CIF, SS CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING MEET

The CIF, Southern Section Championship Wrestling Meet will be held at Long Beach State College on Friday, March 8, 1963, and will be under the direction of Dr. Warren J. Boring, wrestling coach at Long Beach State. In addition to having excellent facilities for the staging of this championship activity, it was the feeling of all concerned that it would be in the best interests of the participants to meet at a neutral site rather than to hold it in the gymnasium of one of the schools vying for the championship.

In order to qualify boys for the meet two qualifying meets will be held on Saturday, March 2, at La Habra and Mira Costa High Schools. Representatives from the various leagues will meet approximately ten days before the preliminaries for the purpose of determining the number of qualifiers permitted from each league and to arrange the assignment of leagues to the two preliminaries. They will also be delegated the responsibility of sending both meets.

EARLY HISTORY OF WRESTLING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

In Southern California, wrestling on the high school level has existed for approximately 43 years. The sport did not really attain prominence until after World War II. Competitive wrestling began in the early 20's and seemingly was the sport of choice for most of the boys of mediocrity, obscurity and even extinction. Somehow in spite of many obstacles, it managed to survive and today shows promise of becoming one of the most promising sports on the high school level. One of the first schools to initiate a program of wrestling was Long Beach Polytechnic High School, in 1923, when a wrestling club was formed. In 1923 this school formed its first team and scheduled a wrestling match with the University of Southern California.

The first high school wrestling meet was held in 1927 at Long Beach Poly and Whittier High Schools during the 1927 season. Following this, other schools developed an interest in wrestling and the sport expanded. A wrestling meet held in 1929 at Whittier High School for the purpose of forming a wrestling league.

The first championship tournament of the newly formed league was held in April, 1927, at Long Beach Poly High School. There were entries from eleven schools divided into seven weight classes. The preliminary matches were held in length and the finals, nine matches. All matches were decided by the best two of three matches, and only won the tournament with Whittier placing second.

The CIF, SS became concerned with the status of wrestling at this time, and at a Southern Section meeting it was decided to hold a Southern California Wrestling Tournament in April, 1932. This tournament, however, was not supervised by the CIF, SS, for the reason that any contests of boxing or wrestling within the high schools was illegal at this time because of a State law which placed these sports under the jurisdiction of the State Athletic Commission. Consequently, the CIF, SS sanctioned wrestling as an interscholastic sport but did not control to any great degree the annual tournament.

The following results are from 1927 through 1936, when the CIF, Southern Section sanctioned but did not control high school wrestling.

1927—San Diego HS at Whittier HS
1928—San Diego HS at Pasadena HS
1929—San Diego HS at Glendale HS
1930—San Diego HS at San Diego HS
1931—Whittier HS at Whittier HS
1932—Whittier HS at Whittier HS
1933—Whittier HS & San Diego HS tied at San Diego HS
1934—El Monte HS at El Monte HS
1935—Whittier HS at Whittier HS
1936—San Diego HS at UCLA

The first year the CIF, SS supervised and directed the tournament was in 1937. The CIF, SS National Wrestling Tournament was in 1937.

1937—San Diego HS at Whittier HS
1938—Whittier HS at Inglewood HS
1939—San Diego HS at San Diego HS
1940—San Diego HS at Sherman Institute in Riverside
1941—San Diego HS at Whittier HS
1942—Whittier HS at Sherman Institute in Riverside
1943—Whittier HS at El Monte HS
1944—El Centro HS at El Centro HS
1945—San Diego HS at San Diego HS
1946—San Diego HS at El Centro HS
1947—San Diego HS & El Centro HS at Whittier HS
1948—El Centro HS at Hoover HS (SD)
1949—El Centro HS at Calexico HS
1950—San Diego HS at Imperial Valley HS
1951—San Diego HS at San Diego HS
1952—San Diego HS at Whittier HS
1953—San Diego HS at Hoover HS (SD)
1954—San Diego HS at Imperial Valley HS
1955—Whittier HS at La Jolla HS
1956—Kearny HS at Hawthorne HS
1957—Kearny HS at California HS
1958—San Diego HS at Redondo HS
1959—Mira Costa HS at Mt. Miguel HS
1960—Pacific (SB) at Redondo HS
1961—California HS at Pacific HS (SB)
1962—South Torrance HS at Hawthorne HS

SPRING SPORTS ENTRY DEADLINE ELIMINATED

All member schools in the Southern Section will be pleased to learn that all entry fees for individual and team sports will be eliminated for all athletic activities of the CIF, SS for the balance of the current school year. This action was taken by the Executive Committee at its meeting held on January 2, when Treasurer Nelson reported that the 1962 CIF, SS football play-offs were successfully conducted and combined with good weather resulted in financial returns which exceeded our anticipated income from this activity.

