

SAINT MARY HIGH SCHOOL

**1953 FOOTBALL TEAM
UNDEFEATED AND UNTIED
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'53 Football Team Was Gaels' Best

The story of St. Mary's High School football reads like a movie serial.

The ups and downs follow each other with rapidity.

The Gaels have never put together the kind of victory streaks that Jack Wallace and Eddie Tryon built Rutherford High's reputation with. But over the years, they've turned out some magnificent teams. And they never had it easy.

St. Mary's started its high school classes by borrowing a couple of rooms in the grammar school building in 1931.

And right away, though only a two-year high school, they had a football team. Mike Carroll, who coached the semi-pro East Rutherford Sapphires, handled the coaching that first year. They played only one game. Borrowing the uniforms from Rutherford's third team, they scrimmaged the Rutherford second team.

But the next year — still only a three-year school — they signed themselves up for a full football schedule. And they began it the very best way — with a close win.

"We started against South Amboy," recalled Frank Caughey, a member of that first team. "We drove them back toward their goal line, and then Phil Sheridan and I — he was left end and I was left tackle — broke in and tackled the runner in the end zone."

"The two points we picked up for that safety were the only ones scored in the game."

John Winberry coached that first regular team, and continued to mastermind the Gael gridsters through 1937. He taught them the football he had learned at Notre Dame from Knute Rockne. And it was interesting football to watch.

The team moved into the T formation to begin every play. There was no huddle. The quarterback, crouched over center, would call the signals out loud. Then the team would generally shift into the Notre Dame box. That's a tight single king with a balanced line.

Athletic History

At every shift, both ends would move out a couple of feet, then possibly move back in again. It was up to the end where he wound up — he knew what sort of a blocking angle he wanted — but he had to move at every shift.

Winberry's first team followed up its 2-0 opener with a season that was only so-so, by the record books. But it contained a couple of spectacular games.

There was the one that Phil Sheridan won by drop-kicking a field goal against Lyndhurst. That ended 3-0.

And Sheridan — who must have been the best of the high school drop-kickers; they had moved the goal posts off the goal line by that time — drop kicked a point after touchdown to win another big one.

Vin Daley had set the stage with a 76-yard runback of a pass interception, and Sheridan's kick made it 7 for St. Mary's, 6 for St. Cecilia's.

The team wound up 4 and 4 on the year.

They had to earn everything they got. Winberry bought shoes for the boys out of his own pocket. When he ran out of money, one of his players recalled, he dug out a pair
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LEO MORAN



Lynn Reilly



Jerry Frain



JOHN WINBERRY



Charlie Scrivanich



Ron Segal

'53 Gael Eleven Was Undefeated

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of old wooden cleats he had worn himself at Notre Dame, and let one of the boys use them.

The team faltered the next year, losing six against three victories. But the 1934 team, which followed, was probably Winberry's best. It lost just one, to Good Counsel, a preparatory school, had a 0-0 Thanksgiving Day tie with Lyndhurst and won seven.

Included in the victories was one over Lincoln High School, of Jersey City, the state champions.

Even then, St. Mary's had the problem that has plagued it down through the years — erratic scheduling.

The Gaels have had a habit of alternating seasons. One year they'd tackle all the state's lions, the next year they'd gobble up the lambs. It makes comparative records of different St. Mary's teams almost meaningless.

Winberry's Notre Dame-style teams continued to take the field for St. Mary's until business demands forced him to pull out in the 1938 season. Art Bruni followed him. Joe McKeon followed him — and in 1939 suffered with his Gaels through the worst season they ever put together. They didn't score a point that year.

So next year Jack Wallace took over. He had been the most successful scholastic coach in the state two decades before at Rutherford High. He turned out a workmanlike team, but the businessman-turned-part-time-coach demand was too great on him, and he gave up the job the following year to the man who had started it all at St. Mary's, Mike Carroll.

Carroll guided the team through 1941. He too turned out an interesting squad and a fairly successful season, but he didn't have the time to devote to the job either.

The following year, the Gaels hired Bob Trocolar, a New York Giant coach who hung around long enough to turn out the most successful team St. Mary's had ever had.

That was the "Cinderella squad" of 1944. Season totals: St. Mary's, 342 points; opponents, 6. The six points did more than mar the scoring record though. They represented the results of a 6-0 victory for power-packed St. Cecilia's, of Englewood, the only team to top that year's Gaels.

The schedule was amply packed with powder puffs. But the Gaels proved they could beat the best of them too, by nipping Cardinal Hayes 6-0 on a touchdown by Ed Jasonek.

Trocolar had introduced the T formation, and it was continued by his successor, Frank Ruzgerio. He

stayed three years, to be succeeded for a year by Armand Lembo.

Leo Moran took over in 1950, and it was under him that St. Mary's reached its greatest football eminence. Moran, after a shaky start, turned out consistently better teams until he gave the Gaels an undefeated and untied state champion in 1953.

He brought the single wing formation back, though his teams shifted from the T and used it was some frequency.

His championship team opened and closed its nine-victory season with two of the most spectacular games that Rutherford Field ever saw. The opener was a 20-19 nipper over powerful St. Benedict's. The season-ender was an even closer 7-6 victory over Seton Hall in a game that amounted to a title battle. Bad weather postponed the contest from the middle of the season to the very end of November, and both teams came in gunning for the state Catholic Group B title.

It had been a spectacular road for the Gaels.

They wobbled along ahead of the Greybees through most of their opening game, until in the fourth quarter, St. Benedict's scored to take a 19-13 lead. On the try for the extra point, little Charles Scrivanich — a sophomore who was to make more of a name for himself before the season ended — broke his collarbone in stopping a running try for the extra point.

On the ensuing kick-off, Joe Dressel took a hand-off from Bobbie Jones and ran, about 60 yards. Pass plays moved the ball to the two, where Jones cracked over for the tying points.

The extra point attempt was a running pass by Dressel. He threw a wobbly one and George Gaughran, who was paralleling Dressel's steps just a few feet into the end zone, left his feet to grab the ball for the game winning point.

That '53 team also won an unusual "challenge game" with St. Luke's of Ho-Ho-Kus. The Lucans, who were having a winning season themselves, though against mediocre opposition, issued a public challenge to the Gaels. St. Mary's accepted.

The game, played in the middle of the week, only three days after St. Mary's had topped Queen of Peace, resulted in a 32-13 walk-away for the Gaels. St. Luke's points all came in the final quarter, against the subs.

By this time, it was becoming evident that the title would be between Seton Hall and the Gaels. They both started watching each other. When November 29 rolled

around, each team knew the other almost as well as it knew itself.

The Pirates hadn't seen Scrivanich, though. The little sophomore with the broken collarbone hadn't been able to play. But he had been running around and around the practice field every day. He said he wanted to get in shape.

It was a beautiful day for a game when Seton Hall came to town. Rutherford Field was packed.

Seton Hall struck suddenly to score in the second quarter. St. Mary's defense melted for a minute and half a dozen quick plays drove the ball into the Gaels' end zone. A run for the extra point was stopped.

But the clock ticked through the second half without a St. Mary's threat. Then, with just minutes to go, and with the crowd already beginning to drift toward the exits, the Pirates unaccountably tried a forward pass near midfield and Jerry Frain pulled it down for St. Mary's.

Two plays got nowhere, and then they put Scrivanich in the game.

He streaked straight down the center of the field and quarterback Joe Dressel let fly with a 40-yard pass. Scrivanich caught it, stumbled, righted himself and continued across the goal line.

Seton Hall — angry at itself and determined not to let the Gaels gain the lead — charged hard on the point after touchdown attempt. But George Gaughran didn't kick the ball. He threw instead to Dressel, who had apparently "missed" his block, then drifted into the end zone.

That made it 7-6 and the game ended a minute later.

That was also the last high spot in St. Mary's football. Moran moved out of the coaching job the next season, and most of his first team graduated along with him. Issy Vallorani, assisted by Jack Love, took over the next season, and is still in charge.

He introduced a split T attack to the Gaels and his teams have been good ones.

He heads into this season with a proven backfield, a quarterback in Joe Walsh who apparently has the physical and mental quickness to run the split-T and an unproven line, which will be shored up by Richie Walsh, no relation to the quarterback.

Walsh the lineman is a huge young man who has been developing over the years the necessary football ferocity.

No honest predictor could give the Gaels a championship season this year. But it should be a diverting one.

ST. MARY'S FOOTBALL ROSTER



10 Breslin



20 Durkee



22 Reilly



14 Frain



24 Fink



28 Perrine



23 Gaughran



26 Dressel



25 Jones



29 Papa



21 Kearney

No.	Name	Pos.	Wt.	Grade	No.	Name	Pos.	Wt.	Grade
1	Doran	B.	132	Junior	20	Durkee	T.	170	Senior
2	Seagal	B.	150	Soph.	21	Kearney (Co. Capt.)	B.	170	Senior
3	Kretz	B.	146	Soph.	22	Reilly	G.	175	Junior
5	John Brennen	G.	160	Soph.	23	Gaughran	E.	206	Junior
6	Ronald Farrell	B.	135	Junior	24	Fink (Co. Capt.)	G.	180	Senior
7	O'Connor	B.	170	Junior	25	Jones (Co. Capt.)	B.	180	Senior
8	Tucillo	T.	160	Soph.	26	Dressel	B.	185	Senior
9	Golembieski	G.	150	Junior	28	Perrine	T.	190	Junior
10	Breslin	E.	150	Junior	29	Papa	B.	210	Senior
11	Scrivanich	B.	140	Soph.		J. Walsh	B.	126	Fresh.
12	Carlough	C.	165	Senior		Conolly	E.	130	Junior
13	Smith	E.	160	Senior		Duddy	E.	142	Soph.
14	Frain	C.	160	Junior		Casey	C.	160	Junior
15	Livingston	B.	170	Senior		Carscaddin	B.	119	Junior
16	R. Walsh	E.	175	Fresh.		T. Arnold	G.	162	Junior
17	Derlinga	T.	160	Junior		G. Arnold	C.	137	Fresh.
18	Demarco	C.	180	Soph.		Olmstead	B.	110	Fresh.
19	Schwanekamp	B.	160	Junior					

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Steal 20-19 Thriller From St. Benedict's

Unless a serious let-down develops as a result of last week's grueling 20-19 victory over St. Benedict's Prep, St. Mary's should make Immaculate Conception its second straight victim when the Montclarites invade Rutherford Field on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Immaculate took a 38-0 drubbing from perennially-strong St. Cecilia's of Englewood in its opener, and shouldn't pose too big a problem for the Gaels unless the Gray Bees victory was too costly.

For one thing it removed a new-found star, Charlie Scrivanich, from the lineup. With injuries sidelining halfback Dan Kearney, the young soph filled in as a starter. When he was in there the pint-sized speedster scored the Gael's first touchdown and stopped the majority of the Bees end sweeps. An injury forced him out of action in the third quarter and he was later removed to St. Mary's Hospital, Passaic, where it was discovered that he sustained a broken collarbone. He will probably be out for the season.

Physical State Poor

Poor physical condition was evident among the Gaels. The squad tired badly in the latter periods and injuries cropped up sporadically.

With the injured Kearney and end Walt Smith back in the cast this week-end, and with the Saint Mary's pass defense polished up by Leo Moran during the week, the Gaels should roar through Immaculate with no trouble.

They didn't roar through St. Benedict's. Although they came out a winner in as tight a ball game as could be played, the Gaels appeared sluggish and extremely vulnerable to a good aerialist. Had the Bees been hitting more consistently in that department the Chestnut streeters would still be looking for victory number one.

Gaels Open Strong

The Gaels started a march after the opening kickoff that portended a possible rout. With Bobby Jones, Joe Dressel and Scrivanich carrying the Gaels reached the Benedict 36 before the attack bogged down. George Gaughran then kicked dead on the Gray Bee 3.

On fourth down the Bees still had their own goal at their backs and tried to boot out of danger. The Gael line smothered the attempt and Gaughran recovered the blocked kick on the enemy 5. Jones passed to Scrivanich in the right flat for the initial score. Gaughran's conversion was blocked. Pass Backfires

With two minutes left in the period a Gael pass play backfired and handed the Bees a tie. Dressel faded from his own 24 on the play but was hit hard by the rushing Bee line. He dropped the ball and the Newarkers' Phil Baldaecini picked it up and romped over unmolested. Dressel then stopped an attempted conversion plunge before the goal line to leave the count snarled at 6-6.

The next time the Gaels took possession they drove 51 yards for a score. The Bees attempted an on-side kick which guard Leo Fink returned to the Gael 49. Dressel ran for five then passed to Gaughran on the Bee 38, who lateraled to

Jasper Papa for 10 more yards.

Jones Carries Over

Dressel kept the ball on another pass play, slithered through an on-rushing Bee line and raced to the 18 for the first down. A Dressel pass to Jerry Breslin, a buck by Jones and a sneak by Dressel picked up another first down on the six. Two plays later Jones slashed over right tackle for the counter. An all-important conversion was racked up when Jones passed to Dressel for the point.

St. Benedict's kept the tables turning and got the marker back six plays later. A 60-yard drive, highlighted by a fourth down statue-of-liberty play that netted a first down, was climaxed by Johnny Allen's pass into the flat to George Enderle, who raced over from 35 yards out. Scrivanich came through to stop an attempted end sweep for the extra point. The half ended with the Gaels' leading, 13-12.

Neither team scored in the third period although the Bees threatened at the outset. They took the kickoff and drove to the Rutherfordians' 20 until Leo Fink made a brilliant interception on the 17. The Gaels drove close at the end of the quarter but Gaughran fumbled on the enemy 15 to stop the advance.

67-Yard Pass Play

Not long after the Newarkers took the lead for the first time. St. Benedict's opened the final can to with a first down on its own 16. Allen fired a 17-yard pass to Bob Farquhar and then uncorked a toss to Pete Rubas on his own 45 and Rubas sped all the way to give the Bees an 18-13 advantage. Another Allen pass made it 19-13.

After an exchange of punts St. Mary's took over on its own 39 and launched a pass-crazy attack that resulted in the winning tallies.

Passes Pay Off

Dressel called for eleven straight pass plays that kept the capacity crowd on edge all the way. Dressel hit for two straight to Jasper Papa and Breslin for a first down on the Benedict 48. After firing three more that failed to hit the Gaels appeared stopped when Gaughran dropped back to punt. Gaughran, though, tossed to Dressel who somehow managed to steal the ball from three defenders on the 33 and carried to the 24 before he was stopped.

After two more incomplections Jones hit Bill Kretz on the 12 for another first down. Papa hit Gaughran on a jump pass to the 3 and the Gaels were knocking at the door. Dressel had the stands in conniptions with two more incomplete passes, but then gave the ball to Jones who carried the tying marker over. The victory came when on the extra point Jones

Gaels Should Knock Immaculate Off Sunday

Scrivanich Out For Season



Charlie Scrivanich, St. Mary's

passed to Gaughran in the corner and after juggling the ball a bit the big boy held on for the winning margin.

A last ditch passing flurry by St. Benedict's gained nothing and the Gaels ended the game on the opposing 35.

ST. MARY'S (20)
ENDS—Gaughran, Breslin, Smith.
TACKLES—Durkee, Perrine, Derlinga.
GUARDS—Reilly, Fink.
CENTERS—Frain, Carlough, DeMarco.
BACKS—Dressel, Jones, Papa, Scrivanich, Doran, Kretz, Livingstone.

ST. BENEDICT'S (19)
ENDS—Murphy, Scotti, Hefferman, Duhig, Sagittas.
TACKLES—Kline, DeFavero, Connor.

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Gaels Rest After Routing Immaculate, 20-0

Statistics Show Bigger Edge Than Final Score

LaSalle Academy Next Foe

After rolling to a 20-0 victory over Immaculate Conception of Montclair last Sunday at Rutherford Field, St. Mary's high-flying football forces take a respite this weekend prior to making an assault on scalp number three on Oct. 18 against LaSalle Academy.

The Gaels remained as this area's only unbeaten combine as they appeared sparkling at times and erratic at others in plowing the Montclair school under. Coach Leo Moran's boys were a far sight more superior than three touchdowns over the victors and had three scoring plays erased by offensive penalties.

The biggest revelation of the day was the scoring punch of a number two backfield that Moran inserted in the third quarter after the starters could garner a lone strike into pay-dirt. The second-stringers, sparked by the running of Bill Schwankamp twice pushed the pigskin into the Immaculate end zone before they were in action six minutes.

Statistics Prove Rout

Statistics tell the Gael's superiority better than the score. The Saint line held the Montclair backs to a net loss of 16 yards. In the aerial department the losers fared a little better and picked up ten yards—so the entire offensive push of the Gael foes was a loss of six yards for the day. The only letdown in the St. Mary's umbrella came in the second quarter when an Immaculate end left the locals' defenders flatfooted, gathered an 18-yard pass in on the Gael 20 and raced over. The play, though, was called back for an offside penalty against the scoring eleven.

The Chestnut streeters wasted no time in getting enough points to ice the battle. The first time they gained possession they drove 59 yards in ten plays for the six-pointer. They had to tally twice before it counted, though.

Smith Gallop Nullified

After the kickoff the visitors lost 9 yards on two running plays and quick-kicked to the midfield stripe. Gael track star Walt Smith gathered it in and raced all the way. A clipping penalty, however, set the home team back to its own 41 and they had to start all over.

Three straight plays picked up three first downs as the Gaels began to build their 14-2 edge in that phase. Dan Kearney picked up 14, Bobby Jones garnered 10 and Joe Dressel plunged for 9 to set the Essex club back on its heels. An enemy penalty and a 7-yard line buck by Jasper Papa

St. Mary's	Immaculate
14 First Downs	2
163 Yds. Gained, Rushing	-16
144 Yds. Gained, Passing	10
18 Passes Attempted	9
10 Passes Completed	1
1 Passes Intercepted By	3
2 Fumbles Lost	1
110 Yds. Lost, Penalties	35
34.0 Punting Average	27.0

picked up another first down on the Immaculate 22.

Kearney Tallies

After a pass and a plunge advanced to the ten the Gaels went into a double-wing spread and Dressel fired down the middle to Kearney, who stepped over. George Gaughran split the uprights to make it 7-0.

It wasn't until the third period that the Saints tallied again. They threatened throughout the first half, but penalties killed numerous scoring drives.

