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CHAMPIONSHIP COMPTON BASKETBALL TEAM

Standing: Coach Bill Armstrong, Roy Jefferson, LaMont Brown, James Stecher, Michael Jacobs, Gordon Brown, David Inzer, Mrs. Doris Wescott (Principal of Compton HS), and Ken Fagans, Commissioner of Athletics, CIF SS.

Kneeling: Joe Davis, Emile Moses, Clarence Esters, Freddie Goss, Henry Thomas, and Mgr. Roman Noriega.

COMPTON HS WINS CIF, SS "AAA" BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Compton High School's poised basketball team started slowly but finished with a flourish to win its fourth CIF, SS "AAA" basketball championship in the school's history, by defeating defending champions Long Beach Poly 57-49, before 5,000 screaming fans in the beautiful Los Angeles State College gymnasium, Saturday, March 11, 1961.

As has been their custom in other of their playoff contests, Compton trailed at the end of

the first quarter and also at the half. Poly started fast behind the fine shooting of Leddy Baker and John Rambo to build up a first period lead of 15-8. Baker then picked up his first personal foul, and when Coach Mulligan pulled him out of the line-up, the Compton fast break began to function and the Tarbabes gradually closed the gap until they trailed by only one point as the teams left the floor for the intermission.

The second half was all Compton, as they

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methodically went about the task of building up a lead by fine shooting and a devastating fast break. Poly fought back as best they could, but on this night they were just not a match for the smooth, efficient machine that Coach Bill Armstrong had moulded at Compton HS.

Along with the battle for team honors, the fans were interested in Freddie Goss's attempt to score one thousand points for the season. On Friday night he had surpassed John Rudometkin's record of 966 points for a season, and he needed only 31 more to have scored one grand for the season. It was not to be, however, as the Jack-rabbits' Carl Washington stuck to Goss like a leech and Freddie was able to score "only" 18 points for the night. The slack was taken up by his teammates, Emile Moses and Henry Thomas, who scored 16 and 10 points, respectively.

In the battle for third place, Monrovia rallied in the final minutes of play to edge stubborn Antelope Valley, 61-56. With less than a minute to go in the game, it appeared that the Antelopes had the game wrapped up. A couple of bad passes, however, and the fighting Wildcats shot into the lead and were never headed. Dick Schiendler paced the win with 17, but Antelope Valley's Bill Wilson took scoring honors with 20 points.

For the semi-finals on Friday night, the greatest crowd in the history of prep basketball in Southern California stormed the L.A. State gym to watch Compton easily down Monrovia 68-44 and LB Poly turn back the challenge of Antelope Valley, 59-43.

At seven thirty 5,300 fans were packed into the gym and it was necessary to stop the selling of tickets, although there were two thousand fans on the outside who were fighting to gain admittance. At the conclusion of the first game, an ap-

peal was made to the Antelope Valley and Poly rooters to please leave the gym so that the Compton and Monrovia supporters could have an opportunity to see their teams perform. About two thousand fans cooperated and it was then possible to get most of the additional fans into the gym in time to witness the semi-final contest. There is no question but that CIF, SS basketball has now outgrown every gymnasium in the area except the Sports Arena, but with the colleges and the Lakers using that facility there does not appear to be much chance to hold our games there in the immediate future.

This year's play-offs were mos successful and three of the four seeded teams reached the semi-finals without too much trouble. Glendale, the fourth seeded team, failed to reach the semi-final round only after losing a bitterly contested double overtime game to Antelope Valley by the narrow margin of one point.

The facilities at Los Angeles State College were outstanding and the personnel assigned to assist the Commissioner in the conduct of the final night's play cooperated to the fullest to assure a smooth running operation. We are looking forward to returning to L. A. State in 1962 for the finals, but it might be necessary to hold our two "AAA" semi-finals in separate facilities.

