CIF, SS WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN SAN BERNARDINO

A great high school wrestling program was brought to a most successful conclusion when the California HS of Whittier captured the CIF, Southern Section team championship by scoring 58 points in the final match held at Pacific HS in San Bernardino on Friday, March 3, 1961.

Coach Clinton South's well-balanced aggregation was led by Frank Hernandez and J. Betz, who took top honors in the 130 and 141 lb. divisions, respectively. It was the first CIF, SS wrestling championship for this comparatively new school and with only three boys graduating, we can look for California HS to be a power in CIF wrestling circles for the next few years. Uphold HS scored 46 points to take runner-up honors and they were closely followed by South Torrance with 30 points.

Fifty-five schools had representatives in the championship meet with 34 of them breaking into the scoring column. A capacity crowd was on hand and the Pacific HS facilities were ideal for hosting a championship meet of this importance. Mr. Elvin Lee, principal of the high school, served as meet manager and had things well organized so that the meet was conducted with a minimum of confusion.

An unfortunate incident did occur during the preliminaries in the afternoon when an official reversed his original decision in a match in the 98-lb. class. This caused a considerable hassle and delayed the conclusion of the meet by almost an hour. This again points up the need for a formulation of new policies for conducting our CIF, SS wrestling program. The activity has grown so rapidly that we need to employ college wrestling coach to manage our championship meet. A special meeting of representative high school wrestling coaches was held in the SS office late in April for the purpose of studying the problem and making recommendations for the 1962 CIF, SS wrestling program.

To avoid having each competitor wrestle an excessive number of matches in one day, the 1961 program provided for four prelims, two semi-finals and a championship. During the prelims were conducted at Beverly Hills HS, Uphold HS, Norwalk HS and San Bernardino HS on Saturday, February 18, under the management of Bill House, Bill Bandy, Gil Carrillo and Jack Stahl, respectively.

The northern area semi-final was held at Mira Costa HS on Saturday, February 25, with Don Cogswell serving as meet manager. The other semi-final was held on the same day under the management of Ken Dudderidge at Westminster HS. All of the meets were most successful and the anglers and managers from the participating schools and the CIF office would like to express our sincerest appreciation to the above-mentioned men and their schools for hosting these important meets.

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

RESULTS OF WRESTLING FINALS

157-160 lb. CLASS
1. Hernandez—California
2. Vasquez—Ramona
3. Cottone—Lomita
4. Hamilton—Downey

160-163 lb. CLASS
1. White—Sierra
2. Nichols—Whittier
3. Silva—Baldwin
4. Nava—Pioneer

141-145 lb. CLASS
1. Bote—California
2. Caldes—Upland
3. Branch—Torrance
4. Cortez—North Torrance

145-148 lb. CLASS
1. Eron—South Torrance
2. Cleveron—Yorba Linda
3. Miller—Sierra
4. Bertrand—Sierra

185-212 lb. CLASS
1. Gilbert—Mira Costa
2. Greene—Westminster
3. Childers—Ascendian
4. Atwell—Montebello

157-163 lb. CLASS
1. Grier—Casta
2. Greene—Westminster
3. Childers—Ascendian
4. Atwell—Montebello

160-166 lb. CLASS
1. Grier—Casta
2. Greene—Westminster
3. Childers—Ascendian
4. Atwell—Montebello

URHO AND ROY SAARI FOCUS NATIONAL ATTENTION ON EL SEGUNDO HS

One of the most fabulous father and son teams to be found anywhere in American prep circles is bringing national fame to little El Segundo HS through their exploits in the aquatic sports of water polo and swimming. Urho is the father, and for who the past 15 years has devoted his life to teaching the youngsters in the beach city of El Segundo how to swim, and Roy is his strappling 16 year old son, who has been breaking local and state swimming records with monotonous regularity.

