

HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA
INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION
SOUTHERN SECTION
(CIFSS)



24th historical “tidbit.”

WHAT WAS THE LARGEST SCHOOL IN THE CIFSS IN
DECEMBER, 1937?

PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL
ARIZONA



4,142 students

(almost 1,000 more than the next largest
high school in CIFSS)

Phoenix Union High School, in Arizona, was a very large school who had difficulty in finding suitable opponents to play in the state of Arizona. They began playing California schools with the creation of the CIF and even challenged for the Southwest Football Championship in 1920 when they ventured to the city of Long Beach to play the Long Beach Poly Jackrabbits.

Although the outcome was a disaster (lost 102 to 0), they continued to play California schools whenever they could. The following is found in the CIFSS Council minutes of April 10, 1937:

“Moved by Mr. Burnight, seconded by Mr. Hayshurst that the State Council be asked to make Phoenix High School and Tuscon High School associate members of the C.I.F., Southern Section for the year 1937-1938. Carried.”

The advantage of being an associate member was that they could play California schools without any special permission and they had all the privileges of regular membership without being placed in any specific league (they were considered to be free-lance). It was a rule at that time too that no athletic competition of any kind be allowed between CIF and non-CIF schools. The State Federated Council allowed Phoenix Union High School to have associate membership as long as they limited their competition to Arizona and Southern California.

From the CIFSS Council “Monthly Bulletin” of December, 1937, is gleaned the following:

“Phoenix with an enrollment of 4142 is our largest member. Big Pine with 20 is our smallest. Alhambra with 3167 has the largest enrollment of any of our Southern California schools.”

Phoenix was active in their membership as noted in the December, 1938, CIFSS “Monthly Bulletin.”

“The Phoenix High School requested that it be allowed to conduct an intra-mural football tournament after December 1 among boys who had not been on the squad during the season...the request was not allowed.”

Free-lance schools of 1941 included Phoenix, Tuscon and Yuma High Schools all of Arizona. Las Vegas High School also asked for associate membership. Later Glendale, Arizona High School, Mesa and North Phoenix were added to the list.



Phoenix High Planning for Stellar Eleven

(EXCLUSIVE DISPATCH)
PHOENIX, Sept. 17.—Phoenix High, with an enrollment about twice that of any similar school in the State, is expecting to pick an exceptionally good gridiron team this year. The season will open October 6 with a game at Tucson with the State University freshmen. Later the following games will be played: With Mesa, October 13, at Phoenix; Tempe Normal, October 20, at Prescott; Tucson High, October 27, at Phoenix; Douglas High, November 3, at Douglas; Miami High, November 10, at Miami; El Paso High, November 17, at Phoenix; Mesa High, November 24, at Mesa; Indian Industrial School of Phoenix, Thanksgiving Day, at Phoenix.

Mandell and Pacho to Mix Friday Night
Los Angeles Times (1886-Current File), Apr 19, 1931,
 pg. F6

ARIZONA PREP STAR EQUALS SPRINT MARK

PHOENIX (Ariz.) April 18. (AP)—Harry Tompkins, Phoenix High School sprinter, yesterday equaled the national interscholastic record for the 100-yard dash at 9.8s., officials of the meet between the school and Arizona University freshmen announced today. There are six coholders of the mark, including Eddie Tolan, former Michigan University Negro flash. The mark exceeded by two-tenths of a second the Arizona State record set by McArdic of Phoenix in 1925 at 10s. flat.

Los Angeles Times (1886-Current File), Feb 2, 1937,
 pg. A13

BAUGH REJECTS OFFER OF JOB IN PHOENIX

PHOENIX (Ariz.) Feb. 1. (AP) E. W. Montgomery, superintendent of Phoenix Union High School, said tonight Sam Baugh, Texas Christian University grid star, had declined appointment as football coach here.

The All-America quarterback balked at taking the job without a three-year contract. Montgomery said under Arizona law a faculty member could not be given a contract for longer than a year.

Baugh told the school superintendent by telephone that since announcing he would accept the coaching appointment he had gained an opportunity to earn twice as much as the \$3000 a year offered here.