Results of all games played in the "AAA" playoffs follow:

FIRST ROUND:

Compton 85; Wilson 57
Ventura 62; Santa Maria 52
St. Anthony 66; El Segundo 65
Jordan 47; Fullerton 39
California 86; North Torrance 72
Muir 57; Ramona 39
Glendale 70; Chaffey 48
Redlands 55; Arroyo 54
Arcadia 54; Mt. Carmel 53
Antelope Valley 64; Hoover 53
El Monte 64; Culver City 57
Inglewood 58; Centennial 35
Anaheim 44; Excelsior 43

SECOND ROUND:

Compton 62; Ventura 45
Jordan 56; St. Anthony 43
Glendora 46; California 44
Monrovia 66; Muir 55
Glendale 53; Redlands 43
Antelope Valley 71; Arcadia 55
El Monte 57; Inglewood 47
LB Poly 46; Anaheim 40

QUARTER-FINALS:

Compton 65; Jordan 39
Monrovia 70; Glendora 48
Antelope Valley 45; Glendale 44
LB Poly 53; El Monte 50

SEMI-FINALS:

Compton 68; Monrovia 44
LB Poly 59; Antelope Valley 43

CHAMPIONSHIP:

Monrovia 61; Antelope Valley 56
(Consolation)
Compton 57; LB Poly 49
(Champion)

"ONE FOR THE BOOK"

To borrow a phrase from Sam Balter, the popular and well-informed sports broadcaster for KLAC, a local radio station, we would like to report on an incident that occurred during one of our recent playoff basketball games that was surely "one for the book."

On Friday night, March 3, 1961, two fine basketball teams, representing St. John Vianney HS of Los Angeles and Fillmore HS, met in a second round CIF "AA" basketball play-off contest in a neutral gym at Notre Dame HS in the valley. The gym was packed to capacity and St. John, coached by Denny Fitzpatrick, recent Cal great, and Fillmore mentored by "Tulle" Palmer, a veteran of many play-off contests, were poised and ready for the battle of their young lives to see which team would advance in the playoffs.

The game was hard fought throughout but was no different than any of the other playoff games being staged on the same night in more than twenty southern California communities, until the final seconds of the contest. At that point, however, there occurred one of the most sudden and dramatic circumstances ever to take place in a CIF high school basketball game.

With St. John Vianney leading by a score of 66 to 60 and only six seconds remaining in the game, Fillmore's chances for victory appeared hopeless. Then Bruce Gibbey, star forward for Fillmore, sank a twenty-foot jump shot to narrow the margin to 66-62, still a long way from victory. Bruce then broke in front of a player to intercept the in-bounds pass and sink another jump shot. He was fouled after the shot and was awarded a one-and-one attempt with the clock showing one second to go in the game. Gibbey calmly stepped to the free throw line and, with the crowd going crazy, he made both attempts to send the game into overtime. The fact that Fillmore went on to score a 72-70 victory over a broken-hearted St. John five was anti-climactic. Bruce Gibbey had scored all by himself 6 points in six seconds, to snatch victory from almost certain defeat.

Two of the girl song leaders from Fillmore fainted and who can blame them. There was not a sane person in the gym and the St. John supporters, who moments before had been deliriously happy, left the scene in a daze. Basketball madness had taken over. In retrospect, it is easy to see how St. Johns could have simply held the ball out of bounds during the final five seconds and let the clock run out to assure them of the victory. Under the circumstances, however, it was asking far too much of a young high school basketball player to apply logic and do the correct thing at the right time and, as a result, a situation developed which was truly "one for the book."

SANTA CLARA HS WINS THIRD STRAIGHT CIF, SS CLASS "A" BASKETBALL TITLE

Disregarding the odds, a scrappy bunch of basketeers from Santa Clara captured an unprecedented third straight CIF, SS Class "A" basketball championship by downing Brea-Olinda HS 39-25, in a game played before a near-capacity crowd in the Fullerton College gymnasium on Friday night, March 10, 1961.

Having won the small school title in both 1959 and 1960 Coach Lou Cvijanovich's team was seeded number one and had to win five straight playoff games to retain its championship. With everyone pointing for them, the Saints proceeded to eliminate Chadwick 62-35, defeated Harvard 51-35, trounced Bishop 72-57, and eliminated Tustin in a close game 45-41 to earn the right to meet Brea in the finals.

