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**TO THE VICTOR** — Head Coach Frank Serrao of Redlands HS has both hands on handsome CIF, SS trophy. Asst. Coach Paul Womack (left) and Co-Capt. Bob Campbell (86) hold other awards. Line Coach Bob Earp is directly behind large trophy, Principal Robert Campbell is next and Commissioner Ken Fagans is at right.

## CIF, SS "AAAA" FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYED IN L.A. COLISEUM

In defeating the El Rancho Dons by a score of 14-6, on Friday, December 15, before a Coliseum 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 interscholastic 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 Muir and L.B. Wilson and once-defeated L.B. Poly were established as prime favorites by the experts to go all the way. The Dons and Terriers 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 prepdoms highest honor.

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 Serrao's Citrus Belt League co-champs



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goose-egged at the intermission, 6-0. After halting a Redlands drive by recovering a Redlands fumble, the Dons scored in the second period when quarterback Ynez Garcia flipped a screen pass to halfback Biagio Zaby, who made a hazardous 54-yd. touchdown trip down the left sideline. When the attempted conversion hit the upright and bounced back on the field, the Dons retired to the dressing room with a six-point margin.

With deft quarterback Steve Taylor, a Mandrake with a football, employing now-you-see-it, now-you-don't tactics, the Terriers came back strong in the second half to completely dominate play and assure a Redlands victory. Taylor ran the club's belly series, keeper and pitch-out system to perfection, as El Rancho seldom got the ball and made only one first down in the last two periods.

Redland's first score was engineered by quarterback Taylor, as he directed the go-go-go offense for 57 yards in eight plays and personally carried the ball over on a sneak from the one-yard line. When the Terriers got the ball again in the third period, they put on a tremendous display of ball control, killing more than 7 minutes on the clock with 16 plays that moved them to the El Rancho three. The Dons held there, but a third-down El Rancho pass was intercepted by end Barry Ford on the five. Two plays later, fullback Lou Ramirez leaped across the goal from the three and Kurt Zimmerman kicked his second conversion.

Redlands had an edge in statistics, as the Terriers rolled up 12 first downs to four and 237 yards rushing to 65 for El Rancho. The Dons passed for 74 yards to a mere 2 for the Terriers. Total yardage favored Redlands, 239-139.

Although the live telecast undoubtedly hurt attendance to some degree, it would appear that there was much to be gained by having this fine football game beamed into thousands of homes in

Southern California. It certainly showed prep football at its finest and in the long run will gain many fans for our program. Only time, of course, will tell and at a later date we will endeavor to secure from KTTV the reaction they received to this initial attempt to telecast our championship football game.

Although a crowd of 8,001 looks like nothing in the huge Los Angeles Coliseum, the setting couldn't help but awe a boy who had never before played in this historic bowl. Each of the starting players on both teams was introduced separately and the thrill they received from running out onto the Coliseum turf will undoubtedly stay with them forever. When these young lads grow old, the memory of this night will be the brightest, purest thrill that most of their lifetimes will have produced.

The game was played with a minimum of penalties and fine spirit prevailed throughout. In accepting the second-place awards, Roger Weeks, Principal of El Rancho HS, announced over the loud-speaker system, "It was a pleasure to come to the Coliseum and play such a fine team as Redlands." Later in the dressing room, Ernie Johnson, the gentlemanly and talented coach of the Dons, in congratulating Coach Serrao on his team's victory, commented, "Coach, if we had to lose, we wanted to lose to a real good team — and we did." Congratulations to El Rancho HS on their accomplishments during the past season. It would be hard to find a school that better exemplifies the spirit of good sportsmanship.

Coach Frank Serrao, his players, the administrators and students at Redlands HS were most gracious winners and we would like to extend to them our sincere congratulations upon their great victory. We received one hundred percent cooperation from all of those connected with the Redlands football team as arrangements were made for each of the play-off contests. The Coliseum game was a fitting climax to a great season and one that will be remembered for a long time by those who participated and witnessed this outstanding contest.