FOUR TEAMS IN PREP PLAY-OFF
The Los Angeles Times (1886-Current File), Dec 9, 1923,
 pg. I13

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 8.—Each team struggling desperately to win, but balked at critical points by sturdy defense, the San Diego and Phoenix high schools eleven's battled to a scoreless tie in a post-season game held today in the Stadium. It was one of the greatest prep games ever staged here and the battle centered to a great degree between Galindo, San Diego fullback, and Oldham, captain of the visiting aggregation. Both broke through opposition for several substantial gains. San Diego threatened to score in the final frame when Lynn dashed sixty yards to the Phoenix 20-yard line. They were held at this point, however. At another time Caballero attempted a drop kick from the 30-yard line, but the ball was blown to the side by the wind blowing

The line-up:

San Diego	Phoenix
Campbell	Baker
Williams	Millage
Leslie	Kennedy
For	Cleveland
Szallinski	Treadwell
Mao Pherson	Huff
Galindo	Acuff
Caballero	Diebold
Baunders	Seaton
Zwiner	Oldham

Los Angeles Times (1886-Current File), Oct 12, 1924, Prologue
 pg. A4

PHOENICIANS DOWN ARIZONA FRESHMEN

(EXCLUSIVE DISPATCH)
PHOENIX, Oct. 11.—The first interscholastic football game of the season in Arizona was won here today by Phoenix Union High School against the freshmen of the University of Arizona; score, 14 to 12. It was keenly played on both sides, with Quarterback Fleckenker of Phoenix especially distinguished. The local team was further strengthened by Capt. Bill Cleveland, who would be disqualified in purely high-school contests. Phoenix was ready to kick another goal when the whistle sounded.

PHOENIX HIGH PLANS ON FOOTBALL STADIUM

(EXCLUSIVE DISPATCH)
PHOENIX, Dec. 9.—Several civic organizations have taken up the plan for construction of a great stadium in Phoenix and have determined upon offering an \$80,000 bond issue for approval of the high school district. It is proposed to place the stadium on ground already owned by the district, near the school and the junior college. Tentative plans call for a crescent-shaped construction, to seat 10,800 people. Estimate was made that such a stadium would raise the school's annual athletic receipts from \$10,000, the present figure, to \$20,000.

Covina Grids Leave for Phoenix Tonight

COVINA, Oct. 18.—Coach Ted (Butter) Gorrell and 33 Covina High School football players will entrain tonight for Phoenix, Ariz., where they play the Phoenix High grids Friday night.

Dave Brewer, fleet fullback, and Don Gray, shifty left halfback, are expected to lead the Colt attack against the Arizonians.

Cathedral High Bows to Phoenix, 20-7
Los Angeles Times (1886-Current File), Dec 4, 1938,
 pg. A19

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PHOENIX (Ariz.) Dec. 3. (AP) Three first-half scoring thrusts through the air and a fourth-period safety on a blocked punt gave Phoenix High School a 20-to-7 victory over Cathedral High of Los Angeles here tonight.

Fullback Ted O'Lea, on the sending end of all three touchdown passes, filled the air with an assortment of tosses that bewildered the Californians.

L.A. Cathedral High	Phoenix High
Curry	Vitek
Nieler	Stapley
Szatlocky	Edwin
Hickey	Smith
Willenbuck	Leon
McMahon	Peggs
Jennison	Neatherlin
Talavera	McGowan
Shaw	Blanchard
Morales	Marsh
Nolan	O'Lea

Cathedral scoring: Touchdown — Rizzo (sub for Morales). Point after touchdown — Rizzo (place kick).
 Phoenix scoring: Touchdowns — Vitek, Blanchard, Neatherlin. Safety — Blocked punt recovered by Cathedral behind own goal.

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Heffernan 'Powder-Puff' Passer—but He Connects
 CHARLES CURTIS
Los Angeles Times (1886-Current File), Oct 13, 1939,
 pg. 20

Phoenix Cowboys Play Dons Tonight

SANTA BARBARA, Oct. 12.—Phoenix High School football squad, wearing cowboy outfits, will arrive from Arizona tomorrow morning for their night game with Santa Barbara High School's Dons.

The series of interstate gridiron contests started three years ago with Santa Barbara winning each annual encounter.

PHOENIX SQUAD ARRIVES TODAY.

The Los Angeles Times (1886-Current File); Jan 8, 1920; ProQuest Historical Newspapers Los Angeles Times (1881 - 1985) pg. IIII



BIG OFFER NOT YET CLINCHED.

Coiffroth Acquires Definite News from Descamps. Plans Immense Arena for the Big Flat Scrap.

