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SCHOOL EXTENDS UNUSUAL COURTESIES

We recently learned that the new Director of Athletics at John Burroughs HS in Burbank, has been sending an informational letter to all officials assigned to his school for the first time, and has provided other courtesies. Many of the veteran officials who were both surprised and pleased with this unusual treatment that had been extended to them by a high school, phoned this office to inform us about it.

We immediately contacted this new type of athletic director for an explanation, and this is what we learned:—Mr. Tansey informed us that he had prepared a form letter which he was sending to each official the first time that he was to work a game at Burroughs HS during that season, along with a map giving directions as to the best route to take to reach the school. He continued by saying that private dressing rooms and shower facilities apart from the teams were being provided; off the street parking arranged; cokes provided for officials at half-time or end of game; and each official was given his check prior to the game.

We are of the opinion that young Mr. Tansey is making many friends for Burroughs HS, and that his example could well be followed to advantage by other schools in the SS. For the information of other Athletic Directors, we are reproducing the form letter which is sent to officials from Burroughs HS.

"On behalf of the administration, coaching staff, and student body of John Burroughs HS we wish to welcome you as an official to our school. We sincerely appreciate the service that the men of your association provide to our school, and we will do our part to make your visit a pleasant one. A school representative will meet you at the gate adjacent to the Boys' Gym on Parish Place. He will direct you to a convenient off-the-street parking area and to the officials' dressing room.

Feel free to ask any questions that might arise upon your arrival at our school.

PLACE

DATE

GAME TIME

Sincerely,

Dave Tansey,
Director of Athletics

MANY NEW FACES IN LOCAL BASKETBALL OFFICIATING RANKS

Without good athletic administration, good coaching would be doubly difficult. Without good coaching, much of the attraction of the sport and most of its value in the school program would be lost. Without good officiating, the effectiveness of good coaching would be reduced by half. The three are a trinity whose influence on the national welfare is great.

This year we expect to receive calls from many of the coaches in the Los Angeles metropolitan area asking why they are not getting the services of many of the veteran basketball officials that they have become accustomed to over the past few years. The answer is plain and simple. Basketball is becoming the most difficult of all games to officiate, and more and more top men are finding that it is not worth the abuse they are required to take from coaches and fans, and are giving up a job they formerly enjoyed performing.

Let us take a quick look at the men who have hung their whistle in the hall closet, snapped shut for the last time the battered traveling bag, and has become an Official Emeritus, as far as **high school basketball officiating is concerned**. The list would include the following familiar names: Les Bruckner, Ted Gossard, Les Heilman, Ed Wagner, Jay Settle, Dave Schwartz, John Seixas, Keith Lloyd, Joe Sabol, Bob Fuhrer, Ron Pearson, H. Lee Hansen, Webb Caldwell, Doug Essick, Sax Elliott, Amby Schindler, Bill Zazueta, Cliff Hirsch, Ray Blake, Harry Nicholson, and Newt Stark. The list is growing each day and so we are having to assign green young men to fill the requirements of our many schools.

In addition to the above men our office has lost the services of Dr. John Sellwood and Chet Isaac, who passed away during the past few months. Each of these men was a top official, and will be sorely missed by their host of friends in the coaching and officiating ranks.

As coaches and Athletic Directors let us face up to the realization that this year many young and inexperienced officials, will have to of necessity be assigned to work your contests. Let's treat them like guests, send in your rating card with constructive criticism, and assist this office in recruiting more capable young officials, while we strive to keep the outstanding men that we now have, interested in working our high school games.

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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Many inquiries have been received in this office as to the type and cost of awards that can be given to high school athletes who have won honors in athletic competition for their school. As a starting point I would like to quote the specific CIF rule pertaining to the giving of awards, as they are listed on page 13, in our Blue Book. The regulations are as follows:

"In order to compete in interscholastic athletics a pupil must:

(B) Be an amateur. An amateur is one who has not:

1. Coached or taught athletics for pay.
2. Competed in any game or contest

where any members of this team received a compensation. Solicitation of employment for gain of his athletic services automatically disqualifies such athlete from further competition. When an athlete signs a contract for his services as an athlete, he automatically becomes ineligible for amateur competition.

3. Competed:

(a) For cash, for merchandise, or any compensation.

(b) FOR A PERSONAL PRIZE OF ANY SORT OVER \$5.00 IN VALUE.

(c) Under an assumed name."