There will be no entry fee charged for teams qualifying for the basketball and baseball play-offs. In addition to the team sports, those individuals qualifying in the following individual activities will not need to forward an entry fee to the CIF, SS office: swimming; championships; individual and team golf tournaments; Class A, B, and C tennis tournaments; gymnastics championship meet; wrestling championship meet; and track and field championship.

It has always been necessary to charge an entry fee for most of our post-season championships, because it has either not been possible to provide practical or actual terms of admission or the gate receipts have not been sufficient to defray the expenses entailed in conducting the events. The elimination of entry fees will not only be of value to each school's athletic budget but there will be a considerable saving in time and labor involved in processing checks for entry into the various championship activities.

The Executive Committee is pleased that the financial success of our football play-offs has made it possible to terminate this activity for the current and future years and it is hoped that additional economies can be effected.

CHAMPIONSHIP TRACK MEET AT CERRITOS COLLEGE

All track coaches are advised that short spikes only will be permitted on the broad jump and pole vault runways at the CIF, SS track and field championship meet to be held at Cerritos College on Friday, May 24, 1963. This restriction is necessary because the track at Cerritos College is surfaced with steel. Extremely long spikes would cause considerable damage to the runways.

MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SS BASKETBALL COACHES

Plans have just been finalized whereby the Southern California Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association will hold its annual meeting in conjunction with the CIF, SS basketball championship to be held in the Long Beach Sports Arena, on Saturday, March 9, 1963.

Dick Davis, basketball coach at Glendale HS and president of the Coaches Association announced that the meeting would get under way at 1:30 P.M. on Saturday, March 9, at the International Breakers Hotel, located on Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach, in close proximity to the Sports Arena. An excellent program is being arranged with a guest speaker to be announced at a later date. Registration will begin at 1:00 P.M., to be followed by a program featuring talks by outstanding coaches on the Pacific Coast. A short business meeting will be held from 3:00 to 3:45 P.M., at which time complimentary tickets to the basketball finals will be distributed to all paid-up members of the association. Dinner will be served at 4:00 P.M., which should allow adequate time for those present to enjoy their meal and still get to the arena in time for the opening game of the program.

The Coaches Association will present trophies to the coach of the team winning the CIF, SS championship in each of the three divisions. In addition, to the management of St. Mary's, a $100.00 check will be presented for providing a hospitality room where coaches and officials will be available for coaches, officials and administrators in attendance.

HAROLD WETZLER NAMED PRINCIPAL AL H. HS

Harold H. Wetzel, popular member of the Executive Committee, was named principal of Hawthorne High School at the recent meeting of the Association, according to action recently taken by the Board of Trustees of the Centenial Union High School District. Wetzel replaces A. S. Nelson, who was appointed an assistant superintendent.

A 17-year veteran of the Whittier HS faculty, Wet- zeler has been assistant principal at Hawthorne High since 1955. For many years he has served on the Council of the CIF, SS as a representative of the Bay League and in 1960 he was elected to membership on the Executive Committee. Wetzel would like to express his congratulations to Hal and know that he will be doing an outstanding job in his new capacity as principal.
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Meets of the CIF, SS Executive Commit- tee was called to order by Mr. Winston Nelson, secretary, at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Keith Gunn, at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 25, 1963, at the Southern Section office, Thursday, January 24, 1963, at the Southern Section office. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Winston Nelson, Secretary, at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 25, 1963, at the Southern Section office. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Winston Nelson, Secretary, at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 25, 1963, at the Southern Section office.

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14. CROSS COUNTRY COACHES MEET-

ING — It was voted to recommend and carry to the regular winter season's ineligible for interscholastic athletics as of the beginning of the season.

(c) Two students at California HS were ruled eligible as of the beginning of the second semester.

