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PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL VERSUS A COLLEGE EDUCATION

A survey was recently conducted by the NC-AA and the American Association of College Baseball Coaches, which had as one of its objectives, an attempt to factually weigh the merits of a student-athlete foregoing a college education for the uncertainties of a career in professional baseball. Those who are impressed by the payment of super bonuses to a comparatively few prospects should be somewhat sobered by the facts uncovered in this survey as to what happens to the vast majority of student-athletes who attempt a professional baseball career in preference to a college education.

The chance of success in professional baseball is very slim according to a study which included a sampling of college baseball players (403) who signed professional baseball contracts during the 1947-57 period. Of the 403 college players, 20 (4.96%) were playing in the major leagues in 1957. Of the 20, 12 signed bonus contracts and eight were non-bonus players.

The survey results clearly indicate that unless a college student-athlete is considered talented enough to merit a substantial bonus contract or at least is signed to a major league contract, he has a slight chance of eventually reaching the major leagues.

A total of 224 (55.6%) signed Class B or lower classification contracts. Not one reached the majors; in fact, 168 or 75% dropped out of professional baseball before progressing beyond the classification in which they signed. Only four of the remaining 56 (1.7% of the original 224) progressed as far as AAA.

It is interesting to note that of the remaining 179 who signed Class A contracts or better, 99 were seniors, 43 juniors, 14 sophomores, 19 freshmen. There were four whose classes were not specified. This indicates that the longer a student remained in school the more valuable he became. From this group came the 20 major league players, i.e., 11.2% achieved their goal.

The survey also disclosed that the athlete who signs a non-bonus contract has a 50 to 1 chance of reaching the majors if he signs a major league contract; from an A to AAA contract his chances are approximately 400 to 1; as indicated, his chances are nil if he becomes a party to a Class B or C contract.

A college product who signs a bonus contract has a 4 to 1 chance of reaching the majors. Forty-seven of the 403 players (11.7%) received bonuses to sign. Twelve (25.5% of 47) were in the major leagues in 1957; 22 (46.8%) were

APPROVED SANCTIONED EVENTS

The following is a supplemental list of approved sanctioned events since publishing of the DIRECTORY, and the October and December Monthly Bulletins:

BASKETBALL:

Jan. 5, 6, 8—Bellflower Class C Basketball Tournament

TRACK:

Mar. 24—25th Annual Mustang Relays @ San Diego

Mar. 25—Glendale Relays @ Hoover HS, Glendale

Mar. 28—Easter Relays @ Santa Barbara

Apr. 4—Coachella Valley Relays

May 19—AAU Track and Field Meet @ Balboa Stadium

SWIMMING:

Apr. 11—AAU Indoor Swimming Championships @ Mission Beach Pool in San Diego

WRESTLING:

Dec. 13—HS Invitational Wrestling Tournament @ Orange Coast College

May 16, 23—CYO Boys HS Swim Meet @ Norwalk Swimming Stadium

Schools are reminded that upon completion of their 1958-59 sanctioned event they should submit to this office, in duplicate, their request for sanction of the 1959-60 event. This will insure its being published in the Directory next September.

out of baseball and 14 were scattered between Class AAA and Class B teams.

Value of College Education—in 1954-55, 30% of college-age boys and girls in this nation attended college. The educational statisticians predict that as of 1971-72, 50% of college-age young people will seek higher education.

The survey shows that 81% of college freshmen and 77% of sophomores signing professional contracts withdraw permanently from college, thus sacrificing their education for a highly speculative career in baseball.

It has been reported that a college education is valued in excess of \$100,000. This is based on a survey which shows that the average college graduate earns 88% more than the average high school graduate . . . or a total of more than \$100,000 during a lifetime.

The value of a college education can only increase.

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NEW CIF SS BUILDING NEARING COMPLETION

The headquarters of the CIF, SS will soon be transferred to their new office building which is rapidly nearing completion and will be located at 5443 W. Washington Blvd., in Los Angeles. As this bulletin goes to press it appears that we will be moving into our new quarters about March 14. We will see that each school receives special notification regarding our new address and phone number just prior to our actual moving.

Containing 2100 square feet, the building will provide adequate space for conducting the ever growing program of the SS. The structure which is conveniently situated on the corner of Carmona and Washington Blvds., in the Western section of Los Angeles, is only five miles from the Harbor Freeway and is located just two blocks from the new Venice Freeway which is now under construction.

