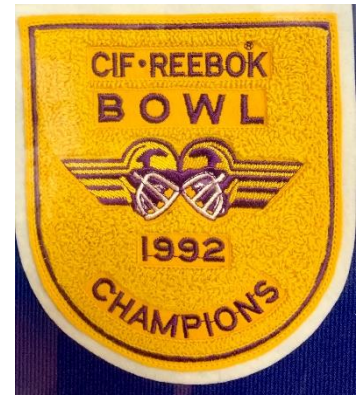




**HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA
INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION
SOUTHERN SECTION (CIF-SS)**



115th historical "tidbit."

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This tidbit dedicated to the memory
of Assistant Commissioner Glenn Martinez
who coached in this game

**CIF-REEBOK FOOTBALL BOWL
December 18, 1992 Anaheim Stadium**

Bishop Amat High School "Lancers" (14-0) CIF-SS Division 1 Champion

Vs.

Sylmar High School "Spartans" (13-0) CIF-LA 4-A Division Champion

From the game notes:

--GAME NOTES--

THE GAME: Tonight's contest is the game Southern California prep grid fans have waited to see for 58 long years ... It marks the first time ever for the CIF Los Angeles City Section Champion to take the field against the CIF Southern Section Champion in the same season, a natural rivalry that has been the dream of coaches, players and fans for nearly six decades ... The two organizations started out as one in 1913, with the inception of the California Interscholastic Federation, an association founded by the member schools themselves on a voluntary basis, for the purpose of organization, governance, administration and management of interscholastic athletics ... In 1934, the member schools of the Los Angeles Unified School District parted company with the Southern Section, but maintained ties to the State Federation, becoming known as the CIF Los Angeles City Section ... In the ensuing years, the two entities were referred to simply as the L.A. City and CIF, misnomers that remain in many circles to this day ... The idea for this matchup has been discussed for years ... The interest and support of broadcast television and the current state of school finances finally made it a reality ... As it stands now, the KCOP promos have been right on target. It's simply a game that had to happen.

THE MATCHUP: After a season of many debates concerning which schools would be represented in the first-ever CIF/Reebok Bowl, the issue was decided succinctly last weekend ... In the Southern Section Division I final played last Friday at Cerritos College, top-seeded La Puente Bishop Amat posted a narrow 7-3 win over third-seeded Del Rey-League-rival Los Angeles Loyola. Not only did the Lancers win the title over a school that had notified the Southern Section Office prior to the season it would not accept the Reebok Bowl invitation, it finished a spectacular season with a perfect 14-0 record ... The next afternoon at El Camino College in Torrance, No. 1 seeded and previously-undefeated Sylmar blanked perennial L.A. City-power Carson (Carson's first shutout in 157 games), 17-0, to win its first section title and qualify for the CIF/Reebok Bowl sporting a sparkling 13-0 mark. Although the Spartans entered the City playoffs as the top seed, many observers expected Carson to prevail, especially after the Colts 55-0 rout of Van Nuys in the semifinal round ... As a result, tonight's first-ever L.A. City vs. Southern Section showdown is an unqualified beauty, featuring two undefeated teams, the best the area could possibly provide ... Both clubs are big on ball control and defense, but each has shown the ability to score, as well, with Sylmar averaging 32.7 points per outing, and Bishop Amat 26.9 ... The contest also marks the first gridiron meeting ever between the two schools.

Prep Football Champions to Play in Bowl Game Dec. 18

By TOM HAMILTON
TIMES STAFF WRITER

After 20 years of discussion and negotiations, a football game matching the Southern Section's Division I champion versus the City Section's 4-A champion that will be televised live on Dec. 18 was announced Tuesday.

The game, "The CIF/Reebok Bowl," will be likely played at Anaheim Stadium with proceeds divided between the State CIF, Southern Section and City sections. Participating schools will receive a guaranteed \$12,000.

Game organizers also announced

a five-year television contract with Channel 13 that will generate another \$395,000. The station will pay \$50,000 for television rights the first year and up to \$100,000 by the final year.

"There have been a number of formal and informal moves to try to put this game together over the years," said Hal Harkness, City Section commissioner. "But for whatever reason, the move was always unsuccessful until this time."

Stan Thomas, Southern Section commissioner, said the financial condition of many high school districts that are struggling under

a reduced state budget dictated the formation of the bowl game.

