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History of the Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table
By Frank Swain

Advancement and betterment of all sports and athletics in the greater Santa Barbara area.

Round Table Motto

If someone were to conduct a poll to select Santa Barbara's two most outstanding "sportsmen" over the past 25 years, very probably the men who would receive most of the votes would be Jerry Harwin and Caesar Uyesaka. We can't think of any other local civic leaders who have contributed any more, in terms of their own time, efforts and money to supporting and promoting all sports in Santa Barbara, than have these two during the past quarter century.

The Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table, the most unique organization of its kind, was the brainchild of these two gentlemen out of several coffee-breaks at Caesar's restaurant in the winter of 1967.

There was a need ten years ago in Santa Barbara for a sports group which could pitch in and help out any time a need arose - that would support any and all sports and athletics.

Support services include such things as helping to pay the expenses of a local youngster or team to compete in some state or national event, putting on a banquet to honor an individual or team, or raising funds for some worthwhile project.

Its purpose is simply to be ready to help out at any time it can, and in whatever way it can, to promote sports and athletics at every level in the Santa Barbara area.

The first organizational meeting of the Round Table was held at the Cabrillo Youth Center, on Santa Barbara's East Beach, January 25, 1968. The public attended and 200 persons joined the group as charter members.

Jerry Harwin was elected as the first president. Caesar Uyesaka, Elmer Coombs, and Larry Crandell served as vice-presidents. Charles Stearns was secretary and Roy Vior handled the treasurer's job.

In its first decade the Round Table has helped hundreds of persons and organizations by raising funds to support their programs. These funds have totaled $35,000. Distribution of the funds was made according to need; many people have competed in events that they would otherwise have been unable to attend.

The first annual Round Table Banquet was held at the Campus Center (SBCC) on the Mesa, June 22, 1968. Honored were outstanding athletes in different sports events during that year. The highlight of each Banquet is the induction of local athletes into the Round Table Hall of Fame.

Round Table press luncheons have been held (during the school year) every Monday for the past nine years, to standing room only crowds. Some of the highlighted speakers have been:

Tony Trabert    Chick Hearn
Jim Ryun        Al Geiberger
Adolph Rupp     Bill Toomey
Jack Curtice    Dave Niehaus
Norm Sherry     Joe Jares
Frank Wykoff    Buddy Allin
Harry Dalton    Duffy Daugherty
George Steinback Michael O'Hara
Roger Decoster  John Sciarra

Four presidents have been in office during the twelve years the Round Table has functioned: Jerry Harwin (1968-70), Bill Bertka (1970-72), Larry Crandell (1972-74), and Bill Blythe (1974-present).

1979 Hall of Fame Banquet

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Round Table Historian

1968

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SBHS Football 1930-32 • Stanford University – All Coast 1938-37 • Pro Football w/Cleveland & Pittsburgh • Football, Center – East/West Game, 1938

COACH
Stan Williamson
UCSB Football Coach – Athletic Director • All-American Football, University of So. California • Line Coach, Kansas State, 5 yrs. • Oklahoma Line Coach for 1 year • World War II Veteran

COMMUNITY LEADER
Cesar Uyesaka
Booster, Jr. League Baseball • UCSB Booster-Member, all clubs • City Recreation Committee, Semana Nautica • Mr. Los Angeles Dodger in Santa Barbara • MacFarland Award 1964

1970

ATHLETE
Cal Rossi
SBHS Football 1940-42 • Member 1940 CIF Champions • UCSB Baseball-Track Letterman • UCLA Football 1944-47 • All-Coast Football/Baseball

COACH
Mary Goux
SBHS Football 1948-50 • Ass’t Football Coach at USC • All-CIF SBHS Football • All-American High School 1960 • All-JC at Ventura • Rose Bowl w/USC – Captain

COMMUNITY LEADER
Nick Carter
UCSB Track Coach 29 yrs. • 40 yrs. UCSB Coach, Teacher, Supervisor • Veteran AAU Track Official • World War II Veteran

High School Round-Up
By Mark Patton
News-Press Sports Writer

High school coaches will tell you that they are near-sighted individuals; that they never look beyond the next battle. Don’t believe it. They go into their first day of pre-season practice with just one thing on their minds – winning the war. The war in this case is the California Interscholastic Federation – Southern Section championship.

