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WESTERN TENNIS

The enclosed magazine, *Western Tennis*, is the official publication of the Southern California Tennis Association.

The attention of the Administration of each of our high schools is directed to the editorial on page five in this issue. This editorial is a reflection of the attitude of the Board of Directors of the Association when any question affecting the welfare of the young people of Southern California is up for consideration.

We believe the schoolmen of Southern California look with pardonable pride upon the accomplishments of the past quarter of a century in the direction of proper control of all high school athletics. The C. I. F. through its officers and executives is proud to have had a part in the progress made.

During the same period of time the Southern California Tennis Association has put on a program of tennis club controlled activities that has brought great honor to Southern California as well as splendid training and recreation to thousands of our people, both young and old.

During the year just closed over 70% of the top ranking tennis players of the United States came from California and most of those from Southern California.

We ask that when the Principals have inspected the magazine, *Western Tennis*, that it be passed on to the tennis coach.

At the present time the management of the magazine is conducting a subscription campaign. The rate is \$1.00 per year in clubs of five or more subscriptions. We hope tennis coaches may take advantage of this special rate to get copies for school libraries as well as for players on their squads.

COMING TRACK MEETS

The track season is ushered in each year by the Brea-Olinda Relays on the first Friday in March. This event has for years attracted a large number of entries from Orange County and Los Angeles County schools.

On March 16 the Long Beach Relays and the Southern Counties Meet at Huntington Beach are being held. These meets will probably be as big as usual and afford better competition.

This year on March 16 the Lompoc High School is putting on a relay carnival for the schools of our northern counties.

On April 6 the Carpinteria High School is staging the 27th Annual Russell Cup Meet and

on April 13 Chaffey is staging the Annual Chaffey Invitational Meet. These meets are always so good that there is never a lack of interest or entries.

April 13 the Laguna Beach High School is putting on an invitational meet limited to eight schools. They hope to develop this into a feature event of the early high school track season.

This year a good many of the league track meets will be held on May 4, one week ahead of the Divisional Meets.

FOOTBALL RULE BOOKS

As this is being written (February 27) orders have been received for 350 copies of the Inter-scholastic Football Rule Book and 200 copies of the Play Situation Book. Orders will be placed with the publisher for the books for the C. I. F., Southern Section, schools about March 15. If you find a green order blank in the envelope with your March Bulletin, that indicates that we have had no order for rule books from your school when the Bulletin was mailed.

A sanction has been granted for an invitational track meet to be held at Barstow on April 20. To this meet the schools of the Desert League, the Inyo League and a few additional are being invited.

SKI JUMPING MEET SANCTIONED FOR C. I. F., SOUTHERN SECTION, SCHOOLS

A sanction has been issued to the Bishop High School to hold an Invitational Skiing Meet for pupils of the schools of the C. I. F., Southern Section.

The events will take place on March 29 and 30 on the slopes of McGee Mountain, 35 miles north of Bishop.

The events to be included are a cross country for boys on March 29, a slalom for boys and girls on March 30, and a giant slalom for boys March 30.

The actual details of the events will be handled by the officials of the Eastern Sierra Ski Club.

The success of this meet will determine to a large extent the attitude of the Council of the C. I. F., Southern Section, toward ski meets in the future for our high school pupils.

The Girls League of the Bishop High School is planning a dance for the visiting contestants on Saturday evening, March 30.

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION, SOUTHERN SECTION

SOUTH PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL
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THE C. I. F. ATHLETIC PROTECTION FUND

The Board of Directors of the C. I. F. A. P. F. met at Pacific Grove on February 10. A summary of the work of the organization at the end of the first semester of operation we are sure will be of interest to all of the schools of the C. I. F., Southern Section.

A total of 7769 boys in the high schools of the state had joined the organization. \$8,614.50 has been paid into the benefit fund.

During the football season, 449 injuries had been reported for which benefit claims were allowed. The total allowed for the 449 claims was \$4,090.70, or slightly less than \$10.00 per claim on the average.

James Retzloff of the Eureka High School was allowed \$75.00 for a fracture of both bones of one leg. This was the highest claim allowed.

The most common injury was fractured bones. Fractures reported were: ankles 8, arms 13, collar bones 30, feet 7, fingers 14, hips 1, hand 11, humerus 3, jaw 2, kneecaps 1, leg 26, nose 37, pelvis 1, ribs 17, radius 1, shin bones 1, toes 2, thumbs 4, vertebra 2, and wrists 6.

The balance in the benefit fund of \$4,523.80 would seem to make it certain that the Organization will end the first year of operation with a surplus in the treasury.

If the surplus at the close of the year is sufficient to warrant such a move, numerous Coaches and Principals have suggested a broadening of the field of coverage.