"Athletics are being hit hard, and we foresee this game as a way of relieving the financial situation for some of our high schools," Thomas said. "What a game we would have had last year. It was unfortunate that we couldn't put the game together before now."

Administrators had hoped to schedule the first CIF Bowl last December between Mater Dei and Dorsey, but organizers failed to sell the advertising needed to televise the event.

Mater Dei drew 33,204 fans to Anaheim Stadium and grossed

\$196,488 for its Southern Section Division I championship game against Eisenhower.

Southern Section administrator Bill Clark said a site for the game would be announced within the next month, adding: "Anaheim Stadium is a strong contender, but we're also considering the Coliseum and the Rose Bowl."

Tom Byrnes, State commissioner, said a lot is riding on the game's success. "If this game is successful, I think you'll see other sections in the state forming a bowl game," he said. "This game could become the premier high school football game in the United States."


Press conference announcing the game with left to right: Hal Harkness, CIF-LA Commissioner, Tom Byrnes, Commissioner of the State CIF, Reebok Representative and Stan Thomas, CIF-SS Commissioner





**SYLMAR SPARTANS
vs.
BISHOP AMAT LANCERS
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**CIF Reebok
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L.A. CITY SECTION vs SOUTHERN SECTION

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SYLMAR SPARTANS



VALLEY EAST LEAGUE #1 ENTRY

NO.	NAME	HT.	WT.	YR.	POS.	NO.	NAME	HT.	WT.	YR.	POS.
1	Deon Price	6-3	190	12	QB/FS	54	Tony Traba	5-10	180	12	G/OLB
2	Robert Camacho	5-10	170	11	WR/DB	55	Mike Ballestero	6-2	255	12	C/DT
3	Tyrone Crenshaw	6-0	180	11	RB/SS	56	James Cervantes	5-10	170	12	G/OLB
4	John Gaitanis	5-11	165	12	WR/DB	58	Louis Mack	6-1	220	11	G/MLB
5	Mike Anderson	6-2	190	12	FB/SS	60	Carlos Cervantes	5-10	220	11	C/DT
6	Ibn Bilal	6-0	185	12	RB/FS	64	Jose Ruiz	6-1	190	12	G/MLB
7	Joel Alcala	5-11	180	11	FB/SS	65	Miguel Sifuentes	6-1	180	11	G/OLB
9	Kashawn Ivezzy	6-1	180	12	WR/DB	66	Juan Martinez	6-1	250	12	G/DT
13	Ramon Guardado	5-10	145	12	DB/K	70	Art Larrea	6-4	305	12	OT/NG
15	Alex Gonzales	5-11	170	11	WR/DB	72	Santos Ponce	5-10	220	10	OT/DT
20	Gabriel Rodriguez	5-9	160	12	RB/SS	74	Jess Miranda	6-0	240	11	OT/DT
22	Dwight Patton	5-11	170	11	WR/DB	75	Frank Fuentes	6-3	260	10	OT/DT
25	Julio Reyes	5-10	160	12	WR/DB	76	Flint Hardman	6-1	230	10	G/DT
33	Jose Duarte	6-3	225	10	FB/MLB	77	John Gonzales	6-3	285	11	OT/NG
34	Thomas Toledo	5-11	205	10	FB/MLB	78	Manuel Mendoza	5-10	215	12	G/DT
35	Derek Lanier	5-11	220	12	FB/NG	80	George Brazil	6-3	225	12	TE/OLB
44	Tyrone Pierce	6-3	230	12	TE/OLB	82	Victor Cardenas	6-2	172	11	WR/DB
45	Frank Reyes	5-11	175	12	TE/OLB	83	Ivan Amador	5-9	140	11	WR/DB
49	Dan Hernandez	6-0	180	10	WR/OLB	84	Martin Duran	6-3	230	12	FB/OT
50	Rick Lehr	6-0	190	10	G/MLB	85	Joe Hagenson	6-0	180	11	TE/OLB
51	Brandon McGee	6-2	250	10	OT/DT	89	James Seidler	6-2	190	10	TE/OLB
52	Anthony Murray	6-2	215	12	G/MLB						

**L.A. CITY
4A
SECTION
CHAMPION**

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Sylmar
SCHOOL COLORS
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ASSISTANT COACHES
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Gordon, Hugo Contreras, Dan Moreno
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
Bob Miller