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

**FIRST ROUND:**

Muir 33, Arroyo 19  
Arcadia 13, San Bernardino 7  
El Rancho 16, North Torrance 0  
L. B. Poly 25, Centennial 7  
Santa Barbara 7, Glendale 6  
Loyola 18, Inglewood 7  
Redlands 20, Anaheim 20  
Bellflower 6, Wilson 0

**QUARTER-FINALS:**

Muir 28, Arcadia 7  
El Rancho 14, L B Poly 7  
Santa Barbara 7, Loyola 6  
Redlands 35, Bellflower 7

**SEMI-FINALS:**

El Rancho 27, Muir 7  
Redlands 35, Santa Barbara 0

**CHAMPIONSHIP:**

Redlands 14, El Rancho 6

**UNDEFEATED BREA CAPTURES CIF,  
SS "A" FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

An overflow crowd was in attendance as Brea HS climaxed an undefeated season by walloping 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 a Brea team coached by Dick Tucker had attained this high honor.

The blocking by the Brea team was vicious throughout the contest, and on the first play of the game a hard tackle caused a Viking back to fumble and the ball was recovered by the Wildcats on the seven yard line. On the very first play from scrimmage, quarterback Steve Forkus 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 Forkus crossed the goal line, this time from the 30-yard stripe. His dazzling run was aided by key blocks thrown by end Dave Buck and fullback Steve Ledbetter. 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 Ledbetter. It didn't take wily Coach Dick Tucker long to adjust his offense to provide that most of the ball carrying would be accomplished by Forkus and halfback Rick Warsaw, which left Ledbetter to act as a decoy. Although Ledbetter only carried the ball three times, he still picked up 48 yards.

Gil Estrada and Dennis Vlack played outstanding ball for the Vikings and were mainly responsible for the St. Bernard's touchdown in the third quarter. In the last quarter the Wildcats struck again when Forkus passed to end Buck in a play that covered 30 yards. This score iced the game for the host school.

Brea entered the play-offs boasting a string of nine straight victories and the Orange League championship. During those nine victories the Wildcat's goal line had only been crossed three times, with two of the touchdowns being scored against the reserves. In the opening round of the play-offs Brea overwhelmed Banning, 59-7, and then took the measure of Hemet, 14-6, in a semi-final contest played on a wet field under poor weather conditions.

St. Bernard's, a relatively new school to the CIF, finished second in the strong Camino Real League but gained a bid to the play-offs because of their impressive season record. In the first round of the play-offs they traveled to Oxnard to engage the always-strong Santa Clara eleven, where they upset the favorites by posting a 26-20 hard-earned victory. This qualified them for the semi-finals where they were pitted against the Camino Real champs, St. Monica's, in a rematch of their league game. This time the tables were turned and St. Bernard's scored another upset

win by easily besting the Mariners, 21-6, to qualify for the title game.

Complete results of all games played in the "A" division follow:

**FIRST ROUND:**

Brea 59, Banning 7  
Hemet 12, Indio 6  
St. Monica's 21, Villanova 0  
St. Bernard's 26, Santa Clara 20

**SEMI-FINALS:**

Brea 14, Hemet 6  
St. Bernard's 21, St. Monica's 6

**CHAMPIONSHIP:**

Brea 20, St. Bernard's 6

**PLAY-OFF FOOTBALL GAME  
PROVES MEMORABLE OCCASION**

In the 1961 CIF, SS Small School football play-offs, the luck of the draw decreed that Holtville HS and Bishop HS would meet in the championship game to be played in Bishop on December 9. This meant that two schools located at opposite extremities of the Southern Section would be playing. Holtville 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 400 miles.

The two schools had never previously met in any type of interscholastic athletic competition. Because of the great distance involved, the Holtville administrators, with a great deal of trepidation, decided to fly their squad and rooters to Bishop. Their fears proved needless, however, as the trip turned out to be most successful in every particular. We are happy to reproduce a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Ogborn, principal of Bishop HS, from Mr. van Dam, principal of Holtville HS, which pretty well tells the whole story.

"On behalf of the Holtville Union High School, I wish to sincerely 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 appreciation for all the things which were done on our behalf last Saturday.

