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ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL SPONSORS "APPRECIATION NIGHT"

On Saturday night, February 11, 1956, the Ballroom of the El Cortez Hotel in San Diego was jammed to capacity by administrators, coaches, and persons interested in high school athletics who were there to attend the Second Annual Appreciation Night sponsored by St. Augustine HS, in conjunction with the Notre Dame Club of San Diego. This banquet is an annual affair to pay tribute to the high school administrators and coaches in San Diego County who do so much for youth through the administering of the high school athletic program.

Mr. Bud Wilkinson, outstanding football coach at Oklahoma University, was the principal speaker, and gave a very inspirational talk that was enjoyed by all present. It was wonderful to see so many coaches and administrators brought together for a social evening, and to be honored, and enough credit cannot be given to the Very Rev. John R. Aherne of St. Augustine HS who is the man directly responsible for this very wonderful affair.

C.I.F., SOUTHERN SECTION PLAYOFF DATES—1956-1957

To assist schools and leagues in setting up their 1956-57 schedules, the playoff dates for next year, as approved by the Council, are as follows:

FOOTBALL—Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14
CROSS COUNTRY—Nov. 30, Dec. 7
WATER POLO—Nov. 30, Dec. 4, 7
BASKETBALL—Feb. 26, Mar. 1, 5, 8, 9
WRESTLING—Feb. 22, Mar. 1
GYMNASTICS—April 19, 26
TENNIS—B & C TOURNEY—May 4, 11
A TOURNEY—June 8
TRACK—May 11, 18, 25, June 1
BASEBALL—May 31, 24, 28, 31, June 7

APPROVED SANCTIONED EVENTS

The following is a supplemental list of approved sanctioned events since publishing of the February Bulletin:

TRACK:

April 20—Whittier Union High School District Track Meet @ El Rancho HS
April 27—Vista Relays
April 28—El Centro Relays

ST. MONICA PROVES BEST IN NORTHERN GROUP BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Before an overflow crowd in the spacious Montebello HS gym, St. Monica's HS's fine basketball team overwhelmed Temple City, the Rio Hondo champions, 71 to 51, to capture the basketball championship for the Northern Group of the leagues of the CIF, SS. The game was hard fought and close until the middle of the third quarter when Center Dan Rodriguez and Guard Bob Holland, hit a hot streak to push the Mariners into a commanding lead which they did not relinquish during the remainder of the contest.

Coach Bill Bonali's Mariners drew a first round bye, and then whipped Avalon 71 to 46, and So. Pasadena 56 to 49, before meeting Temple City. Coach Marty Pelka's Rams engaged in a 3-way fight with So. Pasadena and San Marino for the right to represent the Rio Hondo league in the playoff competition. In their first playoff encounter they defeated a strong Harvard five 56 to 39, and they then took the measure of Atascadero 62 to 56, to qualify for the championship game with St. Monica.

A total of 14 teams from 7 leagues entered the Northern Group playoffs this season and competition was more evenly balanced than in previous years.

First Round, Feb. 28:

Harvard 49, Lone Pine 40
Atascadero 67, Santa Ynez 58
Avalon 58, Mary Star 47
South Pasadena 52, Sherman Burroughs 41
Santa Maria 50, Nordhoff 44

Feb. 29

Mater Dei 42, Bellflower Christian 38

Quarter Finals, March 2:

Temple City 56, Harvard 39
Atascadero 71, Mater Dei 63
St. Monica 71, Avalon 46
South Pasadena 55, Santa Maria 51

Semi-Finals, March 6:

Temple City 62, Atascadero 56
St. Monica 56, So. Pasadena 49

FINALS: March 9

St. Monica 71, Temple City 51

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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

The growth of the CIF, SS during the past two years has been fabulous and each new school year finds about twenty new schools being admitted to membership. This unprecedented growth means that literally hundreds of new administrators and coaches are entering phases of our athletic program each year, which presents problems in acquainting all of them with the rules and regulations under which the Southern Section athletic program operates.

Our Blue Book contains all of the rules and regulations in printed form, but during my brief tenure in office I have noted the increasing need for clarification and interpretation of these existing rules. It will be my aim in each issue of the Bulletin to attempt to clarify one or two of the rules of the Southern Section that have been posing a problem to our schools.