The CIF title is an ultimate in high school competition. It also seems to come only once in a lifetime. As rich a tradition as Santa Barbara High School has in football, the Dons have won only four of the 67 CIF banners given out over the years.

So far this year, however, the Santa Barbara area can boast two CIF champions and two runners-up. But it has been the girls winning the wars this year – not the boys.

The Santa Barbara High girls tennis team and Bishop Diego High girls volleyball teams claimed Southern Section championships during the fall season. The Dos Pueblos High girls tennis team was the Dons’ victim in the finals, while the Chargers’ girls’ basketball team also made it to the championship game before being defeated.

The SBHS girl netters never even came close to losing a match, running up a 20-0 record. The DP girls won 19-3, with all three losses coming against the Dons. The final one was a 14-4 decision at the Tennis Club of Santa Barbara. But that match won’t be the final one between most of those rivals – both nine-girl teams will probably meet again in the playoffs.

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If CIF titles come once in a lifetime, then the Cardinal girls have been really living it up. Their championship this year was their third in the past four years, even though they moved up from Class A to Class AA competition.

The most successful boys’ team, however, was the Dos Pueblos water polo squad. The Chargers were able to beat the playoff waves until the semifinals, where they were finally doused by Newport Harbor. DP’s final record was a sparkling 19-4.

In football, however, the local teams were eithersnake-bit or flu-bit by playoff time. San Marcos High, 8-0 in the regular season and seeded second in the Coastal Conference playoffs, had to play its first-round game with a sizeable chunk of its roster sidelined with injuries. The Royals’ top three running backs were among those out of the lineup, grinding their highly touted ground attack to a halt. They ended up succumbing to an underdog Alhambra team, 14-2.

The flu epidemic also touched the other teams in town. Dos Pueblos, a surprise entry into the playoffs with a final record of 4-6, was quickly exited by Rolling Hills in the first round, 24-9. Carpinteria (9-2) and Bishop Diego (8-3) were able to survive first-round playoff contest, but were overpowered when the competition became stiffer in the second round. Alemany ousted the Warriors, 35-7, and Norte Vista eliminated the Cardinals, 7-0.

Probably the biggest Cinderella story of the year came during basketball season when a surprising San Marcos team, winners in the Channel League the previous year, came back to win the conference title. Wearing the glass slippers for the Royals (15-10) was veteran Coach Maury Halleck, who had been fired but then waged a successful summer-long battle with school administrators to get his job back.

Midnight didn’t strike for Halleck and his Royals, a team of three sophomores and two seniors more known for their football abilities, until the quarterfinals of the Class A-AAA playoffs. Long Beach Poly stopped the upstarts, 75-67.

Dos Pueblos (11-10) and Santa Barbara (14-11) were both edged out of the playoffs in the first round by highly rated Crescenta Valley and Pasadena, respectively. Bishop Diego (13-9) advanced all the way to the quarterfinals in the Class A division, while Carpinteria (10-13) was ousted in the first round.

All totaled, the area’s boys’ football and basketball teams won 99 games and lost 68 for a glossy .593 winning percentage. Even without a CIF champion, that’s a fairly good year.

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COACH

Willie Witton

Football Coach, Carpinteria 1935 • UCSB Football Asst. 1936 • Basketball Coach, UCSB 1937-53, W-227, L-151 • NCAA Champions 1939-40

COMMUNITY LEADER

Jerry Harwin

First President, Round Table • Recreation Commission 1961-70, Chairman 1963-70 • Director, SB Baseball Club 1962 • Founder, Gauchos Hoop Club • MacFarland Award 1966

1972 ATHLETE

Eddie Matthews

Baseball

19 yrs. in Major League, Player & Manager • 12 times Member Baseball All-Star Game • HIt 512 home runs during career • SBHS Letterman • All-CIF Football-Baseball SBHS • Managed Atlanta Braves Baseball Team