The distinctive, yet conservative building, includes offices for the Commissioner, his secretary, and the assignment clerk. The spacious entry hall will provide desk space for another secretary who will serve as receptionist, and handle all incoming phone calls in addition to her other duties. There will be a work room, ample storage area, a mailing room, and a conference room which will permit the holding of committee meetings.

All school men in Southern California are most cordially invited to stop by and visit our new quarters whenever their business brings them to west Los Angeles.

AAU PHYSICAL FITNESS AND PROFICIENCY TESTS

We are pleased to publish information pertaining to the AAU Physical Fitness and Proficiency Tests as submitted to this office by Mr. Ivan Olsen, Chairman of the Physical Fitness Committee of the Pacific Southwest AAU Association.

Mr. Olsen reports as follows:

In the summer of 1943, the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States made available a battery of tests to measure an individual's proficiency and physical fitness. Certificates are available to the individuals taking the tests and to the school, department or instructor who administers the tests in the following areas:

Junior Track and Field—a. Primary
b. Intermediate
c. Advanced

Swimming—a. Primary
b. Advanced

Wrestling
Weightlifting
All-Around

The CIF, SS heartily endorses this fine program and would like to urge school personnel to enroll in the program. Detailed information may be obtained by contacting any of the following persons:

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Association)
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LENNOX HS SCHOLARS VISIT HELMS HALL

The Lennox chapter of the California Scholarship Federation elected to visit the Helms Athletic Foundation and the CIF, SS Office on Monday, December 8, as one of their scheduled field trips allowed during the first semester. Mr. Henry Rappaport, adviser for the Lennox Chapter, was in charge of the group.

Mr. Bill Schroeder, managing director of

Helms Athletic Foundation, personally conducted the students through this world famous sports shrine. At the conclusion of this most interesting tour a light lunch was served to the group in the patio, and they then assembled to hear Mr. Kenneth Fagans, Commissioner of Athletics, address them on the objectives and workings of the CIF, SS. A question and answer period followed, and the students received much valuable information concerning eligibility rules and other regulations governing the vast interscholastic athletic program in Southern California.

The following letter was received from Mr. Rappaport shortly after the visit:

Dear Mr. Fagans:

On behalf of the Lennox High School Chapter of the California Scholarship Federation, I want to thank you very much for the most interesting and informative talk you gave to us on December 8. We have heard so much about CIF, but did not fully appreciate its purposes and operation until you spoke to us. Moreover, I shall recommend very highly a visit to your office by other school organizations.

Yours very truly,

HENRY RAPPAPORT,

Adviser for the LHS Chapter of CSF

We would welcome similar visits from any interested school group. Arrangements may be made by contacting the Helms Athletic Foundation, TE 0-4333, or the CIF Office.

WHY EVERY BOY SHOULD WRESTLE

1. Wrestling is the most developmental of all interscholastic sports.
2. The individual character of wrestling makes victory or defeat a personal responsibility.
3. Wrestling is a contact sport that tests strength and endurance, condition and headwork, developing self-reliance, perseverance and mental alertness.
4. Wrestling is a safe sport. The interscholastic rules provide that every hold or move which might endanger the life or injure a participant is absolutely prohibited and penalized.
5. Contestants are matched according to weight, enabling boys of a size to compete in their own class.
6. Wrestling is a natural test of strength, endurance and skill. It is considered, with the possible exception of track, the most natural activity in the sports program.
7. Wrestling has special appeal because there is continual movement, constant change of

CIF, SS PLAYOFF DATES FOR THE 1959-60 SCHOOL YEAR

To assist schools and leagues in setting up their 1959-60 schedules, the playoff dates for next year, as approved by the Council are as follows:

FOOTBALL	"AAA" and "AA" playoffs, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18 "A" playoffs, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11
WATER POLO	Prelims, Nov. 20 Semi-Finals, Nov. 23 Championship, Nov. 24
CROSS COUNTRY	Prelims, Nov. 25 Championship, Dec. 4
WRESTLING	Prelims, Feb. 20 Championship, Feb. 26
BASKETBALL	"AAA" and "AA" playoffs, March 1, 4, 8, 11, 12 "A" playoffs, March 1, 4, 11
GYMNASTICS	Prelims, May 13 Championship, May 20
TRACK & FIELD	Prelims, May 14 Semi-Finals, May 21 SS Championship Meet, May 28 State Meet, June 4
GOLF	Team Tourney, May 16 Individual Tourney, May 23
TENNIS	Class B & C Tourney, May 7, 14 Varsity Individual Tourney, June 4 Large school team playoffs, May 17, 20, 24, 27 Small school team playoffs, May 20, 24, 27
BASEBALL	"AAA" and "AA" playoffs, May 20, 24, 27, 31, June 5 "A" playoffs, May 20, 24, 27
SWIMMING	Invitational Swim Relays Prelims, Feb. 23 Finals, Feb. 26 Championship Swim Relays Free Lance Meets, April 22 Prelims, April 29 Semi-Finals, May 3 Diving Prelims, May 4 Championship, May 6

positions and new combinations of holds in every move.

