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CIF GYMNASTIC PROGRAM TAKES ON NEW LOOK

The CIF, SS gymnastics program for 1958 has been slightly revised through the action of a coaches committee working in conjunction with the Commissioner of Athletics. This year's competition will feature a new event to be known as the All-Around which will be the ninth event on the program. Because of the growing interest in the sport of Gymnastics it was decided to hold three preliminary meets to qualify boys into the Championship Meet.

The preliminary meets will be held at Covina HS, Bellflower HS, and Pasadena HS, beginning at 7:30 P.M., Friday, April 18, 1958. The championship meet has been awarded to San Gabriel HS, and will be held in their beautiful new gymnasium on Friday, April 25, 1958.

There is no qualifying necessary to gain entrance to the CIF preliminaries, and entries will be welcomed from any of our member schools. Entry blanks are now in the mail and the coach of any school not receiving one, and who is desirous of entering contestants, should contact the CIF Office at once.

1958 STATE TRACK MEET TO BE HELD IN LONG BEACH

As the host section we are pleased to announce that the 1958 California State Track and Field Meet will be held on Saturday, May 31, 1958, in the Veteran's Memorial Stadium in Long Beach. This stadium, besides having a very fast track, can comfortably seat about 15,000 spectators, has ample parking facilities near by, and maintains excellent accommodations for the many members of the press that attend this outstanding event.

The meet was originally scheduled for the L. A. Coliseum, but when existing facilities were disrupted to construct a baseball diamond, it was felt necessary to transfer the State Meet to a stadium with more satisfactory facilities for track and field.

FIRST SMALL SCHOOL BASKETBALL PLAYOFF WON BY NEWMAN HS

The first small school basketball playoff in the history of the SS was brought to a successful conclusion on a neutral court at Fontana HS on Friday night, March 7, 1958, when Newman defeated Ramona in a real thriller 45-44. Newman played superlative ball in the first half, and with a 31-25 lead it appeared they had the game well under control. The Bulldogs from Ramona thought differently however, and waged a terrific uphill battle to secure the lead 44-43 for the first time with only 12 seconds remaining in the game. The lead was short lived however, as Newman scored the winning basket with seconds to go to wrap up the coveted championship.

To reach the finals Newman took the measure of Army & Navy of Carlsbad 59-38 and upset a strong Trona team on Trona's home court, 46-26. Ramona, champions of the strong Southern League, drew a Bye in the first round then edged 29 Palms 36-33, and defeated Bishop HS 45-37 in the semi-finals.

Twelve outstanding small school basketball teams entered the first round of this newly established playoffs and all are to be congratulated upon their splendid showing. Only one school can emerge the champion and claim the trophy, but all of these fine teams exhibited wonderful sportsmanship and we are certain benefited from the experience of competing against representatives from other leagues in the SS. A summary of all games played follows:

FIRST ROUND:

Bishop 68, Big Pine 33
Santa Clara 72, Templeton 41
S. B. Catholic 71, Coast 40
Trona 83, Independence 32

QUARTER-FINALS:

Ramona 36, Twenty-nine Palms 33
Bishop 61, Santa Clara 52
Trona 37, S. B. Catholic 31
Newman 59, Army & Navy 38

SEMI-FINALS:

Ramona 45, Bishop 37
Newman 46, Trona 26

FINALS:

Newman 45, Ramona 44

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GUEST EDITORIAL

From time to time, the CIF Southern Section will reprint editorial comment from publications of other state high school athletic associations and from the National Federation. We publish this month an article by Secretary Paul E. Elicker of the NASSP, that appeared in the National Federation Press. Mr. Elicker has entitled his article "Shotgun Season for Secondary Schools."

"LET'S BE HONEST ABOUT IT. Principals are getting weary of reading and listening to the rash of articles, feature stories, and speeches of a supercritical nature on what is wrong with secondary education. Again and again the theme recurs—the weaknesses of secondary-school programs. Many writers and speakers with little valid information or experience sound off and get the headlines. The open season on secondary education is fair game for every huntsman. It is pointed out that the schools are at fault and that it is up to them to find solutions. Recent examples from newspaper columns on one day, October 31, suggest that secondary schools (a) are having little effect on the nature of the values their students acquire, (b) have to maintain the importance of the 3 R's and at the same time meet the educational needs of the future, (c) teach more modern languages than French, German and Spanish, because 70% of the world's population does not speak these languages, (d) should be allowed to drop pupils who have neither the disposition nor the capacity to

