HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION

97th historical “tidbit.”
Dr. John S. Dahlem

FIRST POST-WORLD WAR II BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
1946

Following the end of World War II, the CIF-SS attempted to bring back a full athletic schedule for all schools and start up again any Championships that were not held due to war time restrictions. The most important basketball tournament of the 1946 season was the Beverly Hills Tournament which served as a prelude to the CIF-SS Basketball Championship.

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BASKETBALL
The Executive Committee appointed Mr. Bergstrom, Mr. Hamilton, and Mr. Van Patton a committee to organize and conduct a basketball play-off. The committee decided to have a two-day tournament with eight teams playing, on the 8th and 9th of March. Arrangements were made to hold the final tournament in the Whittier College gymnasium.

To reduce the field of league champions to eight, eight preliminary games were played. Santa Barbara beat Fillmore, South Pasadenat Long Beach Poly, Santa Monica beat Carpinteria, San Bernardino beat Benita, El Monte beat Bishop, Hoover (San Diego) beat Brawley, Loyola beat Harvard, and Huntington Beach beat Tustin.

The eight team tournament at the Whittier College gymnasium was run off as follows:

Preliminary round
El Monte, 34—Loyola, 32
Santa Monica, 29—Santa Barbara, 21
South Pasadena, 31—Hoover (S.D.), 23
Huntington Beach, 34—San Bernardino, 29
Semifinal round
Santa Monica, 38—El Monte, 26
South Pasadena, 39—Huntington Beach, 27
Consolation game
El Monte, 48—Huntington Beach, 56
Championship game
South Pasadena, 30—Santa Monica, 25
Everyone of the eight teams in the final tournament played like a champion.
The coaches and players who took part in the tournament at Whittier all seemed to feel that they would like to see the final tournament for the championship further developed.
The net proceeds to the C. I. F., Southern Section is indicated in the financial statement given below.

SPORTS FINANCES
Below is given the money returns from the different sport activities carried on by the C. I. F., Southern Section. The money returns include entry fees and the one-third of the net on championship events.

Football . . . . $ 8,345.42
Basketball . . . . 920.86
Wrestling . . . . 37.50
Swimming . . . . 319.50
Gymnastics . . . . 43.60
Tennis . . . . 95.00
Track . . . . 1,213.34
Golf . . . . 30.75
Baseball . . . . 77
$11,124.17

Wardman Gym - Whittier College
It is interesting to note that they named the All-CIF-SS Basketball Team prior to the CIF-SS Championship game.
Seth Van Patten, one of the founding fathers of CIF-SS and the first Commissioner, kept hand written records of many of the athletic contests and records. In the CIF-SS archives was found the score book from the 1946 championship game played at Whittier College Wardman Gymnasium. On the cover of the score book you can see Van Patten’s hand writing at the top.
**Copied from the original scorebook:**

### South Pasadena vs. Santa Monica

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*Where Played: Whittier  
Score by Quarters: 1st 6 2nd 11 3rd 20 4th 25  
Final Scores: 25  
Timekeeper: Sager  
Scorer: Stahl*
South Pasadena High School

Beverly Hills Tournament

Bengal varsity basketball squad . . . winners of Southern California prep basketball championship . . . led by Captain Jack Moore through forty-two game schedule . . . winning majority of those games . . . losing only to El Monte and Santa Barbara . . . placing first in league competition . . . going through league season undefeated . . . Tigers honored with three men on all-league team . . . place Hugh Stewart, Wayne Tucker, and George Lindsay . . . Hugh Stewart also named Player of the Year . . . Tigers roll up 1237 points during the year . . . Hugh Stewart and Wayne Tucker high scorers . . . scoring 501 and 397 points respectively . . . Tigers going to Chico basketball tournament . . . taking first place honors . . . Stewart, Tucker named on all-tournament team . . . two boys awarded letters . . . five returning lettermen to greet Coach Green next season . . . George Lindsay and Wayne Tucker named this year's squad with exceptional for next year.

First row: Darrell, Radio, Smith, Stewart, Tucker, Talmage, Coach Green. Second row: Manager Moore. Third row: Lindsay, Captain Moore, Kent, Brandon, McGraw. Others are the seniors and trophy was during the year.

Score sheets are rewards of special events in the Beverly Hills Tournament. Wayne Tucker, Hugh Stewart, George Lindsay.
The Bay League championship and second place in the C.I.F. were two honors brought to Samohi by Coach George Tichenor's Varsity basketball team. The Big Blues won nine out of ten Bay League games, three out of four C.I.F. playoff games, and ten out of fifteen practice games for a total of twenty-one victories against seven losses.

The team composed of Gene Snyder at Center, Bruce Bearer and Jack Wight or John Vondette at forwards, Leamon Capps and Dick Parker at guards opened up the Bay League schedule by traveling to Inglewood to meet the Sentinals. They walked off the floor with a 32 to 22 victory. The Big Blues then bested the defending champions, the Redondo Seahawks, by a close 35 to 30 score. Beverly Hills handed the Yikes their only Bay League defeat by an embarrassing 33 to 17 score.

In the C.I.F. playoffs Samohi defeated Carpinteria 47 to 19 in the first round, Santa Barbara 29 to 21 in the quarter-finals, and El Monte 38 to 26 in the semi-finals, but dropped a close 30 to 25 decision to South Pasadena in the finals at Whittier College.

High point man for the year was Gene Snyder who was also chosen most valuable player as he bucked 336 points. Bruce Bearer took the runner-up spot with 165 digits, while Captain Dick Parker was third with 121.