In the championship game, Santa Clara had one of their poorest nights as far as shooting was concerned, hitting on only 27 percent of their shots from the floor. They were kept in the game, however, by their fine defense which limited a normally highscoring Brea team to only 25 points. Boasting a front line which averaged 6-4 in height, the Saints dominated both backboards and held the Wildcats' outstanding player, Gary Holman, to only six points for the evening. With three of their starters back next year, we predict that Santa Clara will again be tough and you can be sure that the rest of the teams entering the 1962 play-offs will be pointing for them in each contest.

Co-champions of the Orange League, Brea-Olinda drew a bye in the first round and then defeated Trona 57-40, Black Foxe 56-41, and Aquinas 63-57, to earn the right to meet Santa Clara in the finals. Both Brea and Santa Clara scored victories over "AA" teams during the season and were outstanding small school representatives.

A summary of the scores of all games played follows:

FIRST ROUND:

Trona 34; Salesian 32
Black Foxe 60; St. John Bosco 57
Flintridge 40; Upland Academy 33
Santa Clara 62; Chadwick 35
Harvard 53; Cuyama Valley 31
Valley Christian 62; Avalon 33

SECOND ROUND:

Brea 57; Trona 40
Black Foxe 53; Santa Ynez 36
Aquinas 48; Flintridge 29
Needles 52; Holtville 33
Santa Clara 51; Harvard 35
Bishop 67; Big Pine 59
Tustin 39; Valley Christian 33
Calipatria 46; Big Bear 38

QUARTER-FINALS:

Brea 56; Black Foxe 41
Aquinas 62; Needles 41
Santa Clara 72; Bishop 57
Tustin 50; Calipatria 42

SEMI-FINALS:

Brea 63; Aquinas 57
Santa Clara 45; Tustin 41

CHAMPIONSHIP:

Santa Clara 39; Brea 25

BOB BEDELL LEADS BELL GARDENS TO "AA" CHAMPIONSHIP

Led by their great center, Bob Bedell, who scored thirty points, the Bell Gardens Lancers captured the CIF, SS "AA" basketball championship by defeating San Marcos HS 64-53, before a capacity crowd in the Montebello HS gymnasium on Saturday night, March 11, 1961.

It was not an easy victory, as San Marcos stayed within striking distance during most of the bitterly fought contest. At halftime Bell Gardens held a narrow five point lead, and during the third quarter each team scored 12 points to go into the final period with the Lancers leading by the same five point margin. Both teams got red hot in the final quarter, but the Royals from Santa Barbara could not contain Bedell and Bell Gardens increased their margin to win their first CIF, SS championship.

Mention must be made of the great record compiled by Bob Bedell, lanky 6-5 center from Bell Gardens, who almost singlehandedly carried the Rio Hondo League title holders to the championship. At the conclusion of the regular season, Bob had averaged 27 points per game, which is tremendous considering the fact that, during the pre-league contests, the Lancers had taken on 11 "AAA" schools with three of them, Arroyo, California and Fullerton, winding up as champions of their respective leagues.

Bell Gardens first playoff contest was against Fillmore on Fillmore's home court. With Fillmore boasting a great team, Bell Gardens was hard pressed to eke out a narrow 73-71 victory, and the main cog in the Lancer attack was Bedell, who scored 38 points. In the next win over Cantwell, Bob amassed 32 points, and in the semi-finals with Eisenhower, he again came through to pop 35 points through the net. In the final game he was "held" to 30 points, which gave Bob Bedell a 34 point average for four play-off games against the finest teams in the "AA" division. With Bedell returning for another season of high school competition, the recent scoring record set by Freddie Goss of Compton HS is in jeopardy.