To get the ball rolling I will attempt to set everyone straight concerning a rule found in Section IV, paragraph (E), page 14 of the Blue Book. This regulation pertains to an academic requirement for eligibility and is as follows:

"Have passed in four subjects the previous semester, one of which may be physical education. Note: For crediting purposes, the semester closes with the last day of school in a given semester. For playing purposes, one semester does not end until the next one begins."

The explanatory portion of the above rule listed under "NOTE" is the all important part which many of our schools fail to completely understand and thereby complications arise. You will note that for crediting purposes the semester closes with the last day of the semester. This means that as of the last day of the semester a boy must be passing in four subjects, one of which may be Physical Education.

This simply means as of the last day of the semester a boy must be passing in four subjects and precludes any possibility of making any of them up after the last day of the semester. Most of our schools are aware that grades cannot be made up in summer school, but many of them do not realize that this rule also prohibits the making up of incompletes or conditions a few days after the end of the semester. A condition or an incomplete is not a passing grade on the last day of the semester, so a boy who is passing in only three subjects and is conditioned or incomplete in others will be ineligible the following semester because he has not passed in four subjects the previous semester.

The second part of the "NOTE" which refers to playing purposes is to clarify the situation at the end of the first semester when athletic events are involved. In this rule one semester does not end until the next one begins. An example would be the case of a Burroughs HS athlete who graduated at mid-term on Friday night and Burroughs HS had a basketball game scheduled for the following night on Saturday. This boy who graduated on Friday would be eligible on Saturday night because for playing purposes the semester did not end until the next one begins. The reverse of this would concern the case of a boy who was ineligible the first semester, but passes in his four subjects, as of Friday, the last day of the semester to regain his eligibility. This boy would not be eligible to play on Saturday night because he was ineligible during the first semester, and the Saturday night is considered, for playing purposes, as part of the first semester.

It is hoped that the above explanation of this somewhat tricky rule is clear to all concerned, but if there is any question in the mind of anyone regarding it, this office would welcome a phone call from you, as we welcome a call concerning the interpretation of any rule in which you are in doubt. We hope that these explanations will prove of value and in succeeding issues we will attempt to clarify other important rules of the CIF.

CORONADO CAPTURES SOUTHERN GROUP BASKETBALL HONORS

It was a repeat performance in the Southern Group Finals for both champion Coronado, and Citrus, only the results were different. In 1955 Citrus travelled South and defeated the Islanders to capture the crown, but this season Coach John Kovac's Coronado squad climaxed a very successful season with a 60 to 54 victory in the Cougar's gym before 2300 spectators.

The Islanders employing a fast break backed up by great defensive work, and spectacular shooting were in command all of the game. Center Roger Nix led the scoring with 18 points, and he was ably abetted by the rest of the Coronado team. The game was hard fought, but players on both teams exhibited fine sportsmanship, and the crowd was treated to an outstand-

ing exhibition of small high school basketball. Coronado, after dominating the Avocado league standings, raced past Tustin 73 to 55, and San Jacinto 55 to 50, in quarter and semi-final round action, before bumping into Citrus. Unseeded in the Southern Group playoffs, Citrus HS's Cougars met and defeated Palm Springs, El Centro, and Brea-Olinda to earn their way into the championship contest.

Only 11 teams from 7 leagues participated in the Southern Group playoffs this season which represented a decrease of 5 teams from the 16 which were entered in first round competition last season.

First Round, Feb. 28:

San Jacinto 69, Big Bear 48
Brea-Olinda 65, Newman 36
Citrus 71, Palm Springs 53

Quarter-Finals, March 2:

San Jacinto 62, Puente 49
Coronado 75, Tustin 55
Brea-Olinda 78, Julian 43
Citrus 78, El Centro 52

Semi-Finals, March 6:

Coronado 55, San Jacinto 50
Citrus 77, Brea-Olinda 72

FINALS, March 9:

Coronado 60, Citrus 54

CENTRAL GROUP BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RETURNS TO L.B. POLY

Sweeping aside all opposition the L.B. Poly "Jackrabbits" set a new record by winning the CIF, SS basketball championship for the 5th time in the long history of the event. Poly HS captured previous honors in 1921, 1928, 1939, and 1942. The 1956 edition featuring height, speed, and shooting ability, took the measure of the small, but battling Montebello quintet 74 to 62, in the championship game played in the beautiful Long Beach City College pavilion, before an overflow crowd of some 3600 rabid fans.

