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EL MONTE WINS COVETED BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Playing like a team inspired, the Lions of El Monte HS nipped Mt. Carmel in as close a contest as you will ever see, 55 to 54, to win the CIF Central Group Basketball Championship before a turn away crowd of 3700 at Long Beach City College, Saturday night, March 9, 1957. The widest margin throughout the entire game was 3 points, with the lead switching ten times during the first half, and yet it was never tied. Both teams played fine basketball with a total of only 15 fouls being called in the entire game.

Coach Gene Victor of El Monte elected to use a zone defense which enabled his team to employ an effective fast break, and also forced Carmel to shoot from outside. Fortunately Al Claiborne, giant center, Bill Leedom, and Bill Parsons all hit on long shots and scored in double digits to enable the Crusaders to keep pace. For El Monte it was a case of Delgado and Calabrese driving and scoring with brilliantly executed shots, and Engesser the 7-foot center, coming through with a needed basket or rebound when the going was tough.

In the playoff for 3rd place, Covina, champion of the San Gabriel Valley League, downed El Rancho, runner-up in the same circuit, 54 to 43. Twenty-five teams entered the CIF, Central Group of Leagues basketball playoffs and the scores of all games played are as follows:

First Round, February 26:

Alhambra 62, San Bernardino 50
Sweetwater 57, San Diego 47
Newport 54, Millikan 47
Jordan 52, Beverly Hills 47
El Rancho 60, Pasadena 54
Torrance 51, Morningside 45
Colton 63, Orange 52
Helix 55, St. Anthony 50
Burrroughs 54, Antelope Valley 52

Second Round, March 1:

Mt. Carmel 62, Alhambra 45
Sweetwater 49, Newport 45
L. B. Jordan 63, Santa Monica 57
El Rancho 48, Oxnard 45
Compton 62, Torrance 58
Covina 34, Colton 33
S. D. Hoover 51, Helix 44
El Monte 57, Burrroughs 46

Quarter-Finals, March 5:

Mt. Carmel 49, Sweetwater 41
El Rancho 48, Jordan 40
Covina 55, Compton 54

RIVERSIDE COUNTY LEAGUE TEAMS DOMINATE SOUTHERN BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Two outstanding teams from Banning and San Jacinto high schools, both members of the Riverside County League, swept aside all opposition to reach the finals of the CIF, SS basketball playoffs for the Southern Group of Leagues. In the championship game played before an overflow crowd in the men's gymnasium at the State College in Riverside, Banning high school's Broncos again proved their superiority over San Jacinto by scoring a decisive 54 to 42 victory to win the beautiful CIF trophy.

Coach Frank Burke's Banning team defeated St. Francis de Sales in the opening round 62 to 44, and then took the measure of Imperial HS 57 to 43, in the quarter finals. The semi-finals found them opposing the pre-tourney favorites from Citrus HS with the game played on the Citrus home court. Few experts gave Banning much of a chance against a Citrus team led by the great Bill Kilmer, who had already broken all CIF scoring records. The Broncos were hitting however, and with their defense holding Kilmer in check they raced to an early lead, and then hung on to grab a thrilling victory 61 to 50. San Jacinto meanwhile was defeating Ramona 49 to 36, Oceanside 71 to 57, and Brea-Olinda 60 to 54, to earn the right to compete in the finals.

Results of all games played in the CIF basketball playoffs in the Southern Group of leagues are as follows:

First Round, February 26:

Tustin 62, Julian 45
Banning 62, St. Francis de Sales 44
San Jacinto 49, Ramona 36
El Centro 42, Big Bear 41

Quarter-Finals, March 1:

Citrus 93, Tustin 56
Banning 57, Imperial 43
San Jacinto 71, Oceanside 57
Brea-Olinda 50, El Centro 41

Semi-Finals, March 5:

Banning 61, Citrus 50
San Jacinto 60, Brea-Olinda 54

FINALS, March 8:

Banning 54, San Jacinto 42

El Monte 57, S. D. Hoover 53

Semi-Finals, March 8:

Mt. Carmel 63, El Rancho 53
El Monte 53, Covina 52

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, March 9:

El Monte 55, Mt. Carmel 54
3rd Place: Covina 54, El Rancho 43

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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

As a service to our schools, particularly those in the outlying areas, the C.I.F. office maintains a list of schools seeking football opponents for practice games and publishes a complete list each month in the News Release. We are pleased to assist with this difficult problem of scheduling. Instead of an athletic director having to call many schools in order to find one that might be seeking a game on a certain date, he simply calls our office or refers to the News Release and can instantly learn the names of all schools interested in scheduling a game on a particular week-end.