BISHOP AMAT LANCERS



DEL REY LEAGUE #1 ENTRY

NO.	NAME	HT.	WT.	YR.	POS.	NO.	NAME	HT.	WT.	YR.	POS.
1	Ernesto Arredondo Jr.	5-8	145	11	WR	52	Matt Vasquez	5-7	195	11	DL
2	Randy Guanko	5-11	165	10	RB	53	Jason Slacido	5-9	210	12	OL
3	Kory Minor	6-1	185	10	RB/DB	54	Adam Obeid	5-11	220	11	OL
4	Derek Dedeaux	5-11	155	12	DB	55	Robert Flores	5-10	215	11	OL
5	Rodney Sermons	6-0	180	11	RB	56	Eric Espinoza	5-9	195	12	DL
7	Michael Smith	6-4	205	12	QB	57	Steve Torres	5-10	185	11	DL
8	Andrew Guerrero	5-8	145	11	DB	58	Willhans Ili	5-11	276	12	DL-OL
11	Brian Flanders	5-8	150	12	WR	59	Geoff Richey	5-11	216	11	OL
16	Gabriel Jacobo	6-0	175	11	QB-DB	60	Jaosn Gonzales	6-1	205	12	OL
17	Jeff Banks	6-2	155	12	K	61	Enrique Ybanez	5-11	264	12	DL-OL
18	Matt Verti	5-10	175	12	DB	63	Chris Gallardo	6-1	250	12	OL-DL
19	Brandon Ruiz	5-10	155	12	WR	64	Gilbert Marquez	5-10	219	12	OL
20	Paul Shay	5-8	175	12	DB	65	Jorge Avila	5-8	175	11	DL
21	Daylon McCutcheon	5-9	165	10	WR-DB	66	Tony Capobianco	6-0	216	12	OL-DL
22	Trevor Longsworth	5-11	175	11	RB	67	Robert Lund	5-11	225	12	OL
24	Trevor Woods	5-8	160	12	WR-DB	68	Anthony Villasenor	6-2	245	12	OL
27	Endrios Yared	5-8	156	12	DB	71	Rex Hayden	6-0	195	10	OL-DL
28	Anthony Vera	5-6	163	12	RB	72	Glenn Ili	6-0	260	10	OL-DL
33	Elias Zertuche	5-10	170	11	DE	74	Jim Werner	6-2	195	12	DE
34	Darwin Smith	5-8	165	11	RB-DB	75	Rudy Gomez	6-1	200	11	OL-DL
35	Ramogi Huma	6-1	170	10	DE	76	Patrick Lopez	6-0	178	12	DL
37	Anthony Coronado	5-10	165	12	DB-RB	77	Jason Wright	6-1	175	12	DE
38	Ted Venegas	5-8	160	12	WR	78	Nick Garcia	6-4	236	11	OL
39	Mike Soto	5-11	155	11	DE-TE	79	Abraham Ramirez	5-10	165	11	OL
40	Jerry Ambriz	6-2	195	12	DE-LB	80	Ron Mostafa	5-11	155	11	TE
41	Jim Wu	6-0	180	11	LB	81	Juan Padilla	6-0	180	11	TE
42	Craig Nordman	5-10	180	12	LB	82	Norman Brown	5-10	155	11	DB
43	George Guzman	6-3	225	12	LB	83	Edoardo Arredondo	5-10	135	11	WR
44	Jason Harris	6-1	180	11	RB	84	Phillip Leyva	5-8	160	12	WR
46	Larry Peralta	5-6	140	11	DB	85	Aaron Villagran	6-2	210	12	TE
47	Lee Bailey	5-11	185	11	DB	86	Raul Reyna	6-2	190	12	DE
48	Chris Lorenzo	5-8	150	11	DB	87	Juan Sladana	5-9	160	11	DE
49	Eddie Molina	5-8	170	11	LB	88	Michael Macias	5-10	175	12	DE-TE
50	Damien Granado	5-10	220	12	DL						



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**SOUTHERN
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Bishop Amat Pounds Sylmar, 31-10

■ **Football:** Southern Section champion Lancers beat City Section winners to set record for most victories in season.

