



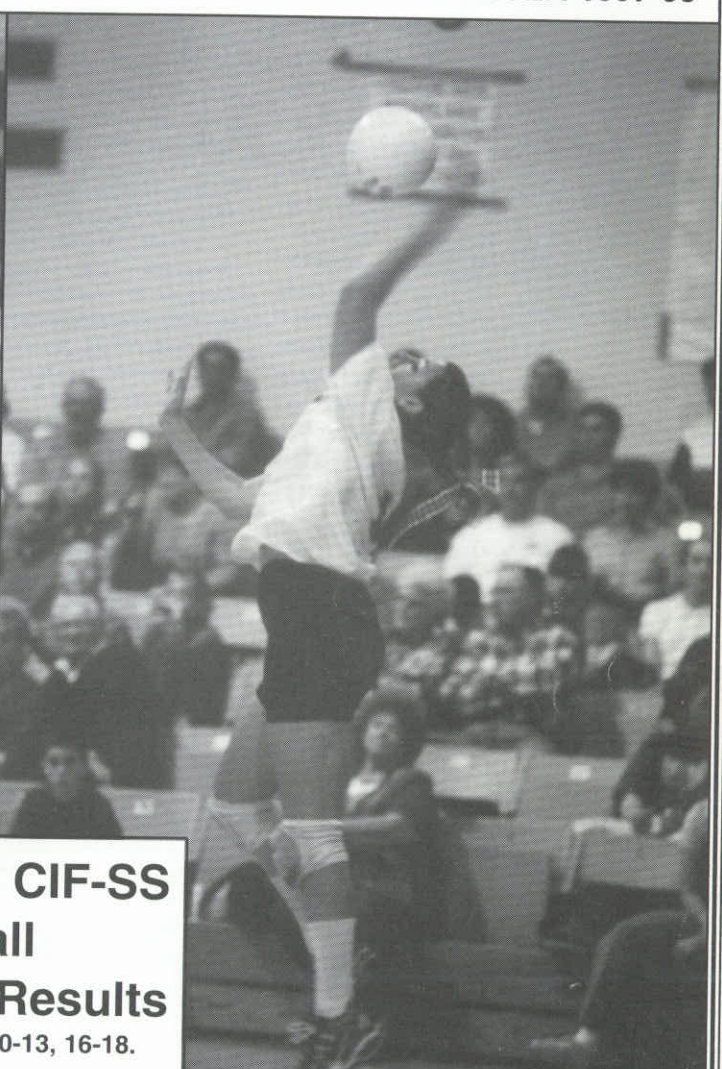
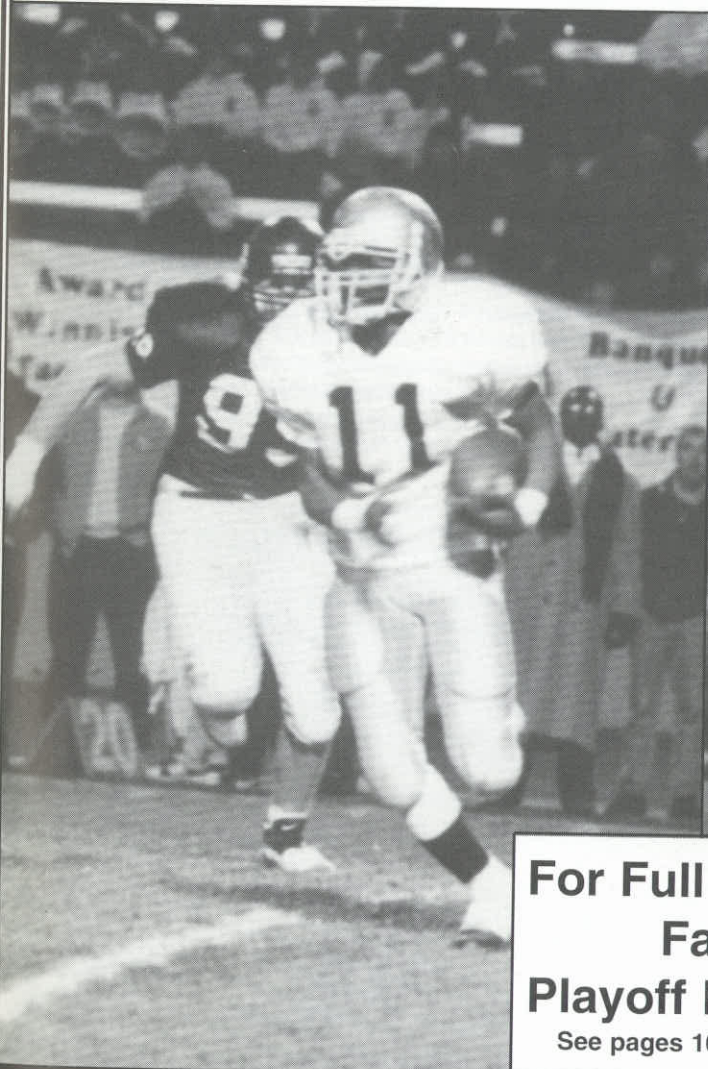
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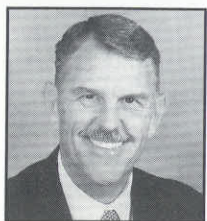


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Make the Grade
Elusive
Scholarships**

**By Tom Triggs, President
CIF-SS Executive Committee**

On that rumor-filled grapevine that somehow connects high school athletic circles all over the country, one misconceived rumor which receives too much air play is that "the best way to obtain a university scholarship is to identify one sport in high school and concentrate religiously on it, to the exclusion of any and all other sports or activities." It is further said that year-round practice, including the thousands of dollars expended to participate in club teams, greatly improves one's changes, if not guarantees, that athletic scholarship. This premise of paying the athletic discipline today in exchange for the university paying the tuition tomorrow may seem to make sense, be a good plan, and to a parent or coach, be reasonable.

Reality is different. Less than one percent (1%) of all high school athletes receive athletic scholarships to NCAA Division I schools, and these awards were made to students regardless of whether they concentrated on one, two, or even three sports. The reality is that the largest number of students receiving scholarships or financial aid is those students who were granted awards based on their good grades.

The National Federation of High School Associations regularly reports on studies regarding participation in sports. Its recent findings indicate the following:

* Participants have "significantly higher" grade point averages and better attendance when compared to non-participants.

* Participants in more than one sport experience higher academic performance.

It should be noted that the typical high school athlete is in school every day, and, as a result of good attendance combined with classroom effort, that

See **MAKE THE GRADE** page 19.

CIF-SS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES October 21, 1997

The October meeting of the Southern Section Council was called to order by President Tom Triggs at 9:04 a.m., Tuesday, October 21, 1997 at the Sequoia Athletic Club in Buena Park. All leagues were present with the exception of the Agape, Hi-Lo and Valle Vista.

1. **MINUTES** - It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the CIF-SS Council meeting of May 1, 1997. Additionally, the minutes of the CIF-SS Executive Committee meeting of June 18, 1997, August 9, 1997 and October 1, 1997 were submitted as informational items.

2. **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** - Tom Triggs, President and Dr. Ken Gunn, Past-President, introduced those receiving the State CIF Distinguished Service Award. Recipients were retired superintendents, Dr. Robert Packer, Duarte Unified School District and Dr. Cynthia Grennan, Anaheim Union School District.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING SESSION** - Dan Hay, President of the Huntington Beach High School Football Booster Club, discussed concerns regarding Orange County re-leaguings. In addition, Thomas Wright, an Esperanza High School parent, reviewed concerns regarding the proposed fall season of sport for girls' golf.

4. **STATE CIF OCTOBER ACTION ITEMS** - Margie Godfrey, President-Elect, presented the

following agenda items for the October State Federated Council in order to give delegates voting direction:

A. Football Post-season Bowl Games - proposal allowing the State CIF to conduct invitational post-season football bowl games - vote to not support.

B. Three Person Officiating Teams for Basketball - proposal requiring the use of three officials at the NOR CAL and SO CAL Regional Playoffs, semi-finals and finals and at the State CIF Championships in basketball - vote to support.

C. Soccer Post-Season Invitational - proposal permitting the State CIF to conduct an invitational post-season soccer event - vote not to support.

5. **1998 - 2002 RELEAGUING** - Ray Plutko, Releaguings Chairperson, presented the respective proposals for the 1998-2002 releaguings cycle. Following discussion, area proposals for the Citrus Belt, Coast, Desert, Foothill, Mt. Sac, Parochial and Small Schools were approved.

In the Northern Area the original proposal was approved. An appeal from John McIntosh, Principal of Moorpark High School; Dr. Tom Duffy, Superintendent of Moorpark Unified School District; Milan Woollard, Assistant Principal, Moorpark High School; and Gary Cabriellis, parent, in reference to Moorpark High School's placement in the

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SOUTHERN SECTION MARKETING UPDATE

TWO LONG TIME SUPPORTERS OF THE CIF-SS, WILSON SPORTING GOODS AND CONLIN BROS. SPORTING GOODS

The betterment of interscholastic athletics is the foundation on which the CIF Southern Section has built its relationships with Wilson Sporting Goods and Conlin Bros. Sporting Goods, both long time supporters of the CIF-SS.

Wilson is currently in its twelfth year as the "Official Ball of the CIF-SS." Wilson furnishes complimentary balls to all finalists in the sports of football, softball, baseball and boys and girls volleyball, basketball, soccer, tennis and golf.

Said Bill Butler, Western Regional Sales Manager of Wilson Sporting Goods, "Wilson is very grateful for our partnership with the CIF-SS, and we are excited about our relationship with you, the schools. Wilson is committed to the support of the grass roots part of sports. We have developed a league adoption program that assists each high school's ability to increase the effectiveness of their sport's budget."

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been in business for fifty-two years specializing in school and team sales throughout five counties in Southern California.

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Conlin Bros. also specializes in installation of new equipment and outfitting teams with equipment, uniforms and related supplies for all events.

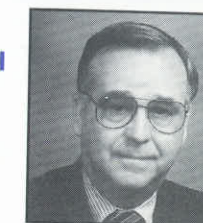
For more information or for a free multi sports catalog, please contact Conlin Bros. at (800) 423-4695.