Gov. Cantu Knows Nothing of the Proposed Bout. (By A. P. SHERWELL) SAN DIEGO, Jan. 7.—James W. Coiffroth, promoter, whose offer of \$400,000 for the Carpenter-Dempsey match has been accepted by Carpenter's manager, Descamps, according to dispatches from Paris received here today.

CLINE TRIMMED BY FITZSIMMONS.

His Club's Victory Over the Pacific Coast and Other Teams. (By A. P. SHERWELL) STOCKTON, Jan. 6.—Middle Shannon, lightweight champion of the Pacific Coast, and Chico Brown, of Sacramento, fought a four-round affair at the leading hotel here tonight, under the auspices of the Associated Press. The contest of the night was challenged by the 200-pounder, who had been defeated by Shannon several times in the past.

PHOENIX SQUAD ARRIVES TODAY.

Desert Rats to Clash with Long Beach Saturday. Coach Coary Brings Twenty Players with Him. Arrivements to Work on the Scudder's Field. Phoenix High's undefeated football team will arrive here this afternoon. This was the news given out yesterday by the school of the city for the past week's exciting campaign of the team with Long Beach for the championship of the Southwest. The contest is to be played at Long Beach next Saturday. To accommodate the large crowd which is expected to attend, circle main road, between the Long Beach and Phoenix fields, in addition to those already mentioned, will be closed. The Phoenix team, which has been defeated by Long Beach in a contest—previously held in a similar contest in which Phoenix was the victor.

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RUMPUS CAUSED BY LUTHER'S SALE.

Boston Fans Stick to World's Greatest Blatter. Hub Press, However, Against Him to a Man. Frisco Airs His Grievances to the Public. (By A. P. SHERWELL) BOSTON (Special), Jan. 7.—While there are two sides to every question, baseball fans of Greater Boston ran on at present as hot as ever over the sale of Babe Ruth. A crowd at the South A. A. having already taken place, attended by the largest crowd in the history of the game in Boston. Babe, batted and threw in the afternoon, and was awarded the announcement of his sale to the Yankees which it was necessary to call several times to restore order. According to the report of the press, the crowd was so unruly that the Yankees were obliged to call several times to restore order. According to the report of the press, the crowd was so unruly that the Yankees were obliged to call several times to restore order.

MASHES ALL BIDDING MARKS.

'Sunny Jim' Coiffroth King of Fight Promoters. Offers Almost Half a Million for Big Scrap. Babe Ruth to Hop on Frisco on Return Home. (By HARRY A. WILLIAMS) CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Martin Hastings, Chicago defender of Jim Coiffroth, has made a bid of \$1,000,000 for the fight between Jim Coiffroth and James W. Coiffroth. This is the highest bid yet made in the history of the sport. Hastings' bid is a record for the sport. Hastings' bid is a record for the sport. Hastings' bid is a record for the sport.

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VICTORIOUS CRIMSON ON NATIVE HEATH AGAIN.

By A. P. SHERWELL. (By A. P. SHERWELL) PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—The victorious Crimson football team was given a rousing reception by several thousands of fans at the stadium here tonight. The team was victorious in a game against the local team. The team was victorious in a game against the local team. The team was victorious in a game against the local team.

TO DECIDE BASKETBALL TITLE TOMORROW.

By A. P. SHERWELL. (By A. P. SHERWELL) PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—The high school basketball championship of the city will be decided tomorrow. The game will be played between the local team and the visiting team. The game will be played between the local team and the visiting team. The game will be played between the local team and the visiting team.

ROY, OLD BOY, GOES TO THE SACRAMENTOS.

By A. P. SHERWELL. (By A. P. SHERWELL) SACRAMENTO, Jan. 7.—The Sacramento football team will arrive here today. The team will be led by Coach Roy. The team will be led by Coach Roy. The team will be led by Coach Roy.

VARSITIES TO COMPETE FOR ART TROPHIES.

By A. P. SHERWELL. (By A. P. SHERWELL) PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—The varsity teams of the city will compete for art trophies. The trophies will be awarded to the winners of the various sports. The trophies will be awarded to the winners of the various sports. The trophies will be awarded to the winners of the various sports.

SIX MATCHES IN THE DYES TOURNEY TODAY.

By A. P. SHERWELL. (By A. P. SHERWELL) PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—Six matches in the Dyes tourney will be played today. The matches will be played between the local team and the visiting team. The matches will be played between the local team and the visiting team. The matches will be played between the local team and the visiting team.

OAK PARK CLUB GETS BIG GOLF TOURNEY.