8. The activity conditions the body for a variety of other sports. It helps to develop coordination, speed, accuracy, balance, keeping muscles trim and pliable.
9. It is a sport which provides the physical exercise growing boys need.

The above article was reproduced from the National Federation Press XIX-2. Because of the tremendous growth in the wrestling program in the SS we are of the opinion that this article will be of interest to personnel of our member schools.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, FEBRUARY 7, 1959

The meeting was called to order by Mr. B. L. Bergstrom, Chairman, in the Southern Section Office at 9:00 A.M., on Saturday, February 7, 1959. Those present were Messrs. B. L. Bergstrom, Supt. of Schools at El Monte; Ben F. Jamison, Principal of Centennial HS; Keith Gunn, Principal of Victor Valley HS; George Phelps, Jr., Principal of Arroyo HS; Frank O. Hopkins, Principal of Brea-Olinda HS; John Taylor, Principal of Nordhoff HS; Vaughn Cummings, Pasadena City Schools; Matt Korwin, Principal of San Dieguito HS; and Kenneth Fagans, Commissioner of Athletics.

1. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Minutes of the December 13, meeting of the Executive Committee be approved as published in the December Monthly Bulletin.

2. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Executive Committee recommend to the Southern Section Council that the following schools be accepted for membership into the CIF, SS: San Diego Military Academy, Whittier Christian School, and Valley HS of Santa Ana.

3. The 1959 baseball schedule of Needles HS was reviewed for possible entrance into the CIF, SS 1959 "A" Baseball Playoffs. The schedule indicated that due to the location of Needles HS, most of their opponents were "AA" classification schools, or schools located in Nevada and Arizona. After some discussion it was moved, seconded and carried that Needles HS, as the defending "A" Baseball Champions of 1958, be automatically qualified as a free lance entrant into the CIF, SS "A" Baseball Playoffs.

4. The financial report of the 1958 football playoffs was presented by the Commissioner of Athletics. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be accepted as presented and that the Commissioner be directed to distribute copies to each member of the Council.

5. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the playoff dates for the 1959-60 school year, as published elsewhere in this Bulletin.

6. It was moved, seconded and carried that the 1959 basketball playoff rules and financial regulations be adopted as presented by the Commissioner, and that a copy of these regulations be sent to the principals of all schools qualifying for the basketball playoffs. The regulations are the same as they were for the 1958 playoffs with the following exceptions:

(a) The General Admission price for the semi-finals and finals of the "AAA" playoffs, and the finals of the "AA" and "A" basketball playoffs be raised from \$1.00 to \$1.25. Student pre-sale tickets will remain at 50¢ for all contests.

(b) All playoff contests with the exception of the semi-finals and the finals of the "AAA" grouping will be held in the HOME gymnasium

of one of the competing schools as long as that facility meets the required standards regarding playing floor and has sufficient seating space to accommodate the anticipated number of spectators. After the home school has been determined according to regulations, the Commissioner has been delegated with the responsibility and authority to decide whether the game shall be staged in the home gym or in a neutral facility.

7. A request for a ruling on an eligibility case involving a student at Mar Vista HS was presented to the Committee for consideration. Anthony Bromlett moved with his parents during January, from the State of Virginia to Imperial Beach, California. He enrolled in the Mar Vista HS and requested permission to try out for an athletic team. A check of his record indicated that the boy met all CIF eligibility requirements except for the fact that he was not in attendance in school at least ten weeks of the preceding semester. Bromlett was not able to meet this requirement because all schools in his native state were closed due to the segregation issue. It was moved, seconded, and carried that due to the unusual circumstances surrounding this case, the particular rule involved be waived because of administrative necessity and Anthony Bromlett be declared eligible for interscholastic athletics at Mar Vista HS, with the semester the boy was not in school to be counted as a regular semester of attendance.

8. An eligibility case involving a boy in attendance at Newport Harbor HS was reviewed. The boy transferred to Newport Harbor HS in December from Hart HS, where he had been residing with his grandparents, who are not his legal guardians. He participated in athletics while attending Hart HS. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the boy would be ineligible at Newport Harbor HS for one year, because he had transferred from one high school to another without a change of address on the part of his parents or legal guardians which necessitated such a transfer.

