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Anaheim Beats Santa Ana in History-making Rematch for "AAAA" Grid Title; "Super Soph" Fraser, Fitzpatrick, Pace Colonists to first Clear-Cut Crown



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THE CHAMPIONS—Members of the Anaheim football team, 1967 CIF, SS, "AAAA" Champions, pose with the trophy emblematic of their 27-6 final-game conquest over Santa Ana. Team members clearly visible include All-CIF "Player of the Year" Tom Fitzpatrick (34), "Super Soph" quarterback George Fraser (16), who is the first sophomore ever to gain the all-CIF first team and guard Larry Golden.

Inter-League Rivalry Draws 26,383 Fans for First-Ever Championship Tilt at Big-A

Following this year's grid campaign, Santa Ana coach Tom Baldwin must have felt a lot like General Robert E. Lee — he won the battle but lost the war.

And winning coach Clare Van Hoorebeke can thank a 16-year-old "general" for his triumph.

Anaheim, which lost to Santa Ana, 24-0, in their Sunset League meeting

during the regular season, came back as a second-place representative in the CIF, SS, play-offs to run roughshod over three opponents before handing Santa Ana a 27-6 thumping in a history-making rematch at Anaheim Stadium, before 26,383 chilled fans.

The game, which was the first championship match ever held at Anaheim Stadium and the first in Orange County since 1918, marked the only time in CIF, SS, history that two teams from the same league have played for the "AAAA" crown.

The spark which ignited Anaheim's

comeback was sophomore quarterback George Fraser, who took the starting role following the regular-season Santa Ana defeat and led his team to nine straight victories, garnering all CIF first team honors from the Helms Athletic Foundation in the process.

But Fraser couldn't have done the job alone. He was aided in his winning cause by one of the finest interior lines in Anaheim history, a bone-crushing fullback named Tom Fitzpatrick and a host of fleet-footed ball-carriers and receivers.

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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

In Amateur Athletics, It Doesn't Pay to Advertise

By J. Kenneth Fagans

Many cases have been brought to the Commissioner's attention recently involving high school athletes who have allowed their picture or name to be used in connection with an advertisement in their local newspaper.

By violating a little-known and oft-misunderstood rule, these boys have not only jeopardized their CIF, SS, eligibility, they have endangered their amateur standing.

In Article XVI, Paragraph I, of the CIF, SS, Blue Book, the penalties for allowing one's picture to appear in connection with the sale or promotion of goods or services are defined.

"Capitalization of athletic fame by granting or sanctioning the use of one's name or photograph to advertise, recommend or promote the sale of goods or apparatus to any person, firm, manufacturer or agent" is considered in violation of the spirit of amateurism and would cause a boy to be ineligible for interscholastic athletics during the remainder of the season in question and for one full year thereafter; and further until re-instated as an amateur.

This rule was taken directly from the code of the Amateur Athletic Union, and it means that any boy who allows his picture to be used in conjunction with any type of advertising could lose his amateur standing as it applies to high school, college or AAU competition.

As an example, if a boy's picture is

INTER-LEAGUE RIVALRY

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So great was the Anaheim line that two Colonist guards, Wayne Bugbee and Larry Golden, filled the two first team all-CIF berths. Fitzpatrick's prowess as an up-the-middle ball carrier and outstanding blocker gained him all-CIF Player of the Year honors, and the backfield tandem of Walt Smith and Eric Janes garnered several all-Orange County berths.

Anaheim's road to the finals wasn't an easy one as the Sunset League runner-up drew three undefeated teams in its four play-off contests.

In the second round, after they had knocked off Moore League champion Wilson, 35-13, the Colonists devastated defending "AAAA" champion El Rancho, 28-14, snapping the Dons' win string, and then crushed previously-unbeaten Santa Barbara, 42-7, when the Dons were only 23 points away from an all-time CIF, SS, single-season scoring record.

In the final game, Anaheim's containment of the explosive Santa Ana backfield proved the deciding factor as all-CIF star Issac Curtis and all-Orange County MVP Marv Whitaker were unable to break away for the long gainers which had led Santa Ana to victory all season.

Curtis managed to gain 115 yards in 22 carries on the night for a 5.0 yard-per-carry average, but Whitaker was held to a scant 11 yards in two carries.

