

LONG BEACH HIGH SCHOOL (Poly)

CALIFORNIA'S FIRST STATE CHAMPION IN FOOTBALL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1919

TOURNAMENT PARK, PASADENA

21 – 14 over Berkeley High School

And

CHAMPIONS OF THE SOUTHWEST

102 - 0 over Phoenix High School

January 20, 1920



HOWARD EVANS, LEFT-END He does the kickoff work for Lon Beach as well as he holds down

Ninth historical "tidbit."

Long Beach High School (now called Long Beach "Polytechnic") won the first California State Football Championship defeating the Berkeley High School Yellowjackets by a score of 21 – 14 on December 27, 1919. The State CIF had tried to play the state football championships for three years prior but was unable to get a game organized due to a flu epidemic and scheduling conflicts. Here are some historical "tidbits" from that first Championship game:



From the minutes of the March 8, 1919 State CIF meeting:

"It was moved, seconded, and carried that there be no award of a State Championship for football for the year 1918 because the Spanish influenza had prevented the sections from completing their schedule."

- Rose Bowl officials organized the game to be held annually at the Pasadena Tournament Park on the Saturday preceding the New Year's game which in 1919 was Harvard vs. Oregon.
- The game was played at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon with ticket prices set at 25 & 50 cents, \$1.10 and World War I taxes were included.
- Long Beach defeated Dinuba 41 0 in the semi-final game played before one of the largest crowds ever to see a sporting event in Fresno. Dinuba protested the game saying that a Long Beach player was completing his ninth semester of school work which was against the state rules...the protest was not upheld.



- A "Governor's Trophy" was presented to Long Beach for being the State Champions.
- Both teams had defeated local "college" teams and Berkeley scrimmaged regularly against the University of California frosh team.
- In addition to their official nicknames, many called Berkeley the "University Eleven" and the Jackrabbits were referred to as the "Seasiders."
- Berkeley's uniforms were the same color as the Harvard team and when the two squads just happened to practice on the same field many felt it was attempt to scare the Oregon boys who brought three full teams to the Rose Bowl and Harvard only two.

1920 Rose Bowl...Harvard 7 – Oregon 6

- Long Beach was favored by three touchdowns because of their bulk...their line averaged 175 pound and the fact that many local Trojan alumni said the Jackrabbits could have beaten USC's frosh team. Coach Hunt of Berkeley said his team average was 158 pounds.
- One of Berkeley's victories was by a score of 116 to 0 over Tamalpais Union High School and they twice trounced the University of California's J.V's.
- In their eleven games, Berkeley had scored 520 points and gave up only 51. In ten games, Long Beach had scored 413 markers and allowed just 14.
- 12,000 fans were in attendance.
- It was said that Berkeley outplayed Long Beach and made twice as many yards rushing the ball. One sports writer wrote, "All during the first two periods Long Beach stood up like telegraph poles as if to get a better view of the proceedings...and the Berkeley backs made monkeys of them." Long Beach scored on two long runs and pass for a touchdown and Berkeley ground out two long drives for their scores.
- There were several holding penalties during the game at crucial times and a "Los Angeles Times" reporter wrote, "A man would make a long run and then be called back for a teammate's misconduct."

