

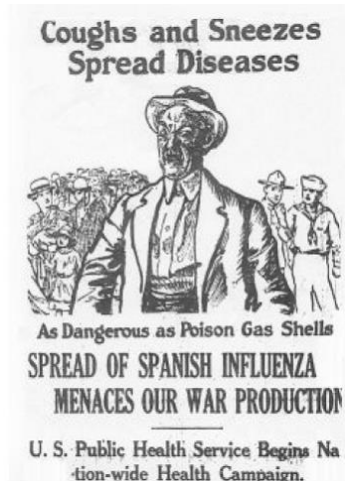


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**HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA
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SOUTHERN SECTION
(CIFSS)**



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**1918 CIF-SS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS
FULLERTON HIGH SCHOOL**

**THE SPANISH FLU INFULENZA CHAMPIONS
1918 Championship Game Played March 8, “1919”**

The athletic era of 1918-1919 was unique in the history of the CIF-SS as the section had to deal with World War I and the flu epidemic. The influenza epidemic (known as the Spanish flu epidemic...even though it did not originate in Spain) played havoc with all interscholastic competitions. The influenza probably made its way to Southern California with returning servicemen from their duty in Europe. The first cases in Southern California appeared in September, 1918, with the Medical Advisory Board taking quick actions to fight the spread of the flu to include banning all public gathering including funerals, movie houses, theaters, schools, athletic contests, etc. The “Fullerton News” included the headline, HELP STAMP OUT THE FLU by “keeping your children at home at night and don’t allow them to be out running around....” Daily statistics showed the number of new flu cases and the number of deaths. When certain areas were considered “flu free,” schools in those neighborhoods were allowed to reopen. This was the first time that educators actually were given sick days off and were paid at the same

time. The CIF-SS took action by rearranging events and championships.

San Diego High School Students during Flu epidemic wearing masks



FORBID SCHOOL ATHLETICS

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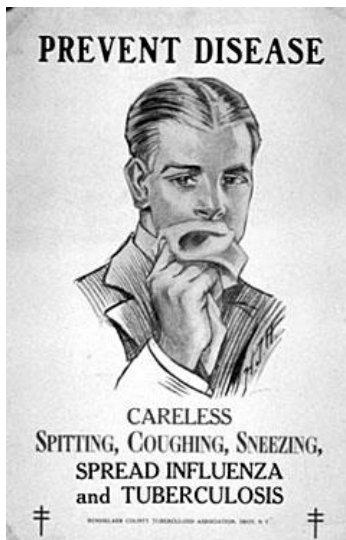
All city high schools are forbidden to hold any athletic contests or practice until further notice. This is the gist of an order sent out by the Board of Education as the result of a recommendation to that effect by the health board. However, there remains the hope that at the meeting of the C.I.F. next Friday night, the athletic coaches and officials will have a chance to get in a good word for the slowly perishing chances of the good old sport of prep football.

The officials of the city schools are rather divided on the question of the entire abandoning of football for the year. The late starting of the season would run the games on into the rainy months and any

schedule could not be depended on to be played out. However, the question of finances is not to be entirely neglected. Football is considered the paying athletic proposition of the year and the loss of the gate receipts would have to be made up in some other way to carry on the basketball, track and baseball programme.

Coach Glen Whittle of Los Angeles High School is strongly in favor of playing out the football season, if any feasible plan of doing so can be devised without endangering the health of the boys, by giving the "flu" another chance.

Fred Haney, coach of Polytechnic High, says it might be possible to pull off the prep school schedule instead of the regular spring football. However, this plan might conflict with the baseball programme, he states.



WEAR A MASK
and Save Your Life!

The Emergency That Now Confronts Our City Is Beyond the Facilities of the Health Department

+ The RED CROSS +

has come to the assistance of the Board of Health. Doctors and nurses can not be obtained to take care of the afflicted. You must wear a mask, not only to protect yourself but your children and your neighbor from influenza, pneumonia and death.

A GAUZE MASK IS 99% PROOF AGAINST INFLUENZA

Doctors wear them. Those who do not wear them get sick. The man or woman or child who will not wear a mask, now is a dangerous slacker.