Urho "Whitney" Saari is already well known and respected in international aquatic circles, mainly because of his assignment as head coach of the United States Water Polo teams in the Pan American games of 1951 and the Olympic Games of 1952. Both of these teams that represented our country in international competition were composed entirely of boys who had played for Coach Saari at El Segundo HS. It is a truly remarkable record for the boys from one small California high school (enrollment 433 students in 1951) to so dominate the sport of water polo that they were able to defeat all competition in the Olympic trials and earn the right to represent America at Helsinki.

TEAM SCORES

California 38
Upland 35
South Torrance 30
Mira Costa 23
Sierra 19
Donny 16
Sierra 15
Montebello 13
Santa Ana 13
San Bernadino 12
Ontario 12

498—El Centro
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1953—San Diego
1944—San Diego
1955—Whitter
1955—Canter
1956—Kearny
1957—Kearny
1958—San Diego
1959—Mira Costa
1960—Pacific (SB)
1961—California HS

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During his 15-year tenure at El Segundo HS, Saari’s teams have captured 6 CIF, SS water polo championships and 9 varsity team swimming titles. This has been accomplished with high schools having enrollments three to four times the size of El Segundo HS. Under the direction of his local coaching, Whitney has found time to serve as Chairman of the U.S. Olympic Water Polo Committee since 1959 and Chairman of the National AAU Water Polo Committee since 1959.

Regardless of his father’s outstanding accomplishments, it now appears that this fuzzy-cheeked high school junior is going to achieve even greater recognition through his ability to swim in record time and be the first man in the grueling 4 mile distance swim, Roy’s accomplishments to date are as follows:

2 CIF, SS Water Polo Records
100 yard Freestyle 49.4 1961
400 yard Freestyle 3:59.5 1961
National Long Course Record
American AAU Record—200 meters
Indiv. Medley 2:23.8 1961
National Senior AAU Long Distance (4 miles) champion 1959 and 1960
National Record—4 miles 1:26:43
Numerous National AAU and Southern Pacific AAU Age Group Records.
Participated in National Senior AAU Indoor Swimming Championships at Yale University on March 30 to April 1, 1960
3rd in 1500 meters behind Murray Rose and Alan Somers
Roy’s Times: 17:35
2nd in 440 yards Freestyle behind Murray Rose
Roy’s time: 4:23:4
1st in National AAU Junior 1500 meters
Freestyle: 18:19.4
Water Polo — All Southern California HS.
Team 1959 and 1960
Co-Player of the Year 1961
In the Olympic trials held last summer, Roy finished third in the 1500 meter performance normally good enough to guarantee him a place on the U.S. team. For some strange reason, however, American Olympic officials decided to take only 2 swimmers in this event instead of the customary 3, and young Saari missed out on an opportunity to represent his country at Rome. Things will be different in 1964, however, as most swimming devotes in Southern California

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are convinced that a spot should be reserved for the Flying Eagle on our U.S. Olympic team that travels to Tokyo.

A fine student as well as a great athlete, Roy Saari exemplifies the highest traditions of good sportsmanship. Everyone in Southern California is proud of the fine record he has established and is grateful for his personal devotion to football and swimming. His name is synonymous with the pinnacle of success in his chosen field. To Roy and to Saari, a father and son unmatched in the long history of swimming, we extend congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING — APRIL 19, 1961

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Olive Carbin, President, at the CIF Office at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, April 19, 1961. Members present included Messrs. Olive Carbin, Principal, Cerritos HS; Winston Nelson, Asst. Super, of Schools at Pomona; Frank O. Hopkins, Principal of Ben-Ohlinda HS; Keith Quinn, Principal of Victor Valley HS; John R. Talley, Principal of Northfield HS; Robert J. Schilling, Asst. Super, of Schools at La Puente; Robert D. Ashton, Asst. Super, of Schools at La Puente HS District; John Landrum, Principal of San Marino HS; Harold W. White, Vice President of Hawthorne HS; Charles Rowin, Vice Principal of Redlands HS; and Ken Fagan, Commissioner of Athletics.