- The stars for Long Beach were "Hoggy" Evans, Capt. Chet Dolley and Lawson. The stars for Berkeley were Cheek, Dunn, Witter and Dickson.
- Members of Scott High School out of Toledo, interscholastic champions of the East, were also in town on their way to play Everett High School of Washington state for what some referred to as the mythical National Championship. Scotts' head coach Pat Dwyer even gave a pep talk to the Jackrabbits during intermission and, "put some zip" in the Long Beach linemen.
- Long Beach was coached by Ed Keinholz and Berkeley by E. P. Hunt.
- Immediately after the game, the undefeated Phoenix High School of Arizona (six-time state champions) challenged the Jackrabbits to a game played in Long Beach for the Championship of the
 Southwest.
- The game was played January 10, 1920 on the campus of Long Beach High School. The grandstand had been enlarged and circus seats were obtained to accommodate a large crowd on the Seasider's field. Phoenix coach Francis Geary, a former 1904 All American at Fordham, also wanted to take on the winner of the Everett/Toledo game.
- Long Beach High School overwhelmed the Phoenix High School Coyotes <u>102 to 0</u>. The day became known in Long Beach as the <u>"Big 102"</u> as fifteen touchdowns were scored...running back Tiernan carried for 333 yards and LeFevre covered another 205 yards on the gridiron. It was said that the Seasiders where mad about their State Championship game performance. A humorous twist of the game was told by Harry J. Moore, the first President of the CIFSS Council and an administrator in Long Beach:
 - "A close game had been anticipated and Long Beach merchants had offered prizes of hats, shirts, ties and so forth to players scoring touchdowns. Late in the rout the backs decided that they'd won enough prizes and so allowed linemen to score the remainder of the touchdowns and collect their share of the haberdashery."

"Los Angeles Times" February 4, 1954 KIENHOLZ CORCH MILLER TIBRING LEFEBURE DOLLEY AWSON MILLER MORRIS MANAGER FURRESS







SEASIDERS WIN PREP HONORS

Defeat Berkeley for the State Championship.

Long Beach Fails to Play its Usual Game.

Twelve Thousand Fans Witness the Struggle.

BY PAUL LOWRY.

Long Beach won the prep football championship of California by defeating Berkeley High on the Tournament Park turf yesterday. The score was 21 to 14. About 12,000 persons witnessed the fray, which was punctuated with thrilling runs by the Long Beach backs and sensational line plunging by Berkeley.

It was a tough game for Berkeley to lose. In the matter of yards gained the northerners, outclassed the victors four to one. Each of Berkeley's touchdowns was the outcome of a straight march down the field, said march consisting mainly of good, old-fashioned line bucks.

SCORE IN FIRST.

Each team secred two touchdowns in the first half, the score at the end of the second period reading 14-14. Long Beach had registered twice as the result of a scintillating 46-yard run by Capt. Chet Dolley, and again on a skintackle buck by LeFebyre, which netted thirty-two yards and a score. Berkeley counted on touchdowns by Cheek and G. Dickson.

The way Berkeley drove rifts and tunnels in the Long Beach forwards in the first half made it look like curtains for the Jackrabbits, but a good lecture by Coach Pat Iwyer of Scott High—who proved a friend in need—during the intermission put some zip into the linemens werk.

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All during the first two periods they stood up like telegraph poles as if to get a better view of proceedings, and Dickson, theek Dunn and Witter—the Herkeley backs—made monkeys of them with the able assistance of a charging line.

In the second half the Long Heach line played low, and while unable to entirely stop the plunging Berketley backs they menaged to hold when the north-taers got within dangerous scoring distance.

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In the fourth quarter Coach kienhol'z of Long Beach removed LeFebvre "com the proceedings, and substitute. Eberapicher—just why no one seemed to know at the time, for LeFebvre is the better back. Long Beach at the time was on the Berkeley 32-yard line. Dolley snapped out his signal, and crashed into the Berkeley line for a three-yard gain. Then Eberspacher stepped up to Dolley, and whispered something in the latter's ear.

on the next play Tiernan received. On the next play Tiernan received the oval, ran back a few steps and, turning, sent the ball hurtling down the field to Lawson, who falconed fito the air and speared it on his finger tips. Apparently without into the air and speared it on his finger tips. Apparently without losing a stride Lawson swept past Spellman, playing safety man for Berkeley in the back field, and planted the ball behind the goal posts.

FOOLED 'EM.

The Long Beach coach, sitting on the sidelines, had observed that all the Berkeley backs except the safety man were playing right on top of the line. He sent Eberspacher in to tell Dolley to fool Berkeley on a fake line plunge, which would be a forward pass.

Berkelev's lause from mental grace came in the second quarter-shortly before the whistle blew. The northerners were on the Long Beach sixteen-yard line. Line plunges by J. Dickson, G. Dickson and Cheek netted eight words. It was fourth down and two yards to go, Instead of sending Phiston on Cheek into the line the best clay awarter elected to call a wide end run, which was promptly squickhed. He tried a miss and guess policy, which missed, whereas straight line smaahes had been gure shots, gaining four to six yards at a crack.