9. At the request of Warren HS a review was made of an eligibility case involving a boy who transferred from Hemet HS, where he had been living with his parents, to Warren HS where he was to reside with his aunt. The boy's transfer was due to the fact that his father had suffered a complete nervous breakdown and was unable to exercise proper supervision of the boy in Hemet. It was moved, seconded, and carried that because there was no change of address on the part of the parents, nor did the aunt take out the necessary guardianship papers the boy would be ineligible for interscholastic athletics at Warren HS for a period of one year.

10. Word was received from Wm. Russell, State CIF Commissioner, that the following three exhibition relays would be conducted at the California State Track and Field Meet to be

held in Bakersfield on June 4:

- (a) Class C 4-man 440 relays
- (b) Class B 4-man 440 relays
- (c) Class A 4-man mile relay

Mr. Russell posed the question that if these special exhibition events were open to entries from all sections in the state, would the SS permit their teams to enter. It was moved, seconded, and carried that if the management of the State Track and Field Meet invited certain schools in the SS to participate in these exhibitions events the respective schools could accept or turn down the invitation as they see fit.

11. It was decided that the next meeting of the Executive Committee should be held at the CIF, SS Office early in April for the purpose of studying and revising SS eligibility rules with an aim towards bringing them into conformity with the new state constitution.

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
J. KENNETH FAGANS,
Secretary

MINUTES OF CIF, SS COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 1959

The winter meeting of the CIF, SS Council was held on Saturday morning, February 7, 1959, in the patio of Helms Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Vaughn Cummings, Supervisor of Athletics for Pasadena City Schools. Official representatives from all leagues were in attendance with the exception of the Mt. Baldy, San Gabriel Valley, San Bernardino City Leagues.

1. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of February 7, 1959, be approved as read.

2. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Minutes of the Council meeting of December 13, 1958, be approved as published in the January, 1959, Monthly Bulletin.

3. Mr. Ben F. Jamison reported to the Council that incorporation papers have been signed by the President and Commissioner and forwarded with the necessary fees to the Secretary of State at Sacramento. When the papers have been processed the CIF, SS will then be fully incorporated.

4. Mr. Ray Charlson, Pioneer League Representative, proposed that the date of the first regular Council Meeting scheduled for the second Saturday in December be changed to the third Saturday in November, for the following reasons: (a) better spacing of meetings, (b) avoid conflict with Christmas activities, (c) enable the secretary to get the Minutes to the schools prior to the Christmas vacation, (d) and resolve relegating problems at an earlier date so that schools will have more time to arrange

the next year's football schedule. There was some discussion and it was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried that Article IV, Section 1, of the Constitution be amended to provide that the first regular meeting of the SS Council be held on the Saturday preceding Thanksgiving rather than the second Saturday in December.

5. The representative from the San Diego City League, Mr. Bill Bailey, called attention to a CIF, SS regulation which provides that all entrants into the SS championship cross country meet must be examined by a physician just prior to the meet. The San Diego League would like to go on record as favoring the elimination of this requirement as all boys are examined by a physician prior to the opening of practice and it should not be necessary for them to be re-examined. It was moved, and seconded, that the rule making it mandatory for all entrants into the SS cross country championship meet be examined by school health authorities, be eliminated from the Blue Book. After considerable discussion, in which it was pointed out that we do not require such a medical examination in other sports, it was moved, seconded, and carried to table the original motion. It was then moved, seconded, and carried to authorize a comprehensive study concerning the need for medical examinations prior to the opening of practice in all sports recognized by the CIF, SS, with recommendations to be presented to the Council at the May meeting.

6. At the last meeting of the Council all representatives were asked to have their respective leagues consider the adoption of a proposed eligibility rule which had recently been incorporated into the State Constitution. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried that the following rule be added to Article VIII, of the By-Laws in the Blue Book.

"A boy who transfers from one school to another without a change of residence on the part of his parents or legal guardian, or without court order, shall be ineligible in the new school for one semester, or for one year if he has ever participated in an interscholastic contest. If the boy returns to the original school to reside with his parents or legal guardian, he shall become eligible immediately provided he is eligible under CIF, SS regulations and has not participated in an interscholastic athletic contest in the second school."

