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WINTER CHAMPIONS TO BE DETERMINED

The beginning of March will find the CIF Southern Section involved in a heavy championship schedule for the winter sports, including basketball, soccer and wrestling.

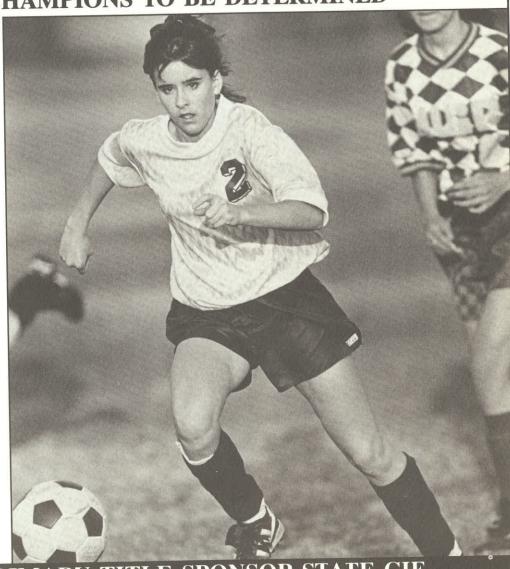
The Southern Section CIF/Reebok Basketball Championships will all take place on Friday and Saturday, March 1-2, with a split schedule for boys and girls competition. The girls major division finals (I-A and I-AA) will get the ball rolling at UC Irvine's Bren Center on Friday, while the Boys Divisions III-A through I-AA finals (a total of six games) will follow Saturday at the L.A. Sports Arena. The girls Divisions III-A through II-AA (four cames) will be played Saturday at a site to be announced. All of the Division IV and V finals (both boys and girls) will be played at alternate court sites on Friday and be hosted by designated home teams.

The CIF/Reebok State Tournament will open with regional prelims on March 5, followed by the regional finals March 9. The CIF/Reebok State Championships, pitting the Southern Regional winners with Northern Regional counterparts, will be held March 15-16 at the Oakland Coliseum.

The Southern Section CIF/Reebok Soccer Championships will again be played at Gahr High School's Hanford Rants Stadium in Cerritos with a combined boys and girls schedule (see box) on March 1-2.

The CIF/Reebok State Wrestling Championships will be conducted at the Alex Spanos Center on the University of Pacific Campus in Stockton, also March 1-2.

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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM

By Stan Thomas Commissioner of Athletics

Albeit ever-so cautious, there is cause for member-school administrators to be optimistic about the overall conduct being displayed at CIF Southern Section athletic events during the current winter season of sport.

Throughout the past two school years, the National Federation, State CIF, CIF Southern Section, member leagues and individual schools have conducted ongoing awareness campaigns to improve sportsmanship and eliminate the proliferation of violent acts at high school sporting events. And, although much room for improvement remains, there are signs we are turning the corner in bringing unacceptable behavior by coaches, student-athletes and spectators under control.

First of all, and most encouraging, is the fact that basketball incidents for the 1990-91 season have been cut in half in comparison to 1989-90 levels. Administrator Dean Crowley has informed me that there are significantly fewer reports of violent acts among student participants and by players directed toward officials. Interestingly enough, the '90-91 season has seen more incident reports relating to girls contests than boys.

Although the flood of soccer incidents has definitely leveled off, far too many coaches' ejections are being reported. Unlike most sports, where a certain amount of discussion is allowed between the coaches and contest officials, soccer simply has a different philosophy.

Apparently, it remains unclear to many of our member-school soccer coaches that, by National Federation book rule, expressed dissent from the sidelines calls for an automatic misconduct caution (yellow card) to be administered (rule 12-8). The rules clearly state that any questions of officials' decisions, matters of interpretation, or inquiries directed to the officials to obtain essential information may be

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CIF-SS COUNCIL MINUTES January 17, 1991

The January meeting of the CIF Southern Section Council was called to order by Dr. Tom Jacobson at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, January 17, 1991 at the Sequoia Athletic Club in Buena Park. All leagues were present with the exception of Arrowhead, Desert-Inyo and Northern

1. MINUTES – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the CIF-SS Council meeting of September 20, 1990 as mailed to the Council; the minutes of the October 24, 1990 meeting of the CIF-SS Executive Committee as mailed to the Council; the minutes of the November 27, 1990 meeting of the CIF-SS Executive Committee as distributed to the Council; and the minutes of the January 12, 1991 meeting of the CIF-SS Executive Committee as distributed to the Council.

2. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE - President Dr. Tom Jacobson commended the Southern Section office staff for the excellent manner in which they handled the 1990-91 fall playoff activities. Additionally, he reviewed with the Council the serious illness of Dr. Maury Ross, former CIF-SS Executive Committee member, and those who have known Dr. Ross were encouraged to send cards and best wishes. It was also announced that Treasurer Ken Gunn had received his doctorate degree and congratulations were extended to him. Due to the outbreak of hostilities in the mideast, our thoughts and prayers are with those serving in the Gulf. With this in mind, the Council paid their respects to our service personnel with a moment of silence.

3. COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE – Commissioner Stan Thomas addressed the Council with concerns related to the mid-east crisis, and it was his view that any cancellation of contests due to this conflict would be at the discretion of the school principal only. Addi-

tionally, Commissioner Thomas requested that any change of officers by member leagues should be brought to the attention of the CIF-SS Office. He encouraged all in attendance to attend the Athletic Administrators Symposium set for February 6, 1991 at the Sequoia Athletic Club.

 TREASURER'S REPORT - Treasurer Ken Gunn reviewed with the Council the financial report of the fall playoffs and an update of the current budget.

5. NATIONAL FEDERATION WINTER MEETING REPORT – Dr. Robert Packer, President of the State Federated Council, provided an overview of the National Federation winter meetings and action taken by the National Federation Council.

6. STATE CIF REPORT – Dr. Robert Packer discussed with the Council the interpretation of the physical assault rule which is now a part of State rules and regulations, and the Orange County re-sectioning discussions currently in the preliminary stages.

7. SEA VIEW LEAGUE PROPOSAL REGARD-ING SUMMER DEAD PERIOD – Duffy Clark, President of the Sea View League, introduced a proposal to rescind the August 1 Summer Dead Period that would begin August 1, 1991. If the proposal passes, it is a further recommendation that a committee be formed to review the implications of the summer dead period and the impact upon all sports sanctioned within the CIF-SS. This is a non-action item and will be voted on by the Council at its meeting of March 14, 1991.

8. SUNSET LEAGUE SPORT CALENDAR PROPOSAL – Gary Ernst, Sunset League Representative, presented a proposal for the sports of boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, and softball to stagger the date of the first contest so that See COUNCIL MINUTES page 4

CORPORATE

CONLIN BROS., SUNNY DELIGHT, COLLEGE PROSPECTS COMMITTED TO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS SUPPORT

The California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section is delighted to announce the positive commitment to interscholastic athletics by a trio of corporate sponsors, including long-time supporters Conlin Brothers Sporting Goods and Sunny Delight Florida Citrus Punch, along with the newest member of the CIF-SS Corporate Team, College Prospects of America.

Conlin Brothers, the official sporting goods team dealer of the CIF-SS, has signed a one-year contract extension, which will bring its support involvement to a total of six years.

"We use the Southern Section as a reference of information and have enjoyed our relationship immensely," said Ken Conlin, President of Conlin Brothers Sporting Goods. "Currently, our emphasis is directed toward maintenance and repair of indoor and outdoor athletic equipment. In addition, we specialize in installation of new equipment and service needs (for school-based athletic programs)."

Headquartered in Santa Fe Springs, Conlin Brothers specializes in outfitting teams with equipment, uniforms and related supplies for all athletic programs.

Known as the "Official Citrus Punch of the CIF Southern Section," Sunny Delight is also in its sixth year of participation on the CIF-SS Corporate Team. Sunny Delight has enjoyed a long association with the sport of soccer in the CIF-SS, and cheerfully provides its product to participants at the boys and girls championships each year.

"Sunny Delight is proud to be a CIF Southern Section sponsor again in 1991," says Pat O'Dea, Brand Manager for Sunny Delight at Proctor & Gamble. "We're happy to carry on the Sunny Delight tradition of supporting such a worthwhile organization."

College Prospects of America, the "Official Scholarship Opportunity Service of the CIF Southern Section," is the newest member of the CIF-SS Corporate Team. The organization has recently pledged its support of CIF-SS activities in a one-year agreement.

Established in 1986, College Prospects provides a service to high school student-athletes which presents their skills, achievements and statistical information to college coaches and recruiting coordinators at over 1,600 institutions throughout the nation.

"We look at our affiliation as a direct reflection in support of student-athletes throughout the CIF Southern Section," says Barry Stevens, Recruiting Coordinator, College Prospects of America. "It is our job to help fulfill the aspirations and dreams of the student-athlete in pursuit of higher academic and athletic excellence."

From the CIF Southern Section point of view, the continued participation of its corporate sponsors is vital to the maintenance of one of the nation's most successful, vibrant and worthwhile extracurricular programs.

"It is indeed a pleasure working to promote these fine organizations," points out Stan Thomas, CIF-SS Commissioner of Athletics. "Conlin Brothers, Sunny Delight and College Prospects of America all possess a unique capability to support our school-based athletic programs, which are an important segment of the total educational picture. We owe a great deal to these sponsors and look forward to a long and successful relationship with each of them."