The only request we make is that when a school lists their open dates with us, they notify us when they have filled these dates. If we are not notified we continue to publish and inform athletic directors that certain schools are seeking games on those dates. We are very embarrassed when we get a return call telling us that the school we mentioned as looking for a game on a certain date had filled that spot two weeks earlier. One athletic director in a school located in the north informed us that he was seeking a game on October 4 and had placed four long distance phone calls to schools listed in our March News Release only to find out that their schedules has been completed for some time.

Although each of these schools had contacted us and asked that their name be listed, not one of them had been considerate enough to inform us when they had found a suitable opponent. In order to be of greater service, and to do a job in the best manner possible, we are asking all schools who avail themselves of this convenience, to be courteous enough to follow through and notify our office when their schedule has been completed.

SANTA MARIA CAPTURES NORTHERN GROUP BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

In a hard fought game played before a capacity crowd of rabid rooters in a neutral gymnasium at Ventura HS on Friday, March 8, a well-balanced Santa Maria quintet nosed out a fine team from Santa Clara HS 65 to 61, to win the basketball championship of the Northern Group of Leagues for 1957. Paced by their All-CIF center, John Rudometkin, who averaged a sensational 28 points per game for 24 contests, 31 of them coming in the final game, Santa Maria was never headed, and although Coach Ruffin's charges battled right down to the final gun, they were not quite equal to the task.

Coach Bob McCutcheon's Saints won the San Luis Obispo League title, and then downed Nordhoff, Bellflower Christian, and San Marino to earn the right to compete in the championship contest. Although Santa Clara was not seeded in the playoffs they quickly showed that they were a team to be reckoned with when they defeated Arroyo Grande 56 to 51, and eliminated the defending champions from Saint Monica's HS in the quarter finals 54 to 50. Burroughs of China Lake offered spirited opposition, but little Santa Clara was hot and turned in a 59 to 45 semi-final victory to assure themselves a place in the finals.

Sixteen outstanding teams entered the Northern Group of leagues playoffs and interest was high throughout the competition. Most of the contests were played in one of the two communities involved; in a few cases a neutral site near one of the competing schools was selected. Capacity crowds were in attendance at all contests and players and coaches of all schools entering the 1957 playoffs are to be congratulated on their outstanding display of sportsmanship.

Results of 1957 CIF, SS basketball playoffs—Northern Group of Leagues:

First Round, February 26:

Santa Maria 66, Nordhoff 53
Bellflower Christian 50, St. Agnes 45
Victor Valley 73, Palo Verde 44
San Marino 40, San Gabriel Mission 34
St. Monica's 56, Big Pine 49
Santa Clara 56, Arroyo Grande 51
Burroughs, China Lake 33, Mater Dei 29
So. Pasadena 50, L. A. Pacific 47

Quarter-Finals, March 1:

Santa Maria 61, Bellflower Christian 47
San Marino 55, Victor Valley 30
Santa Clara 54, St. Monica's 50
Burroughs, C. L. 59, So. Pasadena 45

Semi-Finals, March 5:

Santa Maria 57, San Marino 50
Santa Clara 59, Burroughs, C. L. 49

FINALS, March 8:

Santa Maria 65, Santa Clara 61

WEIGHT-LIFTING TEAM ORGANIZED AT SANTA MARIA HS

Although weight-lifting is not one of the recognized C.I.F. sports, Santa Maria HS recently organized a team and are seeking opponents on the HS level. If any of our member schools are interested in competition, contact Mr. Jay Squires, captain of the Santa Maria team.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING — March 18, 1957

The meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. B. L. Bergstrom, at El Monte HS, Monday, March 18, 1957, at 9:30 A.M. Those present were Messrs. Winston Nelson, Principal of Pomona HS; Keith Gunn, Principal of Victor Valley HS; Doug White, Principal of Santa Barbara HS; Ben F. Jamison, Principal of Centennial HS; Frank Williamson, Principal of Monrovia HS; and Ken Fagans, Commissioner of Athletics.

1. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of February 2, 1957, be approved as published in the February, 1957 Monthly Bulletin.

2. Mr. Winston Nelson, Chairman of a special committee appointed to investigate the advisability of revising the present retirement plan now in operation for the Executive Secretary, made his report. Mr. Nelson stated the secretary was not eligible to participate in either the Teachers or the C.T.A. Retirement Plans. This presented a problem which made necessary the setting up of an individual plan which, of course, was more expensive. He further reported the State CIF had been working on a solution to this problem for the State Secretary and after much study had decided that a plan offered by the Penn Mutual Insurance Company was the best available. Mr. Nelson recommended the adoption of this plan, in principle, for the Southern Section. After much discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that a retirement plan for the Executive Secretary be adopted, as recommended by Mr. A. J. Marra of the Penn Mutual Insurance Company, similar to that provided for Mr. Russell of the State CIF Office, which provides as follows: (1) the CIF, SS will purchase and maintain a policy of life insurance upon the life of J. Kenneth Fagans, with the face amount equal to five times his present salary. This policy must contain within its provisions a guaranteed cost of rate of annuity of at least one per cent of the face value of the policy, per month. (2) In order to assure the accumulation of funds necessary to convert the policy to an annuity, the CIF, SS will make additional contributions to a separate fund which will be invested within Diversified Investors' Services. (3) Mr. Fagans will have the privilege of designating a beneficiary for the life insurance proceeds, in consideration wherefore he will annually reimburse in full that amount of premium within the insurance contract as "insurance cost factor." (4) A supplementary employment agreement will be made part of and attached to the existing employment contract.

3. Major W. J. Marchinton, Commandant of the Elsinore N & M School, appeared before the Committee in reference to the suspension from the CIF, SS of his school. The Arrowhead League representative, Mr. Thomas Sanchez of Big Bear HS, was also present. The entire matter of the suspension was reviewed and it was moved, seconded, and carried that the suspension of Elsinore N & M be lifted as of March 19, 1957; and effective that date, the

school be placed on strict probation and not be eligible to participate in CIF play-offs for the balance of the current school year.

4. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the complete report on the basketball play-offs held at Long Beach City College on March 8-9, 1957, as presented by the Commissioner of Athletics.

5. A progress report by Mr. Robert Shilling, chairman of the committee on awards, was presented to the Committee. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report of the committee be accepted; and that they be directed to continue work on the problem and send their recommendations to Mr. Russell with a request to place the matter on the agenda for the next State CIF Council meeting.

6. To implement the work of the Football Safety and Injury Committee, the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations has printed a six page, two color, 8½ x 11 folder, which outlines and illustrates a conditioning program for athletes. On the recommendation of the Commissioner, it was moved, seconded and carried that enough copies of this folder be purchased so that one copy could be sent to each of our member schools.

7. The necessity for beginning work on the problems of re-leaguings for the 1958-59 school year was discussed. It was moved, seconded and carried that President Frank Williamson be instructed to appoint a new re-leaguings committee, with the first meeting to be held on May 25, at Chaffey High School.

8. A letter from the Sierra League containing a request for a change in the number of events a B track boy could compete in was presented to the Committee for their consideration. After some discussion, it was decided that this matter should be handled by the track committee; and Mr. Williamson was directed to appoint a new committee which would begin work immediately on track problems facing the Southern Section.

9. A request was presented for consideration from the 17th Annual Coliseum Relays Committee for four CIF, Class A, B and C, relay teams to compete on May 24 against teams from the Los Angeles City Section of the CIF. It was moved, seconded and carried that approval be granted for the necessary teams, who have completed their Southern Section competition, to compete in the Relays. These teams are to be secured through the Commissioner's office.

10. The Commissioner reported on the recent action of the B basketball coach at Chaminade HS who removed his team from the court, because of personal dissatisfaction with the officiating prior to the conclusion of a scheduled game with Lutheran HS on February 15, 1957. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that Chaminade HS be placed on probation for the remainder of the 1956-57 school year, with the further provision that no team representing Chaminade HS be permitted to enter CIF play-off competition during the period of probation.