Pete Doran, Bill Livingston, Ron Farrell and Schwankamp opened in the Gael backfield in the third canto and the Gaels soon had a 20-0 lead.

Starting from their own 35 they took only eight plays for the second tally and had to drive an extra fifteen because of a penalty. Schwankamp picked up twelve the first time he carried. Three more plays gained nothing, Doran was hurt and Dressel came back in to pilot the drive.

Gaughran punted to the Immaculate 30 where a fumble was retrieved by Tom Derlinga. Schwankamp got 6 and Farrell 13, but the latter play cost the Gaels 15 yards. A Schwankamp-Dressel pass netted 13 yards and Dressel followed with a lob over the line to Gaughran who raced the remaining 20 to score. A successful conversion by Gaughran was nullified by a penalty and a second try failed.

Derlinga Intercepts

The third score followed quickly and again it was Derlinga who set it up. He intercepted an Immaculate pass on the enemy 30.

Two plays later, interference was ruled on a Schwankamp pass and the Gaels received a first down on the 23. Schwankamp then knifed over right behind a pretty block by Dressel to the 3. He carried it over from there and a Gaughran pass to Dressel made it 20-0.

Dressel crossed the goal twice more before the end, but neither counted. A partially-blocked Montclair punt traveled only five yards to the Immaculate 38 before the third period ended and Dressel carried it into the end zone. Clipping spoiled that one. He brought another over from the 7 in the last canto, but again it was called back. The game saw the Gaels penalized a total of 110 yards—with illegal use of the hands being the prime offense. Immaculate lost but 35.

ST. MARY'S (20)

ENDS—Smith, Gaughran, Breslin.
TACKLES—Durkee, Perrine, Tucillo, Derlinga.

GUARDS—Reilly, Fink, Golembieski.
CENTERS—Frain, Carluigh, DeMarco.
BACKS—Dressel, Jones, Papa, Kearney, Doran, Seagal, Kretz, Farrell, O'Connor, Schwankamp.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (0)

ENDS—Reilly, Boland, Cohan.
TACKLES—Sommerids, DeCoster, Daly.
GUARDS—Benjamin, Aiello.
CENTER—Harris.

BACKS—Elsholtz, Murren, Cower, Kennedy Radice, Feeney, Lamb.

ST. MARY'S 7 0 13 0-20
IMMACULATE 0 0 0 0-0

TOUCHDOWNS—St. Mary's, Kearney, Gaughran, Schwankamp.

POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN—St. Mary's, Gaughran, Dressel (pass from Gaughran).

REFEREE—Monaco, Umpire: Feeney.

Head linesman: Alessio. Field judge: Farrell.

Tracks of a bobcat are about the same size as those made by the common house cat, but when extended for fighting, his paws are almost as large as a man's hand.—Sports Afield.

Bobcats live on fresh red meat, refusing any the least bit tainted.—Sports Afield.

Sparkle Against Immaculate



Jerry Frain



Charlie Durkee

Gaels Sit Back This Weekend

St. Mary's takes a breather this week. We thought the Gaels looked pretty good against Immaculate Conception Sunday and showed a lot more spark than they did against St. Benedict's. The aerial defense could still use a little more polish, but Dan Kearney's return to the backfield gives the offense some shiftiness. If the passers continue to click as they have done in the opening two starts the Gaels might frame a perfect season.

Quite a few linemen stood out in our minds as we watched the Gaels perform. Charlie Durkee was a whirlwind at the tackle slot for St. Mary's and tossed Immaculate backs for quite a few losses. Another teammate, Tom Derlinga, came in during the third period and paved the way to two touchdowns by pilfering a fumble and intercepting a pass. Jerry Frain turned in his usual yoeman job on the line for Leo Moran's club and Jasper Papa really surprised with some jolting stops as a defensive lineman.

Saints Risk Clean Slate Against LaSalle Sunday

The unbeaten St. Mary's eleven travels deep into Long Island Sunday afternoon to test LaSalle Academy in its quest for victim number three. LaSalle is expected to provide the Gaels with a rough test—one that might equal the 20-19 battle put up by St. Benedict's Prep.

Whatever the little-known New York school has to throw at the Rutherford squad—the Gaels will be ready. Coach Leo Moran has his team in good shape and has added a new spread formation to add variation to his single-wing attack.

Reserves On Hand

Things have been looking up in the Gael camp since the Immaculate Conception victory in which a couple of comers appeared in the reserve backfield picture. Bill Schwanekamp, Ron Farrell and Bill Livingston showed to advantage in that fray and promise to add more speed to the Saints' attack when the starters are given a breather.

Moran will string along with his usual aces in the running slots—Joe Dressel, Dan Kearney, Bobby Jones and Jasper Papa—but he'll have more room for changes now that the reserves have proved themselves.

The line, though, is still short of depth and the Gaels are depending on the old reliables. Walt Smith and George Gaughran will be at the ends Sunday, Charley Durkee and Harry Perrine will be at the tackles, and the guards will be Leo Fink and Lynn Reilly. Jerry Frain will hold the pivot



Bobby Jones

post and has a capable replacement in Tom Derlinga.

If the Gaels should breeze past LaSalle without defeat they then must face a pair of tough cookies who will be out to break the string. Seton Hall follows the following Sunday and after that it's North Arlington.

Gaels Should Take Third

St. Mary's should continue to roll against LaSalle Sunday. Leo Moran's got a slow-moving club that doesn't threaten to run away by any wild scores. The Gaels get their touchdowns slowly, but surely.

We've heard the critics voice opinion that the Gaels may not look so good when the pressure of a close game arises. It could happen, but we don't think so. We've seen the same basic group of athletes play basketball and baseball in St. Mary's uniforms. Like any other high school bunch, they've made mistakes, have taken beatings and have pulled the average number of boners. But one thing we haven't seen the Gaels do is fold when the score is close. We don't think they're about to do it in football. If they're beaten this season it will be because they played a better team, not because they lost any spirit when the pressure mounted.

Perrine, Kearney Standouts

OAK PARK, L. I., Oct. 18—St. Mary's not -so-hustling eleven extended its winning streak to three here today by bouncing a weak La Salle Military Academy squad, 13-6.

The victory was easier for Coach Leo Moran's grid forces than the score indicates. The Gaels, potentially a powerhouse, repeated the mistake of playing on an opponents level. La Salle presented a slow-moving basically poor ball club and the Rutherford team exerted itself just enough to win.

In the opening quarter the victors wasted no time in taking a necessary lead as Bill Schwanekamp fired a ten-yard touchdown aerial to Joe Dressel. George Gaughran booted through the posts and the Gaels sat back and relaxed with a 7-0 advantage.

They awakened suddenly in the second period when the Gael umbrella relaxed to allow a 68-yard La Salle pass that set up a touchdown. Finding themselves pressed the Gaels became serious again in the following quarter and tallied twice to get one score. After that they went back into the doldrums merely playing the game out as long as they were ahead.

Sandlot Conditions

The visitors could be excused somewhat because of the conditions under which they played. La Salle, although boasting a beautiful campus and three football fields, played on a gridiron with no surrounding fence. Spectators rimmed the sidelines and even stepped onto the field. The scene resembled a sandlot ball game and the Gaels played as though they were in one.

St. Mary's scored early. Harry "Butch" Perrine, who became a master pilferer by intercepting three enemy passes, grabbed his first to stop a La Salle drive on the Saints' 20. The Gaels took over and behind the running of Dan Kearney moved to the military school's ten—from where Schwanekamp hit Dressel with a six-pointer.

Midway in the second period La

Salle managed to make the Saints' defending backfield look silly. Gene Tracy, a pint-sized quarterback who gave the Gaels trouble throughout, uncorked a 68-yard heave to end Joel Bucknam. Tracy fired from his own 32 to the Gael 35, where Bucknam took the pass and raced to the two before Schwanekamp dumped him.

The Saints put on a terrific goal line stand and might have left the goal line undented except for a penalty. Holding on four downs the Gaels drew an offside penalty to give the home squad a fifth try. Tracy made good as he slithered over the center of the line and cleared it by inches.

Fumble in End Zone

After the half the Gaels took over on the La Salle 41 when Perrine pilfered another pass. They moved the ball over in eight tries—and still failed to get credit for it.

Jasper Papa and Schwanekamp picked up six yards each through the line. On a reverse Kearney scooted to the left for 12 yards to the 9. Schwanekamp picked up six and on the next play ran it over only to fumble to La Salle in the end zone.

Three plays later La Salle quick-kicked to the Gael 49. The Gaels soon moved it over and made it count—although another bobble took place.

Ron Siegal began carrying the mail and sparked the scoring drive. In two plays he picked up 18

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Gaels

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yards and shortly after ran 14 more to the 6-yard line behind key blocks by Kearney and Dressel. Dressel then fired to Gaughran in the end zone. The big boy bobbled the ball and dropped it, but officials ruled that he

held on long enough for possession.

The Saints finished by bottling up the La Salle passing attack in the final quarter and ended the battle on a 25-yard run by Kearney.

ST. MARY'S (13)

ENDS—Gaughran, Smith, Breslin.
TACKLES—Perrine, Durkee, Derlinga.
GUARDS—Fink, Reilly, Livingstone.
CENTER—Frain.
BACKS—Dressel, Kearney, Papa, Jones, Seagal, Kretz, Schwanekamp, Doran, Farrell.

LA SALLE (6)

ENDS—O'Malley, Bucknam, Boehm,



Swinging Along

With
Al Koreivo

Let's Have A Clean Sweep Every Week

Hooray for our side! For the first time this year all three of our local clubs matched each others' victories. Having a winner is pretty fine, but having three is something that should happen every week.

We'd like to see it repeat this weekend. Idle East Rutherford, though, can't be in on the trick. Should both Rutherford and St. Mary's win, there'll be dancing in the streets around this neck of the woods Sunday night. If you look around and don't hear a horn or yell that evening . . . well, like the Dodgers, there's always next year.

This weekend brings one of the hottest pigskin holidays that Rutherford has had in quite a few Falls. Rutherford High, almost unbelievably sitting on top of the NNJIL, meets its co-leader, undefeated Leonia, and St. Mary's meets Seton Hall, the biggest stumbling block leading to an undefeated season. With such a menu on the fire, we expect to see quite a few Wildcat followers dotting the Rutherford Field stands.

Throwin' The Ball Around . . .

Rutherford had an all-around good weekend. The soccer team won its first at Tenafly's expense on Friday, the freshman footballers walloped St. Mary's Saturday afternoon and that same day the varsity grid-ders won. Frosh coach Joe Guidetti is highly elated over the way his yearlings performed in the 19-0 rout of the Gael frosh.

Seton Hall will open against St. Mary's Sunday with veterans at every slot but the tackles. Coach Larry Sartori predicted that this would be his best team at the Hall since he took over in 1948 and so far his prediction is holding up. The battle will be the eighth meeting between the two and the Pirates will be trying to even the series. The Saints lead in victories, 3-2, with two games being ties. The highest score to date was the 31-0 drubbing the South Orange squad gave the Gaels in 1949.

East Rutherford's Joe Palmieri picked up 46 yards in eight carries for Fordham Friday night as the Rams were upset by Boston College in the Polo Grounds . . . Fairleigh Dickinson seems to have taken the only course open in withdrawing from the New Jersey Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. It's somewhat frustrating, though, to be forced out of play just when you're about to retire a championship trophy for good.

Rutherford's John DeMarrais placed ninth in the New Jersey State AAU cross-country run last Sunday. DeMarrais now has more medals than half the US Army . . . Four busloads of students and bandmen missed the entire first period of last week's St. Mary's - LaSalle game. It was quite a blow after making the long trip . . . We were beginning to think high school gridders had just about abandoned the placekick for the extra point until Art Parkerton booted three for Rutherford Saturday. Up until that time we had seen only three conversions made via the placekick method after 21 touchdowns. Most scholastic elevens seem to prefer passing it over this year.

St. Mary's Is A Winning Sleeper

This St. Mary's squad that Leo Moran sends out every week is a real puzzler. We may overrate the squad, but we think they should have walked over every team they've faced thus far — including St. Benedict's. Where and why they've been hiding their power we can't guess. When they do get on the ball and decide to give someone a real trimming it will be rough on the lads they're facing. This Sunday they'll have their chance. For the first time they'll be facing a team that invades with a reputation behind it. It may be the incentive the Gaels need. If so, Seton Hall has had it!

Pass Pilferers



Harry Perrine, St. Mary's

St. Mary's Keeps Record Spotless With 19-6 Win

Gaels Burst Out of First-Half Lethargy To Whip Winless North Arlington Vikings

By Mickey Carroll
Herald-News Staff Writer

Rutherford St. Mary's reigned today as the area's only undefeated, untied football squad.

Kearney Intercepts

The talented, if sometimes lackadaisical, Gaels, burst out of a first half fog Saturday and trampled North Arlington, 19-6, on the Vikings' home grounds.

St. Mary's led, 7 to 6, at half time and its lead was every bit as slim as it looked. But as soon as the Gaels charged out of the locker room for the third quarter, any doubts about the outcome disappeared.

The second half St. Mary's team was a sharper, more alert and much harder-hitting squad. It proved that by taking the ball away from North Arlington three plays after the period began when Dan Kearney, who played a fine game, intercepted Ed Hakim's pass.

North Arlington stopped that drive on the 25, but the next time the Gaels got the ball, taking a punt on their own 16, they went all the way in just six plays.

The one for the touchdown was a piece of dippy-doodle that wound up with Jasper Papa floating a long pass to George Gaughran who took the ball on the 13 and ran across untouched. Joe Dressel started the play, running his own left end, then flipped to Papa who faded back and heaved the ball to Gaughran.

After that St. Mary's was in command. It let North Arlington have the ball for just two plays after the kickoff, before Leo Fink leaped into the air on his own 45 to grab Hakim's pass. He ran it back to the North Arlington 42.

The quarter changed one play later and the Gaels had a touchdown six plays after that, as Papa powered over from the one. It was Papa who moved the ball into position, too, as he put his head down and crunched 19 yards over left tackle for a first down on the 14.

Hakim Viking Scorer

St. Mary's controlled the ball for the rest of the game. One drive was stalled by incomplete passes, a second—set up by another pass interception by Kearney—by the final whistle.

The second half team didn't look like the same Gael squad that trudged off the field at half time with a one-point margin. They gained that on a second quarter

touchdown, after North Arlington took a first quarter lead.

Ed Hakim, whose off-tackle plunges and end sweeps were effective all afternoon for the Vikings, shot eight yards off left tackle to score, ending a 76-yard march. About 45 yards of that march came all at one gulp when Hakim threw to Ed Wnuck, who was all by himself near the right sideline.

St. Mary's got the equalizer after Lynn Reilly got the ball by roaring in to block Mike Kurtz's attempted punt on the 50. It worked the ball to the North Arlington 33 and then Dan Kearney hit Bobby Jones with a pass on the 10 and Jones went the rest of the way.

Gaughran gave St. Mary's the lead it never lost, with a boot right between the uprights.

Off their second half performance, the Gaels looked like a team that deserved to be undefeated and untied. Kearney played a really magnificent game, and the blocking and running of Papa was a pleasure to watch. The Gaels also came up with something they've needed — a good defensive end. That's Jerry Breslin, who in the second half started turning North Arlington's previously effective end runs into harmless pile-ups.

The Viking tackles opened big holes in the first half and Hakim, who did nine-tenths of his team's running and passing, was a stand-out. He'll have to stand out even more next week. North Arlington, tied three times and defeated twice in five outings, faces tough Bogota.

Meanwhile, another North Arlington team will get a crack at the Gaels. Queen of Peace will visit them Sunday at Rutherford Field.

St. Mary's (19)
ENDS—Smith, Gaughran, Breslin.
TACKLES—Perrine, Durkee, Delinga.
GUARDS—Reilly, Fink, Livingstone.
CENTERS—Fain.
BACKS—Dressel, Jones, Kearney, Papa, Farrell, DeMarco, Schwaneckamp, Doran, Seagal, Kretz.

North Arlington (6)
ENDS—Sullivan, Schad, MacFarlane, McLaren.
TACKLES—Rowe, Smith, Robertson, Klientz.
GUARDS—Cook, Holland.
CENTERS—Fielitz, Kurtz.
BACKS—Nelson, Hakim, Collins, Wnuck, Cammett, Colino, Rustia, Steele.

St. Mary's 0 7 6 6—19
North Arlington 6 0 0 0—6
Touchdowns—Hakim, Jones, Gaughran, Papa.
Point after touchdown—Gaughran (placement).
Officials—Shanahan, Austin, Burdick.

Unbeaten Saints Drub North Arlington, 19-6

Impress In Second Half

NORTH ARLINGTON, Oct. 31— St. Mary's High came back after a morbid first half today and completely outclassed North Arlington in the remaining periods to romp to a 19-6 grid victory and prove why it is the only unbeaten, untied grid combine in Bergen County.

Although the Gaels enjoyed a 7-6 lead after the half, they had failed to impress. It appeared as if they were back in the rut of playing on the other guy's level and would be contented with a one-point victory. Coach Leo Moran's half-time instruction changed the picture. Sparked by the all-around play of Dan Kearney, the running of Bobby Jones and Jasper Papa and the defensive play of sub end Jerry Breslin, whose performance earned a starting birth for next Saturday, the visitors pushed two tallies over and won handily.

Vikings Score First
North Arlington, sparked by Ed Hakim, drew first blood before the Saints awoke. The Vikings took over a George Gaughran punt on their own 24 and commenced a 76-yard march that stopped in the Gael end zone. Hakim ran for three and then hit Ed Wnuck on a 42-yard pass play that was the key to the march. Five plays later Hakim hit his favorite spot, the Gael left tackle, from eight yards out to score.

St. Mary's failed to ignite a scoring thrust until midway in the second canto. Lynn Reilly broke through the Viking line to block a punt on the Gael 49.

Joe Dressel opened an aerial attack. On first down he faked a pass and slanted off the Viking left guard for nine. Jones made the first down over the same hole. Jones passed to Gaughran for five. Another aerial fell dead before Kearney tried his hand and flipped to Jones from the 33. The Gael halfback, who seems to have shaken the injury plague, grabbed it on the 10 and scooted over. Gaughran converted to give the Gaels their permanent lead.

After the half the Vikings could have packed to go home, for they no longer were in the game. The home squad took the kickoff on its own 38, but three plays later Kearney pilfered a Hakim pass and ran to the enemy 44. The Gaels couldn't push it over, however, and relinquished the pigskin on the 25.

