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CIF "A" BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY SANTA CLARA HS

Santa Clara HS captured the CIF, SS "A" basketball championship by topping visiting Trona, 44-27, before an overflow crowd of 1300 at Oxnard HS on Friday, March 6, 1959. Santa Clara, led by the outstanding play of Steve Miller, jumped into a first quarter lead 13 to 6 and were never headed throughout the remainder of the contest.

Dick Jaques of Santa Clara was the high point man of the evening with a 13 point effort. He was followed by teammate Nick Escamilla and Trona's Van McCallum with ten a piece. Santa Clara ended the year with a 17-5 record. However, all five losses were to Class "AAA" teams.

Fourteen teams entered this year's "A" playoffs with Santa Clara being seeded as the number one team and Trona regarded as the 2nd strongest entry. Ramona and Avalon were given 1st round Byes because of their location. Competition was keen throughout the tournament as all 14 entries battled to win top honors in their division.

To reach the finals Santa Clara disposed of Mission of San Luis Obispo 69 to 20, and then traveled to Bishop to outscore the Broncos 49 to 35. The luck of the draw forced the Saints to again travel, this time to Escondido where they defeated a strong Ramona team 52 to 48 to earn the right to host the championship encounter. Trona routed Owens Valley 71 to 34 in the 1st round and then took the measure of Big Bear 48 to 38 and Avalon 67 to 47 to qualify for the final game.

All teams are to be congratulated on their fine showing in this year's playoffs. A great deal of travel was necessary in order to complete the playoffs, but all teams willingly accepted it as part of the game and we are certain that they benefited from the experience of competing against representatives their own size from other leagues in the SS. Next year it is planned to drop two of the leagues from the "AA" classification to "A" which will provide more entries and should cut down considerably on the travel distances involved. A summary of all games played follows:

FIRST ROUND:

Simi 49; Coast 39
Big Bear 48; Army & Navy 42
Trona 71; Owens Valley 34
Santa Clara 69; SLO Mission 20
Bishop 76; Big Pine 41
Valley Christian 51; Aquinas 46

SECOND ROUND:

Avalon 53; Simi 44
Trona 48; Big Bear 38
Santa Clara 49; Bishop 35
Ramona 42; Valley Christian 39

SEMI-FINALS

Trona 67; Avalon 47
Santa Clara 52; Ramona 48
CHAMPIONSHIP:
Santa Clara 44; Trona 27

SAN MARINO HS WINS CIF "AA" BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Although they finished second in Rio Hondo League play the San Marino Titans came on strong in the playoffs to defeat Hart HS 64-59 to win the CIF, SS "AA" basketball championship in a game played at San Marino on Saturday, March 7, 1959. Bob Sommers, 6'5" center and an outstanding candidate for small schools CIF Player of the year, scored a fantastic 43 points in the final game to break his schools scoring record and lead his team to victory. Sommers who fouled out with 3:12 left in the game scored 15 of his teams 19 points in the hot third quarter, which proved to be the turning point in what was up to then a closely played contest.

The big upset in the tournament occurred in the semi-finals when an under-rated Hart team upset Artesia, the team picked by all of the experts to go all the way. Hart with a home court advantage outhustled an overconfident Artesia five to gain an early lead and hold it to win by a 65-54 score to assure their entry into the championship encounter.

San Marino qualified for the championship game by whipping Buena Park, 67-59, on Friday, March 6, in the loser's gym. Bill Sommers accounted for 23 points as he again performed in an outstanding manner. Ed Briscoe kept the Coyotes in the game by scoring 23 points and dominating both backboards.

The combining of the former northern and southern groups of leagues into one playoff proved very successful with 24 teams entering the competition. With the formation of four new leagues next year it appears that a full bracket of 32 teams can be entered which will eliminate all Byes. It is also hoped that we will be able to secure the use of the new Coliseum Sports Arena for our 1960 playoffs which would enable us to hold the semi-finals and finals in all three playoff divisions in one location. With interest in our high school playoffs increasing each year we would be justified in using this beautiful new arena which would enable the fans to view all of our playoff finalists from comfortable surroundings.