"The fine dinner given in honor of our players and parents was something to be long remembered. We will of course remember winning the championship at Bishop, but I feel the memory of your good will will outlive 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 supporters of both teams points up some of the value 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, SS "AA" FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two outstanding football teams from the Santa Fe League met for the second time this season with the CIF, Southern Section "AA" football championship at stake and when the rugged fray was over, the Lancers of Bishop Amat HS captured the coveted championship by turning back St. Francis HS, 28-13. The game was played on Friday, December 8, before a capacity crowd in the Arroyo Stadium.

St. Francis had defeated Bishop Amat in league play 26-7, and brought an undefeated record into the championship contest. Coach Phil Cantwell's team had been showing steady improvement all year, however, and they were ready for the test. The usually potent St. Francis offense was unable to move the ball as it fumbled six times and lost the ball twice through interceptions.

The victorious Lancers opened the scoring in the initial period with a 12-yard run up the middle by Don Walker and this was followed in the second period by a 21-yard romp by Jim Thompson. The Knights kept the game close in the first period as Dick Kliem scored the first of two touchdowns, hauling in a pass from Ned Reilley. The play covered 26 yards.

Bishop Amat held a narrow one-point lead going into the final period when Paul Benne put his team seven points in the lead with an eleven-yard pass from quarterback Sam Johnson. They scored again as Joe Humm went into the end zone on a 43-yard sweep around right end to sew up the victory.

This game made the selection committee look good, as the Santa Fe League had been awarded two entries into the play-offs because of apparent over-all strength of the league. During the regular season Bishop Amat lost only to St. Francis and tied Edgewood. In the first round of the play-offs they defeated Palmdale 14-7, and overwhelmed Arroyo Grande 21-0. St. Francis whitewashed Fillmore 34-0 and then squeaked by St. Paul 14-13, to qualify for the finals.

The complete results of all games played in the CIF, SS "AA" football play-offs follow:

### FIRST ROUND:

St. Francis 34, Fillmore 0  
St. Paul 20, Brawley 6  
Bishop Amat 14, Palmdale 7  
Arroyo Grande 0, Camarillo 0  
(First downs 12-6)

### SEMI-FINALS:

St. Francis 19, St. Paul 13  
Bishop Amat 21, Arroyo Grande 0

### CHAMPIONSHIP:

Bishop Amat 28, St. Francis 13

## SANTA ANA VALLEY CAPTURES "AAA" FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Santa Ana Valley HS, in only their third year of varsity competition, captured the CIF, Southern Section "AAA" Football championship by edging out Culver City 14-12, in a hard-fought game played before five thousand fans at Corsair Field in Santa Monica, on Friday, December 8, 1961.

Ken Tucker was the big gun for the Falcons as he romped to two touchdowns in the first half of play. His first came on a 22-yard pass from Ike McGee in the first quarter and gave his team a lead they never relinquished. The second was the result of a 47-yard blast through the center of the Culver City line in the second quarter. The toe of Don Newman provided the two-point margin, which gave the Falcons the title.

After the second Falcon score, Culver City caught fire and Vic LaRose scooted for 48 yards and the Centaurs had closed the gap to 14-6. The half-time ended by the same score. As the second half started, Culver City marched all the way down to the Falcon's 1-yard line, where Jerry Klein plunged over and the score was 14-12.

During the balance of the second half, Culver City threatened on many occasions but were never able to push over the winning touchdown. The closest opportunity presented itself when Jack Reilly faded back and threw a perfect pass into the end zone only to have two Culver players crash into each other and jar the ball loose from the grasp of Skinner.

The game was well played throughout and there were a minimum of penalties. At the conclusion of the contest Commissioner Fagans presented the awards to the coaches and captains of both teams.

Santa Ana Valley wound up the season with 13 victories and not a single defeat. After winning the tough Freeway League, they took the measure of La Mirada 13-6 in the first round of the play-offs and then edged Montclair 12-6 to qualify for the finals. Culver City posted an overall 12 and 1 record in winning the Pioneer League title and defeating Temple City 19-14 and Sierra 20-0 in the preliminary rounds of the play-offs.

