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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 3:30 A. M., December 18, 1926.

President Aldrich in the chair.

ROLL CALL

Buy League—B. D. Wadsworth, San Pedro
City League—Louis F. Faley, 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—R. R. Prince, Calipatria
Inyo League—
Orange League—J. S. Milcom, 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—E. S. Hayden, Azusa
Tri-County League—McCall Aldrich, Chino
Ventura League—J. E. Ely, Fillmore
State President—E. J. Moore, Long Beach
State Representative—E. W. Oliver, Los Angeles High
Secretary—George M. Green, Inglewood
Basketball Manager—R. B. Squires, Huntington Park
Principal Ben S. Millikan 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 (as that the League has not the right to declare them ineligible).

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

(Signed) BBN S. MILLIKAN,
Principal of Protesting School

Dated November 19, 1926.

CITRUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR COLLEGE
Glendora—Azusa
F. S. Hayden, Principal

Azuza, California,
November 19, 1926

Mr. George M. Green,
Secretary, C. I. F., S. S.,
Inglewood Union 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 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 seconded: "It was moved by Mr. Keeler, 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 Indians 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,

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

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. Keeler regarding Jerry Cole and Bill Arenas the word "or" was inserted by mistake in typing which changes the meaning of the motion. The motion so 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. Keeler 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
ELY—How can a boy who was not eligible the first day of school be made eligible according to Rule 18, Page 5, and Rule 26, Page 107?

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 that the League should have taken action before the boys played.

VIEHLY—Thouht 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 

City League—Walkworth—YES
City League—Pele—NO
City Junior League—Swan—YES
Cirrus League—Pele—YES
Creston League—Pele—YES
Imperial League—Prince—NO
Inyo League—Absent
Orange League—Malcolm—NO
Riverdale League—Absent
Marine League—Wood—YES
San Fernando League—Absent
San Luis Obispo League—Haynes—NO
Santa Barbara League—Wescott—NO
Southern League—Absent
San Gabriel Valley League—Hayden—YES
Tul-County League—Aldrich—YES
Ventura League—Ely—YES
State Representative—Oliver—YES
Secretary—Green—TASSED
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 S. CAL.

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

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

b. Class "C" boy plays in Class "E" football semi-finals. Can he play in Class "C" basketball or Class "C" track? Answer: Yes, but he cannot play Class "C" football again. Sustained.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

GEORGE M. GREEN, Secretary