Mr. Guy Wrinkle, Supervisor of Athletics for the Los Angeles Unified School District; Mr. Bill Bruce, Principal of Bell HS; and Mr. Carroll Lockridge, Principal of Westminster HS, all members of the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles Section of the CIF, were also in attendance as guests.

1. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Minutes of the January 21 meeting of the Executive Committee be approved for publication in the February, 1961, CIF Monthly Bulletin.

2. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive Committee recommend to the Council the approval of the CIF SS, as presented in the new Western HS of Los Angeles, be accepted as associate members of the CIF SS, and that Savannah High School be accepted as a regular member of the CIF SS, effective with the opening of the school, September 1, 1961.

3. The 1961 Football schedule of Antelope Valley HS was reviewed and it was moved, seconded and carried that in order to qualify for the 1961 CIF SS AAAA football playoffs, Antelope Valley HS may not lose more than two of the following seven games on its schedule: Baldwin Park HS, Lakewood HS, El Rancho HS, Alhambra HS, Montebello HS, Santa Monica HS, and Cathedral HS.

4. It was moved, seconded and carried that the 1961 Baseball Playoff and Financial Regulations be adopted as presented by the Commissioner and that a copy of these regulations be sent in advance of the playoffs to the principals of all schools qualifying for the 1961 Baseball Playoffs. The regulations are the same as they were for the 1960 Baseball Playoffs.

5. Present regulations provide that a member school may sponsor an inter-school basketball game prior to December 1 of any school year. The Commissioner called attention to the fact that in 1961, December 1 will fall on a Saturday and a number of leagues requested that they be permitted to sponsor their first game on Friday, November 30, 1961.

After some discussion it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that for the 1962 season December 1 should be the scheduled basketball game on Friday, November 30, 1961. The December 1 rule will prevail in all ensuing years.

6. At various times the CIF, SS Office has been urged to provide a school projector and screen in order to review the public filming of movies made by schools for the purpose of evaluating the correct placement of men in the running events and game films for the purpose of evaluating the officiating. At the present time it is necessary for the Commissioner to travel to high schools and make a purpose of reviewing them. It was moved, seconded and carried to authorize the Commissioner to purchase a 16 mm sound projector and screen during the current budget year.

7. A discussion was held concerning the possibility of having a pool for card championships with the school districts. It was suggested that the CIF SS should consider this matter and present it for consideration at the next Executive Committee meeting.

8. A joint meeting of representative gymnastics coaches from the CIF SS, LA City Section and LA City Sections of the CIF was recently held for the purpose of formulating joint gymnastics rules to better serve the needs of both sections. In addition to proposing uniform gymnastics rules, the Commissioners held that a LA City vs Southern Section Gymnastics Championship Meet be held on May 25, 1962. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the Gymnastics Coaches Meeting and to recommend to the Council the approval of the proposed championship gymnastics meet to be held between LA City and Southern Sections on May 25, 1962.

9. Last fall the Executive Committee ruled that boys attending Camp Owens were eligible to participate on the CIF SS Southern Section School athletic teams if they met certain conditions. At the time this ruling was made, there was no one in attendance to present the negative side of the matter. Because of this fact, Mr. A. G. Ogborn, Desert-Hohe League representative, requested that the matter be placed on the agenda of this meeting for review. Because neither Mr. Ogborn nor a representative of the Desert-Hohe League School District were present, it was impossible to properly review the matter and consequently the original ruling made by the Executive Committee at their fall meeting will stand.

10. The State CIF Council at their meeting held in San Diego on March 27 considered a request from the North Coast Section of the CIF to discontinue the present State Track Meet and replace it with two meets—one for Northern California and one for Southern California. After several meetings and hearings the matter was referred back to the sections and will be placed on the agenda of the June Federated Council Meeting.

