

MINUTES OF 1926-1927 CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION Southern Section

SECOND MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 1926

The Council of the California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section, met in Special Meeting at the Y. M. C. A., in Los Angeles, California, at 9:30 A. M., December 18, 1926. President Aldrich in the chair.

ROLL CALL

Bay League—R. D. Wadsworth, San Pedro
City League—Louis F. Foley, Hollywood
J.G. Goodsell, Polytechnic
City Minor—D. S. Swan, Fairfax
Citrus League—E. W. Fisher, Chaffey
Coast League—H. J. Moore, Long Beach
Imperial League—C. R. Prince, Calipatria
Inyo League—
Orange League—J. S. Malcom, San Juan Capistrano
Marine League—H. S. Wood, Torrance
Riverside League—
San Fernando League—
San Luis Obispo League—J. W. Haynes, Cambria
Santa Barbara League—J. A. Westcott, Santa Ynez
Southern League—H. G. Adams, National City
San Gabriel League—F. S. Hayden, Azusa
Tri-County League—McCall Aldrich, Chino
Ventura League—J. B. Ely, Fillmore
State President—H. J. Moore, Long Beach
State Representative—E. W. Oliver, Los Angeles High
Secretary—George M. Green, Inglewood
Basketball Manager—R. E. Squires, Huntington Park
Principal Ben S. Milliken of Covina
Coach Wallace Newman of Covina
Vice-Principal MacIntosh of Puente
Principal Keeley of El Monte

PROTEST OF COVINA

To the C. I. F., Southern Section:

At a Special Meeting of the San Gabriel League on November 16, 1926, the following facts were presented:

Jerry Cole and Bill Arenas were declared ineligible to participate in athletics after the close of the football season and as long as they are in Covina Union High School.

The decision of the League was: After the close of their football schedule, Covina shall be considered a free lance school and not members of the San Gabriel Valley League for the rest of this school year (or) as long as Jerry Cole and Bill Arenas are played on Covina Union High School teams..

Covina Union High School, through its principal, Ben S. Millikan, protests the decision on these grounds:

These men have been declared eligible by the C. I. F.: and were accepted as eligible for football by the San Gabriel Valley League; and therefore are eligible for other athletics activities; (and that the League has not the right to declare them ineligible.)

Submitted to the C. I. F., for a final decision.

(Signed) BEN S. MILLIKAN,

Principal of Protesting School

Dated November 19, 1926.

Citrus Union High School and Junior College
Glendora—Azusa

F. S. Hayden, Principal

Azusa, California,

November 19, 1926

Mr. George M. Green,
Secretary, C. I. F., S. S.,
Inglewood High School,
Inglewood, California

Dear Mr. Green:

The San Gabriel Valley League, in special meeting held Tuesday evening, November 16, at El Monte, spent practically an hour and a half discussing the matter of the two Indian boys, Bill Arenas and Jerry Cole, whom the league feels were brought to Covina for the purpose of playing football.

Neither of these boys' parents moved to Covina, and as they were able to secure eligibility only by the coach and principal taking out guardianship papers for that specific purpose, the

CALLED MEETING

league throughout the entire football season has felt that the matter was not right.

There has been considerable feeling stirred up in the league; in fact, the other schools of the league feel that while the letter of the law has been complied with, the spirit of the C. I. F., has been evaded. They feel that the guardianship ruling was never made for the purpose of allowing players to be brought into a school and then made eligible.

After considerable discussion, the following motion was made and carried: "It was moved by Mr. Keeley, seconded, and carried by vote of four to one, (two schools not voting) that after the close of their football schedule, Covina shall be considered a free lance school and not members of the San Gabriel Valley League for the rest of this school year, or as long as Cole and Arenas (two Indians) play on Covina Union High School teams;" and the president instructed to forward a copy of the motion to the Secretary of the C. I. F.

