

HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION SOUTHERN SECTION



25th historical "tidbit."

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CIF-SS BY EARNEST W. OLIVER FROM THE DECEMBER 22, 1927, COUNCIL MINUTES

This is the first written history of the CIF-SS that appeared in the "Bulletin" by Ernest Oliver:

DECEMBER 22, 1927

The Council of the California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section, met in the Polytechnic High School, at 7:30 P. M., December 22, 1927, as a Section of the Southern California Teachers' Association.

President Ely called the meeting to order.

A. Mr. Oliver addressed the meeting on the subject, "History of the California Interscholastic Federation."

He said in part:

1. A meeting was called at 4:30 P. M., May 15, 1913, by Mr. Oliver, as chairman of the following five leagues, Los Angeles City, Los Angeles County, Suburban, Orange, and Citrus Belt.

An organization was affected to be known as the Southern California Interscholastic Athletic Council.

A constitution was adopted.

A Baseball schedule for the year was adopted.

J. E. McKown, of Riverside, acted as secretary.

2. At the meeting October 11, 1913:

Mr. Oliver was elected President.

Mr. Beeman of San Bernardino was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

One League for American Football was organized and three Leagues for Rugby Football.

3. Bulletin No. 2, California State Board of Education, sent out by Will C. Wood, Commissioner of Secondary Schools has this to say: "For a long time we have recognized the need for general faculty control of Inter-School activities. * * * We are facing a condition, not a theory. High School Athletics are with us. * * * They must be controlled if they are to serve their real purpose in moral and physical training. School activities that are allowed to run wild, militate against, rather than assist in the development of character."

"During the past four months, much good constructive work has been done looking toward state wide control of school activities by faculty representatives. Superintendent J. C. Templeton, of Palo Alto, as chairman of a committee of the California High School Teachers' Association, and Mr. E. W. Oliver, President of the Athletic Council of Southern California, have devoted much time and thought to the work. As a result of their interest, a general convention of High School men met in Los Angeles recently and drafted a Constitution for the California Interscholastic Federation. Twenty representatives were present, nine from the three Sections of Northern California, and eleven from Southern California." March 28, 1914.

Mr. Oliver was elected Chairman.

Mr. Templeton was elected Secretary.

The Constitution of the California Interscholastic Federation was adopted.

4. At the meeting held June 10, 1914, the Constitution of the California Interscholastic Federation was adopted and our name was changed from Southern California Interscholastic Council to The California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section.

Mr. E. W. Oliver of Los Angeles High School and Mr. L. L. Beeman of San Bernardino, were unanimously elected delegates from the Southern Section to the Federated Council.

Delegates to the Federated Council were declared ex-officio members of the Council of the Southern Section.

(NOTE—The above was written by the Secretary as the substance of Mr. Oliver's talk.)



Principal's Organization and Early Difficulties in the CIFSS
(December 22, 1927 Council Minutes)



Harry J. Moore

The following is a resume of the talk given by Mr. Moore at the Institute session at Los Angeles Polytechnic High School:

1. A great deal of misunderstanding arises from ignoring official letters from the secretary and managers, also the principals do not see that these letters are placed in the hands of their vice-principals and coaches.

2. A great deal of long distance telephoning and loss of time could be avoided if school men would read the C. I. F. constitution and regulations contained in the official book. Most of the questions asked are already answered in this book.

3. In regard to our present manager system some schools seem to forget that these managers are school men and cannot devote a great deal of their school time to this work. It was necessary for the Football Manager to appoint more than 800 officials for high school games this year so that the schools can hardly expect 100% efficiency in the matter of appointments.

4. Sportsmanship. Where considerations of eligibility arise the school concerned should be given an opportunity to explain the situation before any outside publicity is given. In the matter of officials, schools should treat them as they would any other school men who were their guests. It is difficult to secure officials to go to certain schools due to the reception that is sometime received. In discussions between coaches and officials, coaches should not convey the impression to the crowds in the stands that they believe an official is unfair or incompetent. Most of the serious mix-ups between rival student bodies have been brought about by the attitude of the coach. The home team is the host and should always be willing to make some concessions in favor of the visiting team.

Finally, school men should be loyal to the school and to the C. I. F., which is their athletic organization. Unfavorable criticism given to newspaper men which in turn is given to the general public can only help to break down the splendid organization that has been built up during the past fourteen years.

Respectfully submitted

Harry J. Moore
Football Manager C.I.F.
Southern Section.

George H. Green

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Secretary of the C.I.F. S.S.

C. Mr. Green then addressed the meeting on the subject, "Some Difficulties met by the C. I. F."

He said in part that the difficulties started at the very beginning.

1. The Indifference, Ignorance and Jealousy of the Principals, Coaches, and Student Body in reference to the C. I. F. rules until their own school was affected leads to confusion.

2. The change in personnel of Principals, Coaches and Representatives to the Council, leads to confusion. Mr. Oliver is the only Representative now on the board who was at the first meeting on October 11, 1913.

Mr. Oliver of the City League.

Mr. Moberly of Compton, of the Los Angeles County League.

Mr. Hall of Santa Ana of the Orange County League.

Mr. Beeman of San Bernardino of the Citrus League.

3. The growth of schools made re-leaguing more difficult.

In 1913—Five League—30 schools.