"On behalf of the CIF Southern Section, I am pleased to be associated with these fine organizations," said Dean Crowley, CIF-SS Commissioner. Through the years, both Wilson and Conlin Bros. have shown the ability to promote participation and equal playing fields by providing quality products for all athletic events. I salute them for their dedication and highly encourage member schools to consider these companies when purchasing goods and services," added Crowley.

NIKE, Wilson and Conlin Bros. join statewide sponsors ARCO *am/pm* and Herff Jones, along with section sponsors Daniel Freeman Hospitals, Gatorade, Pacific Bell Smart Yellow Pages, USC University Hospital, West Coast Sports Medicine Foundation, Mission Hospital, TLC Sportswear and Hansen Beverage Company.

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

**Active Parental
Participation
is Key.**



**By Dean Crowley
Commissioner of Athletics**

We all know that parents want what is best for their students. When it comes to participation in high school athletics, parents are more than willing to let you know what they feel is best for their children. The only question is, in what form does that parents interest present itself to you, the administrator or coach? No matter how that interest comes to your attention, parental involvement can sometimes pose challenges for high school coaches and administrators.

It is not uncommon for many administrators to now spend more time dealing with parents than taking care of any other part of their day-to-day business. With students gaining more and more rights, today's administrators are dealing with parents more now than ever and that is not necessarily a bad thing. Parents that show a greater interest in their children's daily pursuits have a greater understanding of what it is that athletic administrators are up against. Keeping parents involved can go a long way in helping to reduce the friction that can occur when problems do arise.

The first thing that can be done to help this process along is to include parents in any preseason meetings. Let the parents know from the very beginning what their role is and any expectations that the school may have for them. Explain to them what their child will be going through during their athletic season like physicals, grade requirements, lettering policies, practice and playing-time information as well as interaction between coaches. Let the parents know what the kids will be learning and how it will be taught so there will be no surprises later on. Encourage their appearances at practices so they can watch that phase of the program. Schools can even put these policies in writing so that the athlete, parents, coaches and administrators alike will have a guide to refer to throughout the season as questions and concerns come up.

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING August 9, 1997

The August meeting of the CIF-SS Executive Committee was called to order by President Tom Triggs at 8:55 a.m. on Saturday, August 9, 1997 at the Residence Inn by Marriot in Oxnard, California. All members were present with the exception of Karen Craig, Fr. Robert Gallagher and Dr. Henry Mercado.

- 1. MINUTES** - It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the June 18, 1997, CIF-SS Executive Committee meeting.
- 2. CULTURAL ISSUES WORKSHOP** - Dean Crowley, Commissioner and Harold Cebrun, Assistant Commissioner introduced Dr. Fred Kennedy, retired Superintendent and Chairman of the CIF-SS Human Relations Committee and Borden Olive, Sr. Consultant, L.A. County Commission on Human Relations who conducted a workshop on cultural issues.
- 3. ORANGE COUNTY RELEAGUING** - Tom Triggs and Dean Crowley reviewed the background and concerns regarding relegating appeals.
- 4. NEWSCHOOL MEMBERSHIP** - It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the membership of Excelsior Education Center (Victorville); Le Lycee International de Los Angeles and Waverly School (Pasadena) based on their attendance at an orientation meeting at the CIF-SS Office.

- 5. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE** - Tom Triggs, President, reviewed with the Committee relegating appeals, Commissioners evaluation, and hearing panel assignments.
- 6. COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE** - Dean Crowley, Commissioner, reported the release of Frazier Mountain High School from the CIF-SS, status of the High Desert League and the State CIF Distinguished Superintendent award.
- 7. TREASURER'S REPORT** - Clark Stephens, Treasurer, updated the Committee on the status of the CIF-SS budget as of June 30, 1997.
- 8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Dr. David Long discussed the CIF-SS Symposium for Superintendents and School Board Members.
- 9. ATHLETIC DIRECTORS' REPORT** - Sharen Caperton, Girls' Athletic Directors' Representative, reported on ticket prices for senior citizens, biographies be made available for individuals running for Executive Committee, and the time line for the return of the Coaches and Athlete Code of Ethics form to CIF-SS Office. Donn Clickard, Boys' Athletic Director Representative, reported on the completed "Athletic Directors Handbook" which will be distributed this fall.
- 10. AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT** - Executive Committee Area Representatives discussed relegating, new school openings, sportsmanship seminars, transfers, playoff

regionalization, corporate support, the Internet and eligibility videos.

- 11. STATE CIF UPDATE** - Dr. Ken Gunn reviewed with the Committee the State CIF Scholar Athlete Award, re-examination of corporate support, development of a State CIF foundation, the proposed State CIF Hall of Fame, coaching education programs, legislation and impact of outside groups on high school athletes.
- 12. NATIONAL FEDERATION SUMMER MEETING UPDATE** - Margie Godfrey reported on the National Federation Summer Meeting held in San Antonio, Texas.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

KAREN HELLYER
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Approved by:

DEAN CROWLEY
COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING October 1, 1997

The October meeting of the CIF-SS Executive Committee was called to order by President Tom Triggs at 1:10 p.m., October 1, 1997 at the CIF-SS Office.

- 1. MINUTES** - It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the August 9, 1997 Executive Committee meeting.
- 2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 1996-97 AUDIT REPORT** - Tom Triggs, President, introduced Shirley Frazier, CIF-SS Director of Budget and Finance and auditor Clifford Tracy of the firm Baiser, Horowitz, Frank and Wakeling. Mr. Tracy reviewed the recently completed audit of the Southern Section financial records for the 1996-97 fiscal year. A motion to accept and file the financial statement as submitted was approved. In addition, Shirley Frazier was commended for her outstanding work regarding the CIF-SS budget process.
- 3. YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY ISSUE** - Tom Triggs introduced Ed Gelb, Athletic Director and Tom Fitzgerald, coach of Yeshiva University High School, who reviewed a request regarding Saturday participation of Yeshiva University High School in the Southern Section Cross Country Championships. Following discussion, a motion to deny the request was approved.
- 4. COMMISSIONER'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES** - Dean Crowley, Commissioner, reviewed

with the Committee his goals and objectives for the 1997-98 school year. Following discussion it was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Commissioner's goals and objectives for 1997-98 as amended.

- 5. NEWSCHOOL MEMBERSHIP** - It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the Noli Indian School (San Jacinto) for the 1997-98 school year on condition they attend an orientation meeting in the CIF-SS Office.
- 6. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT** - Dean Crowley, Commissioner, reported on high school sports promotion on television, the 1998 fall leadership conference at Brea High School and the spring CIF-SS eligibility workshops.
- 7. ATHLETIC DIRECTORS' REPORTS** - Donn Clickard, Boys' Athletic Directors' Representative reviewed the progress and completion of the Athletic Directors' Handbook.
- 8. AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS** - Executive Committee Area Representatives reported on student transfers, open enrollment, relegating, League Sportsmanship Seminars, eligibility, Superintendent's Symposium, Activities Directors' Conference, State CIF Coaching Education, public and private schools in same competitive domain and school board of education presentations.
- 9. SOUTHERN SECTION MARKETING UPDATE** - Danielle Holler, Sports Marketing Coor-

dinator, updated the Committee on the status of CIF-SS Marketing Program.

- 10. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DISCUSSION** - Margie Godfrey, President-elect reviewed State By-Law 515 - Equal Opportunities. Following discussion, a motion to recommend the State CIF develop statewide policies and/or establish procedures promoting equal opportunities in all areas was approved.
- 11. CLOSED SESSION** - The Executive Committee went into closed session at 3:30 p.m. closed. At 5:30 p.m. the Committee reconvened and returned to the agenda.
- 12. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION** - Tom Triggs reported no action was taken on discussions regarding relegating and issues of school financial management of host games.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Submitted by:

KAREN HELLYER
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Approved by:

DEAN CROWLEY
COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS

NIKE AND CIF-SS TO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP ON AND OFF THE COURTS

CIF Southern Section and NIKE have joined forces to enhance Southland students' opportunities to grow and achieve their goals. This partnership will promote both organizations' philosophies. NIKE believes that sports serve as an effective tool in teaching all kids invaluable lessons, which they can use during the game, in the classrooms and later on in adulthood. NIKE's contributions and programs are all designed to give everyone who wants to play sports the chance to do so -- from the casual after-school player to those dreaming of the big leagues.

Through this new relationship, NIKE and the CIF-SS will showcase three new programs. The "NIKE Distinguished Service Award" will be awarded to community members who have given exemplary time and energy to the school and sports programs. Each year, all schools in the Southern Section will be asked to nominate the good deeds of their dedicated adult supporters. The first recipients will be awarded at this

year's CIF Southern Section Boys' Basketball Championships on March 7.

NIKE's "Pre-season Orientation Seminars" will take place before each of the fall/winter and spring sports seasons. As the title sponsor, NIKE hopes to instill in each high-school athlete the spirit of true sportsmanship. The one-day curriculum will discuss athletic ethics, conflict resolution and team-building skills.

NIKE's "Leadership Symposium" will be held in fall 1998 for more than 2,000 invited student-athletes who are leaders in other extracurricular activities including student government. Student leaders will be treated to inspirational speeches, panel discussion, and training leadership tips. The Symposium's slogan, "Respect the Game," helps kids remember that there's more to a victory than just winning. With CIF-SS and NIKE, life is about succeeding on *and off* the playing field.

