TO THE VICTOR — Head Coach Frank Serra of Redlands HS has both hands on handsome CIF, SS trophy, Aust, Coach Paul Womack (left) and Capt, Bob Campbell (60) hold other awards. Line Coach Bob Eyer is right behind last year's trophy, Principal Robert Campbell is next and Commissioner Ken Fagans is at right.

CIF, SS "AAAA" FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYED IN LA. COLISEUM

In defeating the El Rancho Dons by a score of 14-6, on Friday, December 15, before a Coli- seum crowd of 8,001, and a television audience estimated to be about a million, the Terriers of Redlands HS captured their first CIF SS football championship in the long history of inter- scholastic athletics in Southern California. In winning, Redlands also took possession of the CIF, SS and Herald-Express trophies, emblematic of the highest honors in prep football.

The game brought together two teams which at the beginning of the play-offs were given little chance of reaching the finals. Unbeaten teams like Mira and LB, Wilson and once-defeated L.B. Poly were established as prime favorites by the experts to go all the way. The Dons and Ter- riers must not have been reading the papers, however, as they calmly went about the business of perpetrating "upset" after "upset" to earn the right to meet in the championship contest for preps highest honors.

El Rancho HS of Pico-Rivera, the CIF, SS Class "AAA" champion last year, had blanked seven of their 12 foes this season—and had Coach Frank Serra's Citrus Belt League co-champs
UNDEFEATED BREA CAPTURES CIF, SS "A" FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

An overflow crowd was in attendance as Brea HS climaxed a season by swelling to capacity. For St. Bernard's, 20-6, to capture the CIF, SS "A" football championship in a thrilling game played on the winner's field on Friday, December 8, 1961. This marked the second time in the past four years that the team coached by Dick Tucker had attained this high honor.

The blocking by the Brea team was vicious throughout the contest and in the first play of the game a hard tackle caused a Viking back to fumble; the ball was recovered by the Wildcats on the seventh yard line. On the very first play from scrimmage, quarterback Steve Forskur carried the ball into the end zone and the Wildcats had a lead which they never relinquished throughout the exciting contest.

In the second quarter the Orange League champs again struck pay dirt as Forskur crossed the goal line, this time from the 10-yard stripe. His dazzling run was aided by key blocks thrown by end Dave Buck and fullback Steve Lembdet. This enabled Brea to hold a commanding 13-point lead at halftime.

It was quickly apparent that the St. Bernard's defense was organized for the purpose of stopping Brea's great fullback, Steve Lembdet. It didn't take long for Coach Tucker to adjust his defense to the ball carrying style which Forskur exemplified in the spirit of good sportsmanship.

Coach Frank Serrano, his assistants, the administration and quarter back Terry Taylor, a Mon- drak with a football, employing now-you-see-it, now-you-don't tactics. The Terriers came back in the second half to completely dominate play and assure a Wildcats victory. Taylor ran the ball to perfection and the pitch-out sys- tem to perfection, as El Rancho seldom got the ball and made only one first down in the last 73 yards.

The complete results of all games played in the "AAA" division follow:

FIRST ROUND
Muir 33, Arroyo 19
Arcadia 11, San Bernardino 7
El Rancho 24, Moorpark 6
L. B. Poly 35, Centennial 7
Santa Barbara 42, San Pedro 6
Lomita 18, Ingelwood 7
Redlands 20, Anaheim 20
Bellflower 21, El Segundo 20

QUARTER-FINALS
Muir 28, Arcadia 1
L. B. Poly 7, Santa Barbara 6
Santa Barbara 14, San Pedro 6
Redlands 35, Bellflower 12

Semi-Finals
El Rancho 27, Muir 7
Redlands 14, El Rancho 6

CHAMPIONSHIP
Redlands 14, El Rancho 6

The Terriers rolled up 12 first downs for four and 373 yards rushing to 65 for El Rancho. The Dons passed for 274 yards to 2 for the Territorial yardage favored Redlands, 239-139.

Although the live telecast undoubtedly hurt attendance, it would appear that there was much to be gained by having this fine football game beamed into thousand homes in Southern California. It certainly showed prep football at its finest in the long run will gain many fans for our program. Only time, of course, will tell all, but we will endeavor to secure your KTTV the reaction they received in this attempt to telescan our championship football game.