11. A member of the Long Beach Poly HS track team is quite proficient in the walking event, which is a part of our Olympic track and field program but is not a high school track event. A ruling was requested as to whether or not this student should be allowed to participate in the walking event at an outside meet sponsored by the AAU. Our rule prohibits a member of a high school track squad from competing in any type of outside track competition. The question arose, however, as to whether or not this rule applied only to outside competition in high school events.

Discussion disclosed that we did not want to deprive a high school boy from securing outside meet entry in an event not included in our high school track program, provided there was no objection from his high school coach. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Commissioner be empowered to grant permission to this boy to compete in the walking event in a track meet not conducted by one of our member schools, provided a letter requesting such permission be submitted. The above complete details was received in the CIF, SS office prior to the scheduled sectional meet.

12. ELIGIBILITY OF LABORATORY SCHOOL STUDENTS — At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, Anza HS requested a ruling as to the eligibility of boys who, although enrolled in a Laboratory School located near the school, were also taking some courses at Anza HS. Because of the complex nature of the problem, Mr. Robert Schilling and William Nelson were appointed to the committee to meet with Dr. Price of Anza HS for the purpose of reviewing the problem and preparing recommendations to govern the situation. The committee met and presented the following recommendations:

(a) If a boy is attending regular high school classes in addition to classes in the Laboratory School, he will be eligible in the school in which he is attending regular classes.

(b) Boys that are in full-time attendance in the Laboratory School will be eligible in the high school that the District designates as the school they will attend on leaving the Laboratory School.

After some discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried to approve the recommendations as submitted by the committee.

13. WATER POLO COACHES MEETING — It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the recommendations as submitted by the committee.

They saw a need to spell out legislation to prevent a recurrence of football plays-offs of this unfortunate situation. It was then moved, seconded and carried to direct the Commissioner to meet with representatives of the Southern California Football Coaches Association for the purpose of studying this problem and formulating policies which would meet the SS level to govern the use of football films for scouting purposes during the 1963 play-offs.

18. BASKETBALL PLAY-OFF REGULA-

TIONS — The 1963 basketball play-off and financial regulations were approved by the committee. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the same regulations as were in effect during the 1962 play-offs with the following exceptions:

(a) Each school participating in the basketball play-offs will be permitted to suit up not more than 13 players.

(b) Traveling squads shall be increased from a maximum of 12 to 14 persons.

(c) Admission prices shall be the same except for games at the Los Angeles Sports Arena, where high school students with identification will be admitted for $1.00 with the General Admission price set at $1.75.

The Commissioner was directed to send a copy of these regulations in advance of the play-offs to the principals of all schools having teams that might qualify for the 1963 play-offs.

19. FINANCIAL REPORT — Winston Nelson, treasurer, submitted a brief financial report, covering the first six months operation during the current school year. He indicated that although the fiscal returns were not complete, it appeared that the 1962 football play-offs would not result in a loss of $30,000 more than the estimated figure set in our budget. He recommended that an effort be made to return as much of this surplus as possible to the form of increased services or reduced expenditures.

After some discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried to approve the financial report as presented. The Commissioner was authorized to notify all newspapers in Southern California regarding this new policy, which will go into effect in September, 1963.

3. CROSS COUNTRY — The Montview League proposed a change in Article XXXI, Section 8 of the By-laws to provide that the distance to be run in all CIF, SS championship races will be reduced to 3 miles for such a regulation were as follows: (1) the extra distance will not have a pronounced strain on the athletes; (2) it will facilitate the possibility for valid comparable times; and (3) it would provide an easier transition for boys going on to compete in the longer cross country courses in college.

It was moved, seconded and carried to change Article XXXI, Section 8 of the By-laws to provide that the length of the course in all CIF, SS championship cross country races be established.
at exactly two miles. Coaches are reminded that in dual and league competition the length of the race is one and a half miles if it is mutually agreeable to those competing. In the CIF, SS prerequisites, however, the course will be measured two miles.

4. STATE TRACK MEET — Mr. Richard Spaulding informed the Council that his league (Presbyterian) plans to enter him to place a motion on the floor which would provide that participation in the California State Track and Field meet by Southern California athletes be discontinued as soon as possible. The motion was seconded and a brief discussion followed. The vote voice indicated the motion was defeated but a roll call vote was requested. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was defeated by a vote of 24-6.

