PREVIOUS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS
Northern Group
1949—Boulder City, Nev. 1950—Santa Paula
1951—Venice and Paso Robles (co-champions) 1952—Paso Robles
1953—Paso Robles 1954—Los Angeles
1955—San Marino
Central Group
1949—San Diego 1950—Manual Arts
1951—Fullerton 1952—Long Beach Poly
1953—Santa Monica 1954—San Diego
1955—Long Beach Poly 1956—Glendale
1949—Covina 1950—Covina
1951—Fullerton 1952—No playoff
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Southern Group
1949—Point Loma 1950—San Diego
1951—Brawley 1952—Brawley
1953—Brawley 1954—Chula Vista
1955—Chula Vista 1956—Santa Barbara
RESULTS OF CROSSTOWN PRELIMINARY MEETS, DECEMBER 9, 1955
1. Bay Area & Northern Schools @ Cantianda Park Course in Inglewood, Ray Southease, Track Coach at Mira Costa HS, Manager
Team Team score
Mira Costa 56 46.19
San Marin 56 46.18
Covina 56 46.19
Total elapsed time Fastest individuals on non-winning teams
Heran, Jim, St. Anthony HS 9:00
RESULTS OF CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP MEET, DECEMBER 9, 1955
1. MIRA COSTA 20:21:14-33 140
2. POINT LOMA 20:31:37-62 129
3. EL CAJON 20:31-13 123
4. S. D. HOOVER 20:31:10-26 94
5. S. D. HOOPER 20:30:10-24 94
Total
S.D. Hoover 9:08.8 7. Hill 9:31
2. Sawin 9:17 8. Point Loma
Belflower 9:17 9. Ellers
3. Horin 9:18 10. TERRANCE
St. Anthony 9:12 11. Maxwell
San Dieguito 9:33 13. Eisenhower
Grossmont 9:35 15. Mira Costa
* New Record

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MINUTES OF CIF SS COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 4, 1956
The meeting of the CIF SS Council was held in the patio of Helms Hotel on Saturday, February 4, 1956. The meeting was called to order by President, Frank O. Hopkins, Principal of Brea-Olinda HS. Representatives from all leagues were in attendance with exception of Coast, Desert, Inland, Imperial Valley, Metropolitan, and Riverside County Leagues.

1. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on December 10, 1955, be approved as published in the January, 1956 Monthly Bulletin.

2. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held in the CIF Office at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, February 4, 1956, be approved as read.

3. It was moved by Mr. Walden, Bay League representative, and seconded by Mr. McIntosh, Citrus Belt League representative, that the action of the Council in placing Santa Monica High School in the Bay League for all sports be rescinded. There was a great deal of discussion on this item with Mr. Walden presenting the case of the Bay League, and Dr. Ewing Kendall speaking in behalf of Santa Monica HS. Mr. Kenneth Peters, Principal of Beverly Hills HS, and a member of the reappealing committee from the Bay area, gave an explanation as to why he recommended the placing of Santa Monica HS in the Bay League for all sports. Mr. McIntosh and Mr. Bergerman spoke briefly on the issue in relation to past experiences of the SS Council. A roll call was taken and the motion lost by a vote of 23 to 1. As a result Santa Monica HS remains in the Bay League for all sports for the 1956-57 school year, and it is hoped that league schedules can be adjusted so that each school can meet every other school on a round robin basis.

4. Mr. Art North, Chairman of the Committee on "Recruitment of Officials" presented the recommendations of his committee. All representatives were urged to take micrographed copies of the committee's report back to their respective leagues for review and consideration. The recommendations will then be presented at the May meeting of the Council for adoption or rejection.

5. At the December, 1954 Council meeting a motion was passed to permit the Tri-City League to conduct an All-Star football game at the conclusion of the 1955 season on an experimental basis. Mr. Gordon Duncan, Tri-County League representative gave a report on the outcome of this game and indicated that everything went off satisfactorily and that all schools were very pleased with the outcome.

6. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the SS would be opposed to the establishment of a State Wrestling Tournament. The opinion expressed by the majority of the representatives was that they were not in favor of extending playoffs on a State level.

7. It was moved, seconded, and carried that SS did not favor the establishment of a State Golf Tournament.

8. Mr. Robert Farrar, Sunset League Representative, presented a progress report of the committee appointed to study the problem of televising of high school football games. This report was micrographed and copies were made available for all representatives so that it could be taken back to the league for review and consideration. Chairman, Robert Farrar, stated that the committee basically favored the televising of high school athletic contests, but that this report dealt specifically with football. He hoped that all schools and leagues would endeavor to divert themselves of any prejudice against the televising of high school football games that may have arisen from the experiences of last year, and trusted that all members of the CIF SS would study the problem with the problem with the solution of working out a mutually satisfactory idea of solution.