Although a crowd of 8,000 looks like nothing in the Coliseum, the setting couldn't help but awe a boy who had never before played in this magnificent arena. Each of the starring players in the teams was introduced separately and the thrill they received from running out onto the Coliseum turf was only experienced by them forever. When these young lads grew old, the memory of this night will be the brightest, purist thrill that most of their lifetimes will have pro- duced.

The game was played with a minimum of penal- alters and fine spirit prevailed throughout. In ac- cepting the second-place awards, Roger Wester, Principal of El Rancho HS, announced over the loud-speaker system, "it was a pleasure to come to today's game and we hope you enjoy your- selves.

Later in the dressing room, Ernie Johnson, the gentlemanly and talented coach of the Dons, in congratulating Coach Serrano on his team's vic- tory, commented, "Coach, if we had to lose, we wanted to lose to a real good team — and we did." Coach Serrano was proud of the Redlands HS were most gracious winners and we would like to extend to them sincere congratulations upon their great victory. We received one hundred percent coop- eration from all of those connected with the Red- lands football team as arrangements were made for each of the playoff games. The Coliseum game was a fitting opener to a great season and one that will be remembered for a long time by those who participated and witnessed this outstanding contest.

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In the 1961 CIF, SS Small School football playoff, the luck of the draw decreed that Full- ville HS and Bishop HS would meet in the cham- pionship game to be played in Bishop on Decem- ber 9. This meant that two schools located so far apart that the geographical and ac- tuate extremities of the Southern Section would be playing; Holyville is located in the Imperial Valley near the Mexican border, while Bishop is in the high country in the north in Inyo County. The distance between the two communities is well over 800 miles.

The two schools had never met before annually in any type of intercollegiate athletic competition. Be- cause of the great distance involved, the Holyville administrators, with a great deal of trepidation, decided to fly their squad and coaches to Bishop. Their fears proved needless, however, as the trip turned out to be more successful in every particular. We are happy to give a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Ogborn, principal of Bishop HS, from Mr. van Damm, principal of Holyville HS, which pretty well tells the whole story.

"On behalf of the Holyville Union High School, I wish to thank you and the people of your town for the most wonderful reception given us on Saturday. Between the cool weather and the warm hospitality exhibited at the airport and all during the day, we were left a little bit stunned. Words really cannot express our apprecia- tion for all the things which were done on our behalf last Saturday."

"The feeling that we received in honor of our players and parents was something to be long remem- bered. We will of course remember winning the championship game. But more important than the joy of your good will will outline any victory on the football field.

"I do not know the names of all of the people involved in this memorable occasion; therefore, I am asking that you spread the word to everyone who had any part in this fine show of hospitality."

This experience for players, students and sup- porters of Brea High will be one of those memories of our play-offs and strengthens the purpose of the CIF, Southern Section, by cultivating cordial and friendly relations among schools.
SANTA FE LEAGUE RUNNER-UP WINS CIF’S “AAA” FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Two outstanding football teams from the Santa Fe League met for the second time this season as the harvest of their “AAA” football championship at stake and when the rugged fray was over, the Lancers of Bishop Amat HS captured the Southern Section “AAA” football championship by defeating Culver City 14-12, in a hard-fought game played before a five thousand fans at Cerritos Field in Santa Monica, on Friday, December 8, 1961.

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Bishop Amat 14, Palmdale 7
Arroyo Grande 0, Camarillo 0

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EL SEGUNDO HS CAPTURES WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP

A posted and capable group of swimmers from El Segundo, won a huge overflow crowd of supporters, their CIF, Southern Section Water Polo championship by defeating a fighting Downey team 12-9, in an exciting game played in the beautiful Long Beach Wilson Na- tatorium in 1961.

El Segundo’s powerful offense, led by Ken Benefield and Roy Saari, jumped to a decisive 4-1 lead in the first quarter With excellent team play and passing, the Eagles maintained control of the game, using their superiority advantage to 11:1 in the third period. Benefield, a junior, led the Eagle scoring with 6 goals with Saari, Wagner and Wright accounting for the balance of the El Segundo scoring.

Downey put on an offensive spurt late in the final quarter against the Eagle reserves, but it was too little too late. Dean Willfleid was easily the outstanding player for the Vikings, as he scored six goals to tie for high point honors for the evening. Downey’s usually high-scoring offense was subdued by great defensive work on the part of goalie Bill Richardson and Dan Wright, the Eagles’ runner guard who was all over the pool intercepting passes which were many times converted into scores.