San Marcos, a recent addition to CIF ranks, had a rough row to hoe to reach the finals, but they met every challenge to earn the right to play in the championship game. Their first playoff opponent was Don Bosco, who they defeated 65-50. They then traveled to Arroyo Grande, where they edged the San Luis Obispo champions 62-50 in a thriller. A quarter-final contest found them hosting Alemany HS, and they again came through 73-72 in a squeaker. Venturing south for the semi-finals, they outplayed a fine San Gabriel Mission five to score a 56-52 upset victory over one of the seeded teams. The fine record compiled by this new Santa Barbara high school during the 1960-61 season is one which reflects credit upon Coach Maury Halleck, Principal Art North, the student body and the great group of players representing San Marcos HS.

Twenty-eight schools were represented in the "AA" basketball playoffs this year and the level of competition was better than in any previous

season. All of the playoff games were conducted in an atmosphere of good sportsmanship and friendly rivalry, and a word of appreciation and thanks is in order for the administrators and coaches of all participating teams who cooperated so magnificently with the Commissioner in arranging all of the myriad of details that go into the staging of these playoffs. Based on the experience gained this year, we will endeavor to make the 1961-62 CIF "AA" basketball playoffs even better.

Results of all games played follow:

FIRST ROUND:

St. John Vianney 60; Palmdale 40
Cantwell 59; Rancho Alamitos 46
El Centro 62; Perris 53
Yucaipa 48; Calexico 41
Eisenhower 59; Montclair 57
Chino 57; Rubidoux 41
San Jacinto 62; Brawley 47
Bolsa Grande 52; Banning 48
Artesia 77; Northview 44

San Marcos 65; Don Bosco 50

SECOND ROUND:

Fillmore 72; St. John Vianney 70
Bell Gardens 55; Cantwell 48
El Centro 40; Yucaipa 30
Eisenhower 68; Chino 67
San Gabriel Mission 61; San Jacinto 59
Edgewood 35; Bolsa Grande 31
Alemany 73; Artesia 60
San Marcos 52; Arroyo Grande 50

QUARTER-FINALS:

Bell Gardens 73; Fillmore 71
Eisenhower 50; El Centro 36
San Gabriel Mission 56; Edgewood 52
San Marcos 73; Alemany 72

SEMI-FINALS:

Bell Gardens 64; Eisenhower 54
San Marcos 42; San Gabriel Mission 41

FINALS:

Bell Gardens 64; San Marcos 41

THANK YOU

The assigning of officials and arranging the various playoffs is one of the most difficult and time-consuming tasks faced by the staff in the CIF, SS office. With this in mind, it is most gratifying to receive letters of appreciation from schools participating in our playoffs.

We recently received the following letter from Father Finnegan, Athletic Director at San Gabriel Mission HS: "Dear Mr. Fagans: Sincere congratulations on a well organized and well conducted play-off series. We are happy to have been a part of it, and wish to thank you and your staff for the kind consideration shown us."

Another letter was received from Mr. John R. Hunter, basketball coach at Holtville HS, who penned the following: "I would like to compliment you on the selection of the officials for the recent Holtville vs Needles playoff basketball game. They were the best we have played under this year. They really did a great job. I wish there were more officials of that caliber available."

We shall be pleased to pass along the kind words to the persons involved and wish to thank Father Finnegan and Coach Hunter for taking the time to send along their brief but welcome notes.



Ken Fagans, Commissioner of Athletics, CIF, SS; Freddie Goss outstanding player in the CIF; and Coach Bill Armstrong, Compton HS.

FREDDIE GOSS RECEIVES AWARD AS AS OUTSTANDING PLAYER OF TOURNAMENT

Freddie Goss, sharp-shooting forward from Compton HS, was selected by a committee of metropolitan sports writers to receive the award as the outstanding player of the two-day CIF, SS basketball tournament held at Los Angeles State College, Friday and Saturday, March 10, 11, 1961.

Entering the tournament, "Fabulous Freddie" had scored 944 points as he led Compton HS to a fine 29 and 3 record. His aim was to tally 23 additional points, which would break the season scoring mark of John Rudometkin, now an All-American candidate at USC, who had amassed 966 points while playing 32 games for Santa Maria during the 1957-58 season.

