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tion in one or more athletic contests between teams of different schools or organization shall count as a semesters residence. (Practice games shall count the same as league games.)

50 YEARS AGO

When the 1938-39 school year opened, the CIF Southern Section had grown to a membership of 12 schools, 122 of which competed in 19 leagues, the other 10 designated as free lance. Excerpts of the Sept. 30, 1938 Executive Committee meeting:

Mr. Harry J. Moore, Principal of Long Beach Wilson High School, moved that the annual dues for the year 1938-39 be three cents per pupil based on the A.D.A. for 1937-38. The motion was seconded by S. Chester McIntosh, Principal of Puente High School and carried by the committee.

Commissioner Seth F. Van Patten called attention to the rule in the football code in regard to wearing a headgear. Moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. McIntosh that the Commissioner of Athletics direct all officials working CIF Southern Section games to enforce this rule rigidly, even for the kicker in try for point after touchdown. Carried.

25 YEARS AGO

By the opening of the 1962-63 school year, the CIF Southern Section boasted 41 leagues and a school membership approaching 300. Excerpts of the Sept. 15, 1962 Executive Committee meeting:

The Executive Committee had been concerned with the matter of public relations and publicity for the CIF-SS and had directed Commissioner Ken Fagans to investigate the problem and report back. The Commissioner reported that the cost of employing a publicity director for the CIF-SS would be excessive, and be suggested that the matter be accomplished by the Commissioner with additional clerical help to relieve other facets of the Commissioner’s duties. He also reported that a letter had been directed to the Los Angeles Times complaining about the lack of prep sports coverage in that paper. A letter was read from Mr. Paul Zimmerman, editor of the Los Angeles Times, in which it was stated that a new prep sports editor had recently been employed and it was hoped that he would give more adequate coverage to prep sports in Southern California.

10 YEARS AGO

When the 1977-78 school year opened, the CIF Southern Section had a membership of 410 high schools and 45 junior highs. Mr. Tom Byrnes was beginning his third year as Commissioner. Excerpts from the June 30, 1977 Executive Committee meeting:

The Commissioner appraised the Executive Committee of the possibility of levying fines as another alternative in the penalty phase for violations of the CIF-SS rules and provided background information on current implementation in some leagues and in other state associations. Following discussion, the Chair was directed to appoint a committee to develop a recommendation for submission to the council.
COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

By Stan Thomas
Commissioner in all CIFs

An integral component of the total educational picture in our secondary schools today are the many forms of extracurricular activities. Without question, these programs should be expected to contribute to the general education of those students who participate – and they do.

All too often, extracurricular activities are viewed by the general public, members of the media, governmental agencies and even local and state school boards as simply what the name implies: an extra.

Certainly, it is imperative for those of us in the business of education to keep extracurricular activities in perspective. The basic curriculums of math, science, literature and social studies must continue to be emphasized first and foremost. However, it should also be remembered that the student activities are critically important as a means of support to basic learning.

In athletics, the activities teach specific skills to help develop well-rounded youngsters. The thinking that says football teaches nothing more than blocking and tackling that baseball simply teaches hitting and pitching is wrong. Society does not benefit from schools that produce students who can catch a football or throw a 90-mile-per-hour fastball. But society does benefit from students who have learned determination, patience, goal orientation, teamwork and sportsmanship through athletics.

School activities, including athletics, band, pep and drill teams, journalism and drama, are not a diversion, but rather an extension of a sound educational program. Students who involve themselves in extracurricular activities are often better prepared for success in later life. More important, they are achieving high grades in high school or college.


Further, studies by two national testing services show that active involvement and achievement in high school activities is positively related to the probability of success in later life. More important, they are achieving high grades in high school or college.

National activities week is a good time to remember the many contributions that these programs make to the total educational picture.

The August meeting of the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Pat Mauch at 9:45 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22, 1987 in Solvang. All members were present with the exceptions of Bruce Keungin, Jim Carmichael and Andy Patterson.

1. MINUTES – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee meeting of June 20, 1987 as mailed to the Committee.

2. PRESIDENT’S UPDATE – Mr. Pat Mauch welcomed the entire Executive Committee to the first meeting of the 1987-88 school year. Mr. Mauch introduced new Executive Committee member Mike Shanahan, principal of Breaux High School, who will serve as the Northern Area Representative to the Executive Committee. Additionally, Mr. Mauch announced that Tony Balsamo had been elected V.I.C. President of the National Federation at the recent summer meetings held in Denver, Colorado.

