There are many high schools in Southern California that have closed over the years that once were active in high school sports. Cumnock School of Expression was founded in 1894 and closed its doors in 1947. It was named after the Director of the School of Oratory at Northwestern. In 1902, the school erected their main building with its exterior a replica of the famous Shakespeare House at Stratford-on-Avon. The purpose of the Cumnock School was to develop character through the awakening and the training of the latent powers of expression in the individual student. It was a professional school with students trained with the specific end of becoming readers or teachers of expression. Many USC football players attended
for a year or so prior to becoming a Trojan. Facilities were available for both day and boarding students. It was a co-educational school with junior high students (7th grade), high school and junior college. Their football team played against other high schools like Taft, Urban Military, Black Foxe Military Academy and also against San Bernardino Junior College, Santa Barbara Frosh, Loyola Frosh, Los Angeles Junior College and Menlo Junior College (played for the California Prep School Championship). The even had a boxing team coached by Olympic and World Champion Fidel La Barba. They were not a CIF-SS school, but did compete against CIF-SS schools.

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CUMNOCK ELEVEN READY FOR MENLO GRID GAME

Stepping into the final stage of their championship game against Menlo tomorrow night at the Gilmore Stadium, members of the Cumnock football squad are slated for a light workout this afternoon, stressing new plays which will be used against the Warner system. Coach Russell Sweet teaches his northern aggregation.

Coach Ford Palmer of Cumnock held his final hard workout yesterday. His "theme song" was forward passing—both defensively and offensively. Because of the reported strength of the comparatively light, but hard charging forward wall at Menlo, Palmer has prepared to take to the air early in the game.

Vic Churron, who is heading the Elks' committee for P.O.E., No. 93, which is sponsoring the game for their Christmas fund, received word yesterday that the Menlo team leaves tonight for Los Angeles, arriving on the scene in the morning. The squad will consist of thirty-one players headed by Sweet, who was just released from the hospital.
Providing there is a dry field, Palmer plans to start his speed backfield for Cumnock. This means Don Keller will be at quarterback, Glen Galvin at fullback and Ezra Smith and Ed Stevenson at the halfback posts.