WEAR MASKS

GOING TO WORK AT WORK GOING HOME AT HOME



PREP FOOTBALL IN SIGHT AGAIN.
Los Angeles Times (1886-Current File); Dec 10, 1918; pg. 16

NEW BLOW AT GRIDIRON.
Los Angeles Times (1886-Current File); Dec 7, 1918; ProQuest Historical Newspapers Los Angeles Times (1881 - 1985) pg. 14

NEW BLOW AT GRIDIRON.

The chances of prep football to survive the season received another blow yesterday when it was learned that the State director of physical education, at a meeting of representative principals and coaches of various high schools Thursday, advocated a change of athletic policy which would tend to eliminate football.

The proposed new system would apparently eliminate all inter-school athletics and limit the contests to inter-class or locally organized athletics, the chief reason being, it is argued, that gate receipts at athletic contests and coaching systems tends toward professionalism.

"Tiny" Leonard, coach of South Pasadena, says such a substitution as is proposed in the city would eliminate all incentive for play.

"Anyone who has been conversant with athletics in Southern California in the last few years," says Leonard, "is fully aware that the welfare of the men engaged in games has been

the first consideration of all coaches and school principals. While there may have been a few instances of violations of the general principle, there are no cases that would justify dropping a system that has in the main proved wholesome and has produced the type of men who have been the army leaders in the late war and substituting a system that is purely the development of academic ideas.

"The schools outside the city have no quarrel with anything the city desires to do, but at the same time those schools should feel rightfully indignant that there should be any attempt on the part of others to destroy a system that we have been more than ten years developing. The athletic system in the public schools of Southern California is the result of careful study and practice, and such an important matter should be thoroughly gone into before such a far-reaching decision is made."

The opinion of Leonard is held by practically all of the other city and suburban coaches.

PREP FOOTBALL IN SIGHT AGAIN.

Prep school football fans can take heart again! The latest news concerning the temporary ban placed upon high school athletics by the health board is contained in a circular gotten up by Dr. Herb True and "O.K.ed" by Dr. Shields of the Board of Education to be sent out to various high schools.

In substance, the restriction against athletics, including football practice and games, will be lifted on the recommendation of a physician sent out by the Board of Education to each school. This is expected to be more or less of a formality and the schools hope to begin to play off the City League games in the very near future. The circulars will probably arrive Wednesday and the heroes will

By February, 1919, the epidemic was coming to a close and many games, which had been delayed, could now be played. It is interesting to note that the CIF-SS passed a motion that allowed athletes an extra semester of eligibility due to the flu epidemic...giving more competitive time than the eight semester rule. The State CIF, fielding complaints from other sections, rescinded the Southern Section "Influenza Semester Rule," as being unfair to the rest of the state. In addition, the State CIF, in the minutes of the April 23, 1920, Federated Council Meeting, stated, "No future rules or regulations should be passed by any section for inter-section games which are contrary to the rules and regulations of the Federated Council." The State CIF also canceled the 1918 State Championship in Football because many of the sections were prevented from completing their schedules due to the Spanish Flu. The CIF-SS on the other hand, stated in their Council minutes of February 12, 1918, "Semifinals in Football for Southern California will begin February 21, 1919."

The semifinal results had Coronado High School from the San Diego area defeating Redlands by a score of 14-0 with the game being played at San Diego Stadium. In the other semi-final, Fullerton High School from Orange County, defeated Santa Monica 60 – 0 (a local Santa Monica paper reported, "A hard hitting, massive Fullerton crew piled up 60 points to the local's zero in a CIF playoff game. It was the worst defeat ever handed a Santa Monica eleven." The finals were played on the campus of Fullerton High School on March 8, 1919...the latest day for a football game to be played in CIF-SS history! The championship contest was won by Fullerton with a score of 18 – 0.

Coronado's Schedule

Coronado 9 - Section Naval Base 27
 Coronado 7 - San Diego 19
 Coronado 42 - Army-Navy 0
 Coronado 53 - Army-Navy 0
 Coronado 1 - Sweetwater 0
 Coronado 1 - San Diego Reserves 0
 Coronado 14 - Redlands 0
 Coronado 0 - Fullerton 18

Fullerton's Schedule

(taken from the 1919 Fullerton yearbook)

F. H. S. 60—Santa Monica 0
 F. H. S. 6—Chaffey 0
 F. H. S. 0—Covina 0
 F. H. S. 6—Citrus 9
 F. H. S. 13—Orange 6
 F. H. S. 13—Poly 0
 F. H. S. 6—Pomona 6
 F. H. S. 20—Orange 6
 F. H. S. 6—San Diego 13
 F. H. S. 13—Pomona 10
 F. H. S. 20—San Diego 13
 F. H. S. 60—Santa Monica 0
 F. H. S. 18—Coronado 0

From Santa Monica High School Yearbook - 1919

FULLERTON GAME

Santa Monica High School played Fullerton Union High School in the semi-finals for the Southern California title, and were beaten by the score of 60 to 0. The Fullerton squad outweighed the Blue and Gold men some twenty pounds to the man and were pastmasters at the gentle art of forward-passing, making nearly all of their touchdowns in that manner.



