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THE INVITATIONAL SWIMMING MEET

The Invitational Swimming Meet in past years has been run on a Saturday, the trials in the morning and the finals in the afternoon. This year the swimming coaches recommended that the meet be conducted on Wednesday, March 16 and Friday March 18.

The trials will occur on Wednesday, March 16 starting at 1:30. The finals will occur Friday, March 18 beginning at 7:30.

The meet will be held at the El Segundo High School Pool. A large gallery of spectators is expected to attend as El Segundo is very swimming minded.

Judging by the results of the Swimming Relays held at Whittier on February 18 the battle for points between EL Segundo and Whittier will be very close. El Segundo was the 1947-1948 champion.

TRACK STARTER CLINICS

Mr. Kinter Hamilton has been acting as a one-man-team in working on starter clinics. On February 25 he demonstrated to the starters in San Diego and vicinity the fine points of the starting game. Monday, March 7 he will demonstrate again for the benefit of the Orange County men. He is also preparing some mimeographed material for distribution to starters. He plans to go next to Riverside and San Bernardino and possibly to Oxnard and Ventura.

SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION

When the small schools found themselves all mixed up with the large schools in the final basketball tournament some of them began thinking how fine it would be to have the little schools in one group and the big schools in another.

There is no doubt that such a division would be fine in team game sports such as football, basketball, baseball and possibly team tennis.

In sports such as track, swimming, wrestling, gymnastics, tennis and golf where there is an individual championship at stake we are not in accord with the idea.

We would like to have several letters on the subject for publication in the April Bulletin. Let us go to the May Council Meeting ready to vote intelligently on the matter.

Who'll speak first?

BASKETBALL SKILLS

Mr. Ed Bignell, Director of Recreation for the City of South Pasadena, has recently conducted some quite extensive contests in basketball skills. He and his staff were hard worked trying to care for all the boys who wanted to test their skill. Ed is sure the young boys will be better basketball players when they reach high school because of the program he is conducting. It will be harder than ever to keep Coach Merrill Green's teams out of the C. I. F., Southern Section play-off from this date on.

WRESTLING MEETS

Four preliminary wrestling meets are being held this year at the time and place as follows:

- March 9—El Centro
- March 10—San Diego
- March 12—Redondo
- March 12—Whittier

The finals will be held at Calexico on Saturday, March 19. This is the first time that the Final Meet has ever been held at Calexico. El Centro and Calexico are supposed to have very strong wrestling squads. The big farmer boys they produce in the Imperial Valley seem to have what it takes in the "grunt and groan" contest. More power to them. Central Union High School won the championship last year.

Frank Crosby, the wrestling coach at San Diego High School, is a great booster for the game. He heads a very fine A. A. U. committee that puts on a splendid program in San Diego City.

CLASS B AND CLASS C TENNIS

The Class B and Class C Tennis Tournaments have been set forward from April 9 and 16 to April 2 and 9. This change was made to keep the tournaments away from the Easter vacation as well as away from the Dudley Cup Tournament at Santa Monica.

The B and C Tournament will be played at Santa Ana this year.

Compton Wins 27, losses 8.

GYMNASTICS TOURNAMENT

Pasadena City College Lower Division, where the Gymnastics Tournament is to be held has asked to have the date of the event changed from April 29 to April 22. When our Executive Committee has acted on the request the results will be announced in the Weekly News Release. Coaches should watch for this announcement.

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND COACHING WORKSHOP

California's Physical Education and Athletic Coaching Workshop and School will be held at the California State Polytechnic College at San Luis Obispo from August 1 to August 12, 1949.

Four graduate credits for summer school work may be acquired.

Mr. William G. Lopez is State Chairman for this school and workshop. He will be glad to send the detailed program to anyone who is interested.

"BASEBALL—A STEPCHILD

Perhaps many of you were startled, as I was, to find in the Directory of C. I. F., Southern Section Schools, School Year 1948-1949, that track was listed along with football and basketball and that no mention was made of baseball. Baseball, then, would seem to be relegated to the same classification now occupied by the so-called minor sports of swimming, tennis, golf, and wrestling. Does this indicate that the majority of coaches, administrators, and sports fans are unconcerned about the decline of high school baseball in Southern California, as more and more emphasis is put on track as the major spring sport? I doubt it, but to coin a phrase, "It may be so, but it isn't right!"

I have no quarrel with track, as such. It is appealing and important to young boys. It should and does rank high in the sports program. But baseball, our national game, should rank equally high.