The Downey players in the plays-offs the polo- lists from Whittier and La Habra clashed in a thriller just preceding the championship contest. In this game, La Habra came back from a 3-1 deficit to narrowly eke out a 4-3 victory over the Cougars. In contrast to the championship game this was a conservative defensive struggle from start to finish.

The first quarter saw Whittier jump into a 2-1 lead and the Cougars increased this margin to 3-1. This ended Whittier’s scoring for the evening, however, as they tied the game in the third quarter and scored the winning goal late in the final stanza. For the005

Preliminaries were held on November 28 at El Segundo, Millikan, Long Beach Wilson and La Habra pools under the management of Whitty Saari, Frank Shick and Ed Hasson, respectively. The quarter-finals were staged at El Segundo and Lakewood with Whitty Saari and Willford acting as directors.

Both the semi-finals and championships were held at Long Beach Wilson and we would like to express our special appreciation to Pete Archer, Rollie Davis, Al Chinn and other personnel who contributed to the success of the 1961 plays-offs. Many hardy volunteers decorated and every effort was made to conduct this championship activity in the best possible manner.

The results of all games played are as follows: of the final teams were placed at El Segundo and Lakewood with Whitty Saari and Willford acting as directors.

El Segundo
1. 17, Upland 3
2. Milikan 9, Anaheim 2
3. Santa Fe & Mira Costa 6
4. La Habra 5, Sierra 3
5. Whittier 9, Fullerton 6
6. Fullerton 7, Lakewood 6
7. Ontario 8, Ingold 2
8. Downey 12, Mira Costa 4

QUARTER-FINALS:
1. El Segundo 14, Milikan 6
2. La Habra 14, Whittier 8
3. Fullerton 9, Ontario 4
4. Downey 11, Mira Costa 4

SEMI-FINALS:
1. El Segundo 14, La Habra 3
2. Downey 6, Whittier 1

CHAMPIONSHIP:
La Habra 4, Whittier 3 (Conolson)
El Segundo 12, Downey 4 (Champion)

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP RACES HELD ON MT. SAC COURSE

Excellent team performances and top times highlighted the 1961, CIF, Southern Section Cross Country Meet held on the rugged Mt. SAC Course on Friday, December 1, as champions were determined in three divisions.

Downey HS, with their first four boys running under the three minute time of 9:05, ran away with the Large School team title with a record score of 51 points. Mira Costa and Colton each scored 81 points to tie for runner-up honors. Jim Presso of Santa Fe HS won this race and posted the fastest time of the day with an 8:34.3 clocking. Bob Delaney of Orange pushed Presso all the way and finished second with a very fine time of 8:38. This year for the first time a new division was added to the cross country program and for want of a better name it was called the Medium School division. Twenty-six teams entered the preliminaries and ten were qualified for the championship race. La Habra HS, in its second-place finish, set a new far distance runner. Bruce Bess, had no difficulty in capturing the team title, as they amassed 81 points to easily out- distance second-place Ontario who tallied 103. Bess was never pushed and finished with an 8:37.9 to make the third straight year he has become the individual champion. Peres of Norwalk and Compton’s sophomore Devone Smith ran 2:3 with both boys clocking 8:45.

The toughest battle of the day for honors took place in the Small School race as Buena Park edged Charter Oak and Both schools had about as good a grouping as can be achieved. The first five runners from Buena Park ran 10:30, 11:14, 11:16, 11:18, 11:01, 9:37, on 9:12, 9:12, 9:13, 9:17, 9:31, and 9:53. Truly a remarkable performance on the part of both teams. Lowell’s Dennis Carr put on a furious final quarter mile to finish fourth. fifth place went to San Marino and Tony Bareford of Torrance. Carr’s time was 8:42.6.