The San Gabriel Valley League stands for the highest type of sportsmanship and feels that the same cannot exist until the present action of Covina is cleared up. The first by-law in the Constitution of the League reads as follows: "The spirit as well as the letter of the C. I. F. rules shall be observed" The league feels that this by-law has not been observed by Covina in the case of the two students named.

The league felt that section 9 under Established Rulings of the C. I. F., gave the league the power to make the above motion, namely, "A league may make a rule stronger or more drastic than C. I. F., rule, providing the rule is not contrary to the spirit of the C. I. F., S. S."

Covina stated at the time that she would appeal her case to the C. I. F.; hence I am sending this rather full explanation of the league's action in the matter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) F. S. HAYDEN,

President, San Gabriel Valley League

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Citrus Union High School and Junior College
Glendora—Azusa
F. S. Hayden, Principal

Azusa, California

November 24, 1926

Mr. George M. Green,
Secretary, C. I. F., S. S.
Inglewood Union High School,
Inglewood, California

Dear Mr. Green:

I am returning the protest of Covina Union High School to you for two or three corrections. First, there was a mistake in the wording of the motion which made possible a misinterpretation of the motion. Second, Mr. Millikan has based his protest on this misinterpretation and not on the issue which is before the league. If you will have the protest corrected as I have indicated, or to cover the idea of the league, I will sign it.

Correction to Minutes of San Gabriel Valley League
for November 16, 1926.

In the motion made by Mr. Keeley regarding Jerry Cole and Bill Arenas the word "or" was insterted by mistake in typing which changes the meaning of the motion. The motion as sent out on minutes reads: "After the close of their football schedule, Covina shall be considered a free lance school and not members of the San Gabriel Valley League for the rest of this school year or as long as Jerry Cole and Bill Arenas are played on Covina Union High School teams." It should read: "After the close of their football schedule, Covina shall be considered a free lance school and not members of the San Gabriel Valley League for the rest of this school year as long as Jerry Cole and Bill Arenas are played on Covina Union High School teams."

In other words, the action of the motion was meant to apply only this year. The protest of the league was not against Jerry Cole and Bill Arenas as individuals, but against the attempt of Covina Union High School to colonize football players. Mr. Keeley made this very clear in his remarks before and after the motion. The league is not protesting the C. I. F. action of declaring Cole and Arenas eligible, but is protesting the practice of taking out guardianship papers to evade the spirit of

C. I. F. rule. We maintain that while the letter of C. I. F. rules may have been met, the spirit and intent of the rule has been violated.
FSR:H

(Signed) F. S. HAYDEN,
President, San Gabriel Valley League

Covina Union High School District
Ben S. Millikan, District Superintendent

Covina, California
June 16, 1926

Mr. George M. Green, Principal,
Inglewood High School,
Inglewood, California
Dear Mr. Green:

Please give to me your opinion upon the following cases:

Case 1—Boy whose parents are dead and has no other guardian than the Sherman Institute, and this boy is transferring to the Covina Union High School.

Case 2—A boy transferred from the Sherman Institute whose home is in Oregon.

These boys meet the requirements in all other respects except the point of residence. I understand that the work at the Sherman Institute is only that of the Junior High School. These boys are transferring in order to get into a high school that will equip them for college entrance. I am told that students from the Sherman Institute enter the Riverside High School and participate in athletics without the preliminary establishing of residence.

My question to you is: Are these boys eligible to participate in the 1926 football season?

Yours truly,
(Signed) BEN S. MILLIKAN

BSM:MM

(Note—Secretary took matter up at meeting October 2, 1926.)

1. It was moved by Fisher and seconded by Malcom that to Rule E on Page 6 be added the sentence: "This rule shall apply to any boy whose legal guardianship changes through court action." This motion was LOST.

2. It was moved by Moore and seconded by Fisher that the motion in Section "D," in minutes of October 2, 1926, made by Mr. Moore be changed to read: "That Rule 15, Part A, of October 3, 1925, be interpreted to read that guardian means legal adoption through action of the court. This motion CARRIED.