As it was all season, height proved to be a major factor for Coach Del Walker's "Jackrabbits," with 6'7" Center Jim Hanna, and 6'4" Forward Paul Hipp, controlling both backboards and shooting well. Hanna, second highest Prep scorer in the Southland, really went to work in the semi-finals and finals, dropping in 62 points during the two-night stand held in the beach city gym.

Poly, after breezing to the Coast League title, had easy going in the 4-game playoff grind. The "Jackrabbits" ripped past San Diego Lincoln 71-52, Mark Keppel 63-48, and Glendale Hoover 70-51, in order to oppose Montebello for the Central Group crown.

Montebello, strong San Gabriel Valley League champion, advanced to the Finals behind the record smashing scoring of Forward Jerry Pimm. The 5'11" senior accumulated a total of 864 points over the 33-game Oiler slate to demolish the previous Southland single season scoring mark of 789, established just last year by Covina's Fred Crabtree. Pimm hit for 22 points in the Finals against L.B. Poly.

Third place honors were captured by a steady San Diego Hoover club. The Cardinals clipped Glendale Hoover 57-53, in the third place decider, thanks to a pair of jump shots by Howard Manser, in the final minutes of play. Bill Landry snared high-point acclaim for San Diego Hoover with a total of 15 points.

Poly emerged victorious over an original field of 24 playoff entries which included champions and runners-up from all 12 leagues of the Central Group. The Semi-finals and Finals were held in the Long Beach City College Gym for the 5th straight year.

Results 1956 CIF, SS Basketball Playoffs— Central Group of Leagues

First Round, Feb. 28

Pasadena 57, St. Anthony 45
Whittier 53, Beverly Hills 43
L.B. Wilson 68, Chaffey 35
Newport 66, Helix 60
Glendale Hoover 59, Bellflower 53
Fullerton 53, Oxnard 52
Notre Dame 85, Santa Monica 63
San Diego Lincoln 62, Grossmont 54

Second Round, March 2

Montebello 59, Pasadena 51
Redondo 48, L.B. Wilson 47
S. D. Hoover 63, Newport 52
Glen. Hoover 58, Culver City 56
Redlands 53, Fullerton 47
Mark Keppel 74, Notre Dame 68
L.B. Poly 71, San Diego Lincoln 52

March 3:

Ventura 52, Whittier 39

Quarter-Finals, March 6

Montebello 68, Ventura 53
San Diego Hoover 56, Redondo 54
Glendale Hoover 59, Redlands 36
L.B. Poly 63, Mark Keppel 48

Semi-Finals, March 9

Montebello 69, San Diego Hoover 57
L.B. Poly 70, Glendale Hoover 51

Finals, March 10

L.B. Poly 74, Montebello 63
San Diego Hoover 57, Glendale Hoover 53

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS ELIGIBLE FOR OLYMPIC WRESTLING TEAM

The District Tournament to qualify wrestlers for the Final Olympic Tryouts will be held on April 16, in San Diego. High school wrestlers are eligible to enter this qualifying meet, and if any are interested they may secure entry blanks by writing to Mr. John H. Drummond, Manager of the United States Olympic Wrestling Team, 8760 Shoreham Drive, Los Angeles 46.

The Final Wrestling Tryouts for the Olympic Team will be held in the Hollywood Legion Stadium, April 28 through May 5, 1956. There will be competition in free style and Greco-Roman wrestling in 8 weight classes in both competitions, which should prove very interesting to high school boys interested in this fine old sport.

NEW CIF SWIM RELAYS MEETS WITH SUCCESS

Coach Urho Saari's El Segundo HS swimmers made off with the top varsity honors in the 1st Annual CIF Swimming Relay Finals, held in the El Segundo HS pool, Friday, February 24.

The CIF Relays replaces the traditional Whittier HS Swimming Relays which were discontinued this season because the growth in number of competing schools had become too great a burden upon Whittier HS in recent years.