By ERIC SHEPARD
TIMES STAFF WRITER

ANAHEIM—A high school football debate that had been brewing for more than 50 years was settled in only 10 minutes Friday night.

In that short span, La Puente Bishop Amat High scored 24 points on its way to a 31-10 victory over Sylmar in the inaugural California Interscholastic Federation/Reebok Bowl at Anaheim Stadium.

The convincing victory thus answers, at least for one year, a question that has been asked repeatedly since the Los Angeles City and Southern sections split in 1933: Which section has the best football team?

Top-ranked Bishop Amat, the Southern Section Division I champion, finished 15-0, establishing a state record for the most victories in a season. Several schools were tied with 14 victories; the most games allowed until this bowl was established.

Third-ranked Sylmar, the City Division 4-A titlist, ended the year

13-1, a disappointing finish to a season in which its average margin of victory was 27 points.

"I can't take anything away from Bishop Amat, but we played a bad football game tonight," Sylmar Coach Jeff Engilman said. "Unfortunately, it doesn't matter that we went 13-0, people always remember how you did in the final game. This will leave a sour taste in our mouths."

There was no scoring in the first quarter. The momentum shifted in the second quarter, when Bishop Amat quarterback Mike Smith found sophomore receiver Daylon McCutcheon all alone on a 67-yard touchdown pass play to help give the Lancers a 7-0 lead.

Four minutes later, Smith struck again, this time a 49-yard touchdown pass play to senior Trevor Woods for a 14-0 lead.

Moments earlier, Bishop Amat was preparing to punt from its own 34-yard line when George Guzman bobbled the snap. Unable to get off the kick, he turned the ball upfield for a 17-yard gain and a first down. One play later, Smith threw his second touchdown of the game.

Things got worse for the Spartans. On their ensuing possession, running back Ibn Bilal fumbled on the first play at his own 27.

Bishop Amat defensive lineman Chris Gallardo recovered the ball, and the Lancers added their third

touchdown of the game three plays later on a Rodney Sermons' nine-yard run.

The Lancers increased their lead to 24-0 when senior Jeff Banks kicked a 34-yard field goal with 24 seconds remaining in the first half.

Sylmar, which had one first down and 13 total yards at half-time, never got untracked. It managed 169 yards for the game, most coming in the fourth quarter against Bishop Amat reserves.

Smith, who completed nine of 16 passes for 194 yards and two touchdowns was selected the most valuable player of the game. Sermons, who had 1,369 rushing yards entering the game, had 43 yards in 10 carries.

Spartans' running back Tyrone Crenshaw, who averaged 140 yards per game this season, managed only 68 yards in 18 carries.

The future of the bowl is uncertain. The game became a reality when KCOP-TV, Channel 13, approached the CIF about televising the event live for a \$50,000 rights fee.

Station officials signed a five-year contract for the game but can get out of it if attendance and television ratings do not meet expectations.

Friday's crowd of 8,132 was much lower than expected, and ratings won't be available until Monday.

THE MATCHUP

CIF Los Angeles City Section 4-A Division Champion SYLMAR HIGH SCHOOL SPARTANS

(13-0)

Head Coach - Jeff Engilman

SEASON LOG

20	Chatsworth	14
55	El Camino Real	0
13	*North Hollywood	7
40	*Grant	0
40	*Monroe	14
26	*Canoga Park	0
35	*Birmingham	0
42	*Van Nuys	14
34	*Polytechnic/L.A.	14
<u>L.A. CITY SECTION PLAYOFFS</u>		
49	Venice	7
28	Crenshaw	2
27	Garfield	7
<u>L.A. CITY SECTION FINAL</u>		
17	Carson	0

CIF Southern Section Division I Champion BISHOP AMAT HIGH SCHOOL LANCERS

(14-0)

Head Coach - Mark Parades

SEASON LOG

14	Carson	10
13	Damien	12
20	Long Beach Poly	12
33	Arroyo Grande	0
42	Long Beach Jordan	7
34	*Crespi	7
28	*St. Paul	0
34	*St. John Bosco	6
28	*Loyola	14
30	*Alemany	13
<u>SOUTHERN SECTION PLAYOFFS</u>		
38	Mission Viejo	0
28	Long Beach Wilson	7
28	Eisenhower	6
<u>SOUTHERN SECTION FINAL</u>		
7	Loyola	3



ROBERT DURELL / Los Angeles Times

Best foot forward— Bishop Amat's Trevor Woods highsteps into end zone for a second-quarter touchdown in the CIF Bowl Friday at Anaheim Stadium. The Lancers defeated Sylmar, 31-10. **C13.**



Sylmar's Martin Duran (84) barrels in for sack of Michael Smith on Friday night.

