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RETURNS ON QUESTIONNAIRES

Two questionnaires were sent out to all Principals in the C. I. F., Southern Section following the Council meeting on February 4.

About eighty replies were received to each questionnaire. Most Principals are of the opinion that there is little or no proselyting of high school athletes going on. However a few cases were reported, one or two being especially flagrant. The Committee's report and recommendations, if any, will be presented to the Council on May 20.

To the questionnaire on play-offs a substantial majority of the Principals replying indicated that they favor the continuation of play-offs among groups of leagues in which the member schools are comparable in size.

A substantial majority of the Principals indicated that they thought two play-off games in football should be the maximum.

TRACK RULES

The C. I. F., Southern Section, follows the N. C. A. A. rules in track and field events except in case of ties and in the relay.

In C. I. F., Southern Section competition when a tie occurs in any event no attempt is made to break the tie. The points are divided and each contestant is given the same medal.

In the relay race, except when the race is being run in lanes, a runner may take the pole anytime he is two yards ahead of an opponent. The baton is passed in the lane occupied by the incoming runner.

A GREAT QUARTER MILER COMING UP

When Eddie Morris of Huntington Beach High School stepped the 220 yards in 21 seconds flat on March 18 in the Southern Counties Invitational he not only clipped .4 of a second from the Southern California record held jointly by Frank Wyckoff and George Anderson but he established a mark which will not be equalled very often this season outside of our best college and university meets. Eddie is only 16 years of age and has another season of high school track.

Mr. Harry Sheue, Eddie's coach, says Eddie is a natural middle distance runner. Mr. Sheue says if Eddie matures as he should during the next year that he expects him to run a great 440 yards next year. We hope to use a ticket to Finland in 1940 and what a thrill it will be if we have a C. I. F. champion in the 440 yards over there.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS COMING UP

Track

Divisional Meets May 13 at Oxnard, El Monte, Woodrow Wilson, Riverside, San Diego.

Southern California Finals—Coliseum May 20

State Meet—Coliseum May 27

Tennis

Class C—Montebello, April 1

Class B—South Pasadena, April 15

Class A—Fullerton, June 3

Team Finals—Los Angeles Tennis Club, May 20

Badminton

Anaheim High School Gymnasium, April 14 and 15

Swimming

Southern California Trials—Compton, May 26

Southern California Finals—Compton, May 27

Wrestling

Southern California Trials and Finals—San Diego, May 13

Gymnastics

Southern California Final Meet—Beverly Hills June 2

Golf

Southern California Singles—Montebello Park June 5, 8, 9 and 10

Play-offs start

Team Tennis by May 6

Baseball by May 13

Team Golf by May 27

THE BASKETBALL PLAY-OFF

The four teams to reach the semi-finals in the play-off were Coronado, Long Beach Poly, Ventura and Whittier. In one semi-final Whittier beat Coronado by a score of 39 to 32. In the other, Long Beach beat Ventura 34 to 27. In a consolation game Ventura defeated Coronado by a score of 34 to 29. Long Beach beat Whittier in the final game 29 to 17. The consolation and final games were played in the Compton Jr. College gymnasium.

Coach Charles Church of Long Beach had taken his team through a long and gruelling season but had them in top form for the final game. The Long Beach team had worked out an effective defense against the fast break of the Whittier players. There were nineteen play-off games and the scores were fairly even in all but two or three of the games. This indicates that all leagues were playing a good quality of basketball.

**CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC
FEDERATION SOUTHERN SECTION**

SOUTH PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL
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Executive Committee

Normal Hayhurst, Principal Herbert Hoover High School, President.

H. J. Moore, Principal Woodrow Wilson High School.

S. Chester McIntosh, Principal Puente High school
Kinter Hamilton, Principal Harvard School.

John E. Alman, Principal South Pasadena High School.

Seth F. Van Patten, Commissioner of Athletics
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President of the Council.

**PROPOSED CHANGES FOR OUR
CONSTITUTION AND RULINGS**

Offered by the Coast League. Wording approved by Mr. Lawson, Secretary Coast League.

Change Article III, Section (2) to read—Each established league shall, at the beginning of every school year, elect a faculty representative, or representatives, (other than a coach) for the current year. Each league is entitled to a representative for each 5,000 A. D. A., or fraction thereof.

Add a paragraph (e) to Article III, Section 3 to read—Arrange the leagues of the C. I. F., Southern Section into groups to be known as the Northern Group, the Eastern Group, the Central Group, and the Southern Group. The geographical location of the leagues together with the size of schools in the leagues shall be the basis for group assignment for any year.

Add a Section 4 to Article V to read—The Commissioner of Athletics shall make emergency decisions on administrative questions arising within any Group of Leagues. His rulings shall be effective until the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Group. All emergency decisions made by the Commissioner of Athletics must be referred to the proper Executive Committee for review at the next regular or special meeting of the Executive Committee following the decision.

Change numbering of Section 4 of Article V to Section 5.