Reading the newspaper articles leading up to the game and the game report are very interesting reflecting the unique sports writing of that era:

- Fullerton High School was referred to as the “Big Red” or the “Reds”
- Coronado High School was referred to as those boys from “Tent City,” the name given to John S. Spreckels’ tent city south of the Hotel Coronado
- The game was one of “hard line play”
- Fullerton’s backfield was “one of the best in the South”
- “Both teams were on edge”
- “Coach Culp radiates with optimism”
- “He can carry the pill”
- “Fullerton villagers casting their eyes on the Southern California gonfalon”
(gonfalon... pennant or banner)
- “Two of the fastest and shiftest backs in prep division”
- Fullerton High School and coach Culp made their way to San Diego to watch the semi-final Coronado game
- “Despite the fact that this an exceptionally late time of the year to be playing football, considerable interest has been manifested”

Fullerton Indians



George Meiser

The big light-haired fellow, who enjoyed walking over anyone who got in his way.

Roy Hale

The only “Swede” on the team, who, copying Samson, a’ways let his whiskers grow before a game.

George Osborne

The only Freshman on the team. Many successful years ahead of you, “Duke.”

Glen Hartranft

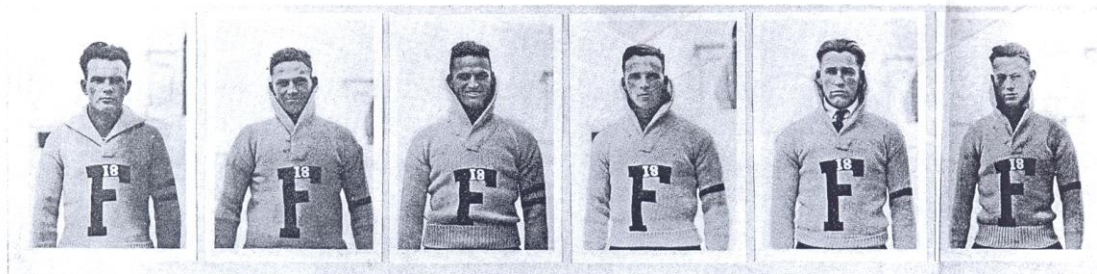
He of the big feet enjoyed most, the art of walking or his opponent.

Theodore B. Kuchel

Who packed all of his “beef” from Anaheim and played center for us.

Fred Gale

Whose broad but young shoulders helped bring glory to the name of Fullerton.



Team

Earl Stogsdill

Our noble captain, whom to our sorrow, has played his last game for Fullerton High School.

John Hawkins

The Captain elect, who intends to bring our team to victory next year.

Archie Hawkins

The famed forward passer, who will quit queening long enough next year to play football.

Coleman Travis

The speedy little quarterback, who specialized on running back punts.

Almon Goodwin.

Our handsome right end, who was able to catch many forward passes.

Albert Hetebrink

Altho “Pete” was the smallest man on the team he never let anyone run around left end.

Coach Culp



George Osborne



Glenn Hartranft



George Meiser



Archie Hawkins

A sincere note of appreciation to ***Rick Smith***, San Diego Prep Sports History, (<http://www.partletonsports.com>) for his research on Coronado High School and his vast knowledge of the San Diego prep sports world. Most of the articles reproduced are from the “San Diego Union” newspaper circa March, 1916.

Coronado Islanders – often referred to as the “Poppy City Team”

Photo of Coronado High School’s 1919 basketball team with football coach George Perry on the right and star running back Ed Suggett on the left:



It is interesting to note that Ed Suggett also played with the Balboa Park Navy training team that lost to the Marines of Mare Island in the West Coast Service Football Championship. The CIF maximum age rule in 1916 was 21 years of age and did not change to 20 years of age until 1935. Many high school players in the early years played on adult teams and rules were much less stringent.