A great factor in Santa Ana's inability to break away was the absence of all-CIF blocking back Jack Meier, who had led the Saint sweeps all year. Meier was injured in Santa Ana's semi-final victory over Servite and Baldwin stated that his loss was a major factor in Santa Ana's helplessness in the final game.

After the two teams had traded unsuccessful drives during the first quarter, Fraser got the Colonists moving. Piloting an 11-play, 82-yard drive, Fraser handed to Fitzpatrick with 7:33

taken with him dressed in a suit or street clothes and the caption reads, "John Doe, student body president," there would be no violation since the boy is not capitalizing on his athletic prowess.

If, however, the picture is taken with the boy in an athletic uniform or if the caption reads, "John Doe, star tackle," this would be in direct violation of the rule.

School administrators, athletic directors and coaches are advised to make themselves familiar with Article XVI, Paragraph I, of the CIF, SS, Blue Book to avoid further violations of the amateur rule.

remaining in the second period, and the 6-0, 198-pound senior bulled his way to paydirt from two yards out to give the Colonists a 6-0 lead. Marc Kemp's first of three conversions stretched the lead to 7-0.

Fitzpatrick repeated his feat with 2:26 left in the half, capping a 66-yard, nine-play drive to send the teams to the dressing room with Anaheim in front, 14-0.

Following the intermission, Anaheim looked to Janes, and the fleet 5-11, 155-pound senior scampered 34 yards to paydirt with 7:26 remaining in the third period to stretch the margin to 21-0.

It was only after Anaheim had gone to its bench to give the reserves a chance to play that Santa Ana dented the scoreboard. With 9:13 remaining in the final period, Saint quarterback Rick Deckert swept right end and jaunted 32 yards to the end zone. The point-after attempt was blocked by Pat Mahoney and Santa Ana had its only score of the evening.

Following the Saint touchdown, Fraser led his team on a final march. Not wanting to give his opponents a chance at the football, Fraser drove the Colonists to within five yards of the Saint goalline with less than 10 seconds left in the game, and called time out.

On the first play after the clock had been started, Fraser found tackle Rod Schorr in the end zone and lofted a five-yard strike to him on a razzle-dazzle play to finalize the scoring and give Anaheim its first clear-cut "AAAA" championship, 27-6.

For Van Hoorebeke, it climaxed a highly-successful but frustrating play-off career which had found the "Dutch Master" winning 13 of 18 Sunset League championships and advancing to the CIF, SS, finals four times.

"AAAA" Play-off Results (First Round)

Santa Ana 7, Bishop Amat 6
S.B. Pacific 7, West Covina 7 (Pacific advances on first down, 9-4)
Servite 7, Millikan 0
Redlands 20, Burroughs (Bank) 0
El Rancho 13, Centennial 7
Anaheim 35, L.B. Wilson 13
Santa Barbara 48, No. Torrance 7
St. Paul 20, Notre Dame (S.O.) 7

(Quarter-finals)

Santa Ana 29, S.B. Pacific 7
Servite 34, Redlands 6
Anaheim 28, El Rancho 14
Santa Barbara 19, St. Paul 14

(Semi-finals)

Santa Ana 28, Servite 21
Anaheim 42, Santa Barbara 7

(Finals)

Anaheim 27, Santa Ana 6

Underrated La Serna Shocks Temple City, 33-7, To Garner "AAA" Football Laurels

La Serna, a team which went nearly unnoticed during the regular season, came from the rank-and-file of league champions to knock off highly-touted Temple City, 33-7, and capture the CIF, SS, "AAA" football championship.

The Lancers, Suburban League champions, were lost in the lower bracket of the pairings and many did not believe they would be able to survive back-to-back play-off tests by San Gabriel Valley League representatives.

But coach Harry Robinson's charges came through in fine form, parlaying a stingy defense with a highly-explosive offense to bottle up Temple City's hard-charging fullback Dave Skelly and annex the championship.

Key to the Lancer attack, not only in the final game but during the entire season, was halfback Gary Conwell, who tallied twice and led the charge against the Rams.

It was a case of too much beef for the Temple City contingent as La Serna's brutish backfield of fullback John Churchill (214 pounds) and halfbacks Rodger Becker (212) and Conwell (190) punched their own holes in the small Temple City defense.

Showing a stingy defense of their own, the Lancers held leading Ram ground-gainer Skelly to a scant 34 yards in 12 carries. The big fullback, who scored more than 150 points during the season, was unable to cross the goal line against the Lancers.