Conlin Brothers, Sunny Delight and College Prospects of America are joined on the CIF Southern Section Corporate Team by official CIF state-wide sponsors Reebok and Pepsi-Cola, along with the California Angels, the Ford Motor Company, Wilson Sporting Goods, Jack-In-The-Box, Gatorade Thirst Quencher, the Herff-Jones Company and SportsChannel of Los Angeles.

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

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addressed by one person only: the team captain on the field (rule 3-la-c). A close review of these rules by coaches and athletic directors is certainly advisable.

In wrestling, there have been a limited number of incidents this past season and, thus far, just one involving an act of physical contact with an official.

What's encouraging in soccer and basketball, is the fact that fewer violent incidents involving players are being reported than in previous years. However, this optimism must be guarded as we head into the crucial competitive period with league championships, playoff berths and section titles on the line.

As of the date of this writing, I would like to commend our member-school administrators for getting the message across to coaches and student-athletes, that unsportsmanlike, violent and unruly behavior during the conduct of interscholastic competition will not be tolerated. Let us all take a cue from the newly-adopted State CIF legislation (see January-February CIF-SS Bulletin, p. 3) and from the movement by our many member leagues, to eliminate any and all behavior that detracts from the safe and sane conduct of our high school athletic events. Let us also continue on a path to promote the qualities of good sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play in our day-to-day operations.

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Bulletin Published Six Times Yearly By CIF-Southern Section STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SPORTSMANSHIP AND CROWD CONTROL

The following information, third in a series devoted to a section-wide improvement in the areas of contest safety and sportsmanship, points out the importance of the athlete's role in crowd control.

The responsibility of players for sportsmanship is second only to that of the coach once a contest gets underway. This is so because players are admired and respected and exert a great deal of influence over the actions of spectators.

- · Treat opponents with respect that is due them as guests or host.
- Shake hands with opponents and wish them good luck before the game.
- Exercise self-control at all times. Respect the officials' judgment and interpretation of the rules. Never argue or make unsportsmanlike gestures toward an official.
- Refrain from communicating with officials regarding clarification of rules. This
 privilege belongs only to the captain.
- Accept the responsibilities and privileges of representing the school and community on the athletic field.

CIF-SS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES November 27, 1990

The November meeting of the California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section, Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Dr. Tom Jacobson at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27, 1990 at the CIF-SS Office. All members were present with the exception of Maureen Sanders.

- 1. MINUTES It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the CIF-SS Executive Committee meeting of October 24, 1990.
- 2. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE Dr. Tom Jacobson reviewed with the Committee the CIF-SS fall playoff activities and emphasized league responsibility for regular attendance at scheduled Council meetings.
- 3. COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE Commissioner Stan Thomas updated the Committee on the recent Orange County league representative meeting, the ongoing Montclair Prep investigation, and the appointment of Bob Howard as the Liaison for the Long Beach/Whittier area to replace Les Billinger who passed away. Additionally, Commissioner Thomas reviewed with the Committee the December State Commissioners' meeting and the Hi-Lo League
- 4. GIRLS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR UPDATE -Sheri Ross, Girls' Athletic Directors Representative, handed out the State Athletic Director Newsline and highlighted the California State Athletic Directors Association Conference set for April 18-21, 1991, to be held in Sparks, Nevada. Additionally, Ms. Ross discussed the Girls State Volleyball Championships held at Cal Poly, Pomona.
- 5. BOYS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR UPDATE Rich Ramirez, Boys' Athletic Directors Representative, reviewed concerns with reference to ejection of players from athletic contests.
- 6. SUPERINTENDENTS' UPDATE Cynthia Grennan, Superintendents' Representative, discussed the interest in forming an Orange County Section. As of this time, Barbara Wilson has been hired to conduct a feasibility study. Ms. Grennan also noted that some districts are concerned about high costs of participation in State championship events, in light of economic problems facing public schools today.
- 7. TREASURER'S REPORT Ken Gunn, Treasurer, provided an update of the 1990-91 working budget and a projected income from fall playoff activities. Additionally, it was pointed out that Montessori, Murietta Valley and Southwest Academy were still delinquent in dues for the 1990-91 school year. Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to require that dues be paid on or before January 1, 1991 or schools would face suspension from
- 8. STATE CIF REPORT Dr. Robert Packer, President of the State Federated Council, discussed with the Committee the Reebok contract which is in place and many problems facing California public schools in the area of finance with a potential impact upon athletics including transportation, equipment, facilities, etc. Additionally, he reviewed with the Committee the Sex Equity issue which will be a State Federated Council agenda item in February.
- 9. LEGAL UPDATE Commissioner Stan Thomas and Attorney Andy Patterson reviewed with the Committee recent litigation that includes two cases involving the 8-semester rule and the hearing set for Montclair Prep for January that has now been postponed until February 14-15, 1991.