The SS Executive Committee discussed this matter and recommends to the Council of the CIF, SS that the present State Track Meet be replaced by two meets—one for Northern California and one for Southern California. The following reasons were presented to justify this contemplated change:

a. The State Meet, being held in different areas of the state, requires our participants to travel great distances at considerable expense in order to participate.

b. We do not permit state competition in any sport which our schools are not consistent and we should not permit it in track.

c. The establishment of an annual track meet in Southern California and a bi-annual track meet in Northern California, the sections could be held each year in our own area and could develop into an outstanding meet.

11. At the present time CIF, SS rules permit competition in athletic activities only with members of the CIF SS, and provision is made by the Commissioner only upon request for the exception of this general rule. It is the policy of the Commissioner that the CIF SS, whenever the matter is brought to his attention, will consider permission to compete in outside track and field meets. The matter was discussed by the Executive Committee.

After considerable discussion, it was the unanimous opinion of the Executive Committee that this rule should not be changed for the following reasons:

a. There is adequate competition on the high school level for the great majority of our member schools.

b. The majority of junior colleges and colleges in Southern California are interested in competition with high schools mainly for the purpose of getting our students on their campus for purpose of proselyting.

c. There are many boys club teams and similarly organized groups of our School athletic teams if they meet certain conditions. At the time this ruling was made, there was no one in attendance to present the negative side of the matter. Because of this fact, Mr. A. G. Ogborn, Desert-Hohe League representative, requested that the matter be placed on the agenda of this meeting for review. Because neither Mr. Ogborn nor a representative of the Desert-Hohe League School District were present, it was impossible to properly review the matter and consequently the original ruling made by the Executive Committee at their fall meeting will stand.

12. At the present time the Southern Section has regulations governing the number of contests that may be played and the opening date for after-school practices in the other seven sports conducted in the CIF, SS. Commissioners Fagans and Corbin reported that the results of a survey recently taken regarding the matter are available to the committee should be requested and that recommendations may be prepared for presentation to the Council at their meeting on May 20. President Corbin directed the Commissioner to call a meeting of the Athletic Regulations Committee for the purpose of preparing recommendations to be submitted directly to the league representatives so that they may direct their respective leagues relative to this matter.

13. Present inadequacies of our current Blue Book were discussed. There is a need for a greater general revision and better indexing of the material now included. It would also be of great advantage if certain preliminary regulations that have been made by the Executive Committee concerning eligibility rules and regulations, President Corbin directed the Commissioner to review and consider the necessity of presenting our current Blue Book which would include eligibility rules, pictures and additional
information. It was suggested that the proposed new book should be approximately 3 x 6 or 4 x 6 in size.

14. Mr. Allan Benseh, Forkhead League representative, appeared before the committee to present an eligibility case involving a golfer from Bursheb. It is true that the fall semester passed in four subjects but was ruled ineligible for athletic competition this semester because of one "D" and the administration at Bursheb HS were unaware of this situation and it was only after checking the records a short time ago that it was discovered that the boy had only passed in 13 units of work last semester, thereby making him ineligible. The boy's parents were also present for the purpose of calling attention to the ambiguity of the present rule governing this matter and recommend that the rule be clarified and called to the attention of administrators in all of our member schools to prevent the recurrence of a similar situation.

Mr. Corbin, speaking for the Executive Committee, assured both Mr. Benseh and the parents that his committee was only authorized to interpret the rules and could not set them aside. Therefore, the boy would be ineligible for inter-scholastic athletics during the current semester. The committee did however, state that this was not the case, and in the light of the situation the important Blue Book's emphasis should be made to clarify the rules within all of the member schools and regulations governing the eligibility of boys for inter-scholastic athletics.