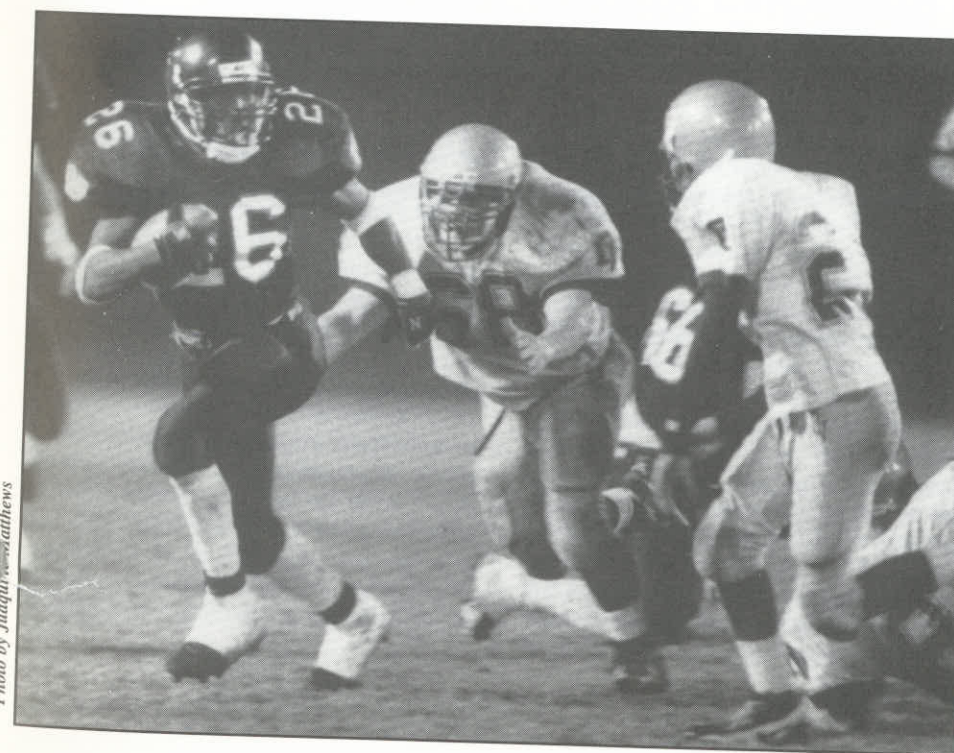


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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING November 19, 1997

The November meeting of the CIF-SS Executive Committee was called to order by President Tom Triggs at 1:12 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 1997, at the CIF-SS Office. All members were present with the exception of Dr. Ken Gunn, Dr. Henry Mercado and Tony Ortega.

1. MINUTES - It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the October 1, 1997 minutes of the CIF-SS Executive Committee meeting.

2. BASEBALL REQUEST - Bill Clark, Assistant Commissioner, reviewed a request for a waiver of Rule 526 to allow Arrowhead Christian Academy and Aquinas High School to play a baseball game as part of a baseball professional doubleheader. Following discussion, a motion to deny the request was approved.

3. PUBLIC - PAROCHIAL SCHOOL ISSUES - Tom Triggs, President, reviewed concerns in reference to placement of parochial schools in public school leagues.

4. CIF-SS TECHNOLOGY - Dean Crowley, Commissioner, and Bill Clark, Assistant Commissioner, updated the Committee on the state of CIF-SS Office's current technology and strategies for the future. Following discussion it was determined that the Technology Committee consisting of Clark Stephens, Dr. Liza Daniels, Paul Breit and office staff would meet and present a report at the next Executive Committee meeting.

5. RULE REVIEW - Dean Crowley explained concerns regarding a mercy rule in football, the initial entry rule and conducting Championships on Sundays. Following discussion, a motion to have the Blue Book Committee formulate a mercy rule was passed. In addition, it was moved,

seconded and passed to direct the Commissioner to write a letter to Bloomington High School regarding the running up of football scores.

6. NEW SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP - It was moved, seconded and passed to approve membership of Archer School for Girls (Pacific Palisades) based on their attendance at an orientation meeting at the CIF-SS Office.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Tom Triggs announced Donn Clickard the CIF-SS Boys' Athletic Directors' Representative has been named one of six high school athletic directors in the United States to receive the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Distinguished Service Award for 1997.

8. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Dean Crowley, Commissioner, introduced to the Executive Committee Thom Simmons the new CIF-SS Sports Information Coordinator and secretary Anita Fopma. In addition, the Commissioner reviewed the status of the High Desert League and a proposed corporate contract with Nike.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. David Long, discussed the very successful 1997 Superintendent/Board Member Symposium.

10. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Sharen Caperton, Girls' Athletic Directors' Representative, reported on the CIF Coaching Education Program and shared concerns regarding charges by official assigners for game changes. Donn Clickard, Boys' Athletic Directors' Representative, reported on the Athletic Administrators' meeting, Fundraising Handbook and a handbook on Athletic Directors' responsibilities to school boards.

11. AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS - Executive Committee Area Representatives discussed Releaguings, eligibility hearings, cable TV, league meetings and prevention programs on drug use.

12. STATE CIF FEDERATED COUNCIL REPORT - Marge Godfrey, President-Elect, reported on action items and results of the November State CIF Federated Council meeting.

13. HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE - Dr. Harold Cebrun, Assistant Commissioner, reported on the status and responsibilities of the Human Relations Action Teams evaluating sportsmanship during the CIF-SS football playoffs.

14. PERSONNEL SESSION - The Executive Committee went into closed session at 5:06 p.m. to discuss personnel. At 5:20 p.m. the Committee reconvened and returned to the agenda.

15. REPORT ON PERSONNEL SESSION - No action taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

KAREN HELLYER
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Approved by:

DEAN CROWLEY
COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS

THOM SIMMONS ADDED TO CIF SOUTHERN SECTION STAFF



Thom Simmons, former Long Beach State Assistant Director of Marketing, has been named the new CIF Southern Section Sports Information Coordinator. Simmons takes over for Art Munda, who accepted a position with the Southern California Section of the Professional Golfers Association.

A 1995 graduate of Long Beach State, Simmons had been in the University's Marketing Department since August. He also served as Long Beach State's Assistant Sports Information Director from August of 1994 through July of 1996. Additionally, Simmons was the editor for the *USC Report* and the Media Relations Director for the Long Beach Barracuda Professional Baseball Club.

In his position with the CIF Southern Section, Simmons will be responsible for all media relations duties including the creation of the CIF-SS' Weekly Press Release and the quarterly CIF-SS Bulletin. He will also manage press areas at major CIF-SS championship events.

"We are very excited to have someone with Thom's experience as Sports Information Coordinator," said Dean Crowley, Commissioner of Athletics. Crowley added, "His knowledge and enthusiasm will definitely be an asset to our office."

JOHN WOODEN CLASSIC INCLUDES ONE DAY OF HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

For the first time ever in its four year history, the John R. Wooden Classic basketball tournament was expanded from a one-day college doubleheader to a two-day event that featured high school teams leading off the festivities.

The John R. Wooden Classic High School Invitational was held on December 4 at the Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim and featured five Southern California schools: Ayala, Crespi, Glendora, Los Alamitos and Mater Dei. It also included national high school power DeMatha Catholic out of Hyattsville, MD.

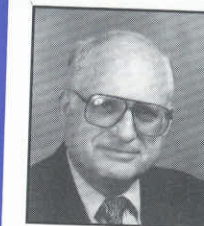
The first game featured a battle of two teams that combined for 50 wins last season in Glendora and Ayala. Glendora used a balanced offense to control all four quarters and post a 62-43 win to open the classic. Mater Dei and Crespi tangled in game two as a young Monarchs team flexed their muscles in taking a 61-39 victory from the Celts. Game three was the

featured game that pitted Los Alamitos vs. DeMatha. The Stags, led by legendary high school coach Morgan Wootten, jumped out to an eight-point lead at the half, but then had to hold-off the charging Griffins for a 67-59 win.

Established in 1994, the John R. Wooden Classic is an annual tribute to the legendary former UCLA coach and the excellence he personifies. The Wooden Classic is a celebration of the game of basketball and the activities benefit the Children's Miracle Network, Children's Hospital Los Angeles and Southern California High School athletics. This year's events included the annual showcase doubleheader featuring Stanford vs. Georgia and UCLA vs. New Mexico, December 6 at the Pond.

The classic also included a golf tournament at Newport's Pelican Hill Golf Club and the John R. Wooden Classic Banquet at the Anaheim Hilton & Towers.

RULE REVIEW



By Bill Clark
CIF-SS Assistant Commissioner

Another Look
For
Open
Enrollment

I'm sure all administrators by now should have the new open enrollment form 214.1. The rule, essentially, allows students new transfer options, provided that the transfer meets specific guidelines. Additionally, this new form must be filed with the Southern Section office for the transfer to be processed.

The rule designates that for students transferring from one school to another, certain criteria must be met in order for the student to gain athletic eligibility sooner. First, the intent to transfer must have made known by May 15 of the previous school year. Next, the transfer must be for non-athletic and non-disciplinary purposes and lastly, the transfer must take place during the first fifteen days of the school year.

For those transferring within a certain district, the May 15 date becomes inconsequential, but the student must transfer under the district's open enrollment policy. Again, the transfer must be non-athletic and non-disciplinary in nature. Like inter-district transfers, enrollment must take place in the first fifteen days of the school year.

Further, the rule allows students only one open enrollment transfer during their career in order to retain unrestricted eligibility. Therefore, if the student has had one open enrollment transfer approved in his or her career, he or she can only gain unrestricted eligibility for subsequent transfers through a bona fide change of address or hardship (Rule 215).

Now, with the new provision, should the student transfer in after the first 15 days on or before May 15, that student will be restricted for the sports they competed in during the previous year, but starting the next Fall, that student would then be unrestricted.

For example; Johnny, on February 1, files the appropriate 214.1 transfer forms and is

See OPEN ENROLLMENT page 19.

FRIENDS OF GOLF DONATES \$50,000 TO SOUTHERN SECTION SCHOOLS

As their support of high school and junior golf continues, the Friends of Golf has once again made a cash donation to the CIF Southern Section for distribution to member school golf programs. This year's donation was for \$50,000, which makes Friends of Golf's total donations to various amateur golf programs well over \$1.5 million. A total of 116 schools requested donations totaling \$90,500, with all 116 schools receiving portions of the \$50,000. The awards to schools ranged from \$100-750.

The Bel-Air Country Club-based organization also donates used golf equipment to Southern Section member school golf and physical education programs. This year, the golf equipment giveaway was held on October 1.

Friends of Golf President David Diltz presented the Southern Section with the donation at the January 29 Council meeting at the Sequoia Athletic Club in Buena Park. As expected, both were greeted with a great round of applause.

JOHN KENTERA HIGHLIGHTS 1997 FOOTBALL PRESS CONFERENCE

The CIF Southern Section was again pleased to have one of the great supporters of high school sports in Southern California as its Master of Ceremonies at the 22nd Annual Football Press Conference Luncheon held at the Sequoia Athletic Club in Buena Park on December 8, 1997.