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Perhaps the psychological play of the game came in the third quarter when "Howgy" Evans of Long Beach stopped ©. Dickson on the Long Beach twenty-vard line. Berkeley had a yard to go, but Evans stepped into the breach and saved the day lust at a time when the slashing terkeley backs were going strongest. True enough. Berkeley started on another march after Price had punted, and succeeded in reaching the ten-yard chalk line, but the gains on this last parade were shorter and lacked the punch of the former.

former. Cheek, Dunn, Witter and Dickson were as a whole superior in the Long Beach beeks. Dickson's work in particular, was conspicuous. He tore the Long Beach line to pieces, and his mates traveled much in the same class. The Berkeley line outplayed the Long Beach forwards from soup to nuts, the efforts of Pearce at left end and Nichelman at tackie being especially noticeable. The jackrabbt forwards looked stale.

EARLY IN FIRST.

Long Beach made its first touchdown early in the first quarter, when Dolley received a punt on the forty-Dolley received a punt on the fortytive-yard line and threaded his way
through a scattered field. He
fumbled as he was tackled just over
the line, but picked himself up and
fell on the hall. Berkeley came
right back and Cheek went over, the
ball traveling sixty yards on line
plunges.

BROKE AWAY.

Wide end runs by Tiernan and Le-Febvre, a fifteen-yard penalty on Berkeley for unnecessary roughness Febvre, a fifteen-yard penalty on Berkeley for unnecessary roughness and the ball was on the Berkeley thirty-two-yard line soon after the opening kickoff. Here Legfobre broke away from the pack after he apparently had run into a pocket of Berkeley men, and outpointed the secondary defense.

Herkeley's second touchdown was the result of a sixty-yard procession. Dickson going over. Siler kicked the goal, as he had the first. Berkeley's third possible touchdown blew up because, as has been recorded, the Berkeley duarter's mental machinery went astray.

There were a number of holding penalties inflicted on both teams in the first haif, and in fact throughout the game. Some of these came at critical times, particularly when a man would make a long run and then be 'called back for a teammate's misconduct.

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California State High School Championship Football Game 2:15 Saturday, Dec. 27 TOURNAMENT PARK, PASADENA

State on Sale Sporting toods Houses Los Angeles and 119 Lunt Colorado Street Pasadena Prices 25c, 50c and \$1.10, Including War Tax. LONG BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOL

FUUTBALL CHAMPIUNSHP STATE WON BY L. B. H. S. LAST OUARTER OF HARD

It was a case of luck and good generalsnip with luck having considerably more to do with the victory than the good generalship. Which is to say that Poly High's football team had plenty of competition in the game with Berkeley High for the state championship Saturday.

Poly High won by a score of 21-14 after what might properly be termed a heart-breaking game for players on both teams in general and fans favoring Long Beach in particular. Poly High's scores reminded one of those made by U.S.C. in the 14-13 game with California, with the difference that Poly High put over enough to win the game. Not only that but Poly High took the lead and the best Berkeley's score ever was, was 14-14. It couldn't well be said, however, that Berkeley didn't threaten to take the lead for there was considerable threatening and likewise considerable strength behind the threats.

hind the threats.

The game might be called a masterpiece of generalship on the part of Chet Dolley, captain and quarterback for Long Beach. After Long Beach's two scores had been equalled by Berkeley, it might be said that Dolley repeatedly punted the ball in order that the Northern backs might wear themselves out trying to carry the ball the length of the field. Then the ball the length of the field. Then when they were exhausted, Long Beach started its march for the win ning score. That is one version of the game. Another and what seems to be the most logical explanation of the final score is that Long Beach was stale. Whether it was the week's stay at Hotel Green or just a case of ordinary staleness, such as all teams show at least once during a season, can be settled as one chooses. At any rate the team was up against a real squad of football players and a team which with ordinary luck would have piled up a larger score than have piled up a larger score than have piled up a larger score than the final count gave it credit for. On this account, it would seem that Long Beach was lucky and yet in the critical moments of the game the Long Beach team was superior. When Berkeley invaded the zone inside the 20-yard line during the third quarter, Long Beach's line held for downs and in turn when Long Beach soft the hall post the genter of the got the ball past the center of the field, there was no stopping on the way to a touchdown.