15. The Commissioner reported that the Track Coaches' Conference, composed of twelve outstanding track coaches from the Southern Section, had met at the CIF, SS Office for the purpose of establishing dates four years in advance for our major invitational track meets and to review present track policies. The Track Coaches Committee made the following recommendations:

a. The 440-yard dash in all SS championship meets to be run in lanes around one turn. This would enable our runners to have an opportunity to better the present National Interscholastic Track Meet record at the Santa Ana meet, May 6, 1961. The host school, Garden Grove, took the runner-up honors in the event and the Track Meets to the 32 running the 440 around one turn, and this would enable our boys to better prepare themselves for this race.

b. In the present regulation limiting a boy to only four sanctioned invitational track meets would not be a hardship on schools where individual performers must compete in two or three invitational meets as members of a relay team. To remedy this situation, the present rule should be changed to permit boys to attend four invitational meets as individual performers but allow them to enter two additional invitational meets as a member of a relay team.

In line with the recommendations of the Track Committee, it was moved, seconded and carried that the rule be changed to permit two additional invitational meets in the spring for all boys. As a result, the 1967 CIF, SS Championship Meet will be held at Whittier HS, with 52 entries, dash in lanes around one turn.

The committee took no action on the recommendation pertaining to the amendment of our present regulation relative to the number of invitational meets a high school boy may attend, as this matter will be discussed and decided by the Council at their meeting on May 26.

16. Mr. Lackebridge, Russ and Winkler of the Los Angeles City Section of the CIF indicated that they were very interested in establishing a closer working relationship between the sections in the matter of administering policy. They were particularly concerned that the Southern and L.A. City Sections should maintain the present officials fee schedule and that one section should not deviate from this schedule without conferring with representatives from the other section. Members of the SS Executive Committee were wholeheartedly in agreement with this proposal from the L.A. Section. They stated further that it would be to the interest of both sections and the interests of all of the rules and regulations governing the eligibility of boys for inter-scholastic athletics.

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THREE NATIONAL RECORDS LOWERED IN CIF, SS CHAMPIONSHIP SWIM MEET

In a meet featured by many record-breaking performances, California High School scored 37 points to capture the variety team title in the CIF, SS Championship Swimming Meet held at the Santa Ana College, May 6, 1961. The host school, Garden Grove, took the runner-up honors in the meet and the Track Meets fielding champions, Beverly Hills, were able to tally only one point in this tough competition.

The meet, which set three new CIF, SS records, included three new national inter-scholastic standards. Roy Sakai, of El Segundo HS, set new records in the 100 and 200 freestyle events by posting the 400-yard free style in the amazing time of 67.9. He then pushed Nick Kirby, of Rosemead HS, in the 200-yard freestyle to such an extent that both boys finished generally in the fine times that were recorded but the facility was most inadequate as far as spectators were concerned. Only about 200 persons were able to jam their way into the limited seating area and many hundreds of interested followers were turned away. It is indeed unfortunate that these records were not available in Southern California a facility that could be utilized which would enable all interested persons to have the opportunity to witness this meet which has gained the reputation of being one of the outstanding prep swimming meets held anywhere in the United States.

Preliminary meets were held at Lakewood and El Segundo High Schools, with Wellington Hogg and "Whitty" Saari serving as meet managers. Both of these meets were held in the evening and were very well attended.

A free lunch meet, for the purpose of qualifying boys into one of the two preliminaries, was held at Upland High School under the direction of Coach Jim Stewart. Although Upland did not have entries in the free lunch meet, they were most considerate in making available their facilities for this most necessary meet. We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation on behalf of the competing schools and Athletic Director Gerry Bell and swimming coach Jim Stewart for offering these facilities and conducting the free lunch meet.

Coach Rick Rowland of Garden Grove served as manager of the championship meet, and he was ably assisted by several coaches from the Sunset League. This is the first time this important meet has been held in Orange County, and we are confident that it did much to stimulate interest in swimming in that area.

The complete team and individual results, with national and CIF, SS records, follow:

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VILLANOVA CAPTURES CIFS, SS "A" BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Tri-Valley League continued its winning ways, and Villanova capped the baseball play-offs, Villanova, captured the CIF, SS "A" baseball championship by downing a stubborn Costa Mesa nine, 6-5, in the final game, which was played before an overflow crowd at the Ventura College Field, on Friday, May 26, 1961.