Conwell's two tallies on runs of one and six yards were supplemented by a pair of six-pointers by Becker, who scored on runs of two and four yards. Churchill picked up the other La Serna touchdown.

The Lancers were faced with a pair of tough tests in the early play-off going as they drew San Gabriel Valley League runner-up Bellflower in the second round and SGVL champ Excelsior in the semi-finals.

However, Robinson's charges made short work of both, toppling Bellflower, 15-0, and Excelsior, 13-7, in order to get a shot at the crown.

The Rams eliminated Garden Grove (21-7), Foothill (27-13) and Morning-side (34-21) to advance to the finals.

"AAA" Play-off Results (First Round)

Temple City 21, Garden Grove 7
Foothill 21, Pomona 13
Morningside 39, Northview 19
Cabrillo 22, Crespi 13
Excelsior 34, Rowland 13

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 27 CIF Council Meeting, Gahr High School
- 27 CIF Executive Committee Meeting
- 27 Baseball Clinic, Long Beach City College

FEBRUARY

- 13 Swim Relay Prelims
- 16 Swim Relay Finals
- 17 Wrestling Prelims
- 23 "AA" and "A" Basketball Play-offs Begin
- 24 Wrestling Finals, Cal State (Fullerton)
- 27 "AAA" Basketball Play-offs Begin
- Second Round, "AA" and "A" Basketball Play-offs.

Play-Off Officials Draw Applause From Coaches

The most essential part of any interscholastic athletic program is the caliber of its officials.

The need for top-notch officials becomes doubly important during play-off activities, when strict adherence to the rules is essential. Each year, the CIF, SS, office attempts to secure the best-possible officials for its play-offs.

Much care is taken to see that the officials assigned to a play-off game are the best in their area, and coaches' preference lists are used to determine which officials are preferred.

In games involving schools from different geographic (assignment) areas, officials from a neutral area are always used, to insure that no favoritism is shown. These men are always the best in their association.

Even with the careful selection method used to assign officials to play-off games, it is not always possible to please all of the coaches and all of the fans. Although the CIF, SS, office strives for perfection, that goal is sometimes unattainable.

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Loara 33, Sunny Hills 14
Bellflower 14, West Torrance 7
La Serna 31, Ganesha 7

(Quarter-finals)

Temple City 27, Foothill 13
Morningside 14, Cabrillo 12
Excelsior 28, Loara 27
La Serna 15, Bellflower 0

(Semi-finals)

Temple City 34, Morningside 21
La Serna 13, Excelsior 7

(Finals)

La Serna 33, Temple City 7

Defense-Minded Beaumont Tops St. Genevieve for "A" Football Championship

Boasting a stingy defense which held St. Genevieve at bay three times inside the 10-yard line, Beaumont's Cougars pulled out a 7-0 victory in the final game to win the CIF, SS, "A" championship at Notre Dame in Sherman Oaks.

Coach Don Smith's De Anza League kinglypins lit the scoreboard in the second quarter on a five-yard burst by Tom Ecker and then held on and kept St. Genevieve's high-flying Valiants from scoring for the rest of the evening.

On three occasions, St. Genevieve drove to within 10 yards of the goal line, but the Valiants were unable to penetrate the tough Cougar defense.

Both Beaumont and St. Genevieve had to escape semi-final round scares to gain the finals. The Cougars deadlocked with Orange League champion Katella, 7-7, but advanced into the finals by moving the ball to the Katella side of the midfield stripe during the execution of the California Play-off System.

St. Genevieve relied on a conversion to move into the finals as coach Bill Sherman's Valiants dropped Santa Ynez, 7-6.

Beaumont's final-game victory snapped a 10-game win streak for St. Genevieve and gave the Cougars a final record of 11-0-1 compared to St. Genevieve's 10-2 standard.

"A" Play-off Results

(Quarter-finals)

Katella 14, Coachella 7
Beaumont 21, Yucaipa 7
Santa Ynez 14, Lutheran 7
St. Genevieve 21, Bishop Diego 0

(Semi-finals)

Beaumont 7, Katella 7 (Beaumont advanced via California Play-off System)

St. Genevieve 7, Santa Ynez 6

(Finals)

Beaumont 7, St. Genevieve 0

Leagues Trade Divisions For Baseball, Basketball

By mutual agreement of both leagues, the Sierra and Pioneer Leagues have traded divisional placements for CIF, SS, play-off competition in baseball and basketball for the 1968 season.