This office has interpreted the \$5.00 value as being the wholesale cost of an award. We realize that costs are constantly rising and that may be an adjustment should be made in the maximum amount that can be spent on an individual award. Until the time that the Council of the State CIF makes a change in the rule however, our schools are bound by our present regulations.

The greatest problem confronting most administrators, after one of their teams has won a championship, is the deluge of offers from

APPROVED SANCTIONED EVENTS

The following is a supplemental list of approved sanctioned events since publishing of the October Bulletin:

BASEBALL

Apr. 15-17, 1957 8th Annual Puente Invitational Baseball Tournament
Apr. 15-17, 1957 San Diego Lions Club Invitational Baseball Tournament
Apr. 15-17, 1957 Pomona 20-30 Club Baseball Tournament @ Pomona HS

BASKETBALL

Dec. 6-8, 1956 Invitational Basketball Tournament @ Needles.
Dec. 18-21, 1956 2nd Annual "B" Basketball Tournament @ Sweetwater HS
Dec. 20-21, 1956 Holtville Basketball Tournament
Dec. 26-29, 1956 4th Annual Christmas Invitational Basketball Tournament @ Banning HS
Dec. 27-29, 1956 5th Annual Santa Ynez HS Invitational Basketball Tourney
Jan. 2-5, 1957 6th Annual Excelsior "B" Basketball Tourney
Feb. 18-23, 1957 "C" Basketball Tournament @ San Juan Capistrano
March 1, 2, 1957 12th Annual Santa Monica "B" Basketball Tournament

GOLF

April 8, 1957 21st Annual Inglewood Tournament

SWIMMING

Feb. 15, 1957 Swimming Relays @ Lynwood Natatorium
Mar. 22, 1957 Annual Black Foxe Invitational Swim Meet
April 9, 11, 1957 Whittier HS District Swim Meet

TENNIS

Apr. 16-20, 1957 42nd Annual Dudley Cup Tennis Tournament @ Santa Monica

TRACK

Mar. 29, 1957 El Monte Relays
Apr. 13, 1957 38th Annual Russell Cup Track and Field Meet @ Carpinteria HS
Apr. 17, 1957 2nd Annual Glendale Relays

local service clubs, quarterback or booster organizations, Dad's groups, and other civic-minded organizations. Everyone wants to get into the act and give the boys jackets, wrist watches, medals, blankets, or other material evidences of the fact that these groups appreciate the hard work and effort that the boys and coaches have expended to bring their school and community such outstanding honors.

Everyone appreciates their generous gestures, but we firmly believe that high school athletics exemplify the highest type of amateurism, and it is not necessary to shower the players with costly gifts to show a community's appreciation. The old-fashioned school letter, medal, and a banquet for the victorious champions are still among the most prized awards that our high school boys can receive, and we know that they are treasured by them for many many years.

MIRA COSTA CAPTURES SS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

A speedy band of runners from Mira Costa HS swept aside all opposition to capture the CIF, SS cross country championship, held on the Mt. San Antonio Jr. College course, Friday, December 7, 1956. Although none of Coach Ray Southstone's boys finished among the first ten, all five finished among the first 30, to score 100 points which placed them well ahead of El Rancho HS, who took second place honors with a total score of 141.

Individual honors went to El Rancho's Cruz Lopez, who ran a beautiful race and finished strong to set a new CIF record by negotiating the course in the amazing time of 9:01.8. The former record of 9:09.8 had been set in last year's race by Bob Mazingo of S. D. Hoover HS. Two other runners, Bill Marks of L. B. Wilson who finished second, and Mellgren of El Monte who came in 3rd, also broke the old standard. All of the coaches in attendance were of the opinion that this was the greatest group of distance men to ever enter our championship run, and we can look forward to some thrilling competition in the distance events in our forthcoming track meets.

To determine qualifiers for the championship meet, four sectionals were held on Friday, November 30, at San Diego, Inglewood, San Bernardino, and Huntington Beach. From each preliminary meet the three fastest teams and the two fastest individuals on non-winning teams earned the right to compete in the final meet. A brief run down of these meets, showing the managers, number of teams entered, and the qualifiers are as follows:

1. Seventeen teams from the Bay area and Northern Schools competed at Centinela Park Course in Inglewood, Ray Southstone, Track Coach at Mira Costa HS, Manager. Teams qualifying for finals were Mira Costa, 46:30; Morningside, 46:08; Torrance, 48:40; and two fastest individuals were Bell of Redondo; and Phelan of Notre Dame.