In a way that would gladden the heart of any old radio soap opera fan, the Villanova Wildcats survived classic climaxes to finally subdue their opponents in the 10th inning. At the end of regulation innings, the score was 5-5, and it was not until those three innings later that pitcher Steve Holvey literally won his own game, by crossing the plate on Mike Mahler's perfect squeeze bunt.

Villanova got off to an early 1-0 lead, but Costa Mesa bounced right back to go ahead by scoring four big runs in the third inning. The Wildcats then rallied to pull four runs of their own in the fourth inning to give them a lead which they held briefy until the Mustangs tied the score with a single tally in the top of the ninth. Steve Harper, a hard-throwing right hander, went the distance for Costa Mesa, and Holvey and Holvey shared the pitching chores for the winners.

The victory was Villanova's 17th, without this team started and brought the school its CIF SS championship in history. To reach the finals the Wildcats turned back Mont Clare Prep 6-1, Mission of S. L. O., 4-1, and then eked out victory for the Championship over the semi-finals 3-1.

Costa Mesa represented the always strong Orange League and after drawing a bye in the opening round, they disposed of Helville 4-3 and Needles 5-2, to earn the right to participate in the championship game. Capturing second place in this strong playoff grouping is no mean accomplishment, especially for a school like Costa Mesa, which was activated only a few years ago.

Complete results of all games played follow:

1st ROUND
Majestic 1, Helville 11 Helville 11, Notre Dame 2
Costa Mesa 6, Montclare 0

2nd ROUND
Neidles 5, Mission 1
Costa Mesa 4, Chalmette 3

1st ROUND
Villa Nova 6, Costa Mesa 5

2nd ROUND
Costa Mesa 5, Needles 2
Villa Nova 6, Chalmette
Championship Villa Nova 6, Costa Mesa 5

SAN MARCOS HS WINS TEAM GOLF TITLE

An outstanding group of prep golfers from San Marcos HS of San Marcos captured the baseball play-offs, Villanova, captured the CIF, SS "A" baseball championship by downing a stubborn Costa Mesa nine, 6-5, in the final game, which was played before an overflow crowd at the Ventura College Field, on Friday, May 26, 1961.

In a way that would gladden the heart of any old radio soap opera fan, the Villanova Wildcats survived classic climaxes to finally subdue their opponents in the 10th inning. At the end of regulation innings, the score was 5-5, and it was not until those three innings later that pitcher Steve Holvey literally won his own game, by crossing the plate on Mike Mahler's perfect squeeze bunt.

Villanova got off to an early 1-0 lead, but Costa Mesa bounced right back to go ahead by scoring four big runs in the third inning. The Wildcats then rallied to pull four runs of their own in the fourth inning to give them a lead which they held briefly until the Mustangs tied the score with a single tally in the top of the ninth. Steve Harper, a hard-throwing right hander, went the distance for Costa Mesa, and Holvey and Holvey shared the pitching chores for the winners.

The victory was Villanova's 17th, without this team started and brought the school its CIF SS championship in history. To reach the finals the Wildcats turned back Mont Clare Prep 6-1, Mission of S. L. O., 4-1, and then eked out victory for the Championship over the semi-finals 3-1.

Costa Mesa represented the always strong Orange League and after drawing a bye in the opening round, they disposed of Helville 4-3 and Needles 5-2, to earn the right to participate in the championship game. Capturing second place in this strong playoff grouping is no mean accomplishment, especially for a school like Costa Mesa, which was activated only a few years ago.

Complete results of all games played follow:

1st ROUND
Majestic 1, Helville 11 Helville 11, Notre Dame 2
Costa Mesa 6, Montclare 0

2nd ROUND
Neidles 5, Mission 1
Costa Mesa 4, Chalmette 3

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