The Sierra League will move from "AAA" competition to "AA" while the Pioneer League will shift up from "AA" to "AAA" play.

Paraclete, Calipatria Battle to 7-7 Tie in "Small Schools" Grid Championship Match

Supporters of Paraclete and Calipatria football teams must be shaking their heads and wondering just what the season accomplished for the two clubs.

After hectic regular-season schedules which wound up with both being named co-champions in their respective leagues, the duo battled to a 7-7 deadlock in the 1967 CIF, SS, "Small Schools" championship at Palmdale High.

Paraclete, in only its third year of varsity-level competition, finished with a 7-2 regular-season slate and deadlocked with Tehachapi (6-1-2) for the Desert-Inyo League championship.

Calipatria, a bit older than Paraclete and in its 44th year of operation, wound up the regular season by battling Holtville to a 12-12 tie and a co-championship in the Mountain-Desert League.

After close semi-final play-off wins, the duo met at Palmdale and, after Paraclete had scored first on an eighty-yard run by Greg McElroy and a successful conversion by Dan Billett, the match ended at 7-7 after Calipatria's Dick Lyerely tallied in the final stanza on a 15-yard run and Keith Erickson scampered across the goal with the one-pointer to knot the score.

Paraclete went into the play-offs as the Cinderella team. Finishing their season 0-9 just two seasons ago, the Spirits ran roughshod over their first seven opponents before losing.

"Small Schools" Play-off Results

(Quarter-finals)

Aquinas 21, Holtville 19
Calipatria 13, Eagle Mountain 0
Paraclete 19, Apple Valley 14
Desert 6, Tehachapi 6 (Desert advanced via California Play-off System)

(Semi-finals)

Calipatria 14, Aquinas 12
Paraclete 14, Desert 13

(Finals)

Calipatria 7, Paraclete 7 (Co-champions)

1967 ALL-CIF WATER POLO SELECTIONS

FIRST TEAM

Rick Massamino	Fullerton	Senior
Jim Puffer	El Segundo	Senior
David Buckley	Downey	Senior
Brad Shoemaker	Newport Harbor	Senior
Jim McDonald	Newport Harbor	Senior
Tom Roseland	El Segundo	Senior
Ken Montgomery	California	Junior
Tom Rawling	Mira Costa	Senior
Greg Arth	Anaheim	Senior
Fred Belcher	La Puente	Senior
Tom Oliver—GOALIE	Newport Harbor	Senior

1967 PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR—Rick Massamino, Fullerton

SECOND TEAM

Reed Taylor	Downey	Junior
Tim Riehle	La Serna	Senior
Don Nelson	California	Senior
Bob Krommenhoek	Whittier	Senior
Randy Nourse	Downey	Senior
Bob Rodgers	Newport Harbor	Senior
Steve McMahon	El Segundo	Senior
Keith Osborn	Buena	Junior
Mike Biggers	La Serna	Senior
Eric Lindroth	Newport Harbor	Junior
Terry Klein—GOALIE	Fullerton	Senior

HONORABLE MENTION

Grant Albee	La Serna	Newport Harbor
Bill Bates	Los Altos	Whittier
Rob Bianchi	Mira Costa	Corona del Mar
Bruce Black	Corona del Mar	Buena
George Boisseau	Mira Costa	Servite
Ken Bonaly	Los Altos	Millikan
John Buck	L.B. Wilson	La Puente
Bob Burmeister	Fullerton	La Puente
Charles Campbell	Arcadia	Newport Harbor
Kris Cook	Anaheim	Millikan
Bruce Dodge	Burbank	El Segundo
Doug Erenberg	Beverly Hills	Fontana
Mark Faulkner	Bolsa Grande	Anaheim
John Ferguson	Burbank	Morningside
David Gamage	El Segundo	Downey
Ted Hall	Foothill	Downey
		Nelson Swartley

ROYAL OAK WINS "AA" GRID CROWN

In a rematch of the Hacienda League championship game, Royal Oak throttled Alta Loma for the second time during the season, 33-0, to win the 1967 CIF, SS, "AA" football championship.

Utilizing what they had learned in their regular-season 14-0 victory over Alta Loma, the Romans depended on the offensive punch of Dennis Pluta and Bob Wicks to annex their first CIF grid championship.