By A. P. SHERWELL. (By A. P. SHERWELL) OAK PARK, Jan. 7.—The Oak Park Golf Club will host a big golf tourney. The tourney will be held on the club's course. The tourney will be held on the club's course. The tourney will be held on the club's course.

BASKETBALL FOR POMONA.

By A. P. SHERWELL. (By A. P. SHERWELL) POMONA, Jan. 7.—The Pomona basketball team will play a game today. The game will be played against the local team. The game will be played against the local team. The game will be played against the local team.

ALBERT HUNEKE IS OUT TO BE A PREXY.

By A. P. SHERWELL. (By A. P. SHERWELL) ALBERT HUNEKE, Jan. 7.—Albert Huneke is out to be a prexy. He is running for the position of prexy of the local organization. He is running for the position of prexy of the local organization. He is running for the position of prexy of the local organization.

GARRY WILL NOT SAY WHETHER HE'LL RESIGN.

By A. P. SHERWELL. (By A. P. SHERWELL) CINCINNATI (Special), Jan. 7.—August Herrmann, chairman of the National Baseball Commission, would say tonight whether he would resign at tomorrow's meeting of the commission. Herrmann has announced repeatedly that he was willing to vacate the chairmanship in view of opposition in the National League. He has announced repeatedly that he was willing to vacate the chairmanship in view of opposition in the National League.

NEW YORKERS TO BE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED BY THE AMERICAN BOXING ASSOCIATION.

By A. P. SHERWELL. (By A. P. SHERWELL) NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The American Boxing Association will officially announce the names of the new members of the organization. The names of the new members of the organization will be announced by the American Boxing Association. The names of the new members of the organization will be announced by the American Boxing Association.

LONG BEACH GRIDDERS.

By A. P. SHERWELL. (By A. P. SHERWELL) LONG BEACH, Jan. 7.—The Long Beach Gridders will play a game today. The game will be played against the local team. The game will be played against the local team. The game will be played against the local team.

BOXERS WANTED INTO DREAMLAND REALMS.

By A. P. SHERWELL. (By A. P. SHERWELL) SACRAMENTO, Jan. 7.—Three boxers are wanted into Dreamland. The boxers are wanted into Dreamland. The boxers are wanted into Dreamland. The boxers are wanted into Dreamland.

MANAGER WARES SIGNS TWO MORE PLAYERS.

By A. P. SHERWELL. (By A. P. SHERWELL) SACRAMENTO, Jan. 7.—Manager Clyde Wares of the Seattle club of the Pacific Coast Baseball League, today signed two more players. The two new players are John Wares and John Wares. The two new players are John Wares and John Wares.

TIGERS SCRATCH TWO FROM PASADENA FIVE.

By A. P. SHERWELL. (By A. P. SHERWELL) PASADENA, Jan. 7.—The Pasadena Tigers scratched two players from their team. The two players are John Wares and John Wares. The two players are John Wares and John Wares.

INLAND STEEL PRODUCTS.

By A. P. SHERWELL. (By A. P. SHERWELL) INLAND, Jan. 7.—The Inland Steel Products company has announced that it is to have a new plant. The new plant will be located in Inland. The new plant will be located in Inland. The new plant will be located in Inland.

THE BEAUTIFUL COMFORTABLE MOON.

Advertisement for 'The Beautiful Comfortable Moon' featuring a woman and a car. Text: 'The car a woman may safely drive—simple, beautiful in design, finely finished and up-to-date. A car to be proud of in any company—a car that has the modern and class of many coming twice as much. 5-passenger Victory model with wire wheels. \$2295.' Includes 'O. CALIFORNIA MOTOR & TRUCK COMPANY' logo and address: '1955-959 W. 7TH ST. BROADWAY 3885'.

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PHOENIX-0, LONG BEACH-102

The largest crowd ever assembled for a prep school game in the West witnessed the great Long Beach eleven win the championship of Southwestern United States by defeating the Phoenix Union High School squad by the largest score ever made by a local team—102-0.

