



HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA
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SOUTHERN SECTION
CIF-SS



THE FIRST CIF-SS CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

57th historical "tidbit."
 Dr. John S. Dahlem

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Los Angeles, Calif., June 10, 1914

The Southern California Interscholastic Council met at the Los Angeles High School with the following members present: Pres. E. W. Oliver of L. A. High, representing the L. A. City League; F. L. Thurston of Pasadena, representing the L. A. Co. City Section; W. R. Moberly of Compton, representing the L. A. Co. Sub. Section; Emory Ratcliffe of Santa Ana, representing the Orange County League; L. L. Beeman of San Bernardino, representing the Citrus Belt League and W. L. Richer of L. A. Polytechnic, also representing the L. A. City.

Southern California Championships for 1913-1914.

Foot ball, rugby	Pomona
Base ball	Orange
Basket ball	Whittier
Tennis	Los Angeles High School
Track	Long Beach
Foot ball, american	Chaffey

State Championships.

Foot ball, rugby	Pomona
Tennis, doubles	L. A. High School



(From the CIFSS Minutes of June 10, 1914)

It should be noted that the first CIFSS event held was the Southern California Interscholastic Track Meet won by Pomona High School... Long Beach was the winner the next year



The Chaffey High School 1913-1914 school year football team & coach.

Chaffey High School won the 1913 “American” football title with a 19- 0 victory over Santa Ana High School played on Thanksgiving day at Chaffey High School. Coached by Vincent W. “Dutch” Shutt, their overall record was 6 wins and one loss (lost to Pasadena High School early in the season). Their team averaged 147 pounds per man. They also claimed the American Football California State Championship and received a “magnificent trophy” presented by the Spaulding Bros. Company. They were led by their All – Southern Interscholastic Team mates...Captain and Right Half Back Bradford Manker and Right Tackle Joe Siemon. It is interesting to note that football in those days was spelled foot ball and that Chaffey also appeared as Chaffee. A poem written about Siemon:

There was a young fellow named Siemon,
Who, at tackling, sure is a demon.
In the dust or the mud
It's the only time that he's a mean-un.

The CIFSS considers the date March 29, 1913, to be the founding date of the organization. During the first track meet for high school students run solely by the high schools, the organization named the Southern California Interscholastic Council was created at a meeting held between the prelims and finals of that meet. That group changed their name to the CIFSS after the creation of the State CIF in 1914.

The first track champion was Pomona High School and they were the winners of the first "Los Angeles Tribune" Perpetual Trophy. They won the very first CIFSS Championship just a few hours after the founding of that organization.

Luther Niccol Captain of Pomona High School Track Team
2nd place in the pole vault



“Los Angeles Tribune” Perpetual Trophy awarded to Pomona High School March 29, 1913...the founding date of the CIFSS.





Base Ball Team—Champions of 1914

Orange High School won the 1914 Baseball Championship played at Occidental Field on June 13, 1914. They defeated Long Beach by a score of 8 to 4. The local writers called it, "...a pitiful game in the field that made the championship game the poorest one of the season." Orange was led by their popular "side-wheeler" pitcher Dick Lush who was referred to a "Manana Dick." In the championship game the sports writers said the southpaw, "had a lame arm and lamer support." They were coached by Dan Tobey. During the regular season their fielders were known as "first-class gardeners" who have a habit clipping off grass and other records in their effort to pull down every drive that strays out their way. The team was often referred to as: *The Orange Pickers*.



Pomona High School won the first CIFSS Football (rugby) Championship on December 2, 1913, against Manual Arts High School played at Alumni Field in Claremont. The final school was 13-11, after Pomona was behind 11-0 to half time. “The Mighty Red” was led by fullback Parker and coached by Clint Evans. The “Los Angeles Times” wrote,

**“I don’t know what Coach Evans said to his lads between
haves, but it must be direct from the land of blue sulphur, for
the team came trotting on the field, apparently fresh as
daises, but tears were smarting eyes of many.”**

Pomona would go on and defeat Palo Alto High School for the California State Football Championship 27-10, after falling behind at half time again. The game was played on the Pomona football field. That game would bring about the movement to form a single governing body for the entire state and the creation of the State CIF.

QUAKERS WIN BASKET TITLE.

*Whittier Beats Riverside in
Great Game.*

*Citrus Belt Champions Not
in Poet Class.*

*Benton and Moore Stars as
Goal-Getters.*



Whittier High School won the first CIFSS Basketball Championship defeating Riverside High School by a score of 39 to 26. The game was played at the Y.M.C.A. in Los Angeles. Whittier was coached by John Wilson. Benton and Moore led Whittier, often referred to as the “Poets” or “Quakers.” It is interesting to note that the following year Whittier High School again won the CIFSS title by beating Covina High School...the “Los Angeles Times” stated,

“Covina is accustomed to an out-door court; so half the game was played inside and half was played outside.”

Fine Tennis.

**M'CORMACK AND
BARBER STARS.**

**LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL BOYS
WIN OCT.**

**Santa Ana Girls Spring a Surprise
and Capture Ladies' Doubles in
Southern California Interscholastic
Tennis Championship—McCormack
Wins Single Championship.**

BY CLYDE BRUCKMAN.

It was that old story at the Southern California interscholastic tennis championship out on Y.M.C.A. Field yesterday, the story of Barber and McCormack, the slashing Los Angeles High School stars. It was Barber and McCormack who fought down the home stretch and into the wire in men's singles; again it was Barber and McCormack that swept all opposition before them in the doubles and just to make it good Mac stepped into the mixed doubles with Miss Munger and won easily. It was a Blue and White triumph.

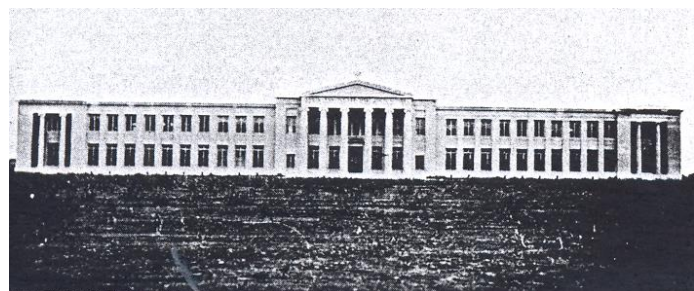
The finals in the men's singles brought Barber and McCormack together in one of the finest exhibitions of tennis of the season. They played even until the last few minutes of the third set, when McCormack forged ahead into the championship. The scores were 9-7, 3-6, 9-7.

The doubles brought out another hot battle between Barber and McCormack and McCabe and Winnie, the Manual Arts boys, who played a brilliant match that had the champs on the run at the start. The Hilltoppers won out in two great sets, 6-1, 7-5.

The first female CIFSS Champion was Isabel Anderson who, along with Ardis Burns, won the 1914 CIFSS double tennis Championship defeating Los Angeles High School. Anderson and Burns represented Santa Ana Polytechnic High School (Santa Ana High School). The tennis meet was held May 23, 1914, on the Los Angeles Y.M.C.A. courts.



Santa Ana Girls Tennis Team
1914



Santa Ana High School - 1914