Story of the Game
Long Beach scored first exactly five minutes after the opening whistle. Chet Dolley received the Berkeley punt on his own 50-yard mark and ran thru the broken field to glory. He shook off three tacklers and eluded practically the whole team. LeFebvre ran 40 yards for the second Long Beach score from a criss-cross play which fooled Berkeley in first class fashion. For the third and final Long Beach score, James Lawson must be introduced. the third and final Long Beach score, James Lawson must be introduced. Lawson, who two years ago was noted for his part on the receiving end of "Lawson to Lawson" forward gasses when brother "Dick" Lawson was captain and quarterback for Poly High, caught a pass heaved from the 45-yard mark and scampered 35 yards for a touchdown, managing to keep ahead of 11 members of Berkeley's team.

Berkeley's team.

Berkeley's scores came in somewhat a different manner. One sturdy fullback, by name of Cheek, aided by three equally sturdy line-plungers proceeded to tear Long Beach's line to pleces, after Long Beach had made its first two scores. The very successful in their attempts, the first score heing chalked up two minutes after Long Beach had made the initial seven points and the sec-ond going over four minutes after Long Beach had again taken the lead. After Long Beach's third score, a cog slipped somewhere and Berkea cog supped somewhere and Berkeley's regularity was interrupted, so much so that the game ended with the ball in their possession on their own 40-yard mark. Many of their players consoled themselves at the whistle by picking up handfuls of dirt and throwing it with tremendous force at the turf field which ornaments Tournament Park.

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Approximately 10,000 people witnessed the game. Gate receipts, by wirtue of a contract entered into by wirthe of a contract entered into by the California Interscholastic association, which rules California light school athletics, and the Tournament of Roses committee goes to the Tournament of Roses. From the game, Long Beach got he honor of winning a to apionship and a long run to the third score. In both cases, Tiernan converted. In

and a long run to the dirtu score. In both cases, Tiernan converted. In the second period Berkeley paraded 60 yards and over to tie the score. During the third period, Berkeley was on the offense thruout. At the critical time, when the march had been made inside Long Beachs 20 yard zone, something weakened and Long Beach held. In the fourth quarter, the effect of Long Beach's super-hard season was evident. The team braced and tore into Berkeley as hard as had been the case in the opening minutes. All the experience gained in the battles with the best teams in Southern California came to the surface and Long Beach's brainy playing on to the end must be given credit for the victory.

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Coleman for "Dutch" Miller, Taylor for Willet, Eberspacher for LeFebvre, Price for Cy Miller, For Berkeley, J. Dickson for Dunn, Cobb for Wood, Spellman for Cheek, Stein for Dunn, Martin for Nichelman.

Officials—Jerry Abbott, referee, Jim Irsfeld, umpire, Wilson, head linesman, Foley, field Judge; Ralph Jesson, timekeeper.

Information gleaned from the 1919, 1920 and 1921 Long Beach High School yearbooks called *Caerulea* (meaning lotus or water lilly):



Long Beach High School's fighting team placed an indelible record of victories on the 1919-20 football escutcheon by defeating the best prep teams in the west and winning the undisputed interscholastic championship of Southwestern United States.

Combining a fast versatile backfield with a heavy experienced line, Long Beach possessed a powerful offensive that, with a single exception, scored at least once during the first quarter of every game. In the twelves games played, Long Beach amassed a total of 549 points to the opponents' 21, and it wasn't until the Berkeley game that the locals' goal was legitimately crossed.

Never in the history of western football has a high school team annexed as many championships as has this year's eleven, and a world of credit for the squad's marvelous success is due the coaching of Eddie Kienholz.

