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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee met in the C.I.F., Southern Section Office, Tuesday, November 21, 1944 at 2:30 P. M. to consider the letter printed below. Those present were:

Mr. Hamilton, Chairman
Mr. Bergstrom
Mr. Fischer
Mr. Hayhurst
Mr. Veenker
Mr. Van Patten.

Letter from Superintendent Ford, of the Glendale City Schools:

"Mr. Seth Van Patten
1955 Fremont Avenue
South Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Van Patten:

Mr. Stanley Lowry, President of the Glendale Junior Chamber of Commerce, has presented the proposal for a second game between Glendale and Hoover High Schools as a means of stimulating the sale of bonds for the Sixth War Loan.

The regularly scheduled game for these two teams was played in the Rose Bowl, November 10. Because of the heavy rain during that period of days, there was a very poor attendance. The game resulted in a 0-0 tie.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce for several years have promoted the observance of Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, by promoting the sale of war bonds. They are now making plans for this year's activities and feel that a re-match of our high school teams would be a very effective means of encouraging the sale of bonds.

The proposal is to require as admission ticket the evidence of the purchase of a war bond. Possibly the students would be required to purchase war stamps in lieu of a bond. It has not been determined how the expenses would be met; however, these expenses would not be great under the circumstances.

Inasmuch as both teams will complete their regular schedule of seven games on November 23, will the C. I. F. grant their approval to the playing of this additional game?

Sincerely yours,

Willard S. Ford,
Superintendent"

The Executive Committee gave careful and detailed consideration to all the questions and im-

plications raised by Supt. Ford's letter. The following reply to the request was drawn up and unanimously approved by the Executive Committee:

"November 21, 1944

Dr. Willard S. Ford, Supt.,
411 East Wilson Avenue
Glendale 6, California

Dear Dr. Ford:

The Executive Committee of the C.I.F., Southern Section, must deny the request for sanction of a post-season football game between Glendale and Herbert Hoover high schools.

The limitation on the number of football games in Southern California high schools has been in accordance with agreement between the State Council of the C.I.F., and the O.P.A. to conserve gasoline and transportation facilities for the war effort. Any exception would seem inconsistent with the support of the war effort by the schools. Further, no authority exists in the Executive Committee of the C.I.F., Southern Section, to make such exception to the rule.

The proposed game would violate also the rule of long standing forbidding post-season games. The latter rule is to prevent injury to high school boys from the strain of prolonged athletic seasons. The Executive Committee neither has authority nor does it approve such a prolonged extension of the football season.

In denying the request for this post-season game the Executive Committee pledges the continued support of the high schools to the United States government in every wartime activity, including the sale of War Bonds and Stamps. To date the California schools have reported this year sales of stamps and bonds to the amount of \$36.74 for every student enrolled in California schools. The total being in excess of forty-seven million dollars.

Sincerely yours,

Seth F. Van Patten

Other Items of Business

Basket Ball Rules

Mr. Van Patten presented the changes to the basketball rules as printed in the November Bulletin with a recommendation that they be adopted for all C.I.F., Southern Section basketball games for the 1944-1945 season.

Moved by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom that the recommendations be approved. Carried.

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High School (Glendale)

A. R. Veenker, Vice-Principal, Santa Monica

High School

Seth F. Van Patten, Commissioner of Athletics

St. Monica's School Suspended

During the football season St. Monica's School played a practice game with the Hollywood Boys' Club team without having gotten a sanction from the Commissioner of Athletics, as required by Rule 16, Page 25, of our 1940 book of rules.

It was moved by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom, that St. Monica's School be suspended from all interscholastic competition until December 31, 1944. Carried unanimously.

A Monrovia Sailor

A boy of the Monrovia High School joined the U. S. Navy in February, 1943. He is now stationed at the Alamitos Bay Navy Base and on night duty. He enrolled in the Monrovia High School on November 21, 1944. He was eligible for competition when he left Monrovia High School in February, 1943. He is still under nineteen years of age.

When will he be eligible to compete in athletics under C.I.F. rules? The Executive Committee ruled that he will be eligible at the end of this semester if he has been in school ten weeks by that time.

He must be a "glutton for work" if he can do his daily "Stint" in the Navy, travel fifty miles daily from Alamitos to Monrovia and return, do his three subjects in school and still want to compete in athletics.

Enclosure

A manual entitled "Athletic Field and Court Diagrams" is enclosed. These booklets are being supplied through the courtesy of Mr. Horace Gillette, Manager for the Los Angeles Branch of Wilson's Sporting Goods.

The information in the manual is arranged in a very usable form. We believe Physical Directors and coaches will find the booklet a valuable aid.

