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RUSSELL LEAVES SOUTHERN SECTION

After nearly five years of loyal service to the C.I.F., Southern Section, Wm. W. Russell, Commissioner of Athletics, is leaving to accept a position as Assistant Executive Secretary of the State C.I.F. Mr. Russell assumed his new duties in the State Office at Berkeley on November 1, 1954.

It was in February, 1950, that Bill Russell was selected from a large field of candidates to succeed the beloved Seth Van Patten, as the second Commissioner of the C.I.F. Coming to the Southland from Santa Barbara College, where he served nine years as Graduate Manager, Russell brought to his new position a tremendous capacity for work, an engaging personality, a keen sense of humor, and practical experience with the problems of officiating, and all phases of competitive athletics.

The outstanding athletic program now in operation in the Southern Section of the C.I.F. attests to the fact that the Executive Committee and Council made a wise choice when Bill Russell was appointed to succeed Mr. Van Patten.

During his tenure in office, Mr. Russell, with the aid of the Council, instituted the following improvements in the C.I.F., SOUTHERN SECTION, Athletic program:

I. Improved officiating—

- a. Through the adoption of the IBM selection system for appointing officials.
- b. Assisted in developing a uniform instructional program by affiliation of outlying groups with the Southern California Officials Associations.
- c. Conducted clinics in outlying areas.

II. Accounting and budgeting system—

- a. Instituted a system of accounting which permitted an accurate day to day picture of income and expenditures.
- b. Instituted a budget system for expenditures.

III. Playoffs—

- a. Developed separate playoffs for small and large schools in football, basketball, and baseball.
- b. Placed playoff games, as far as possible, in the communities involved.
- c. Widened the scope of participation in the playoffs by including second place teams in basketball and football.

IV. Golf—

- a. Developed a free lance golf league.
- b. This league permits the scheduling of triangular and dual competition, cutting down on transportation and time away from class.

V. Eligibility questions—

- a. The Executive Committee has placed more emphasis on the Commissioners Office handling eligibility cases so a more uniform interpretation could be obtained.
- b. This has provided for quicker service to the schools on eligibility matters.

VI. New schools joining the C.I.F., Southern Section—

- a. During the past four years about 50 new schools have joined the C.I.F., Southern Section.
- b. Better assimilation of these schools into the program has been provided.

It is with the well wishes of all persons connected with the C.I.F., Southern Section, that Mr. Russell leaves to undertake his new duties in the State C.I.F. Office.

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LAGUNA BLANCA SCHOOL DROPS FROM CIF

Word was received last month from Mr. J. Samuel Rugg, Headmaster of Laguna Blanca School in Santa Barbara, that his schools membership in the CIF, Southern Section, was to be terminated. Reason given was the fact that Laguna Blanca did not participate in the major sports. Schools are reminded that athletic events with non-members schools of the CIF can only be scheduled with the sanction of the Commissioner's Office.

DEADLINE DATE FOR C.I.F. EVENTS

Administrators and coaches are reminded to note dead-line dates for C.I.F. sponsored athletic events. In order to adequately prepare brackets for these events this office must have your entry, giving us the required information, ON TIME.

Three schools were late in submitting their entry blanks for our C.I.F. Cross Country Championship Meet held this month, and their teams were deprived of the opportunity to compete. Whenever there is doubt as to your entry arriving on time please phone this office so that your school may be included in the competition.

CORRECTION — PHONE NUMBER OF SANTA MONICA HS IN C.I.F. DIRECTORY

Due to an error in our C.I.F. Directory there has been much confusion when people have attempted to phone Santa Monica High School. The phone number listed in our Directory for Santa Monica High School is EX 53330. This is the number of St. Monica's High School, and should be disregarded. The correct phone number for Santa Monica High School is EXBROOK 53204.

EL SEGUNDO CAPTURES WATER POLO TITLE

Before a standing room crowd only, the El Segundo Varsity Water Polo team, champions of the Free Lance League, defeated the Coast League Champions, Downey High School, by a score of 3 to 1, to win the C.I.F. Championship on Wednesday, December 1. The playoffs were held in the Long Beach Wilson pool before a capacity crowd of enthusiastic rooters. Coach Uhro Saari's El Segundo boys were led by Chuck McIlroy, who scored all three of his teams points.

In the Class B game, Whittier, the Free Lance representative, took the measure of Long Beach Jordan 2 to 1, in a game that was not decided until the last two minutes of play. The Class C crown was won by Long Beach Poly in a 3 to 1 win over El Segundo.