COACH

Albert Steinert

Football

SBHS 14 Letterman • All Santa Barbara County Football 1924 • Captain SBHS Football 1923-24 • Freshman standout Occidental College 1925 • Semi-Pro Baseball-Football

COMMUNITY LEADER

Henry Ewald

Outdoor sports • News-Press — Championed many causes for outdoor sports • Boxing writer, News-Press, Santa Barbara • Feature sports writer many years • Santa Barbara Recreation Commission 1947-53 • Started SBHS "Forge" 1915

1973 ATHLETE

William Peacock

Football

SBHS Football-Track 1928-29 • Scored 16 touchdowns in 2 yrs, SBHS CIF Track Star, High-Low Hurdles • Menlo JC Football Champions • Was first State JC Decathlon Champion • Temple University, 4 yr. Letterman, Coach, Pop Warner Football

Bill Lillard

Baseball

SBHS Baseball 1933-36 • Pro Baseball w/San Francisco, Tucson, Philadelphia (AL), Baltimore, Ft. Worth, Minneapolis, Jersey City, San Diego • World War II Veteran

COACH

Sterling Winans

SBHS, 13 yrs. 1930-43 – Coached football, track, baseball • Baseball team won CIF Title, 1941 SBHS • Coached tennis-baseball, Santa Maria • National Leader, Physical Education & Recreation

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1974 ATHLETE

Mike Dimas

Football

Decorated Hero, World War II • SBHS 10 Letterman • Captain, Football-Track, SBHS 1929 • Student Body President, Senior Year • All-CIF Football • UCLA Football (was All-Coast)

Lawrence Stevens

Football

Three Sports Star, SBHS 1918-21 • Member, first SBHS CIF Playoff Team • Semi-Pro Football / Rugby • SB City League, basketball 30 yrs. • SB County Referee, football 20 yrs.
1974 COACH
Theodore Harder
UCSB Football Coach 1934-40 W-33 L-24 T-5 • UCSB was 9-1 1936 • Athletic Director UCSB • NCAA TV Commission Five yrs. • Member NCAA Council Six yrs.

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President, Old Spanish Days 1964 • MacFarland Award 1968 • Semana Nautica President Two yrs. • President Gauchos Track Club • City Recreation Director Ten yrs. • County Parks Director 12 yrs. • Club West President • President Goleta Historical Society

1975 ATHLETE
Oney Scruggs
Track
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Norm Duncan
Football
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COACH
Art Gallon

1976 ATHLETE
Peter Zucco
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Ralph Wood
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1977 ATHLETE
Charles Sylvester
SBHS All-CIF Football 1939-39 • Played in 3 Championship Final Football CIF Games • SBHS All-CIF Baseball 1939 • Professional Baseball, 1942, Hollywood PCL • SBHS Football-Baseball Coach, 26 yrs.

Ernie Zampese
SBHS All-CIF Football, 1953 • CIF Player of the Year, SBHS Football 1953 • Was in CIF Playoffs, Baseball, 1952-54 • SBHS Shortstop • Won 8 varsity letters, SBHS 1951-54 • Starting Halfback, 1955-56, USC
Round Table Luncheons

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The question was always the same. So was the answer. "I told him I wasn't too enthused with the idea because I didn't think people would support it," said former Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table president Jerry Harwin in recalling that day nine summers ago when Bill Bertka sought his opinion on starting a weekly sports press luncheon.

Bertka got similar feedback from other leaders in the sports community. Weekly sports press luncheons in Santa Barbara, it was felt, had about as much chance for success as the Titanic in making a return voyage.

"Any time you come up with something new there's bound to be some negative reaction," said Bertka. "I didn't let it discourage me because I personally believed in it."

Despite doubts about its success, the local media, schools, coaches and community leaders teamed to stage the first Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table press luncheon in the fall of 1970. Local coaches talked about the upcoming football season.

"After that first meeting I was sold on the idea," said Harwin, who served as the luncheon's first emcee.

