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REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE'S FIRST REPORT

The committee to recommend a reorganization of the leagues of the C. I. F., Southern Section, met in the C. I. F. Office Wednesday, November 2 at 2:00 P. M.

The members consisting of:

Mr. Hayhurst, Hoover High School,
Mr. Waller, Rednodo High School,
Mr. Lawson, Alhambra High School,
Mr. Bergstrom, El Monte High School,
Mr. Fischer, Chaffey High School,
Mr. Taylor, San Diego High School,
were all present.

Mr. Van Patten of the C. I. F. Office was present at the session.

Mr. Hayhurst presided and Mr. Van Patten took notes of the actions and recommendations of the committee.

The discussions were all informal and all recommendations and conclusions were unanimously approved.

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hayhurst, through the C. I. F. Bulletin had at the beginning of the semester asked for recommendations or suggestions from any school or any league in the C. I. F., Southern Section. He reported that he had had no communications from any school or league except those represented on the Committee and he therefore was of the opinion that the present set-up is satisfactory to those from whom no word has been received.

The conference lasted about three hours. Various proposals were discussed and analyzed. Rearranging the schools of the five big leagues (Bay, Citrus, Coast, Foothill, San Gabriel) on the basis of size, or of location, was discussed. Arranging the twenty-eight schools concerned into two or three large groups to operate as a "Big Ten" was considered. Free Lancing for the two San Diego schools was suggested.

All were agreed that a league arrangement with every school in a league, if possible, was most satisfactory.

Working from the above premise it was agreed to recommend to the Council that leagues remain as at present except for the following changes:

(1) Fullerton from the Foothill League to be placed in the Citrus Belt League thus making it a seven school league.

(2) South Pasadena from the Foothill League to be placed in the San Gabriel League and

in February, 1940, when the Mark Keppel High School in Alhambra is expected to open to place it in the San Gabriel League also.

This leaves fourteen large schools, seven in the Bay League, four in the Coast League and three in the Foothill League to be provided with a league set-up.

It was agreed to ask the fourteen schools concerned, Alhambra, Beverly Hills, Compton, Glendale, Hoover (G), Hoover (SD), Inglewood, Leuzinger, Long Beach Poly, Redondo, San Diego, Santa Monica, Whittier, and Woodrow Wilson to send one representative each to a conference to be held in Long Beach, Wednesday, November 16.

It was the belief of the Committee that such a conference would be able to agree upon a plan which will meet the athletic needs of the schools of the group and at the same time preserve and strengthen the C. I. F., Southern Section, in its work.

The proposals of the November 16 meeting will be reported in the December Bulletin.

FOOTBALL PLAY-OFF PLANS

The Executive Committee has designated the winners in the Bay, Citrus, Coast and Foothill Leagues as the Major Group in the football play-off for this season. The Santa Barbara High School has applied for admission to this play-off group and seems likely to be admitted as it has won all games played to date. Other league winners may apply for permission to enter the Major Group play-off. If more than eight teams apply for admission games will have to be played before Thanksgiving so that only eight teams are left in the play-off by the week of November 26.

Minor group play-offs will, if desired, be arranged in the North, the South and the East.

A meeting of representatives of all teams eligible for the Major Group play-off will be held not later than November 18 to make drawings and arrange all details of the series.

SOFT BALL A COMING PROBLEM

A communication given below has been received from Mr. Dudley C. Shumway. Mr. Shumway is Director of Competitive Sports for the Los Angeles City Recreation Department. He has several hundred soft ball teams under his supervision, and is making a determined ef-

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fort to have the leagues and games well controlled.

The C. I. F., Southern Section, is going to have to take action in the near future to protect the interests of our high school boys and girls. Mr. Shumway's communication should be carefully read by our Principals and Physical Education Directors.

"For a number of years participation in softball has grown by leaps and bounds due to ideal climatic conditions, and because of desire on the part of public agencies and a few private individuals, a large number of facilities have been made available.

"However, with the advent of private promotion and organization a large number of problems have arisen not only between the promoters and organizers concerned but between the recognized existing public agencies of local and national scope. Reference made here has to do with two factors. First, that of eligibility—schools, colleges, the A.A.U., A.S.A., and public agencies have continued to hold together to support the underlying amateur principle in all of their athletic sports, not only for the good of the organization, and for the good of the home, but for the good of the boy.

"Exploitation of the participants, both boys and girls, for private financial gain and personal aggrandizement has been such as to draw derogatory criticism from parents as well as interested spectators. The opportunity for inculcation of finer character building traits as well as general citizenship training has been very small and many subversive influences have been exerted by persons involved in the program as well as hangers-on.

"All of the foregoing tends to bring to a head at this time the realization that something must be done to correct a situation at present very bad but which has such fine possibilities and offers so many opportunities for clean, healthful diversion and participation.