A Viking comeback stalled at midfield and the victors took a punt on their own 16. It took the Jones-Kearney duo only three tries to move to the 43. Jones was putting on a show of his own and skirted to the Viking 46 two plays later. The Gaels scored on the next play with a razzler-dazzler that excluded the elusive Mr. Jones.

track. Dressel had his turn and stopped at the five after nine yards. Jones had his try before Papa ended the play by scoring through the middle. That ended the scoring at 19-6 as Gaughran's boot was wide.

The second-half Gael squad, complete with four hard-running backs all capable of throwing over as well as going through the opposition, is what St. Mary's rooters have been waiting to see all season. If Moran's charges can put together two such 24-minute cantos in one game, some team's going to get murdered!

ST. MARY'S (19)
ENDS—Smith, Gaughran, Breslin.
TACKLES—Perrine, Durkee, Delinga.
GUARDS—Reilly, Fink, Livingstone.
CENTERS—Fain.
BACKS—Dressel, Jones, Kearney, Papa, Farrell, DeMarco, Schwaneckamp, Doran, Seagal, Kretz.

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CENTERS—Fielitz, Kurtz.
BACKS—Nelson, Hakim, Collins, Wnuck, Cammett, Colino, Rustia, Steele.

ST. MARY'S 0 7 6 6—19
NORTH ARLINGTON 6 0 0 0—6
TOUCHDOWNS—Hakim, Jones, Gaughran, Papa.
POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWNS—Gaughran (placement).
OFFICIALS—Shanahan, Austin, Burdick.

Dressel started to tour his own left end, tossed a pitch-out to Papa, whose reputation as a passer is nil, and Papa zeroed in on Gaughran, who was racing by himself on the left side. Big George grabbed the heave on the 14 and all but waltzed over.

Fink Starts Another

North Arlington enjoyed possession for two plays after the ensuing kickoff. Leo Fink intercepted a Hakim loft on his own 46 and brought it to the enemy 42. The quarter changed and six plays later the score did, too.

Dressel almost faked the Viking line into the nearby Passaic River and tore off seven yards. Papa played express train two plays later, put his head down and drove 220 pounds through the opposing line for 19 yards, bringing the stretcher out for two Viking pedestrians who got on the wrong

Saints Pressed Hard To Subdue Irish, 13-0

The St. Luke's High grid team, which scouted the St. Mary's - Queen of Peace game at Rutherford Field Sunday, went away highly confident that it could route the Gaels in yesterday's challenge contest after the home club could muster no better than a 13-0 score against the Irish. Only a week previously the Lucans had romped roughshod over the same North Arlington club by 52-0.

Coach Leo Moran, who had hoped to shelve his regulars early, had to keep his top performers in action throughout to down their South Bergen foes—a well-coached ball club that took advantage of Gael miscues to press the home club all the way.

Moran was able to insert his reserves only sporadically, so that his first stringers had no chance to reserve their stamina for the St. Luke's contest, which had suddenly assumed gigantic proportions in the Gaels' quest for statewide recognition. After the final whistle, Gael fans were hoping that it was touchdowns, instead, that their team was saving for the challenge battle.

Gaels Coast On Lead

The Saints used their habitual method of winning a ball game. They took the necessary lead quickly and then foundered the rest of the way with a lead that appeared safe. At no time were they in danger of losing and they probably could have run the count higher except for needless penalties, fumbles and an inept second-half passing attack that stalled pile-driving running drives.

Joe Dressel's two TD's and George Gaughran's conversion accounted for the Saints' scoreboard display, but statistics show the Gaels' superiority more clearly. The victors ground out 222 yards rushing to the losers' 35 and in the air held a similar advantage, 71-14. As usual the Gaels won the penalty contest, being set back a total of 80 yards via infractions.

Dressel Scores Both

Both scores came in the first half. St. Mary's could do nothing with the ball after taking the opening kickoff and Gaughran punted dead on the Saints' 41 from his

own 21. The first time he handled the ball Irish quarterback Sam Cirsí fumbled and Jerry Frain recovered on the 40.

It took four plays for the score. Jasper Papa, who was easily the hardest runner on the field, plowed off right tackle for nine yards. Bobby Jones picked up nine more on the next down, but the Gaels were set back to their own 40 for holding. Jones, however, hit the right tackle again and sped back to the Irish 40 for a first down. On the following play, Dressel faked a handoff to Jones and slashed off his own left guard on a spinner. He cut into the secondary and raced over the goal.

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Gaels-Irish

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Gaughran converted to make it 7-0.

The Gaels scored again with seconds remaining in the half. Early in the second period they had threatened by driving from their own 18 to the Queen of Peace 11, chiefly on the running of Papa and Dan Kearney. The drive stalled, however, when a Gael passing flurry failed. It wasn't until the home club took over a punt on its own 28 late in the quarter that the final scoring drive started.

Kearney Run Nullified

The score could have come more easily except for a Gael penalty. Kearney took the punt on his own 30 and swivel-hipped to the Irish 20, but Charlie Durkee was caught clipping and the ball went back to the Gael 28.

The Gaels then began their only effective passing outburst of the day. A Papa-Dressel screen pass carried to the 41. Ron Seagel, who

Statistics

St. Mary's	Queen of Peace
10	First Downs
222	Yds. gained, rushing
71	Yds. gained, passing
14	Passes Attempted
4	Passes Completed
0	Interceptions
4	Fumbles
2	Opp. fumbles revd.
80	Yards lost, penalties
24.2	Punting Average

played a terrific ball game, then lofted a short lob to Dressel on the Gael 45 and the Saint quarterback sped down the sideline to the Queen of Peace 9 before being tossed out of bounds. Kearney got nothing on a reverse and another Seagel pass was incomplete. The Gael sub, however, then stepped back and passed to Dressel on the 4, who stepped over for the second score.

The Gael running attack worked smoothly in the second half with Papa and Seagel doing most of the carrying, but as soon as Dressel called for passes the thrusts stalled. The Gaels hit on only one of seven passes in the half and that completion was a screen pass that lost a yard. Three drives struck within the Irish 35, but the Gaels just fought themselves with poor passes, fumbles and penalties.

ST. MARY'S (13)

ENDS—Breslin, Gaughran.
TACKLES—Durkee, Perrine, Derlinga.
GUARDS—Reilly, Fink.
CENTERS—Frain, DeMarco.
BACKS—Dressel, Jones, Papa, Kearney, Doran, Seagel, Kretz, Farrell, Schwanekamp.

QUEEN OF PEACE (0)

ENDS—Keifer, Gunn, J. Walsh.
TACKLES—Anderson, Schaffner.
GUARDS—Kiernan, Brady.
CENTER—Bayer.
BACKS—McDonald, Maed, Morrell.

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Undefeated St. Mary's Ekes Past Fifth Rival, 13-0

Gaels Down Queen of Peace; Face Lucans In Challenge Game Wednesday at Ho-Ho-Kus

By Mickey Carroll
Herald-News Staff Writer

The statistics would seem to indicate that Rutherford St. Mary's is going to have a rough time in its challenge game with St. Luke's Wednesday at Ho-Ho-Kus.

Dressel Scoring Star

The Gaels topped Queen of Peace, 13 to 0, yesterday at Rutherford Field. A week ago, St. Luke's swamped Queen of Peace, 52 to 0.

But anyone who has been following them will tell you, as far as the Gaels are concerned, statistics don't amount to anything. Yesterday's victory was St. Mary's fifth of the season and the one thing that's distinguished all of their games is that they have been close.

Yesterday, quarterback Joe Dressel took over the scoring honors accounting for both St. Mary's touchdowns. He tallied on a 40-yard run midway in the first quarter and on an eight-yard pass in the final minute of the second quarter.

The Gaels should have scored a couple of more times too, but the quality of play nosedived in the second half, and the officials ate up almost as much yardage stepping off penalties as the players did running.

Fumble Leads To Tally

Before the penalties started, here's how the game went.

St. Mary's couldn't get anywhere after taking the opening kick-off, but Queen of Peace got even less. The losers fumbled the first time they had the ball. Jerry Frain recovered on the Gael 39 and three plays later St. Mary's had a touchdown.

The play started on the Queen of Peace 41. Dressel took the center, faked a handoff, and spun over left guard. He ran into three defenders in the Queen of Peace secondary but tore away and galloped the rest of the way alone for the score.

A few minutes later, Queen of Peace had its only threat. Cameron McDonald fell on a Gael fumble on the 23 and, after three plays didn't gain. Pat Maed tossed a pass into the end zone, but the receiver couldn't find the handle on it.

St. Mary's drove back to the Queen of Peace 20 but was stymied by a penalty and a pair of incomplete passes.

The next time they got the ball the Gaels made it count. Ron Seagal passed from his own 41 and hit Joe Dressel out deep to the right. Dressel carried the ball to the nine and, three plays later, gathered in another heave from Seagal, again on the right side, vaulted over a potential tackler and into the end zone for the score.

That was with about 40 seconds to go in the first half. But it represented the end of the game's action.

Officials Take Over

In the third period, while both teams together accounted for only 40 yards gained, the officials were stepping off 55. The fourth quarter wasn't much better.

Throughout the game, though, it was hard to visualize anybody whipping Queen of Peace, 52-0. St. Mary's was unquestionably the better ball club. But the visitors were rough and rugged on defense. And their attack, though stymied by a lack of good pass receiving, was trickily conceived. Their formation quick openers were quicker than most you see in high

school, and their pass patterns were deceptive.

St. Mary's unveiled its own surprise in Seagal. In his first extensive appearance before a home crowd, the sophomore halfback ran like a demon. He was powerful going through the line and speedy going around it.

St. Mary's (13)
Ends: Breslin, Gaughran
Tackles: Durkee, Perrine, Derlinga
Guards: Reilly, Fink
Centers: Frain, DeMarco
Backs: Dressel, Jones, Papa, Kearney, Doran, Seagal, Kretz, Farrell, Schwane-kamp
Queen of Peace (0)
Ends: Keifer, Gunn, J. Walsh
Tackles: Anderson, Schaffer
Guards: Kiernan, Brady
Center: Bayer
Backs: McDonald, Maed, Morrell, Ciri, R. Walsh
St. Mary's 7 6 0 0-13
Queen of Peace 0 0 0 0-0
Touchdowns: Dressel 2
Point after touchdown: Gaughran (placement)
Officials: Donn, Pohl, Farrell, Humanik.

By Paul Zumbo

Leo Moran in Line For Top Coach Honor

A real candidate for county coach of the year honors is Leo Moran of undefeated St. Mary's of Rutherford. The former Panzer grid great has taken an ordinary club and built it into one of the finest in the area. And he's doing it with but 13 men.

Moran quipped yesterday, "I use the two-platoon system with two men. Billy Livingston and Pete Doran play on defense, replacing fullback Jasper Papa and George Goughran."

Mentor Moran said his club's



Johnny Hollis



Leo Moran

success stems from working as a solid unit. There are no prima donna stars and all the lads give their all, he said.

Four senior backs include Don Kearney, Bob Jones, Jasper Papa and Joe Dressel. Lynn Reilly, a junior, at guard, is the standout on a well-balanced line.

St. Mary's plays Wallington today, Pope Pius of Passaic next Sunday and closes with powerful Seton Hall on the 29th.

Garfield coach Johnny Hollis tabs his left halfback Frank Harris, "Speedy." The 5-foot-6, 140-pound back is a real speed boy and shows much promise. . . Tackles Jerry Sloan and Martin Fein are highly rated by their mentor, Manlio Boverini at Passaic High. . . Ditto tackles Don Vander Ploeg and Ben Mastin of Pompton Lakes who have plaudits of their coach Charlie Benson.



GENTLEMAN, BE SEATED—That may be an old minstrel cry, but it's apparently in thinking as he tackles Queen of Peace's Johnny Morrell yesterday at Rutherford Field. Morrell was nailed by Fink after game end in midfield maneuver. Joe Dressel (26), of Gaels, watches to make Mary's won its fifth straight, 13-0. (Herald-News Photo)

Gaels Accept Challenge

St. Mary's, St. Luke's To Meet Wednesday

Rutherford St. Mary's High School's undefeated football team takes on Queen of Peace, of North Arlington, tomorrow afternoon at 2:15 at Rutherford Field but the Gaels have set their sights on beating a new foe Wednesday afternoon, Armistice Day.

An article in a Bergen paper, sent in by a St. Luke's High School fan, insisted the Ho-Ho-Kus parochial school team could beat the Rutherford Gaels. It put the wheels into motion and the game was quickly arranged for Wednesday at Ho-Ho-Kus at 2 o'clock.

Both Undefeated

Coach Leo Moran, urged on by his players, asked St. Mary's officials for permission to arrange the game. He received the green light and contacted St. Luke's officials. Both schools agreed to next Wednesday.

St. Mary's is undefeated in four games, having beaten St. Benedict's, of Newark; Immaculate Conception, of Montclair, LaSalle Military Academy, of Long Island, and North Arlington. One game, with Seton Hall, was rained out and yesterday the schools received permission from the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association to replay the game. It will be played either November 29 or December 6.

St. Luke's, also undefeated, has won over Dobbs Ferry, of New York, 25-0; Wallington, 13-6; Concordia, 45-0, and Queen of Peace, 52-0. The team also played a scoreless tie with Bayley-Ellard.

The Rutherford Gaels meet Queen of Peace tomorrow and will be out to score an easy decision over the North Arlington team as did St. Luke's.

The weather will play a big role in tomorrow's game. If snow continues tonight, as promised by the weatherman, the officials may be forced to either postpone or cancel the game.

Gaels, Pony Pirates Await Ruling By State Body

St. Mary's and Seton Hall's grid forces will meet on Dec. 6 to make up a scheduled earlier meeting washed out by rain—if permission is granted by the state Interscholastic Athletic Association. The nod is expected to be given tonight, Thursday, in a meeting of that group.

The fray, originally scheduled on Oct. 25, will have to be considered a "post-season" affair as it will be played after Thanksgiving Day. The state body has control over such games in order to limit post-season meetings, which are almost illegal. In this case, however, no opposition is expected to affect the proposed date.

Lucan Scalp Would Enhance Gael Prestige

Moran's players themselves will admit they've got a weak schedule this year. Outside of St. Benedict's and Seton Hall there's few respectable elevens on the slate. But even against the weaker brothers, such as LaSalle and Queen of Peace, the Gaels never moved out of hailing distance. All year they've rushed into the game, taken the lead quickly and then relaxed. It all has added up to five straight wins for St. Mary's, but it hasn't provided a spectacular brand of ball for the spectators to watch.

We penned this before the challenge match and looked forward to the game with the greatest of interest. If the Gaels failed to raise their hackles for St. Luke's they'll never raise it for anyone. They have a potentially tremendous ballclub, and facing a team that has a string of five victories and a tie, the best in them should have been brought out. To add the Lucans to an undefeated string would have heightened the Gaels' prestige.

Our opinion was that St. Mary's would win. By comparative scores St. Luke's and its high-scoring ace, Terry Byrne, should have been a shoo-in. We know the Gaels pretty well, though, and, take it from us, comparative scores can be chucked out the window where they're concerned. Our opinion was that a certain St. Luke's author was to eat his own words for supper last night.

Rutherford Gaels Are Tops

With the scholastic football season headed down the home stretch, St. Mary's High School, of Rutherford, is the area's only undefeated, untied team. Coach Leo Moran has turned in another fine job with limited personnel.

The Gaels meet Queen of Peace, of North Arlington, tomorrow at Rutherford Field, and should win. Actually, it should be a romp, but St. Mary's plays exactly as hard as it must. Then, too, Moran is never the one to overwhelm an opponent. He'd rather give his newcomers a chance in game competition.

St. Mary's has beaten St. Benedict's, of Newark, Montclair Immaculate Conception, LaSalle Military Academy, of Long Island, and North Arlington High School. The future slate, in addition to tomorrow's go against the Irish, lists games with Wallington, Passaic's Pope Pius and a rained-out affair with Seton Hall, of South Orange. Only the latter club, still unbeaten, figures to present a major obstacle.

The Gaels have a sturdy forward wall and a backfield which includes four boys adept at handling and throwing the ball. The quartet is composed of basketball players: Jasper Papa, a hard-driving lad; Dan Kearney, formerly a blocker, who has erupted as a runner; Bobby Jones, who was hurt early in the season, but who must be rated among the leading backs in the area and quarterback Joe Dressel. Dressel, whose signal calling is his greatest weakness, has mastered the pass or run option play.

It's too bad St. Mary's doesn't play some of the top public school teams in the area. The '53 Gaels are as good, if not better, than most.

Sun., Sept. 27	St. Benedict's Prep.	Home
Sun., Oct. 4	Immaculate Conception - Montclair	Home
Sun., Oct., 18	La Balle Military Academy	Away
Sun., Oct. 25	Seton Hall, South Orange	Home
*Sat., Oct. 31	North Arlington H. S., North Arlington	Away
Sun., Nov. 8	Queen Of Peace, North Arlington	Home
Sun., Nov. 15	Wallington High	Home
Sun., Nov. 22	Pope Pius, Passaic	Away



ST. MARY'S LOVELY CHEERLEADERS—These St. Mary's High School cheerleaders have much to yell about these days as their Gael football team still ranks among the unbeaten. Front, left to right, are: Joyce Celano, Betty Jane Murden, Nancy Zamarra, Pat Lydon and Florence Venice. Standing, left to right: Eileen Tiernan, Millie Barry, Christine Fowler, Dolores Jarvis and Marilyn Gillooly. The Gaels play St. Luke's at Ho-Ho-Kus Wednesday and Wallington at Rutherford Sunday. (Herald-News Photo)

Mary's Remains Undefeated And Untied By Dumping St. Luke's Lucan Back Prepares To Toss Aerial



George Shedler (67) goes into air to unleash 5-yard aerial over center to Terry Byrne, who grabbed ball and raced to St. Mary's 3-yard line in 41-yard advance in fourth period of yesterday's parochial tussle in Ho-Ho-Kus. Jerry Breslin (10) and Lynn Reilly (22) of St. Mary's are rushing Shedler.

For The Record

By Al Del Greco

Phooey On Figures

One of the marks of a sports writer—when in doubt, usually—is to eye a tough game and write comparative scores don't mean a thing in this game.

Let's look at comparative scores:

On November 1 St. Luke's of Ho-Ho-Kus beat Queen of Peace of North Arlington, 52-0.