Complete results of all games follow:

FIRST ROUND:

Chaminade 66; Mater Dei 52
San Gabriel Mission 52; Pomona 49

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Aviation 57; Brea-Olinda 49
Hart 54; Atascadero 46
Clairemont 46; Mar Vista 39
Buena Park 47; Tustin 33
Dominguez 54; Fillmore 50

SECOND ROUND:

Artesia 60; Coachella 46
El Centro 54; Chaminade 50
S. G. Mission 68; Aviation 49
Hart 67; Palmdale 44
Buena Park 57; Clairemont 34
Banning 33; Brawley 31
San Marino 67; Harvard 49
San Luis Obispo 41; Dominguez 38

QUARTER-FINALS:

Artesia 60; El Centro 37
Hart 52; S. G. Mission 48
Buena Park 33; Banning 32
San Marino 66; San Luis Obispo 64

SEMI-FINALS:

Hart 65; Artesia 54
San Marino 67; Buena Park 59

FINALS:

San Marino 64; Hart 59

GLENDALE HS CAPTURES ITS FIRST CIF BASKETBALL TITLE

Glendale High School's poised basketball team started fast and finished with a flourish, to win its first CIF basketball championship in its history, with an exciting 59-49 victory over Fullerton before 3600 screaming fans at the Long Beach City College gymnasium in the finals of the CIF "AAA" playoffs, Saturday, March 7, 1959. Third place in the tournament went to Centennial which whipped Compton, 46-44, in the opener. It was the Apaches' first win over the Tarababes in four tries this season.

Top seeded Glendale never trailed in the show down battle. The victory pushed the Dynamiters' victory tally to 32-1 for the season—the best record in Southern California. Darrell Sutherland, a leading candidate for

CIF player of the year, played brilliantly throughout the tournament and steadied his team with a fine display of dribbling and passing just when it appeared that the Fullerton "press" might upset the Dynamiters.

The semi-finals played on Friday night attracted the largest crowd in playoff history when over 4100 spectators jammed their way into the Long Beach City College gymnasium. They were treated to an exciting fray in the first game when Fullerton edged Centennial 47-46 in an overtime tussle. In the nightcap, Glendale overpowered the defending champion, Compton, 69-46, in a game that saw Sutherland score 23 points and the entire team shoot for a better than 50 per cent average.

Glendale emerged victorious over an original field of 32 playoff entries which included champions and runner-ups from 15 leagues, plus Santa Maria HS, co-champion of the San Luis Obispo League, who elected to participate in the "AAA" playoffs and Oxnard HS which wound up in a triple tie with Ventura and Santa Barbara for the Channel League title. For the eighth consecutive year the semi-finals and finals were held in the Long Beach City College gymnasium. It appears that next year however, it will be necessary to seek a gymnasium with greater seating capacity as our playoffs are attracting more and more fan interest each year.

Results of all games played in the "AAA" playoffs follows:

FIRST ROUND

Colton 39; El Rancho 38
Covina 41; Alhambra 35
Centennial 50; Lincoln 48
LB Poly 59; Cathedral 46
Morningside 61; Redondo 59
Ventura 78; Santa Maria 58
Arroyo 47; Glendale Hoover 45
Fullerton 69; Sweetwater 49
Mira Costa 57; Oxnard 54
LB Wilson 61; St. Anthony 59
Hoover, S.D. 56; Chula Vista 46
Compton 66; Huntington Beach 51
Beverly Hills 44; Santa Barbara 40
El Monte 60; Redlands 49
Montebello 60; Chaffey 58
Glendale 58; Glendora 44

SECOND ROUND:

Colton 66; Covina 24
Centennial 60; LB Poly 52
Ventura 63; Morningside 60
Fullerton 55; Arroyo 46
Mira Costa 71; LB Wilson 63
Compton 86; Hoover, S.D. 47
El Monte 70; Beverly Hills 66
Glendale 88; Montebello 68

QUARTER-FINALS:

Centennial 43; Colton 34
Fullerton 66; Ventura 62
Compton 63; Mira Costa 62
Glendale 45; El Monte 43

SEMI-FINALS:

Fullerton 47; Centennial 46
Glendale 69; Compton 46

CHAMPIONSHIP:

Glendale 59; Fullerton 49
Centennial 46; Compton 44

HONORS DIVIDED IN CIF SWIM RELAYS MEET

The LB Poly natatorium was jammed with spectators on Friday night, February 27, 1959, to witness the finals of the 16th annual CIF Swim Relays. Five new records were established and one meet mark tied as the young swimmers battled for top honors in this popular midwinter event. Team honors were divided with Beverly Hills, California, and LB Poly high schools winning the team championships in Class A, B, and C divisions, respectively.

Coach Walt Puffer's Varsity swimmers amassed a total of 50 points to outdistance El Segundo and Morningside who finished 2nd and 3rd with totals of 38 and 36, respectively. The Normans picked up points in all but one of the six varsity events, and their 4-man butterfly team set a new meet record by negotiating the distance in 1:48.1.