Both Pluta and Wicks tallied twice to give the Hacienda League kingpins the match, after decisive play-off wins over two Imperial Valley League representatives.

Seeded No. 2 in the play-offs, Royal Oak eliminated Brawley (32-19) and El Centro (39-0) to gain the finals. Alta Loma, meanwhile, disposed of

top-seeded Santa Clara, 13-7, in the semi-finals after posting a decisive 20-7 first-round win over Golden League champion Victor Valley.

Royal Oak finished the season with an unblemished 12-0 record while Alta Loma wound up with a 10-2 mark, both losses coming at the hands of Royal Oak.

"AA" Play-off Results

(Quarter-finals)

Santa Clara 47, San Luis Obispo 7
Alta Loma 20, Victor Valley 7
Royal Oak 32, Brawley 19
El Centro 33, Corona 13

(Semi-finals)

Alta Loma 13, Santa Clara 7
Royal Oak 39, El Centro 0

(Finals)

Royal Oak 3, Alta Loma 0

GAMES WANTED

FOOTBALL

Rowland—Sept. 27 or 28 V/B/C
Western—Sept. 27 V/JV/B/C
Victor Valley—Nov. 15 V/JV/B
Rolling Hills—Oct. 11
Sierra Vista—Sept. 27 or 28 V/B/C
Antelope Valley—Sept. h/a V/JV/B/FR
Dominguez—Oct. 4 h/a B
Western—Sept. 29 C
Arroyo Grande—Nov. 8
L. B. Poly—Oct. 4 V/JV/B
El Dorado—"C" scrimmage Sept. 20 or Sept. 30 JV only
West Torrance—Sept. 27 h V, Sept. 20 a JV, Sept. 27 a B, Sept. 26 h C
Dos Pueblos—Oct. 11 V
Bell Gardens—Oct. 4 V
Loyola—Oct. 4, 11 V
San Diego HS—Sept. 27 h/a V
Central—Sept. 20, 27 h/a V
Brawley—Sept. 27 h V
San Luis Obispo—Oct. 25 V
Bishop Amat—Oct. 4 C
Serra—Sept. 20, 27 V/B/C
Pius X—Oct. 4 V
St. Paul—Sept. 27, Oct. 4 V
Nordhoff—Sept. 27 h/a V/JV
Bishop Gorman, Las Vegas—Sept. 27-28, Oct. 18-19 h/a
Western, Las Vegas—Sept. 14-15, Oct. 4-5
Saddleback—Oct. 18 V
Morningside—Oct. 11 h
Salesian—Oct. 11
Boulder City, Las Vegas—Sept. 14, Oct. 11, 25
St. Anthony—Sept. 27 V/JV/FR
Riverside Poly—Any but Sept. 20, 27 B
St. John Bosco—Sept. 20 V
Pater Noster—Oct. 4
Downey—Oct. 11 V/JV/B
Crawford, San Diego—Oct. 4 V
Compton—Oct. 4, 11 V/JV/B/C
Lennox—Oct. 3, 11 h/a C
Cantwell—Sept. 27 V/JV/FR
S. A. Valley—Sept. 20 A, Sept. 27 h V/JV/B/C
San Diego Lincoln—Sept. 20 V
Clark, Las Vegas—Sept. 27-28, Oct. 25-26 V
Murphy—Sept. 20, 27 V/JV
Mira Costa—Sept. 20 V/B/C
Brea—Oct. 4 V/B/C
Santa Maria—Oct. 4, 11-12 V
Damien—Sept. 20 V/B/C
Palmdale—Sept. 20 V
Notre Dame, S.O.—Sept. 20, Oct. 4, 11 V/JV/FR
Bonita—Sept. 26 FR only
Millikan—Sept. 20 V
Rolling Hills—Nov. 7 h/a C, Oct. 4 B & C
Neff—scrimmage Sept. 14 V/B/C
Ganessa—Sept. 27 V/JV/B
Indio—Sept. 27 V/JV

BASKETBALL

El Segundo—Jan. 23 all levels
San Marino—1969 A/B/JV/C 3 games Dec. 2 or 3, 5, 9, 10, 12