A Boy's Viewpoint

The following letter though mailed to Pomona, finally reached the C.I.F., Southern Section Office. Had the boy given his name we would have gladly written him an explanation of the rules concerned and their application to the case of Jim Payne.

We were sorry to have had to rule Jim ineligible for athletics for the present semester, but we were pleased to get the letter and be told again how much football means to many high school boys.

We sent the letter to Principal Chamberlain, of Calipatria, and his comment is also given below.

"Calipatria, California
October, 1944

California Interscholastic Federation
(Athletic Protection)
Athletic Director
Pomona, California

Dear Sir:

Since this letter will no doubt be a surprise to you I shall make it clear here at the beginning the subject of it.

If you will recall, a few days ago Mr. Chamberlain, of Calipatria Union High School, wrote to you asking if a student, Jim Payne, could participate in football. Your Rule No. 6 states that anyone who has been out of school the semester before is automatically unqualified for participation in that sport. In your prompt reply you made it very clear that there was to be no exception to that rule. Of course I didn't read the letter for I am only a student but I know the answer was no because our principal forbade him to play.

Rule No. 6—no school, no football, but that is your rule. Do you know why Jim Payne was out of school last year? No, you don't and furthermore you never bothered to find out before saying no. If he was the type of student who just quit school because he hated it and didn't want to go—it would be different—but he didn't quit because of such reasons.

Some people, especially older ones, seem to think that the young people going to school today never have to work, never have anything to worry about. "After all", you say, "isn't schooling free". Yes, schooling IS free, but school boards don't hand out money for clothes, meals, home rent and enough money to clothe and feed a mother whom he had to provide a living and home for. We aren't all rich and don't all get easy breaks. Yes, simply because Jim was poor and had to quit school and work for a year before he was able to return Rule No. 6 still holds.

—and this is America; the United States where rich or poor, white or black, all are equal.

This student works and works hard at everything he attempts to do. In down to earth Eng-

lish, he's a darn good football player. Not the type who knows it all but he is in whole heartedly, always willing and ready to follow directions. I know for I have practiced with him many times.

Monday, October 23, Jim was eighteen years of age and the draft board didn't say no because of rule such and such we can't let you serve your country. If he gets a six months deferrment to FINISH school he will be lucky, very lucky.

When he does go he will be trained and sent abroad to fight and maybe die so that you and I and millions of others may stay safely at home. Yet you can sit in your office and say, "Rule No. 6, I'm sorry."

Why! that boy lives football, that's in his heart so deep he'll never forget it. Playing football means more to him than any other boy in the entire school.

Last night we had a football game with a neighboring city and I wish with all my heart you could have been here and seen it. Not only do I wish you could have seen the game but also have seen that certain boy who couldn't play. One could look at him and tell that his heart moved with every move of every player on the field. I watched him closely and it was a pitiful sight, honestly pitiful. I saw him bite his lips trying to keep back tears because he wanted to play so bad. A boy eighteen years old who wants to play that bad—there isn't any joke about it. And yet he couldn't play so he was waterboy for us who were playing.

He is one of the best football players in the entire school, but because circumstances forced him to be out of school one term he can't play.

Someday soon when he is off in some battle zone he's going to think a lot about his school days and talk a lot about them just the way my brother does in letters and naturally the minute he thinks of school, bingo! football. They just go together for us boys, and he isn't going to forget that some one who said no because of Rule No. 6.

I'm not speaking for myself alone but for all football boys, and for our entire school. Won't you please reconsider his case. Won't you give Jim Payne something to remember when he is on some battlefield fighting for his country—and you?

Hopefully,

A student of Calipatria
Union High School"

"Seth F. Van Patten,
Commissioner of Athletics, C.I.F.,
1955 Fremont Ave.,
South Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Van Patten:

Thanks for letting me see the enclosed letter from one of my students regarding the case of James Payne who was declared ineligible under

C.I.F. rules. It is really quite a stirring appeal, isn't it?

I have agreed with the boys that this time the rule has hit somebody whom we did not like to see hit. I have explained to the boys that that is the way with rules but if we disregard them in those special cases where it seems desirable to us to do so, we will soon have no rules at all.

I am sorry that Payne has been denied the opportunity to play football but I feel that the discussion of this case among our boys has made them more conscious than before that rules of eligibility really mean something. Your stand on the matter has my heartiest support.

Your truly,

C. W. Chamberlain
Principal"

Basketball Schedules

A blank is enclosed for a list of your basketball games. We want a schedule of all your basketball games, both league games and practice games.

We need this information for a weekly news release during the season. At the end of the season we would like to give a report on the number of games played during the season.