Complete scores in the Class "AAA" CIF, Southern Section playoffs follow:

### FIRST ROUND:

Santa Ana Valley 13, La Mirada 6  
Montclair 21, Ganesha 6  
Culver City 19, Temple City 14  
Sierra 20, West Covina 0

### SEMI-FINALS:

Santa Ana Valley 12, Montclair 6  
Culver City 6, Sierra 0

### CHAMPIONSHIP:

Santa Ana Valley 14, Culver City 12

## EL SEGUNDO HS CAPTURES WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP

A poised and capable group of mermen from El Segundo HS, inspired by a huge overflow crowd of supporters, retained 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 Natatorium on Friday, December 8, 1961.

El Segundo's powerful offense, led by Ken Benefield and Roy Saari, jumped to a decisive 4-0 lead in the first quarter. With excellent team play and passing, the Eagles maintained control of the game and increased their advantage to 11-3 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 Willeford 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 stymied by great defensive work on the part of goalie Bill Richardson and Don Wright, the Eagles' rangy guard who was all over the pool intercepting passes which were many times converted into scores.

To decide third place in the play-offs the poloists from Whittier and La Habra clashed in a thriller just preceding the championship contest. In this game, La Habra battled back from a 3-1 deficit to narrowly eke out a 4-3 victory over the Cardinals. 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 by half-time they had increased this margin to 3-1. This ended Whittier's scoring for the evening, however, as La Habra tied the game in the third quarter and scored the winning goal late in the final stanza. For the victors Fischer took high point honors with 3 goals while all of Whittier's scoring was accomplished by Cole. Roice, La Habra's goalie, turned in an outstanding performance in the second half as he blanked the high-scoring Cards.

Preliminaries were held on November 28 at El Segundo, Millikan, Mira Costa and L. B. Poly pools under the management of Whitey Saari, Frank Kanarek, Larry Bark and Ed Hasson, respectively. The quarter-finals were staged at El Segundo and Lakewood with Whitey Saari and Wellington Rogers serving as managers.

Both the semi-finals and championships were held at Long Beach Wilson and we would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Pete Archer, Rollie Davis, Al Chinn and other personnel who contributed to the success of the 1961 play-offs. The pool was beautifully 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:

### FIRST ROUND:

El Segundo 17, Upland 3  
Millikan 9, Anaheim 2  
Santa Fe 8, Mira Costa 6  
La Habra 5, Sierra 3  
Whittier 9, California 6  
Fullerton 7, Lakewood 6  
Oxnard 8, Inglewood 2  
Downey 17, Hoover 3

### QUARTER-FINALS:

El Segundo 14, Millikan 4  
La Habra 14, Santa Fe 6  
Whittier 9, Fullerton 8  
Downey 11, Oxnard 4

### SEMI-FINALS:

El Segundo 14, La Habra 5  
Downey 6, Whittier 3

### CHAMPIONSHIP:

La Habra 4, Whittier 3 (Consolation)  
El Segundo 12, Downey 9 (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 remarkable 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 Peeso 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 Peeso 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. Thirty teams entered the preliminaries and ten were qualified for the championship race. La Habra HS, led by their great distance runner Bruce Bess, had no difficulty in capturing the team title, as they amassed 81 points to easily outdistance second-place Oxnard 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. Roman Perez of Norwalk and Compton's sophomore Devone Smith ran 2-3 with both boys clocking 8:45.

The toughest battle of the day for team honors took place in the Small School race as Buena Park edged Charter Oak by a score of 43 to 53. Both schools had about as good a grouping as can be achieved. The first five runners from Buena Park ran 9:10, 9:14, 9:16, 9:19, and 9:21. Charter Oak boys ran 9:12, 9:15, 9:20, 9:21, and 9:23. Truly a remarkable performance on the part of both teams. Lowell's Dennis Carr put on a furious final quarter mile to run away from Bob Day of San Marino and Tony Bareford of Torrance. Carr's time was 8:42.4.

To determine qualifiers for the finals, three



sectionals were held on Wednesday, November 22, at Irvine Park, Centinela Park and Long Beach State College. These meets were managed by Coach Howard Brubaker of Santa Ana Valley; Hank Kettels of Aviation; and Jack Rose of Long Beach State College, respectively. On behalf of the competing schools and the SS office, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to these coaches for the outstanding job they performed in conducting their respective meets.