Plenty of Blame to Go Around

■ **Prep football: Sylmar players and coaches pointed fingers at one another while Bishop Amat romped to a 31-10 win in the CIF/Reebok Bowl game.**

By PAIGE A. LEECH
TIMES STAFF WRITER

If winning brings out the best in athletes, the Sylmar High football team proved that losing brings out the worst.

The Spartans ridiculed and blamed each other in front of 8,132 spectators and numerous television viewers Friday night as Bishop Amat rolled to a 31-10 victory in the inaugural CIF/Reebok Bowl game at Anaheim Stadium.

The City Section 4-A Division champion Spartans (13-1) found out what losing—and losing badly—feels like for the first time this season. And it wasn't something they handled very well. Bishop Amat, the Southern Section Division I champion, finished 15-0.

"We let down a lot of City teams tonight," Sylmar Coach Jeff Engilman said. "We just fell apart and couldn't regroup."

Players and coaches alike argued and screamed at one another—primarily in the second and third quarters—as they watched the game continue to slip away.

■ **CONVINCING VICTORY**
Bishop Amat High took command early en route to its 31-10 victory. CI

The finger-pointing began in the second quarter, when Bishop Amat scored on four consecutive possessions and took a 24-0 halftime lead.

For Sylmar, it was an alarming turn of events. The Spartans had allowed only 16 points in four City Section playoff games en route to their first City championship.

Players blamed each other at ear-splitting decibels as early as the second quarter for blown coverages and missed tackles. Defensive backs Dwight Patton and Robert Camacho were the targets of criticism after being burned on man-to-man coverage by Bishop Amat receivers on consecutive touchdown pass plays of 87 and 49 yards, allowing the Lancers a 14-0 lead with 6 minutes 55 seconds left in the first half.

But even the defensive backs pointed the blame elsewhere. "They were talking about me and Dwight, but when the quarterback has 10, 15 seconds to throw, what can we do?" Camacho said.

Sylmar had not trailed by more than seven points all season and had not allowed more than 14 points in a game.

By the fourth quarter, trailing 31-0, the yelling turned to silence on the Sylmar sideline. Faces were long, conversations

were short and tears began to surface.

Sylmar's offense was as dismal as its defense, gaining only 168 yards, including zero yards passing.

"The whole goal was to be City champion and we did that," Engilman said. "Unfortunately, I think we left our season at Bishop Amat College (site of 4-A title game)."

Engilman said the Spartans waited until Friday afternoon to get fired up for the game. It showed.

"People really just weren't up all week long. People were joking around at practice, saying 'We already got our [City championship] ring,'" Patton said. "We just played a horrible game. We didn't want it."

Said Camacho: "We were real big-headed. We won last week and a lot of guys didn't think this meant that much."

The game meant a lot to senior linebacker George Brazil before kickoff. But, reflecting on the embarrassing loss, he wished Sylmar's season had ended last week with the Spartans' 17-0 victory over Carson.

"I never thought this would happen," Brazil said. "I think we just got down on each other, got on each other's cases and just collapsed."

"Our season was great, but I don't even feel like a City champion right now. Everyone is going to remember this one loss."

With the small attendance (8,132) and the rout of the game it was decided not to play another Reebok Bowl game. Many were disappointed as they saw this game as a beginning to hold a State Championship football game again. The first CIF State Championship game was in 1919 and the last was played in 1927 due to concerns over whom should play, cost and travel. After 79 years, the State CIF started the Football Championship game once again in 2006.

Who Plays the Best Football?

City Schools May Have More Skilled Players, but Southern Section Has Depth and Money

By LONNIE WHITE
TIMES STAFF WRITER

There are 98 players on current NFL rosters who played for one of the 396 Southern Section football programs.

There are 50 NFL players who played for one of the 49 Los Angeles City schools.

With an average of more than one NFL player per school, the City holds a clear advantage in producing pros.

Does this mean that the City plays better football than the Southern Section?