A LOST ART

A few years ago Charlie Erb, who quarterbacked for one of the late Andy Smith's Wonder Teams, wrote a book entitled, "The Lost Art of Kicking". Charlie tried to revive the art of kicking field goals by sponsoring kicking contests among the junior high school boys of Los Angeles and vicinity. These kicking contests did develop the art of punting, drop kicking, and place kicking to a considerable extent, but it did not carry on into senior high school and noticeably influence the outcome of the regular football games.

During the present season the Commissioner of Athletics has seen about fifteen football games and in those games he has seen no attempt made to kick a field goal.

Back in the gay nineties when a field goal counted the same as a touch down it was worth a coach's time to try to develop a player who showed promise as a drop or place kicker.

In 1899, in a famous game between Chicago and Wisconsin, the score was Chicago 15, Wisconsin 10. All points were scored by field goals. Clarence Hershberger made three place kicks for Chicago and Pat O'Dea made two drop kicks for Wisconsin. All five of these field goals were made from about the fifty yard line. Kicking field goals at that time was an art.

In 1899 a field goal counted the same as a

touch down—five points. The chief advantage of the touchdown over a field goal was the possible conversion point after a touchdown. About the beginning of the nineteen hundreds there was a good deal of agitation for a change in the scoring value of the touchdown and the field goal. The present score of six for a touchdown and three for a field goal was written into the rules about 1906 or 1907.

We believe that if field goals are ever to become a feature of American football again their scoring value will have to be boosted as compared with the touchdown. Now it requires three field goals to beat a touchdown and a conversion. Coaches all seem to be of the opinion that the good old conservative touchdown is the best bet.

If the field goal score were raised to four points, two field goals would be better than a touchdown and a conversion. With the four point scoring value we believe there would be more interest in field goals. It would add variety to the game too. But would it add grey hairs, more rapidly, to the coaches' heads?

STATE COUNCIL MEETING

The State Council of the C.I.F. met in Fresno on Saturday, December 2. Most of the work of the meeting had to do with the C.I.F. Athletic Protection Fund details.

The Annual Report of the Manager of the C.I.F.A.P.F. showed that 16,982 boys took out protection during the 1943-1944 school year. 12,797 were in schedule B and 4,185 in schedule C.

21,688 pupils took out protection in the Pupil Protection Department of the C.I.F.A.P.F.

The Council ordered \$25,000 of the surplus funds of the organization invested in United States government securities.

A resolution of respect to the memory of C. L. (Pop) Gear, of Coalinga was adopted by the Council. Mr. Gear passed away at his home in Coalinga about a month ago. He served a long period of years on the State Council prior to his retirement about six years ago.

BASKETBALL RULES SUPPLEMENT

A three page mimeographed discussion of basketball rules is enclosed. This supplement is the result of further study and correspondence with the National Basketball Rules Committee.

The Southern California Basketball Officials Association, the Director of Athletics for the Los Angeles City high schools, and the Commissioner of Athletics of the C.I.F., Southern Section are agreed that this circular should be followed

by officials in handling our high school games this year.

This mimeographed circular is to supplant the rule changes printed in the C.I.F., Southern Section November Bulletin.

These circulars were furnished through the courtesy of Mr. Larry Houston's office in the Los Angeles City high schools.

REDONDO HIGH SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL RECORD

By defeating Santa Monica High School 31 to 7 in the last game of the season played at Redondo on November 29, 1944, Redondo High School set a record seldom equalled in any high school athletics.

The last time a Redondo Class A football team has been beaten was on October 3, 1942, when Loyola High School turned the trick 7-6. The two Calanan Brothers of U.S.C. fame were on the Loyola team at that time.

Since the Loyola game Redondo has played and established the following scoring record:

1942

Redondo	26—Compton 6
"	0—Santa Monica 0
"	14—Leuzinger 12
"	14—Whittier 0
"	7—Beverly Hills 6
"	6—Woodrow Wilson 0
"	27—Inglewood 0
"	19—Pomona 13
"	21—Alhambra 14

1943

Redondo	40—Compton 13
"	13—Woodrow Wilson 6
"	14—Leuzinger 0
"	13—Beverly Hills 0
"	19—Inglewood 13
"	27—Santa Monica 13

1944

Redondo	19—Woodrow Wilson 7
"	27—Beverly Hills 0
"	14—Inglewood 0
"	6—Leuzinger 0
"	54—Hoover (S. D.) 0
"	31—Santa Monica 7

Harold Hatfield, who is now 17 years and 6 months old, has been the star of the team for two years. Hatfield is 6' 1" and weighs 195 striped. He is a great basketball player as well as a football star.

They grow them that way at Redondo.