9. An announcement was made to the effect that the Los Angeles city schools were to begin classes on Monday, September 10, 1956. The majority of SS schools are scheduled to begin classes on Monday, September 10, 1956. It was hoped that as many schools as possible would consider carefully the opening day of school in the light of scheduling of football games.

10. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Fagans, Secretary
Gymnastics gaining in popularity

In keeping with the tremendous growth of interest in the Southern Section Gymnastics program, it was decided to add two qualifying meets to the 1956 Championship. In former years we have held only one championship meet to which all boys were entered. This year two preliminary meets will be scheduled from which the top five boys in each event will qualify for the championship meet.

The preliminaries will take place on Friday, March 3, 1956, with one being scheduled for the northern schools at Santa Paula HS, while the other preliminary will be held in the south at Bellflower HS. The championship meet has been awarded to Pasadena HS, and will be held in their new gymnasium on Saturday, April 28th, 1956.

Entry blanks for this event will be sent to all schools and we will accept the entry of one boy, or a maximum of four in each event. If your school has a boy destined to take part in this fine competition, be sure to complete the entry blank and return it to the Southern Section Office.

Remind of the 1956 starting date for football practice

Attention is invited to the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of October 24, 1955, as published in the December 1955 Monthly Bulletin pertaining to the authorized date that schools may begin football practice in 1956. This date was set as September 3, 1956. The 1957 starting date was not set because there has been the feeling on the part of a number of member schools that the opening date of practice should coincide with the opening day of class. It is hoped that leagues sharing this view will bring the matter to the Council so that it can be placed upon the Agenda for a future meeting for discussion and disposition.

In connection with the start of football practice you are reminded that a school in a league begins classroom instruction before September 3, 1956, that school, as well as every school in the same league may start football practice on the day classes begin.

With September 3 set as the opening day of practice for 1956, most of our schools will not be able to schedule their first practice contest earlier than September 20, because of the rule which makes it mandatory that the squad must have had at least 14 days of practice before their first game. Football carnivals and games must not be scheduled before December 20, 1956 unless schools begin practice earlier than Sept 3, 1956.

Basketball playoffs just around the corner

Players and coaches of Southern Section basketball teams are now well into the second round of competition in their league and those schools near the top of the standings are beginning to look ahead to the playoffs which are slated to get underway at the end of the month. The spectacular and beautifully played Beach City College gymnasium has already been selected for March 9th and 10th, for the semi-finals and championship game to determine the league champions. The following five dates have been set for the Central Group playoffs: Feb. 28, March 2, 6, 9, and 10th.

With two entries allowed from each league, the northern and southern groups of league play-offs should find many outstanding small school teams entered, and the competition should be spirited with many close contests. It will require only a few nights to complete the tournament, with action beginning on Feb. 28th, quarter-finals on March 2, semi-finals on March 6, and the championship games being played on Friday, March 9, 1956.

Free Lunch schools interested in entering any of the play-offs, who have not contacted this office relative to this matter, should do so at once, if they expect to be entered into competition.

Guest editorial

By: M. F. Sprunger, Illinois HS Assoc.

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DATES AND SITES ANNOUNCED FOR 1956 SOUTHERN SECTION TRACK PROGRAM

This year's State Championship Track and Field Meet will be held on June 19, 1956, in Chico, California, on Saturday, June 2, which is one week later than has been the case in previous years. Because of this fact the Southern Section can still have the same starting date for our preliminary meets and not have to crowd the three qualifying meets into a period of 8 days, which has been necessary in the past. This year the preliminary meets will be held on May 18 and 19, and the qualifiers can then rest until May 21, when the semi-finals will be held. Another week will ensue before the Southern Section Championship Meet, which is scheduled for Inglewood HS, on Saturday, May 26, 1956.

As a result of Council action at the December meeting, the Commissioner of Athletics was directed to make arrangements to charter a plane to take those qualifiers who desire to go to the State Meet at Chico. A poll of possible qualifiers will be taken immediately after the semi-finals meet scheduled for May 19, so that an estimate can be obtained as to the number of persons wishing to avail themselves of this type of transportation.