High school baseball is in a unique and unenviable position. There are no awards or ribbons

or medals for individual or personal triumphs—these are subordinated to teamwork and group effect. Baseball is a team game and a team game must have publicity and support by the school to build interest among the fans. Football and basketball get that support through pep rallies, bands, cheer-leaders, newspaper, and local radio stations. Baseball gets practically none; and because of this neglect, the public is rapidly being educated away from high school baseball, despite the fact that the game, on the professional level, has never been more popular.

The seasons for this situation are diverse, and space forbids a complete examination of them. Many heads of athletic departments may be partial to track; many administrators mistakenly believe that high school baseball cannot be made interesting to the public; many baseball coaches themselves may be apathetic (some of them already have one major sport and don't want the "pressure" of another). It has even been darkly suggested that the trend might have a racial basis.

But whatever the reasons, I feel that it is high time for all of us in Southern Section to give these future Beardons, Lemons, and Kinners the support that they and the game deserve.

(signed)

Bob Keers

Baseball Coach,

Corona High School"

BASEBALL'S PROBLEMS

When we began interesting ourself in high school athletics in So. California over forty-five years ago baseball was the leading sport. Few of the high schools played football, basketball was in its infancy and track and field athletics were given little attention. The other sports had not taken hold in the high schools of So. California.

During the decades that have passed the athletic scene has gradually changed until we think it can be fairly said that baseball in our high schools is now in fourth or fifth place in public esteem.

Why this change?

Baseball today is fundamentally the same game that we played in the gay nineties. There have been few changes in the rules. There have been few attempts made to give the game a greater appeal to the public despite the fact that it has been a business proposition with thousands of men.

Football, basketball and track have had many changes. Very definite attempts have been made

to make these sports more appealing to the public. The capacity crowds that we have at football and basketball games are proof that the changes have met with popular approval.

Most of our high schools make no charge for spectators at baseball games and yet our fine high school teams play near perfect ball before a baker's dozen of fans.

It is evident that the game of baseball as now played by our high school teams does not appeal strongly to the sport fans.

Why? Your guess is as good as anyone's.

We think it is a question worthy of study by our National Federation. Let us give it a real laboratory test.

FOOTBALL GAME WANTED

Antelope Valley High School at Lancaster wants a football game Friday, September 23. Contact Ward Myers, Director of Athletics.

LEGION BASEBALL

Baseball coaches should read the ruling regarding American Legion baseball in the February Bulletin.

C. I. F. OFFICE TO MOVE

The Oneonta Elementary School in South Pasadena where the C. I. F. Office has been located for the past six years is to be reconstructed during the next school year. It will be necessary for the C. I. F. Office to find new quarters.

The C. I. F. Office was organized in 1928, twenty-one years ago. During the first nine years of its existence the Office was maintained in Los Angeles. In 1937 it was moved to the South Pasadena High School and in 1942 it was established at its present location.

During the twenty-one years of its existence the office has been sheltered in surplus school rooms. Not only has the office been sheltered but we have been given heat, light, free rent, and janitor service.

These happy days are soon to end. We are not being evicted but we have got to move.

The C. I. F., Southern Section is very grateful to Los Angeles and South Pasadena.

We hope we do not have to move too far a-field. This spot seems like home.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee will hold its next meeting in San Diego during the afternoon of

April 11. The High School Principals' convention will be in session in San Diego which accounts for the meeting being called down there.

Items for the Executive Committee action should be filed with the C. I. F. Office prior to April 11.

SWIMMING RELAYS

The finals of the swimming relays were held at the Whittier High School plunge on Friday, February 18. Eight schools took part. They were: Anaheim—El Segundo—Fullerton—Inglewood—Redlands—San Diego—Santa Ana and Whittier.

Whittier won the championship in all three classes. The tabulated score follows.

CLASS A

Events	Winner	Time
6 x 100 feet, Free	Whittier	1:34.7
4 x 200 feet, Breast	Fullerton	3:02.4
4 x 200 feet, Back	El Segundo	2:58.4
4 x 200 feet, Free	Whittier	2:23.4
3 x 200 feet, Medley	Whittier— El Segundo tie	2:02.5

CLASS B

6 x 100 feet, Free	Whittier	1:43.0
4 x 200 feet, Breast	El Segundo	3:20.5
4 x 200 feet, Back	Whittier	3:09.7
4 x 200 feet, Free	El Segundo	2:36.8
3 x 200 feet, Medley	Whittier	2:11.2

CLASS B

6 x 100 feet, Free	Whittier	1:45.9
4 x 100 feet, Breast	Whittier	1:32.1
4 x 100 feet, Back	Whittier	1:28.5
4 x 100 feet, Free	Whittier	1:10.3
3 x 100 feet, Medley	Whittier	1:00.6