"Accordingly action is being taken by the State Softball Commissioner, of the Amateur Softball Association of America to suspend from further amateur play all teams, both boys and girls, which during the past season of 1938 have played in exhibition games or enclosed park programs without benefit of sanction from the amateur organization, the Amateur Softball Association of America.

"Because of the alliance between the Amateur Athletic Union and other agreements and arrangements, I am asking you and your organization, the California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section, to support the effort which is now being launched to clean the sport up and make all parties concerned meet the standard and accept the rules and regulations governing the conduct of amateur sports, or definitely go into the field of professional activities.

"Teams and individuals effected by this order are those having played during the past season at the following places or for the following reasons and which programs or exhibition games are not sanctioned:

Loyola High School, Fiedler Fairfax Field, Fiedler Sunset Field, Sawtelle Old Soldiers Field, San Pedro Sports Field, Santa Monica Municipal Stadium, Inglewood Centinela Park, San Fernando City, Sunland Park, Compton Junior College Field, Eastside Gardens—Belvedere Gardens, AND OTHERS.

"The Stationers Corporation team and the Commerce Finance team and all members thereof are suspended by having played against Joe Louis' Brown Bombers, a professional team, without sanction of A.S.A.

Dudley C. Shumway

California State Softball Commissioner

Amateur Softball Association of America

ELIGIBILITY RULES

We believe Principal and Vice-Principal would do well to review occasionally Article IV, page 13 of our Constitution and Rulings. The notes and parenthetical references in this Article are very important.

We were informed of one school which had been allowing boys to make up failures during the summer vacation period and ruling the boys eligible in the Fall.

For purposes of eligibility for competition a boy must be passing in fifteen hours of new work on the last day of the semester or he is out for the whole of the next semester.

See the note in paragraph (e) of Article IV on eligibility.

ELIGIBILITY CASES

During the past month a fairly steady stream of inquiries regarding cases of eligibility have been coming to the C. I. F. Office. The cases

have nearly all been of a somewhat complicated nature and most of them have had to do with residence.

In most instances there had been no question or protest regarding the boy's eligibility. The Principal was uncertain as to what should be done. He wanted to be just with the boy and at the same time not violate a C. I. F. rule.

How would you rule the following case?

Last April a boy in the first semester of the twelfth grade left the state with his parents. Where he parents settled there was a small high school but it had no mid year promotions so the boy could get into no classes in the high school to complete his semester's work. The Principal of the school coached the boy in the unfinished work, gave him examinations, and graduation credit. This semester the school could not give the boy work in the last half of the twelfth grade. The boy had to drop out for a semester if he stayed in his parents' home. They sent him to live with a relative in Southern California and enter school so as to graduate at the end of this semester.

We discussed the case with a majority of the Executive Committee. It was the opinion of all that while the boy was being coached and given examinations he was not regularly enrolled in school and that his move to the school he is now attending was necessary because of a change of residence of his parents. The Principal was advised that the boy would doubtless be ruled eligible if his standing was questioned.

A Second Case

A boy in January, 1938, graduated from the eighth grade of one of our elementary schools. His parents left the state. In the town where they settled there was no high school. They had the boy repeat the last half of the eighth grade. This semester the family returned to Southern California and the boy entered the ninth grade of one of our four year high schools.

We were asked the two following questions. Is the boy eligible this semester? Should last semester be counted as one of the boy's eight semesters after finishing the eighth grade?

What is your answer to these questions?

A majority of the Executive Committee expressed the opinion that the boy should be ruled eligible this semester and that last semester should not be counted as one of the eight semesters to which the boy is entitled after finishing the eighth grade.

A Third Case

Three boys transferred from one high school to another in the same League. The family rented a house in the district where the boys now attend school. The father and a young daughter stayed in the district where the boys attended last year and the daughter attends elementary school in that district. The mother spends her time partly in one home and partly

in the other but always at night with the boys.

Are the boys eligible for competition?

A majority of the Executive Committee were of the opinion that the home of a boy is where his father resides and therefore the boys in question are ineligible this semester.

These are just samples of a large number of cases that have been considered by the Executive Committee and the Commissioner of Athletics.

SIX MAN FOOTBALL

A brief write-up of a six man game of football appears in *Newsweek* for October 24, 1938. This should interest schools where the enrollment is small.

PHOENIX AND SANTA BARBARA PLAY FINE GAME

The Santa Barbara High School journeyed to Phoenix October 21 for their annual game. The game was played at night starting at 7:45 P. M.

There was a crowd of 8000 spectators, plus 2000 boy scouts from the towns of Salt River Valley who were specially invited guests for the occasion.