The playoffs between the Coast League and the Free Lance League climaxed the most successful water polo season in the history of the C.I.F., Southern Section. After the final contest all of the coaches from both leagues met with leading officials, and junior college coaches, to talk over plans for next year. Chairman, Buzz Thayer, water polo coach at Long Beach Poly, appointed a committee of high school coaches to meet with leading junior college coaches to study needed changes in the present rules. Members appointed to that committee were Jimmy Schultz of Downey High School, Pete Archer of L.B. Wilson High School, Uhro Saari of El Segundo High School, and Frank Poucher of Whittier High School. Plans were also made for the organization of a water polo officials association.

The question of relegating for water polo in 1955 was discussed, and it was felt that no decision should be reached until the Spring meeting of swimming coaches. More teams are needed in water polo, and any school interested in becoming a member of one of the leagues for 1955 should contact the C.I.F. Office as soon as possible.

TRACK CARDS NOW AVAILABLE

One of the many services available to member schools, at no cost, is the fulfilling of requests for head judge of finish cards, and field judge cards, which are used by officials in running track meets. The head judge of finish card is used for all track events. One card has been designed for use in the broad jump and shot put, while a third card is used for the high jump and pole vault.

A dual track meet in which the full C.I.F. list of events if held for Classes A, B, and C requires 20 track event cards, 6 high jump and pole vault cards, and 6 broad jump and shot put cards. When ordering please indicate the number of home dual meets.

The C.I.F. Office is prepared to fill requests for these convenient record cards now. ORDER YOURS EARLY!

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING November 15, 1954

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Bergstrom, at El Monte High School, Monday, November 15, 1954, at 2:00 P.M. Those present were Messrs: Oliver Corbin, Covina High School; Harvey J. Holt, Santa Barbara High School; Winston Nelson, Pomona High School; Floyd A. Johnson, Hoover San Diego High School; Joseph Bonnet, Fremont Jr. High School, Pomona; and Kenneth Fagans, Commissioner of Athletics, C.I.F., Southern Section

1. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the minutes of the September meeting of the Executive Committee be approved, as published in the Monthly Bulletin, October, 1954.
2. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Executive Committee recommend to the C.I.F. Council that Arroyo High School of El Monte, Redlands Jr. High School, Western Jr. High School of Anaheim, and E. R. Snyder Continuation High School of San Diego be accepted as regular members of the C.I.F., Southern Section.
3. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Pioneer League be placed in the Central Group of Leagues Playoffs in all sports, beginning September, 1955.
4. The matter of the C.I.F. Office appointing officials for all practice games in the metropolitan area was discussed. Although it was agreed that such a procedure would be desirable, the lack of personnel and time precludes such an undertaking at this time. Attention was called to the fact that teams scheduling practice games in areas served by other Officials' Association, would be wise to stipulate, in their contracts, that officials for such games be appointed by the C.I.F. Office.
5. The question of whether or not high schools on the same campus with a junior college could scrimmage their water polo teams against the junior college team was discussed. It was unanimously agreed, that the State rule, paragraph 11, page 48, of the Blue Book covered the situation. According to that ruling high school teams cannot compete against other teams in body contest sports (football, wrestling, water polo) unless the players on such teams meet the requirements of the C.I.F. rules.
6. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried that qualified persons conducting officiating clinics for the C.I.F., Southern Section, be paid for their services. The fee was set at \$25 for a one day clinic. When two clinics are held on successive days the fee would range from \$35 to \$50 depending upon the total time involved in the trip. In addition to the fee, expenses for travel, meals and lodging would be provided when necessary.
7. The athletic classification tables setting forth the sum of exponents for Classes A, B, C, and D, were discussed. It was felt that under the present setup three-year high schools were having a difficult time finding enough boys to adequately field teams in the C and D classification. A committee consisting of Bill Bailey, Coordinator of Physical Education for the San Diego City Schools, and Ken Fagans, Commissioner of Athletics for the C.I.F., Southern Section, was appointed to study the problem and present recommendations to the Executive Committee at their next meeting.
8. Central High School of El Centro requested permission for radio station KXO of El Centro to broadcast all of their football playoff games for 1955. It was moved, seconded, and carried that no exceptions be made to the present rule, prohibiting the broadcasting of playoff football games in the community of the home school.
9. The following eligibility case was presented to the Executive Committee for a ruling. A student at Huntington Beach High School completed two years of satisfactory work. His father then became disabled, necessitating the boy being sent to live with a married sister in Fullerton. The sister was made his legal guardian and the boy completed his junior year at Fullerton, earning a letter in basketball. During the summer of 1954, the boys father remarried and the boy has returned to live with his natural father, and has re-entered Huntington Beach High School. His guardianship has also been returned to his natural father. It was moved, seconded and carried that the boy be declared eligible immediately, at Huntington Beach High School, if proof is obtained, and forwarded, to the C.I.F. Office, substantiating the fact that guardianship has been returned to the father.
10. After a review of the basketball schedules of Avalon High School, Pasadena High School, and Santa Barbara High School, the following requirements were set up for these schools to enter their teams in the Playoffs: (a) Avalon High School must not lose more than 2 of the last 9 games on their schedule; (b) Pasadena High School must not lose more than 2 of the last games on their schedule; and (c) Santa Barbara High School may not lose more than 2 of the last 11 games on their schedule.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that Mr. B. L. Bergstrom, and El Monte High School be thanked for hosting this meeting of the Executive Committee. Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Fagans

