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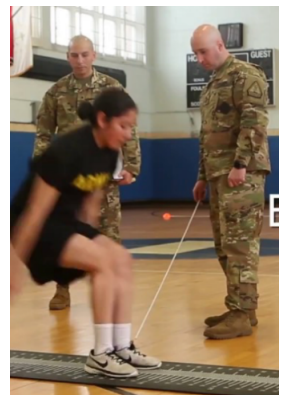
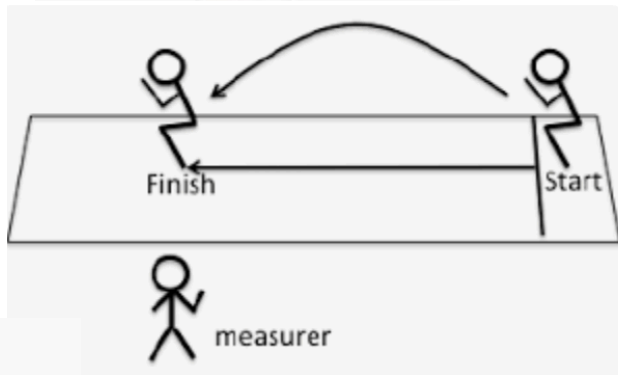
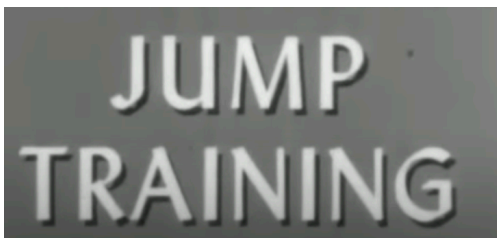


CIF-SS CHAMPIONSHIPS DURING WOLRD
WWII



"HOME GROUND SPORTS"

Basketball Free Throw and Standing Broad Jump
with results phoned into the CIF-SS office. Medals and
Championship Trophies Awarded



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In addition, the C.I.F. will conduct two new events. One is a basketball free throw contest by mail and the other a correspondence standing broad jump contest.

Ten entries from each school will have 25 throws apiece with the five highest forming the school team. Medals for individual and team champions will be awarded. Officers of the combat forces have advocated the standing broad jump contests.

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SETH VAN
PATTEN



Mr. Van Patten recommended that a free-throw basketball tournament be organized to be conducted on the home court of each school. He suggested the following details for arrangement:

(a) That schools be allowed to enter a team of 10 boys, each boy being given 25 throws. The score of the 5 boys on each team making the most number of free throws to be counted.

(b) The 5 boys making the highest scores be awarded the C. I. F. medals and the school team scoring the largest number of points be awarded a C. I. F., Southern Section, plaque.

It was pointed out that this would be an event in which a large number of boys in each school would probably practice industriously to make the school team, and as an activity in which large and small schools might compete on a fairly even basis. It would give those schools that have found it necessary on account of transportation to drop out of inter-scholastics a contact with the other schools of Southern California. It was moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hayhurst, that the tournament be approved and the details as to date, regulations, entry blanks, etc., be left to the Commissioner of Athletics. Carried.

The Commissioner of Athletics at this time will designate Wednesday, March 12, as the date for this first basketball free-throw tournament for all the schools of Southern California. Entry blanks will be sent to all schools some time after February 15.



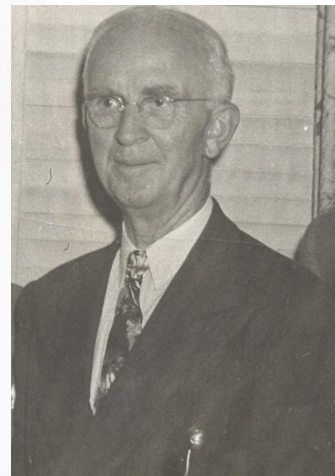
The Trophy Trophy and the first trophy of the Southern Section of the California Interscholastic Athletic Union. The trophy is a silver cup with a base of four columns. The trophy is the property of the Southern Section of the California Interscholastic Athletic Union. The trophy is the property of the Southern Section of the California Interscholastic Athletic Union.