In 1927—Twenty Leagues—130 schools.

4. The first difficulty was to get the schools to accept the C. I. F.

The first clash was over professionalism.

The second clash was over time and place for semi-finals.

Then the tramp athlete who came for one sport, football or baseball.

The Council used to spend hours and hours over the question, "Shall John Jones be reinstated?" Some meetings as many as twenty boys would be reinstated.

Next we had the "flu" Semester question. Then the changing of schools without change of homes.

Now it is the "Four Point" record.

5. The troubles of the Secretary were then taken up. The Secretary being a teacher, Vice-Principal, or Principal, he has never had time to properly keep the minutes or files. A fund of valuable information has been lost because the past secretaries did not have proper time to keep the records. For example: I find that the last Rugby football championship game was in 1913-14 between Pomona and Manual Arts. State championship between Pomona and Palo Alto. The names of the Manual Arts players are in the Secretary's book, but no list from Pomona. I feel the list should be there.

The official organization date of the "Southern California Interscholastic Council" was Saturday, March 29, 1913, at the Y.M.C.A. track field. A meeting of the League Presidents (there were five leagues: Los Angeles City, Los Angeles County, Suburban, Orange and Citrus Belt) was held at noon between the prelims and finals of the Southern California Interscholastic Track Championship.

"TRIBUNE" March 30, 1913

28 POINTS SCORED BY SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONS

Hollywood Ranks Second With 27; Hall of Santa Paula Takes Three Firsts

By W. A. Reeve

POMONA High School's wonderful track aggregation yesterday won the Southern California interscholastic championship in the first meet staged under the jurisdiction of the high school men themselves, and The Tribune perpetual trophy for one year.

Only one point behind the victors ranked Hollywood High, and it was not till within a few minutes of the close of the meet that Pomona set up a safe lead. With the relay yet to be run, Pomona had 28 points and Hollywood 22. The foothill quarter milers broke the tape in the final event and brought their school's total up to 27.

Santa Paula—we may almost say Martin Hall—ranked third with 17 and Los Angeles High was fourth with 12. The remaining scores were: Anaheim 11, Redlands 11, Harvard 5, Monrovia 3, South Pasadena 3, Long Beach 3, Orange 3, Riverside 1, Santa Ana 1.

J. H. Francis Presents Trophy

Just before the entrants got on their marks for the relay, John H. Francis, superintendent of Los Angeles city schools, presented The Tribune trophy to the victorious team.

"It is a privilege," he stated, "to present the perpetual trophy to Pomona high school. This trophy has been offered by The Los Angeles Tribune to be contested for annually. It has been won by Pomona by a great exhibition of athletic excellence. It is theirs for one year. They will be theirs for two or more if they are good enough to keep it."

On behalf of his team and school, Captain Luther Niccol accepted the trophy, but the plans of the committee in charge drew from him a dissenting voice. The trophy was taken back to Feagans & Co. to be engraved with the name of the triumphant team, to be delivered to the Pomonans tomorrow.

"We want to take it with us now," Niccol protested with a grin. "We want to show the folks at home how good we are and what we won. We want to paint the old town and celebrate this victory and our right to the trophy. But if we have to wait, we'll do it and make up for lost time Monday."



During the noon hour, after the heats had been run off, a meeting of league presidents was held and the "Southern California Interscholastic Council" was officially organized. E. W. Oliver, vice president of Los Angeles High, was elected president; F. L. Jackson was named vice president, and J. E. McKown was chosen secretary-treasurer.

A meeting will be called by the president soon and the council will take up its active duties of supervising all interscholastic sport in the south. Plans are now being made to take charge of the baseball championship series, and the council will meet next month and arrange to take care of the football and basketball championships in the seasons following.

MARCH 29, 1913
FOUNDING DATE

With the Preps.

HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETS.

DATES SET FOR BASEBALL AND OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS.

May 31 Citrus Belt Title Holders to Play San Diego and Orange County Champs are to Meet Winners in Suburban League—June 7 County and City League Winners to Clash.

The Southern California Interscholastic Athletic Council, composed of the presidents of the five Southern California interscholastic leagues and a representative from San Diego, met Thursday afternoon and decided upon a schedule for the baseball championship series.

May 31, the championship nine of the Citrus Belt League is to meet the San Diego team. The Grange county champions are to hook up with the title holders of the Suburban League the same day. Both contests are to be played on neutral grounds. If this point is not decided three days before the games are scheduled to take place, the managers of the teams are to report to President Oliver of the council, and he is to arrange the place of meeting.

June 7 is the day set for the game between the Los Angeles city champions and the County League winners. On this same day, the winners of two games of the week before are to meet. One week later, June 14, the winner of the Los Angeles county and the Los Angeles city contest, is to meet the winning nine from the outside, in the finals.

FOUR YEAR LIMIT.

The interscholastic council also decided on eligibility rules to govern all interleague contests. In the future, the first eight semesters of a boy's high school course, will constitute his interscholastic career, whether he competes in athletics four full years or not.

This rule does not govern contests between two teams of the same league. The interscholastic council exercises jurisdiction over organizations competing for interleague honors only, and all points between teams in the same league are to be left entirely to the officers of that organization as has been the case in the past.