10. FOOTBALL UPDATE - Administrator Bill Clark reviewed with the Committee the At-large selection process in football.

11. ELIGIBILITY REVIEW - At the request of the Executive Committee at their meeting of October 24, Carlton Hyder, along with his parents, the Victor Valley High School principal, and the Victor Valley High School athletic director, met with the Executive Committee to review the provisions of his reinstatement to participate in the basketball program at Victor Valley High School, effective December 6, 1990. 12. LONG BEACH POLY PACE PROGRAM REQUEST - Acting Principal Margie Godfrey and Assistant Principal Mel Collins appeared before the Committee to request a waiver of Rule 214 for this current school year only for those students involved full-time in the PACE (Program of Additional Curricular Experiences) magnet school program at Long Beach Poly HS. Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to approve the waiver for the 1990-91 school year only.

13. NEW MEMBERSHIP - It was moved, seconded and passed to approve membership for Camp David Gonzalez (Calabasas). The request for membership from Rancho Vista High School in Murietta was

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by DEAN CROWLEY, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Approved by STAN THOMAS, COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS

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the boys and girls will not play on the same day. It should be noted this proposal would affect the date of the first contest only with an implementation date for the 1991-92 season. This is a non-action item and will be voted on by the Council at its meeting of March

9. CATHOLIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BY-LAW PROPOSAL - Father Robert Gallagher, representing the Catholic Athletic Association, reviewed a proposed amendment to Article 7, Section 70.5 limiting geographic representation on the CIF-SS Executive Committee to no more than two individuals. Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed by a vote of 32-25. It should be noted that all present members on the Southern Section Executive Committee would be permitted to complete their current term of office.

10. MARMONTE LEAGUE PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF RULE 205 - Mr. Don Bathgate, representing the Marmonte League, reviewed a proposed change in By-law 205 (continuing scholastic eligibility). Following discussion, a motion to approve the proposal was defeated by the Council. 11. FOOTHILL LEAGUE SOFTBALL PRO-POSAL - Mr. Jim Douglas, representing the Foothill League, reviewed a proposal for revision of CIF-SS Article 19, section 1900 with reference to the time limit of junior varsity softball games. The proposal would eliminate the words, "whichever comes first" from the current language of the rule. Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to approve the proposal by the Council.

12. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL REPORT -Dr. Tom Jacobson presented the following agenda items for the February State Federated Council meeting, thus requiring action by the Southern Section Council in order to give Southern Section delegates voting direction:

(a) Sex equity issue Voted to support (b) Amendment to By-law 212(c) Voted to support

(c) Amendment to By-law 1402 Voted to support (d) Amendment to By-law 401 Voted to support

(e) Amendment to By-law 702 Voted to support (f) Amendment to By-law 1000 Voted to support

(g) Amendment to By-law 1001 Voted to support

(h) San Diego Section Girls' Volleyball proposal Voted to support (i) Southern Section proposal to

Amend Article 8, Rule 80 Voted to support 13. AREA PLACEMENT APPEAL - 1992-94 RELEAGUING CYCLE - Dr. Tom Jacobson reviewed with the Council procedural problems in the process of area placement during the November, 1990 area placement meeting of the releaguing committee. With due process a major concern, Dr. Jacobson discussed two proposals with the Council. The first proposal would be consideration of a revised releaguing process time-line for the 1992-94 cycle. The other proposal would be to postpone for one year the entire releaguing process, thus giving the Section ample time to address procedural problems that took place during the initial area placement process. Additionally, by setting things back for one year, it would also allow the Section to study the ENTIRE process of area placement and releaguing. Following discussion, a motion to postpone the releaguing cycle for one year was defeated by the Council.

An additional motion to take both proposals (revised time-line or postponement of the process for one year) back to member leagues to determine the direction the Council will take with reference to this issue. passed. It should be noted that due to time constraints, each league representative was requested to phone or FAX to the CIF-SS Office no later than Thursday, January 24, 1991, the vote of their league on this matter. If the Council fails to postpone the process for one year, the releaguing committee will reconvene on January 28, 1991 to again hear area placement requests. If it is the decision of the Council to postpone the process for one year, all constituents will be notified immediately by the Commissioner.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Submitted by DEAN CROWLEY, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Approved by STAN THOMAS, COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS

WINTER FINALS SCHEDULE

SOUTHERN SECTION CIF/REEBOK **BOYS 1990-91 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Division	Date	Location	<u>Time</u>
I-AA	Sat., Mar. 2	L.A. Sports Arena	8:30 p.m.
I-A	Sat., Mar. 2	L.A. Sports Arena	6:45 p.m.
II-AA	Sat., Mar. 2	L.A. Sports Arena	2:45 p.m.
II-A	Sat., Mar. 2	L.A. Sports Arena	1:00 p.m.
III-AA	Sat., Mar. 2	L.A. Sports Arena	11:15 a.m.
III-A	Sat., Mar. 2	L.A. Sports Arena	9:30 a.m.
IV-AA	Fri., Mar. 1	Alternate Court Site	7:30 p.m.
IV-A	Fri., Mar. 1	Alternate Court Site	7:30 p.m.
V-AA	Fri., Mar. 1	Alternate Court Site	7:30 p.m.
V-A	Fri., Mar. 1	Alternate Court Site	7:30 p.m.