Seth F. Van Patten
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Mr. Van Patten called attention to the fact that in all of the programs for physical fitness for our armed forces, the standing broadjump is one of the events that is especially emphasized. He suggested that a broadjump tournament along the same lines as the free-throw basketball tournament, (indicated above) be organized. It was moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Bergstrom, that the Commissioner of Athletics be directed to organize such a standing broadjump tournament, to announce rules and regulations and date so that the schools wishing to enter the tournament may begin practice.

The Commissioner of Athletics announces at this time that the date for the tournament will be the first Wednesday in May. Also:

- (a) That teams of 10 boys may be entered.
 - (b) That first five winners will be given medals and the school whose team wins in the contest will be granted a C. I. F., Southern Section, plaque.
 - (c) That to cover the expenses of the event, an entry fee of 50c per team of 10 boys will be required of each school.
 - (d) That the take-off in this event will be the standard running broadjump take-off.
 - (e) That jumping will be done without weights.
- Entry blanks for the event will be sent to all schools about April 15.



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Schools would call in their results to the office using the phone number 6-2336 on a phone like this to save money on gasoline and travel.



Examples of WWII era Trophies and medals presented to the schools for certain
“home ground sports.”



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BAY LEAGUE SLIGHTED

In our June Bulletin we called attention to the fact that the Bay League had won championships in football, baseball, team tennis, and three in swimming. We, however, failed to mention that Santa Monica High School of the Bay League had won the gymnastics championship and the first annual standing broad jump championship. Ask a Bay Leaguer how they get that way and his reply will be: "We live right".

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THE WAR AND THE C. I. F. PROGRAM

We have conferred with members of the Defense Council for Los Angeles County, regarding any possible modification of the program of interscholastic athletics at the present time. The Los Angeles County Defense Council has been in touch with other like groups in other Southern California counties and with the State authorities as well.

The recommendation that was given to us was that present conditions do not warrant any change except the elimination of night events where crowds of any size are likely to assemble.

The possibility of substituting training in home defense for physical education and interscholastic athletics is a measure that we believe worthy of serious consideration and study.

In Southern California, including Los Angeles City, there are over 80,000 boys in our high schools. This young army properly organized and trained would form a home defense force that would be second to none. School administrators, coaches, and physical education teachers can do a masterful job of organizing, training and disciplining such a force.

We never expected the C. I. F. to become a war organization, but who knows.

Intra Mural Sports during WWII

#7 very unique

THE INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

The development of the competitive spirit, training in the will to win, is an essential part of the high schools' program in preparing their students for military service. The athletic field provides the laboratory for this development, and generally the interscholastic athletic program has been the outlet for this training. Now schools are faced with many problems, all of which tend to eliminate or reduce interscholastic play. If the needs of these boys are disregarded, then the school people are not properly discharging their war responsibilities. Even more time and most certainly more effort than were previously given to the interscholastic program will be needed since it is imperative that more boys be trained. The suggested method for achieving the necessary results is a heavy program of intramurals. This program is, as is health education, the responsibility of each principal and every teacher in the school. He or she must see that her home room, class advisory, or other school organization chosen as a basis for competitive teams gets wholeheartedly into the intramural program. Every boy must be encouraged to participate. After all, the soldier who is physically fit and endowed with the will to fight is the soldier who in all probability will live to enjoy the benefits of his fighting.

Following through on this philosophy, therefore, the California Interscholastic Federated Council suggests that each high school inaugurate an intensive program of intramurals. The Council offers the following general suggestions:

1. Intramural units of competition can be organized in home rooms, major rooms, physical education classes, grades, physical education classification groups, clubs, and other units.
2. Round robin schedules and elimination tournaments should be held.
3. The winners of the various leagues should be given an opportunity to play against similarly organized teams at two or three nearby schools. Such reward will add incentive to the whole program. These games should be in the nature of playdays, and if they are staged on a home basis spectators from the visiting schools should not be permitted to attend. Do not choose an all-star team for this inter-school competition.
4. Awards given for intramural play should be equal to those given for interscholastic competition. One hundred percent participation on the part of groups can also be encouraged by giving a group award, pennant, or inexpensive cup for the group which had the largest participation but which did not necessarily win the most games.
5. The program should be publicized through all channels available. Emphasize the physical fitness program and the large number of participants rather than the star players.
6. This whole program can be fitted into the Victory Corps. Playing on an intramural team should be made a prerequisite for membership in a Victory Corps.
7. Forget about special equipment; i.e., track shoes, football shoes, expensive clothing, etc. True, these must be provided in sports where protection is necessary, but most of our games can be played without expensive equipment.



