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**OLIVER CORBIN, NEW PRESIDENT  
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Since its founding in 1914, the CIF, Southern Section has been most fortunate to have had as the president of its Executive Committee such outstanding leaders in the field of education and interscholastic athletics as Mr. Harry Moore, former Assistant Supt. of the Long Beach School District; Mr. Kinter Hamilton, former principal of Harvard School; and Mr. B. L. Bergstrom, recently resigned Superintendent of the El Monte School District. As we open the current school year, we find that the responsibility of this important office falls on the capable shoulders of Mr. Oliver Corbin, Principal of Covina High School.

With all due deference to the outstanding educators who have preceded Mr. Corbin as President of the Executive Committee, we can assure our member schools that we now have in this capacity, a man who is exceptionally well qualified to hold this important position. His entire life has been spent in close association with teaching, coaching, administration and participation in sports.

Oliver Corbin is a native Californian born in Buena Park, not far from Knotts Berry Farm

on the corner where the Congregational church now stands. His father was pastor of that church. He attended elementary school in San Francisco and then enrolled at Lowell HS, where he performed as a member of the championship light weight basketball team. His A.B. degree was obtained at Wichita University where he lettered in basketball and football.

Mr. Corbin's first teaching experience was gained at the Oxford HS in Kansas, where he spent five years, during which time he coached all athletic teams and taught biology, psychology, general science and civics. He then moved to Evanston, Wyoming because as he put it, "I frankly wasn't making a living in Kansas. Maybe I was spending too much, but I was always behind at the end of each month."

Corbin coached and taught three years at Evanston where he fell in love with the English teacher, and finally convinced the beautiful and personable Josephine to marry him. Summer school at Arizona University led to a teaching position at Wickenburg, Arizona, from where it was a simple matter to continue further west and take up his teaching duties at Covina HS.

In 1946, Oliver Corbin was advanced from a teaching and coaching status to the position of Vice Principal of Covina HS. He was appointed Principal in 1951, in which capacity he still serves with distinction. He has many strong friends among parents, teachers and students alike. It is his straightforward and definite manner and his practical approach to school problems that have made Oliver Corbin admired and respected by all who deal with him.

As an administrator at Covina HS, Mr. Corbin first became interested in serving the CIF, SS as a representative on the Council from the old Foothill League. He carried out his responsibilities in such an efficient manner that he was honored by being elected in June, 1952, to serve on the Executive Committee of the Southern Section. When Floyd Johnson of San Diego Hoover announced his retirement in 1956, the logical candidate to succeed him as the South-



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ern Section representative on the State CIF Federated Council was Mr. Corbin. He still continues, along with Winston Nelson, to serve on the state body and has ably represented our section in matters pertaining to the interscholastic athletic program.

As Mr. Corbin takes over the leadership of the Southern Section, he faces grave responsibilities and problems. The Conant report has resulted in a greater awareness of the need for a better academic program in our secondary schools and a stricter control of our interscholastic athletic program. The greater population increase in our area has seen the establishment of many new public and parochial high schools. This has caused an annual relegating problem unprecedented in the history of the CIF, SS.

To resolve these and other problems, the Southern Section is indeed fortunate to have in a position of leadership a man who has demonstrated over many years that he has the experience and ability to cope with difficult problems. In a recent meeting of the Executive Committee, Mr. Corbin explained his philosophy and position by stating, "In the CIF, Southern Section we must maintain a firm and defensible position on all athletic policies, which are consistent with sound educational policies."

We take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Corbin on his election to the presidency of the Southern Section Executive Committee and predict a long and successful tenure in this important position for this capable and well liked school administrator.

## BASEBALL COACHES ATTENTION

We have just been advised that Hoover HS of Glendale has on hand a Dudley Automatic Pitching Machine, Model TD, Serial #730, which is in excellent condition and which they would like to sell for the bargain price of \$150.00.

Any school having a little extra money in their budget and looking for a real teaching aid for baseball is advised to contact Mr. Dee Kohlmeier, Athletic Director of Glendale Hoover HS.