SOUTHERN SECTION CIF/REEBOK GIRLS 1990-91 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Division	Date	Location	Time
I-AA	Fri., Mar. 1	UC Irvine Bren Center	8:15 p.m.
I-AA	Fri., Mar. 1	UC Irvine Bren Center	6:30 p.m.
II-AA	Sat., Mar. 2	TBA	TBA
II-AA	Sat., Mar. 2	TBA	TBA
III-AA	Sat., Mar. 2	TBA	TBA
III-AA	Sat., Mar. 2	TBA	TBA
IV-AA	Fri., Mar. 1	Alternate Court Site	7:30 p.m.
IV-AA	Fri., Mar. 1	Alternate Court Site	7:30 p.m.
V-AA	Fri., Mar. 1	Alternate Court Site	7:30 p.m.
V-AA	Fri., Mar. 1	Alternate Court Site	7:30 p.m.

CIF/REEBOK/STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (BOYS & GIRLS)

SOUTHERN REGIONAL FINALS - Division I, II, III: Sat., Mar. 9 - L.A. Sports Arena; Division IV, V: Sat., Mar. 9 - Site to be determined.

STATE FINALS - Divisions IV, V: Fri., Mar. 15 - Oakland Coliseum; Division I, II, III: Sat., Mar. 16 - Oakland Coliseum.

SOUTHERN SECTION CIF/REEBOK BOYS SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Division	Date	Location	<u>Time</u>
4-A	Fri., Mar. 1	Gahr HS, Cerritos	8:00 p.m.
3-A	Sat., Mar. 2		8:00 p.m.
2-A	Sat., Mar. 2		6:00 p.m.
1-A	Sat., Mar. 2		4:00 p.m.
SS	Fri., Mar. 1		4:00 p.m.

SOUTHERN SECTION CIF/REEBOK GIRLS SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

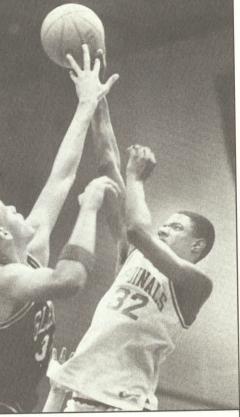
Division	Date	Location	<u>Time</u>
4-A	Fri., Mar. 1	Gahr HS, Cerritos	6:00 p.m.
3-A 2-A	Sat., Mar. 2 Sat., Mar. 2	Gahr HS, Cerritos Gahr HS, Cerritos	2:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m.
1-A	Sat., Mar. 2	Gahr HS, Cerritos	10:00 a.m.

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SOUTHERN SECTION CIF/REEBOK MASTERS MEET (STATE QUALIFYING)

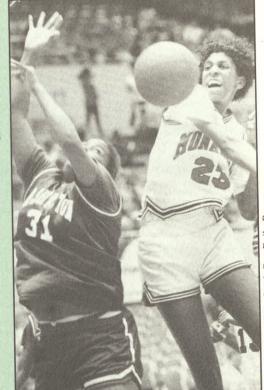
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Sat., Feb. 23	Fountain Valley HS	9:30 a.m.
CIF/REEBOK STATE	CHAMPIONSHIP MEET	

Date	Location	Time
FriSat., Mar. 1-2	Spanos Center, U of Pacific, Stockton	TBA



TOP CONTENDERS - Senior center Ray Owes of San Bernardino (above) and Janet Davis of Morningside (below) are key players on two of the Southern Section's best basketball teams.

ON THE COVER - Heidi Ramage of Arcadia hopes to lead the highly-ranked Apaches to a Southern Section CIF/Reebok Girls Soccer title.



CIF-SS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES January 12, 1991

The January meeting of the California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section, Executive Committee was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Tom Jacobson at Palm Desert High School. All members were present with the exception of Ken Crowe.