"The Coach" John Kentera OF XTRA Sports Radio 690, emceed the conference, which is intended to bring together the coaches and several players who participated in the championship contests of the 12 divisions of football, with the representatives of the local media. In addition, the champions of the two 8-man divisions were in attendance.

Kentera hosts the top-rated high school sports show on XTRA Sports. He is a sideline reporter for XTRA's broadcasts of San Diego Charger football games and hosts Charger Talk, XTRA's post-game show. John now has his own general topic show on Monday through Friday, 12 to 2 p.m.

Kentera urged the students to continue their high level athletic progress while stressing the importance of maintaining an equally high level of academic excellence. Kentera also applauded the CIF Southern Section for the continued outstanding job the section does of putting on first-class championship events.

The press conference gives the media an excellent opportunity for advanced interviews, as well meeting the coaches and players of teams they may not usually cover. It is also a great way of promoting sportsmanship between the competing teams, by allowing the players to meet each other in a friendly environment.

Also on hand at the press conference were Tom Triggs, President of the CIF Southern Section Council, as well as Bill Clark, Karen Hellyer and Dr. Harold Cebrun CIF-SS Assistant Commissioners; along with numerous Southern Section corporate sponsors.

"KEEPERS OF THE GAME"

by Dr. Harold L. Cebrun, Sr.
CIF-SS Assistant Commissioner

Why do you continue to do what you do,
Perhaps, there is something seriously wrong with you;
You walk into the gym, shirt tucked in, shoes shined,
Only to find out that everyone there is not so kind.

Good teams, great teams, sometimes champions repeat,
Good days, bad days, through it all you take the heat;
Coaches, players and spectators tell you to be judicial,
You try to do what's right, night after night, yes, you are the official.

Teams win - you're good, teams lose - you're bad,
Some say you are the worst, to others, you're the best they've ever had;
Emotionally drained, physically spent, in the mirror who do you see,
You look real close and say to yourself, that person in the mirror is me.

You believe you're doing right, someone else says you're wrong,
After awhile, you're wishing the game wasn't so long;
Who you are and what you do is not for fortune and fame,
Truly it is your love of the sport, you are the "Keepers of the Game".

STATE-WIDE MARKETING UPDATE

CIF ARCO *am/pm* SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR PROGRAM EXPANDS

This year the CIF- ARCO *am/pm* Scholar-Athlete for the Year program has expanded with the number of scholarships awarded more than doubled from a year ago. ARCO, which gave \$50,000 to the program a year ago, has increased the total dollar amount for the scholarships to 98,000. In addition to selecting one statewide male and female scholar-athlete, 44 other scholarships will be awarded to student-athletes from among the 10 sections that comprise the CIF.

In past years the CIF has limited schools to nominations for one male and one female student-athlete. At the schools' request, this year the CIF will no longer limit the number of nominations from each school.

"We are most grateful to ARCO and its *am/pm* stores for recognizing the importance of this highly-acclaimed program," said Jack Hayes, CIF executive director. "Over the last two years, we have been able to expand the program significantly due to their generous contributions."

Said John Tarman, CIF marketing director: "ARCO and its *am/pm* mini-markets have clearly established themselves as preeminent corporate citizens as demonstrated by their increased support of this extraordinary scholarship program."

The criteria for qualification includes possessing a minimum (unweighted) grade point average of 3.70, demonstrating superior athletic ability in at least two years of varsity play within California and having a record of good citizenship.

In addition, each applicant must complete a student essay entitled "Catching the Spirit" which focuses on the significance of sportsmanship in athletics.

Packets were mailed to schools in mid-October with a deadline for receiving applications at the State CIF office by January 15, 1998. Judging of all applicants will be conducted by committees selected by the CIF. Winners will be notified before March 15, 1998. Applications can also be found on the CIF's web site at www.cifstate.org.

Below is a summary of how the awards will be divided, along with the scholarship amount for each award.

Scholarship Awards

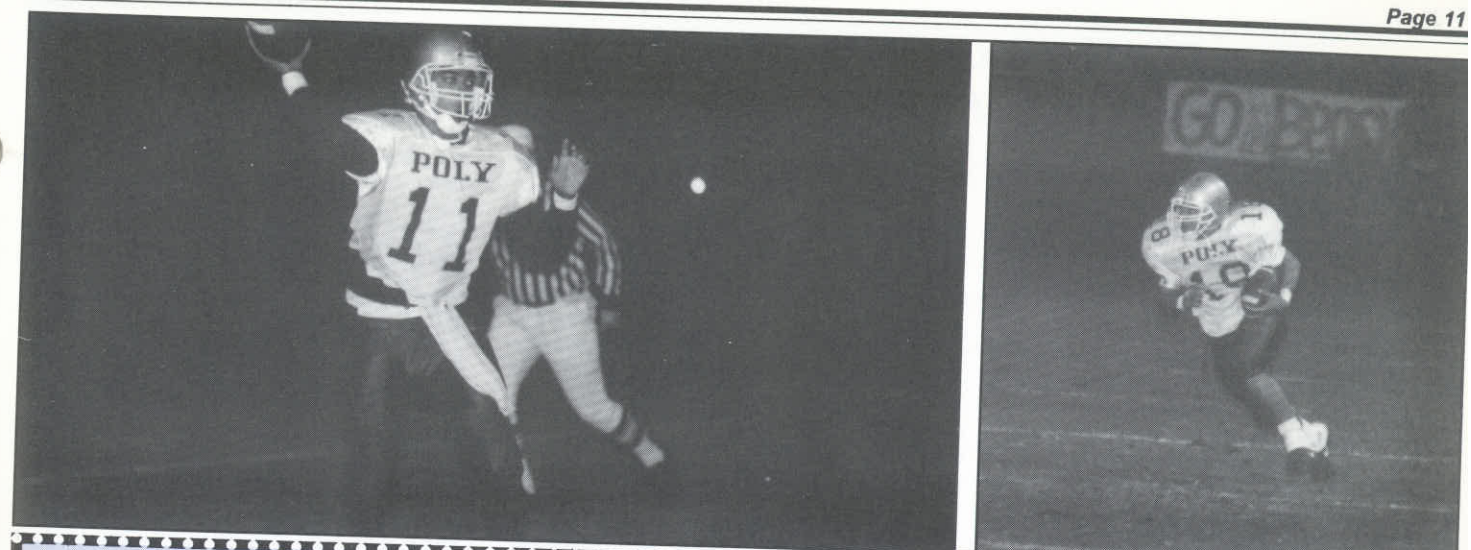
10	Girls Section Winners	(10 @ \$2,000 each)	\$20,000
10	Boys Section Winners	(10 @ \$2,000 each)	\$20,000
1	Girls State Winner		\$ 5,000
1	Boys State Winner		\$ 5,000
2	Multiple Sport Winners	(1 boy & 1 girl @ \$2,000)	\$ 4,000
1	Football State Winner		\$ 2,000
2	Basketball State Winners	(1 boy & 1 girl @ \$2,000)	\$ 4,000
2	Volleyball State Winners	(1 boy & 1 girl @ \$2,000)	\$ 4,000
1	Softball State Winner		\$ 2,000
1	Baseball State Winner		\$ 2,000
2	Track State Winners	(1 boy & 1 girl @ \$2,000)	\$ 4,000
2	Soccer State Winners	(1 boy & 1 girl @ \$2,000)	\$ 4,000
1	Wrestling State Winner		\$ 2,000
2	Tennis State Winners	(1 boy & 1 girl @ \$2,000)	\$ 4,000
2	Golf State Winners	(1 boy & 1 girl @ \$2,000)	\$ 4,000
2	Swimming State Winners	(1 boy & 1 girl @ \$2,000)	\$ 4,000
2	Water Polo State Winners	(1 boy & 1 girl @ \$2,000)	\$ 4,000
1	Badminton State Winner	(boy or girl)	\$ 2,000
1	Gymnastic State Winner	(boy or girl)	\$ 2,000
	Total		\$98,000

THE CIF SOUTHERN SECTION HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the CIF Southern Section Human Relations Advisory Committee is to assist those involved with interscholastic athletics (school districts, principals, athletics and activity directors, coaches, officials, students, parents and the community) in creating and promoting standards of ethical conduct, sportsmanship and respect for cultural, racial and/or differences in high school sports and related activities. Essential to this effort is the establishment of standards of conduct, enforced by appropriate consequences and sustained by a reasonable review process.

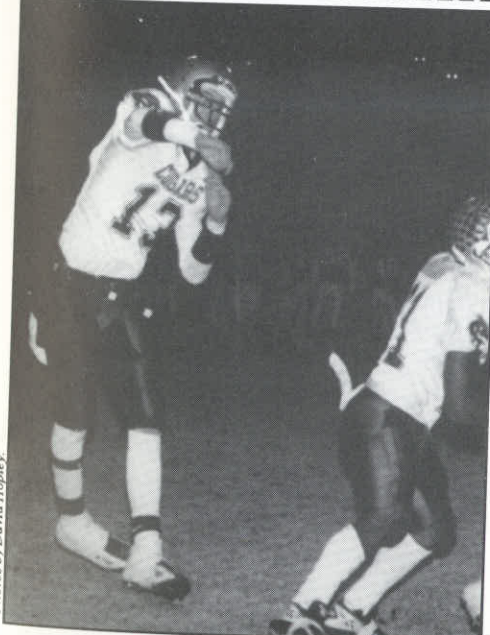
SOUTHERN SECTION CIF ARCO am/pm 1997 FOOTBALL PLAYOFF RESULTS

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Los Alamitos 30 Fontana 22	Warren 28 Rowland 14	Muir 35 St. Francis 14	Rancho Cucamonga 17 Upland 10	Servite 35 Savanna 21	South El Monte 39 Schurr 13	Barstow 28 La Quinta/LQ 21
Eisenhower 23 San Clemente 21	Palmdale 27 Diamond Bar 20	Arcadia 26 Buena 6	Valley View 31 Chaffey 13	Newport Harbor 31 Villa Park 13	Montebello 37 Mountain View 26	Pacific 35 Burrroughs/R. 30
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Esperanza 14 Mission Viejo 10	Hawthorne 14 Paramount 13	Oxnard 28 Lompoc 27	Canyon Springs 14 Temecula Valley 7	Woodbridge 27 Loara 0	Los Altos 30 Santa Fe 7	Victor Valley 33 Cathedral City 17
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Northview 16 Mayfair 0	St. Joseph/SM 31 Culver City 8	St. Monica 14 Valley Christian/C 13	La Salle 50 Rosamond 6	Bloomington Chr. 27 Hamilton 19	West Shores 40 Pilgrim 12	California Lutheran 55 Baker 8
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Santa Margarita | | 8-MAN SMALL
Rio Hondo Prep |



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TEACHING KIDS TO BE "GOOD SPORTS"

By Dr. Darrell J. Burnett

"Sports do not build character. They reveal it."