3. COMMISSIONER’S UPDATE – Mr. Stan Thomas, Commissioner, updated the Committee on the upcoming inaugural golf tournament which will serve as the first event scheduled to celebrate the 75th year of the CIF Southern Section. Additionally, Commissioner Thomas reviewed with the Committee members the CIF Southern Section CIF-SS Blue Book, the Sunny Hills summer basketball tournament, the involvement of Reebok and Coca Cola as new State CIF corporate sponsors, the Amateur Athletic Foundation walk-on coach in-service program, Orange County officials pilot program, and the game management handbook as developed by the State CIF Commissioners. Further, it was moved, seconded and passed to allow the Commissioner to approve the use of an artificial limb for football by a student athlete from Kennedy High School in La Palma, as provided for in the National Federation Football Playing Rules.

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IMPACT CIF-SS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Two of the key contributors to the CIF Southern Section athletic program for the 1987-88 school year will be long-time associate Wilson Sporting Goods and the Herff Jones Company. Balls manufactured by Wilson Sporting Goods Company are utilized by more CIF-SS schools than any other company, according to a survey of member schools compiled last spring.

The Wilson NFL Football, official ball of the CIF-SS Championships, was utilized by 62.46% of CIF-SS schools, the Wilson Jet Baseball led all competitors with a 45.42% market-share, and the Wilson tennis ball owned 63.34% of the market-share.

The popularity of the Wilson A011 high seam baseball is rapidly growing as well. The A0111 was utilized in all CIF-SS high school baseball games last year.

"We at Wilson Sporting Goods are proud of our association with the CIF-SS over the past 20 years and look forward to a gratifying future with Southern Section high schools," said Roger Seaborg, Wilson's Vice-President of Team Sports Marketing.

Herff Jones, the CIF-SS official ring company, recently concluded its first year of offering Southern Section schools the exclusive CIF-SS championship ring. Herff was successful with the promotion and produced rings for several CIF-SS champions, including Big-Five Football titlists Crespi and High School. The company recently extended its sponsorship agreement through 1993 and secured a six-year contract with the CIF-SS to provide all individual and team sport medals for Southern Section championships.

"Herff Jones and its Southern California reps are proud of our association with the CIF Southern Section over the past five years. With each year, our commitment to the CIF-SS and its schools has grown. Award programs such as the CIF-SS medals and championship rings are what we do best and take the most pride in doing. The CIF-SS joins such prestigious organizations as the New York Athletic Club (Heisman Trophy) and U.S. Congress (Congressional Medal of Honor) as Herff Jones clients," said John DeWitt, Area Sales Manager-Herff Jones Company.


REVISED STATE SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY

One of the major changes in the CIF-SS Blue Book for the current school year relates to the new State CIF Scholastic Eligibility By-Laws that were re-written this past summer to conform to the recently adopted legislation dealing with the 2.0 standard and participation in athletics. It should also be pointed out that the new By-Laws are applicable to all CIF member schools.

To be scholastically eligible, a student must:
1) Be currently enrolled in at least 20 semester periods of work;
2) Have passed in at least 20 semester periods of work at the completion of the last regular grading period;
3) Must be maintaining minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by the governing board of the particular school and/or school district. It should be noted that this provision is open to the interpretation of the school principal.

The new provision requires that a student must have maintained during the previous grading period, a minimum grade point average of 2.0 as defined at least as a 2.0 grade point average in all enrolled courses on a 4.0 scale.

With the new 2.0 GPA in place, students may have continuance eligibility through a probationary period which shall not exceed one semester in length. This probationary period could also be for a shorter period of time. A major part of this new regulation stipulates that the governing board of a school district, private school or parochial school may adopt this provision as part of its own rule-making. It should be noted that school administrators may refer to the REVISED STATE SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY page for further details.
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4. SUPERINTENDENTS' UPDATE – Ms. Cynthia Gremmner reviewed with the Committee the coaches’ certification program and the academic component requirement in physical education that will be required under TITLE V regulations, effective in the fall of 1988.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT – Dr. Gary Smith reviewed the recently completed auditors' report and reported to the Committee that the findings were excellent, along with a commendation to accountant Shirley Frazier. Additionally, Dr. Smith reviewed potential earnings with regard to the Reehob/Coca-Cola corporate support program.

6. NATIONAL FEDERATION UPDATE – Dr. Tom Jacobson reported on the National Federation summer meeting held in Denver, Colorado.

7. STATE CIF REPORT – Mr. Tony Balsamo reviewed with the Committee the State Executive Committee minutes, the new State CIF scholastic eligibility requirements, and its plan for Объект the fall meeting held by the State Executive Committee with the State CIF Commissioners.

8. LEGAL UPDATE – Commissioner Stan Thomas reviewed recent correspondence from the State CIF relative to the Southern Section amended constitutional sections, 2721.1 and the Jones eight-quarter appeal.