stand the pace.' (e) should eliminate "fun and entertainment and get down to business". WE SELDOM HEAR ABOUT THE GOOD THINGS secondary schools are doing. Because of loud voices harping on negative criticism, the secondary-school principal and staff are often presumed guilty until proved innocent. Informed, intelligent, constructive criticism of secondary education is welcomed by all principals. The person who points an accusation at secondary schools ought to know what he's talking about—acquaintance with practice and quantitative data pertaining to schools. Furthermore, he ought to tell why his criticism is valid and pinpoint some realistic ways by which schools may work suggested improvements into the educational bloodstream. Above all, he should be in possession of the facts, as revealed by reputable research findings. If the critic does none of these things, his words cannot be presumed to be constructive. He merely carries the ball in a game that has no playing field and no rules.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE DOING A TREMENDOUS JOB. A day's visit to a junior or senior high school in any community will convince a visitor of the earnestness with which principals and teachers regard their service to youth. Continuing efforts toward self-improvement in secondary-school programs are evident everywhere, even though budget restrictions, staff shortages, and overcrowded classrooms often complicate desired and desirable progress.

Note by National Federation Press Editor: Attempts to find a whipping boy go in cycles. A little while ago it was the athletic department. Today it is the science department. Tomorrow, who knows? In the meantime, high school leaders continue to do the things which need to be done while others are talking about it."

ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

With many of our small schools operating on a limited athletic budget we thought we would pass on some information pertaining to some used, but serviceable athletic equipment, that may be purchased at a very reasonable price. Shoulder pads, hip pads, football jerseys, basketball and track outfits are some of the items offered for sale. Any member school interested in checking on this matter should phone or write to Mr. Hal Musselman, Athletic Director at Caltech in Pasadena. His phone is RYan 1-7171.

ORANGE PROVES BEST IN SOUTHERN GROUP BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

An alert fast breaking Orange HS varsity defeated a scrappy team from Escondido HS 49-40 in a game played before a capacity throng of rabid rooters in the new Fullerton Junior College gymnasium, Friday, March 7, 1958. This championship encounter brought together probably two of the finest teams ever to compete for the Southern Group crown. The Panthers under Coach Bill Frantz lost only three games all year, with two of the defeats coming at the hands of large schools in overtime. It is our opinion that Orange HS would have been a definite threat for the Central Group championship had they elected to enter that classification. Escondido did not have as good an overall record as Orange, but during the latter part of the season they improved rapidly, and fielded a potent five for the playoffs.

Orange led throughout most of the game, but never by enough margin to permit them to relax. Going into the 4th quarter it was Orange by three points, and when it became necessary for Escondido to apply a full court press in an effort to try and secure the ball in the waning minutes of the contest, Orange players slipped in for the necessary field goals to ice the contest. Jack Schroeder was the big gun for the Panthers, amassing a total of 18 points besides doing a remarkable job of controlling both backboards.

Seeded number one in the draw Orange performed like the champions they are by downing San Gabriel Mission in their first playoff game 44-24, and then defeating the defending champions from Banning HS 57-48, to earn the right to participate in the championship contest. Escondido, co-champions of the Avocado League had to whip Oceanside for the right to enter the playoffs, and then took the measure of Mater Dei 50-48, and Coachella 49-47, to advance to the final round.

Only eleven teams entered the Southern Group playoffs which necessitated many Byes in the opening round of play. It is expected that in 1959 competition will be much keener and interest more pronounced with the combining of the northern and southern groups of leagues into one playoff.

Complete results of all games played in the Southern Group of Leagues follows:

FIRST ROUND:

Coachella 47, Holtville 43
Claremont 70, Brea 57
Banning 47, El Centro 31

QUARTER-FINALS:

Escondido 50, Mater Dei 48
Coachella 49, Buena Park 47
Banning 46, Claremont 41
Orange 44, S. G. Mission 24

TWO SS TRACK COACHES RECEIVE FOREIGN ASSIGNMENTS

Two outstanding and popular SS track coaches, Bill Gill of Centennial HS, and Vince Reel of LB Wilson HS, have been honored by receiving invitations to coach track and field teams in foreign countries. Coach Gill left the United States early in February on an assignment from the State Department to coach the Burma track and field team for the Asian Games to be held in Tokyo, May 22 to June 2 of this year.

The training program for the Burma team will be conducted at the University of Rangoon. In addition to his track work Gil is hoping to impart a little basketball instruction to the natives, because this sport is one of the most popular in that part of the world. Following the Asian games in Japan, Bill plans to return by way of India, Africa, Europe and Washington, D.C., and will arrive back in Los Angeles late in June.