-Heywood Hale Brown

Youth Sports: The Last Vestige of Sportsmanship

We're living in an age where the preservation of traditional values can no longer be taken for granted. It seems we need to have reminders (books, movies, newspaper articles, etc.) to maintain our awareness of the importance of preserving the basic human values which are essential to the survival of a community.

It's no different in the world of sports. The traditional value of sportsmanship is being challenged from all sides: professional, college, high school and even in youth sports. There are some who say sportsmanship is becoming a lost art and that unless we remind ourselves of the essentials of sportsmanship and strive to maintain the basics of sportsmanship it will gradually fade as other values have done in our society.

In the midst of all this, it seems doubly important that we recommit ourselves to guiding our youth, reminding them what sportsmanship is all about, rewarding them for showing good sportsmanship and showing, by our example, that sportsmanship is still alive and valued in youth sports today.

Here's a 10-item checklist for kids to follow as they try to develop a habit of good sportsmanship.

1. I abide by the rules of the game.

Part of good sportsmanship is knowing the rules of the game and playing by them. If a player decides to play a given sport, it is the responsibility of that player to learn not only how to play but how to play according to the rules which have been established and standardized at all competitive games to be played in an orderly fashion. The more a player knows the rules the more that player can enjoy the sport.

2. I try to avoid arguments.

Part of good sportsmanship is anger management. Arguing with officials, coaches or opponents is often simply a misguided effort at "letting off steam" in the heat of competition. A good sport knows that anger can get in the way of a good performance. A good sport knows how to walk away from an argument and to stay focused on the game at hand.

3. I share in the responsibilities of the team.

Good sportsmanship implies that the player on a team is a team player. In other words, the player understands that his or her behavior reflects on the team in general. Moreover, a team player does not condone unsportsmanlike conduct from teammates and reminds players that they all share in the responsibility of promoting good sportsmanship.

4. I give everyone a chance to play according to the rules.

In youth recreational sports the more talented players, if they are good sports, will look out for and encourage the less talented players on the team, cooperating with coaching plans to let everybody play. Unfortunately, some coaches may become so pre-occupied with winning at all costs that they never play some players, regardless of the time and effort they put in at daily practices, even when the score warrants clearing the bench.

5. I always play fair.

Honesty and integrity should be an integral part of sports. A player with good sportsmanship does not want a hollow victory which comes as a result of cheating ("dirty" fouls, ineligible players, performance enhancing drugs, etc.)

6. I follow the directions of the coach.

A player with good sportsmanship listens to and follows the directions of the coach, realizing that each player's decisions affect the rest of the team.

If a player has disagreements with the coach, the player discusses the disagreements privately in a civil manner, away from the public eye.

7. I respect the other team's effort.

Whether the other team plays better, or whether it plays worse, the player with good sportsmanship does not use the occasion to put the other team down. In the field of competition respect for opponents is central to good sportsmanship. If an opponent out-performs a player that player accepts it, learns from it, offers no excuses and moves on. If a player out-performs an opponent, that player enjoys the victory, but does not gloat, does not belittle, and does not minimize the opponent's effort.

8. I offer encouragement to teammates.

A sign of good sportsmanship is a player who praises teammates when they do well and who comforts and encourages them when they make mistakes. Criticizing teammates in the heat of battle simply distracts from the focus of working together and gives the advantage to the opponent who develops a sense of confidence when seeing signs of weakness or a lack of unity in the midst of the competition.

9. I accept the judgement calls of the game officials.

Part of the human condition is making mistakes. Arguing with an official over a judgement call simply wastes energy. The player with good sportsmanship knows that errors may be made, but the player also knows that a game is made up of all the plays and calls from the beginning to the end of the game, not just the call in dispute. The player with good sportsmanship may be upset, but that player also has learned to focus his/her energies back on the game and on doing the best he/she can do for the rest of the game.

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Sportsmanship checklist for Kids

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2. I try to avoid arguments.
3. I share in the responsibilities of the team.
4. I give everyone a chance to play according to the rules.
5. I always play fair.
6. I follow the directions of the coach.
7. I respect the other team's effort.
8. I offer encouragement to my teammates.
9. I accept the judgement calls of the game officials.
10. I end the game smoothly.

Sportsmanship is the ability to:

win without gloating
lose without complaining
treat your opponent with respect

Sportsmanship Tips:

If you make a mistake, don't pout or make excuses.
Learn from it, and be ready to continue to play.
If a teammate makes a mistake, offer encouragement, not criticism.
If you win, don't rub it in.
If you lose, don't make excuses.

WHO DO WE BLAME FOR OUR LOSS?

I am writing this article in response to something I read in the paper from a coach, which I found very disturbing, especially in light of our constant quest to improve sportsmanship among our athletes, students and fans. This is something I believe every coach, athlete, parent and spectator should consider and take a critical look at how they themselves handle these situations.

It concerns public criticism and blaming of official for a loss!

I want to start off by saying that I have yet to meet an official in the MSHSL that goes out to deliberately make one team or another lose. Keep in mind that most of the calls that officials are asked to make are JUDGMENT CALLS. We, as coaches, also make judgment calls: as to who to play, when to play them what play to do, etc. These are calls we have to make as coaches based on our best JUDGMENT of the situation, and sometimes they work, and sometimes they don't (in other words, sometimes we are right and sometimes we are wrong). It is our call to make, and we do the best we can based on our best professional judgment of the situation. The same is true for the calls made by the professional officials we hire for that purpose.

When we blame officials, or for that matter blame anyone, for our losses, we are degrading the effort of all individuals involved in the contest. Instead of blaming anyone for our losses, we should congratulate our opponents for out-playing us on that day. I feel this approach would be better for our relationship with our opponents, as well as better for our players, our spectators and the program and sport as a whole.

Let our athletes know that they played hard, but, on that particular day, our opponent played a little better. It wasn't luck or someone's fault we lost; it was because **they played a good game.** It is the very

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10. I end the game smoothly.

When the game is over, pouting, threatening, cajoling have no place in the life of the players with good sportsmanship, who emphasize the joy of participating, regardless of outcome. They're not devoid of emotions but they know that their efforts end the competition smoothly, without antagonistic emotional display, will help ensure that the games will continue in the future.

On a final note, a word of caution. We can't be so naive as to think that by teaching and valuing sportsmanship in our youth we will ensure that they will take these values with them into their

nature of athletics that there is always a winner and a loser. There is no shame in being the loser, especially if you gave your best effort. However, when we blame the officials or anyone in particular for our loss, everyone involved in the contest comes out losers. No one intentionally goes out to try and lose a contest, but everyone tries their best to win it, so the winner should be congratulated, and the loser need not look for anyone to blame, not even himself, for the loss.

It has been my experience in watching MSHSL contests of all kinds for more than twenty-five years, as a coach, an official, and a spectator, that officials do make bad calls, but the bad calls for and against a team tend to even out throughout the course of a game or season. In that time I have never heard a coach give the official credit for the bad calls that went that coach's way. If we don't give credit for bad calls in our favor, then we should not criticize calls we don't agree with. Keep in mind that if the calls tend to even out then that means that there must have been some other reason for the loss. That reason for the loss would be that our opponent played better that particular night.

We, as coaches, should not be looking for the negatives in a contest or who to blame for the loss. This only leads to a negative and combative attitude in the players towards that opponent or official. This attitude then is carried over to the parents and fans. When we blame officials for the loss, we are sending the message to our athletes that the only way that opponent can beat us is by cheating. Instead, we should look for the positive things achieved in the contest and work to improve on those things as well as the areas where we did not perform up to expectations.

I understand the feeling of frustration, as a coach who has watched an athlete work

hard to win, when that athlete loses a contest. It is not his fault or your fault or anyone's fault that the loss occurred; the other athletes or team just out-performed our athlete on that day, so give him credit for that effort.

Please keep in mind the difficulty the MSHSL is having getting new officials and the difficulty your athletic director has in getting officials for your contests; it is getting worse every year. One of the reasons for this is the verbal abuse officials receive from fans and players and, in some cases it is physical abuse, which is on the rise. When coaches openly criticize officials, you are only reinforcing and legitimizing this type of behavior from fans.

Officials are on the field, just like boundary lines are on the field, to keep the contest fair for both sides. All the officials I have talked with are involved because they want all the athletes to have as good an experience as possible. If you have a legitimate complaint about an official, there is a process established, through the MSHSL to file your complaint, voicing it in public is not the way to do it. Remember it is very hard to argue with a judgment call, you may not agree with it, but there is very little you can do to change it.

I feel that **BLAMING** people for our losses, whether it is officials, players, coaches or spectators, has become a big problem in high school athletics, and it really has no place there. I have offered some ideas in this article, that if we all work together on them and share them with our colleagues we can create a situation in our athletic programs where both sides can feel like winners in a contest, even if we are the team with the lower score on the scoreboard.

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young adult and adult sports lives. However, if we don't expose them to the essentials of sportsmanship, and if we don't guide them in developing a sense of good sportsmanship, we can all but guarantee that they will fall prey to the young adult and adult world of sports and athletics, with its continued tendency to minimize sportsmanship, and maximize winning as the only real value in competitive athletics.

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SOUTHERN SECTION CIF ARCO am/pm 1997 GIRLS TEAM TENNIS PLAYOFF RESULTS

DIVISION I

Wild Card Round: San Gabriel def. El Rancho 10-2 (Darkness); Crescenta Valley def. Santa Maria 10-8; Arcadia def. Santa Monica 9-9 (79-75); Glendale def. Lancaster 16-2; Valley View def. Chaffey 10-8.