## CIF, SS "AAA" BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS TO RETURN TO LA STATE

For the second successive year the CIF, SS "AAA" semi-final and championship basketball games will be held in the beautiful new gymnasium on the campus of Los Angeles State College, on Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11, 1961. Word has just been received that the dates have been cleared and we will again be privileged to hold these exciting contests in the huge (5,200 seat) pavilion.

Last year capacity crowds attended both nights' activities and we are looking for more of the same during the coming season. In 1960 the championship games in both the "AA" and "AAA" brackets were played on Saturday night along with the "AAA" consolation game for third place. Present plans call for a separation of these championship games because with the withdrawal of the San Diego County schools from the Southern Section, all of the finalists will be local schools and it is very doubtful if the seating facilities will hold all of the people interested in witnessing their favorite team battle for the CIF title. The "AA" finals would then be played in the community of one of the participating schools.

Los Angeles State is centrally and easily accessible from all parts of Southern California, being situated just off the San Bernardino Freeway at Eastern Avenue. With plenty of free parking space, it is an ideal spot in which to hold these important championship contests. Many schools, including Compton, Keppel, Covina and the defending champions, Long Beach Poly, have already indicated that they will have strong squads and are very hopeful of participating in this basketball classic. Regardless of which teams qualify, however, the prep sports fans of this area can be assured that they will be treated to a weekend of thrilling, exciting and well-played basketball.

## SS CROSS COUNTRY COACHES HOLD MEETING

On Wednesday, October 12, a representative group of CIF, SS Cross Country coaches met in the CIF, SS office for the purpose of formulating plans for the 1960 preliminary and championship Cross Country meets. Those in attendance included Ernst Hartmann, Compton HS; Bill O'Rourke, Culver City HS; Jim Miller, Pacific HS; Al Zimmerman, Downey HS; Willie Wilson, La Habra HS; Dean Miller, Mira Costa HS; Fred Barton, La Puente HS; Hank Ketels, Aviation HS; Ernie Jensen, Bellflower HS; and Kenneth Fagans, Commissioner of Athletics.

The 1959 CIF, SS Cross Country program was most successful and it was the opinion of the group that this year's program should be conducted in a similar manner with championships to be determined in a Large School, Small School and JV division. A school with an enrollment of 1200 or over in the upper three grades would compete in the Large School division. Schools with enrollments of 1199 or less in the upper grades would be placed in the Small School division. Entries would be permitted in the JV division only if a school also had a varsity entry.

Four preliminary meets have been scheduled for 2:30 P.M., Wednesday, November 23, at Pacific HS, Huntington Beach HS, Centinela Park and Long Beach State College courses. Each of these preliminaries will qualify three teams from the Large School division, two teams from the Small School division and two teams from the JV division. In addition, the two fastest boys on non-winning teams, provided they finished among the first five individual finishers, will qualify from each division at each preliminary meet into the championship meet to be held on Friday, December 2, at the Cheviot Park Course, located on West Pico Street in Los Angeles.

The entry blank will be similar to the one used last year and will be mailed to all schools late in October. This year a coach may enter a team of 12 boys in the JV division. A team of 12 boys may be entered in the varsity division, providing a school is not entering a JV team. If a JV team is being entered in addition to a varsity team, then the varsity list is limited to 7 boys. Boys may be moved up from JV to varsity, but boys on the varsity roster may not be dropped down to compete in the JV race. This regulation was adopted in an effort

to prevent coaches from overloading their JV team.

A boy may not compete in the JV race in the CIF preliminaries who has competed as a varsity performer in more than half of his schools league meets. A free lance school could not use a boy in the JV classification who has competed as a varsity runner in more than half of the total meets. Coaches are obligated to run their seven best men on their varsity team regardless of circumstances. If the No. 5 boy on the varsity team was sick and could not run in the preliminaries, the 6th and 7th boys would move up and the No. 1 boy on the JV team would then become the No. 7 boy on the varsity team.

Schools will be assigned to the various preliminary meets on the basis of team strength and geographical location. This will be done in order to balance the strength at the various preliminary meets. Schools will be notified at least one week in advance of the preliminaries, as to the preliminary meet to which they have been assigned.