2. Seventeen teams from the Inland Area schools competed at Pacific HS Course, Louis Finn, Pacific HS Track Coach, Manager. Teams qualifying for the finals were Puente, 49:48; Whittier, 50:05; Riverside Poly, 50:33; and two fastest individuals were Mellgren of El Monte; and Maxwell of Alhambra.

3. Eighteen teams from the Coast Area schools competed at Huntington Beach HS Course, Jack Rowan, Huntington Beach HS Track Coach, Manager. Teams qualifying for finals were Excelsior, 45:51; El Rancho, 46:01.9; L. B. Wilson, 46:08.6; and fastest individuals were Covington of Compton, Holcombe of Lynwood, and Shultz of Bellflower.

4. Twelve teams from the Southern Area schools competed at San Diego Morley Field Course, Don Clarkson, Manager. Teams qualifying for the finals were San Diego Hoover, El Cajon HS, Point Loma HS, and fastest individuals were Cerveney of Mission Bay, and Fabisak of Chula Vista.

On behalf of the CIF Office, and our member schools, we would like to extend to our four

meet managers our appreciation for a job well done. The coaches were all pleased with the facilities at Mt. San Antonio Jr. College for our championship run, and wish to thank Mr. Hilmur Lodge, who served as meet manager, and the Mt. San Antonio Jr. College for offering us the use of their fine course.

The CIF, and all of our cross country coaches, were very disappointed this year when scheduling difficulties prevented a continuation of the fine competition that was initiated last year with teams representing the Los Angeles City Section. It is hoped that Supervisor Bill Lopez, of Los Angeles, can arrange his city cross country schedule for 1957, so that his top five teams can accept the invitation of the SS to join us in friendly competition.

MINUTES OF WRESTLING COACHES MEETING

The annual meeting of the CIF, SS wrestling coaches was called to order on Saturday, November 3, 1956, at Whittier HS, with Joe Incorvia as acting chairman. A motion was made by Ivan Olson, seconded by Frank Crosby, to make Joe Incorvia the permanent Chairman, and Jim Regenfuss the permanent recording secretary for the next two years. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Burley moved that a representative chairman for the four CIF wrestling Sectional Meets be elected, seconded by Crosby, motion passed. The following district managers were elected: San Diego, Don Clarkson; Whittier, Lou Borg; Bay League, Paul Manahan; and Pioneer League, Tom Smerdel.

The following recommendations were made by the wrestling coaches:

1. **Ties** — The tournament manager should be responsible for the appointment of judges for ties in tournaments, Rule 4, Sec. B, NCAA Rule Book.

2. **Rule changes** — A motion was made and passed to adopt rules of the 1957 NCAA Rule Book with the present CIF Blue Book additions.

3. **Side-line coaching** — It was moved, seconded, and passed that the coaches take a dim view toward side-line coaching, and hold the host school's coach responsible for spectator behavior and side-line coaching.

4. **Weight** — It was moved, seconded, and carried that Mike Burley draft his plan for weight control. This plan will be mailed to all coaches for vote and approval, with date of Dec. 15 set for final action. Results of this poll will be sent to all coaches, and if adopted the plan is for a one-year experimental basis; and a weight list of team, countersigned by visiting coach is to be sent to each district tournament manager.

5. **CIF Finals** — The CIF Finals will be sponsored by Whittier HS, and held at California HS, Friday, March 1, 1957. It was recommended that 24 x 24 mats be used for the CIF Tournament, and the same number of officials as last year (seven).

6. **Officiating** — It was the unanimous recommendation of the group that all persons interested in refereeing wrestling matches should at-

tend officials' clinics in their respective areas, or don't referee.

7. Recommendations to National Body on Rules— It was the unanimous opinion of the coaches that Frank Crosby make the following recommendations to the National Body of Wrestling Rules: (a) All near falls be awarded three points; and (b) all time advantage be abolished from the rule book.

The next annual meeting of the CIF, SS wrestling coaches is to be held on the first Saturday in November, 1957, at Whittier HS at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
JIM REGENFUSS,
Recording Secretary

1956 WATER POLO HONORS DIVIDED

The most successful water polo season in CIF history was brought to a most thrilling conclusion with the holding of the championship games before a capacity crowd in the beautiful Long Beach Wilson HS pool, on Friday night, December 7, 1956. Honors were evenly divided with El Segundo capturing the Varsity title, Downey winning the Class B trophy, and Whittier repeating as champions in the Class C division.