Santa Monica High School Support for the WWII

Articles gifted to the CIF-SS office by **Dr. Tebb Kusserow**, Santa Monica High School Hall of Fame Coach and Historian Emeritus, to show what was being done on the Viking campus to assist in the war effort:

Horseshoes

Rain Stalls Horseshoe Tossers Says Manager

Postponed because of rain, the horseshoe tournament, which was begun two weeks ago at the boys' gym, will be resumed as soon as ol' Sol again shows his face.

"A limited number of entries, combined with the downpours, forced the postponement," explained Dick Neal, intramural sports manager.

Acknowledging the many requests for a noon basketball tournament, Coach Don Brown has one scheduled to begin one week after Christmas vacation.

A tournament of this kind has long been in demand by boys who cannot make the different basketball teams.

Basketball

Basketball Tournament Draws 28 Contestants

Twenty-eight contestants, comprising the largest intramural sports tournament of the year, are jockeying for first position in the noon basketball tourney being staged at the boys' gym. With the basketball players on the varsity, B, C, and D squads ruled ineligible for the affair by Coach Don Brown, rivalry has grown keen among the 14 teams. Playing elimination style, the boys have been fighting hard in order to keep in the running.

Many teams were formed in September, in anticipation of this tournament, while many others have been practicing only a few days, but from the scores to date this has had little affect on the standings. Second-round battles have come out with from two to eight points separating the two teams, while the last three rounds are expected to be nip-and-tuck battles until the final whistle.

"I look forward to some very fine basketball in the last two rounds, and it would be worth everybody's time to stop down and watch the boys battle it out," prophesied Dick Neal.

The Junior Morgan-Bob Haas combination, and the Bill Myers-Rex Palmer duo are expected to be the finalists, but the teams of Jack Newton and Milburn Ortman; Paul Mooney and Ray Oliphant, and Bob Nulty and Jack Calderwood might upset these boys at any time.

Badminton

Eric Braunsteiner Wins Badminton Tournament

Winning the biannual badminton tournament in the boys' gym last Wednesday, was Eric Braunsteiner. Eric won a hard-fought game from Ernest Olveras, to chalk up his first victory in as many starts in the noon intra-mural sports.

With the free throw tournament starting October 20, Coach Don Brown was hoping that more boys would become interested in the noon activities and come down to take part in the fun.

The badminton tourney was divided in three division, with the winner of each division playing off for the championship. Ernest Olveras, Alva Adams, and Eric were the winners in the respective brackets, with Ernest defeating Alva for the right to play Eric.

Gas Rationing

The Twelfth Man?

Gas rationing is just around the corner, along with blowouts, and even if we did have gas and tires, the new Bay League ruling that school shall not let out early for athletic events will keep us from putting spirit into the team.(?)

B Gridders Green

So many B's moving up to varsity has left Coach Thomas with but one returning letterman; however, he has some boys who saw action last year and these will probably be his mainstays unless he finds some good material in the new sophomores.

The First Blow

has hit our athletic program. C and D basketball have been eliminated from the realm of interscholastic competition. However, in its place will be a scheduled tournament played between those boys who wish to participate. The games will be played in accordance with official rules and regulations, the winning team receiving due recognition.

Rifleman Randy Howe Collects Guns, Medals, Holds SC Championship

Freckle-faced, 15-year-old Randall Howe hits Samohi's bull's-eye as its sharpest sharpshooter. Randy's career as a gunman deluxe started when his three-year-old wish for a baby brother was detoured by his father, who presented Randy with his first gun, pointing out that it made must as much noise and was probably safer anyway.

As a result, Randy walked away with first place at the National Gallery in the 50 and 100-yard matches, won the Southern California Junior Rifleman Championships, was awarded a Distinguished Rifleman medal, and an Expert Rifleman rating, just to name a few. With all the medals he's won he could conduct a one-man scrap metal drive. His record is doubly amazing because the only instruction he has ever received was from his father and Wilcox Stoddard of Lincoln Junior High, and Samohi's Mr. Trotter. (As if that wasn't plenty!)