9. SPRING FINANCIAL REPORT REVIEW – Administrative staff members Dean Crowley, Bill Clark and Karen Hellyer reviewed with the Executive Committee financial reports from the spring championship events.

10. T-SHIRT INCOME REPORT – Larry Zucker reviewed income derived from the sale of CIF championship t-shirts during the 1986-87 season.


12. 75th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE – Dean Crowley, Associate Commissioner, reviewed with the Committee plans for the 75th year anniversary activities for the 1987-88 school year which will include the use of a 75-year logo, publication of a special 75-year anniversary bulletin, participation by the alumni committee and past and present Council members at championship activities throughout the year, a special 75-year poster, the honoring of former outstanding CIF-SS athletes who have gone on to make a name for themselves in business or athletic endeavors, and a concluding 75-year banquet.

13. NEW SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP – It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the membership of Elsinore Christian High School (Lake Elsinore) and New Life Christian Academy (San Bernardino), effective with the upcoming 1987-88 school year.

14. PROPOSED 1988-89 CALENDAR – Pat Mauch reviewed and updated the Committee on the proposed 1988-89 calendar as recommended by the Season of Sport Committee. Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to present the calendar to the Southern Section Council in September for final action in January.

15. SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING – RELEGATING PROTOCOL – Dr. Robert Packer reviewed appeals from the Northern Area and San Gabriel Valley Area with reference to relegating and, reviewing the protocol and procedures that will take place at the September meeting of the CIF-SS Council.

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

Submitted by: DEAN CROWLEY, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS

APPROVED BY: STAN THOMAS, COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS

Jeff Murakami of Kennedy High in La Palma and Tony Russell of Long Beach Poly are two of the more special football players in the CIF Southern Section. But if they had their way, no one would make a big deal of Murakami, who was born without a left arm, and Russell, who lost his right leg below the knee at the age of two. They have shown uncommon courage and an inspirational love of the game to warrant special attention.

A 5-4, 155-pound senior, Murakami plays fullback and defensive corner for first-year Head Coach Mitch Olsen at Kennedy.

"Having one arm has never been a factor for Jeff as an athlete," says Olsen. "Out here, he's handicapped only by his size. He played basketball for me, and when I took over the football program last spring, he was one of the first guys I wanted to sign up." Murakami is in his first year on the gridiron, but has played baseball and basketball from an early age. He was a full-time starter in both sports and the basketball team last winter and earned Most Valuable Defensive Player honors. However, Jeff considers baseball as his best sport and hopes to start in the outfield for the Irish varsity next spring.

Russell, who plays center for Coach Coaches Jerry Jaso and Thomas Whiting at Poly, has participated in football for the past six years on the pop-warmer and sophomore levels.

"Torrie is our back-up varsity center and the starter on our JV team," noted Jaso. "He's just a great kid. I wish we had an entire team of players with his attitude. Torrie is always one of the first out to practice and he does all of the stretching and conditioning with no complaints."

A 6-0, 170 junior, Russell's No. 1 priority is a college education, in which he would like to study business law. Each of the players has been fitted with a special prosthesis, and in compliance with the National Federation rule, have been granted a waiver of safety from their school's state association, the CIF Southern Section.

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FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DEC. 11
Big-Five Conference (At Anaheim Stadium)
Central Conference
Coastal Conference
Desert-Mountain Conference
Southeast Conference
SATURDAY, DEC. 12
Eastern Conference
Inland Conference
Northwestern Conference
Southern Conference

"The original idea for determining pre-set game dates and splitting the schedule was to provide the fans and media with a greater opportunity to see our outstanding teams and talented players on the championship weekend," noted CIF-SS Commissioner of Athletics Stan Thomas. "As a result, our attendance figures were raised substantially. We are extremely pleased with the new schedule and expect an even better response this year."

The Friday night line-up will include the Big-Five title match at Anaheim Stadium (weather permitting), along with the Coastal, Desert-Mountain and Southeastern Conference championship games. Saturday will feature the Eastern, Inland, Northwestern and Southern Conference championships.

"The split schedule takes the geographi-
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These programs in these regions tend to have higher grade point averages, better attendance records, lower dropout rates and fewer discipline problems than students in general. Many of these student participation in high school activities is often a predictor of later success—in college, career and becoming a contributing member of society. These data will be available through special surveys later this year and will be updated annually.

The winning foursome in the shotgun scramble included long-time CIF-SS supporter Charlie Seaver of Coca-Cola, Dave D'Inpana of Coca-Cola, Activities Director Jerry Mcalwane of South Torrance High School and Ralph DePalma. The team earned a nine-under-par total of 63.