BASEBALL

Millikan—Mar. 8, Feb. 23 V/JV
Bolsa Grande—scrimmage, Feb. 20 V/JV
Ontario Christian—Feb. 27, Mar. 1, 8, 19 V/JV
Needles—Apr. 5, 19, 20, 26, May 4 V/JV
Loyola—any dates V/JV
1000 Oaks—needs 1 team for V Tnmt. Apr. 8-9
Channel Islands—May 1 or 12 V/JV, would like to enter Tnmt.
Cantwell—Mar. 19-22, 25-26, Apr. 18-19 V/JV
Mira Costa—scrimmage, can only travel 25 miles
Glendale—Feb. 26/28 V/JV

TRACK

Bosco Tech—any dates Mar. 15 to Apr. 15
LB Jordan—1 date Feb. 27, 28, 29
Bellflower—Mar. 4 or 11 V/B/C
Paramount—Feb. 21, Mar. 4
Pater Noster—Mar. 1
Mira Costa—April 19, 26 V/B/C
Lasuen—Mar. 14, 15 V/B/C
South Torrance—Mar. 15 V/B/C
Pius X—any dates after Feb. 26 V/B/C
Bolsa Grande—Mar. 14 V/B/C

TENNIS

Bolsa Grande—scrimmage, Feb. 20 V/JV
Pater Noster—any dates March
Glendale—Feb. 26/27 V/V

WRESTLING

Ventura—pre league any dates
Upland—Dec. 3, 4, any in Jan.
Catalina Island—any dates Fri-Sat. h/a
Troy—Dec. 6, 12, 13 V/JV
Holtville—Feb. 2, 3 needs two teams for V Tnmt

WATER POLO

Santiago—Oct. 3
Kennedy, Buena Park—Oct. 21 A/B/C

SWIMMING

Nogales—Feb. 7, 14, 21
Redondo—Mar. 26, Apr. 2

GYMNASTICS

Excelsior—between Feb. 29 & Mar. 14 needs 2 meets
Artesia—needs any dates

GOLF

Cantwell—Feb. 23, Mar. 22, April 26, May 3

CROSS COUNTRY

Pius X—any dates

Fullerton Ace Massamino Named Water Polo Player-of-the Year

Rick Massamino, the man who paced Fullerton to its second-place finish in the CIF Water Polo Championships, was named Water Polo Player-of-the-Year by the panel of Southland coaches who selected the all-CIF teams.

Massamino tallied all three Fullerton goals in a losing cause when the Indians fell to Newport Harbor, 5-3, for the CIF, SS, championship. The senior standout scored more than 120 goals during the season enroute to his MVP award.

Newport's championship unit managed to place all seven starters on the all-CIF teams as three were named to the first squad, two other Tars made second team and two were selected as honorable mention. Deviating from past years, the committee selected two 11-man squads this year rather than the customary seven-man units.

The flashy Newport trio of Brad Shoemaker, Jim McDonald and goalie Tom Oliver were named to the first team, along with El Segundo's Tom Roseland and Jim Puffer, Downey's David Buckley, California's Ken Montgomery, Mira Costa's Tom Rawlings, Anaheim's Greg Arth and La Puente ace Fred Belcher.

Selected on the second team were Bob Rogers and Eric Lindroth of Newport, Reed Taylor and Randy Nourse of Downey, Mike Biggers and Tim Riehle of La Serna, Don Nelson of California, Bob Krommenhoek from Whittier, Keith Osborn of Buena and Terry Klein of Fullerton.

Repeaters from last year's squad included Massamino and Arth. Massamino was a first-team pick in 1966 while Arth made the second unit last year. Four juniors were tabbed on this year's squad including Montgomery on the first team and Taylor, Osborn and Lindroth on the second unit.

Newport captured the 1967 CIF crown by dropping Fullerton, 5-3, in a hotly-contested battle at Long Beach Millikan. El Segundo outlasted Downey, 11-10, for third place.

Seventh Annual Long Beach Baseball Clinic Scheduled

The seventh annual Long Beach Unified School District Baseball Coaches' Clinic has been scheduled for Saturday, January 27, at Long Beach City College, it was announced recently by Clinic Director John Herbold, baseball coach at Long Beach Poly.

Free and open to all coaches, high school and college players, the clinic will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. in the Mens' Gym and will last all day. Both classroom and field demonstrations are planned.

Speakers who will address the group will include Baltimore Oriole infielder Don Buford, former New York Yankee ace Bud Daley, Minor League Manager of the Year Bob Skinner, Joe Moeller, former CIF great from Mira Costa now with the Houston Astros, and standout prep coach Bill Sandback from San Diego Crawford.