The game was won by Santa Barbara with a score of 13 to 6. The score reflects fairly well the comparative playing ability of the two teams. The game was cleanly played, only two penalties being inflicted. Very little time was taken out and the spectators therefore had few dull moments. Two officials from Southern California, Mr. Ray Root and Mr. John Hunt, together with two good men from Tucson, Arizona, kept the game under control at all times.

The Phoenix team worked at top speed whenever it had possession of the ball. The players hustled into the huddle. The huddle was very brief, and they trotted briskly to the line of scrimmage after the huddle. Some of the college and university teams we have seen in action this fall look like old, broken-down farm hands in comparison.

Before the game and between halves the Phoenix bands (a boys band of nearly one hundred, and a girls band of about fifty) and the boy scouts put on some fine entertainment.

The Phoenix High School is to be commended for the fine game and fine show it put on. Any Southern California high school team that gets on the Phoenix High School football schedule may well consider itself fortunate.

The Commissioner of Athletics accompanied the officials from Southern California to the game, and the above comments are based on first hand information.

C. I. F. MEMBER SUSPENDED

The San Bernardino High School protested the playing of two boys by the Elsinore Naval and Military School. The boys in question had transferred from San Bernardino to the Elsinore

Academy, at the start of this term. The protest claimed that the boys were ineligible under the residence rule, page 16, of our Constitution and Rulings.

The Commissioner of Athletics checked up on the case and upon his report the Executive Committee, on November 1, suspended the Elsinore Naval and Military Academy pending a full hearing of the protest.

TOURNAMENT BASKETBALL IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

By Merrill Green, Basketball Coach,
South Pasadena High School

Basketball in Southern California has made rapid strides in the past ten years. Few schools had gymnasiums up to the year 1925 and many games were played outside. With the addition of basketball floors in the newly built gymnasiums the game took on a new interest and the past decade has seen Southern California come to the front in this sport.

In comparison with other states in this sport, we will find Southern California using many of the styles of play found in the east and midwest. The fast break game, the delayed offense combined with the man to man and zone defense have all become as much a part of basketball in this section as anywhere that the game is highly regarded.

Tall, rangy boys are found in the high school ranks of this section and many of them that have come up through high school have made good in college basketball. It has been noticeable that high school boys copy the form or style of some particular basketball star in college or university and there is no question that Hank Luisetti exerted a tremendous influence during his stay at Stanford University. His one hand push shots combined with his splendid timing and co-ordination made him the idol of every high school boy in the state.

Tournament play is quite lacking in this section. Invitational tourneys have become annual affairs in some four or five schools and have been conducted very efficiently. Instead of being held at the close of the league season they are staged at the holiday vacation and some teams use them as a means of getting practice instead of attempting to point for honors. An attempt was made some years ago on the part of the C. I. F. to hold a tournament to decide the Class A championship. Interest was good in this initial attempt but it was not a financial success.

Climatic conditions here do not place the emphasis on basketball as an indoor game that is seen in the midwest and east. Outdoor activities in this section will make it difficult to create the interest necessary to make tournament play a financial success. Transportation problems must be ironed out and a central gymnasium selected

in which to hold the final round, that will accommodate a large crowd. Sport scribes are none too cordial to basketball publicity and they might give more space to the game itself if some movement was started to bring it to the front. It has always been a general belief among coaches in this section, that if the Los Angeles City schools were permitted to have a part in tournament play for the Southern California championship, it would be an easy matter to build up a fine tournament.

Southern California can be divided into regions and sections the same as other states and bring eight finalists into Los Angeles to meet eight Los Angeles schools. That should attract more interest than is now shown in the present manner of allowing only league winners to play off for the Southern California title. Many teams improve in their play after their league competition and are better in tournament play than in league competition. It is well that some of the teams get away from the same competition each year and meet other teams outside their league. It broadens the scope of basketball activity and is a progressive idea. The boys will enjoy the change and will look forward to tournament play each season as a climax to the season of that sport.

Teams in the midwest would find real competition from such western schools as Piedmont, Whittier and Santa Rosa where basketball has become highly developed. Both Indiana and Illinois have brought splendid teams to the front but California basketball teams can match them in height, speed and shooting ability. The one hand push shot has been far more developed here than in the east. Teams here are employing better defensive tactics than they were five years ago. Officiating is better and more uniform than ever before. Many new gymnasiums are being built in this section that will encourage more interest in basketball and the game is bound to gain in prominence. Competition is very keen here in Los Angeles City leagues as well as in all of the major leagues of the C. I. F., S. S. Chaffey, Long Beach Poly and Whittier have led in taking the most titles in the Class A division the past ten years.

A well organized championship basketball tournament among Southern California high schools should be a success.

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Crosscountry Championship is to be run this year over the U.C.L.A. course on December 17. Races will be arranged for three classes of schools, those of less than 1000 enrollment, those of 1000 to 2000 enrollment and those of over 2000 enrollment.

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