THE DUDLEY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

This year is the Twenty-Fifth anniversary of the starting of the Dudley Tennis Tournament in Santa Monica. The tournament has grown in popularity until it takes four full days for

its completion. This year the dates are March 20, 21, 22, and 23.

The tournament is sponsored by the Santa Monica High School. The Santa Monica Jr. Chamber of Commerce and the Santa Monica Tennis Club are assisting in handling the details of play.

Entries close March 14 with Mr. F. E. Mishler at the Santa Monica High School.

C. I. F. BECOMES INTERNATIONAL

The State Council of the C. I. F., at its meeting on February 10, approved the arrangement of games with the Instituto Tecnico Industrial of Tijuana, Mexico.

This is a boys industrial school located in the buildings at Agua Caliente, just outside of Tijuana, which were formerly used as a sporting and gambling center. The school is controlled by the state of Lower California.

C. I. F., Southern Section, schools are authorized to arrange games under our rules with the Instituto Tecnico Industrial.

WINNING TEAM PAYS DIVIDENDS

The South Pasadena High School has a fair court for the playing of its basketball games. The accommodations for spectators are very limited and what there are is not at all satisfactory. This year for the first time in 32 years of basketball, South Pasadena has had a championship team. The school and the citizens of the town have heard of the team and have wanted to see it in action.

Three hundred spectators crowd every bit of available space in the South Pasadena gymnasium. So much dissatisfaction has been voiced by the school and its patrons over the question of basketball facilities that the Board of Education has recently had prepared a set of plans for the erection of a thoroughly modern basketball pavilion with a playing floor 50' x 90' and ample seating, they hope, for spectators. The building will be ready for use next basketball season.

FOOTBALL RULES REPORT

Strathmore, California
January 27, 1940

Football Coaches
California High Schools

Fellow Coaches:

This year is the first time that California high school football coaches have ever been consulted on rule changes or have had a representative at the football rules meeting. Your representative feels obligated to make a brief report of the National Interscholastic Football Rules Com-

mittee meeting held at Chicago, January 5 and 6. Coach Clarence Schutte of Santa Barbara High School also attended the meeting. We were cordially received, and every suggestion we made was given utmost consideration.

As you probably know, few radical changes were made in the code. Most of the emphasis was placed on clarifying and simplifying the rules. The principle changes are, briefly, as follows:

1. For incomplete pass, ineligible man receiving, or interference by A, if in the scrimmage zone, no change is made. If any of these occur in the end zone, the penalty is from previous spot on first three downs, but on fourth down it is a touchback in each case. This makes unnecessary the further use of the terms we have all condemned, viz., Minor and Major Incompletion.
2. If ineligible man touches a forward pass, play continues until ball is dead. Team B may intercept.
3. After a pass has been touched by an eligible player of A, any originally eligible player may complete the pass.
4. Add (h) Illegal shift, to page 27, 4-3-1(3). Ball remains dead. This should eliminate waste action.
5. Intermission between halves 18 minutes, the last 3 for warm-up.

Strong sentiment was shown in favor of other changes, which were postponed until states, particularly California, which have recently adopted the interscholastic rules, might become more familiar with the new code.

We all know that high school men have for years attempted, but failed, to secure representation on the Collegiate Rules Committee, and finally the Federation code was written. It was at first made as all-inclusive as possible, and still is somewhat bulky, but is in the process of being boiled down. An attempt was made to overcome the defects of the Collegiate code, which lacks 30% of coverage of the full game. Our code is not bound by tradition to things which have no place in the game. The rule books, as well as the play situations and manuals for officials, are available each year in the spring. The operation of rule-making and rule changes is a very democratic procedure. Every coach in every state belonging to the Federation has a voice in the changes in the football code. The men representing the member states all speak our language, and their only concern is to make the rules more safe and simple for high school boys. No one has a selfish interest, and if a question concerning a rule is debatable, it is either recommended for further study, experimentation by some member states, or is referred to the coaches on the annual questionnaire. The code is made for high schools by high school men for high school boys, and every consideration is given to

equipment, playing conditions and playing rules, which increases the safety for the boy. There are no better football authorities in the country than H. V. Porter, the Secretary, and H. L. Ray, the Technical Advisor, and these are our men. Most of the experimenting, critical study and statistical data secured on football, and other sports as well, has come from the National Federation.

About 175 coaches and officials in California returned the Annual Questionnaire which permitted them to register their feelings, pro and con, on the 1939 changes as well as proposed changes for 1940. They approved the 1939 changes 10 to 1 while the proposed 1940 changes were almost unanimously disapproved. We approve the good after we have tried it, but hesitate to try the new. To nearly all who made comments on their questionnaires I sent letters requesting additional criticisms. I discovered that coaches are almost unanimous in approving Federation rules, while officials almost equally condemn them. Officials apparently object, because it is at first difficult to differentiate between the Federation and Collegiate codes. Every other state, when first joining the Federation, had the same experience as California and had to overcome severe criticisms from coaches and officials, especially the latter.