According to Herbold, more speakers are expected to attend representing the Los Angeles Dodgers and California Angels, and sporting goods manufacturers will be on hand to display the latest in baseball gear.

Topics to be covered in the seventh annual clinic will include such topics as "Junk Ball Pitching" by Daley and "Fungo Hitting", covered by all-time great fungo hitter Jimmy Reese of the Seattle Angels.

Each year, the Long Beach clinic draws over 600 listeners from California, Nevada and Arizona and Herbold is confident that this year's session will surpass all previous presentations. The clinic will go on, rain or shine.

PLAY-OFF OFFICIALS

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This year, however, was a pleasant surprise. The caliber of officiating during the recently-concluded football play-offs reached its highest peak as only one official among the more than 200 assigned by the CIF, SS, office received an unsatisfactory rating from coaches of participating teams.

A review of rating cards returned to the Commissioner's office showed that the majority of the play-off officials received "preferred" ratings, and comments by coaches were highly complimentary.

Following is a sample of the comments coaches returned with their rating cards:

"Outstanding job—good mechanics, lots of hustle—the best job yet!"

"Officials did an excellent job of control and officiating."

Support Urged for State Associations

It is a duty of those responsible for directing and coaching interscholastic athletics to support the program of the State High School Athletic Association of which their school is a member. Unfortunately, this duty is not always fulfilled.

When the application of a regulation brings criticism to the State Association, too many administrators, too many athletic directors and too many coaches neglect to support the program they helped develop.

The easy way out for them is to use innuendoes or indirection, leaving the idea that the State Association is superimposing standards which the school representatives had no part in formulating. Not only is this most unfair, but it also tends to weaken the program which has been developed for the benefit of the membership. Those who have the responsibility of administering interscholastic athletics must have the courage and fortitude to stand up and be counted when unwarranted criticism is leveled at the organization which carries out the policies they establish.

A State High School Athletic Association must have rules if the welfare of the participant is to be protected, if equitable competition is to be insured, if the program is to be conducted in a sportsmanlike manner and if the program of the member schools is to be protected. It is acknowledged that the rules and regulations of State High School Athletic Associations are uniformly high. Satisfactory programs require high standards and anything less would be uncomplimentary to the schools and completely unsatisfactory.

The protection of the schools' program by the State Association is an honorable and needed objective. Such

"They called an excellent game."

"This referee was a real gentleman who ran the ball game in a very efficient manner. We especially appreciated his attitude and approach when we had a problem . . ."

"They did a real fine job."

"Best group of officials we had all year!"

"Excellent officiating, particularly under difficult sideline conditions."

Much of the success of this year's football play-offs can be attributed to the outstanding job of officiating these men did.

Area officials' associations are to be congratulated for the top-caliber men who are being trained by their organizations.

protection is, and has been, an inherent reason for organizing any group. All organizations protect their programs. The purpose is not one of selfishness but rather, in the case of interscholastic athletics, it is to insure that the competition contributes to the education of the participants. Without some protection provided as a result of adherence to standards an orderly program could not be maintained.

The fact that participation in interscholastic athletics is entirely voluntary makes it more necessary that the program be protected. This protection is provided in many ways and includes: the sanctioning of competition, the requirement that contracts be honored, the adoption of eligibility rules which certify that the participant is a bona fide student, the adherence to standards which maintain equitable competition, and assurance that participants maintain their amateur standings. These rules have all been developed through experience.

School and athletic administrators have the privilege of participating in the development of rules and regulations which will determine the policy and procedures for the activities in which their school will take part. Along with this privilege comes the responsibility for supporting those regulations which have been adopted by the majority of the membership. Thus, school representatives have the obligation of defending the actions of their State High School Athletic Association. It is necessary that these persons support the State Association in their own communities when there is unwarranted criticism of their organization. It is particularly essential when legislators attempt to use their elected positions to erode the authority which rightfully belongs to the schools themselves. Those who do not give active support are derelict in their duties.

State High School Athletic Association will not be able to protect the schools' program if those who are responsible for formulating the rules and regulations neglect to keep the public aware of the fact that the State Association is a school organization and that the administrators themselves determine what the rules should be. The State High School Athletic Association is a grass roots organization. The membership determines the policy and procedures. Unless those who participate in making these determinations fulfill their responsibility of aggressively and vigorously supporting the standards which they themselves develop, someone else will be establishing the school standards for them in the future.