The weekly luncheons, held each Monday, from early September to mid-May at Harry's Plaza Cafe, have grown in attendance and prestige over the years.

"It's become more than just a press luncheon," explained a spectator who has been attending the luncheons regularly for the past eight years. "The luncheons are a gathering place for sports-minded people in the community. While I like to hear the different coaches and guest speakers talk, I really enjoy going to the luncheons to hash over sports topics with other fans."

Al Negratti, Athletic Director at UC Santa Barbara, is likewise sold on the luncheons. "I can't say enough about it. I've been in different parts of the country and it beats anything I've ever seen. I've been to other press luncheons and they only featured one or two sports. The Round Table luncheens highlight a wide variety of sports and athletes." - Dave Kohl

In truth, the weekly luncheons' success in part is due to their wide appeal. Besides the big three sports—football, basketball and baseball—the luncheons during the course of the year feature every sport imaginable.

"I can't think of a sport in the community that we haven't honored," said Bill Blythe, current president of The Round Table and luncheon emcee. "That includes women's sports. It's really gratifying to be associated with The Round Table Board. They really work together as a team and that's one of the reasons for the success of the luncheons."

The luncheons have also featured a variety of guest speakers, including: Tony Trabert, Norm Sherry, Mike O'Hara, founder of the International Volleyball Assn., Dufy Daugherty, Chick Hearn, Sam Cunningham, Jamaal Wilkes, Bill Walton and Lefty Gomez.

A record crowd of over 200 came four years ago to hear Sam D. Battistone, former owner of the Southern California Sun of the World Football League. The local businessman is still major stockholder of the New Orleans Jazz of the National Basketball Assn.

"Hearn (voice of the Los Angeles Lakers) also packs them in whenever he speaks," said Harwin. Bertka, now assistant coach of the Jazz, says he's gratified but not surprised by the success of the weekly luncheons. "I always felt it would provide a two-way street— that it would be mutually beneficial to the media and area coaches. The luncheons would benefit the media people because they could interview the area coaches all at one time instead of trying to contact them individually by phone. The coaches would benefit from the luncheons because it would give them the opportunity to get equal exposure."

Paul Shanklin, former sports editor of Goleta Today, calls the press luncheons "the best thing Santa Barbara has ever done sportswise. The luncheons are very definitely a big benefit to the sports community. A third of my sports news the day after the luncheons is filled with material from the luncheons."

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- He also helped coach track, swimming & tennis

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- Officiated local and county high school sports for years (football, track, baseball)
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By Bradley Cowie
Forge Sports Editor

High school! What does it really offer to a teenager who is faced with the problems of maturing enough to enter a heartless society that awaits him in adulthood? To some, high school is simply a playground where kids go and find their friends daily and engage in insignificant games—games that may only teach one to slip and slide through life as a meaningless member of a social circus. To others, it is an educational stepping stone that may lead to knowledge, but not necessarily wisdom. High school is definitely a learning institution, but not all the learning comes from the classroom and books. Maybe the best place for a youngster to discover values that will help him to be a better person is on the field of competition and in the locker room.

Out of the locker room comes a code of ethics that leads to the development of a person who can succeed in almost any area of endeavor, for a winner on the field will be one off the field. Pride, determination, courage and self-esteem are all products of athletics, and high school sports furnish a fertile ground for these qualities.

The process begins when a young person turns away from the simple sandbox contents of his youth and decides to enter a more serious and disciplined form of athletic competition. He has to be willing to try in the first place, for with the possibility of glory lies the threat of failure. On many of the teams boys and girls are cut from the program and the good is purged of the not so good. Though this process is cruel and those who fail are faced with the terrible feeling of rejection, those who make it experience the sensation of accomplishment. High school sports are not as discriminating as an attractive number of other things in this world. Therefore, one of its outstanding attributes is that high school sports gives many, many kids a chance.

Once a boy or girl makes a team, the hard work has only begun. Many hours of practice and conditioning go into developing the skills that are showcased in every game. And in high school, sports is not as discriminating as an attractive number of other things in this world.