Playing against undefeated Monrovia in Friday's semi-final encounter, Goss started hitting with his magic jump shots and carried Compton to an easy 68-44 triumph, as he personally accounted for 25 points. This ran his total to 969 for the season, which was three better than Rudometkin's record and left him just 31 points shy of scoring one thousand for the season.

On Saturday night in the championship game, Compton found the going particularly rough in the first half, and with Carl Washington guarding Goss like a leech, the teams left the floor at intermission with Compton trailing Poly by one point and Goss showing only 5 points as his personal contribution to his team's effort. During the second half, however, the famed Compton fast break began to function, and even though

Goss was encountering a great deal of bad luck with many of his shots rimming the hoop, he managed to wind up with 18 points to lead all the scorers in the championship game.

Because we have been making much of Freddie Goss' ability to score, please do not think for a moment that he is a "gunner," who shoots every time he receives the ball, for that is not the case. Goss is a great all-around basketball player, who is destined to make his mark in college and even in pro ranks. His defensive ability leaves nothing to be desired, and he has a fast pair of hands which proved invaluable when his team found it necessary to put on a "press." He is a team player who scores many assists and during the season he seldom took a bad shot. He is a fine dribbler and passer and is a worthy recipient of the great honor that has been accorded him.

By winding up the season with 989 points scored in 31 games for an average of 32 points per contest, it would appear that Freddie Goss has established a record that will stand for a long time to come. Records are made to be broken, however, and next year another great crop of high school basketball players will begin an assault on not only the great record set by Goss, but on other records that have been achieved over the years.

One candidate who will bear watching is Bob Bedell of Bell Gardens, who during this year's "AA" playoffs, scored 135 points in four playoff contests to average approximately 34 points per game. For the season this 6-5 junior averaged close to 30 points per game, and with the experience gained this year in leading his team to the "AA" championship, he has a great opportunity next year to be the first cager in prep history to score one thousand points for a season.

There will also be other prep "phenoms" develop as the years progress and that is what makes high school basketball so interesting. Those who follow CIF, SS basketball have an opportunity to preview the future greats of the cage sport.

NEW SCHOOL SEEKS ATHLETIC COMPETITION

We have just learned that the Anaheim Union High School District, in addition to opening the new Magnolia HS, will also activate the Savanna High School in September of 1961. Because of the late decision to open this second high school next fall, the newly appointed administrators are encountering a great deal of difficulty in completing adequate athletic schedules for the 1961-62 school year.

Savanna HS will free lance in football during the coming season and is interested at this time in scheduling football contests on the varsity, B and C level for the following dates: Sept. 22; October 6, 20, 27; November 3, 10 and 17. Savanna will open with 10th and 11th graders only during their first year of operation. Any school interested in scheduling football games should contact Mr. Bill Walker, c/o Western HS in Anaheim, 501 So. Western Ave. Telephone number is JAsper 7-2225.

CIF, SS WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN SAN BERNARDINO

A great high school wrestling program was brought to a most successful conclusion when California HS of Whittier captured the CIF, Southern Section team championship by scoring 38 points in the final meet held at Pacific HS in San Bernardino on Friday, March 3, 1961.

Coach Clinton South's well-balanced aggregation was led by Frank Hernandez and J. Brite, who took top honors in the 130 and 141 lb. divisions, respectively. It was the first CIF, SS wrestling championship for this comparatively new school and with only three boys graduating off this year's squad, we can look for California to be a power in CIF wrestling circles for the next few years. Upland HS scored 35 points to take runner-up honors and they were closely followed by South Torrance with 30 points.

Forty-five schools had representatives in the championship meet with 34 of them breaking into the scoring column. A capacity crowd was on hand and the Pacific HS facilities were ideal for hosting a championship meet of this importance. Mr. Elvin Liles, coach of the host school, served as meet manager and had things well organized so that the meet was conducted with a minimum of confusion.