CHANGE IN CENTRAL GROUP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

The Central Group Football Playoffs has taken on a new look for 1954. Previously it had been the policy to admit only league champions to the playoffs. This year it was decided to admit enough strong second-place teams, who desired to enter, to complete a bracket of sixteen (16) teams and thereby eliminate so many first round BYES.

To select the second place entries, a committee was appointed consisting of Heber Holloway, Principal of California High School in Whittier; Vern Weybright, Principal of Burroughs, Burbank High School; Dr. Ken Bailey, Principal of Pacific High School in San Bernardino, and Ken Fagans, Commissioner of Athletics. These men met on November 16, and after spending over three hours sifting the evidence, came up with six teams, which in the committee's opinion, were the most deserving of entering the first round of playoffs. We know that many outstanding teams had to be left out, but we feel sure that the entries that went to the post the weekend of November 26 represented the finest group of high school football teams, in the history of C.I.F., Southern Section, to vie for the coveted championship.

RELEAGUING COMMITTEE HARD AT WORK

Last March, Joseph Rindone Jr., President of the C.I.F. Council, appointed Mr. Glen Lewis, Principal of Fullerton High School, Mr. Jerry Ogborn, Principal of Burbank High School, Mr. Floyd Johnson, Principal of Hoover San Diego High School, Mr. R. T. Davis, Director of Athletics, Long Beach Wilson High School, and Mr. Keith Gunn, Principal of Victor Valley High School, Victorville, to serve on a committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. B. L. Bergstrom, to study the problem of relegating.

This committee has held many meetings since its organization, and has devoted many hours in trying to work out a satisfactory solution to the many vexing problems connected with relegating. Each committee member has held meetings in his particular area with sub-committees from the various leagues.

The culmination of their efforts will take place on December 11, when their recommendations will be presented to the C.I.F. Council for their consideration. It is a big job and we all join in thanking the members of this committee for their untiring and unselfish efforts in behalf of the entire Southern Section of the C.I.F.

SANCTIONED EVENTS APPROVED SINCE PUBLICATION OF OCTOBER BULLETIN

BASEBALL

April 4, 5, 6, 1955

5th Annual Invitational Baseball Tournament @ La Jolla

BASKETBALL

Dec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 1954

Long Beach Invitational Basketball Tournament @ Long Beach Poly HS

Dec. 3, 4, 1954

5th Big Bear High School Basketball Tournament

Dec. 7, 8, 9, 11, 1954

"B" and "C" Basketball Tournament @ Hemet HS

Dec. 16, 17, 18, 20, 1954

San Diego Basketball Tournament @ San Diego HS

Dec. 16, 17, 18, 1954

Sweetwater Union High School Invitational "B" Basketball Tournament

Dec. 16, 17, 18, 19, 1954

San Gabriel Invitational Basketball Tournament, San Gabriel Mission HS @ Garvey Memorial Park

Dec. 17, 18, 1954

9th Annual Lone Pine Basketball Tournament

Dec. 27, 28, 29, 1954

Invitational Basketball Tournament @ Banning HS

Jan. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 1955

"B" Basketball Tournament @ Excelsior HS

Jan 5 thru Jan 8, 1955

Compton Invitational Basketball Tournament

Feb. 25, 26, 1955

Santa Monica Class "B" Basketball Tournament @ Santa Monica HS

CROSS COUNTRY

Nov. 19, 1954

Aztec Invitational Cross Country Run (12th) @ Grossmont High School, San Diego

TENNIS

Nov. 20, 26, 27, 1954

Fullerton Midwinter Tennis Tournament @ Fullerton HS

April 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1955

40th Annual Dudley Tennis Tournament @ Santa Monica HS

TRACK

April 23, 1955

Compton Cup Invitational Track Meet @ Compton HS

March 26, 1955

Chaffey Invitational Track Meet

March 4, 1955

Coast League Invitational Relays @ L. B. Wilson