Two preliminary meets were held February 21, at La Habra HS and LB Poly HS. The La Habra prelims attracted 15 schools, represented by 142 relay teams, while the LB Poly meet hosted 16 schools and 135 teams. The total of 31 schools, and 277 teams competing in the preliminaries was a marked increase over the 22 schools and 215 teams entered in the prelims for the Whittier Relays last year. Twenty-two of the 31 schools qualified teams for the Finals.

El Segundo and LB Wilson completely dominated the five final varsity events—El Segundo

tankmen capturing first place in the A-50 free style, A Breast-stroke, and A-Medley, in winning a total of 58 points; and Pete Archer's Wilson swimmers taking first place in A-Back Stroke and 100-yd free style with a final total of 52 points for 2nd place.

L.B. Wilson, unable to capture a single first place event in a Class B event, produced enough seconds and thirds for a winning total of 42 points. L.B. Poly, with two first and 38 points, was second to Wilson.

Fullerton HS ruled supreme in the Class C events, for the day's largest point total of 62. LB Poly finished a distant second with 38 points.

The winning time in each event in the Finals for 1956 will be established as a new CIF Swimming Relay record. This is due to the fact that (1) Whittier pool, formerly used in the Relays, was of a different length; and (2) the distance now established for each event is in yards instead of feet.

RESULTS OF CIF SWIMMING RELAY FINALS

C-4 x 25 Free Style
Fullerton 1:12.6
Whittier
Redlands
L.B. Poly
L.B. Wilson
Harvard

C-4 x 50 Breast Stroke
Whittier 2:03.5
Fullerton
L.B. Poly
Newport
L.B. Jordan
California

C-4 x 50 Back Stroke
Fullerton 2:10.5
L.B. Jordan
Newport
Redlands
L.B. Wilson
Whittier

C-4 x 50 Free Style
L.B. Poly 1:44.6
Fullerton
Redlands
Newport
El Segundo
Whittier

C-4 x 50 Medley
Fullerton 2:02.9
L.B. Poly
Newport
Redlands
Whittier
Beverly Hills

B-4 x 50 Free Style
L.B. Poly 2:36.5
L.B. Wilson
Beverly Hills
Downey
Newport
Inglewood

B-4 x 50 Breast Stroke
Santa Monica 1:59.5
L.B. Wilson
El Segundo
L.B. Poly
Downey
Huntington Beach

B-4 x 50 Back Stroke
El Segundo 2:09.5
Downey
Santa Monica
Inglewood
L.B. Wilson
Huntington Beach

B-4 x 100 Free Style
L.B. Poly 3:55.5
L.B. Wilson
Newport
Beverly Hills
Downey
Santa Maria

B-4 x 50 Medley
Santa Monica 1:58.5
El Segundo
L.B. Wilson
Beverly Hills
L.B. Poly
Huntington Beach

A-4 x 50 Free Style
El Segundo 2:27.1
L.B. Wilson
Whittier
Downey
L.B. Poly
Harvard

A-4 x 50 Breast Stroke
El Segundo 1:51.0
Whittier
Newport
Downey
L.B. Wilson
Muir

A-4 x 50 Back Stroke
L.B. Wilson 1:59.4
El Segundo
Fullerton
Whittier
L.B. Poly
California

A-4 x 100 Free Style
L.B. Wilson 3:43.2
Newport
Downey
El Segundo
L.B. Poly
Whittier

A-4 x 50 Medley
El Segundo 1:52.0
L.B. Wilson
Whittier
Newport
Compton
Downey

TEAM SCORES

Class A	
El Segundo	58
L.B. Wilson	52
Whittier	34
Newport	24
Downey	22
L.B. Poly	12
Fullerton	8
Compton	4
California	2
Harvard	2
Muir	2

Class B	
L.B. Wilson	42
L.B. Poly	38
Santa Monica	36
El Segundo	32
Downey	24
Beverly Hills	20
Newport	12
Inglewood	8
Huntington Beach	6
Santa Maria	2

Class C	
Fullerton	62
L.B. Poly	38
Whittier	32
Redlands	28
Newport	28
L.B. Jordan	14
L.B. Wilson	8
El Segundo	4
Beverly Hills	2
California	2
Harvard	2