In the six years he has lived in Santa Monica, our young marksman has acquired a handy collection of guns, including three .22 rifles, a .22 pistol, and a wallop packing 16-gauge shotgun. However, as far as a career is concerned, he is planning to become a "man behind the man behind the gun." In other words, a West Point officer. Since he has a few years to wait, Randy is making the most of his time with "wine, women and song" or, translated into Subdebease for sophomore subscribers, "cookes, cup cakes, and "Mr. Five-by-Five."



Red Cross Makes Survey For Pressure Cookers

The Red Cross is making a survey in Santa Monica to determine the number of pressure cookers which would be available in case of an emergency feeding program. Anyone possessing one and willing to lend it to the Red Cross in such an emergency, please send name, address, and telephone number to either Miss Holmes, Santa Monica High School, or Mrs. G. R. Living-

Pre-conditioning War training

Samohi by the Santa Ana Army Base. This program is designed to pre-condition boys for possible service with some armed branch of the service. Nothing in these exercises is done to make better football, baseball, track or basketball players, but they are designed to give students a better physique for army life.

"Certain tests that we have been using have been abandoned in order to include exercises that are definitely builders of physical fitness," explained Coach Mishler. "The daily program is regular sports on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, with exercises before these games. On Tuesday and Thursday tests are given. These tests must be improved to get a passing grade," he concluded.

Gym Department Plans Program To Condition Boys For Combat Duty

Did any of you notice tired boys chugging up from gym? They're up against a new program, and it's a tough one. Coach Floyd Mishler, head of the physical education department, is giving the boys a work-out based on a series of careful observations. They include a study of physical education programs in Santa Monica Army camps. Rules from the CIF have also been considered in the program, as have exercises given to

Ping Pong

In Ping Pong Tourney

More than 25 boys were on hand to cheer on their favorite as Jackie Marks, 98 pounds of mighty junior B, walloped Gaylord Oliver, 21-10, 21-9, last Monday in the finals of the ping pong tournament held in the boys' gym.

The Samohi



WHAT'S IN STORE for the sports program this fall authorities can but guess. With the demands of war taking men and materials, introducing transportation difficulties--Who knows? . . .



Free Throw Finals To Be Held Monday

"With over 35 boys entered, more than twice as many as last year, the free throw contest promises to be the most successful ever staged," announced Coach Don Brown.

Although it is now too late to enter this contest, many other sports are now in progress at the boys' gym, such as badminton, varsity basketball, ping pong, and many others.

Preliminaries were held all this week and the ten highest scorers are to enter the finals, which are to be played off next Monday. The winner will then have his name put on the permanent intra-mural plaque, and a chance to shoot against next semester's winner for the championship of the school.

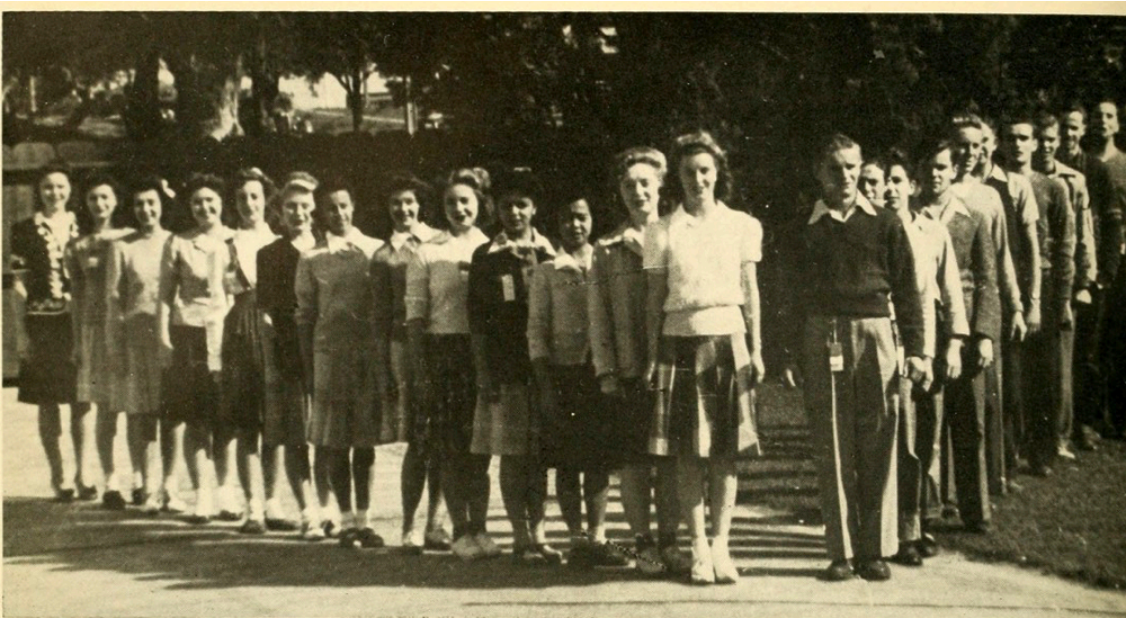
"Only held twice before, the contest has become extremely popular, and one that is always met with great enthusiasm," stated Coach Brown. Winners of these two previous contests were Richard Mendoza and Gaylord Oliver.