Probably not. "There might be a slight advantage toward the City in producing skill-position players, but because of its depth, the Southern Section is a little deeper talent-wise and for the most part has more good teams," Dorsey High Coach Paul Knox said.

The debate regarding which section plays better football has become a tradition around Southern California at playoff time.

Southern Section supporters claim their teams would dominate the City's, and City fans say that their top teams would have too much talent for any in the Southern Section.

"We still argue about who would beat whom, whenever we talk about high school football," said USC standout Keyshawn Johnson, who played for two City high schools, Palisades and Dorsey. "Guys who went to a [Southern Section] school always say that they were better, but I tell them not when I was in high school."

The only time the Southern Section Division I champion played the City 4-A Division winner was in 1992, when La

Puente Bishop Amat defeated Sylmar, 31-10, in the CIF/Reebok Bowl at Anaheim Stadium.

"That was really a tough game for us," said Sylmar Coach Jeff Engilman, whose Spartans were 13-1 that season. "Our kids didn't even know who or what Bishop Amat was. Our season had been so long, and they were as a team better fundamentally than we were."

The championship matchup was discontinued primarily because of a lack of fan support.

"If the game was held years earlier, it probably would have captivated more interest," said Glenn Martinez, Bishop Amat's athletic director who has been an assistant coach for the Lancers' football team for 18 years. "The debate is not the same because the interest is just not there."

Bishop Amat's easy victory did not come as a surprise. Over the last 20 years, Southern Section teams have rarely lost to City schools during the regular season.

Coaches say there are several reasons for this edge.

"When City teams play [Southern Section] teams, normally the games are held early in the season," Knox said. "At that time of year, [Southern Section] teams have a clear advantage over City teams."

Southern Section teams begin fall practice one week earlier than City schools because of the academic calendars, so it is not uncommon for City teams to be behind their Southern Section counterparts in early season preparation.

Southern Section teams also have considerably larger coaching staffs than City teams, which is the product of attendance and booster help.

"I've been fortunate enough to have a longtime [former Carson High] City coach in Gene Vollnögge working on our staff the last few seasons, and we've talked about the differences," said Los Alamitos Coach John Barnes, whose team defeated Washington and Carson from the City this season.

"The biggest thing is that City schools have a hard time paying assistant coaches. For example, we have 10 to 11 coaches on our staff who are paid through our booster club, while most City teams do not have that many."

Or, for that matter, a booster club.

Added Sylmar's Engilman: "Southern Section schools have a bigger money structure to work with. City teams are lucky to have four paid coaches, [and] most of our coaches are walk-on coaches. They usually come whenever they are able to, and that is not too often during the week. It is not uncommon for us to have just one or two coaches working with the team only days before a big game. I don't think the top teams in the Southern Section have that problem."

Bishop Amat has a budget of \$60,000 for football every year, which does not include booster contributions. The budget for some City schools is less than \$10,000.

Most coaches agree that there is a correlation between financial support and success.

"I know that there are [Southern Section] schools that have even paid equipment managers and trainers," Engilman said. "At our school, I'm the trainer."

"I also think that money plays an underlying role in the quality of the coaching. For example, if coaches don't

win at a CIF school, they are fired. In the City, if you're not winning or if a program has a history of being sub-par, it's OK because you are a teacher first. Many of the CIF programs have a couple who are teachers, but many have plenty of time just to coach."

Having the resources to build a program helps because Southern Section schools are able to field large freshmen and junior varsity teams. While Bishop Amat has up to 75 players on its freshmen team, many City schools are lucky to have enough players for a weekday practice.

That's why in the City, the fortunate programs usually are able to distance themselves from the rest.

"Having more money in a program enables schools to have more benefits to keep kids motivated to play football," Johnson said. "In many ways, it is an urban vs. suburban thing. At Dorsey, we were able to have things like new uniforms and equipment because of former athletes who came back and contributed the funds. But, at a school like Manual Arts, the money support may not be there."

Martinez sympathizes with the City schools' plight because he grew up in Los Angeles and attended Franklin before he began working at Bishop Amat.

"I'm a city guy at heart, so I understand their problems," he said. "When I first arrived at Bishop Amat, the first thing I noticed was that City schools always had restrictions, compared to CIF schools. In terms of what they could or could not do, costs were always a problem in the city in comparison to the [Southern Section]."



GLENN MARTINEZ