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11. The Commissioner reported on the action of a certified basketball official who left the court, before the conclusion of a scheduled C basketball game between Claremont and Corona High Schools, because he felt that the crowd and coaches were making unnecessary remarks concerning his ability to officiate the contest. It was the opinion of all concerned that an official assigned to an athletic contest is in charge and has a responsibility to the game to see that it is brought to a successful conclusion. Should coaches, players or spectators be out of line in their actions he has the authority, if all other measures fail, to forfeit the game, but he is never justified in simply handing his whistle to the coach and leaving the floor. It was moved, seconded and carried that this official not be permitted to work any type of interscholastic contest involving member schools of the CIF for at least one calendar year from the date of this meeting. He would have the right to apply for reinstatement at the conclusion of the year.

12. The Commissioner reported on an unsportsmanlike action on the part of the basketball coach of Antelope Valley HS at the conclusion of a play-off contest between Antelope Valley and Burroughs HS at Burbank HS. It was further reported that a communication concerning this incident had been sent to the principal of Antelope Valley HS on March 5, but that as of March 18 no reply had been received in the CIF office. After discussion it was moved, seconded and carried that the Commissioner be directed to inform the administration at Antelope Valley HS that the Executive Committee would like the principal and basketball coach to appear before the next meeting of the Executive Committee, scheduled for May 6, relative to this unfortunate matter.

13. Football play-off dates for the 1958 season were discussed, but no official action was taken. With Monday, September 8, set as the opening day of football practice, if nine games are scheduled by member schools it would place the final play-off contest on December 19, 1958; this would make the final play-off game too late in the season, so some administrators suggest a different set of dates. It was decided that a questionnaire should be prepared showing two possible schedules of dates; to be sent to all schools participating in the large school football play-offs with the request that their preference be indicated. The results of this questionnaire will be reported to the Executive Committee at the next meeting.

14. It was moved, seconded and carried that Mr. B. L. Bergstrom and El Monte HS be thanked for hosting this meeting of the Executive Committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

KEN FAGANS,
Commissioner of Athletics

**TRANSPORTATION TO STATE TRACK
MEET AT BERKELEY**

The 1957 CIF State Track Meet is scheduled for the University of California Stadium at Berkeley, on Saturday afternoon, June 1. By recent action of the SS Council free bus transportation will be provided to all qualifying athletes and coaches who desire to avail themselves of this service.

Present plans call for the chartering of a greyhound bus which will leave Helms Hall in Los Angeles early Friday morning on May 31st, and will arrive in Berkeley in time for the evening meal. The return trip will be made on Sunday and should place the boys in Los Angeles about 6:00 P.M. An opportunity to sign up for the trip will be given to the boys who qualify at our championship SS meet to be held at Chaffey HS, Saturday, May 25th.

**SOUTHERN SECTION TRACK
COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

President Frank Williamson of the C.I.F., SS Council has announced the appointment of a special committee to consider problems connected with the track program in the Southern Section. Mr. Ernest Payne, Principal of Chaffey HS; Mr. Gene Wineinger, Principal of Sierra HS; Mr. Keith Lee, Principal of Dominguez HS; and Ken FAGANS, C.I.F. Commissioner, will form this committee. Any track coaches with suggestions for improving any phase of the present program should contact any member of this committee.

**WIND GAUGES—NOW AVAILABLE
IN CIF OFFICE**

Recently two wind gauges were purchased by the C.I.F., SS for use in our preliminary, semi-final and championship track meets. With so many of our boys running in near record time in these meets, it is mandatory that wind gauges be used if a record is to count. Any member school of the CIF charged with the responsibility of conducting a league or invitational track meet is more than welcome to borrow one of these anemometers.

NEW BASKETBALL RULE PROPOSED

In a recent basketball play-off game a real good team from Hoover HS in San Diego was defeated in a close game by El Monte HS who were led by their giant 7 foot center, Bill Engesser. A few days after the contest a rating card on the officials was received in the C.I.F. office from Coach Charlie Hampton of Hoover which read as follows: "Excellent officiating, but there should be some way to call fouls on a man for just being SEVEN-FOOT tall." We were glad to note that Coach Hampton, one of our outstanding prep basketball coaches and a fine sportsman, had not lost his sense of humor.