Students, especially the G.A.A. (Girls Athletic Association) were very active on intra Mural sport and helping the local military forces:



G. A. A. BOARD

The Office of Civilian Defense was in need of about three hundred more firewatchers so the G.A.A. was called upon first. A good majority of G.A.A. girls volunteered and were fingerprinted.

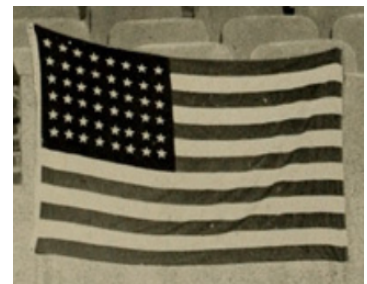


POSTURE WEEK

Sollee, Forbes, Reyes, Marquez, Faughnder, Danielson, Unger, Meals, Lorenz, White, Frishman, Siratt, McCoy, Hamlett, Hurtado, Jepson, Lane, Lever, Leigh, Morris, Zahn, Biwens, Cronin, Gibson, Hoffman, Jacks

Posture Week at Samohi is a great event when Sally and Sammy Samohi strut their stuff in order to win their posture tags. The students must have good posture sitting, standing and walking. Gym teachers eliminate to thirteen boys and thirteen girls and from these, four winners are chosen.

The week is sponsored by Miss R. O. Featherston and Mr. J. R. Thomas and was opened this year by a program put on by the Army under the direction of Major Robert Kennedy of the Ocean Park Recreation Center. The value of good posture to the soldiers was emphasized in their work with guns, trucks, etc., and the contrast between the new recruit and the trained soldier was brought out in a comedy skit by Sergeant Thorpe. Lieutenant Slauthman M. C'd.



To the Graduates of 1943:

We are at war. There is little that I can say that will bring this thought nearer to you. At the end of this school year, you, as Seniors, will move from this high school to your appropriate place in the service of your country. You will, I feel sure, do your duty as true alumni of the Santa Monica High School. We must depend on you to help win this war in order that we may continue our way of life. Personal plans and ambitions which loom so large in our lives in ordinary times must be set aside for the common cause. When peace returns you will find America what she wanted to be and what she was becoming before the war. We will be governed basically by the same sort of aspirations, hopes, and desires. It should be a better nation because the fear which gripped us prior to the war will be removed when you return and we will be able to resume the occupations of peace.

We have been preparing youth for the emergency which confronts them, but we hope too that we have been building the foundations of tomorrow—happy days of peace for the youth after the conflict is over. We sincerely hope that we have not forgotten during our war service program to emphasize the importance in our school work of solid foundation materials, such as: character, purpose, industry, and mastery.

May good fortune attend you in your future work.

Sincerely yours,

W. F. BARNUM, Principal.

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Principal Barnum was very active in CIF-SS affairs serving on the Executive Committee in the 1940's



From Dr. Kusserow on the importance of the CIF-SS actions during WWII:

“The real historical significance here is in preserving the notion that education needs can adjust to the times in which we live. People might say, why is a standing long-jump important? In and of itself, it isn't. But if you're standing in the threshold of an open airframe at 5,000 feet, you'd better get it right. Support by the Southern Section for these changing on-campus activities in a critical historical and national moment, was a positive influence in pointing Southern California's youth in the right direction.”