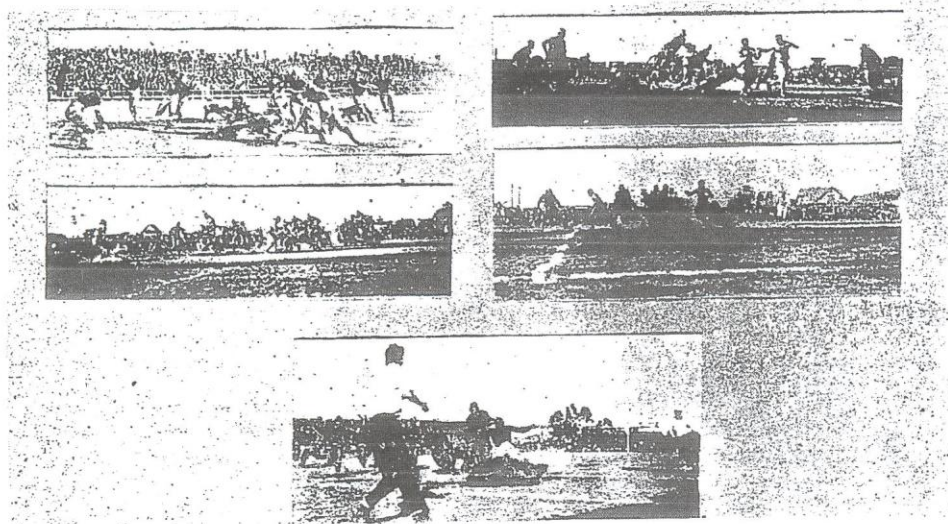
It was a grand and glorious finish to the local gridiron season. Over 12,000 spectators viewed this contest. Although the seating capacity of the stands is slightly greater than half that number, the crowd poured in until there was a mass of jostling humanity encircling the field and tugging at the ropes impatiently.

Interest in the game ran high because of its intersectional flavor. Never had a scholastic gridiron clash of such importance been conducted on a southern field. Furthermore, the game furnished the final kickoff of the season which had excelled any of previous years, and in the unusually huge crowd were many whose desire to be "in" at the final whistle overshadowed their interest in the teams.

The game itself was as one-sided as the score indicates, yet the crowd seemed to enjoy it. Phoenix was outclassed in every way. Everything worked against the Arizonans. End runs, off-tackle smashes, forward passes, trick plays, all were used to roll up the total of 102 points.

If any one player stood out above the rest it was Phil Tiernan, Long Beach phantom-like halfback. Tiernan, along with Dolley, Evans, Morris, Rich and Willet, brought his career at Long Beach to a glorious finish in this end-season game. He caused repeated exclamations from the stands by his sensational open-field work and brilliant end runs. Nothing could stop him—at least nothing the Phoenicians could do.

The most remarkable and successful season Long Beach has ever enjoyed closed with this game, and the most brilliant of all Long Beach gridiron machines passed down into history. It was an all-star squad and the 1919-1920 Long Beach High School eleven will always be remembered as the bunch that would not accept defeat.



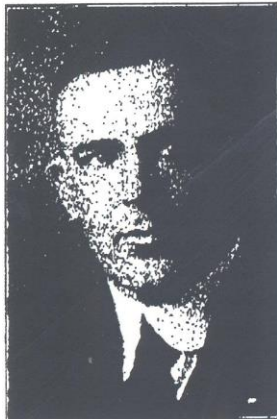
PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL 1919-1920

From 1920 Phoenix Union High School Yearbook



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cause of their excellent playing as demonstrated against every Arizona team which had the fortitude to encounter them, and proud of them because of their fighting spirit, their courage and



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PHOENIX, 0; LONG BEACH, 102

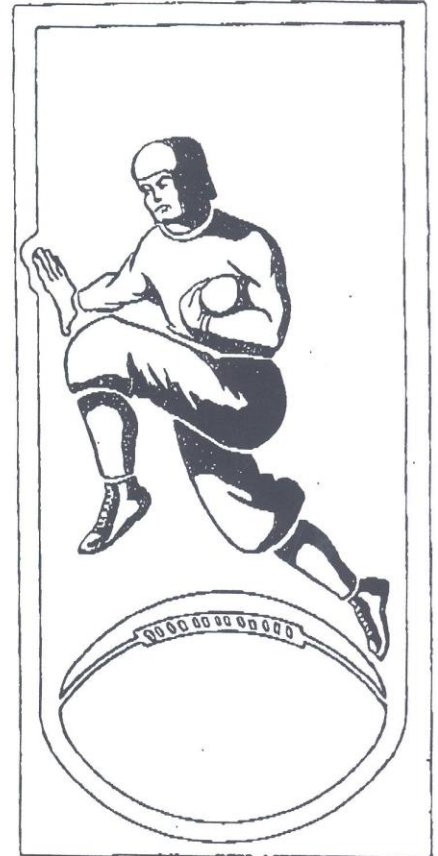
AFTER football practice had been over for nearly a month, through the efforts of a committee of Phoenix High alumni a game was scheduled with Long Beach High School, champions of California, to determine the high school championship of the Southwest. The results of that memorable contest played in Long Beach on the afternoon of January 10 are only too well known throughout Arizona and Southern California. Although there are several things that could be said, since the team offered neither alibi nor excuse upon their return, none will be given in this history, so the whole tale may be summed up in the heading of this story. As far as Phoenix High is concerned, that is all there is to it.

