athletes accounted for 44 U.S. medals. Former track and field stars include Earl McCullouch of Long Beach Poly, Dwight Stones of Glendale, Bob Seagren of Pomona, Ron Brown of Baldwin Park, Jeanette Bolden of Centennial and Alice Brown of John Muir. Swimmers Tiffany Cohen of Mission Viejo, Shirley Babashoff of Fountain Valley, Brian Goodell of Mission Viejo and Mike O'-Brien of Newport Christian. Terry Schroeder of San Marcos was the 1984 U.S. Olympic Water Polo Team captain, as was Karch Kiraly of Santa Barbara for the men's gold-medal volleyball squad.

Golfers? Al Geiberger of Santa Barbara and Corey Pavin of Oxnard. Tennis players? Stan Smith of Pasadena and Billie Jean King of Long Beach Poly. You get the idea. The list could go on and on. And doubtless, many great names have been omitted. The point is, each of these nationally known athletes – past and present – got their start in programs organized, authorized and administered by the organization of member schools known as the California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section.

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solved to the betterment of all schools involved.

"I believe visiting with 58 of the 62 leagues in my first year helped us to open further lines of communication with our member schools," noted Plutko. "We also had a very unique and dedicated staff in my years, with few if any schools realizing the tremendous amount of work it was able to accomplished on their behalf."

Having been a sportswriter and coach, Plutko maintaind an ongoing love affair with athletic contests of all kinds. He had a special interest in basketball and was a genuine fan. Often, the former coach could be seen scribbling down a new zone defense or offensive attack on the back of a program, just for the fun of it.

"I worked at being highly visible at countless contests involving our member schools," recalled the former commissioner. "Two of my favorite all-time CIF-SS events involved basketball, and those were the San Marcos-Long

Beach Poly 4-A final of 1981, where an 86-foot shot at the end of the first half wound up as the decisive margin. Another was the Long Beach Poly-Mater Dei overtime classic for the 4-A title in 1984."

However, Plutko's two most memorable evenings as commissioner involved the football finals. The first was the 1981 Southern Conference title game between Foothill and El Modena, which ended in a tie. According to the standing California tiebreaker rule, the game would be played off in overtime periods until a winner could be declared. Athough requests from the coaches had been made to end the contest and declare the teams co-champions, Plutko enforced the rule and four additional periods ensued before Foothill prevailed, 35-28. The second was the Big-Five title game of 1983, involving Servite and Bishop Amat. Due to heavy rain on the day of the game, the CIF-SS was bumped from Anaheim Staduim at 3 p.m. on the infamous NFL "rain clause". In the ensuing five

hours, Plutko and his staff frantically moved 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 CIF Southern Section as simply superb in comparison to other organizations of its type," added Plutko. "The history of the organization and its previous comissioners had developed it to such a fine point, that when change was needed, it was more of a refinement, rather than change. It has always been a leader among high school associations nationally, and has never been afraid to take that lead. Being commissioner of the Southern Section was a great experience for me."

In January of 1986, Plutko accepted the postition of Commissioner of the Colorado High School Activities Association. The following July, he parted company with the CIF Southern Section after an 11-year association.



Rosco Ingalls, (1923) James P. O'Mara, (1923,26-31)

# THE ALL-TIME CIF-SS ADMINISTRATIVE ROSTER

The following list represents the all-time roster of CIF Southern Section Executive Committee Members. The organization is forever indebted to the integrity, foresight and willingness to serve of these outstanding administrators, who shaped the past, present and future of high school athletics in the CIF Southern Section. From 1913 to 1914 the organization was known as the Southern California Interscholastic Athletic Council:

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