Coach Reel was the recipient of a Fullbright Award and originally was assigned to teach track and field at the Physical Education Institution in Bagdad. Money for athletics was short in this Eastern country, and so Vince's assignment was changed and he is now working with Sayid Akram Fahmi, the head of recreation, athletics, and physical education for Iraq. In addition he is the advisory coach of the Iraq track and field team, which competed in the Pan-Arab games in Beirut, Lebanon during October. The Iraq team did very well in the games, winning more silver, gold, and bronze medals than any of the other eight nations participating. The amazing thing about the performance of the Iraq athletes is that there is not a single running track available in their country. It appears from the splendid results achieved that Coach Reel is continuing his winning ways, and is imparting plenty of his vast knowledge of track and field to these young athletes.

Although there is great interest in sports in Iraq, facilities are practically non-existent, money is scarce, and even the weather presents problems. It is impossible to work out, or even be out in the sun, during the months of May, June, July, or August, while in September and April it is possible only if one is brave. Therefore, they must have some place for working out during these months if they are to become any sort of an international power. This calls for more money which at the present time is a scarce commodity.

It has been a real pleasure to hear from these fine coaches, and I am certain that all of their many friends in the SS wish them well in this most worthwhile endeavor.

SEMI-FINALS:

Escondido 53, Coachella 37

Orange 57, Banning 48

FINALS:

Orange 49, Escondido 40

COAST LEAGUE TEAMS DOMINATE BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

The Compton "Tarbabes" won a spine-tingling victory over their cross town rivals, Centennial HS 57-55, to capture the 1958 CIF, SS Central Group of Leagues basketball playoffs before a near capacity crowd in the beautiful Long Beach City College gymnasium, Saturday night, March 8, 1958. It was the first time in the history of the large school playoffs that two teams from the same league (COAST) defeated all opposition to meet in the championship game. During the regular season each team had scored a narrow victory over the other which caused them to wind up in a tie for the Coast League championship with an identical 6-2 record. So it was only fitting that these fine teams, both of whom had improved so much during the season, earned the right to settle once and for all the question as to which was the better team.

The championship game found both coaches going all the way with their starting five, in a contest that was so even that the count was tied 8 times in the first half and 7 times in the second half. The lead switched 7 times in the initial half as Compton left the floor with a 29-26 edge, largest to that point. The battle continued throughout the second half and it was a short jump shot by Billy Daniels with nine seconds to play that netted the Tarbabes their victory which meant the championship.

In the playoff for third place Colton closed fast to defeat Santa Maria, 63-59 in overtime. John Rudometkin of Santa Maria gave evidence of his greatness by scoring 39 points on every conceivable type of shot to capture individual scoring honors for the playoffs. When Rudometkin fouled out with about one and one half minutes to go, Colton was able to overcome a five-point deficit to knot up the count and send the game into overtime.

Compton emerged victorious over an original field of 32 playoff entries which included champions and runner-ups from fifteen leagues of the Central Group, plus Santa Maria HS, the San Luis Obispo League champion who elected to participate in the large school playoffs. For the seventh consecutive year the semi-finals and finals were held in the Long Beach City College gymnasium.

Results of all games played in the Central Group of Leagues playoffs follows:

FIRST ROUND:

Mt. Carmel 68, Mission Bay 45
Burbank 65, Monrovia 63
Santa Monica 40, Ventura 37
Santa Maria 66, Morningside 50
Centennial 55, El Rancho 49
Sweetwater 41, Anaheim 38

Millikan 59, Citrus 46
Chaffey 61, San Bernardino 47
Compton 52, Santa Ana 47
Bellflower 65, Glendale 53
El Monte 51, Covina 33
Fullerton 60, Jordan 43
Mira Costa 75, Cantwell 57
Hawthorne 71, Santa Barbara 47
Colton 55, San Gabriel 51
Chula Vista 48, San Diego 47

SECOND ROUND:

Mt. Carmel 47, Burbank 40
Santa Maria 58, Santa Monica 47
Centennial 53, Sweetwater 45
Chaffey 60, Millikan 43
Compton 57, Bellflower 54
Fullerton 59, El Monte 58
Mira Costa 68, Hawthorne 60
Colton 45, Chula Vista 37

QUARTER-FINALS:

Santa Maria 68, Mt. Carmel 45
Centennial 48, Chaffey 36
Compton 71, Fullerton 59
Colton 61, Mira Costa 60

SEMI-FINALS:

Centennial 51, Santa Maria 42
Compton 62, Colton 41

CHAMPIONSHIP:

Compton 57, Centennial 55
Colton 63, Santa Maria 59

BURROUGHS HS OF CHINA LAKE WINS NORTHERN GROUP BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Burroughs HS of China Lake captured the final Northern Group of leagues championship of the CIF, SS when they edged out a fighting Bell Gardens varsity 41-40 in a game played at Trona HS, Friday, March 7, 1958. This was the last year for this particular group of leagues to meet in playoff competition in basketball as next year the northern and southern group of leagues will be combined to determine the championship from among all of the medium sized schools in the SS.