Should there be any questions relative to the Cross Country program, coaches are advised to call the CIF Office for clarification.

## MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING — October 18, 1960

A joint meeting of the CIF, SS Executive and Relegating Committees was held in the Southern Section Office on Tuesday, October 18, 1960. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Oliver Corbin, Chairman, at 1:30 PM, with the following members in attendance: Messrs. Oliver Corbin, Principal of Covina HS; Winston Nelson, Asst. Supt. of Schools at Pomona; Robert J. Schilling, Asst. Supt. of Schools at La Puente; Marion C. Hays, Vice Principal of Harvard School; John R. Taylor, Principal of Nordhoff HS; Frank O. Hopkins, Principal of Brea-Olinda HS; Harold Wetzler, Vice Principal of Hawthorne HS; Robert D. Ashton, Asst. Supt. of Excelsior HS District; John Landrum, Principal of San Marino HS; Steve Miletich, Vice Principal of Beverly Hills HS; William Murphy, Principal of Hoover HS, Glendale; James Faul, Principal of La Puente HS; Harry Bigger, Principal of Fillmore HS; Richard Spaulding, Principal of Buena Park HS; and Ken Fagans, Commissioner of Athletics.



1. It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the September 26, 1960, Executive Committee meeting be approved as published in the October, 1960, Monthly Bulletin.

2. After a review of the basketball schedule of Eisenhower HS, it was moved, seconded and carried that in order to qualify for the 1961 "A" basketball playoffs, Eisenhower HS must win all but two of the following 8 games on their 1961 schedule: Jan. 3, Claremont HS; Jan. 6, Glendora HS; Jan. 10, Rubidoux HS; Jan. 16, Valencia HS; Jan. 24, Palm Springs HS; Jan. 31, Bonita HS; Feb. 7, Beaumont HS; Feb. 10, Rubidoux HS.

3. After a review of the baseball schedule of Rubidoux HS, it was moved, seconded and carried that in order to qualify for the 1961 "AA" baseball playoffs, Rubidoux HS must win all but two of the following eight games on their schedule: April 11, Victor Valley HS; April 14, Eisenhower HS; April 18, Pomona Catholic HS; April 21, Bosco Tech HS; April 25, Victor Valley HS; April 28, Eisenhower HS; May 2, Pomona Catholic HS; May 5, Bosco Tech.

4. A review was made of an eligibility case involving the transfer of a boy from Notre Dame HS to Mt. Carmel HS for determination of his eligibility. After a presentation of the facts, it was the consensus of the committee that the boy would be eligible at Mt. Carmel HS if the administration of that school was satisfied that the parents of the boy had legally changed their residence to a location south of Mt. Carmel HS.

5. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive Committee recommend to the Southern Section Council that Death Valley HS be readmitted as a regular member of the CIF, SS, and placed in the Hi-Lo League effective with the basketball season, provided they pay delinquents dues from the 1959-60 school year.

6. Mr. Corbin read a letter from the parents of a student at San Marcos HS, requesting the Executive Committee to rescind its action of September 26, which placed the San Marcos HS on probation and denied them the right to enter the CIF, SS football playoffs provided they earned the right by winning the championship of the Frontier League. The matter was fully discussed and it was moved, seconded and carried to uphold the action taken at the September 26 meeting which gave San Marcos HS the right to play out their league schedule without penalty,

but placed them on probation and denied them the right to enter the playoffs because of a violation of two CIF, SS, rules by the varsity football coach.

7. The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Robert Ashton, Chairman of the Releaguings Committee. Mr. Ashton explained the work that had been done by his committee to date and the philosophy followed by the committee in attempting to releague schools in the Southern Section. More than 30 administrators from member schools were in attendance and they were each given an opportunity to express their views on the proposals for releguing advanced by the committee in its report of action taken at the October 5 meeting. When all those in attendance had been given an opportunity to speak, the meeting was temporarily adjourned and everyone except members of the Executive and Releaguings Committee were excused.