First Round: Corona del Mar def. Fountain Valley 18-0; Long Beach Wilson def. Santa Ana 13-5; Los Alamitos def. Long Beach Poly 14-4; Capistrano Valley def. Jordan 18-0; Newport Harbor def. Valley View 18-0; Rancho Cucamonga def. Apple Valley 14-4; Colton def. Temecula Valley 13-5; Redlands def. Etiwanda 14-4; Peninsula def. San Gabriel 18-0; Diamond Bar def. Alhambra; Esperanza def. Warren 9-9 (79-76); Ayala def. Lynwood 16-2; Woodbridge def. Crescenta Valley 16-2; Upland def. Quartz Hill 14-4; Camarillo def. Arcadia 12-6; Simi Valley def. Glendale 15-3.

Second Round: Corona del Mar def. Long Beach Wilson 18-0; Capistrano Valley def. Los Alamitos 10-8; Newport Harbor def. Rancho Cucamonga 13-5; Redlands def. Colton 15-3; Peninsula def. Diamond Bar 16-2; Ayala def. Esperanza 11-7; Woodbridge def. Upland 16-2; Simi Valley def. Camarillo 13-5.

Quarterfinals: Corona del Mar def. Capistrano Valley 16-2; Newport Harbor def. Redlands 15-3; Peninsula def. Ayala 16-2; Woodbridge def. Simi Valley 14-4.

Semifinals: Corona del Mar def. Newport Harbor 13-5; Peninsula def. Woodbridge 11-7.

Final: Corona del Mar def. Peninsula 11-7.

DIVISION II

First Round: Dana Hills def. Corona 17-1; Cerritos def. Sunny Hills 9-9 (82-75); Gahr def. Loara; University def. Centennial/Corona 16-2; Righetti def. Nogales 16-2; La Serna def. Walnut 13-5; Claremont def. California 14-4; Beverly Hills def. Arroyo 15-3; Santa Barbara def. Palmdale, Forfeit; Buena def. Paso Robles 11-7; West Torrance def. Mark Keppel 18-0; Hart def. la Mirada 17-1; Mater Dei def. Sultana 18-0; J.W. North def. Jurupa Valley 17-1; Arlington def. Hemet 17-1; Riverside Poly def. Yucaipa 12-6.

Second Round: Dana Hills def. Cerritos 18-0; University def. Gahr 15-3; Righetti def. La Serna

15-3; Beverly Hills def. Claremont 11-7; Santa Barbara def. Buena 12-4 (Rain); West Torrance def. Hart 12-6; Mater Dei def. J.W. North 17-1; Arlington def. Riverside Poly 9-9 (79-75).

Quarterfinals: Dana Hills def. University 15-3; Beverly Hills def. Righetti 12-6; Santa Barbara def. West Torrance 16-3; Mater Dei def. Arlington 16-2.

Semifinals: Dana Hills def. Beverly Hills 17-1; Mater Dei def. Santa Barbara 11-7.

Final: Dana Hills def. Mater Dei 14-4.

DIVISION III

First Round: Harvard-Westlake def. North Torrance 18-0; Burbank def. Bellflower 13-5; San Marcos def. Burroughs/Burbank 9-9 (71-63); Agoura def. El Monte 17-1; Laguna Hills def. Los Amigos 16-2; Valencia/Placentia def. Garden Grove 11-7; South Torrance def. Cypress 15-3; Troy def. St. Joseph/Lakewood 16-2; Palm Desert def. Burroughs/Ridgecrest 16-2; Rim of the World def. Brawley 10-8; San Geronio def. Redlands East Valley 9-9 (71-68); St. Lucy's def. Elsinore 17-1; Villa Park def. Savanna 17-1; Tustin def. Bonita 10-8; El Dorado def. Foothill 10-8; Brea Olinda def. Canyon/Anaheim 13-5.

Second Round: Harvard-Westlake def. Burbank 17-1; San Marcos def. Agoura 12-6; Laguna Hills def. Valencia/Placentia 13-5; Troy def. South Torrance 16-2; Palm Desert def. Rim of the World 15-3; St. Lucy's def. San Geronio 14-4; Villa Park def. Tustin 16-2; Brea Olinda def. El Dorado 10-8.

Quarterfinals: Harvard-Westlake def. San Marcos 11-7; Troy def. Laguna Hills 12-6; Palm Desert def. St. Lucy's 11-7; Villa Park def. Brea Olinda 12-4 (Darkness).

Semifinals: Harvard-Westlake def. Troy 11-7; Palm Desert def. Villa Park 10-8.

Final: Palm Desert def. Harvard-Westlake 11-7.

DIVISION IV

First Round: San Marino, Bye; La Quinta/La Quinta def. West Valley 12-6; Santiago/Corona def. Southwest 13-5; Cathedral City def. Serrano 10-8; San Luis Obispo, Bye; South Pasadena def. Azusa 11-7; La Canada def. Gladstone 16-2; Redondo Union, Bye; Calabasas, Bye; San Dimas

def. La Puente 16-2; Los Altos def. Northview 10-8; South Hills def. Wilson/Hacienda Heights 15-3; Chaminade, Bye; Pacifica def. Mayfair 15-3; La Habra def. La Quinta/Westminster 11-7; Rosary, Bye.

Second Round: San Marino def. La Quinta/La Quinta 15-3; Santiago/Corona def. Cathedral City 10-8; San Luis Obispo def. South Pasadena, Forfeit; Redondo Union def. La Canada 14-4; Calabasas def. San Dimas 15-3; South Hills def. Los Altos 11-7; Chaminade def. Pacifica 14-4; Rosary def. La Habra 13-5.

Quarterfinals: San Marino def. Santiago/Corona 17-1; San Luis Obispo def. Redondo Union 10-8; Calabasas def. South Hills 15-3; Chaminade def. Rosary 11-7.

Semifinals: San Marino def. San Luis Obispo 14-4; Chaminade def. Calabasas 10-8.

Final: Chaminade def. San Marino 10-8.

DIVISION V

First Round: Brentwood, Bye; Buckley def. Chadwick 12-6; Marlborough def. Louisville 9-9 (79-76); Marymount def. Oak Park 15-3; Mayfield, Bye; La Reina def. Santa Ynez 10-8; St. Joseph/Santa Maria def. Thacher 14-4; Cate def. St. Bonaventure 11-7; Laguna Beach, Bye; Notre Dame/Riverside def. big bear 15-3; Orange Lutheran def. Twentynine Palms 16-2; San Jacinto def. Calvary Chapel/Santa Ana 12-6; Pasadena Poly, Bye; Flintridge Prep def. La Salle; Campbell Hall def. Bishop Union 17-1; Valley Christian/Cerritos def. Desert 15-3.

Second Round: Brentwood def. Buckley 16-2; Marymount def. Marlborough 10-8; Mayfield def. La Reina 10-8; St. Joseph/Santa Maria def. Cate 10-8; Laguna Beach def. Notre Dame/Riverside 17-1; San Jacinto def. Orange Lutheran 10-8; Pasadena Poly def. Flintridge Prep 10-0 (Rain); Campbell Hall def. Valley Christian/Cerritos 14-4.

Quarterfinals: Brentwood def. Marymount 17-1; Mayfield def. St. Joseph/Santa Maria 10-8; Laguna Beach def. 18-0; Pasadena Poly 15-3.

Semifinals: Brentwood def. Mayfield 14-4; Pasadena Poly def. Laguna Beach 14-4.

Final: Pasadena Poly def. Brentwood 10-8.

SOUTHERN SECTION CIF ARCO am/pm 1997 WATER POLO PLAYOFF RESULTS

DIVISION I

First Round: Long Beach Wilson def. Santa Ana Valley 28-7; Villa Park def. Loyola 11-1; Capistrano Valley def. El Toro 13-4; Newport Harbor def. Notre Dame/Sherman Oaks 13-2; Harvard-Westlake def. Canyon/Anaheim 16-5; San Clemente def. Millikan 26-7; Santa Margarita def. Dana Hills 13-8; Foothill def. Long Beach Poly 15-0.

Quarterfinals: Long Beach Wilson def. Villa Park 15-6; Capistrano Valley def. Newport Harbor 9-7; Harvard-Westlake def. San Clemente 10-9 (OT); Foothill def. Santa Margarita 12-3.

Semifinals: Long Beach Wilson def. Capistrano Valley 17-4; Foothill def. Harvard-Westlake 10-3.

Final: Long Beach Wilson def. Foothill 9-8 (OT).

DIVISION II

Wild Card Round: Cypress def. Los Amigos 17-2; Buena Park def. Saddleback 17-8.

First Round: Los Alamitos def. Cypress 12-6; Katella def. Sunny Hills 12-6; Esperanza def. Garden Grove 10-3; Laguna Beach def. Tustin 22-5; Servite def. Pacifica 24-6; La Habra def. University 9-7 (2 OT); Marina def. El Dorado 7-3; Costa Mesa def. Buena Park 15-3.

Quarterfinals: Los Alamitos def. Katella 12-6; Laguna Beach def. Esperanza 8-4; La Habra def. Servite 13-11 (OT); Costa Mesa def. Marina 11-9.

Semifinals: Los Alamitos def. Laguna Beach 11-4; Costa Mesa def. La Habra 9-3.

Final: Los Alamitos def. Costa Mesa 13-6.

DIVISION III

First Round: Bell Gardens def. California 21-3; Mira Costa def. Arcadia 23-6; La Serna def. Redondo Union 19-14; South Pasadena def. Glendale 13-10; Crescenta Valley def. San Marino 22-1; El Segundo def. Montebello 10-6; Whittier def. Burroughs/Burbank 12-10; La Canada def. Santa Monica 10-2.

Quarterfinals: Bell Gardens def. Mira Costa 13-11; South Pasadena def. La Serna 12-7; Crescenta Valley def. El Segundo 17-5; La Canada def. Whittier 9-6.

Semifinals: Bell Gardens def. South Pasadena 13-5; La Canada def. Crescenta Valley 8-5.

Final: La Canada def. Bell Gardens 7-6.