The rewards are the pay-off of the whole system. But what are they since high school sports are strictly amateur and no monetary value is placed on any part of them? The most precious rewards lie inwardly. It feels good to accomplish a goal and from accomplishment, one develops pride and self-esteem, virtues that can either give or take away, but that will be with a person forever. Second of all, there is the feeling of value for your body, for as one pushes it to its limits they realize just what a miraculous machine the body really is. Then there is the sense of brotherhood and camaraderie that comes from being part of a team and a group that has worked together as one. It teaches the members unselfishness, humility and respect for their fellow men along with good sportsmanship and character that seem to be virtually extinct in the commercial world.

With every contest comes either victory or defeat and each one has its own moral lesson. Victory is great and signifies that at that particular moment you have succeeded. Winning is the feeling of accomplishment and triumph . . . the sensation of being the best. Losing, on the other hand, is what tests the soul and the spirit and teaches modesty. If a person can learn to lose gracefully then he is truly a winner. He is the kind of person that others can look up to and he is a hero.

When a kid finishes his or her high school athletic career, they may hang up their cleats, but they won’t hang up their pride, courage, self-esteem or any of the other things that they have learned from competing on the high school level. The standards that one has met are recognized by such things as varsity letters and maybe some trophies, and by a few select people such as those who sponsor The Athletic Round Table and organizations like it, but of all the things that are offered in high school, sports is the place that best matures young boys into men, young girls into women, and turns today’s "jocks" into tomorrow’s leaders.

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Golf .... Steve Fate .... San Marcos
Soccer .... Jose Oregon .... Santa Barbara

Swimming .... Brad Eigen .... San Marcos
Tennis .... Mike Falberg .... Santa Barbara
Track .... Eric Sappenfield .... Santa Barbara
Volleyball .... Dave Engelhardt .... Dos Pueblos
Water Polo .... Curtis Hanst .... Dos Pueblos
Wrestling .... Leon McNutt .... Dos Pueblos

GIRLS

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Cross Country .... Cindy Schmandt .... Santa Barbara
Softball .... Caroline Hummer .... Santa Barbara
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Roy is an active member in all activities he participates in and a good example for others. He works hard and excels at many different sports. He has won numerous trophies in bowling, including a team trophy in 1972-73, a first place in 1972, second place in the C.A.R. State Bowling Tournament in 1973 and in 1979. Roy placed second in the State Pentathlon in 1977, a real honored credit to his athletic abilities.

Track and field is another of Roy's accomplishments and he has finished first in the Pentathlon in 1976, 1977 and 1978! He placed fourth in the State Pentathlon in 1977, a real honored credit to his athletic abilities.

Roy lives with his parents, he has four brothers and is an active member of the Calvary Church where he "makes a joyful noise unto the Lord" and enjoys singing. In fact, Roy's favorite activities are music and all athletics, when he is not busy working for his father at Martin's Bookshop in Isla Vista.

Roy's coach and friends all agree, that he is an outstanding athlete and good sport who truly embodies the spirit of the Special Olympics each day of his life.

Spikers Year

By Andy Furillo — News Press Sports Writer

For awhile last year, it didn't even look like the Santa Barbara Spikers would be around for Year IV of the International Volleyball Association. The Spikers Chairman of the Board James Bartlett III told the Spikers just three months before the start of the season that if they didn't come up with $30,000 in operating expenses, they could forget about opening up shop.

A frantic effort to get the community to rescue the team followed, while behind the scenes, Spiker General Manager Bill Rusch combed the metropolitan area for a "sugar daddy."

He got one in William Levy, a local real estate developer who stepped out of the woodwork to become principal owner of the team. Satisfied that the Spikers now wouldn't liquidate in midseason, the IVA gave Levy its blessing and breathed a sigh of relief that pro volleyball would stay in Santa Barbara.

Given an existential reprieve, the Spikers made the most of it. They set an IVA record in winning percentage (.775) with a 28-8 mark that left them on top of the Western Division standings at the end of the regular season. They then beat Orange County and Tucson in the playoffs to capture their first IVA championship.