8. Mr. Corbin reconvened the meeting and led a discussion involving the philosophy that should be adopted by the CIF, SS relative to the annual problem of releguing. It was pointed out that practically every administrator that had spoken had advanced the idea that the size and type of school and the winning and losing was not the important thing. They were all of the opinion that geographical location had now become the paramount issue because of the tremendous traffic problem existing in the greater Los Angeles area which meant that cross town competition, particularly in the spring sports, caused the students to miss many classes and arrive home late in the evening.

It was advocated that whenever possible leagues should consist of 8 teams, which would ease the scheduling problem and also provide for more contests close to home. Nearly everyone stated that they would prefer having schools leagued according to their location rather than size, and that each geographical area should resolve its own leaguing problems and not transfer their responsibility to some other area.

Mr. Corbin summed up the thinking by stating that as a result of the Conant Report and the emphasis that has been placed on the academic responsibility of the school, we cannot over-emphasize athletics. He further stated that we must maintain a firm and defensible position on athletic policies which are consistent with sound educational policies.

It was the unanimous opinion of the group that we should approach the problem of releguing in the future on a geographical area basis instead of attempting to solve the matter as had been done in the past. The following geographical areas were listed as starting points: (1) Orange County; (2) San Luis Obispo County; (3) Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties; (4) Desert Area; (5) Bay area, from Pacific Palisades to Palos Verdes; (6) Foothill area to Whittier narrows; (7) Long Beach, Excelsior area to Whittier narrows; (8) San Gabriel Valley area; (9) Riverside County area; (10) Imperial Valley area.

With geographical areas thus defined and following the concept of the new philosophy of releguing, the joint committee scrapped the former recommendations and began anew the problem of leaguing all schools for the 1961-62 school year. The recommendations of the joint committee are contained in the published report which was mailed to the principals of every member school on October 20, 1960. It should be noted that each geographical area has one or more problems that must be resolved. The recommendations represent the best thinking of the committee towards equitably resolving these problems.

9. There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Kenneth Fagans  
Commissioner of Athletics

#### FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL RULES CLINICS

One of the many services provided without charge to our member schools and leagues is the conducting of football and basketball rules clinics for coaching personnel and officials organizations. These clinics feature outstanding authorities in their respective sports who cover rule interpretations, explain rule changes and instruct in the mechanics of officiating.

Through these clinics we are able to provide a more uniform interpretation of the rules throughout the southland. This is of great benefit when playoff time rolls around because we do not have our teams encountering strange officiating where interpretation and application

of the rules varies from one section to another.

One of our most successful football rules clinics was held on Saturday, August 27, in Las Vegas, for the benefit of the coaches and officials in that area. The clinic was conducted by Mr. K. O. Webster and Bill Bradford of the Ventura County Football Officials Association.

Mr. Webster, with the aid of excellent charts and visual aids, covered the new rule changes and explained the administration of the football code by logic and use of football fundamentals, rather than by sheer memory of the rules. He covered in detail the rules pertaining to kicks, free and scrimmage; passes, running plays; fouls; false starts; illegal snaps; illegal use of hands and personal fouls.

Mr. Bradford discussed all phases of officiating mechanics including both four and three man games. The session was wrapped up with a talk on the philosophy of officiating and a showing of the National Federation Training film, Football For Millions.

We are grateful to Mr. Don Smith, a member of the staff of Basic HS, and Commissioner of Officials for Southern Nevada, who was responsible for the fine attendance and the excellent facilities that were made available for the clinic. He also arranged for the entire group to be the guests of the Showboat Hotel for lunch.

Another fine football clinic was conducted at Tehachapi HS on Saturday, Sept. 10, for the coaches and officials connected with the Desert-Inyo League. Mr. Norman Duncan, well known local official, conducted this clinic with all arrangements being made by Mr. John Mier, Principal of Tehachapi HS.

The CIF, SS is assisting in the conducting of two basketball rules clinics. On Saturday, November 19, Mr. Burt Davis and Cal Houston of the Ventura Association will travel to Las Vegas for the purpose of conducting a one-day session on the rules for the benefit of coaches and officials in the Las Vegas area. On Saturday, December 3, Mr. John Panatier, representing the Los Angeles Basketball Officials Association, will conduct a basketball rules interpretation session at Imperial High School for the benefit of coaches and officials in Imperial County. We hope that other areas of the Southern Section interested in staging basketball rules clinics will contact this office for assistance.