SOUTHERN SECTION CIF ARCO am/pm 1997 WATER POLO CHAMPIONS

DIVISION I
Long Beach Wilson

DIVISION II
Los Alamitos

DIVISION III
La Canada

DIVISION IV
Santa Barbara

DIVISION V
Jurupa Valley

DIVISION VI
Rowland

DIVISION IV

First Round: Righetti, Bye; Buena def. Thousand Oaks 13-5; San Luis Obispo def. Santa Ynez 13-12; Agoura def. Milken Community 22-2; Royal def. Lompoc 12-8; Ventura def. Malibu 17-16; Arroyo Grande def. Cabrillo 7-5; Santa Barbara def. Nordhoff 17-7.

Quarterfinals: Righetti def. Buena 23-5; San Luis Obispo def. Agoura 12-9; Royal def. Ventura 10-5; Santa Barbara def. Arroyo Grande 13-7.

Semifinals: Righetti def. San Luis Obispo 18-6; Santa Barbara def. Royal 10-9.

Final: Santa Barbara def. Righetti 15-14 (OT).

DIVISION V

Wild Card Round: San Geronio def. Victor Valley 6-5; La Quinta/La Quinta def. Valley View 18-7; Damien def. Alta Loma 9-8; J.W. North def. Chino 20-13.

First Round: Arlington def. San Geronio 26-4; Fontana def. Upland 12-11; Rancho Cucamonga def. Palm Desert 14-13; Cajon def. La Quinta/La Quinta 13-1; Riverside Poly def. Indio 10-7; San Bernardino def. Hemet 14-0; Redlands def. Damien 14-7; Jurupa Valley def. J.W. North 23-11.

Quarterfinals: Arlington def. Fontana 11-4; Rancho Cucamonga def. Cajon 16-12; Riverside Poly def. San Bernardino 8-5; Jurupa Valley def. Redlands 20-5.

Semifinals: Arlington def. Rancho Cucamonga 16-7; Jurupa Valley def. Riverside Poly 11-6.

Final: Jurupa Valley def. Arlington 17-14.

DIVISION VI

Wild Card Round: Los Altos def. Western 9-8; Cerritos def. Baldwin Park 13-9.

First Round: Rowland def. Sierra Vista 23-7; Charter Oak def. Magnolia 18-13; Gahr def. Flintridge Prep 9-8; Los Altos def. Bonita 10-6; Ayala def. San Dimas 20-1; Wilson/Hacienda Heights def. La Salle 26-7; Chadwick def. Downey 18-5; Brea Olinda def. Cerritos 25-3.

Quarterfinals: Rowland def. Charter Oak 9-3; Los Altos def. Gahr 9-8 (OT); Ayala def. Wilson/Hacienda Heights 11-4; Brea Olinda Chadwick 15-6.

Semifinals: Rowland def. Los Altos 17-6; Brea Olinda def. Ayala 10-5.

Final: Rowland def. Brea Olinda 11-6.

SOUTHERN SECTION CIF ARCO am/pm 1997 GIRLS INDIVIDUAL TENNIS PLAYOFF RESULTS

SINGLES

First Round: Mariss Irvin (Harvard-Westlake) def. Anne Clare Ortiz-Luis (Rancho Cucamonga) 6-0, 6-0; Katey Becker (Villa Park) def. Etel Begescue (University) 6-2, 6-1; Nadia Vaughan (Corona del Mar) def. Melissa Esmero (Mater Dei) 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; Maureen Diaz (Mayfield) def. Olivia Garcia-McKean (Brentwood) 6-1, 6-4; Morisa Yang (West Torrance) def. Denni Sarohia (Pasadena Poly) 6-1, 6-0; Nina Vaughan (Corona del Mar) def. Kelly Schmandt (San Marcos) 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-1); Kim Nguyen (Saddleback) def. Julie Chidley (Riverside Poly) 6-2, 6-4; Shervin Saedinia (Calabasas) def. Jessica Prause (Lagina Hills) 5-7, 7-5, 6-0.

Quarterfinals: Mariss Irvin (Harvard-Westlake) def. Katey Becker (Villa Park) 6-1, 6-2; Maureen Diaz (Mayfield) def. Nadia Vaughan (Corona del Mar) 6-1, 6-1; Morisa Yang (West Torrance) def.

Nina Vaughan (Corona del Mar) 6-3, 6-1; Kim Nguyen (Saddleback) def. Shervin Saedinia (Calabasas) 7-6 (7-2), 4-6, 6-3.

Semifinals: Mariss Irvin (Harvard-Westlake) def. Maureen Diaz (Mayfield) 6-2, 6-3; Morisa Yang (West Torrance) def. Kim Nguyen (Saddleback) 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Final: Mariss Irvin (Harvard-Westlake) def. Morisa Yang (West Torrance) 6-4, 7-6 (7-1).

DOUBLES

First Round: Romm/Trackino (Dana Hills) def. Russell/Wick (Thacher) 6-1, 6-1; Case/Adams (Newport Harbor) def. Hamilton/Cruz (Rosary) 6-3, 6-2; Magnani/Irons-Kilmer (San Marino) def. Bierman/Leewong (Calabasas) 6-1, 6-1; Tjong/Tomkiewica (Peninsula) def. Molnar/Phan (University) 6-1, 6-1; Tantee/Pierog (Dana Hills) def. Fraser/Markovsky (Palm Desert) 6-2, 6-1;

Hockicko/Hustedt (Woodbridge) def. O'Donnely/Hunau (Simi Valley) 7-5, 6-2; Yardi/Grokenberger (Santa Barbara) def. Gries/Kleinhenz (Villa Park) 6-2, 6-0; Blashaw/Ursich (Peninsula) def. Hayden/Bryson (Pasadena Poly) 6-1, 6-4.

Quarterfinals: Romm/Trackino (Dana Hills) def. Case/Adams (Newport Harbor) 6-3, 6-4; Magnani/Irons-Kilmer (San Marino) def. Tjong/Tomkiewica (Peninsula) 6-1, 6-1; Hockicko/Hustedt (Woodbridge) def. Tantee/Pierog (Dana Hills) 6-4, 6-4; Yardi/Grokenberger (Santa Barbara) def. Blashaw/Ursich (Peninsula) 6-4, 6-3.

Semifinals: Magnani/Irons-Kilmer (San Marino) def. Romm/Trackino (Dana Hills) 6-3, 6-2; Yardi/Grokenberger (Santa Barbara) def. Hockicko/Hustedt (Woodbridge) 6-2, 6-3.

Final: Yardi/Grokenberger (Santa Barbara) def. Magnani/Irons-Kilmer (San Marino) 6-3, 6-2.

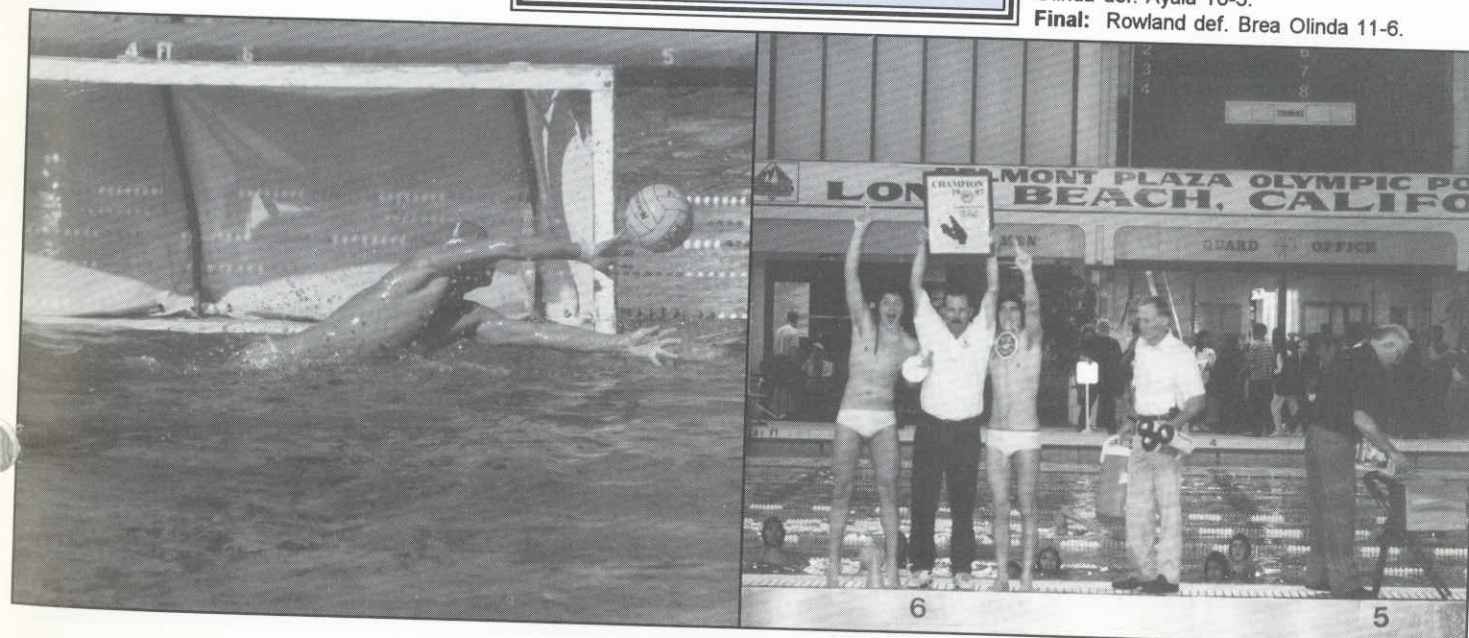


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SOUTHERN SECTION CIF ARCO am/pm 1997 BOYS/GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

DIVISION I - BOYS

Team

1. Long Beach Poly - 50
2. Peninsula - 119
3. Santa Ana - 122
4. Temecula Valley - 134
5. Hoover - 156

Individual

1. Steve Smith, Ayala - 15:16
2. Chad Durham, Long Beach Poly - 15:16
3. Jason Taylor, Peninsula - 15:38
4. Danny Lee, El Toro - 15:40
5. Alfonso Leon, Santa Ana - 15:40