Total Scores

	Class A	Class B	Class C
Anaheim	2	0	0
El Segundo	41	42	40
Fullerton	32	12	28
Inglewood	0	20	22
Redlands	0	22	0
San Diego	8	0	0
Santa Ana	20	2	4
Whittier	43	44	50

LEAGUES FOR 1949-1950

Bay League

Beverly Hills
El Segundo
Inglewood
Jordan, Long Beach
Leuzinger, Lawndale
Redondo
Santa Monica
Torrance

Catholic League

Cantwell, Montebello
Cathedral, Los Angeles
Loyola, Los Angeles
Mount Carmel, Los Angeles
St. Anthony's, Long Beach
Saint Augustine, San Diego
Saint Monica, Santa Monica

Citrus Belt League

Chaffey, Ontario
Colton
Pomona
Redlands
Riverside
San Bernardino

Coast League

Compton College
Grossmont
Hoover (S.D.)
Muir College, Pasadena
Pasadena City College
San Diego

Desert-Inyo League

Barstow
Big Bear, Big Bear Lake
Big Pine
Bishop
Burroughs, Inyo-Kern
Lone Pine
Owens Valley, Independence
Randsburg
Trona
Victor Valley, Victorville

Foothill League

Bell Gardens
Burbank
Burroughs, Burbank
Covina
Glendale
Hoover (G.)
Monrovia
South Pasadena

Imperial Valley League

Brawley
Calexico
Calipatria
Central Union, El Centro
Holtville
Imperial

Metropolitan League

Chula Vista
Coronado
Escondido
Kearny, San Diego
La Jolla
Oceanside
Point Loma, San Diego
Sweetwater, National City

Mount Baldy League

Calif. Jr. Republic, Chino
Emerson Jr., Pomona
Fremont Jr., Pomona
Newman, Fontana
Upland Branch, Upland
Webb, Claremont

Orange League

Brea-Olinda, Brea
Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano
Garden Grove
Laguna Beach
Tustin
Valencia, Placentia

Pacific League

Alhambra
El Monte
Excelsior, Norwalk
Keppel, Alhambra
Long Beach Poly
Montebello
Whittier
W. Wilson, Long Beach

Pasadena Jr. High League

Eliot Jr., Altadena
Marshall Jr., Pasadena
McKinley Jr., Pasadena
Washington Jr., Pasadena
Wilson Jr., Pasadena

Preparatory League

Avalon
Bellflower Christian
Black-Foxe, Los Angeles
Chadwick, Lomita

Culter, Los Angeles
Flintridge, Pasadena
Harvard, North Hollywood
L. A. Pacific College
Spanish American, Gardena

Riverside League

Banning
Beaumont
Coachella
Elsinore
Hemet
Palm Springs
Perris
San Jacinto

San Luis Obispo League

Arroyo Grande
Atascadero
Coast Union, Cambria
Lompoc
Mission, San Luis Obispo
Paso Robles
San Luis Obispo Jr.
San Luis Obispo Sr.
Santa Maria
Santa Ynez
Shandon
Templeton

Southern League

A & N Academy, Carlsbad
Brown Military, San Diego
Fallbrook
Julian
Mountain Empire, Pine Valley
Ramona
San Dieguito, Encinitas
Vista

Sunset League

Anaheim
Downey
Fullerton
Huntington Beach
Newport Harbor
Orange
Santa Ana

Tri-County League

Bonita, La Verne
Chino
Citrus, Azusa
Claremont
Corona
Puente

Tri-State League

Boulder City, Nevada
Henderson, Nevada
Kingman, Arizona
Needles, California
Palo Verde, Blythe, Calif
Parker, Arizona

Tri-Valley League

Carpinteria
California Prep., Ojai
Moorpark
Nordhoff, Ojai
Santa Barbara Catholic
Santa Clara Catholic, Oxnard
Simi
Thacher, Ojai
Villanova, Ojai

Ventura League

Antelope Valley, Lancaster
Fillmore
Hart, Newhall
Oxnard
Santa Paula
Ventura Sr.

Free Lance

Douglas, El Centro
Elsinore N & M
Las Vegas, Nev.
Midland School, Los Olivos
Phoenix, Arizona
Saint Bernardine's, San Bernardino
San Diego Vocational
Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara Boys', Carpinteria
Tucson, Ariz.
Twentynine Palms
University School, Pasadena
Urban Military, L.A.
Ventura Jr.
Yuma, Ariz.