"A"—COVINA PROTEST WAS THEN TAKEN UP

3. It was moved by Moore and seconded by Ely that the C. I. F. S. S., should sustain the action of the San Gabriel Valley League as stated in the minutes of that league, as follows:

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B. DISCUSSION

ELY—It was his impression that we had ruled during the last meeting that Jerry Cole was not eligible. So he asked the following question: "When and how did he become eligible?"

GREEN—Mr. Millikan and Mr. Newman came to Inglewood and filed a copy of the guardianship papers of Bill Arenas and Mr. Millikan asked if it was the opinion of the Secretary that Cole would be eligible if guardianship papers were taken out and the Secretary had replied that he considered both boys to be placed in exactly the same position. On November 1, 1926, Mr. Green notified Mr. Hayden that Mr. Millikan had filed an affidavit showing that he was the legal guardian of Jerry Cole.

ELY—How can a boy who was not eligible the first day of school be made eligible according to Rule 19, Page 9, and Rule 26, Page 10?"

ALL—It was agreed that the Council had been hasty in action and had made a mistake on October 2, 1926.

HAYDEN—Asked Mr. Millikan if he had taken out guardianship paper for Jerry Cole for the sole purpose of making the boy eligible to play football? Mr. Millikan answered Yes.

FOLLEY—Thought that the two cases should be considered separately because the two cases were unlike. Bill Arenas, having neither father or mother, should have a guardian, but Jerry Cole, having wealthy parents, had no need of a guardian.

MALCOM—Thought the League should have taken action before the boys played.

WESTCOTT—Thought that no League has a right to nullify the action of the Council. If the Council made a mistake, then the Council should correct the mistake.

HAYDEN—Called attention to Rule 9 on Page 8.

C—ROLL CALL ON MOTION "3."

Bay League—Wadsworth—YES

City League—Folley—NO

Goodsell—YES

City Minor League—Swan—YES

Citrus League—Fisher—YES

Coast League—Moore—YES

Imperial League—Prince—NO

Inyo League—Absent

Orange League—Malcom—NO

Riverside—Absent

Marine League—Wood—YES

San Fernando League—Absent

San Luis Obispo League—Haynes—NO

Santa Barbara League—Wescott—NO

Southern League—Adams—YES

San Gabriel League—Hayden—YES

Tri-County League—Aldrich—YES

Ventura League—Ely—YES

State Representative—Oliver—YES

Secretary—Green—PASSED

Total Vote—YES, 11; NO, 5; PASSED, 1.

Chair ruled motion carried.

D—STANDING OF COVINA

The Secretary asked what was the standing of Covina. The chair ruled that if she dropped the Indians from her list of players she was still in the San Gabriel Valley League; otherwise she was a free lance and would have to play an approved schedule of five games and win all.

E—RELATION TO REST OF SO. CAL.

The Secretary wanted to know if it was fair to the rest of So. Cal., for Covina to play the Indians against the other schools. It was agreed that we had made a mistake in letting the guardian papers be taken out and could not very well reconsider, but no school would be forced into a schedule with Covina.

F—FEE RETURNED

It was agreed that the Protest fee be returned to Covina.

G—FRATERNITIES

4. It was moved by Oliver and seconded by Ely that as far as the C. I. F., S. S., was concerned the State Law in relation to Fraternities is interpreted as meaning membership in any Chapter of a commonly recognized High School National Fraternity or membership in a local Fraternity or Club of similar character. This motion carried.

H—RULINGS

a. Boy is taking two subjects in school X, and two subjects in Frank Wiggins Trade School. Secretary's answer: Boy must be in one school four periods to be considered a pupil, therefore he is not eligible in either school. Sustained.

b. Class "C" boy plays in Class "B" football semi-finals. Can he play in Class "C" basketball or Class "C" track? Answer: Yes, but he can never play Class "C" football again. Sustained.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

GEORGE M. GREEN,
Secretary

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