Honored guests included former CIFSS Sports Director Jack Wilke of UCLA and the Los Angeles Lakers and Sam Cunningham of USC and the New England Patriots. Special CIFSS golf achievement awards were present-
ed to Mr. Sam Dimus, a highly successful player and coach at Long Beach Poly High School; Mr. Pat Clark, the 1951 CIFSS Individual Champion from Mt. Carmel High School.

Students are not the sole beneficiaries of the interscholastic program, either. These activities perform certain functions that are essential for the growth of the community and society as a whole. The program provides a way of life for students, educators and people of varying age and background. As the cross country score is the obvious example, bringing together students, faculty, parents and booster groups in a common effort of support is not always associated with the evening's contest.

The National Federation has promulgated the rule of Oct. 18 as "National High School Activities Week". The intent of this most worthy observance is to heighten public awareness and support for the varied extra-curricular programs conducted on our campuses.

The CIF Southern Section encourages all involved with the interscholastic program—administrators, coaches, faculty, students and the public students themselves—to make a concerted effort to get involved in this most important endeavor.

FIRST-EVER STATE COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS SET FOR FRESNO Nov. 28

Who is the best team and individual cross country runner in the state of California? Until this year, that question could only be addressed by claims and counter claims.

But this fall, any dispute will be settled in actual competition, as the California Interscholastic Federation will conduct a state cross country championship meet, scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 28 at Woodward Park in Fresno.

"We anticipate this meet to be the largest annual cross country event in the state," pointed out Margaret Davis, Associate State Commissioner of Athletics. "The meet will feature over a thousand athletes in three divisions."

The state meet divisions will be based upon enrollments: Division I (large schools), 1,601 and up; Division II (medium schools), 801-1,600; and Division III (small schools), 980-800. The meet schedule is as follows: Boys Div. 1-11 a.m.; Girls Div. 1-11 a.m.; Boys Div. II-12:20 p.m.; Girls Div. II-12:20 p.m.; Boys Div. III-1:40 p.m.; Girls Div. III-2:20 p.m. Awards presentations will follow the girls race in Division III.

The Southern Section will be allow five team entries per state division, for a total of 15 boys and 15 girls teams. The team scores for each of the four (4A, 3A, 2A and 1A) CIFSS divisional team champions to receive an automatic bid per state enrollment designation. The next four positions in the respective enroll-
ment designations will be determined by the best team from the Southern Section finals. All entries will be by enrollment into the state finals.

Should a team in a Southern Section Divisional Finals have a runner Seth F. Van Patten read correspondence he had had with Mr. Werre, Principal of Alhambra High School, in which Mr. Werre had stated that in a Physical Education class at Alhambra, football suits had been issued and some stim-
mulants had been taken place during the last spring season. Mr. Werre in his letter questioned whether such activity in a regular physical education class consti-
tuted, a violation of the intent and purpose of CIFSS rules.

After statements from both sides, it was carried unanimously that: a) The Coast League assure the CIF that if it will not be allowed to go into the play-off, but the Coast League be allowed to name another team for the finals.
ATHLETIC SYMPOSIUM SET FOR JAN. 20

The CIF Southern Section will conduct its ninth annual Athletic Administrator’s Symposium at the Anaheim Convention Center on Wednesday, January 20, 1988.

“This year’s symposium will be a dynamic, informative and pertinent workshop,” noted CIF-SS Administrator Karen Hellyer, coordinator of the event. “The program is a tremendous source of information, ideas and new directions for anyone involved with high school athletics.”

Roger Crawford II will be the keynote speaker for the event. Having been challenged since birth with a severe handicap, Mr. Crawford will deliver a powerful message concerning commitment, courage and communication. His remarks will draw a direct correlation to athletic endeavors and the challenges faced on both the field of competition and in the office of administration.

Crawford has entertained and informed audiences representing major corporations, professional business groups and educators with his remarkable positive attitude and heartwarming sense of humor. He has also appeared on numerous television programs, including “Good Morning America”, “Real People”, “You Asked For It” and “Kids are People Too.” Also speaking at the symposium will be California State Assemblyman Steve Clute, representing the 68th Assembly District in Riverside County. Mr. Clute will address high school athletics as it relates to the state government.

Topical workshops for the symposium will include Chemical Awareness, Athletic Motivation, Athletics and A.D.S., Health and Diet for Athletes, Women Coaches, Athletic Injuries by the National Athletic Health Institute, Officiating, Sports Media, New Principal’s Orientation, Steroids and Fundraising.

For registration and further information concerning the 1988 CIF Southern Section Athletic Symposium, contact the CIF-SS office at (213) 860-2414 or (714) 826-5390.