The following sites and dates are listed for the 1956 championship track meets:

Saturday, May 12, Preliminary Meets—San Diego State College
Saturday, May 19, Semi-Final Meets—Compton HS
Saturday, May 26, SS Championship Meet—Inglewood HS
Saturday, June 2, State Meet, Chico HS

FOOTBALL GAMES WANTED

The opening of the new Rancho High School in Las Vegas, there are now two schools in that city who are looking for opponents in football for the 1956 season. The scheduling for both of these schools is conducted by Mr. Pat Dukin, who can be reached at Administration Bldg., Box 591, Las Vegas.

Both of these schools have open dates which have been published in the Football Newspaper, and they could use very much to hear from Southern Section schools who are interested in making a trip to Las Vegas during the next football season. Those teams who are well represented at Las Vegas, by playing under ideal conditions, and an educational feature is a trip to Hoover Dam.

C.I.F., SOUTHERN SECTION PLAYOFF DATES—1956-1957

To assist schools and leagues in setting up their 1956-57 schedules, the playoff dates for next year, as approved by the Council, are as follows:

FOOTBALL—Nov. 25, 30, Dec. 14
CROSS COUNTRY—Nov. 30, Dec. 7
WATER POLO—Nov. 30, Dec. 7
BASKETBALL—Feb. 26, Mar. 1, 5, 8, 9
WRESTLING—Feb. 22, Mar. 1
GYMNASTICS—Feb. 19, 26
TENNIS & C TOURNEY—May 4, 11
TENNIS—May 4, June 8
TRACK—May 11, 18, 25, June 1
BASEBALL—May 31, 24, 28, 31, June 7

APPROVED SANCTIONED EVENTS

The following is a supplementary list of approved sanctioned events since publishing of the February Bulletin:

APRIL:
April 20—Whittier Union High School District Track Meet (El Rancho HS)
April 27—Vallejo Relays
April 28—El Centro Relays

ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL SPONSORS "APPRECIATION NIGHT"

On Saturday night, February 11, 1956, the Board of Directors of the Hotel in San Diego was jammed to capacity by administrators, coaches, and persons interested in high school athletics who were there to attend the Second Annual Appreciation Night sponsored by St. Augustine HS, in conjunction with the Notre Dame Club of San Diego. This banquet is an annual affair to pay tribute to the high school administrators and coaches in San Diego County who do so much for youth through the administration of the high school athletic program.

Mr. Bob Bohn, outstanding football coach at Oklahoma University, was the principal speaker, and gave a very inspirational talk that was enjoyed by all present. It was wonderful to see so many coaches and administrators brought together for a social evening, and to be honored, and enough credit cannot be given to the Very Rev. John R. Ahern of St. Augustine HS who is the man directly responsible for this very wonderful affair.

ST. MONICA PROVES BEST IN NORTHERN GROUP BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Before an overflow crowd in the spacious Montebello HS gym, St. Monica's HS's fine basketball team overwhelmed Temple City, the Rio Hondo champions, 71 to 51, to capture the basketball championship for the Northern Group of the leagues of the CIF, SS. The game was hard fought and close until the middle of the third quarter when Center Dan Rodriguez and Guard Bob Holland, hit a hot streak to push the Mariners into a commanding lead which they did not relinquish during the remainder of the contest.

Coach Bill Bonall's Mariners drew a first round bye, and then whipped Avalon 71 to 46, and So. Pasadena 56 to 49, before meeting Temple City. Coach Marty Pella's Rams engaged in a 4-way fight with St. Pasaden and San Marino for the right to represent the Rio Hondo league in the playoff competition. In their first playoff encounter St. Pasaden defeated a strong Harford five 56 to 39, and then they took the measure of Atascadero 62 to 51 to qualify for the championship game with St. Monica.

A total of 14 teams from 7 leagues entered the Northern Group playoffs this season and competition was more evenly balanced than in previous years.

First Round, Feb. 28:
Harvard 49, Lone Pine 40
Atascadero 67, Santa Ynez 58
Avalon 58, May Street 42
South Pasadena 52, Sherman Burroughs 41
Santa Maria 50, Northridge 44
Feb. 29
Mater Dei 42, Bellflower Christian 38
Quarter Finals, March 2:
Temple City 56, Harvard 39
Atascadero 71, Mater Dei 63
St. Monica 71, Avalon 46
South Pasadena 55, Santa Maria 31
Semi-Finals, March 6:
Temple City 62, Atascadero 36
St. Monica 56, So. Pasadena 49
FINALS: March 9
St. Monica 71, Temple City 51