7. Mr. George Capatanos, representing the Southern League, respectfully requested the Council to consider changing Article XVII, Section 5, of the By-Laws to permit leagues in the "A" basketball playoffs to have the right to enter two teams in the playoffs if they so desire. Mr. Ogborn of the Desert-Inyo and Mr. Walvoord of the Prep League both commented that their respective leagues favored this proposed change which would place the "A" basketball playoffs on the same basis as the "AA" and

"AAA" playoffs. It was moved, seconded, and carried that Article XVII, Section 5, of the Blue Book be amended to provide that the "A" basketball playoffs consist of league champions and second place teams.

8. Releaguings for the 1959-60 school year in Riverside and Imperial Counties is still being studied by school administrators, it was reported by Mr. Keith Gunn, member of the SS Releaguings Committee from the Desert area. There are still problems to be resolved, but Mr. Gunn was of the opinion that scheduled meetings being arranged by Mr. James Sims of Perris HS, would bring about the desired results in the near future.

9. At the December Council meeting it was proposed that leagues consider the advisability of having the CIF, SS provide suitable awards to individual members of teams who win or are runner-up in CIF playoff competition. Considerable discussion ensued on this subject and it was finally determined that the SS should provide such awards, but that no specific action should be taken until a study had been conducted. It was moved, seconded, and carried to authorize the awards committee to study the matter and present specific recommendations covering type and cost of awards, sports in which awards will be given, number of awards to be provided, and a method of financing such awards. These recommendations to be submitted to each league representative at the earliest possible moment so that the leagues would have the opportunity to discuss the various proposals prior to the next Council meeting.

10. Action taken at the December Council meeting prohibits any member school from conducting or engaging in any type of competition in the discus event. Mr. Frank O. Hopkins, Orange League representative, informed the Council that the discus event had been a regular part of his track program since the league was organized, and there had never been any problems arise in conducting this event. The Orange League believes that the CIF, SS policy has always been to leave such matters up to the individual league and they would like the Council to reconsider their recent action so the Orange League could be permitted to include the discus event in all league competition. After some discussion it was moved, seconded, and carried that although the discus event will not be included as a part of the CIF Prelims, Semifinals or Championship track meets, and that the SS will not send representatives in the discus event to the State Meet, individual leagues will be permitted to include the discus in league competition only, if they so desire.

11. Mr. B. L. Bergstrom, Superintendent of Secondary Schools in El Monte, and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the CIF, SS, was called upon to make a special presentation. Mr. Bergstrom then called Mr. Wm. R. Schroeder, Managing Director of Helms Athletic Foun-

dation, to the platform to receive a beautiful bronze plaque acknowledging the many courtesies that had been extended to the SS by the Helms Athletic Foundation during the past ten years. Mr. Schroeder accepted the plaque on behalf of the Helms Athletic Foundation, and stated that it would be placed in a prominent position in the patio of Helms Hall. Mr. Bergstrom then presented a CIF, SS Gold Life Pass to Mr. Schroeder in recognition of the many contributions Mr. Schroeder has made to interscholastic athletics. (A picture of the presentation and a more detailed account of this event will appear in the March Monthly Bulletin.)

12. As directed by the Council at the December meeting, Mr. George Phelps, Jr. presented the recommendations of his committee relative to the establishing of starting dates for practice and a limitation on the number of contests permitted in each sport. Copies of these recommendations were given to all representatives so they could distribute them for study to the schools in their respective leagues. It was explained that the recommendations might not be in line with what the majority of schools would want, but they were to be used simply as a starting point in attempting to establish definite rules and regulations pertaining to these problems. It was moved, seconded, and carried that each league should study the proposed recommendations and determine their own preference on each item. The league representative should then send the total results to the SS office as soon as possible so that all returns can be tabulated and returned to the leagues prior to the next council meeting scheduled for May 23.

13. A question was raised from the floor as to whether Mr. Phelps committee had studied the problems connected with summer basketball leagues and were prepared to make any recommendations. It was explained that this matter had not been given consideration due to a lack of time and because at the last meeting it appeared to be the consensus of opinion that the problem was one not easily resolved and maybe out of the jurisdiction of this particular committee. Discussion indicated that the council did want the problem studied and it was moved, seconded and carried to authorize a committee composed of Mr. George Phelps, Mr. Oliver Corbin, Mr. Robert Schilling, Mr. Donald McIntosh, Mr. Richard Spaulding, Mr. Nelson Price, and Ken Fagans, to study the problems connected with summer basketball leagues and be prepared to report and make recommendations at the May Council Meeting.

14. There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M. The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 10:00 A.M., Saturday, May 23, at Lakewood HS in Long Beach.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Kenneth Fagans,
Secretary