On November 8, 7 days later, St. Mary's of Rutherford defeated the same club by a 13-to-0 score.

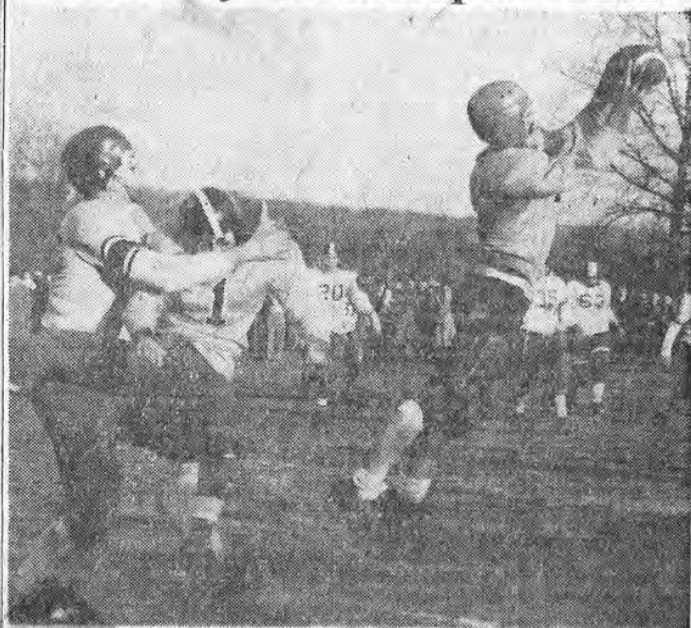
Off the previous scores, an average reader would figure Ho-Ho-Kus six or seven touchdowns better than St. Mary's.

So they met yesterday, at St. Luke's field, mind you, and the Gaels of St. Mary's poured it into St. Luke's, 32 to 13.

There are too many factors which enter in the selections of one team over another. Strength of schedule is one. Then, again, a team may be up for a game as was St. Mary's in this one.

That's why Army, say, which hasn't looked too great this year in spots, is figured to give Pennsylvania one whale of a game this Saturday. Penn may be down after its great exhibition against Notre Dame, which was just playing another ball game.

Kearney Intercepts Pass



Dan Kearney, St. Mary's halfback, intercepts a George Shedler pass as Pete Doran (1) blocks the intended receiver at left. Kearney carried ball from 50 to Lucan 35 in final period, but officials ruled he had interfered with the receiver before snaring the ball.

—Pigskin Parade Is Launched In Rutherford—



St. Mary's Wins Big Challenge Game, 32-13

Unbeaten Gaels Romp Over St. Luke's For Sixth Victory; Meet Wallington Next

By Mickey Carroll
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"Some day this team is going to be really up for a game," Coach Leo Moran said of his Rutherford St. Mary's Gaels last week. Yesterday was that day as the undefeated Gaels toppled St. Luke's, of Ho-Ho-Kus, from the ranks of the unbeaten, 32-13, before 2,500 fans at Ho-Ho-Kus.

Challenge Game

The aroused Gaels mopped up the field with the Lucans in a challenge contest, pouring 32 points across the goal line, before allowing their opponent score in the final quarter. Then it was the second team that gave up 13 points, a dozen of them to the Lucans' fine halfback, Terry Byrne.

The game came about as the result of a letter from a St. Luke's fan demanding that St. Mary's put its undefeated record on the block. It ended with a badly battered Lucan eleven on the short end of the score, and with the Gaels still the only undefeated, untied high school team in Bergen County.

Sunday, St. Mary's plays Wallington at Rutherford Field.

It was team play that could take credit for yesterday's easy victory, too.

It was rare when hard-running Gael backs didn't have gaping holes in front of them, while the entire squad joined on defense to bottle up the vaunted Lucan power around the ends.

The Gaels employed a shifting 4-4-3 defense to cut down Byrne's blocking before it got a chance to form. Then they cut down Byrne.

He never stayed down, though. The big Lucan halfback gave the Gaels their only real trouble with his long accurate forward passes—all without too much protection from his blockers. And, after absorbing a terrific physical pounding, he still had enough steam to score both St. Luke's touchdowns.

For St. Mary's, the scoring was well distributed.

George Gaughan started it off after only about two minutes had elapsed. He gathered in a Joe Dressel pass on the 10 and ran over for the touchdown. The play covered 33 yards.

In the second quarter, Bobby Jones plunged three yards over right tackle for the second Gael score. A few minutes later Dressel accounted for the third, when he intercepted John Detrano's pass on his own 27—with an assist from Pete Doran—and went 73 yards down the right sidelines.

It was a nice play to watch. Doran went into the air to bat down Detrano's heave, and tapped it to Dressel. As Joe started up the side, Butch Perrine and Dan Kearney threw a pair of path-clearing blocks, and, by the time Dressel was at midfield, he had the whole field to himself.

Five Plays to Score

Jasper Papa added his six points worth in the third quarter, on his

third consecutive plunge over right guard. The Gaels took over when St. Luke's lost the ball on downs on their own 35. St. Mary's couldn't get going either, until a fourth down punt formation pass—George Gaughan to Bobby Jones—that put the ball on the 18. From there it took them five plays to score.

Just before the quarter ended, Dan Kearney made sure that everyone in the starting Gael backfield would tally, by flashing across right guard and racing 10 yards for a touchdown. The play came at the end of a nine-play 70-yard march.



CHOKING OFF A RUN—An unidentified St. Luke's player grabs Leo Fink, St. Mary's guard and defensive back, around the throat as he returns intercepted pass for a 13-yard gain in second quarter of yesterday's game at Ho-Ho-Kus. Lucan players in photo, from left to right: Bobby Cole (33), Terry Byrne (27), Joe Deml (93) and Fluffy Furgeson, while Bill Livingston (15), of Gaels gets set to toss a block. St. Mary's won its sixth straight over previously unbeaten Lucans, 32-13. (Herald-News Photo).

Conversion points went to Jerry Breslin, who took a pass from Dan Kearney after Dressel's score, and to George Gaughan, who booted one between the goal posts after Papa's touchdown.

Sixth TD Nullified

Breslin came close to being the sixth St. Mary's touchdown scorer, too. He caught Jasper Papa's pass in the end zone midway in the final quarter, but the play was called back for backfield-in-motion.

Right after that, the Lucan's started the drive that got them the first of their consolation scores.

Byrne tallied on a one-yard plunge over left guard. He set it up by taking George Shedler's pass on the St. Mary's 30, faking out a defender, and legging it to the three, before Dressel pushed him out of bounds.

Byrne was in the end zone again, after St. Mary's second team couldn't get moving and punted to its 41 yard line. A terrific catch of a Joe Frankoski pass by George

Solomon — he snatched the ball from three Gael defenders on the 17 yard line — put the Lucans in position. Three plays later Byrne crashed over from the four.

But that—plus a Frankoski-to-Solomon pass for the conversion after the first touchdown — was only good for 13 points. And that wasn't nearly enough to catch the high-flying Gaels.

St. Mary's (32)

Ends: Breslin, Gaughan, Duddy, Moon
Tackles: Durkee, Perrine, O'Connor, Tuclillo, Derlinga

Guards: Reilly, Fink, Livingston, DeMarco

Centers: Frain, Dressel, Jones, Papa, Kearney, Doran, Seagal, Kretz, Farrell

Backs: Byrne, Cole, Sedlitzchak, Shedler, Frankoski, John Detrano

St. Luke's (13)

Ends: Solomon, Santulli, Dembia, Brasher

Tackles: Lustig, McCabe, Carty

Guards: Basil, Cleary, Furgeson

Centers: McGovern, Joe Detrano

Backs: Byrne, Cole, Sedlitzchak, Shedler, Frankoski, John Detrano

St. Mary's 6 13 13 0-32

St. Luke's 0 0 0 13-13

Touchdowns: Gaughan, Jones, Dressel, Papa, Kearney, Byrne, 2

Points after touchdowns: Breslin (pass from Kearney), Gaughan (placement), Solomon (pass from Shedler)

Officials: Dervitz, Jorgensen, Quirk, Foyle

Fired Up Gaels Deflate Foes In Challenge Fray

Two Other TD's Nullified

HO-HO-KUS, Nov. 11 — St. Luke's High School authorities will probably censor all student mail in the future after their highly-touted grid squad took a somewhat-merciful 32-13 drubbing from unbeaten St. Mary's here today. It was a student letter to a Bergen sports editor which touted the Lucan cause over the "over-rated" Gaels that led to this afternoon's challenge battle. Its result was the sudden deflation of the hitherto unbeaten but once-tied St. Luke's eleven.

St. Mary's was terrific Fired up by the challenge and taunts that came from the Lucan squad last Sunday as it scouted the St. Mary's-Queen of Peace battle, the Gaels wasted no time in showing their vast superiority. They powered to a 32-0 lead and had two other scores nullified by infractions before allowing the home club to push two scores across in the final period. The final touchdown for the losers came against the Rutherford team's reserves.

Line Smears Byrne

The county's leading scorer, Terry Byrne, was cramped from the start by the brilliant St. Mary's forward wall. Byrne got nowhere on the ground until the final canto when he scored both the losers' touchdowns on crashes tail-ending passing thrusts.

Every St. Mary's starting back scored once in addition to end George Gaughran. The Gaels tried hard to allow the other end, Jerry Breslin, to tally and hit him with a 12-yard scoring pass from Jasper Papa in the third quarter; but it was erased by a back-in-motion penalty.

Gael runners were superb. Papa, Joe Dressel, Dan Kearney and Bobby Jones were running hard and gained almost at will. With the line making mincemeat of the Lucan defenders they lost ground on only two plays—one resulting from an errant lateral.

It was a rout from the start. St. Mary's took the opening kickoff and drove 68 yards in eight plays. Jones crashed the tackles for 17 yards in the march. It ended when Dressel pin-pointed a toss from the 13 to Gaughran who picked it off in the 10 and scored.

Jones Cracks The Line

The Gaels tallied again midway in the second quarter. Leo Fink returned a Lucan punt to the enemy 35, where the home club was et back to its own 20 for illegal use of hands. Jones barreled over he right side to the 6. Seagel used the same exit to the 3 and Papa took his turn and picked up me. Jones ended the goings-on by arrying half the defending line ver the stripe.

St. Luke's went to the air, but Dressel soon showed the folly of uch a rash move. Pete Doran deflected a J. in Ditrano pass on his wn 37. Dressel plucked it off and aced 63 yards behind a pair of ocking backs by Harry Perrine and Kearney. Kearney tossed a pass o Jerry Breslin to add the PAT and make it 19-0.

The Gaels still weren't finished and in the third period completely

Statistics		
St. Mary's		St. Luke's
12	First Downs	16
165	Yds. Gained, Rushing	46
104	Yds. Gained, Passing	171
14	Passes Attempted	24
6	Passes Completed	10
2	Intercepted By	2
2	Fumbles	1
0	Opp. Fumbles Rcvd.	1
25	Punting Ave.	37
55	Yds. Lost, Penalties	25

overwhelmed St. Luke's. Stalling on his own 35 after the half, Byrne faked a punt for the Lucans and tried to run, but Perrine cut him down at scrimmage.

Taking possession, the Gaels gained little until the fourth, when Gaughran faked a boot and tossed down the middle to Jones on the 30. The unstoppable Mr. Jones scooted to the 17. Papa crashed to the 11 and Jones churned through again, this time to the 3. Papa took two tries to bull over, Gaughran kicked the conversion and it was 26-0.

Kearney Takes A Turn

A Lucan passing attack died on the St. Mary's 30 before the period ended, and the Gaels were off again. Papa and Jones rushed to the 41 and then Dressel tossed a lateral to Kearney, who swivel-hipped to the losers' 47. Dressel fooled 'em on the next play, faked the pitchout and circled the defense for 26 yards. He carried to the ten a few plays later and Kearney became the last starting back to score by slashing over on a reverse.

It was all over but the post-game insults. Moran cleared his bench and St. Luke's drove for a pair of futile touchdowns in the dying minutes. Byrne scored both. After Breslin's touchdown was nullified the Ho-Ho-Kus eleven intercepted on the Gael 19. They hit with three passes to score and even then wouldn't have had that if a Kearney interception hadn't been nullified by a penalty. They moved to the 3 where Byrnes was given his chance to run his scoring total up. It took two tries to make it. A pass netted the PAT and it was 32-7.

His second score came with only a minute remaining. A 44-yard pass set up the score. Byrne then took it over from the four.

Pike are little, if any, inferior to musky as fighters, except they do not leap quite so spectacularly.

—Sports Afield

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Strong Ground Game Earns Gaels 32-13 Win Over Ho-Ho-Kus Saints

Byrne Scores Twice In Last Frame As Lucans Suffer First Defeat

By BOB MC LEESTER

Ho-Ho-Kus — St. Mary's High School kept its undefeated and untied record intact, romping to its sixth win here yesterday by dumping St. Luke's from the unbeaten ranks, 32-13.

The Gaels showed their superiority early in the game, chalking up all their points in the first 3 periods. St. Luke's, on the other hand, failed to muster any strong attack until the last quarter when it garnered 131 yards on 4 passes.

Bob Jones led St. Mary's ground game, traveling for 124 yards in 18 tries. He suffered a 21-yard loss, however, in the last period when he couldn't hold a poorly thrown lateral from Joe Dressel, but outside of that break he was a consistent ground gainer.

Jones, George Gaughran, Dressel, Jay Papa and Dan Kearney tallied touchdowns for the Gaels, while Terry Byrne scored both of St. Luke's 6-pointers.

GAUGHNAN GOES OVER

St. Mary's took charge of the game from the opening kickoff, marching 68 yards in 8 plays for the score. Gaughran caught a 22-yard aerial from Dressel and ran 10 yards into the end zone to wind up the drive. Gaughran's placement attempt was wide.

The Gaels tallied again in the second period when a St. Luke's was returned by Jones from the 49 to the 35 and officials walked off a 15-yard penalty against St. Luke's to the Lucans' 20.

Jones, in two plays, carried to the 3. Papa smashed for 1 and Jones bulled over from the 2. A pass from Jones to Jerry Breslin for the point was incomplete.

Meanwhile, the Lucans were discovering that they were unable to gain on the ground against St. Mary's, so they took to the air after

Shedler hit George Solomon with an aerial for the point.

Byrne tallied again with a minute left to go in the contest, going 4 yards off left tackle to climax a 41-yard drive. The main play in the march was a 24-yard pass from Shedler to Solomon. Byrne's aerial attempt to Solomon for the extra point was incomplete.

The lineups:

St. Mary's (32)	St. Luke's (13)
L.E. ... Breslin	Dembia
L.T. ... Durkee	Lustig
L.G. ... Reilly	Basli
C. ... Frain	McGovern
R.G. ... Fink	Cleary
R.T. ... Perrine	McCabe
R.E. ... Gaughran	R. Santulli
O.B. ... Dressel	Shedler
J.B. ... Jones	Byrne
R.H.B. ... Kearney	Sedlatschek
F.B. ... Papa	Cole

SCORE BY PERIODS

St. Mary's	6	13	13	0	32
St. Luke's	0	0	0	13	13

SCORING

Touchdowns—Gaughran, Jones, Dressel, Papa, Kearney, Byrne 2. Points after touchdown—Breslin (pass), Gaughran (placekick), Solomon (pass).

SUBSTITUTIONS

St. Mary's—Doran, Seagel, Livingston, Derlinga, Demarco, Farrell, O'Connor, Moon, Kretz, Tucillo, Scrivanich, Schwabekamp, Duddy.

St. Luke's—Frankoski, Solomon, Carty, Bracher, Furgeson.

OFFICIALS

Referee—Dervitz, Umpire—Quirk, Head Linesman—Jorgensen, Field Judge—Foyle.

St. Mary's, St. Joe's, Lucans in Titular Scramble

By Joe Thomas

Perhaps you haven't noticed, but there is a mad scramble under way for the North Jersey Catholic Group B football championship with four teams, including three from the Newark Archdiocese, still in contention or the diadem. Last Wednesday's game between St. Luke's and St. Mary's, Rutherford, scheduled by the two unbeaten schools almost at the last minute (and played after this paper's deadline had passed), may have cleared the atmosphere somewhat but certainly didn't decide the issue for good.

Before the game the situation was this. St. Luke's was unbeaten in six games but had been tied by Bayley Ellard. Besides that the Lucans had played three schools not ranked by the State Association. St. Mary's was unbeaten in five contests and had been pressed only by St. Benedict's and LaSalle Military Academy, a couple of prep schools.

Also in the picture are St. Joseph's and Delbarton School of Morristown. St. Joseph's, playing the toughest schedule of all, has won its last four in a row after losing its opener to Snyder by one point and tying Seton Hall. But Snyder is a Group IV school and that loss doesn't hurt too much. Neither does the tie with Seton Hall, a Group A Catholic school, although the deadlock doesn't help the Setonians in their quest for that championship.

Delbarton is unbeaten after six contests and already has won the North Jersey Ivy League championship.

Further complicating the situation is the fact that the State Association bases its awards (sometimes) on a point system that takes into consideration the caliber of the opposition played.

However, St. Joseph's led the point rankings last year and didn't get the award because it had lost more than two games.

Putting the shoe on the other foot St. Luke's or St. Mary's (whichever won Wednesday) could go unbeaten and likewise lose the award. The State Association, though, has been known to ease past situations of this sort by declaring a tie.

None of the local contenders face serious trouble this weekend so the problem should remain with us for a little while. St. Joseph's is idle, St. Mary's will take on Wallington and St. Luke's will go against Oratory.

In other games St. Peter's will be host to Xavier (NY), Immaculate will test Bayley Ellard, Queen of Peace will try to hold down St. Benedict's, St. Michael's and St. Cecilia's will flail at each other in the weekend's top attraction, and Pope Pius will try to contain Seton Hall's fleet backs.

While Wallington is winless, don't expect St. Mary's to roll

over that club. For one thing the Gaels will be playing their third game in eight days. For another they have never played harder than they had to in order to win.

Leo Moran's charges have never scored more than three times in any one game although they have had plenty of opportunity. Moran isn't one to roll up a score but he does like a comfortable lead.

Anyway, even if tired his experienced backfield of Joe Dressel, Jasper Papa, Bob Jones and Dan Kearney should have enough to handle Wallington, competing on a varsity basis for the first time this year.