I had heard the Federation code approved and condemned by so many football men that my own feeling was unsettled, but now I am thoroughly convinced that we have made the proper move by joining the Federation, and it would be almost a tragedy for this state or any section in it to revert to the Collegiate rules in football. If we use the new code one more year, I am confident criticism will have diminished so much that there will be little agitation for returning to the Collegiate rules.

Cordially yours,

D. R. Lightner, Delegate
National Interscholastic
Football Rules Committee.

GYMNASTIC TOURNAMENT

The place for holding the Gymnastic Tournament for this year has not been determined. Any school willing to undertake this service to the C. I. F., Southern Section, is asked to get in communication with the C. I. F. Office.

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

The Anaheim High School will stage the C. I. F., Southern Section, Badminton Championship on Saturday, May 25. Mr. Dick Ryan will be Manager in charge of the tournament. Detailed announcements and entry blanks will be sent out later.

LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING RELAYS

The Fifth Annual L. A. High Invitational Swimming Relays were held Friday, February 23. Redlands High School won first place in Class A and Class C. Fullerton won first place in Class B. L. A. High School, the host school, won second place in all three classes.

The Redlands High School has a fine group of swimmers. They are sure to make a good showing in later meets.

L. A. High is holding its Annual Invitational Swimming Meet on March 7 and March 9.

BIG JOB MADE EASY

A telegram was received in the C. I. F. Office on February 27 from the Bishop High School saying in effect, "Have won basketball championship. When and where is first play-off game." At almost the same time the phone rang and Coach Kennedy of Fillmore was on the line asking about a first play-off game.

The Ventura Minor League and the San Luis Obispo League, the others in the Northern Group of Leagues, had not reported winners at that time.

We phoned Mr. Blee at Bishop and told him Fillmore was ready for a play-off game that week end. He stated without any hesitation, "We will play Fillmore this week end, here or there, on a \$75.00 guarantee for expenses to the visiting school".

We relayed this proposition to Fillmore and in a few minutes got a call from Mr. Kennedy saying they would go to Bishop. A telegram to Bishop and the deal was closed.

The whole proceedings had taken about 30 minutes.

It is about 275 miles from Fillmore to Bishop. These schools have so few contacts with each other that they harbor no suspicions. We sometimes feel that if a 275 mile barrier could be created between league champions of the metropolitan area they might be gotten together in play-off games with less jockeying.

WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The C. I. F., Southern Section, Wrestling Championship is being held this year at the Sherman Institute in Riverside on Saturday, March 16, starting at 2:30 P. M. An entry blank for the tournament is enclosed with this Bulletin.

Don't make excuses—Make good!

NOVICE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The First Annual Novice Tennis Tournament was started at Santa Ana High School on Saturday, March 2.

The number of entries was very much of a surprise to the C. I. F. Office and we think also to Mr. Patton of Santa Ana High School, who is managing the tournament.

There was a total of 163 individual entries distributed as follows: 66 boys singles, 22 boys doubles, 27 girls singles, and 13 girls doubles. Twenty-one schools were represented. Palm Springs, San Jacinto and Grossmont were among those from the greatest distance.

Each bracket was carried to the semi-finals on March 2. The semi-finals and finals will be played on March 9.

In the early rounds 18 courts were utilized, 12 at the Santa Ana School, and 3 each at the two Junior High Schools.

Some very fine material in the way of young players was in evidence. Don Budge and Ellsworth Vines, who will soon be "old men", have worthy successors growing up right in our midst.

SUNSET LEAGUE RELAYS

The First Annual Sunset League Relays were held at the Excelsior High School Friday, March 1. Eight relay events, including (1) open 4-man 440, (2) open sprint medley, (3) open 8-man mile, (4) Class B 4-man 660, (5) open distance medley, (6) open 4-man 880, (7) Class C 4-man 440, and (8) open 4-man mile, together with open events in the Broad jump, high jump, discus, pole vault and shot put, and Class C broad jump, high jump, pole vault, and shot put made up the program.

The weather was perfect, and the track was in very good shape. A fine friendly spirit of co-operation among the boys and coaches was very much in evidence.

The scores made by the seven schools were:

Anaheim—11 1/5

Excelsior—32 19/20

Fullerton—21 3/4

Huntington Beach—24 3/4

Jordan—34 19/20

Newport Harbor—23 2/5

Orange—22.

The feature performance of the day was the time made by Eddie Morris of Huntington Beach in the anchor lap of the open 4-man mile. Four watches caught him at 50.4 seconds. This was Eddie's first try at the 440 in competition. He is likely to be heard from again this season.