DIVISION II - BOYS

Team

1. Saugus - 85
2. Mission Viejo - 94
3. Rubidoux - 110
4. Katella - 135
5. Arroyo - 144

Individual

1. Ronnie Buchanan, Righetti - 15:08
2. Gabriel Hernandez, Rubidoux - 15:12
3. Mark Gleason, Mission Viejo - 15:39
4. Jose Herrera, Loara - 15:41
5. Irving Moreno, Riverside Poly - 15:50

DIVISION III - BOYS

Team

1. Don Bosco Tech - 43
2. Newport Harbor - 91
3. South Hills - 111
4. Temescal Canyon - 147
5. Barstow - 150

Individual

1. Dave Jackson, Rim of the World - 15:20
2. Heriberto Sarabia, Sonora - 15:30
3. Armando Solis, Don Bosco Tech - 15:35
4. Daniel Phiffer, Don Bosco Tech - 15:44
5. Fabian Ruelas, Sonora - 15:48

DIVISION IV - BOYS

Team

1. Nordhoff - 40
2. Estancia - 117
3. Notre Dame/Sherman Oaks - 120
4. Morro Bay - 124
5. Cabrillo - 147

Individual

1. Isiah Festa, Morro Bay - 15:03
2. Victor Ochoa, Nordhoff - 15:14
3. Dusty Herman, Nordhoff - 15:19
4. Kevin Lelles, Notre Dame/SO - 15:59
5. Matt Heard, Yucca Valley - 16:07

DIVISION V - BOYS

Team

1. Maranatha - 75
2. Flintridge Prep - 120
3. Crossroads - 134
4. Desert Christian/Lancaster - 138
5. Brentwood - 146

Individual

1. Jeff Tomlinson, Crossroads - 16:04
2. Doug Hall, Flintridge Prep - 16:15
3. Aaron Sharp, Santa Clara - 16:16
4. Jamis Avis, Maranatha - 16:25
5. Mike Tomlinson, Crossroads - 16:36

DIVISION I - GIRLS

Team

1. Yucaipa - 44
2. Esperanza - 79
3. Quartz Hill - 95
4. Ayala - 122
5. Sultana - 156

Individual

1. Kimi Welsh, Yucaipa - 17:46
2. Lauren Fleshman, Canyon/CC - 17:58
3. Danielle Day, Quartz Hill - 18:18
4. Latesha Jones, Rialto - 18:29
5. Jennifer Burris, Ayala - 18:36

DIVISION II - GIRLS

Team

1. Woodbridge - 82
2. Brea Olinda - 111
3. St. Lucy's - 112
4. Mission Viejo - 134
5. Santa Margarita - 143

Individual

1. Jill Santibanez, Katella - 18:33
2. Dani Rope, Santa Margarita - 18:45
3. Mary Moore, Woodbridge - 19:08
4. Terry Vega, San Geronio - 19:17
5. April Lopez, Mission Viejo - 19:19

DIVISION III - GIRLS

Team

1. El Modena - 76
2. South Hills - 81
3. La Canada - 95
4. Newport Harbor - 96
5. San Luis Obispo - 134



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Individual

1. Kim Garnic, La Canada - 18:21
2. Krya Patterson, San Luis Obispo - 18:40
3. Heather Garrison, Buena Park - 19:00
4. Christina Hand, San Luis Obispo - 19:01
5. Jessica Dahlberg, El Modena - 19:03

DIVISION IV - GIRLS

Team

1. Nordhoff - 43
2. Corona del Mar - 55
3. Costa Mesa - 84
4. St. Josephs/Santa Maria - 121
5. Paraclete - 176

Individual

1. Elaine Canchola, Nordhoff - 18:19
2. Samantha Michel, Morro Bay - 19:00
3. Jamie DeNoewer, Costa Mesa - 19:02
4. Rae Stumbough, Nordhoff - 19:11
5. Zoila Gomez, Costa Mesa - 19:14

DIVISION V - GIRLS

Team

1. Pasadena Poly - 75
2. Chadwick - 99
3. Santa Clara - 116
4. Desert Christian/Lancaster - 125
5. Los Angeles Baptist - 143

Individual

1. Katie Newhall, Pasadena Poly - 19:39
2. Veronica Herrera, Chadwick - 19:57
3. Aggie Noble, Chadwick - 20:04
4. Rachel Davis, L.A. Baptist - 20:09
5. Ana Guerra, Santa Clara - 20:13

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

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Addressing common concerns can also be a big part in setting the theme for the season. By far the most common concern for any parent is the athletes playing time. Make it clear to parents that varsity athletics are not intermural sports. In an ideal world all athletes on every team sport would get the opportunity to participate. Unfortunately, this is not a perfect world and players can and will be left on the bench. There is a lot at stake in high school athletics today. Make parents aware of that from the very beginning. Have your coaches give the parents a realistic idea of their children's ability so as to not raise unnecessary expectations. Perhaps have coaches document the manner in which they came to their decisions with regard to playing time.

Establish a chain of command for the athlete, parents, coaches and administrators so as to be prepared for problems as they occur. If a student has a problem, he or she should first go to the coach. If the problem is not taken care of there, the athlete should then seek out the administrator and so on. Make it a point, as an athletic administrator, to encourage the athlete and the parents to use that chain of command. Encourage parents to seek out their coach first, but to make sure that it is at the appropriate time (i.e. not right after a game). Suggest that parents and coaches set certain times to discuss possible concerns.

COUNCIL MINUTES

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Channel League was heard by the Council. Speaking in opposition to the appeal and in support of the area proposal was Doug Huckaby, Principal of Royal High School; Eric Ortega, Principal of Rio Mesa High School; and Joe Vaughn, Athletic Director of Buena High School. Following discussion it was moved, seconded and passed to place Moorpark High School in the Marmonte League. In the Orange County area, the original proposal as amended was approved for a two year cycle (1998-2000). An appeal from Ray Plutko, Principal of Esperanza High School, in reference to Esperanza High School's placement in the Sunset League was heard by the Council. Robert Nelson, Principal of Santa Ana Valley High School, spoke in opposition to the appeal and in favor of the Area Releaguings Proposal. Following discussion, a motion to send the entire proposal back to the Orange County Area for reconsideration was approved. **6. YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY ISSUE** - Marion Peterson, Principal, Yeshiva High School; Ed Gelb, Athletic Director; Jason Allen, Cross Country Coach; Tom Fitzgerald, Cross Country Coach and Steven Marcus, Attorney for Yeshiva High School, discussed a request to move one heat of Boys Division V 1997-98 Cross Country Prelims from Saturday, November 15 to Thursday, November 13. Speaking in opposition to the

Sportsmanship is important in all aspects of athletics, but even more so with parents nowadays. All one has to do is pick-up the morning paper to see that some parents can get a little too "into the game." The important thing is temper any embarrassing behavior by an individual parent without destroying that parents enthusiasm for his or her child's participation. A preemptive strike can take care of this matter. If you see a problem with a parent early, set-up an appointment to address any concerns. Prepare a handout for parents on a possible code-of-conduct which can be handed out in the parent's meeting. As a last resort, bar the parent from any further events for a given period of time. The main thing is to make sure they know and understand the boundaries of your school's policy on sportsmanship.

Other concerns can and will arise between parents and schools. Problems like financial hardships, athlete/coaching conflicts and future scholarship possibilities. As long as schools keep parents involved in the day-to-day aspects of their children's athletic progress, problems and concerns can be handled much more easily and parents and administrators can all be involved in what's best for the athlete.

Remember, communication is the key to success.

request were George Varvas, Cross Country Coach, Woodbridge High School and Al Britt, Cross Country Coach, Esperanza High School. Following discussion, a motion to approve the request with the amendments: 1) Yeshiva High School would cover the cost of the event; 2) schools involved in the heat would be based on voluntary participation; and 3) the heat must be seeded for appropriate equitable competition, was approved. **7. PLAYOFF ENROLLMENT FORMAT** - Dean Crowley reviewed with the Council the parameters regarding the CIF-SS Office developing the playoff groupings for the upcoming 1998-2002 cycle. This will be an action item at the January 29, 1998, meeting of the CIF-SS Council. **8. SAN ANDREAS LEAGUE FORFEITURE AMENDMENT** - Philip Haley, Principal and John Powell, Athletic Director, San Geronio High School, presented the San Andreas League's proposed amendment to Blue Book Article 5, Section 500.2 Forfeiture Status which calls for the removal of ineligible players discovered after league play begins. Additionally, forfeitures of league games would not be required. This will be an action item at the January 29, 1998, meeting of the CIF-SS Council. **9. GIRLS' TEAM GOLF** - Jim Staunton, Principal of Huntington Beach High School, introduced a

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athletes should achieve high marks.

Accordingly, the best advice for students interested in obtaining a university scholarship or some form of financial assistance is simply to get better grades... and participation in athletics, even participation for some in more than one sport, has been shown to help.

It behooves us as educators to promote student participation in the full range of student activities, to avoid specialization to the extent it restricts development and maturation of the person, and to respect, expect, and encourage academic achievement. We know this because we know fundamentally that, beyond athletics, the future is bright for those who are superiorly matriculated, for those who...

Make the Grade!

OPEN ENROLLMENT

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approved for transfer from school A to school B. At school A, Johnny played basketball and baseball. Once he makes the move to school B, he cannot play varsity basketball or baseball for the remainder of that school year. But once the new school year begins, he now becomes eligible for all sports for that year, unrestricted.

As a reminder, appropriate paperwork must be approved by the Southern Section office prior to the student's participation in athletics. As always, we encourage you to call the CIF-SS for questions regarding eligibility.

proposal from the South Coast and Sunset Leagues which calls for Girls' Team Golf to begin in the fall of 1998. This will be an action item at the January 29, 1998, meeting of the CIF-SS Council.

10. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Dean Crowley, Commissioner, reported on the Superintendents' Symposium and the Spring Eligibility Workshops. **11. TREASURER'S REPORT** - Clark Stephens, Treasurer, reviewed the 1996-97 Budget Report. **12. STATE CIF COACHING EDUCATION UPDATE** - Roger Blake, Elsinore Unified School District, updated the Council regarding the State CIF Coaching Education Program.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

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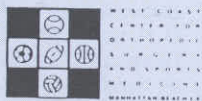
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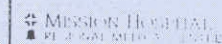
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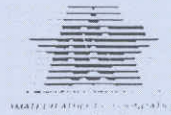
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