Oratory's main hope for salvation lies in the fact that St. Luke's was held to a tie by Bayley and in the knowledge that they were able to upset the Lucans last year. But this is 1953 and Oratory has gone backward while the Lucans have improved.

Ange Scauro has a host of good backs led by Joe Frankoski, Bob Sedlatschek, Bob Cole, George Shedler and the fabulous Terry Byrne. He also has a good receiver in Dick San-

tulli and a strong line anchored by Ron Basil at guard.

St. Cecilia's and St. Michael's appear evenly matched and both will be seeking to salvage something from the current season. St. Michael's, after a tie and four consecutive losses, finally cracked the win column in its last outing, beating winless Dickinson 12-6.

St. Cecilia's opened in impressive fashion, taking its first two contests, but since then has dropped four in a row. The Cecilians have been plagued by injuries and have been without the services of Joe Barcia all year excepted for a limited time against Seton Hall.

St. Michael's will be able to present its strongest backfield unit with the return of Frank Scufari. He and Mike Siano, along with end Ed Stogowski, a good kicker, carry the major attacking burden.

Bob Scarrone and Joe Rivelli are the top men on the line but the work of Joe Quirk, Russ Demarest and Bill Alberque for St. Cecilia's should offset their play.

St. Cecilia's backfield, however, is in a crippled condition

—Hugo Marcolini has yet to start the same foursome—and the team will again have to rely on Rudy Argenti's accurate passes. Unfortunately, few of the boys can handle his throws but the opinion is that he will connect on enough to upend St. Michael's.

St. Peter's and Xavier, playing in the only Saturday game on the schedule, may also put on a good show. The Petreans will be attempting to snap back from last week's loss to Memorial and, while Xavier hasn't been impressive so far, there is little danger of an emotional let-down because this is one of the traditional games on the Petrean slate.

Conversely, the New Yorkers will be steamed up, too, and you can expect them to put up a whale of a fight. But St. Peter's has the material and should take this one in stride.

Bayley Ellard and Immaculate may be involved in one of the best games of the day. Bayley has been taking its lumps this season but hasn't been knocked about as much as Immaculate, still winless after six games. The Montclair boys certainly don't want to end the season with that distinction and they realize that Bayley could be their best chance for an "out."

Besides that Immaculate has looked better in its last two outings, although swamped in both instances. Bayley may rule a slight favorite but we think Immaculate is going to avert oblivion by winning this one.

In Sunday's other games both Seton Hall and St. Benedict's should romp. Both are having good years. Queen of Peace and Pope Pius are not.

St. Benedict's will play its last game Friday, Nov. 20 against Harrison and should wind up with its sixth consecutive victory. That would give the Gray Bees an exceptional record for a team that abandoned its post-graduate policy a year ago. In case of cold or rainy weather that night the game will be played the following afternoon.

St. Mary's Rips Lucans, Nears Catholic 'B' Title

HOHOKUS—St. Mary's (R) took a mighty big stride towards the North Jersey Group B football championship last week, taking care of one of its chief competitors itself and watching another fall by the wayside a few days later.

In a challenge game provoked by optimistic rooters from

St. Luke's, the Gaels settled the issue of superiority between the two unbeaten schools with a smashing 32-13 victory.

St. Mary's, which had been lethargic in mowing down five previous opponents, retained that spark to wallop Wallington 33-15 three days later and one day after St. Joseph's, another competitor for the B diadem, had fallen before Union Hill, 20-7. St. Mary's now has won ten in a row, including seven this season.

The loss to the Hillers may prove damaging to St. Joseph's cause. It was the second loss for the Blue Jays and only the second win for the Hillers.

ST. MARY'S NEVER was in trouble in its Armistice Day game with St. Luke's—a game arranged at the last minute after the Gaels had been challenged to put their streak on the line. The Gaels pushed off to a 19-0 half-time lead and were ahead 32-0 before Terry Byrne, the Fabulous Flash, burst through for a pair of last-quarter scores for the Purple Knights.

Leo Moran's charges, who still must play Pope Pius and rugged Seton Hall, won the game on the line. Charley Durkee, Lynn Reilly, Jerry Frain, Leo Fink and Al Perrine repeatedly opened huge holes for Bob Jones, Dan Kearney and Jasper Papa.

intercepted a John Detrano pass that had been tipped by Pete Doran and galloped 73 yards for another TD after blocks by Kearney and Perrine cleared the way.

A FOURTH-DOWN pass from punt formation that carried from St. Luke's 35 to the 18 set up the fourth score in the third stanza. Papa carried it over five plays later. Late in the third period Kearney got into the act with a ten-yard sprint over right guard to climax a 70-yard drive and end St. Mary's scoring.

Byrne salvaged something for the Lucans when he scored from the one and the four-yard lines in the final quarter. He set up the first six-pointer with a 26-yard run after catching George Shedler's 14-yard toss. A Joe Frankoski to George Soloman pass set the stage for Byrne's last score.

And on defense they cut down Byrne's blockers early, leaving the Lucan ace to the mercy of the close-in secondary. Byrne, though, played up to expectations, keeping the defense on its toes with his passing and finally breaking through in the waning moments of the contest.

St. Mary's started early, scoring shortly after the two-minute mark on a 33-yard pass play from Joe Dressel to George Gaughran. Jones got the second tally, going over on a three-yard buck in the second session. Moments later Dressel

St. Luke's May Byrne St. Mary's

Rutherford St. Mary's High School's football team may have bitten off more than the players can chew. The Gaels, their blood boiling at a challenge issued by a St. Luke's fan last week, pleaded with school officials to arrange a game with the Ho-Ho-Kus eleven. The game was quickly scheduled for Wednesday, Armistice Day, at Ho-Ho-Kus.

The Gaels were really burning when the St. Luke's fan hinted his school's team was better than St. Mary's. And unless the Rutherford Gaels snap out of their lethargy, the "Byrne" may take a long time to heal. We're referring to Terry Byrne, the ace of the St. Luke's backfield.

St. Luke's is Bergen County's leading scorer. He has 88 points in six games, five of which St. Luke's won as against a tie. Byrne has tallied 14 touchdowns and four extra points, more than half of the team's 173 points this season. Terry may be hot as a Fourth of July firecracker on Wednesday and really Byrne the Gaels.

Coach Leo Moran's Rutherford Saints have been a hot and cold club. Although undefeated, they have been playing only as hard as necessary to win. St. Mary's has won five straight. The latest was a 13-0 victory yesterday over Queen of Peace, of North Arlington.

St. Luke's and Byrne slaughtered Queen of Peace last week, 52-0, and the Ho-Ho-Kus players were on hand yesterday to scout their Wednesday foe.

Moran believes the St. Luke's game may see his Gaels playing their best game. "I'm not going to say a word on the field Wednesday," said Moran yesterday. "I'm going to let them play the game. This is one game they want to win to prove they've got the better club. I think they are mad enough to do it, too."

It should be a great battle. And we like the Rutherford Gaels to win.

Gaels Romp

Long Runs Net 33-15

Conquest Of Wallington

Scrivanich Boots 3 PAT'S

St. Mary's easily outscored Wallington High, 33-15, before an overflow crowd at Rutherford Field Sunday afternoon, but the losers impressed with a spirit that saw them trying hard to score right down to the final whistle.

Long runs featured the contest in which Leo Moran's hard-running ball club chalked up its seventh victim of the season. Jasper Papa bucked straight up the middle for 47 yards to score the game's first touchdown in the opening period to give an indication of what was coming. Bobby Owci charged back for the visitors to score from 56 yards out immediately afterwards and Dan Kearney scored on a 60 yard punt return before the half ended.

In the final half, Joe Dressel scooted 28 yards to paydirt after interceptings a Panther pass, and the final Gael score came on a 2-yard plunge by Joe Walsh after Ron Seagel and Walt Smith had teamed up on a 77-yard pass play. In between, both squads had also scored on pass plays.

Scrivanich Returns

The hit of the afternoon was the return of Charlie Scrivanich in the St. Mary's picture. He came in to boot three extra points and might have made it five-for five except for two that were blocked. Sustaining a broken collarbone in the seasons' opener with St. Benedict's the pint-sized back practiced extra-point conversion while his wing was in wraps and already the move has paid off.

The Gaels foundered around a bit before getting score number one. Three St Mary's drives died out in Wallington territory while Papa was working up steam. Finally, Kearney took a Panther punt on his own 48 and scooted to the enemy 33. The Gaels, though, were penalized fifteen yards on the runback and took over on the enemy 47 instead. Papa churned up the middle, toppling all who were unlucky enough to be downed by Gael blockers, and ran like a scaback all the way. Scrivanich came in and got a big hand for booting his first PAT.

The quarter changed and so did the score. Taking over after the kickoff on their own 46 the Panthers regained the TD quickly. Bobby Owci faked a pass and dived right end without letting anyone lay a hand on him. An attempted run for the point failed and the Gaels still led.

Dressel Tossee For TD

The Saints had their turn at scoring again after Leo Fink ran punt back to his 37. The Gaels needs only six tries to cover the distance. After Jerry Frain recovered a fumble by his own backfield, Bobby Jones went through tight tackle to the Panther 30. Two running plays got nothing and Dressel reared back and fired a trial to George Gaughran in the end zone.

Shortly afterwards, Kearney



Charlie Scrivanich
Now A Specialist

sparkled on his 60-yard punt return, set free by a jolting block at midfield by Jerry Breslin, to make it 19-6 by halftime.

After opening the third period offensive from their own 43 the Gaels struck to the enemy 45 on a Dressel-Gaughran-Jones razzle-dazzler. Kearney carried for six and Dressel raced over the right side to the 7. Two plays later Jones fumbled at the 3, but Dressel soon made up for it.

The Panthers were trying hard

Scholastic Grid Scores

East Rutherford 14, Lodi 12
St. Mary's 33, Wallington 15
Hackensack 21, Rutherford 0
Closter 6, Wood-Ridge 0
Englewood 46, Tenafly 0
Dumont 20, Bergenfield 6
Fair Lawn 21, Bogota 0
Hastbrouck Heights 28, Fort Lee 7
Leonia 20, Cliffside Park 18
Hawthorne 18, North Arlington 0
Paterson Eastside 25, Garfield 0
Teaneck 47, Ridgefield Park 0
Westwood 26, Hackettstown 0
Ridgewood 26, Lyndhurst 0
St. Michael's 12, St. Cecilia's (Englewood) 7
St. Benedict's 26, Queen of Peace 0
St. Luke's 21, Oratory 6
Montclair 40, Clifton 6
Seton Hall 29, Pope Pius 6
Emerson 25, Passaic 6
Verona 16, Millburn 2

(Continued)

to score and passed deeply within their own territory throughout the day. Shortly after Jones' bobble, though, Dressel picked off one of Bob Golabek's tosses at the 28 and scored. Scrivanich booted and it was 26-6.

Pugs Nets 77 Yards

The Gaels ripped off their biggest gain of the day on the first play of the final quarter. On fourth down and one to go Ron Seagel gambled from his own 21, tossed a pass to the fleeting Smith on the 50 and the Gael track star raced to the 2 before being stopped. It was Smith's first appearance since his injury in the North Arlington game. Walsh then plunged and Scrivanich converted to end the Gael scoring.

Wallington wasn't through, though. Shortly after a Seagel punt was blocked on the Gael 37, Golabek pitched to Joe Stach in the end zone for the Panthers' second. Stach completely outfoxed the defense and was ten yards away from the nearest opponent. Golabek plunged for the extra point.

On the following kickoff, Golabek's skidding boot went jumping past Seagel, who booted it over the end zone for an automatic safety.

Statistics

St. Mary's	Wallington
8	First Downs
162	Yds. Gained, Rushing
131	Yds. Gained, Passing
8	Passes Attempted
4	Passes Completed
3	Intercepted By
3	Fumbles
2	Opp. Fumbles Rcvd.
22	Punts, Av. fr. Scrim.
0	Blocked Kicks
65	Yds. Lost, Penalties

ST. MARY'S (33)
ENDS—Breslin, Gaughran, Smith, Duddy, Moon.
TACKLES—Durkee, Perrine, Tucillo, Derlinga.
GUARDS—Reilly, Fink, Livingston.
CENTERS—Frain, Demarco.
BACKS—Dressel, Jones, Papa, Kearney, Droan, Seagel, Kretz, Farrell, O'Connor, Scrivanich, Schwaneckamp, Walsh.

WALLINGTON (15)
ENDS—Caracozza, Danilewicz, Mizdol, Stach.
TACKLES—Clemens, Anen, Freeland.
GUARDS—Sanatori, Gumnienny, Kolifis, Shaw.
CENTERS—Kaszak, Furtak.
BACKS—Owci, McAleese, O'Leary, Dozi, Golabek, Bauer, Imbruglia, Laba, Szezech.

ST. MARY'S 7 12 7 7—33
WALLINGTON 0 6 0 9—15
TOUCHDOWNS — Papa, Gaughran, Kearney, Dressel, Walsh, Owci, Stach.
POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWNS — Scrivanich 3 (placements.) Golabek (rush).
SAFETY—Wallington.
OFFICIALS—Monaco, Girodo, Wische, Devlin.



Ken O'Connor, St. Mary's



Tom Derlinga, St. Mary's



Joe Dressel Leads Area Scoring Aces

Joe Dressel's four touchdowns over the past two weekends boosted him into the gridiron scoring lead in the South Bergen area. The St. Mary's quarterback scored two touchdowns against Queen of Peace and added one more against both St. Luke's and Wallington. His 38-point total is two points better than the 36 tallied by teammate George Gaughran.

Gaughran, an end, has grabbed five touchdown passes thus far and has booted six extra-point conversions.

Joe Smalz, East Rutherford's leading scorer is in third place with four touchdowns. Rutherford's John Beisler has moved up to fourth with a 19-point output.

Player	TD	PAT	Total
Dressel, AM	6	2	38
Gaughran, SM	5	5	36
Smalz, ER	4	0	24
Beisler, RHS	3	1	19
Walker, RHS	3	0	18
Kearney, SM	3	0	18
Jones, SM	3	0	18
Papa, SM	3	0	18
Mensing, ER	2	1	13
Hayman, RHS	2	0	12
Scrivanich, SM	1	3	9
Trepi, RHS	1	1	7
Catuzzi, ER	1	3	9
Knichel, ER	1	0	6
Walsh, SM	1	0	6
LoPresti, RHS	1	0	6
Waldron, RHS	1	0	6
Schwaneckamp, SM	1	0	6
Kretz, ER	1	0	6
Parkerton, RHS	0	3	3
Breslin, SM	0	1	1

Rutherford, St. Mary's Should Romp Over Tenaflly, Pope Pius This Week

Unless overconfidence rears its old, ugly head, both Rutherford and St. Mary's grid teams should romp handily this weekend. Rutherford plays host to sixth-place Tenaflly in a Northern New Jersey In-

terscholastic League tussle Saturday and St. Mary's travels to Passaic Stadium the following afternoon to face winless Pope Pius. East Rutherford has an open date in preparation for its annual Turkey Day classic with Lyndhurst.

Revenge Match

Rutherford, which now is tied for third in the league along with Englewood, will be out to smother Tenaflly. A victory would be the Bulldogs' fifth and could assure the squad of a winning season.

Furthermore, Rutherford will be out to avenge a 46-0 setback piled on by the Tigers last year. The Bulldogs were plagued by injury at the time and the Tigers ran the count up. This time the wind's blowing the other way. The Rutherford club is one of the best in the league. If it weren't for a defensive lapse in the final minutes

Seton Hall To Test Saints On Nov. 29

Athletic Director Leo Moran of St. Mary's announced this week that the St. Mary's-Seton Hall tilt, which was postponed on Oct. 25 because of rain, will be played at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at Rutherford Field.

Providing the Gaels defeat Pope Pius this Sunday, as is expected, the Pony Pirates will be the final hurdle blocking an undefeated season for St. Mary's.

of its loss to Tenaflly the Bulldogs would have sewed up the league crown to weeks ago. They shouldn't have too much trouble with Tenaflly, which has a lone win over Cliffside Park in seven outings. They may drum up their biggest scoring spree of the year.

Saints Heavy Favorites

St. Mary's will go into the Pope Pius game a top-heavy favorite. The Gaels are the only unbeaten, untied eleven in Bergen County and shouldn't have too much trouble in downing the Eagles. The Passaic schools is winless, having tied Queen of Peace besides losing four.

The Gaels have been shy about running up big scores this year, but they might try to see how high they can go against their old rivals in order to get a line on the coming battle with Seton Hall.

Pope Pius dropped a 29-6 decision to the Pony Pirates Sunday. Regardless of what the Saints do against the Eagles, though, comparative scores will mean little, for the Gaels have been upsetting that bucket all season.



Swinging Along

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Tenaflly Has Had It!

We pity Tenaflly's gridders this weekend. After suffering the disappointment of Saturday's loss, the Bulldogs will be out to take their spite on someone, and the Tigers happen to be in the line of fire. Besides, Rutherford has a little score to even up. Tenaflly drubbed the Blue squad, 46-0, last year and Tex Trepl and his gang will be out to erase that embarrassment.

As for Pope Pius, we can't find any balm for them either. They've come up with a winless team this year and have to face the only unbeaten squad in these parts Sunday. What makes it worse is that it's arch-rival St. Mary's. The Eagles might decide to treat the Gaels nice, though, because in looking over the record it appears that the Rutherford club only runs the count up when it's mad at somebody. As far as we know the Saints aren't too mad at the Passaic team.

East Rutherford isn't in on the picnic. They'll be too busy prepping for Lyndhurst on Turkey Day. The season might not turn out so bad after all if the Wildcast can scalp the Bears. Both teams have a total of three wins between them. In the past few seasons it was more likely that they would have suffered that many losses, but things change. Seeing as they've been taking turns in batting each other around lately it looks as if its the Wildcats turn this time.

Little Guy Shines

If we were scouting for a 150-pound team, we'd waste no time in awarding a scholarship to Rickie Caracozza, Wallington's right end. Sunday's program listed him at 130 pounds but he probably had his pockets loaded with lead when they arrived at that figure. Pound for pound he was the best man on the field. For three straight plays we watched the St. Mary's interference try to knock him down—and they couldn't do it. Besides making a monkey out of the big blockers, he broke in to jolt a few runners, grabbed a fumble and almost broke into the clear with a pass. Can't help tipping the hat to a kid like that, who doesn't let anyone's size faze him.