Of the 1919 football team the whole school is proud. Every loyal Coyote is proud of the fellows who composed that team; proud of them be-

their tenacity displayed during the Long Beach struggle. To them goes the esteem of every person connected with the High School. May old Phoenix High always turn out a team with the courage and spirit of the team of 1919!



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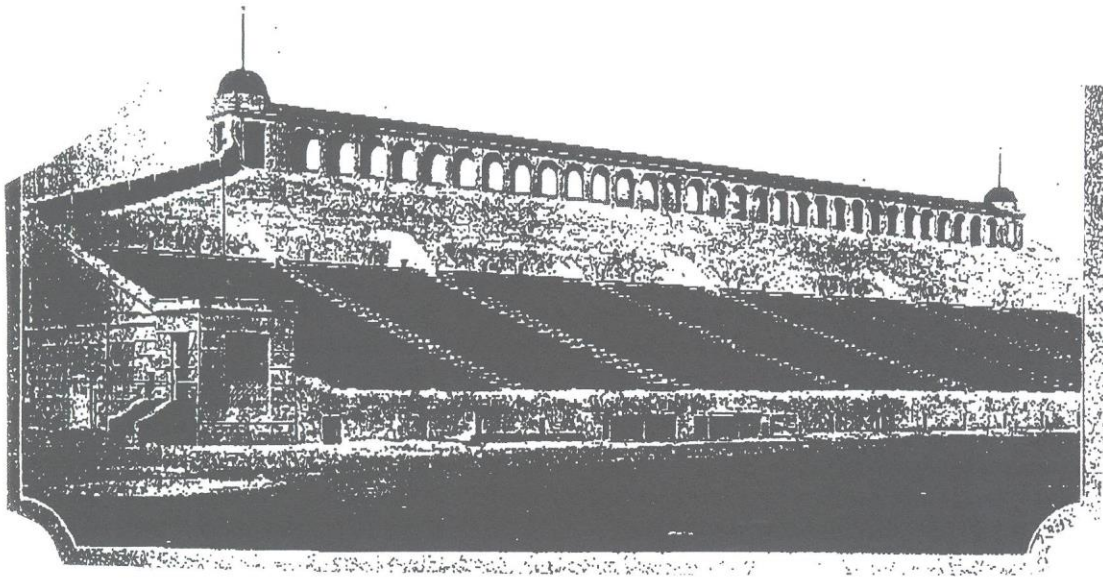


FOOT BALL

SUMMARY OF FOOTBALL GAMES

Phoenix.....	0	Alumni	6
Phoenix.....	45	Tempe Normal.....	3
Phoenix.....	33	Indian School.....	13
Phoenix.....	21	U. of A. Reserves.....	7
Phoenix.....	20	Indian School.....	13
Phoenix.....	0	Long Beach High School....	102
Phoenix.....	119	Others	144

PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
Football Stadium in the 1930's



1930 football schedule for Phoenix Union High School indicating opponents from four other states that they played:

FOOTBALL

THE SCHEDULE

Phoenix.....	24	Buckeye	0
Phoenix.....	13	Brophy	0
Phoenix.....	33	Yuma	0
Phoenix.....	13	Albuquerque	2
Phoenix.....	0	Tucson	7
Phoenix.....	7	Bakersfield	21
Phoenix.....	41	El Paso	13
Phoenix.....	14	Mesa	0
Phoenix.....	25	Phoenix Indians.....	7
Phoenix Total.....	170	Opponents' Total.....	50



DON CLARK:
Captain, Quarterback—
is the best broken field runner ever to wear a Coyote uniform. His generalship on the field gave him a berth as quarterback on the All-State Team.

MATCHED against nine of the strongest high school grid teams throughout the Southwest including Texas, Arizona, California, and New Mexico, the Coyotes pulled through the heavy schedule with seven victories and only two defeats.