

<u>HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA</u> <u>INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION</u> <u>SOUTHERN SECTION</u> <u>(CIF-SS)</u>

70th historical "tidbit." Dr. John S. Dahlem

<u>MARION MORRISON</u> (John Wayne)





MARION MORRISON Guard Weight 170 2 Years Varsity

GLENDALE HIGH SCHOOL

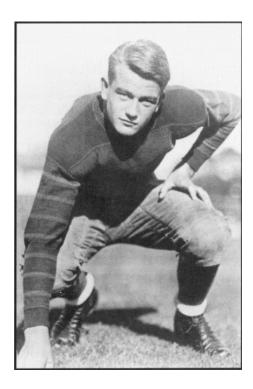


<u>CIFSS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS</u> <u>1924</u>

Interesting tidbit for all movie buffs and sports enthusiast...one of the star players for the Glendale High School Dynamiters was <u>Marion Morrison</u>, a two year 170 pound starting guard who helped the team win the CIFSS Football Championship in 1924 as a senior. Marion Morrison's stage name was <u>JOHN WAYNE</u>. Marion was the Junior and Senior Class President and the Sports Editor of the school newspaper. He got his nickname early from the fact that he took his dog "Duke" everywhere he went. Senior class of 1926 photo:



<u>USC football photos 1925</u>. He did well academically in high school and barely missed getting into the Naval Academy and accepted a football scholarship to USC. He started practice at USC, but hurt himself body surfing at the wedge in Newport Beach and was afraid to tell his football coach the famous Howard Jones. He lost his scholarship and had to find work.





It is interesting to note that Glendale High School, the Southern California Champion (CIFSS), was not able to play for the State Championship because there were so many ties going into the playoffs that the Section was not able to declare a Champion in time. Berkeley and Bakersfield played for the State Championship instead. One of the early games that year was against the USC frosh (lost 0-7 against the Trojan "babes" led by the famous Morely Drury, the sensation from Long Beach Poly who would go on to be the "Noblest Trojan of Them All"). USC coaches got a good look at the young Morrison.





<u>1923 Glendale High School Football Team</u> <u>CIF Southern Section Runner-up</u> (Marion Morrison "John Wayne" front row third from the right)



Compton's Line Fights Hard-GLENDALE 26-COMPTON 0

P LAYING Compton, at the Washington Ball Park, before a huge crowd, the Dynamiting eleven exhibited a thrilling match that was filled with spectacular end runs and dashing plunges.

The kick-off started a torrent of wild fighting that did not cease until the final whistle blew. With such spirit did the Red and Black tanbarkers enter the field that not once did the famed Compton team prove dangerous, although it put up a never-ending fight.

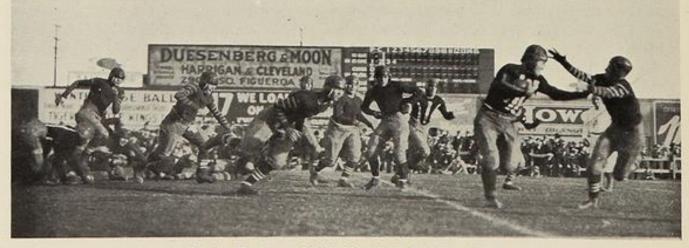
Captain Dick Ryan, in the first five minutes of play broke loose for a sixtyvard dash and flew across the point-bringing line.

Fighting back and forth during the next two quarters neither team displayed enough strength to score. Plunge after plunge pounded the Compton warriors, and until the beginning of the fourth quarter they bravely fought back.