5. WRESTLING FEES — The Commissioner reported that the rapid growth of wrestling in the Southern Section had resulted in many schools fielding junior varsity teams in addition to the regular varsity teams. A proposal was forwarded by the Southern Section. In the opinion of the Commissioner a fee of $10.00 per wrestler, whether a varsity or a junior varsity, should be paid by each school. It was also recommended that a fee of $3.00 per wrestler in the junior varsity groups. The motion was seconded and carried by a vote of 15-2. The fee was accepted.

6. BASEBALL GAMES — Gene Haas announced that the Football League had directed him to bring to the attention of the Executive Committee a proposal to eliminate baseball scrimmages and substitute two additional practice games, which would provide schools a method of determining the need for additional games regarding the fee to be paid officials who work both the J.V. and varsity matches in one season, because Article XXIII, Section 6 of the By-laws does not establish a maximum fee to be paid in this situation. It was moved, seconded and carried to add a sentence to Article XXIII the following item: The maximum fee that may be paid an official for a varsity and a junior varsity and J.V. match in one season shall be $18.00 for afternoon matches and $20.00 for evening matches.

7. CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES — Dr. Nelson Price, chairman of the committee appointed to prepare recommendations pertaining to the establishment of a nominating committee whose function it would be to prepare a slate of candidates for the offices of State Representative, Treasurer and Executive Committee, made his report and presented a slate of candidates that a committee was appointed to study and recommend any changes in the football play-off system, made his report. He stated that it was recommended that a committee be added to the Constitution to be known as Article VIII, which would read as follows:

**ARTICLE VIII NOVEMBER COMMITTEE**

Sec. 1. The Nominating Committee of the CIF, Southern Section, shall consist of one representative from each school in the Southern Section. The names of the members of the Nominating Committee shall be in the Constitution.

Sec. 2. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be resigned at the end of each year. The Nominating Committee shall meet at the November Council meeting. Members of the committee shall serve for a period of one year unless they resign or for any other reason are not eligible to continue as members of the Council excluding the Treasurer, State Representative and the other executive members of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Nominating Committee shall be to place in nomination the names of not less than two candidates for each vacancy occurring in the offices of Treasurer, State Representative and Executive Committee. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be made by the Secretary of the November Council. Names of nominees will also be accepted from the floor at this meeting. The names of all nominees shall be placed on a sample ballot for distribution with the minutes of the February Council meeting.

The question was called for and the motion to establish the proposed Article VIII as a part of the Constitution was unanimously passed.

8. ARTICLES V, VI AND VII — The Commissioner drew attention to Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution be amended to provide that the Treasurer shall be on the Executive Council for a three-year term, subject to election for one additional term. The amendment was seconded and carried by a vote of 15-2.

The third change in our Constitution recommended by Dr. Price’s committee was to amend Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution be amended to state that the President of the School shall not be a candidate for the Executive Council for a period of two years from the time of his resignation or removal from office. This amendment was seconded and carried by a vote of 15-2. It was moved, seconded and carried to make a change in Article V, Section 6 of the Constitution to read as follows:

**ARTICLE V STATE REPRESENTATIVES**

Sec. 1. A Representative to the State Council shall be elected each year at the regular meeting in May to serve for a term of one year. He shall be eligible for re-election for two additional terms in the same school administration.

Sec. 2. State Representatives shall be nominated from any member of the Southern Section. The name of such persons shall be members of the Executive Committee.

9. FOOTBALL PLAY-OFFS — Mr. Keith Lewis, chairman of the committee appointed to study and recommend any changes in the football play-off system, made his report. He stated that it was recommended that a committee be added to the Constitution to be known as Article VIII, which would read as follows:

**ARTICLE VIII NOVEMBER COMMITTEE**

Sec. 1. The Nominating Committee of the CIF, Southern Section, shall consist of one representative from each school in the Southern Section. The names of the members of the Nominating Committee shall be in the Constitution, Article VII, Section 1. The Council President and the Commissioner of Athletics shall be ex-officio members of the Nominating Committee.

Sec. 2. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be resigned at the end of each year. The Nominating Committee shall meet at the November Council meeting. Members of the committee shall serve for a period of one year unless they resign or for any other reason are not eligible to continue as members of the Council excluding the Treasurer, State Representative and the other executive members of the Executive Committee.