An unfortunate incident did occur during the preliminaries in the afternoon when an official reversed his original decision in a match in the 98-lb. division. This caused a considerable hassle and delayed the conclusion of the meet by almost

an hour. This again points up the need for a formulation of new policies for conducting our CIF, SS wrestling program. The activity has grown so rapidly that we need to employ an experienced college wrestling coach to manage our championship meet. A special meeting of representative high school wrestling coaches will be held in the SS office late in April for the purpose of studying the problem and making recommendations for the 1962 CIF, SS wrestling program.

To avoid having each competitor wrestle an excessive number of matches in one day, the 1961 program provided for four prelims, two semi-finals and a championship meet. The prelims were conducted at Beverly Hills HS, Upland HS, Norwalk HS and San Bernardino HS on Saturday, February 18, under the management of Bill Hoag, Bill Bandy, Gil Carrillo and Jack Stahlheber, respectively.

The northern area semi-final was held at Mira Costa HS on Saturday, February 25, with Don Cogswell serving as meet manager. The other semi-final was held on the same day under the management of Ken Duddridge at Westminster HS. All of the meets were most successful and on behalf of the participating schools and the CIF office we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the above-mentioned men and their schools for hosting these important meets.

The results of the final meets and points scored by each team follow:

RESULTS OF WRESTLING FINALS

90-lb CLASS

1. Tucker—Santa Monica
2. Olivera—Santa Fe
3. Hart—Mira Costa
4. Hart—Arroyo Grande

106-lb CLASS

1. Martinez—Upland
2. Snyder—Pacific
3. Dempster—Norwalk
4. Simoulis—South Torrance

115-lb CLASS

1. Caldera—Upland
2. Steinel—Hawthorne
3. Lundgren—Warren
4. Walson—Santa Fe

123-lb CLASS

1. Monville—Mater Dei
2. Boyd—Morningside
3. Winslow—Sierra
4. Gularte—Holtville

130-lb CLASS

1. Hernandez—California
2. Von Kaneal—Ramona
3. Centeno—Lompoc
4. Hamilton—Downey

136-lb CLASS

1. Wynne—Simi
2. Nichols—Whittier
3. Bliss—Redondo
4. Navarro—Pioneer

141-lb CLASS

1. Brite—California
2. Caldera—Upland
3. Branch—Fontana
4. Garcia—North Torrance

148-lb CLASS

1. Freas—South Torrance
2. Cheverton—California
3. Miller—Sierra
4. Berglund—Simi

157-lb CLASS

1. Gilbert—Mira Costa
2. Greene—Westminster
3. Childers—Atascadero
4. Athens—Morningside

168-lb CLASS

1. Cereceres—San Bernardino
2. Irvine—Torrance
3. Jory—Mira Costa
4. Hawkins—Sierra

183-lb CLASS

1. Spiking—Downey
2. Owens—Colton
3. Anderson—South Torrance
4. Hudgens—Victor Valley

HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS

1. Ortiz—Oxnard
2. Birmingham—South Torrance
3. Brown—Beverly Hills
4. Roper—Bellflower

TEAM SCORES

California	38
Upland	35
South Torrance	30
Mira Costa	23
Simi	16
Downey	16
Sierra	15
Morningside	13
Santa Fe	13
San Bernardino	12
Oxnard	12
Mater Dei	12

Santa Monica	12
Whittier	11
Hawthorne	10
Pacific	9
Ramona	9
Westminster	9
Torrance	9
Colton	9
Lompoc	7
Fontana	7
Atascadero	7

Beverly Hills	7
Norwalk	6
Redondo	6
Warren	5
Arroyo Grande	4
Holtville	4
Victor Valley	4
North Torrance	3
Pioneer	3
Bellflower	3
Anaheim	1

PREVIOUS WRESTLING RESULTS

1948—El Centro
1949—El Centro
1950—San Diego
1951—San Diego
1952—San Diego

1953—San Diego
1954—San Diego
1955—Whittier
1956—Kearny
1957—Kearny

1958—San Diego
1959—Mira Costa
1960—Pacific (SB)
1961—California H.S.