Pope Pius Seeks Upset Win Over Unbeaten Foe

Eagles, St. Mary's Clash in Rubber Game Of Series Sunday at Passaic School Stadium

One of the largest crowds of the parochial school football season is expected Sunday afternoon at Passaic School Stadium to witness the 11th clash between unbeaten St. Mary's, of Rutherford, and winless Pope Pius, of Passaic. This is the rubber game in the series which stands at five victories for each school.

Eagles Are "UP"

St. Mary's recently recorded three wins in a period of eight days and is the only undefeated, untied team in Bergen County. Pope Pius has dropped four and been involved in a tie game this season and has been winless in its last nine starts over a period of two years.

Despite its poor record Pope Pius has turned in several good performances and is "up" for Sunday's game.

The Eagles lost to powerful Seton Hall High, of South Orange, 29-6, last week, but escaped physical injury. The team will be set with Captain Eddie Alexander leading the ground game. However, Co-coaches Dan Dandy and Joe (Red) Molnar may come up with a passing attack.

St. Mary's pass defense has left much to be desired. Coach Leo Moran well realizes this situation and has been drilling his Gaels in an effort to close the gaps.

High Scoring Team

In rolling to seven wins the Gaels have scored 150 points with Joe Dressel, Dan Kearney, Jasper Papa, George Gaughran and Bob Jones getting the king's share.

The last time Pope Pius beat St. Mary's was in 1950 by a 27-0 score. St. Mary's won in '51, 25-0 and repeated last season, 19-0.

The Garfield Holy Name Cadets, national junior champion, will be on hand Sunday to provide pregame and halftime entertainment.

On Sunday morning the Pope Pius Alumni Association will have its annual Communion Breakfast at which Frank Tripuka, former All-America at Notre Dame, will be the guest speaker.

Pope Pius	1942	St. Mary's
13	1943	12
6	1944	0
0	1945	19
12	1946	14
7	1947	32
72	1948	0
21	1949	0
27	1950	0
0	1951	25
0	1952	19
154		111

St. Mary's Pope Pius W L T 5 5 0



Dan Dandy Pope Pius Coach

Clifton Alumni Will Be Feted Dec. 10

Members of the Clifton Grandstand Club last night made the plans for their fifth annual drive for players and coaches of the 1953 Alumni team, on Wednesday December 10th at Frank Albert's. Gifts also will be presented to the players.

Also invited are Clifton Auxiliary Police, members of the Recreation Department, and Dr. Peter Castiglia.

Several outstanding football and baseball players will be present. A football film will be shown.

Joseph Menegus, president, announced the game was a financial success and that the proceeds, as usual, will be used for the promotion of juvenile athletic activities for Clifton children.

In charge of the dinner are George Abel and John Agnello, ex-chairman; Robert Motta, Arthur Argauer, Joseph Seador, and Councilman Stephen Koribanics.



THE BACKS OF ST. MARY'S—Here are four big reasons the football team at St. Mary's High School, Rutherford, is unbeaten and untied in seven games this season. Front line backfield blockers, left to right: Dan Kearney, Jasper Papa and Bob Jones, with Joe Dressel (26) in a passing mood. Actually, all four are competent forward passers and hard runners, too. The Gaels play Pope Pius Sunday at Passaic School Stadium. (Herald-News Photo)

St. Mary's-Pope Pius Game Tops School Slate

Gaels and Eagles Clash Sunday at Passaic Stadium; Garfield Host to Lincoln High

The majority of local high school football teams will be resting until traditional Thanksgiving Day battles but there are eight games this week-end on the schoolboy schedule. Three of the games were postponed November 7 because of the snow and rain.

Rutherford Faces Tenafly

Passaic, Clifton, Hasbrouck Heights, Lyndhurst, Wood-Ridge, East Rutherford, Fair Lawn, Hawthorne, Butler, Paterson East-side and Central, and Nutley will be off Saturday, drilling for important Turkey Day assignments.

However, it won't be an off day for Rutherford, which meets Passaic on Thanksgiving Day, nor for Garfield, which has a rough Turkey Day tussle with Clifton. Lodi, North Arlington, Wayne, Passaic Valley and Wallington also are busy this week.

Feature game of the week will be Sunday afternoon at Passaic Stadium where unbeaten Rutherford St. Mary's takes on its traditional foe, Pope Pius. The Passaic Eagles are winless this season.

Rutherford, toppled from the North Jersey League lead last week when it dropped a 21-0 game to Hackensack, hopes to clinch at least a tie for third place by beating Tenafly Saturday at Rutherford Field. Hackensack and Leonia are tied for the league lead.

The Bulldogs also are pointing to their annual Turkey Day meeting with Passaic, which promises to be a close struggle. Johnny Beisler and Tex Trepl are the Bulldog backfield standouts while Art Parkerton is rated one of the best tackles in North Jersey.

Boilermakers Winless

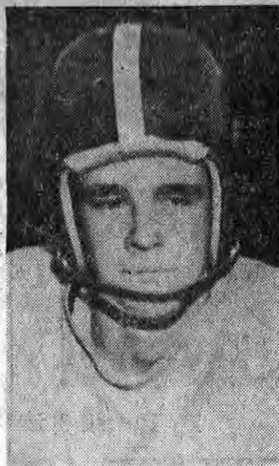
Coach Johnny Hollis' Garfield Boilermakers, winless in six games, hope to register their initial triumph at the expense of Lincoln, of Jersey City. The Hudson County team, beaten only once, rules the favorite to keep Garfield in the winless column. The Boilermakers play Clifton Turkey Day at Clifton Stadium. Saturday's game was rained out November 7.

Lodi, upset by East Rutherford Saturday, should even its season's mark at three wins and three defeats at Bloomfield Tech's expense. The Rams should have a field day while preparing for the Thanksgiving Day battle with Leonia at Lodi Stadium.

Passaic Valley also faces a tough foe in Morris Hills Regional at Walton Field, Little Falls, Saturday, while Boonton and Wayne collide in a Lakeland Conference struggle at Wayne.

Wallington, als winless in its first season of football, meets the Wood-Ridge Jayvees Saturday afternoon at Wallington. This game also was washed out November 7.

The Thanksgiving Day schedule has eight games. Morning tussles find Garfield at Clifton, Fair Lawn at Ridgewood, Ramsey at Hawthorne, Butler at Boonton, Wayne at Morris Hills Regional, Rockaway, East Rutherford at Lyndhurst, Leonia at Lodi, Kearny at Nutley, Hasbrouck Heights at Wood-Ridge, and Central at East-



ST. MARY'S FRONT LINE—A trio of St. Mary's High School linemen expected to plague Pope Pius backs tomorrow afternoon at Passaic Stadium are, left to right: Harold Perrine, tackle; Jerry Frain, center, and Lynn Reilly, guard.

Winless Pope Pius Plays Unbeaten Gaels Tomorrow

Records Don't Mean a Thing in Area's Top Parochial School Football Rivalry

There's only one football game on the scholastic agenda tomorrow, but it should be a honey. It pits winless Pope Pius, of Passaic, against unbeaten St. Mary's, of Rutherford, at the Passaic School Stadium.

Plan Aerial Attack

This is one of those traditional affairs, the 11th meeting and rubber game in the series, so you can discard those records.

On the basis of 1953 performances, St. Mary's should rate an overwhelming favorite, but the Eagles are "up" for this one and may dent the win column for the first time in nine games over a two-year period.

Co-coaches Dan Dandy and Joe (Red) Molnar, of Pope Pius, have planned a forward passing attack which they're hoping will shatter the Gaels' defense. The Eagle mentors realize that it will be tough piercing the St. Mary's line which is fortified by such stalwarts as George Gaughran, Charlie Smith, Hal Perrine, Leo Fink, Jerry Frain and Lynn Reilly.

Just how well the Pope Pius front line will be able to check the elusive, pile-driving Gael backs may be the deciding issue. To date the Eagles have been touched for 112 points in five games, while they have scored only three touchdowns for 18 points.

In winning seven games, St. Mary's, the only undefeated, untied team in the area, has garnered 150 points and given up 59. The Gaels' defensive record is deceiving because most of their opponents' points have come late in the game against second stringers.

End Gaughran and halfback Jarrin' Joe Dressel have accounted for almost half of the Gaels' points. Gaughran has scored five touchdowns and half a dozen extra points while Dressel has scooted for six TDs and scored one extra point for 37 markers.

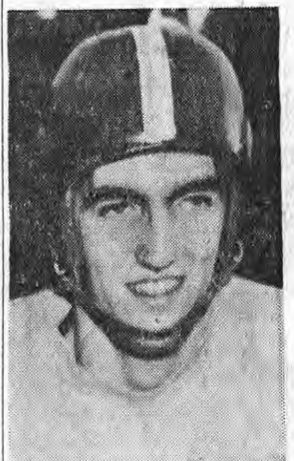
Coach Leo Moran's St. Mary's team has beaten St. Benedict's, of Newark, 20-19; Montclair Immaculate, 20-0; LaSalle Military Academy, 13-6; North Arlington, 19-6; Queen of Peace, 13-0; St. Luke's, of Ho-Ho-Kus, 32-13 and Wallington, 33-15. The last three victories came within a span of eight days.

Although winless, Pope Pius has played one tie in five starts. The Eagles lost to St. Joseph's, of West New York, 27-6; Red Bank Catholic, 12-0; Lodi, 38-0, and Seton Hall, of South Orange, 29-6. It played a 6-6 stalemate with Queen of Peace, of North Arlington.

Three Pope Pius gridders who will not see action because of injuries include Dick Pujda, Eagles' passer, who injured his neck last Sunday, and tackles Hal Leelins and Bob Neaddy. Leelins injured his knee in a scrimmage at Wallington while Neaddy also is sidelined with an injured knee.

St. Mary's will line up with Breslin and Gaughran at the ends; Charley Durkee and Perrine at the tackles; Reilly and Fink at the guards and Frain at center. In the backfield, Dressel, Bobby Jones, Jasper Papa and Dan Kearney with speedy little Charlie Scrimanich, a sophomore, in reserve.

The Passaic team probably will counter with ends: Joe Biscaya, Joe Stefan, Bill Manning; tackles, Jim Campbell and Tom Pocock; guards, Lou Kurtz, Don Marositz, John Pfeifer, Bob Takacs; centers,



GAEL ENDS — Jerry Breslin, top, and George Gaughran, St. Mary's High School football ends, may catch many passes tomorrow as Gaels meet Pope Pius Eagles at Passaic Stadium.

Joe Molnar and Charlie Schreiber with backs, Captain Eddie Alexander, Les Brunda, Sal Beningo, Bill Dwyer, John Feczer, Al Noonan and Lou Vintalore.

The Garfield Holy Name Cadets, national junior champion, will be on hand to provide pre-game and halftime entertainment.

Mems, St. Mary Still Unbeaten; Queen of Peace Is Victor

Memorial of West New York and St. Mary's of Rutherford scored easy victories yesterday to remain in the ranks of unbeaten scholastic football teams in the state. Memorial defeated Demarest, 33-6, while St. Mary's downed Pope Pius of Passaic, 30-0.

In other games, Queen of Peace of North Arlington beat Montclair Immaculate, 12-0, and St. Joseph's of West New York rallied to beat St. Michael's of Union City, 18-7.

Memorial had an easy time defeating Demarest in their game before 4,000 fans in Miller Stadium, West New York.

Three Touchdown Passes

Quarterback Angelo Pietrunti tossed three 20-yard touchdown passes for Memorial. Johnny Otis was on the receiving end of two of them and Tom Simonovich grabbed the third. Joe Arahill carried the ball over for the other two Memorial touchdowns.

Demarest didn't have anything to cheer about until the final quarter when Charlie Lisa tossed at 30-yard pass to Dennis Terry for a touchdown to keep the visitors from being shut out.

By its victory, Memorial gained the northern division championship in the Hudson Interscholastic League and will meet Lincoln of Jersey City, southern champ, for the county title. The

contest will be December 6 in Roosevelt Stadium, Jersey City.

St. Mary's Romps

Scoring in every quarter, St. Mary's rolled over winless Pope Pius at Passaic. Bob Jones scored the first touchdown on a 12-yard run and Joe Dressel followed it up with another on a 33-yard romp.

Jasper Papa took a 15-yard pass from Dressel and then ran six yards for the third TD. Ron Segal broke away on a 53-yard run for another and Willie Livingston intercepted a Pope Pius pass and went 40 yards for the final marker.

St. Mary's, which is the only unbeaten and untied team in Bergen, will meet Seton Hall next Sunday at Rutherford.

Immaculate's Eighth

Scoring in the first and final frames, Queen of Peace broke a three-game losing streak, and closed its football campaign with its victory over winless Immaculate Conception yesterday at the Montclair field. The North Arlington team ended with two wins, five losses and one tie game, while Immaculate, which suffered their eighth straight setback, will end its slate at Pope Pius in Passaic next Sunday.

In the opening minutes of play, Pope Pius went 60 yards for its first TD. A 20-yard pass, Cam-

eron McDonald to John Walsh, placed the oval at the Montclair 25. Ed Conlon and McDonald advanced the ball to the three and the latter went over for the tally. Pat Mead muffed the try for extra point.

After driving 65 yards to the Immaculate nine early in the last quarter the invaders lost the ball on downs. However, on second down Willie Ward, Queen of Peace line-backer up, picked off a Montclair forward fired by Bill Towey and romped 15 yards for a touchdown. Sixty seconds remained as Montclair's Henry (Blackie) Murrin intercepted a Ward forward and scooted 72 yards, only to be dragged down from behind by Joe Sheedy at the enemy 26. It was Montclair's best offensive effort of the day and ended the struggle.

Final Period Decisive

St. Joseph's managed to defeat St. Michael's with two touchdowns in the final period after being down 7-6 from the second quarter. The game was played before 2,500 fans in Roosevelt Stadium, Union City.

Jim McDonald plunged from the two for the game's first touchdown for St. Joseph's after the visitors had recovered an enemy fumble on the St. Michael's 15.

After the following kickoff, St. Michael's went 60 yards for a touchdown with Jim Callaghan running the last 32. A pass, Richie Hanna to Charlie Rodelbraun, was good for the point to put St. Michael's ahead.

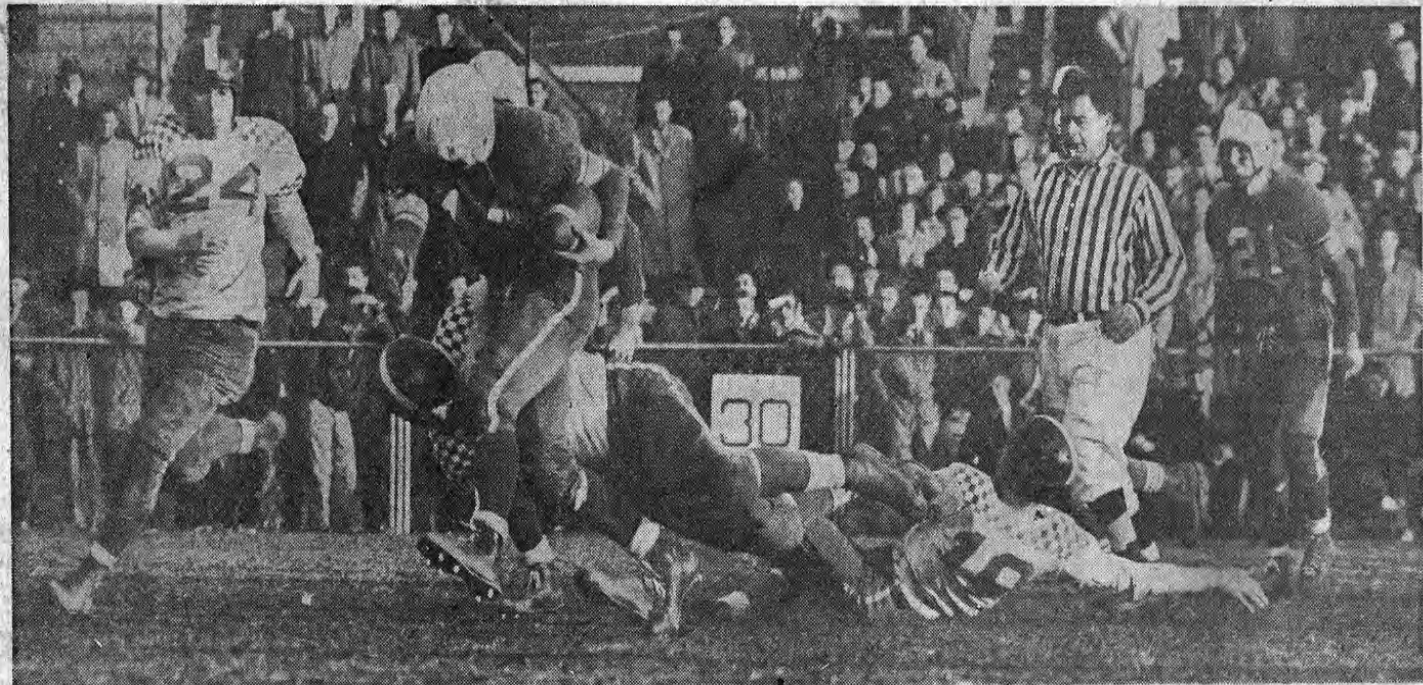
In the final period Dick Piper plunged from the one for St. Joseph's second touchdown to pull his team out in front and then added the clincher on a 27-yard run.

The game was the last of the season for both teams. St. Joseph's had a 5-2 record, with one tie, and St. Michael's had a 2-5 mark and also a tie.