Change Article VII, Section 1 to read—Each of the four groups of Leagues provided for in Article III, Section 3, paragraph (e) shall have an Executive Committee of three members elected for a term of three years each. The members of the Council from each group of leagues shall elect the Executive Committee for the Group. The first three elected shall cast lots to see who shall serve one, two or three years. Following the first election one member shall be elected each year.

Change Article VII, Section 2, the third word from the end, "the" change to "an".

Change Article VII, Section 3 to read—Each Executive Committee shall be the administrative body for the Group of Leagues it represents. It shall enforce all rules and regulations passed by the Council of the C. I. F., Southern Section.

Change Article VII, Section 4 to read—Each of the Executive Committees shall hold three regular meetings every school year, one in October, one in January and one in March. The Council at its May meeting shall set the exact date for each of the three regular Executive Committee meetings. The Commissioner of Athletics shall call a special meeting of any Executive Committee when requested to do so by two of its members.

Change Article VII, Section 5 to read—At the October meeting of each Executive Committee it shall organize by electing one of its members President for the School year. The Commissioner of Athletics shall attend all meetings of the Executive Committees and act as secretary for each.

Change Article VII, Section 9 to read—A member of the Executive Committee may be removed from office at any regular meeting of the Council by a majority vote of the Representatives on the Council from his Group of Leagues.

AN AID TO TIMERS

One of the worries of a timer's young life is to be sure he will see the smoke of the gun when one of the sprint races is being started. Coach Harry Sheue of Huntington Beach gave the timers of the Southern Counties Invitational Meet quite a break when he had the starter stand in front of a portable black back ground. The smoke of the gun was very plainly visible against the black.

The background was made of three ply, about 4 x 6 feet in size and mounted like a portable black board. It was easily moved to the starting point of the sprint and hurdle races. Coach Sheue has not patented the idea. Help yourselves.

**CONDITION OF THE TRACK AND THE
FIELD FOR DIVISIONAL MEETS**

Since the boys who are qualified for the Final Track and Field Meet at the Los Angeles Coliseum on May 20 are picked on the records they make in Divisional Meets the condition of the tracks and fields where the Divisional Meets are held assumes added importance.

It will not be possible to have the set-up identical at each of the five locations. The C. I. F. Office will, however, give every cooperation possible to have all conditions at the Divisional Meets as favorable as may be for competition.

THE START OF THE TRACK SEASON

Article IX, paragraph (2), page 17 of our Rules reads—"The season of sport for track begins February 1 and ends with the final C. I. F. Track Meet."

There is practically no track competition in February. The first regularly scheduled track activity is the Brea-Olinda Relays which for years has been set for the first week-end of March.

We set the start of the swimming season for April 1, two months later than track and yet the Los Angeles High School Invitational Swimming Meet comes early in March.

During this season several boys who played basketball with church or club teams after February 1 are being excluded from track. Are we not discriminating against boys interested in track?

The Commissioner of Athletics will recommend to the Council at the May meeting that a change in the date of the start of the track season be considered.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE C. I. F.

Southern Section

Held at the Stewart Hotel in San Francisco,
April 3, 1939 at 12:30 P. M.

Members present:

Mr. Normal Hayhurst, President
Mr. John Alman
Mr. S. Chester McIntosh
Mr. Harry J. Moore
Mr. Seth F. Van Patten, Commissioner of Athletics.

1. Mr. Hayhurst presented a letter he had received from Mr. J. C. Peniwell, Vice-Principal of Long Beach Polytechnic High School, asking that the receipts of the two semi-final games in basketball be pooled and the net of the two games be divided among the four schools participating (Coronado, Long Beach Poly, Ventura and Whittier). He also presented a letter he had gotten from Mr. Earl Chapman on the same subject. Both letters were carefully considered. Mr. Van Patten was asked for a detailed statement as to reasons for playing the semi-final games at two separate locations.

Moved by Mr. Alman, seconded by Mr. McIntosh that the two games be considered as separate events so far as finances were concerned and that the money settlement be made on that basis. Carried by a majority.

Mr. Peniwell also suggested that Coronado and Ventura, the losers in the semi-final games, be allowed to participate in the net of the final game as they played an exhibition match prior to the final game.

There being no motion to approve the suggestion the Chair ruled the matter closed.

2. Mr. Moore reported that accounts had been published in Southern California papers to

the effect that Dick Lyon of the Pasadena High School had gone to Philadelphia and taken part in a so called National Interscholastic Swimming Meet.

Moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Alman that the Commissioner of Athletics get all facts in the case and present them to the Executive Committee at its next meeting. Carried.

3. Moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. McIntosh that all Council members of the C. I. F., Southern Section be requested to discuss with their Leagues the question of affiliation with the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations with the idea of making a recommendation to the State Council when it meets in May. Carried.

4. The Commissioner of Athletics was directed to ask Attorney General Earl Warren for a definition of a high school fraternity as contemplated in the California School Code.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 P. M.

ENTRIES IN THE C. I. F., SOUTHERN SECTION SWIMMING MEET

Paragraph (3), page 36 of our Rules reads—"Each League may qualify not more than three boys in each event in Classes A, B, and C."