To determine qualifiers for the finals, three
RESULTS OF CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

LARGE SCHOOL DIVISION:
1. Doverly 31
2. Mira Costa 28
3. La Habra 27
4. Norwalk 26
5. Redondo 24
6. West Covina 23
7. Fullerton 22
8. La Verne 20
9. Whittier 18
10. Montclair 16

SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION:
1. Buena Park 45
2. Charter Oak 43
3. La Habra 31
4. Aviation 27
5. La Mirada 23
6. Norwalk 20
7. Whittier 18
8. Fullerton 17
9. Buena Park 16
10. Charter Oak 16

MEDIUM SCHOOL DIVISION:
1. La Habra 81
2. Ontario 80
3. Norwalk 76
4. Redondo 74
5. Whittier 72
6. Fullerton 68
7. Los Alamitos 68
8. Los Alamitos 68
9. Whittier 68
10. La Puente 66

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CHANGE IN WATER POLO PLAY-OFF DATES
The Water Polo coaches of the CIF, Southern Section, have decided on December 11, 1961, discussed the dates proposed for the 1962 play-offs. It was the opinion of the majority of those in attendance that although the 1961 play-offs were most successful, they should be completed at an earlier date in 1962.

It was recommended that in 1962 the CIF, Southern Section water polo play-offs be completed prior to December 1. With this in mind, the group established the following dates for the 1962 play-offs: Prelims on November 28; quarterfinals on November 29; semi-finals on November 30; and finals on November 30, 1962. These dates were officially approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting held on January 12.

BASKETBALL PLAY-OFFS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Pre-season tournaments now history and most of the leagues have completed the first round of play, many fine prep quintets are now eagerly looking forward to the 1962 CIF, Southern Section play-offs. First-round contests in the "A" group are scheduled to get under way on February 21, with the championship game slated for Monday, March 9, 1962. The "AA" and "AAA" divisions will both begin tournament play on February 27 and the championship game in both divisions will take place on Saturday, March 10.

For the past six years it has been the policy of the CIF, Southern Section, to bring the four semifinalists in "A" division together on a Friday night, with the winners and losers then meeting in a deciding game the following evening on the same floor. This year for the first time this policy will have to be abandoned, because it has been impossible to secure a gymnasium with enough seating capacity to hold the spectators that it is expected will want to see these important play-off games.

Last year the semi-finals were held at the Los Alamitos College Gymnasium, which seats 5,500 and at 7:00 P.M. the gym was filled to capacity with over 2,000 persons milling around outside unable to gain admission. With the LA Sports Arena booked solid during the dates of our play-offs, it has been decided to hold the 1962 semi-finals in separate gymnasia and then bring the winners and losers together the following Tuesday, March 12.

In the first round of the play-offs the last four games available in the metropolitan Los Angeles area. It is hoped to have detailed plans finalized prior to the beginning of the play-offs.

In 1963 we anticipate no problems in this regard, as arrangements have been made to conduct the basketball play-offs in the new Sports Arena which is scheduled for completion in Long Beach. When it is completed sometime this summer, this fine new arena will seat approximately 13,000 for basketball games and it is hoped that we can continue our tournament play there for many years to come.

Detailed play-off regulations will be mailed at an early date to all principals and coaches of schools in contention for qualifying berths for this year's play-offs.

SMALL SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TO HOLTVILLE HS

Playing in near-peat weather with a record-breaking crowd in attendance, the Holtville Vikings exploded in the fourth quarter to defeat the Bishop Bears on Friday, November 19, 1960, on John Schaub Field in Bishop.

The only score in the first half came when full back Mandrell rolled to his right and deftly faked a pass to left-end Angulo in the end zone. Marin's attempted conversion was wide, so the score remained 6-0 in favor of Holtville as the teams went to the dressing rooms for the half.

The third quarter was scoreless, and as the final quarter opened Dye carried three yards to the seven-yard line and a pass interference call gave Bishop the ball on the Vikings' three-yard line. Dye then powered over for the score and when Duncan kicked the PAT, Bishop led 7-0. This set the stage for Holtville's heroics. When Bishop was forced to punt from the Holtville 48, Marin took the kick on his own ten-yard line and raced 38 yards along the north sideline to the Bishop 32, with Shelley barely making the tackle on the flying Marin. Lay then cut loose on the next play and went thirty-two yards to pay dirt for the winning score. Although the Broncos continued to battle right down to the wire, the die was cast and the championship went to the Holtville eleven.

The setback ended Bishop's game bid for their second CIF, Southern Section crown in the last five years. The Broncos lost the title in 1957. It was a fine season just like Bishop's this year, however, as they finished with a 9-3 record and the Desert-Indy League championship. In the first round of the playoffs the last four games available in the metropolitan Los Angeles area. It is hoped to have detailed plans finalized prior to the beginning of the playoffs.