Demarest	0	0	0	6-31
Memorial (WNY)	7	13	6	7-33
Memorial	2	Simonovich	Conversions:	2
Arahill	2	Simonovich	Conversions:	2
Mastice	3	—	Touchdowns:	Tenny
Demarest	—	Finn	Garrity	Melers
Officials	—	—	—	—
Miele	—	—	—	—
St. Mary's (Ruth.)	6	12	6	6-30
Pope Pius (Passaic)	0	0	0	0-0
St. Mary's	—	—	—	—
Touchdowns:	Jones	Dressel	Papa	Segal
Livingston	—	—	—	—
Officials	—	Rychick	Karl	Piela
De Young	—	—	—	—
Immaculate	0	0	0	0-0
Queen of Peace	6	0	0	6-12
Queen of Peace	—	—	—	—
Touchdowns:	McDonald	—	—	—
Ward	—	—	—	—
Officials	—	Farrell	Mannino	Baubles
St. Joseph's (WNY)	0	6	0	12-18
St. Michael's (UC)	0	7	0	0-7
St. Joseph's	—	—	—	—
Touchdowns:	McDonald	—	—	—
Piper	2	—	—	—
St. Michael's	—	—	—	—
Touchdowns:	Callaghan	Conversions:	Rodelbraun	pass from Hanna
Officials	—	Spence	Weiss	Belswanger
Coyle	—	—	—	—

Last-minute Touchdown Earns St. Mary's 7-6 Win Over Seton Hall

Pirates Meet With Mixed Success Against Gaels



—Bergen Evening Record Photo
Don Knopf (14) of Seton Hall gains 14 yards in the fourth period of yesterday's game at Rutherford Field. At the left is cocaptain Leo Fink (24) of St. Mary's.

St. Mary's Ends First Won-All Season

There's joy in Rutherford today and St. Mary's fans are convinced that any game isn't over until the last second has been ticked off the watch. Only one minute of play remained yesterday when the Rutherford Gaels of Coach Leo Moran scored the tying touchdown and then successfully passed for the game-winning extra point to beat Seton Hall, 7-6.

A few years ago, St. Mary's lost its opening game to Englewood St. Cecilia. The Gaels then went on to win the remaining games on their schedule. Since 1932, when the school first started football, no St. Mary's team had completed a season undefeated.

Yesterday, it looked like the Gaels were missing their chance to bring the school that unbeaten campaign. St. Mary's threatened on several occasions but each time, Seton Hall repulsed the Gaels when they neared the goal line. There were several opportunities for the Saints but each went down the drain.

Seton Hall had scored in the second period, recovering a St. Mary's fumble on a bad center pass deep in the Gaels' territory. The Pony Pirates scored and their 6-0 lead looked bigger and bigger as the seconds ticked away in the final period. With less than four minutes to play, Seton Hall was threatening again, being within the St. Mary's 25-yard line.

But the Gaels never gave up. They stopped that Seton Hall drive with a pass interception and then waged a comeback to win. Joe Dressel heaved a 52-yard pass to little Charlie Scrivanich who gathered the ball in on the 10 and stumbled into the end zone. Then George Gaughran, on a place-kick formation, passed to Dressel for the extra point and the victory. And less than a minute of play remained . . . 60 seconds that could have ticked away the Gaels' chances of their first "won-all" season.

St. Mary's now has its first undefeated campaign. And the victory possibly assured the Gaels of at least a share of the Catholic Schools title with St. Peter's, of Jersey City. St. Mary's has won nine games while St. Peter's, facing Group Four schools in Hudson County, has a record of seven wins and two defeats.

This area's other parochial school football team, Passaic Pope Pius, also had a big day yesterday. After six failures, the Eagles finally won their first game, beating Immaculate Conception, of Montclair, 6-0, in their season finale.



Connie Egan (10) of the Pirates is halted for a 1-yard loss by a St. Mary's

tackler. At the left is Gael tackle Charlie Durkee.

SCRIVANICH UNBEATEN

St. Mary's of Rutherford is the only team in this area to finish the 1953 football season with an unblemished record. They defeated Seton Hall Prep Sunday afternoon 7 to 6. Lyndhurst's Charlie Scrivanich had a hand in this important win. With only a minute left to play and Seton Hall leading 6 to 0, St. Mary's got possession on their own 42 yard mark. Joe Dressel uncorked a pass to Scrivanich on the ten. Catching the ball on the dead run the Lyndhurstite crossed the goal line to tie up the game. The extra point was good on a pass from Gaughran to Dressel.

Dressel-Scrivanich Pass Saves Gael String

Final-Minute 52-Yard Play Nets 7-6 Victory

Gaughran Pass Nets PAT

Young Charlie Scrivanich was carried off Rutherford Field's gridiron for the second time last Sunday; but this time things were different. The first time was after St. Mary's season opener with St. Benedict's, when they carried the sophomore halfback out on a stretcher. He broke a collarbone, but not until he had tallied the season's first touchdown. When they carried him off the second time, it was on the shoulders of his team-mates. The "Cinderella" halfback had scored the Gaels' final touchdown of the year — rocketing a 6-0 defeat by Seton Hall to earn a 7-6 victory that gave Coach Leo Moran's powerhouse an unblemished record of nine straight conquests.

Things had looked bad for the Rutherford club until the final minute of play. The Setonians took advantage of a break in the second period to forge ahead on a slim 6-0 lead. After that two powerful lines stole the play. They battered each other severely, giving the backs little or no room to move.

Pirate Call Backfires

With their undefeated string nearly snapped, the Saints failed to yield to pressure. Only two minutes away from victory, Pirate quarterback Bernie Suttake un-

Outraces Defender

On third down Scrivanich came in. Playing far to the left as a flanker, he drew the speedy Suttake as a guard. He dashed straight downfield for 15 yards cut to the right and got behind the defense. Sammy Baugh couldn't have tossed a more beautiful pass than Dressel did. He placed a spiral right on Scrivanich's finger-tips at the 10.

Suttake tripped him up, but Scrivanich wasn't going down for anybody as he reeled over the goal with the tying marker.

Gaughran lined up to kick the extra-point with Bobby Jones holding. He took a direct pass from center, however, and floated a toss to Dressel, who had faded all alone in the left corner of the end zone. Dressel hugged it like a baby for the one-point margin.

Dressel Douses Pirate Hopes

After taking an out-of-bounds kick-off on their own 40, the Pony Pirates tried the same tactics, but Dressel broke up a sleeper play by pilfering Suttake's pass on his own 40 and running it back 20 yards. The Gaels ran the clock out in two running plays to make the 7-6 victory official. The interception was the third for the home club. Dan Kearney carrying off the remaining steal.

Neither offense could do much during the battle. It was a pair of big, hard-charging lines that took the spotlight. In the final half both squads gained a total of 30 yards on the ground. The closest St. Mary's could come to paydirt until the hectic close was a thrust that died at the Hall 25 in the third canto.

It even took a break for the

Setonians to garner their first half score. Midway in the second period a pass from center went astray in the Gael backfield on the home club's 46. It bounced to the 27, where Mike Sheppard recovered for the Pirates. Connie Egan then chalked off a dozen yards through the Gael line, but an illegal-use-of-hands infraction set the Setonians back on the Saints' 40. Don Knopf, though, got 10 back on a delayed buck straight up the middle. Suttake threw a pass to Sheppard that netted a first down on the 14. Knopf drove through a mile-wide hole to the 7 before Dressel made the grab, Egan plunged to the 2-foot line and Suttake carried it through on a sneak.

Knopf tried the left side on the crucial extra-point try, but the right side of the Gael line smeared him at the one.

After that almost all the action took place between the 30-yard lines. Both clubs were knee-deep in deception, but it mattered little to the strong forward walls. St. Mary's showed off a single-wing, the T and a spread, but nothing except the last-minute passing did any real damage. Seton Hall fared no better. Suttake operated from the T, single-wing and the double-wing, but the Gaels were wise to all three.

Linemen Excel

Star linemen cropped up all over the field. Charlie Durkee was messing up Pirate strategy all day. Harry Perrine, Jerry Breslin, Frain, Lynn Reilly and Leo Fink played workhouse roles. And in the backfield, although his running effectiveness was stymied, Bobby Jones played a tremendous game defensively, snaring an enemy fumble along the way.

It was a great way to win and an even better way to end an unbeaten season. The victory left the Rutherford team in the enviable position of the only unbeaten, untied team in either Bergen or Passaic County.

ST. MARY'S (7)

ENDS—Breslin, Gaughran.
TACKLES—Durkee, Derlinga, Perrine.
GUARDS—Reilly, Fink, Livingston.
CENTER—Frain.
BACKS—Dressel, Jones, Papa, Kearney, Doran, Seagal, Scrivanich, Schwanekeamp.

SETON HALL (6)

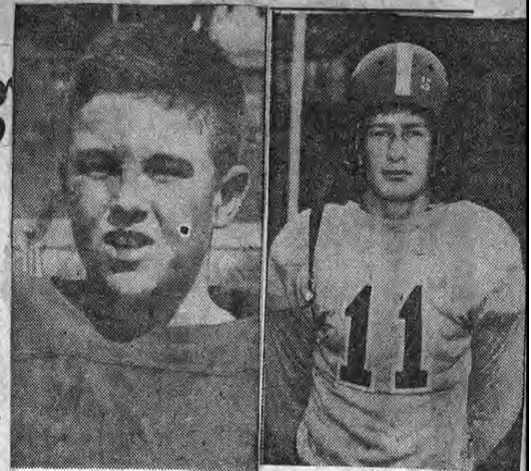
ENDS—DeLane, Sheppard, McKeown, McEnemy.
TACKLES—Magnotti, Passalacqua, Hammil, LaVecchia.
GUARDS—Katzenberger, DiMisi, Petri-glano.
CENTER—Schulzki.
BACKS—Suttake, Egan, Peer, Knopf, Sebald, Kelly, Chamberlin.
ST. MARY'S 0 0 0 7-6
SETON HALL 6 0 0 0-6

Statistics

St. Mary's	Seton Hall
66 First Downs	6
44 Yards gained, rushing	69
123 Yards gained, passing	65
15 Passes Attempted	7
5 Passes Completed	3
3 Passes Intercepted By	2
1 Fumbles	4
2 Opp. Fumbles Rcvd.	1
4 No. of Punts	5
31.5 Av. distance, punts	35.6
10 Yards lost, Penalties	75

wisely went to the air. He fired a short lob over scrimmage from the Gael 45. Jerry Frain outleaped an intended receiver to grab the toss and lug the interception back to his own 48.

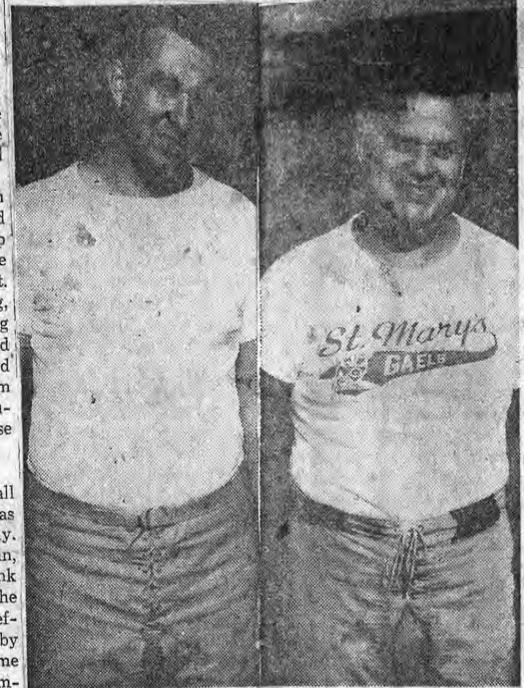
Gael quarterback Joe Dressel, who had been favoring buttonhook passes all day, started to throw long. In his first attempt he found George Gaughran clear at the 5, but the ball skidded off the big boy's stretching fingertips to the agony of the 3,500 spectators that jammed the sidelines. He tried another buttonhook, this time to Dan Kearney—and almost lost the ball game. Suttake made a diving try at an interception, grabbed it momentarily, but trapped it in making the catch.



Joe Dressel
He Does The Tossing

Charlie Scrivanich
He Grabs It

Mastermind Saints' All-Winning Year

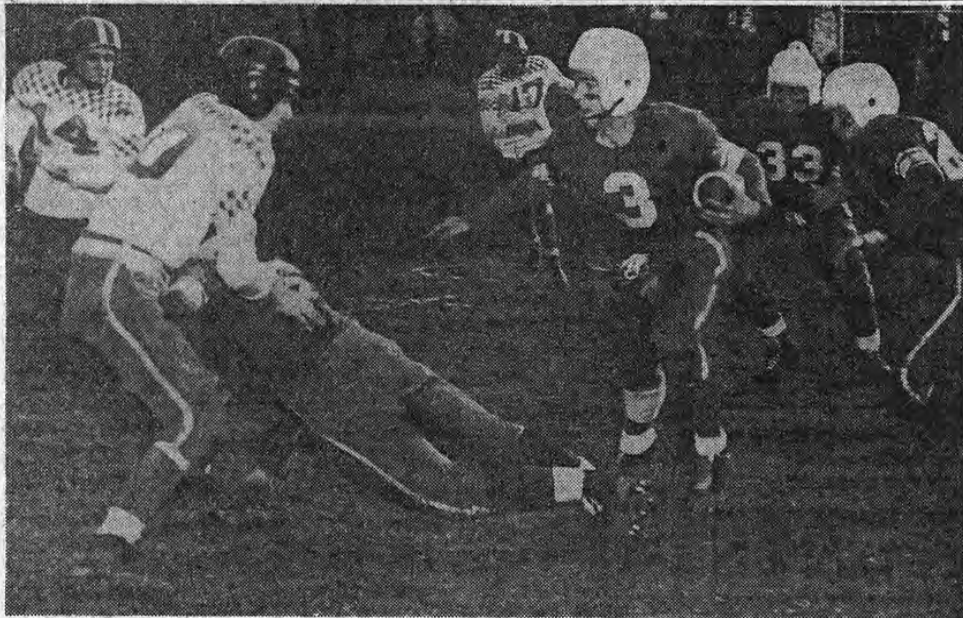


Head Coach Leo Moran, Isadore "Val" Vallorani, Assistant

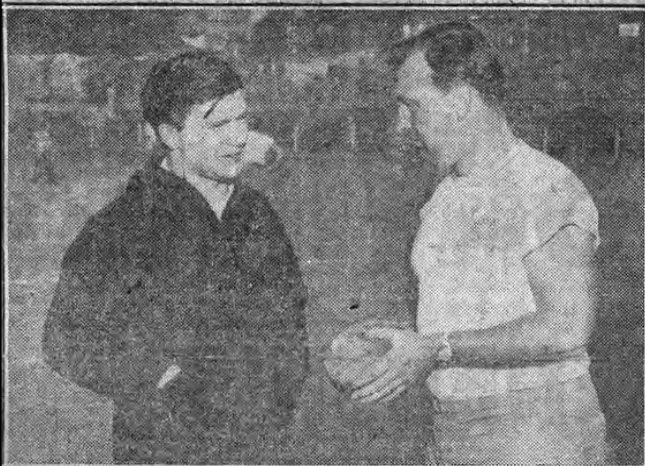


THEIR BOYS WON A SQUEAKER—The fathers of Rutherford St. Mary's unbeaten, untied football team watched their boys pull out a 7 to 6 win in the last minute of play yesterday. Here, pictured during half-time, wearing their son's numbers, are, left to right, front row, the fathers of George Gaughran, Charley Durkee, Lynn Reilly, Jerry Frain, Leo Fink, Butch Perrine, Jerry Breslin and Joe Walsh. In the second row are the fathers of

Rich Walsh, Pete Doran, Ron Segal, Jasper Papa, Joe Dressel, Bob Jones, Charley Scrivanich, Ken O'Connor, John Moon, and Tom Duddy. In the third row are the fathers of Bill Livingston, Bob DeMarco, Ron Farrell, Paul Connolly and Tom Derlinga. It was Father's Day yesterday for the parents of St. Mary's gridders. (Herald-News Photo)



PASSING HIS SCREEN TEST—Phil Sebold (3), of Seton Hall, goes 15 yards with a screen pass from Bernie Suttake on final play of first half against St. Mary's yesterday at Rutherford Field. Jerry Breslin (10), left, is blocked out, but Jerry Frain (14) came up to knock Sebold out of bounds on the Gael 37. St. Mary's rallied in final minute to trip the Pony Pirates, 7-6, and conclude their first undefeated, untied season in history. (Herald-News Photo)



(NEWS foto by Jerry Kinstler)
Capt. Adam Klys of St. Mary's (L.) listens as Coach Leo Moran outlines some strategy for future use.

Late Pass Saves St. Mary's

STATISTICS

	Seton Hall	St. Mary's
First Downs	6	6
Rushing Yardage	77	25
Passing Yardage	65	127
Passes Attempted	7	17
Passes Completed	3	6
Passes Intercepted by	1	3
Punts	1	4
Punting Average	35.0	30.8
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Yards Penalized	75	10

BY JOE McLAUGHLIN

Staff Correspondent.

RUTHERFORD—The forward pass, as utilized by both Seton Hall and St. Mary's, proved advantageous for the latter eleven in maintaining its undefeated status on the high school field here. Trailing 6-0 with approximately two minutes remaining in the game, Jerry Frain, Gaels' center, intercepted a Pony Pirate screen pass and two plays later, Joe Dressel hurled 32 yards to Charley Scrivanich, who ran 21 more yards for the tying touchdown with one minute left. Gaughran passed to Dressel for the winning point.

The Frank Merriwell finish closed the season for Leo Moran's St. Mary's eleven and gave it a 9-0 record. It also concluded a game during which the Gaels strove mightily to tie the score after the Pirates' second-period touchdown and Coach Larry Sartori's Essex County eleven gambled repeatedly on pass plays to increase its margin.

The victory cinched at least a share of the North Jersey Catholic Class B championship for St. Mary's while Seton Hall could have lost its last chance for a portion of the North Jersey Catholic Class A title. Phillipsburg Paro-

chial, which played three Pennsylvania teams, is the other Class B undefeated eleven. St. Peter's of Jersey City should be awarded the Class A crown.

There was little to choose between yesterday's combatants. Statistically the teams were even. Ninety-two of the Gaels' 127 passing yards came on two plays, including the touchodwn aerial, in the final period. The Pirates got their touchdown opportunity on a St. Mary's signal mixup which resulted in a fumble and a recovery by the Pirates' Mike Sheppard on St. Mary's 27 on the sixth play of the second quarter.

After a 15-yard penalty for holding, the Pirates moved 43 yards for the score. Bernie Suttake finally punched it over from the one yard line. The Pirates tried a reverse off left tackle with

Don Knopf carrying the ball for the extra point. He was thrown for a yard loss.

Seton Hall appeared on its way to a second score with six minutes left in the game. Suttake completed a pass to Norm Peer for a 21-yard gain to the St. Mary's 46. The officials signalled four minutes left in the game at the conclusion of this play. Connie Egan banged for one yard. Knopf hit left tackle for 19 yards to the Gaels' 26. Knopf picked up four more yards on two bucks before Referee Henry Donn penalized the Pirates 15 yards for holding.