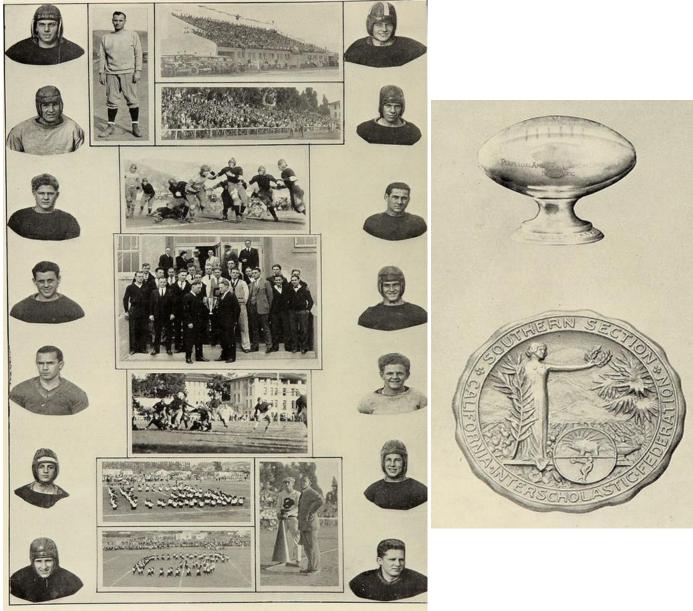
With a rush the Dynamiters started the final period. The whirlwind offensive in less than five minutes had carried the ball far into the Compton territory. Then came a neat twenty-five-yard place kick from the celebrated toe of Johnny Lovell. With the next three or four plays the demoralized Gladiator crew was shoved back to the twenty-yard mark. From there Bud Elliott twisted his way over the goal line.

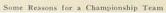
Not hesitating for an instant the Red and Black unstopable offensive began another journey for a touchdown. Ryan smashed his way through the Compton line and tore down the field and was not stopped until three yards from the goal. From this position Thompson plunged over for the final tally.

By winning this game, the goal to which Coach Hayhurst has been directing his charges for the last eight years, was reached. Glendale had won the Southern California championship.



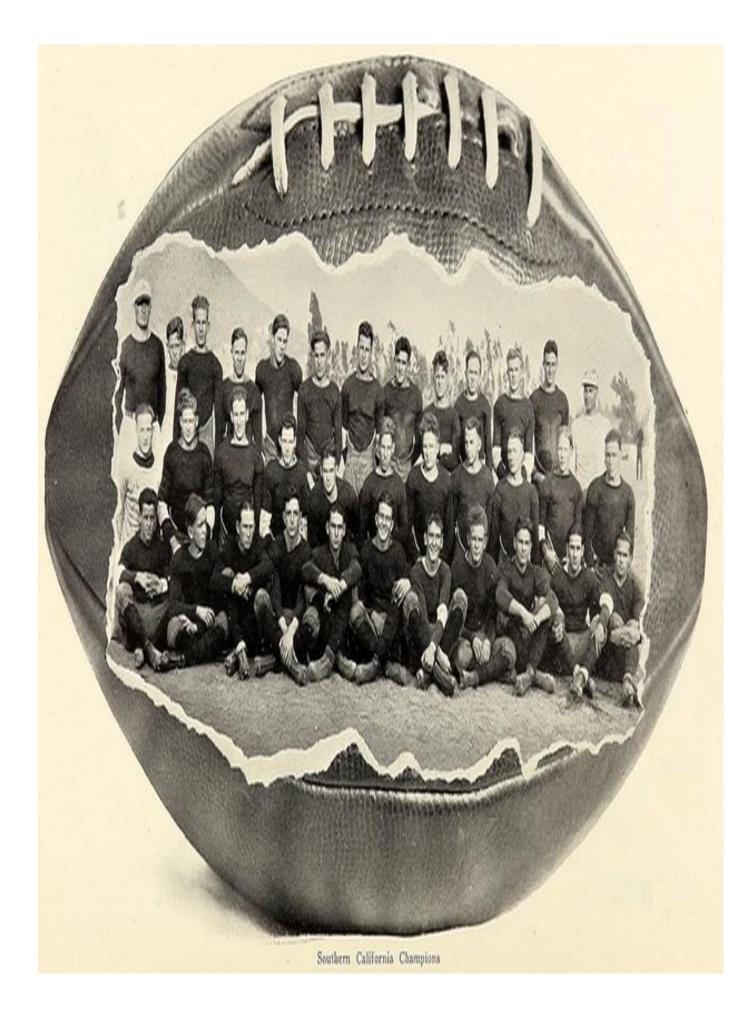
But is Unable to Hold Glendale's Fast Backfield







Victories Bring Publicity for Glendale











In the 1923 CIF-SS Football Championship game Glendale lost to Long Beach Poly. Morrison (John Wayne) was a star of that team too as evidenced by these articles in the "Evening Herald" Sport section circa December, 1923.



John Wayne bottom team, first row, third from the right