CIF-SS semi-final information and photo from the Coronado-Redlands game

Semi-Final Football Contest On at Stadium This Afternoon

Is this the championship football team of the Southland? Coronado High school expects to gain this honor in the belated season. The team, top row, from left to right: M. Meza, S. Welch, G. Gilbert, E. Thompson, J. Jessop, M. Lukins, H. McCrerry, S. Winslow, D. Hettich, L. Ellis and Coach E. H. Perry. Seated, left to right: L. Young, T. Goodbody, J. Young, A. Clark, A. Jones, B. Jones, N. Strum and J. Rittoff.

Winners of Today's Game
Play Fullerton for South-
ern Championship.

FOOTBALL, stadium, 2:30 o'clock. No, this isn't Thanksgiving day, but just the same there is going to be a football game at the stadium this afternoon, and it is a big game, the play being for the right to enter the finals for the southern California championship.

The teams, Coronado and Redlands high schools, are runners-up for the title. Fullerton...

The Lineups

Young.....	149	5	L. E. R. Rivers.....	1	145
Meza.....	170	6	G. T. R. McCause.....	2	158
Gilbert.....	167	8	L. G. R. Revis.....	3	163
Lukins.....	138	15	C. Sherrard.....	4	166
Welch.....	169	10	R. G. L. Williams.....	5	156
Young.....	151	12	R. T. L. Cegavske.....	6	155
Rittoff.....	128	14	R. E. L. Knowlton.....	7	155
Jessop.....	146	11	Q. Sturdevant.....	11	137
Suggett.....	164	2	L. H. R. Huffman.....	8	142
Thompson (Capt.).....	149	1	R. H. L. Loper (Capt.).....	9	156
Ellis.....	131	3	F. Simpson.....	10	157

Substitutes: Coronado—Mettich, 127; Winslow, 126; Strum, 116; McCrerry, 145; Goodbody, 123; Jones, 128; Jones, 132; Clark, 138. Redlands—Allen, 147; Boettger, 140; Levering, 136; Boling, 135; Weld, 144.

Averages: Coronado—Team, 140 pounds; line, 152; backfield, 147. Redlands—Team, 153; line, 156; backfield, 148. Officials: R. C. Wilson, referee; W. A. Lanthwaite, umpire.

CORONADO READY TO MAKE STRONG BID FULLERTON OBJECTIVE FOR GRID TITLE

SOME freaks happen in football. In a belated game in a season which seems to have no end, Coronado high school's eleven will play the strong Fullerton high school squad at Fullerton tomorrow afternoon. This game will be for the southern California inter-scholastic championship, and should Coronado win, Coach E. H. Perry has promised his boys that he will send them against Bakersfield High. Bakersfield holds the north end championship, and a clash between Coronado and that school would be for the state title.



Coach E. H. Perry

Coronado will go north this morning fortified with hopes and ambitions, but there exists doubt in the minds of many football followers of Coronado's ability to down the Fullerton boys. Despite this, the fact that Coronado is engaging in a southern California championship will bring glory to the trans-bay school, a situation which adds to the school's name when it is considered that

Coronado probably is one of the smallest high schools in the south end of the state. Its enrollment is about 45 boys.

When it is considered that a school with no more material than this can turn out a team to edge its way into championship play, the efforts of all concerned stand out in luminous light. The fact is not denied by the Coronadians that luck favored them, and even though they did not seek advantage they were luckily given the best of the breaks in the arrangement of schedule. In other words, Coronado did not earn the right to play Fullerton by beating strong teams of the same class as Fullerton boasts, but rather through a mixup in dates and rulings. Nevertheless, Coronado is taking credit for being in the championship stakes and its huskies are going to work mighty hard at Fullerton tomorrow afternoon.

CORONADO IS FASTER TEAM: Defeats Redlands After Red Hot Scramble; ...
*Los Angeles Times (1886-1922); Mar 2, 1919;
ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Los Angeles Times (1881-1990)
pg. VIII*

CORONADO IS FASTER TEAM.

Defeats Redlands After Red Hot Scramble.

Final Minutes of Play Tell the Ultimate Score.

Winners will Hit Fullerton for the Title.