- 1. MINUTES It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the CIF-SS Executive Committee meeting of November 27, 1990.
- 2. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE Dr. Tom Jacobson welcomed all members to the meeting; announced that Treasurer Ken Gunn had received his doctorate; congratulated Girls' Athletic Director Representative, Sheri Ross, for having been named as one of the six top athletic directors in the United States as well as Larry Arason, athletic director at Santa Ana Valley High School, receiving distinguished recognition for his contribution to high school athletics; and informed the committee regarding the medical status of former Executive Committee member Dr. Maury Ross.
- 3. COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE Commissioner Stan Thomas advised the group that Associate Commissioner of Athletics Dean Crowley and Director of Sports Marketing Chris Thomas were visiting with the Executive Director of the North Carolina High School Activities Association with regard to that state's progress in the area of corporate support; and thanked the office administrative staff for their expert management of all sports activities during the recently concluded fall season of sport.
- 4. GIRLS' ATHLETIC DIRECTOR UPDATE Sheri Ross, Girls' Athletic Director Representative, reported the success of the recently concluded National Conference for Athletic Directors and asked assistance of the committee with regard to the upcoming California State Athletic Director's Association Meeting in April in the area of speakers and topics for discussion.
- 5. BOYS' ATHLETIC DIRECTOR UPDATE Richard Ramirez, Boys' Athletic Director Representative, discussed with the committee, a growing concern on the part of athletic directors with regard to finances. A suggestion was made that perhaps consideration be given to athletic activities being conducted on Fridays and Saturdays, thereby eliminating loss of class time and the necessity for substitute teachers. However, with this thought comes a concern that perhaps there will be a lack of officials; overtime will be paid to custodial staffs, bus drivers and other personnel involved.
- 6. SUPERINTENDENTS' UPDATE Cynthia Grennan, Superintendent's Representative, discussed with the committee, concerns dealing with the current State Budget presented by Governor Pete Wilson and the lack of a Cola for the 1991-92 school year in addition to continued funding for year-round schools, the reinstatement of driver's training with, in her opinion, no provision for financial assistance to young adults in the 11-18 year old category. She advised the committee that the Saddleback Unified School District had employed Barbara Wilson to continue a review dealing with the possibility of an Orange County CIF Section.

Jim Fleming, State CIF Superintendent Representative, discussed the following financial issues with the committee:

Regional competition in playoffs; limiting the number of teams in the playoffs; many coaches are involved as members of CIF committees and perhaps consideration should be given to having meetings midweek; expressed concerns regarding the summer dead period and the possibility of the State CIF instituting a dead period for the entire State of California; indicated that he was in the process of preparing a letter for mailing to superintendents dealing with sex equity asking all to contact the State Department of Education regarding this very critical issue.

7. TREASURERS' REPORT - Ken Gunn, Treasurer, reported that all member schools dues had been received and congratulated the office administrative staff for the recent fall sports season, indicating that the CIF-SS had exceeded budget in the area of football; t-shirt sales had increased from previous years and that the ABC School District was in the process of meetings regarding the CIF-SS land lease.

8. STATE CIF REPORT - State CIF President, Bob

Packer, commended Jim Fleming for his report and suggested that the office staff follow up on some of the items expressed and bring a report to the Executive Committee; mentioned that the State Federated Council meeting would be February 1-2, 1991 indicating that the San Diego Section would have an action item dealing with Girls' Volleyball Championships being expanded from 3 to 5 divisions; ACSA will make a presentation with regard to the summer dead period; the sex equity issue will be an action item and if passed, will be forwarded to the State Department of Education for implementation. Dr. Packer indicated that a state committee had been formed dealing with the area of corporate support and the use of a consultant to determine our potential in this area. Additionally, Dr. Packer reviewed with the committee, the recently concluded National Federation Mid-Winter Meeting. A large portion of the meeting dealt with football, including discussions regarding goal posts and the fact that NCAA rules now provide for more narrow posts. Therefore, when our schools utilize a college stadium, they will be using more narrow goal posts. A recommendation was made by the State of Wyoming regarding the formation of an independent committee to study the Reudlinger Insurance Group, as well as a recommendation that goals and objectives be developed by the National Federation Staff. 9. LEGAL UPDATE - CIF Attorney Andy Patterson reviewed several issues dealing with sex equity and current legal cases.

10. WILSON HIGH SCHOOL APPEAL – Principal Larry Burnight of Wilson High School in Long Beach, and Athletic Director Debbie Broadway presented an appeal requesting re-consideration of the November 27, 1990 decision of the committee dealing with the issue of the PACE Program at Long Beach Poly High School. After a thorough discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to deny the appeal.

II. NEW MEMBERSHIP – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the membership of A. B. Miller High School (Fontana Unified); Rancho Verde High School (Val Verde Unified) and Temescal Canyon High School (Elsinore Unified). The request of Rancho Vista High School was tabled. The committee requested that administrative personnel from the school attend the February meeting for further review.