The Championship meet was under the capable management of "Doc" Marrin, cross country coach at Los Altos HS. Although the sky was overcast and rain fell before the meet was concluded, the course was in the best condition it had been all year and all of the races were com-

pleted without incident. The technique of having "no score" cards on the individual performers assisted greatly in scoring the meet. Our thanks to "Doc" and his able assistants for putting on a fine meet.

A meeting to which all cross country coaches are cordially invited to attend has been scheduled for 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 11, at the Helms Athletic Foundation. At this time it is planned to review the past cross country season and formulate plans for the 1962 season. With the rapid development of cross country in Southern California, it has become necessary to revise our program each year. It is hoped that a program can be developed which will best meet the needs of all of our member schools.

## RESULTS OF CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

### LARGE SCHOOL DIVISION:

1. Downey	51
2. Mira Costa	81
2. Colton	81
4. Santa Fe	90
5. Santa Ana Valley	112
6. Orange	121
7. Pasadena	159
8. Glendale Hoover	192
9. Morningside	241

1. Jim Peeso Santa Fe	8:34.3
2. Delaney Orange	8:38
3. Ward Redlands	8:42
4. Goodson Downey	8:44
5. Blanchard Glendale Hoover	8:49
6. Cregar Downey	8:51
7. Lindley Downey	8:56
8. Baker Mira Costa	9:02
9. Doyle Downey	9:04
10. Leon Colton	9:06
11. Felix Colton	9:07
12. Aguirre Santa Ana Valley	9:09
13. Channels Colton	9:09
14. Solario Mira Costa	9:10
15. Ornellas Orange	9:14
16. Ward Santa Fe	9:15
17. Lambert Mira Costa	9:15
18. Severin Pasadena	9:16
19. Eby Pasadena	9:17
20. Hern Mira Costa	9:17

### MEDIUM SCHOOL DIVISION:

1. La Habra	81
2. Oxnard	103
3. Norwalk	116
4. Redondo	118
5. Whittier	121
6. Fullerton	122
7. Leuzinger	125
8. Los Altos	168
8. La Puente	168
10. Culver City	226

1. Bruce Bess La Habra	8:37.9
2. Perez Norwalk	8:45
3. Smith Compton	8:45
4. Pena Whittier	8:47
5. Perez Norwalk	9:02
6. Cochran Leuzinger	9:03
7. M. Maldonado La Puente	9:04
8. Walsh Culver City	9:05
9. Dickinson La Habra	9:06
10. Levo La Habra	9:09
11. Willis Corona	9:10
12. Carson Eisenhower	9:10
13. Rizer Leuzinger	9:12
14. Griffie Redondo	9:13
15. Martinez Oxnard	9:15
16. Wynne Fullerton	9:16
17. Lopez Los Altos	9:1
18. Partrous Oxnard	9:17
19. Esqueda Fullerton	9:20
20. Newberry Norwalk	9:22

### SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION:

1. Buena Park	43
2. Charter Oak	53
3. Aviation	91
4. Coachella	136
5. Claremont	146
5. San Marino	146
7. La Serna	154
8. Harvard School	176
9. Fillmore	187

  

1. Dennis Carr Lowell	8:42.4
2. B. Day San Marino	8:48
3. Bareford Torrance	8:54
4. Pete Day Capistrano	8:56
5. Ohly Coachella	9:00
6. Schafer Buena Park	9:10
7. Riesgo Fillmore	9:10
8. Gilson Charter Oak	9:12
9. Maltby Aviation	9:14
10. Flores Buena Park	9:14
11. Terrill Charter Oak	9:15
12. Mayaboita Buena Park	9:16
13. Partida Chino	9:18
14. McDonald Buena Park	9:19
15. Yungling Charter Oak	9:20
16. Henderson Claremont	9:21
17. McKnight Charter Oak	9:21
18. Martinez Buena Park	9:21
19. Brainard La Salle	9:22
20. Ebersole Charter Oak	9:23