Competition in the Class B division was spirited with California HS taking an early lead by winning the first two races on the program and then holding on to score a total of 52 points and assure them of the team title. Newport and Lakewood each scored 34 points to wind up in a tie for 2nd place.

In the C division Coach Buzz Thayer's defending champions from LB Poly retained their CIF, SS championship by easily scoring 68

points. The partisan crowd had plenty to cheer about as the host team won three of the six events while setting a new meet record of 3:59.1 in the C 4 x 100 Free Style.

As is usually the case when Buzz Thayer is managing a swimming event, the meet ran off smoothly and all of the participating schools were well pleased. A good deal of credit should go to John Morrow who served as Starter, and Rube Wolf who acted in the capacity of Referee. Both of these men are experienced swim officials and they performed their assigned duties in their usual competent manner.

On Tuesday, February 24, preliminary meets were held at Fullerton JC with Lee Arth serving as Meet Manager, and at Lakewood HS where Wellington Rogers managed the meet. A third preliminary had been scheduled for El Segundo HS, but when their heating unit broke down it was necessary to transfer the meet to Beverly Hills HS, Wednesday, February 25. Enough credit cannot be given to John Morrow, Walt Puffer, and the fine staff at Beverly Hills HS for taking over at the last moment and conducting a most successful preliminary meet.

The complete results of the championship meet, with mention made of records set in both the preliminaries and the finals follow:

RESULTS OF CIF SWIMMING RELAY FINALS

C 6 x 50 FREE STYLE		C 4 x 50 BACK STROKE		C 4 x 100 FREE STYLE	
LB Wilson	2:41.2	LB Poly	2:09.6	LB Poly	3:59.1*
Whittier		Whittier		Whittier	
Downey		Santa Monica	tied	Downey	
LB Poly		LB Wilson		Glendale	
Oxnard		Glendale		St. Monica's	
California		Morningside		Flintridge	
B 6 x 50 FREE STYLE		B 4 x 50 BACK STROKE		B 4 x 100 FREE STYLE	
California	2:31.6	LB Poly	2:01.3*	California	3:46.1*
Newport		Santa Monica		Newport	
Hoover		California		Downey	
Whittier		Whittier		Santa Monica	
Garden Grove		Fullerton		Garden Grove	
Downey		Garden Grove		Coachella	
A 6 x 50 FREE STYLE		A 4 x 50 BACK STROKE		A 4 x 100 FREE STYLE	
El Segundo	2:29.5	Morningside	1:55.6	El Segundo	3:41.8
Muir		Whittier		Newport	
Newport		LB Wilson		Black Foxe	
Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Morningside	
Whittier		Glendale		Santa Monica	
Harvard		Newport		Whittier	
C 4 x 50 BREAST STROKE		C 4 x 50 BUTTERFLY		C 4 x 50 MEDLEY RELAY	
Whittier	2:25.9	LB Poly	1:56.8	Glendale	2:00.8
LB Poly		Glendale		LB Poly	
Morningside		Wilson		LB Wilson	
Glendale		Fullerton		Downey	
Oxnard		Morningside		Oxnard	
Fullerton		Santa Monica		Morningside	
B 4 x 50 BREAST STROKE		B 4 x 50 BUTTERFLY		B 4 x 50 MEDLEY RELAY	
California	2:11.7*	Newport	1:55.5	Lakewood	1:55.3***
Lakewood		Lakewood		Garden Grove	
Garden Grove		Whittier		Hoover	
Glendale		Santa Monica		Whittier	
LB Poly		Garden Grove		Santa Monica	
Santa Monica		Glendale		California	
A 4 x 50 BREAST STROKE		A 4 x 50 BUTTERFLY		A 4 x 5 MEDLEY RELAY	
Beverly Hills	2:12.7	Beverly Hills	1:48.1**	Wilson	1:52.3
Morningside		El Segundo		Beverly Hills	
Oxnard		Glendale		Glendale	
Wilson		Muir		Morningside	
Loyola		Black Foxe	tied	Black Foxe	
Santa Ana		LB Poly		Whittier	

*Meet Records made in finals

**Record broken in Prelims, tied in Finals

***Tied standing record

CIF WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN SAN DIEGO AREA

A great CIF, Southern Section wrestling program was brought to a most successful conclusion when Mira Costa HS won the championship by scoring 62 points in the final CIF meet held at Mt. Miguel HS Friday, February 17, 1959. Coach Jack Fernandez's well balanced aggregation scored points in six out of twelve events on the program, with three of their boys taking home first place medals. Kearny HS scored 36 points to take runner-up honors and they were closely followed by Redondo HS with 31 points.