Bebeto DeFrias, the team's player-coach and setter, led the team to the championship with his inspirational play that earned him IVA Most Valuable Player honors.

Rosie Wegrich, an off-season acquisition who was female player of the year with the San Diego Breakers previously, was the league's most valuable woman again.

Both Wegrich and Bebeto were all-IVA performers, as was hitter-blocker Luiz Eymard, who garnered more all-star votes than anybody else.

Eymard set IVA records in spiking attempts (2,226) and kills (1,076) while Bebeto broke the league's seasonal assist record (2,107) and tied the standard for most digs in a match (43).

Santa Barbara won its first three matches of the year and maintained the best win-loss record in the league throughout the regular season. In the playoffs, the Spikers started out by losing a tough four-game match in Orange County, then came home to Robertson Gym to defeat the Stars first in three straight games, setting the stage for the IVA's "super tie-breaker," which the Spikers won also to move into the finals.

Tucson advanced via an easy Continental Division playoff victory over El Paso.

That set up a dead-ball championship series. Earlier in the season, Bebeto was involved in a near-fight with Tucson setter Valdemar Valdez, and the fans in Santa Barbara and Tucson never forgot it in subsequent regular season and playoff matches.

Tucson beat the Spikers in the opening playoff match, a five-setter played before 2,600 hostile Arizona fans. But back in Santa Barbara, 2,903 Spiker loyalists turned out in Robertson Gym to cheer their team to its first IVA title.

The Spikers won the finals in the super tie-breaker, 12-8, after boating the Sky three straight, 12-8, 12-5 and 12-9.

Nobody in the league argued that Bebeto's setting and defense were the key factors in the Spikers' championship season, but as is the case with most title-winning teams, everybody contributed significantly.

Sue Harrington, a rookie who passed up her last year of collegiate eligibility to go to Santa Barbara to play for the Spikers, teamed with Wegrich in the back court to give the Spikers the top passing defense in the league.

Peter Stefanik, a 6'9" former member of the Canadian national team, shored up the Spiker defense with 199 stuff blocks, second best in the league.

Reede Reynolds, a second-year man out of UCSB and San Diego State, spent more than half of the season out of the lineup with a variety of ailments, including the removal of his appendix, but still helped out with his play at the net.

Jose Garcia, perhaps the most popular player on the team among fans and players alike, finished the season with the second highest spiking percentage in the league. He was used primarily as the team's seventh man, coming off the bench for his high-leaping smashes when the team needed a sideline.

And Larry Milliken, the team's fifth-hitter, bothed opposing clubs all year with his hard-to-handle serve.

All of the above, plus Luiz Fernando (Bonga) Filho, a former member of the Brazilian national team, will be back with the Spikers this summer when the team defends its IVA title against Seattle, San Jose, Salt Lake City, Albuquerque, Denver and Tucson.

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Such predictions of doom, for the most part, have gone unfounded.

“I don’t believe the adjustments we’ve had to make because of Title IX have been detrimental to men’s sports,” says Al Negatti, athletic director at UC Santa Barbara and a longtime champion of equality for women in sports. “It hasn’t affected any of our men’s programs just as I’m sure it hasn’t affected USC’s football program.

“It’s the same old story... if you want to do something, you can accomplish it.”

Thanks in part to Title IX and in part to society’s changing attitude toward females who compete in sports, women’s sports programs have made great strides, especially in the past five years.

“Tremendous progress in women’s sports have been made since I first came here six years ago,” says Linda Dawson, highly successful girls’ coach at Bishop Diego High. “When I first took this job there were no girls’ athletic leagues. Athletics for girls was confined to the Tri-Valley League.

That day won’t come, Dawson says, until the media start giving equal coverage to women’s and men’s sports and women’s sports events draw crowds as large as men’s events.

Dawson sees the growth of women’s professional sports as a boon to women’s high school and collegiate athletics.

“Not only will professional sports entice more girls to get into athletics at a younger age, it should aid in the development of more and better women coaches.”

While Dawson is optimistic of the future of women’s sports in this country, she quickly adds, “We still have a long way to go.”

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