12. AREA PLACEMENT APPEALS – President Jacobson reviewed due process with all present prior to hearing any appeals. The following appeals regarding area placement for the 1992-94 Releaguing Cycle were heard by the Executive Committee:

CITRUS BELT AREA

Appeals regarding the placement of Palo Verde High School in the Citrus Belt Area were presented by: Rick McCliman, president of the De Anza League and principal of Twentynine Palms High School; Alex McConahan, principal of Banning High School; Mary Lou Grimmett, principal of Aguinas High School: Bob Jones, principal of Beaumont High School; Phil Hamilton, principal of Big Bear High School; Ron White, principal of San Jacinto High School; Beverly Willard, principal of Yucca Valley High School; Bruce Moffitt, principal of Serrano High School; John Cole, assistant principal of Morongo Unified and De Anza League Representative; Dale Mitchell, principal of Centennial High School and Citrus Belt Area Releaguing Chairperson. Dave Hanson, principal of Palo Verde High School, addressed the committee in opposition to the appeal by the Citrus Belt Area principals. After a thorough discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to approve the appeal. Palo Verde High School's area placement will be in the Desert Area for the 1992-94 Releaguing Cycle.

COAST AREA

Written communication appealing area placement in the Coast Area from Dr. Phil Jones, principal of Downey High School, was reviewed. After a thorough discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to deny the appeal. Downey High School's area placement will be in the Coast Area for the 1992-94 Releaguing Cycle. FOOTHILL AREA

Appeals were heard from Dr. William White, principal of Canyon High School, Laurence Strauss, principal of Hart High School and Dr. Michael Almandinger, acting principal of Saugus High School requesting placement in the Northern Releaguing Area for the 1992-94 cycle. After a thorough discussion, it was the decision of the Executive Committee to remand the request back to the Releaguing Committee for further consideration based upon additional information presented.

ORANGE COUNTY/PAROCHIAL AREAS

Various representatives from the Orange County and Parochial Areas were in attendance. Prior to hearing appeals, CIF Attorney Andy Patterson addressed the group citing the fact that allegations had been made relative to irregularities in the area placement process. Each person in attendance was asked if they wished the Executive Committee to address these allegations prior to the hearing of appeals. Counsel and representatives from Orange County requested that the irregularities be addressed by the committee. After a thorough discussion and review of the allegations, a motion was made, seconded, amended and passed, to remand back to the Releaguing Committee all area placement data for further review.

Being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Submitted by KAY LARSON, Executive Secretary

Approved by STAN THOMAS COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS

HESPERIA HIGH'S GEORGE GRECO: BASKETBALL COACH ACCENTUATES ABILITY

Excerpts from an article by Cindy Robinson San Bernardino Sun

George Greco doesn't think he's special. But he is indisputably different.

Greco is the Hesperia High School boys varsity basketball coach, one of nearly 500 in the CIF Southern Section.

Yet, the 41-year old is the only one who directs his players from a wheelchair. In fact, it is believed he is the only coach of any varsity sport in the CIF-SS with that distinction.

Paralyzed from the waist down since 1975, Greco does not consider himself handicapped. But he had a hard time proving it to some people, waiting more than a decade before landing the head coaching job he so desperately wanted.

"People look at him and think, 'he can't coach,' " says Jay Harrie, a senior guard at Hesperia. "Well, he's a paraplegic, but he does everything any other coach does. I pass it right by me."

Says Greco: "I have no problems getting around the basketball court. It's flat."

Not only does Greco have the job he always wanted, he has guided Hesperia to one of its best seasons ever, including the school's first-ever tournament title at Corona Centennial in December. He is one person who enjoys his occupation to the fullest extent.

"I always wanted to be a head coach since I left college," said Greco, who played on the freshman basketball team at the University of San Francisco. "It's something I wanted since I was about 10. My coaches were always my idols."

Then one day in April of 1975, his future as a basketball coach was put in jeopardy.

At the time, he was the junior varsity coach at Notre Dame High School in Riverside. During a pick-up game, he jumped while defending an opponent, fell over the other player and landed on his shoulders and neck, breaking the fourth cervical vertebrae.

It was a freak accident. But it wasn't having to operate his life from a wheelchair that bothered Greco. It was the attitude of others.

After spending seven months recovering, Greco moved back home to Santa Rosa, where he was sure he could find a job teaching and coaching near his family. But he soon found out it wasn't that easy, despite many recommendations from well respected sources.

After 10 years of part-time work and substituting, Greco was no closer to fulfilling his dream of head coaching, let alone landing a full-time teaching job. In numerous interviews, he found the attitudes of prospective employers to be negative and based upon his physical condition.

He was considered knowledgeable enough to be hired as an assistant coach and JV coach at Piner High School in Santa Rosa, but when the head coaching job was open, he was once again shut out. He was also turned down for three teaching positions at Piner.

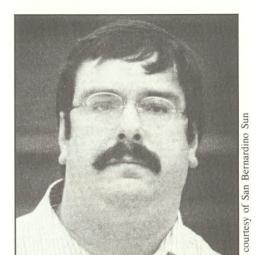
But then, he finally got his break. Hesperia Principal Bruce Kitchen, a former member of the CIF-SS Executive Committee, had heard about Greco from then-Commissioner of Athletics Ray Plutko.