With only a minute and one half to play in the championship contest Bell Gardens had what appeared to be a safe 40-36 lead. At this point however, Burroughs guard Dallas Childs intercepted a bad Bell Gardens pass and drove down the floor unmolested to make an easy lay up to narrow the margin to two points. A successful free throw by Burroughs enabled them to pull within one point and with only 8 seconds remaining Childs again picked off a stray pass and laid in a cripple to win for Burroughs. It was a tough one for Bell Gardens to lose,

but a sweet victory for the Burros who captured their first CIF championship in the history of this desert school.

Burroughs had been seeded as the number one team in the playoffs and they lived up to their high rating by taking San Luis Obispo high school into camp 51-35, and then defeating a good St. Agnes five in the semi-finals by the decisive margin of 65-52. Bell Gardens, the number two seeded team walloped Bellflower Christian 66-30 in their first round game and then in one of the most thrilling contests ever played in SS history, edged out St. Monica's in a double overtime, sudden death contest by the narrow margin of one basket 59-57.

All of the games in the Northern Group of leagues playoffs, although hard fought, were marked by fine sportsmanship on the part of players, coaches and spectators of the competing schools. A complete summary of all results follows:

FIRST ROUND:

St. Agnes 64, Lennox 40
San Marino 58, Avalon 32
San Luis Obispo 41, Hart 40
Fillmore 74, Atascadero 48
St. Monica's 60, Barstow 55
Bellflower Christian 38, Dominguez 32

QUARTER FINALS:

St. Agnes 48, San Marino 39
Burroughs 51, San Luis Obispo 35
St. Monica's 53, Fillmore 50
Bell Gardens 66, Bellflower Christian 30

SEMI-FINALS:

Burroughs 65, St. Agnes 52
Bell Gardens 59, St. Monica's 57

FINALS:

Burroughs 41, Bell Gardens 40

SUCCESSFUL CIF SWIM RELAYS HELD AT EL SEGUNDO HS

The popular midwinter CIF Swim Relays were brought to a successful conclusion before a packed house in the spacious El Segundo natatorium on Friday night, February 28, 1958. Twelve new records were established with one of them coming in the preliminaries, and 11 being set as a result of the terrific competition in the championship meet. Team honors went to El Segundo in the Varsity division and to Beverly Hills and Whittier in Class B and C meets, respectively.

For the third straight year Coach Whitey Saari's El Segundo varsity walked away with the team championship when they amassed 66 points to runner-up LB Poly's 56. Out of six

varsity events El Segundo won 3 in record breaking times, while picking up a 2nd, 3rd and 4th to establish their record breaking totals. There was quite a coincidence in the fact that the point total and the finish in the 6 Varsity races was identical with the results scored by El Segundo in the 1957 meet. Coach Saari accepted the beautiful team championship trophy on behalf of El Segundo HS and then in keeping with swimming traditions he was tossed unceremoniously, by his championship team, into the pool.

In the Class B division Beverly Hills came through in the final event to edge out LB Wilson 52 to 50. One of Beverly Hills' fine teams had to be scratched because of an ear infection suffered by a team member as a result of the preliminaries held on Tuesday. With this unexpected blow Beverly Hills was not given much chance to win the meet, but the rest of the boys performed above expectations and captured the coveted championship.

The Class C competition was dominated by a strong Whittier HS team that scored a total of 80 points to their nearest rival, California HS's 38. Whittier teams took first place in five out of six events and set new meet records in the 4 x 50 Medley, the Back Stroke and the Breast Stroke. If all of these fine Whittier swimmers move up a classification next year we can look forward to a dominance by Whittier in the Class B division in 1959.

With interest in swimming growing rapidly in the SS it was necessary this year to hold three preliminary meets to qualify entrants into the championship meet. These preliminaries were held on Tuesday, February 25 at LB Poly HS, with Coach "Buzz" Thayer serving as meet manager; in the new California HS pool where Hap Waer acted as meet manager; and at Morningside HS where Bob Hoffman successfully managed a fine preliminary. It appears that next year we will need to hold four preliminary meets from which the fastest two teams will qualify for the finals.