The finals in the Varsity competition brought together two outstanding teams from Whittier and El Segundo, who were representing the Free Lance League in the playoffs. To reach the final game, Whittier disposed of Huntington Beach 26 to 2, and Downey, the Coast League champions 8 to 6. El Segundo, by virtue of being the champion in the Free Lance League, drew a first round Bye, and then took the measure of Fullerton 11 to 4, to earn the right to meet Whittier for the championship. The final game was a thriller all the way, with the outcome not being decided until the final moments. Leading the El Segundo attack was Jack Hamilton, who scored six of his team's 8 points,

with brilliantly executed shots from all angles. The rest of "Whitey" Saari's team gave Hamilton flawless support, and enabled El Segundo to dethrone the defending champions by a close 8 to 6 score.

In the Class B division El Segundo easily defeated the Sunset League's champion, Fullerton by 13 to 4, to move into the final game against Downey, who represented the Coast League. The final game was hard fought, but Coach Jim Schultz's boys emerged victorious with a 10 to 7 score, to take home the beautiful new trophy, emblematic of the CIF, SS championships.

In the Class C division three champions, L. B. Poly representing the Coast League, Fullerton from the Sunset League, and Whittier, Free Lance title holders entered the competition. In the opening round Whittier easily took the measure of Fullerton 12 to 4, to go into the finals against L. B. Poly. With Chuck Lavagino of Whittier HS scoring 8 of the team's 10 points, Coach Frank Poucher's mighty mites took the final game from L. B. Poly 10 to 6, to retain their title as CIF champions in the Class C division.

As a direct result of the work done by the newly organized Water Polo Officials' Association, the officiating in all of the playoff contests was outstanding, and added immeasurably to the success of the playoffs. The CIF Office, and competing schools, are deeply appreciative of the fine work contributed by Coach Pete Archer of Wilson HS, who managed the contests, and served as official Timer. Our thanks also goes to Mr. Wm. F. Keeley, Principal of Wilson HS for making his outstanding facilities available to our competing schools.

The regular meeting of the swimming and water polo coaches will again be held at the conclusion of the swimming season, and at that time it appears that our program will have to be revised because of the many additional schools who are now fielding water polo teams for the first time.

RESULTS OF CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP MEET, DECEMBER 7, 1956

1. Mira Costa 11-17-20-24-28 100	1. Lopex El Rancho 9:01.8*	12. Rodriquez El Rancho 9:24	23. Holmes Point Loma 9:36
2. El Rancho 1-12-15-51-62 141	2. Marks L. B. Wilson 9:08	13. Ehlers Torrance 9:25	24. Peterson Mira Costa 9:37
3. L. B. Wilson 2-21-26-34-73 156	3. Mellgren El Monte 9:09	14. Larsen S. D. Hoover 9:26	25. Snyder Morningside 9:37
4. Puente 9-38-43-49-53 192	4. Fabisak Chula Vista 9:10	15. Ramirez El Rancho 9:27	26. Ward L. B. Wilson 9:38
5. S. D. Hoover 14-29-37-54-60 194	5. Cervený Mission Bay 9:13	16. Gonzales Whittier 9:28	27. Schultz Bellflower 9:39
6. Whittier 6-16-48-52-77 199	6. Acosta Whittier 9:15	17. Rothenberger Mira Costa 9:30	28. O'Haver Mira Costa 9:40
7. El Cajon 18-40-41-44-58 201	7. Covington Compton 9:16	18. Hudson El Cajon 9:31	29. Eddy S. D. Hoover 9:40
8. Torrance 13-33-39-61-64 210	8. McGowan Morningside 9:17	19. Phelan Notre Dame 9:32	30. Diemoz Point Loma 9:41
9. Excelsior 10-22-56-70-72 230	9. Malino Puente 9:21	20. Drotning Mira Costa 9:33	31. Bell Redondo 9:42
10. Point Loma 23-30-50-76-83 262	10. Pitman Excelsior 9:22	21. Bishop L. B. Wilson 9:33	32. Frodsham Mira Costa 9:43
11. Riverside Poly 35-47-55-59-71 267	11. Newell Mira Costa 9:23	22. Guzman Excelsior 9:35	33. Hammock Torrance 9:44
12. Morningside 8-25-65-80-94 272			* New Record
13. Cathedral 45-46-57-66-68 282			