There are only two Leagues, the Bay and the Foothill, where a regular league meet is held to qualify boys for the Final Swimming Meet. Coaches from these two leagues have raised the question as to the fairness of allowing a single school from any league (where only one school in the league has swimming) to enter as many boys in each event as the whole five schools of the Foothill League or the seven schools of the Bay League. This matter will be called to the attention of the Council on May 20.

STATE COUNCIL OF C.I.F. IN SPECIAL MEETING

The State Council of the C.I.F. met in a called meeting at the Stewart Hotel in San Francisco Tuesday, April 4 at 5:30 P. M. Two actions of importance to all California high schools were passed.

The State Council voted unanimously to apply for membership in the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations.

The State Council voted also to recommend to the five sections of the C.I.F. the football rules of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations for favorable consideration for use next year.

DUDLEY CUP WINNER

Jack Kramer of Montebello High School won the open high school singles in the Dudley Cup Tennis Tournament sponsored by the Santa Monica High School on April 6, 7 and 8. Arthur Marx of Beverly Hills High School was runner-up.

COMMITTEE ON PLAY-OFFS REPORTS

The Committee which has been studying the question of play-offs met at the Principal's Convention on Wednesday, April 5. Those present were:

Mr. Hayhurst—Chairman
Mr. Crossley
Mr. Perry
Mr. Van Patten.

The results of the questionnaire sent out were studied. Nearly one hundred replies had been returned. A tabulation indicated three points on which a large majority of the Principals were in agreement. These points were—

- (1) The present play-off plan is not satisfactory.
- (2) The play-off should be confined to groups of leagues, situated near together and made up of schools similar in size.
- (3) No team should engage in more than two play-off games in football.

The Committee decided to offer the following recommendations to the Council at the meeting on May 20.

- (1) Divide the League of the C.I.F., Southern Section into five groups for play-offs in football, basketball and baseball and just as far as possible limit the teams to not over two play-off games.
The five groups of Leagues to be proposed are—
 - (a) Bay - Citrus - Coast - Foothill plus the Santa Barbara High School if it qualifies.
 - (b) Orange - Preparatory - San Gabriel - Sunset - Tri-County.
 - (c) Inyo - San Luis Obispo - Ventura Major - Ventura Minor.
 - (d) Imperial - Metropolitan - Southern.
 - (e) Desert - Pomona Valley - Riverside - East Riverside.
- (2) Continue track under the set-up agreed upon for 1939.
- (3) Continue swimming, tennis, water polo and golf singles as in the past.
- (4) Drop team golf play-off.

SAN DIEGO WINS POMONA BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

San Diego won the seventh annual Pomona Baseball Tournament played April 6, 7 and 8. San Diego by this win comes into permanent possession of the \$250.00 Stewart Trophy. This was the third time San Diego had won a Pomona Tournament.

Phoenix High School was San Diego's opponent in the final game. This year was the first trip to Pomona for the Phoenix High School team.

INSURANCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES

One of the Sectional Meetings at the recent Principal's Convention was given up to a consideration of the subject of insurance to cover expenses incurred in caring for boys injured in interscholastic contests. The most complete and comprehensive contribution to the discussion was given by Dr. George H. Bell, Principal of the Bonita High School at La Verne.

Dr. Bell distributed a ten page mimeographed summary of the important features and results of the Wisconsin Plan and the Minnesota Plan of mutual organization for such protection. In both of these states a mutual plan of insurance has been in operation for several years. The costs have been very reasonable and the results highly satisfactory.

A motion was passed at the sectional meeting asking the State Council of the C.I.F. to continue the study of the subject of athletic insurance with the idea of presenting a plan for state wide adoption.

At a subsequent meeting of the State Council of the C.I.F. a committee, consisting of Mr. S. Chester McIntosh, Dr. George H. Bell and Mr. Seth F. Van Patten, was appointed to bring a report to the State Council at its meeting on May 27.

The Section Meeting also passed a motion asking Dr. Dexter, State Superintendent, to take the initiative in having legislation enacted which will give accident insurance for every child in the public schools from kindergarten through high school.

PRINCIPALS VOTE IN FAVOR OF FOOTBALL

The State Council of the C. I. F. met Monday, April 3 at Mr. Orion's office in San Francisco and canvassed the vote sent out the first of the year on the question of continuing football among the high schools of the State. The Principals voted 256 to 72 in favor of continuing interscholastic football. Among the 72 voting against football were most of the small schools of the State which at present have no inter-school football program.

The Principals have spoken. Since they have made their belief known they have to all intents and purposes pledged themselves to make football the best game possible for our high school boys.

A careful, continuous, and scientific study and analysis of high school football should be taken up and the game made to meet the needs of high school boys.

"THE MAIN ISSUE IN LIFE IS NOT THE VICTORY BUT THE FIGHT. THE ESSENTIAL THING IS NOT TO HAVE WON BUT TO HAVE FOUGHT WELL."

—Baron Pierre de Coubertin.