The championship meet was probably held before the largest crowd ever to witness such an event. Meet Manager Saari erected special bleachers and provided extra seating so that all of the competitors could be taken care of on the deck of the pool. This freed the bleachers for spectators and nearly 1,000 enthusiastic followers of swimming were enabled to witness this fine meet. On behalf of the member schools of the SS and the CIF Office we would like to extend our congratulations and thanks to the meet managers who so successfully conducted their respective meets.

There were too many new records set in the preliminaries and finals for individual mention, but the complete results, with new records established, are shown following this article.

RESULTS OF CIF SWIMMING RELAY FINALS

C 6 x 50 FREE STYLE 2:40.8
Whittier
Poly
California
Downey
Newport
Beverly Hills

B 6 x 50 FREE STYLE 2:38.4
Santa Monica
Muir

Hoover, Glen. } Tie
Wilson
El Segundo
Morningside

A 6 x 50 FREE STYLE 2:24.2*
El Segundo
Whittier
Newport
Fullerton
California
Poly

C 4 x 50 BUTTERFLY 1:59.5
Whittier
Lakewood
Morningside
California
Santa Monica
St. Monica's

B 4 x 50 BUTTERFLY 1:49.2*
Beverly Hills
Wilson
Muir
Santa Monica
Glendale
El Segundo

A 4 x 50 BUTTERFLY 1:48.5*
El Segundo
Poly
Newport
Whittier
Fullerton
Glendale

*Meet Records made in Finals

C 4 x 50 BREAST STROKE 2:22.2*

Whittier
Newport
Lakewood
California
Poly
Morningside

B 4 x 50 BREAST STROKE 2:16.2
Beverly Hills
Wilson
Glendale

El Segundo
Morningside
El Rancho

A 4 x 50 BREAST STROKE 2:12.2
Black Foxe
Poly
El Segundo
Downey
Newport
Whittier

C 4 x 100 FREE STYLE 4:00.8*

Poly
Whittier
California
Downey
Newport
Huntington Beach

B 4 x 100 FREE STYLE 3:55.2
Beverly Hills
El Segundo
Wilson
Whittier
Santa Monica
Hoover

A 4 x 100 FREE STYLE 3:35.3
El Segundo
Poly
Whittier
Fullerton
Newport
Flintridge

C 4 x 50 BACK STROKE 2:05.5*

Whittier
California
Poly
Newport
Santa Monica
Downey

B 4 x 50 BACK STROKE 2:02.5*

Poly
Morningside
Harvard
Millikan
Santa Monica
Whittier

A 4 x 50 BACK STROKE 1:51.5*

Poly
El Segundo
Black Foxe
Glendale
Whittier
Newport

C 4 x 50 MEDLEY 2:00.3*

Whittier
Newport
Lakewood
Wilson
Downey
Santa Monica

B 4 x 50 MEDLEY 1:55.3*

Wilson
Beverly Hills
Muir
Santa Monica
Morningside
Harvard

A 4 x 50 MEDLEY 1:50.0*

Black Foxe
Poly
Whittier
El Segundo
Glendale
Newport

RECORD SET IN PRELIMINARY MEETS

C 6 x 50 FREE STYLE, 2:39.2, Whittier

TEAM SCORES

Class A
El Segundo 66
LB Poly 56
Whittier 38
Black Foxe 36
Newport 28
Fullerton 16
Glendale 12
Downey 6
California 4
Flintridge 2

Class B
Beverly Hills 52
Wilson 50
Santa Monica 34
Muir 26
El Segundo 22
Morningside 20
LB Poly 14
Glendale 12
Harvard 10
Hoover, Glen. 8
Whittier 8
Millikan 6
El Rancho 2

Class C
Whittier 80
California 38
Poly 36
Newport 34
Lakewood 26
Downey 18
Morningside 10
Santa Monica 10
Wilson 6
St. Monica's 2
Beverly Hills 2

EXPERIMENT CONDUCTED ON BASKETBALL RULE

Colton, Nordhoff, Fillmore and San Bernardino High Schools recently took part in a nationwide experimental basketball rule study when the four (4) high school invitational tournaments, held this season, collected data on an experimental basketball rule for the National Basketball Committee, through cooperation with State CIF Office and the National Federation.

The experimental rule provided that for the first four (4) common fouls committed during each half, the free-throw penalty would be waived and the ball would be awarded out-

of-bounds at mid court to the offended team. Coaches of the teams participating in the tournament differed in their opinion of the experimental rule, some liking it more than the present rule and some less. They were unanimous, however, in their opinion that the game was speeded up through elimination of the delay in administering some of the free-throws, and that, accordingly, the game was more fatiguing to the players. The purpose of the experimental rule was to test the possibility of reducing the number of free-throws in a game.