Returning to school after two years in the service, Kienholz succeeded in putting a team on the gridiron that met and defeated the strongest grid machines in the country, going through a most gruelling schedule without a single reversal, and ending the season in a blaze of glory by overwhelming Phoenix Union High School, for six years Arizona state champions, by the record-smashing score of 102-0.

The willingness on the part of every member of the squad to give everything that was in him to bring victory to the Green and Gold, created a spirit that refused to accept defeat.



BERKELEY-14, LONG BEACH-21

At Tournament Park, December twenty-seventh, before approximately 10,000 people the undefeated Jackrabbit machine brot the state championship to Long Beach by besting Berkeley High, Northern California champions, 21-14.

Forced to play on the defensive through almost the entire contest, with what looked to be certain defeat staring the men in the face, the Green and Gold outgamed their heavier northern opponents and led by a single touchdown when the final whistle blew.

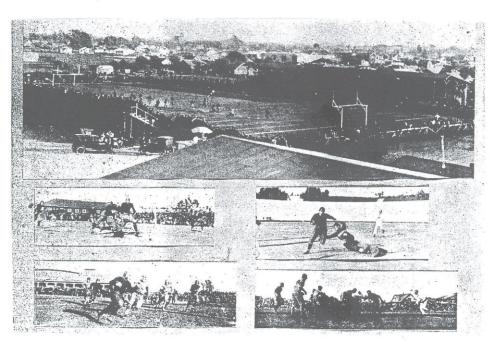
The first half was featured by the dazzling broken field running of Dolley and Lefebvre, which resulted in two Long Beach touchdowns, and the line-smashing tactics of Berkeley that brought the Crimson-clad warriors an equal number of scores.

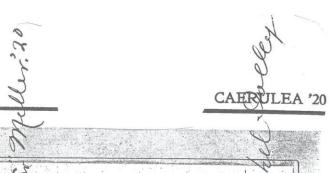
With the game tied 14-14, Berkeley continued to pound the local line during the third quarter. Their attack advanced the ball in their own territory but was ineffective when within striking distance of the Long Beach goal, and the score was still the same at the start of the final period.

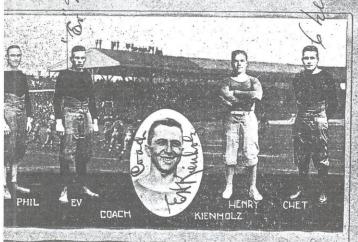
The ball was in Long Beach's possession on Berkeley's 35-yard line when Phil Tiernan dropped back as if to try a drop kick. Instead of kicking, Tiernan shot a beautiful forward pass over one end of the line. The great crowd held its breath in the agonized intensity of the moment; then out of the melee of players leaped Lawson. He pulled down the ball and without losing his stride set out upon his twenty-five pard journey to the Berkeley goal line. The Long Beach crowds on one part of the field were instantly on their feet. Here was the moment which every Long Beach student and every backer of the local team had been looking for.

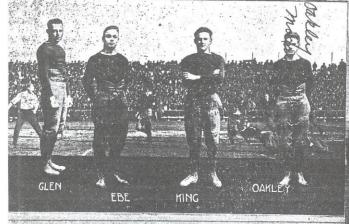
The stands were in a mad frenzy as Lawson wormed his way rast all the Crimson players except Cheek, the quarterback. With a straight-arm jab and a sudden side step, Jimmy eluded the opposing quarter and fairly hurled himself over the line.

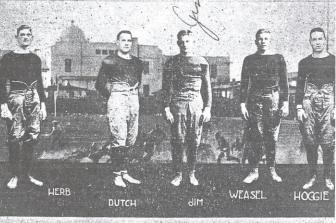
There still remained a few minutes of play after this nerve-tingling run, but the touchdown had taken the heart out of the Berkeley team and the game ended without further scoring.