Thirty-seven schools had representatives in the championship meet with 31 of them breaking into the scoring column. A capacity crowd of fans was in attendance and Mr. Virgil Duea who served as meet manager had things well organized so that the proceedings ran off smoothly and rapidly. We appreciate the fine job Mt. Miguel HS performed in hosting our championship meet.

Wrestling continues to grow in popularity in the SS and it was necessary to hold three Free Lance meets in order to qualify boys into the CIF preliminaries. These Free Lance meets were held on Saturday, February 14, at Vista, Palmdale and Whittier high schools under the management of Don Hubbard, Jack Frost, and Vic Lopez, respectively. All Free Lance meets were

successfully conducted and the boys placing first in each weight classification were presented with CIF lapel pins.

The Northern area semi-final meet was held at Leuzinger HS on Saturday, February 21, with Jim Regenfuss serving as meet manager. Although it was a rainy cold day a large crowd was in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the fine program of wrestling. Don Clarkson managed the San Diego area semi-final which was held at Kearny HS on February 21. This too was a most successful meet and on behalf of the participating schools and the CIF Office we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the above-mentioned men and their schools for hosting these important meets.

With all meets except the championship meet being held on Saturday, it was necessary for the participants to miss only one day of school throughout the CIF competition. All officials were assigned by the CIF Office and they performed their duties in a capable manner. A meeting of the wrestling coaches committee will be held in the near future to make plans for the CIF, Southern Section wrestling program for the 1960 season.

The results of the final meets, and points scored by each team follow:

RESULTS OF WRESTLING FINALS

95-lb CLASS

1. Simily—El Segundo
2. Johns—Mira Costa
3. Kawaaka—Arroyo Grande
4. Martinez—Upland

103-lb CLASS

1. DeGrace—Mira Costa
2. Bennett—Lincoln
3. Davies—Chula Vista
4. Duran—Torrance

112-lb CLASS

1. Luckey—Lincoln
2. Holcomb—Atascadero
3. Cerda—Vista
4. James—Grossmont

120-lb CLASS

1. Clark—Helix
2. Coyle—Redondo
3. Brooks—Mira Costa
4. Orr—Sierra

127-lb CLASS

1. Leavy—Kearny
2. Buckalew—Torrance
3. Pew—Arroyo Grande
4. Martoni—Escondido

133-lb CLASS

1. Lopez—Kearny
2. Richardson—Morningside
3. Cooke—Inglewood
4. Baxter—El Cajon

138-lb CLASS

1. Salsido—Redondo
2. Howard—San Diego
3. Robinson—Arroyo Grande
4. Mayzak—Redlands

145-lb CLASS

1. Jesse—Mira Costa
2. Linder—Culver City
3. Boice—Anaheim
4. Hays—Helix

154-lb CLASS

1. Mojado—Kearny
2. Holt—Redondo
3. Goedker—El Cajon
4. Fiorelli—Torrance

165-lb CLASS

1. Dolce—Culver City
2. Hutton—Mt. Miguel
3. Tribble—Pacific
4. Delconte—Morningside

175-lb CLASS

1. Hunter—Hawthorne
2. Conrad—Mira Costa
3. Potts—Pacific
4. Sallenger—Warren

HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS

1. Stout—Mira Costa
2. Hard—Inglewood
3. Sanchez—Lincoln
4. Bertolino—Pacific

TEAM SCORES

Mira Costa	62
Kearny	36
Redondo	31
Lincoln	24
Culver City	21
Arroyo Grande	20
Torrance	18
Helix	17
Morningside	16
Inglewood	15

Pacific	14
El Segundo	12
Hawthorne	11
Atascadero	10
El Cajon Valley	10
Mt. Miguel	9
San Diego	9
Anaheim	6
Chula Vista	6
Vista	6

Grossmont	4
Redlands	4
Sierra	4
Upland	3
Escondido	3
Warren	1
Banning	1
California	1
Colton	1
Palmdale	1
Whittier	1

PREVIOUS WRESTLING CHAMPIONS

1948—El Centro
1949—El Centro
1950—San Diego
1951—San Diego

1952—San Diego
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1955—Whittier

1956—Kearny
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1958—San Diego
1959—Mira Costa