## FUND RAISING PROJECT AVAILABLE

Periodically we receive inquiries in our office relative to information pertaining to fund raising activities that would meet the needs of high school lettermen's clubs and similar organizations. We have just received information concerning a unique service provided by the Paul Revere Company, which we would like to pass along to our schools.

The Paul Revere Plan supplies on consignment a very salable and guaranteed item in whatever quantities are necessary for the interested group to sell in their areas in order to raise funds. These items, such as long-life light bulbs, fine milk chocolate candy, aluminum foil, etc., all sell for either 50¢ or \$1.00. The group running the campaign retains 39 or 40 per cent of the total money collected. All necessary forms, such as collection envelopes, check-out sheets, and carrying bags are supplied free of charge. Wherever possible, a Paul Revere coordinator addresses the group and gets them off to a good start. At the end of two weeks, all unsold merchandise is returned and the group is free to use their share of the funds as they see fit. Where justified, incentive prizes such as wrist watches, transistor radios, etc., are supplied without cost.

A number of CIF schools in the north have reported that certain of their groups have had excellent success using the Paul Revere Plan as a fund raising activity. For further information concerning this matter please contact the SS office.

## BASKETBALL RULE BOOKS MAILED TO BASKETBALL COACHES

Late in September a copy of the 1960-61 National Federation Basketball Rule Book was mailed to the varsity basketball coach of each of our member schools. We trust that all coaches have received their copy and have had an opportunity to look over the rules with particular emphasis on the changes for the coming year.

The rules differences from last year's edition are listed on the inside front cover. All of the changes are worthy of study, but particular attention is called to the change in items 2 and 3 of Rule 4, Section 17. These items have been rewritten in an effort to clarify and simplify the traveling rule. With the advent of the jump shot, many players have been guilty of traveling when they have moved their pivot foot in line with their non-pivot foot, as they rise for the jump shot. This infraction has been too frequently missed by the officials and the Southern California Basketball Officials Association is going to make every effort to see that the rule is properly administered during the coming year.

## MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING—NOVEMBER 1, 1960

A joint meeting of the CIF, SS Executive and Releaguement Committees was held at Covina HS on Tuesday, November 1, 1960. The meeting was called to order by President Oliver Corbin at 7:30 PM, with all members in attendance except Mr. Frank Hopkins of Brea-Olinda HS and Mr. John Taylor of Nordhoff HS.

1. It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the October 18, 1960, Executive Committee Meeting be approved as read.

2. After a review of the basketball schedule of Don Bosco Tech, it was moved, seconded and carried that in order to qualify for the 1961 "AA" Basketball Playoffs Bosco Tech must win all but two of the following eight games on their 1961 schedule: Jan. 21, Servite HS; Jan. 27, El Segundo HS; Jan. 28, Northview HS; Feb. 3, Salesian HS; Feb. 7, Rubidoux HS; Feb. 10, Northview HS; Feb. 17, Servite HS; Feb. 21, St. Bernard's HS.

3. A letter was read from Chino HS in which a request was made for a ruling on the eligibility for interscholastic athletics of a student who had just transferred in from Pakistan. After a review of the case, it was moved, seconded and carried that this Pakistanian student be declared eligible for interscholastic athletics at Chino HS during the balance of the current school year.

4. The balance of the meeting was turned over to a discussion of releaguement problems. More than ninety administrators from our member schools were in attendance. Approximately forty of them expressed their views concerning releaguement as it affected their school or league. Because of the lateness of the hour, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM and those present were advised that the committee would reconvene on Monday, November 7, for the purpose of formulating their final recommendations for releaguement for the 1961-62 school year. All persons concerned have had two opportunities to present their views, and if there are any objections to the final recommendations of the committee, the administrators may again voice their objections at the Council Meeting scheduled for Helms Hall on Saturday, November 19, 1960.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Commissioner of Athletics