(SPECIAL DISPATCH)

SAN DIEGO March 1.—Playing in weather that reminded one of midsummer the Coronado High School football eleven earned the right to meet Fullerton High School next week for the championship of Southern California by defeating the Redlands High School team at the stadium this afternoon. After four of the most spursy quarters, during which time each eleven made many gains and attempts at scoring, the Coronado possessed the long end of the final 14 to 7 score.

Although football was believed to have been shelved several weeks ago when the Balboa Park eleven appeared for the last time and the San Diego High School team was eliminated for championship play, almost 1500 people witnessed the game and the support given the winners was excellent. The Coronado eleven was outweighed by about eight pounds to a man, but they held up under the strain and the linemen made holes in the Redlands line, permitting the backs to make large gains. The winning team worked like a machine and their plays were executed with exact precision, demonstrating that they had received careful training under the direction of Coach Perry.

The winners were the first to score and counted in the first period, when, after a series of line backs, Suggitt, former Balboa Park player, went over the line, cleanly kicked goal, giving Coronado a 7 to 0 lead. Redlands evened up matters in the third period, when Allen scored from the 20-yard line, completing a forward pass from Simpson. Simpson kicked goal.

The final score which gave Coronado the victory was recorded during the last few minutes of play. The winners opened up in this period and made several gains on passes and about the middle of the period Ellis scored on a long end run. Jessop again kicked goal.

Suggitt, Ellis and Jessop were the bright lights for the winners, the former two making large gains while the latter directed play as a veteran. Allen and Simpson featured for Redlands.

The Redlands eleven will leave for home tomorrow morning. Coach Culp and his entire football team from Fullerton witnessed the game and took down many of the Coronado plays. Coach Perry of Coronado says that his system of play will be entirely changed for the championship play which will be held on neutral grounds next Saturday.

Summary follows:

Coronado	Redlands
Young I.P.R.	Brown
Mena I.T.R.	McCasco
Gilbert I.C.R.	Bentley
McCreary	Whitman
Weich R.G.L.	Whitman
Young R.T.L.	Casas
Beitch R.L.L.	Kawlin
Jessop	Kawlin
Suggitt I.P.R.	Lowe (C)
Thompson (C)	R.H.L.
Ellis	Simpson

Score by quarters:
Coronado 7 0 0 7 14
Redlands 0 0 7 0 7
Touchdowns—Suggitt, Ellis and Allen. Goal following touchdowns—Jessop, 2. Line substitutes—Coronado, Elliot for Young, Redlands, Allen for Brown, Bentley for Whitman, Official—Wheat, referee; Lathwaite, umpire, Referee, head Rossman, McClure and Stout, line judge.
Time of quarter—15 minutes.
Attendance—500

GRID SEASON FINAL TODAY: Coronado Team Clashes with Fullerton Squad; ...
*Los Angeles Times (1886-1922); Mar 8, 1919;
ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Los Angeles Times (1881-1990)
pg. 17*

GRID SEASON FINAL TODAY.

Coronado Team Clashes with Fullerton Squad.

Southerners are Light, but Extremely Fast.

Teams Sail Through Season in Good Style.

This afternoon on the gridiron of Fullerton High School the Southern California football championship will be decided. The principals in the title battle are Fullerton and Coronado high schools. Throughout the longest season in the history of the tanbark sport, these schools have held their elevens intact, the season, which opened early last fall, having been slowed up by the influenza epidemic.

Coronado's light but speedy team arrived in Fullerton yesterday, in charge of Coach Perry, but did not practice. On the other hand, Coach Culp of Fullerton put his proteges through a light workout.

Both teams are on edge. Coronado will go into the fray outweighed, but to make up for this the San Diego district squad has an abundance of speed. Suggitt and Jessop, both back field men, are said to be two of the fastest and shiftest backs in the prep division. Coronado rooters are placing their hopes in these two men, and until the final whistle is blown they will be figured as dangerous.

Coach Culp is radiating with optimism. The Fullerton team has played a good brand of football throughout the season, and, due to its great driving power and the forward-passing ability of certain members of the eleven, the Fullerton villagers are casting eager eyes on the Southern California gonfalon.