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The question was called for and the motion to establish the proposed Article VIII as a part of the Constitution was unanimously passed.

10. NOMINATING COMMITTEE — In accordance with action taken by the Council to provide for an additional vote from 20 to 30, to make it the same as the number permitted in basketball. He then made this in the form of a by-law to be seconded. After some discussion it was moved and seconded to table this motion and refer it back to the legal counsel for further study prior to placing it on the agenda of the May meeting. The motion to table was unanimously passed. The Commissioner then suggested that because tennis teams usually arrange identical schedules as the baseball team with teams playing each other teams, that consideration be given to keeping the maximum number of tennis teams in the contest permitted in both sports the same.

**ARTICLE VII STATE REPRESENTATIVES**

Sec. 1. A Representative to the State Council shall be elected each year at the regular meeting in May to serve for a term of one year. He shall be eligible for re-election for two additional terms in the same school administration.

Sec. 2. State Representatives shall be nominated from any member of the Southern Section. The name of such persons shall be members of the Executive Committee.

11. REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT — Arthur Schilling, gave a brief background of the problem which prompted the formation of a committee. He pointed out that the purpose of athletics has always been to develop character and that the problems were no more common than there have been in the past. The population explosion, however, which has caused the Commissioner to consider that a new and constant change in both administrative and coaching personnel, has caused a lack of knowledge of the rules and a breakdown in communication from the Council and the SS office to those actively engaged in the athletic program. League representatives must take a more active part in providing information to personnel in their respective leagues. To facilitate such a program the committee was continuing for consideration the following proposal:

(a) The rapid growth of the CIF, Southern Section, has made the problem of communication extremely difficult. We now have 40 leagues totaling 25 leagues only eight years ago. Many of our league administrators and coaches have only recently arrived in California from the East. We have little background relative to our organization. Many of them feel far removed from the CIF, Southern Section, and do not understand all of our rules and regulations. There is also some misunderstanding of the rule of the CIF, Southern Section, in regulating athletic competition.

(b) There is a need to put more responsibility on principals and league representatives. To carry out this greater responsibility demands a more defined program of training in the administration of the athletic program.

(c) To provide this training the committee makes the following recommendations:

(1) Prior to the end of this school year, the Commissioner will contact representatives of at least two geographical areas of our section. League representatives will be required to attend one of these meetings. The Commissioner will conduct a workshop session to include the principle, the history, background and the rules and regulations of the CIF, SS.

(2) Each league representative will call a meeting of his league to elect representatives to attend the meetings held at the end of the school year. League representatives will send the dates of these meetings to the CIF, SS for their information. The committee will set for Friday, February 8, at time to convene and nominate the number of candidates for distribution to members of the Council at the earliest possible moment.
12. PROPOSED CHANGE IN STATE REGULATIONS: The San Francisco section of the CIF has proposed to the State Council that their By-laws be changed pertaining to the enforcement of the penalty imposed on a boy and his school when it is discovered that he has participated illegally on an outside team during the season of a sport. The suggested change provides that no penalty will be enforced unless the infraction is reported at least ten consecutive school days from the date of violation. The matter was discussed and it was moved, seconded and carried to instruct our delegates to the State CIF Council to vote against this proposed change in the State By-laws.

13. BOY PLAYING TWO BASKETBALL GAMES IN ONE DAY — The Commissioner informed the Council that the policy of many coaches to permit a boy to participate in two basketball games in one day was becoming an increasing problem. Many schools are permitting boys to play during the major portion of a J.V. contest and then participate in the varsity game which scheduled double-header. If this policy is not restricted, it will not be long until some boys will be playing the major portion of two consecutive games, which can impair the health and physical well-being of many youngsters. After a brief discussion it was moved, seconded and carried to table this matter until the May Council meeting and direct the Commissioner to send information to all representatives so that the issue could be discussed in league meetings.

14. BOWLING VIOLATIONS — Charles Brugh, Imperial League representative, reported that three boys in his school had committed minor violations of our amateur rule by participating in adult bowling leagues. Mr. Brugh presented detailed information pertaining to each alleged violation and requested a ruling by the Council. Mr. Fagan informed the Council that he felt this was becoming an ever-increasing problem and that it might facilitate matters if he could be given the authority to rule in these matters in line with policies established by the Council in similar violations in the past. It was moved, seconded and carried to empower the Commissioner to rule on matters pertaining to the participation of high school boys in adult bowling leagues when CIF, SS rules are violated. He will be governed by policies established by the Council in previous cases.