"I didn't want a coaching job at first. I wanted to prove myself as a teacher first. What it came down to is Bruce Kitchen did not have an attitudinal barrier. He didn't look at my disability, but my ability."

Greco is now in his sixth year as a math teacher at Hesperia High. He applied four years ago for the head basketball coaching job, but former assistant Duwaine Ganskie was appointed. A year later, Ganskie left.

"I was kind of upset I didn't get it at first," said Greco. "But after Ganskie left, Carl Bowman, our athletic director, came to me and asked me if I wanted to be the head coach."

Greco debuted with a 9-14 record as a head coach, but led the Scorpions to their first-ever playoff appearance in boys basketball and finished with a 10-15 mark last year. At the time of this writing, his 1990-91 Scorpions were 13-6, with a vir-



Hesperia Basketball Coach George Greco

tual lock on a winning record and another playoff appearance.

During games, Greco moves his body, as if straining to leave his chair as he shouts orders to his team. He rarely moves his chair, except during time outs, when he positions himself to face the bench. The Hesperia players seem unaware of the contraption their coach sits in.

"He's really grown a lot as a coach," says Richard Bickhart, whose son, Matt, plays for the Scorpions. "Just how he handles the kids. I think he's really into coaching."

Adds Harrie: "He's a hell of a guy. He pumps us up and get us motivated. We're good friends. He helps me alot with school and basketball. I'm going to miss him alot when I leave here."

FIFTH-ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY SET FOR JUNE 27

The CIF Southern Section is pleased to announce that planning is underway to conduct the Fifth Annual CIF-SS Southern California High School Golf Coaches' Association Tournament, Thursday, June 27 at California Country Club in Whittier.

Proceeds from the fund-raiser are once again earmarked for high school golf in the CIF Southern Section, a program that has no opportunity to support itself financially.

"This event has shown steady growth each year," points out Tournament Director Moe Chavez, former President of the CIF-SS Council and principal at Downey High School. "We are very appreciative of the efforts extended by the fine people at California Country Club and by the many players who have joined us in support of high school golf. Four our fifth anniversary, we'd like to have our biggest tournament field ever."

The tournament entry fee will be \$85 per player, including 18 holes of championship golf with cart; a tee package, special prizes and contests; a barbecue dinner, raffle and awards ceremony.

So mark your calendars now and sharpen your game, CIF Southern Section friends and associates! We look forward to seeing you all for a great day of golf and fun on June 27.

ONCE AROUND THE CIF SOUTHERN SECTION

St. Anthony High School of Long Beach dedicated its basketball gymnasium in the memory of Jack Errion on January 25, as the Saints played a Camino Real League game against St. Monica High of Play del Rey.

Errion, who coached and taught at St. Anthony for 22 years (1954-76), passed away at the age of 65 in his home near Tucson on April 23, 1990. During his tenure at St. Anthony, coach Errion guided his Saint cagers to 319 wins, seven Catholic League titles and four Angelus League crowns.

Pre-game ceremonies were attended by Mrs. Connie Errion, Jack's surviving wife, and Bishop Sulvester Ryan, one of Errion's closest friends and co-workers during his many years at St. Anthony.

School Marks magazine, a track and field oriented publication out of Baltimore, Maryland, has named John Muir High School of Pasadena as the nation's best combined boys and girls program for the 1990 season.

The Mustang boys' team won the CIF/Reebok State Championship last June, while the girls placed sixth, after losing nationally-ranked sprinter Inger Miller to injury.

The boys coach at Muir is Clyde Turner, while veteran Jim Brownfield directs the girls team. Brownfield, who has coached his teams to two state titles, was also honored recently by the by the California Coaches Association, as its 1990 High School Girls Track and Field Coach of the Year. Coach Brownfield also has three CIF Southern Section and six Pacific League girls track championships to his credit.

Lee Vining High School reported in December that junior Rebecca Andrews was named to the All-Hi-Lo football team for her performance in the 1990 season. Andrews is believed to be the first ever female to earn all-league honors in the sport of football in the Southern Section.

Congratulations are in order for Sheri Ross, girls athletic director at El Toro High School, who, along with five others, has received a National Federation Citation for outstanding service in the field of interscholastic athletics. Ross is currently the girls athletic directors' representative on the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee.

The awards were presented at the 21st National Conference of High School Athletic Directors in Anaheim on December 18. Ross is now in her 14th year at El Toro High.

The National Federation also bestowed a distinguished service award to long-time Santa Ana Valley High School Director of Athletics Larry Arason. Among Arason's many accomplishments is his perennial participation in the Southern Section track and field finals.

Have an item of interest for a future CIF Southern Section Bulletin? Please submit it to Scott Cathcart, Director of Media and Public Relations, CIF Southern Section, P.O. Box 488, Cerritos, CA 90702.



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