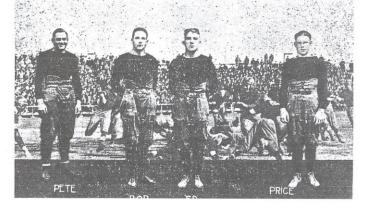


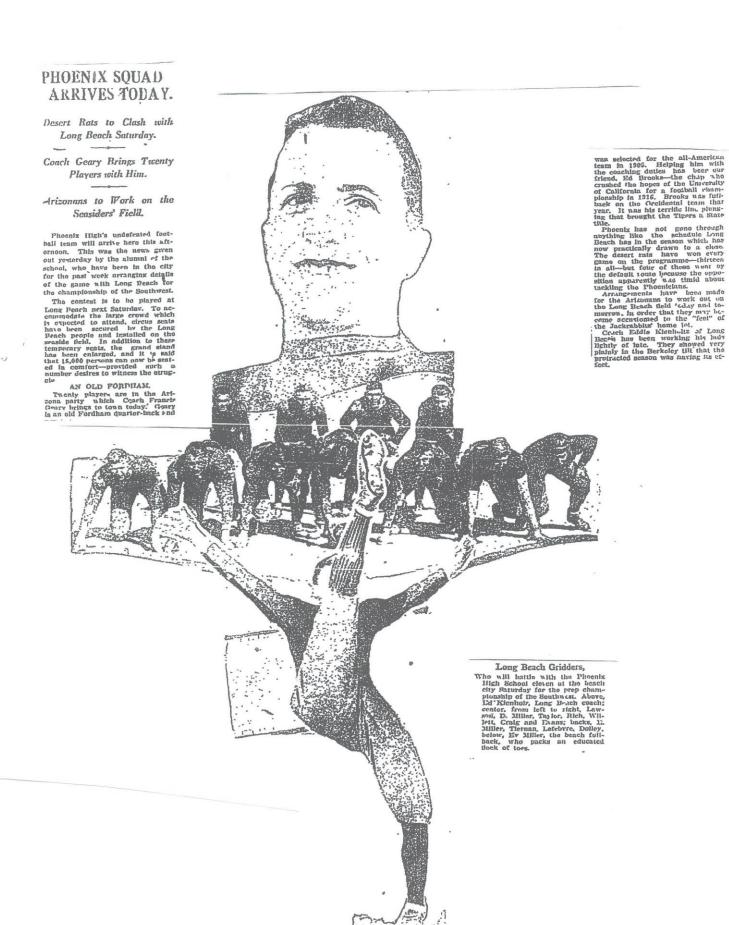












PHOENIX-0, LONG BEACH-102

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.

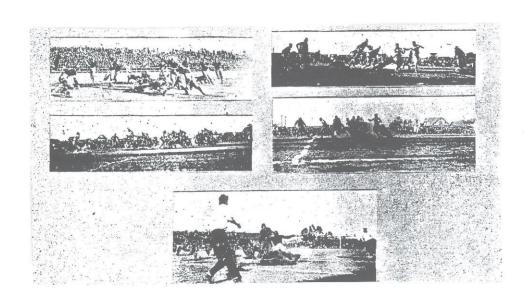
It was a grand and glorious finish to the local gridiron season. Over 12,000 spectators viewed this contest. Although the seating capacity of the stands is slightly greater than half that number, the crowd poured in until there was a mass of jostling humanity encircling the field and tugging at the ropes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

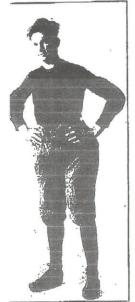
If any one player stood out above the rest it was Phil Tiernan, Long Beach phantom-like halfback. Tiernan, along with Dolley, Evans, Morris, Rich and Willet, brought his career at Long Beach to a glorious finish in this end-season game. He caused repeated exclamations from the stands by his sensational 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.



<u>PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL</u> 1919-1920

From 1920 Phoenix Union High School Yearbook



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PHOENIX, 0; LONG BEACH, 102

FTER 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-

ise of their excellent playing as demonstrated inst every Arizona team which had the fortie to encounter them, and proud of them bese of their fighting spirit, their courage and



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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 ream with the courage and spirit of the team of 1919!



SUMMARY OF FOOTBALL GAMES

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