15. CALExico ELIGIBILITY CASE — Mr. William Sanchez, Principal of CalExco HS, presented a complete case history involving the eligibility of Ramon Sanchez to participate in interscholastic athletics at his school. The appeal hinged upon the fact that the boy had been certified last June by the Executive Committee as eligible for athletics during the entire 1962-63 school year. A review of the evidence in the case at the last meeting of the Executive Committee on January 25, however, showed that an error had been made in the original ruling and the boy was thereby declared ineligible at CalExco HS effective with the opening day of the current semester. Mr. Slade and Mr. Varner, Supervising Director of the CalExco School District, both commented on the serious problem this reversal of the decision had presented in their border town. They appealed to the Council for a reversal of the ruling which would permit the boy to enjoy eligibility for the remainder of the current school year.

Mr. Fagan gave a brief explanation concerning the case and indicated that the Executive Committee had the power to interpret the rules but could not waive them. This was the sole prerogative of the Council. A discussion ensued and it was then moved and seconded that because the Executive Committee had erred in its original ruling and because of the complications in this situation, Ramon Sanchez be declared eligible for interscholastic athletics at CalExco HS for the balance of the current school year. The motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, President Bixing thanked Mr. Murphy and Hoover HS for their kindness in hosting this meeting of the Council and declared the meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Kenneth Fagan
Commissioner of Athletics

USED FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE AT LOW COST

We have just been advised that Caltech has on hand a supply of used football equipment which is very serviceable and can be purchased at a very low cost. If any of our member schools are interested in obtaining any of this surplus equipment, they are advised to get in touch with Mr. Hal Maslennan, Director of Athletics at Cal Tech, at the earliest possible time. Some of the items available include the following: 28 fiber football pads at $84.00 for the lot; 51 fiber football shoulder pads at $9.00 each; 6 football rib protectors at $2.00 each; 44 nylon football jerseys, scarlet half sleeve with white stripe, $230.00 for the lot; 90 pr. white cotton football pants at $2.00 per pair; and 46 pr. football shoes in assorted sizes for $4.00 per pair.

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CHAMPIONSHIP COMPTON HS BASKETBALL TEAM

Front row, left to right: Harry Ives, manager; Joe Davis, Mike Jacobs, Roman Pruitt, Harvey Dillon and Phil West. Back row: Brad Green and Bill Barnes, assistant coaches; Oliver Taylor, Charles Williams, Harold Tyler, Dave Polydor, Ed McFall, Johnny Thompson, Eric Sandi, Kenneth Fagan, CIF SS Commissioner, and head basketball coach Bill Armstrong.

COMPTON HS WINS ITS FIFTH CIF, "AAA" BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Although finishing second to Dominguez HS in the torrid Coast League race, the Compton Tarbabs came on strong in the play-offs to overwhelm Ramona HS of Riverside 72-58 and capture their fifth CIF, SS crown in a game played on March 9, in the beautiful Long Beach Arena before 8,091 screaming fans.

Compton, playing superb defense and shooting well, took a 12 to 9 lead at the end of the first quarter and were never headed. "Jumpy" Joe Davis, versatile 6-5, 175-pound center was the key figure in Compton's smashing triumph as he took high-point honors with 24 points and completely subdued Larry Bunce, Ramona's 6-11 center. Harvey Dillon and Mike Jacobs were also outstanding for the Tarbabs.

Steve Barber, dynamic 6-0 junior guard, scored more than half of Ramona's points in a losing cause. With Bunce having a cold night, it was evident to all in attendance that the Rams, champions of the strong citrus Belt League, were destined to go down in defeat. They battled all the way, however, but it just wasn't their night as the poised Tarbabs dominated play throughout the evening.

The victory for Coach Bill Armstrong and his Compton cagers marked the fifth time in the past 13 years that the CIF, SS basketball championship has gone to Compton HS. No other school can even approach that record and it places them third in the total number of championships won. Long Beach Poly leads the pack with 7 titles, closely followed by Whittier with 6 and Compton with 5.