The teams will line up as follows:

Coronado	I.P.R.	Fullerton
Young	I.P.R.	Goodwin
Mena	I.T.R.	Mesler
Gilbert	I.C.R.	Osborne
McCreary	C.	Knebe
Weich	R.G.L.	Bartrand
Young	R.T.L.	Bais
Beitch	R.L.L.	Rehrbrink
Jessop	Q.	Travis
Suggitt	I.N.R.	A. Hawkins
Thompson (C)	R.H.L.	Stephens (C)
Ellis	F.	J. Hawkins

Referee—Jerry Abbott.
Umpire—"Zing" Leonard.
Head Umpire—Harry Trotter.

FULLERTON NOW GRID CHAMPION: Defeats Coronado for the Southland.
Los Angeles Times (1886-1922); Mar 9, 1919;
 ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Los Angeles Times (1881-1990)
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FULLERTON NOW GRID CHAMPION.

*Defeats Coronado for the
Southland Honors.*

*Fifty-Yard Forward Pass Fea-
tured the Game.*

*Victors to Challenge for the
State Title.*

[EXCLUSIVE DISPATCH.]

FULLERTON, March 8.—Fullerton Union High won the Southern California gridiron championship this afternoon when it took Coronado High into camp by the score of 18 to 0. From start to finish Fullerton showed superiority on the field, though the punting and tackling were about even.

The feature of the game was a 50-yard pass from Hawkins of Fullerton to Goodwin. Three times Stogsdill failed to kick goal, no excuse, other than the wind, is made, as he is ordinarily good at the trick. Meiser for Fullerton was the most spectacular player, while the work of Suggett of Coronado, who was with the team that played at Pasadena on New Year's Day, stood out above all others of the team.

Fullerton had another touchdown within its grasp but a fumble within a foot of the line gave Coronado a kick at the ball and the game ended with Fullerton within about fifty yards of the Coronado line. Lineup:

Coronado—Young, L.E.; Meza, L.T.; Gilbert, L.G.; Lukins, C.; Welch, R.G.; Young, R.T.; Rittoff, R.E.; Jessop, Q.B.; Suggett, L.H.; Thompson, R.H.; Ellis, F.B.

Fullerton—Goodwin, R.E.; Meiser, R.T.; Osburn, R.G.; Kuchel, C.; Hartranft, L.G.; Gale, L.T.; Hitebring, L.E.; Travis, Q.B.; A. Hawkins, R.H.; Stogsdill, L.H.; J. Hawkins, F.B.

Fullerton will challenge Bakersfield to decide the championship of the State.



FULLERTON WINS FROM CORONADO

Northern School Will Flaunt
Football Pennant; Poppy
City Team, Even in 18-0
Defeat; Makes Showing.

Special to The Union

FULLERTON, March 8.—The prep school football pennant will wave over the Fullerton high school for the season of 1918, extended into 1919, as a result of Fullerton's victory this afternoon over Coronado high school by an 18 to 0 score. It was a hard fought contest, the local players having the advantage throughout, however.

The Coronado team fought hard but their line was not heavy enough to cope with the speed and weight of the opposition. Still Fullerton players declare that the Poppy City team gave them the hardest battle they have had during the entire season, which was started way back in September of last year.

Fail to Kick Goal
A. Hawkins of Fullerton, was a demon for crossing the line. He went over twice, once in the first period and again in the third. In the second Meiser went over the line. None of the goals were kicked, but they were only missed by inches.

This game marks the close of the longest football season ever staged in southern California prep circles, the championship always having been decided by Christmas time in days gone by. Fullerton lost only one game during the season and that was to the San Diego high, the first time the two teams met. Fullerton later defeated the San Diego team.

The Coronado team will be entertained tonight by the Fullerton school at a theatre party.

The summary:

Fullerton (18)	Pos.	Coronado (0)
Hettebrink.....	LER	Ritthoff
Hale.....	LTR	Meza
Larkins.....	LGR	Gilbert
Kuchel.....	C	McCreary
Osborn.....	RGL	Welch
Meiser.....	RTL	Young, L.
Goodman.....	REL	Hettich
Travis.....	Q	Jessop
Stogsdill.....	LHR	Suggett
Hawkins, A.....	RHL	Thompson
Hawkins, J.....	F	Ellis

Score by quarters:	1	2	3	4	Tot.
	1	2	3	4	Tot.

Fullerton	6	6	6	0	18
Coronado	0	0	0	0	0

Touchdowns: A. Hawkins, 2; Meiser. Substitutes: Scholes for Goodman; Winslow for Jessop.

Officials: Jerry Abbott, referee; "Tiny" Leonard, umpire; Harry Trotter, head linesman.