This play put the Pirates back on the Gaels' 45 with two minutes left. Frain then intercepted the screen pass and three plays later, Scrivanich came into the game, went wide to the left as a flanker, cut down the middle, got behind

the Seton Hall defender, caught the ball and went over standing up.

SETON HALL

LE—De Lane, McKeown, McEnemy
LT—Magnotti, Hamill
LG—Katzenberger, Knopf
C—Schulzki
RG—De Masi, La Vecchia
RT—Passalacqua, Petrigliano
RE—Sheppard, Peer
QB—Suttake
LH—Egan, Wilderotter
RH—Peer, Kelly
FB—Feehan, Chamberlin

ST. MARY'S (RUTH.)

LE—Breslin
LT—Durkee
LG—Reilly
C—Frain
RG—Kink
RT—Derlinga
RE—Gaughran
QB—Dressel, Doran
LH—Jones, Scrivanich
RH—Kearney, Livingston
FB—Papa, Kretz

Seton Hall	0	6	0	0-6
St. Mary's (Ruth.)	0	0	0	7-7

Seton Hall—Touchdown: Suttake.
St. Mary's—Touchdown: Scrivanich.
Conversion: Dressel (pass).
Officials—Ost, Donn, Wische, De Stefano.



ALMOST—Connie Egan, Seton Hall High back, is hauled down a yard from the goal line in second period of yesterday's 7-6 victory by St. Mary's High of Rutherford on the winners' field. Pete Doran (left), Ron Farrell (on Egan's back) and Bob Jones (right) are making the tackle. St. Mary's finished with the season a 9-0 record.

St. Mary's Ends First Unbeaten Grid Season

Gaels Rally to Top Seton Hall, 7-6, in Final Minute Before 4,500; Scrivanich, Dressel Tally

By Mickey Carroll
Herald-News Staff Writer

A sensational 52-yard pass play with only a minute to play snatched victory from what looked like certain defeat yesterday for Rutherford St. Mary's unbeaten, untied Gaels. A crowd of 4,500 saw St. Mary's nip Seton Hall, of South Orange, 7-6, at Rutherford Field, to give the Gaels their first undefeated season in history.

Tremendous Pass

Quarterback Joe Dressel uncorked a tremendous heave that sophomore Charley Scrivanich, running at top speed straight down the middle, gathered in on about the 10 and carried over the goal line to tie the ball game.

On the next play, for the extra point Dressel was on the other end of a pass that gave the Gaels a one-point victory margin, 7-6.

St. Mary's lined up in kick formation, with George Gaughran back to try the boot. But the ball was centered directly to him, and he threw to Dressel, who had drifted into the left hand corner of the end zone, behind the frantically charging Pony Pirate line.

The last minute score was a fitting end to a terrific game, one that kept the crowd, the largest to attend a football game at Rutherford Field in years, limp with excitement.

Seton Hall scored early in the second quarter, following a fumbled St. Mary's center. And then its magnificent line and the punting of Connie Egan kept St. Mary's at bay until the last minute.

Meanwhile, the Gael line was stifling everything Seton Hall tried. It was a defensive battle and a fine one.

In retrospect, the key play was the conversion that Seton Hall didn't make. The Pirates got their touchdown on a one-foot plunge by quarterback Bernie Suttake, five plays after Jim Hammill pounced on a missed St. Mary's center pass that went bounding back to the Gael 32.

Don Knopf—whose pile-driving running picked up 71 yards in 14 carries during the afternoon—couldn't make the three yards for the extra point, though. He tried left guard, but ran into the Gaels' Lynn Reilly, who hit him on the one and twisted him back to the two.

Frail Intercepts Pass

From then until the last minute, the game settled into a bitter struggle between two evenly-matched and hard-fighting defenses.

Seton Hall withstood four second half St. Mary's penetrations of its territory and seemed headed for a second touchdown of its own, as the clock began to run out.

But quarterback Suttake made a mistake. Two penalties had pushed Seton Hall from a first down on the St. Mary's 26 to third down on the St. Mary's 45. The Pirates didn't need the first down; they could have punted.

Suttake elected to try for it, though, and passed. The ball was snatched out of the air by Jerry Frain, Gael center, and that set the stage for the Frank Merriwell touchdown.

Two passes fell incomplete before Dressel hit Scrivanich with the equalizer.

For Scrivanich, the touchdown wrote a storybook end to a storybook season. The little sophomore broke his collarbone in the Gael opener against St. Benedict's and was supposed to be through for the year.

But he practiced extra point kicking while his arm was still in a sling, finally worked himself into condition and was there yesterday when someone with plenty of speed was needed.

Charley has plenty of speed, and he really turned it on to get downfield for Dressel's long pass.

The ball came right to his fingertips—he was about a step behind the safety man—and he caught it, stumbled a bit, then straightened up and ran about 10 yards into the end zone.

12th In Row

For the Gaels, the win was number nine of an undefeated and untied season. It ran their victory string to an even dozen and made the club a sure bet for some all-state honors. It also strengthened some individual all-star bids.

The entire all-senior Gael backfield will have a shot at the all-star honors, and so will Lynn Reilly, junior guard, who got a head-start yesterday when he was

picked All Bergen-Passaic by a New York newspaper. Coach Leo Moran was chosen as coach of the all-star eleven.

Yesterday's close win was the second one-pointer the Gaels took this year. It was the first time they failed to score in double figures. They opened with a 20-19 nipper over Newark St. Benedict's. That, incidentally, was the only other game in which the Gaughran-to-Dressel conversion pass worked.

Then they won fairly close contests over Immaculate Conception, St. Mary's, Page 23

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Lasalle Military Academy, North Arlington and Queen of Peace.

The following game was the turning point of the St. Mary's season. Challenged by St. Luke's, of Ho-Ho-Kus, the boys got mad and smeared the Lucans, 32-13. They followed with crushing victories over Wallington and Pope Pius.

Yesterday's, of course, was the toughest.

The Gaels had come a long way since they just tripped St. Benedict's. But they hadn't come too far for Seton Hall. The Pirates' big line held St. Mary's vaunted power to a net of just 45 yards on the ground, and it was only the game-tying pass to Scrivanich that gave the Gaels an edge in the passing department.

Meanwhile, St. Mary's with backer-up Bobby Jones in on almost every tackle was doing just as effective a job bottling up Seton Hall. For the entire second half—until the Dressel-to-Scrivanich play broke the game open—the ball never crossed the 20-yard line at either end of the field.

So solid were the defenses thrown up by both squads that only on three occasions was either club able to put together two first downs in a row.

The Gaels and the Pirates each did it once in the first half, the Pirates during their touchdown drive. And Seton Hall came back again with two in the fourth period.

That was when they were driving for what looked like a second touchdown. But then came the penalties. And then Suttake elected to try for a third first down. That's when the roof fell in.

St. Mary's (7)
Ends—Breslin, Gaughran.
Tackles—Durkee, Derlinga, Perrine.
Guards—Reilly, Fluk, Livingston.
Center—Frain.
Backs—Dressel, Jones, Papa, Kearney.
Doran, Seagal, Scrivanich, Schwankamp.

Seton Hall (6)
Ends—DeLane, Sheppard, McKeown, McEnemy.
Tackles—Magnotti, Passalacqua, Hammill, LaVecchia.
Guards—Katzberger, DiMasi, Petrignano.
Center—Schulzki.

Backs—Suttake, Egan, Peer, Knopf, Sebold, Kelly, Chamberlin.
St. Mary's 0 0 0 7-7
Seton Hall 6 0 0 0-6

Touchdowns—Suttake, Scrivanich.
Point after touchdown—Dressel (pass from Gaughran).
Officials—Donn, DiStefano, Wische and Ost.

Statistics
St. Mary's Seton Hall

4	First downs	5
64	Yards gained, rushing	59
19	Yards lost, rushing	10
124	Yards gained, passing	53
169	Total net yards gained	141
14	Passes attempted	8
5	Passes completed	2
3	Opponents passes intercepted	2
1	Opponents fumbles recovered	1
5	Yards lost penalties	75
56.35	Punts	35.6
	Average distance punts	



Charlie Scrivanich
Scored Tying Touchdown



Leo Moran
St. Mary's Coach

Dressel And Scrivanich Create A Legend

Heard a good one yesterday. A local athlete-comedian suggested that St. Mary's coat Charlie Scrivanich with plaster of paris and stick him in the trophy case. A nice permanent remembrance, he thought. Might not be such a bad idea, except that Charlie's got two more years of football for Leo Moran.

Regardless of what happens in the future, though, its almost an impossibility that anything as dramatic as that Frank Merriwell finish will strike in the same spot again. Sunday's frantic victory will remain as the permanent St. Mary's epic. We'd like to hear the tale, ten years from now, as told by one of the tens of thousands who will probably be able to render first-hand accounts of THE GREAT GAME.

How anyone will be able to exaggerate the end, we can't the game up enhances the story. Here's a boy, only a sophomore, come a 99-yarder and perhaps by that time the story will have Charlie running downfield to catch it with his arm still in a sling.

"Cinderella" Halfback Enhances The Story

At any rate Seton Hall's final-minute fall will go down as a local gridiron legend. The fact that it was Scrivanich who tied who broke into a cast of veteran scholastic footballers, who were good as well as experienced, and showed them how much hustle can be packed into 130-some-odd pounds. He began by scoring the Gaels' first touchdown in a one-point victory over St. Benedict's. He was regarded by many as the top man on the field that day, so that an awful lot of hopes were jarred along with his own, when the young halfback broke his collarbone early in the second half.

He's the kind of kid that every coach loves to have around. Two games later, with his shoulder still in a cast, he was already plaguing trainer Jack Castricum about getting back into action.

When the cast came off he started asking Moran about getting back into the game. Moran cared more about the boy's injury than winning a ball game, so he told him to sit tight for a while longer. Charlie didn't. He began practicing extra-point kicks. He got pretty good at it, too, so Leo sent him in against Wallington, and the youngster booted three conversions. He got a bigger cheer that day than we've heard in a local ball park for quite some time.

Moran finally put the boy in against Pope Pius. He wouldn't risk him on defense, though, because the kid is the type of player who gets in on almost every tackle. Charlie went in on spot plays. He tossed a 30-yard pass and he caught another of equal distance.

Spot Player Pays Off!

Scrivanich has plenty of speed and a lot more determination, so he was the logical player to pull on Sunday's stunt. Moran inserted him early in the final period on a pass play. Charlie got into the clear in the end zone that time, but he was too far for any quarterback we know of to reach.

The second time he went in, with only a minute remaining, everybody in the place, including the Seton Hall defense, knew what the call was. We watched No. 11 all the way. He was fresh and it took only a slight fake and a good burst of speed to cut behind the Hall's defenders. We thought Dressel's pass was going over Scrivanich's head, but their timing was more perfect than our guess. It was the best pass play we've seen.

The extra-point, of course, won the game. Gaughran's pass was a sound, smart play, especially because it worked. George Gaughran and Dressel are a pair of cool customers. They had to be to successfully complete one play that could have won or lost an undefeated season.

The Gaels Had A Lot Of Heroes

Scrivanich will go down in time as the game's hero, but there were a lot of them on the field for the Gaels. Charlie was inserted as a spot player and he managed to come through with the big one. Dressel will probably be remembered, too, because he was at the more crucial end of the scoring punch. He tossed a game-winning pass that had Big League written all over it. Let's not forget, though, that here was an entire team out there that made the final-minute victory possible. The Gael defense was terrific all day, and we can't think of a single man out there who failed to turn in a key play throughout the day.

Gaels Finish 1953 Season Undeclared In 9 Contests

Dressel-Scrivanich Pass Good For T. D.; Dressel Gets Conversion

By PHIL BURKE

Rutherford — With a 52-yard touchdown play and conversion with 1 minute remaining in the game, St. Mary's High School of Rutherford defeated Seton Hall of South Orange, 7-6, to finish the 1953 football season as Bergen County's only unbeaten eleven.

Coach Leo Moran's Gaels wound up with a 9-0-0 mark, and assured themselves of the mythical Bergen title as well as a very high rating in the state.

Seton Hall, which had lost one game previous to yesterday's tilt, was probably the strongest foe on the Gael schedule, but the Rutherford ball club was not to be denied.

The hero of the game was a little, 140-pound, reserve halfback Charlie Scrivanich. With 1 minute and 10 seconds remaining Scrivanich entered the contest with a play. Ten seconds later he had caught a Joe Dressel pass and raced into the end zone with the tying touchdown. Dressel then caught the conversion aerial from George Gaughran, which sent the estimated crowd of 3,500 into hysteria.

RETURNED FROM INJURY

There is an interesting sidelight attached to Scrivanich's role as the hero. In the opening game of the season the 140-pounder suffered a broken collar bone. He did not return to the lineup until several weeks ago, and then only to kick extra points. He ran himself back into shape and was ready for yesterday's contest. Scrivanich may also be remembered as a former Lyndhurst Little League baseball star.

The game was basically a battle of 2 hard-charging lines. Neither team could muster up anything resembling a long drive along the ground, and both resorted to their punting games. The punting was very good with Gaughran handling the Gaels' booting and Connie Egan the same assignment for the visiting team.

Seton Hall went out in front in the second period and as the game progressed the single touchdown grew bigger and bigger. Bernie Suttake, the South Orange quarterback, tallied the 6-pointer on a 6-inch quarterback sneak. Don Knopf failed on an off-tackle slant for the point after touchdown and this turned out to be the difference.

The first period was typical of the entire game. Neither team could move for any appreciable yardage. The only big gain of the quarter was a Jasper Papa-to-Gaughran forward pass good for 22 yards.

PIRATES RECOVER

Early in the second stanza the South Orangers took advantage of a poor pass from center and fumble by recovering on St. Mary's 27-yard line. On first down following an Egan punt to the Gael 45, the bad pass rolled back to the 27 where Jim Hamill grabbed it for the Pirates. This break was almost nullified on the next play when Seton Hall was penalized 15 yards back to the 40.

The Pirates, nevertheless, drove back. Knopf picked up 10 yards on a neatly executed trap play out of the T-formation and then quarterback Suttake went to the airwaves to Mike Sheppard for a 17-yard gain to the 13. Knopf blasted for 6 yards to the 7 and Egan rammed his way to the 6-inch line. Suttake then pushed the pigskin over guard for the touchdown. Knopf was stopped a yard shy on the P. A. T. attempt.

A 15-yard penalty on fourth down gave St. Mary's 8 plays to move later in the period, but the Gaels couldn't dent the Seton Hall forward wall. Just before the half ended Suttake completed another forward pass into Gael territory.

Gabe DiMasi broke up a Gael threat in the third period by intercepting a Dressel pass after St. Mary's had penetrated to the 25-yard marker. Shortly after, Perrine recovered a Norm Peer fumble on the Seton Hall 33. Again the Gaels couldn't take advantage of the scoring chance.

FRAIN INTERCEPTS

Seton Hall had an excellent opportunity to ice the contest in the final period. Suttake went to the air and hit Peer for a 26-yard gain to the St. Mary 41 and Knopf's running brought the ball down to the 22. With the leather at this point two successive penalties pushed the Pirates back to the 45 and then Jerry Frain intercepted a Suttake pass which actually set up the touchdown.

With less than 2 minutes remaining it is difficult to see why Suttake elected to go to the air. St. Mary's had only one alternative now and that was to go to the air. Dressel sighted Gaughran deep downfield, but his pass just went off the rangy end's fingertips. Dan Kearney tried a jump pass which also fell incomplete. This set the stage for Scrivanich's entrance into the tilt. He had carried for a 3-yard gain earlier in the contest, but otherwise hadn't seen much action.

Dressel faded back and spotted his diminutive receiver at about the 20-yard line. Scrivanich gathered in the pass and started goalward. He stumbled, almost fell, but righted himself and skipped into the end zone. Gaughran lined up as if to try a placement for the extra point, but instead passed to Dressel all by himself in the left end zone.

The kickoff following the touchdown went out of bounds and Seton Hall took over on its own 40, but on the very first play Dressel intercepted another Suttake pass and one play later the game was over.

BRIEFS

Coach Larry Sartori must have blown his top when, with less than

Statistics

	St. Mary's	Seton Hall
First downs	6	8
Yards gained rushing	63	28
Yards lost rushing	23	14
No. of passes attempted	16	3
No. of passes completed	5	3
No. of passes intercepted by	4	1
Yards gained passing	126	55
No. of punts	4	5
Average distance of punts	29.5	34.2
Punts blocked by	0	0
No. of fumbles	1	3
Own fumbles recovered	0	3
No. of penalties	2	7
Yards lost on penalties	10	75

2 minutes remaining, Seton Hall went to the air. Another hair-raiser for the Pirate coach occurred when one of his players didn't know whether he was in or out of the game. Finally he delayed his decision so long that a delay of game penalty was called. This happened with the ball on the Gael 22.

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Coach Leo Moran was mobbed by well wishers at the game's conclusion. The handsome Gael mentor, in his third year as head coach at the Rutherford school.

The lineups:

St. Mary's (7)	Seton Hall (6)
L.T. — Breslin	Delane
L.T. — Durkee	Magnotti
R.G. — Rellly	Katzenberger
R.G. — Frain	Di Masi
R.G. — Fink	Schulski
R.T. — Berlinga	Passalacqua
R.E. — Gaughran	Sheppard
R.E. — Dressel	Suttake
L.H.B. — Jones	Egan
R.H.B. — Kearney	Peer
F.B. — Papa	Knopf

St. Mary's	Seton Hall
0	0
0	6
0	0
7-7	0-6

Touchdowns—Suttake, Scrivanich. Point after touchdown — Dressel (pass from Gaughran).

Substitutions
St. Mary's — Perrine, Doran, Seagal, Kretz, Scrivanich, Livingstone, Schwankamp.

Seton Hall — Byron, Hamill, Chamberlin, Kelly, McEnemy, McIntyre, Wilderott.

Referee — Donn, Umpire — Di Stefano, Head Linesman — Wische, Field Judge — Ost.

Gael Ace Cops South Bergen Scoring Race

Joe Dressel of St. Mary's wound up the season as the local scholastic scoring champion. The Gael quarterback crossed the stripe seven times during the season and added three extra-points for a 45-point total.

George Gaughran, Gael end, made it a one-two finish for the Gaels by finishing second. The big pass-catching specialist scored five touchdowns and added a like number of conversions to total 35 markers.

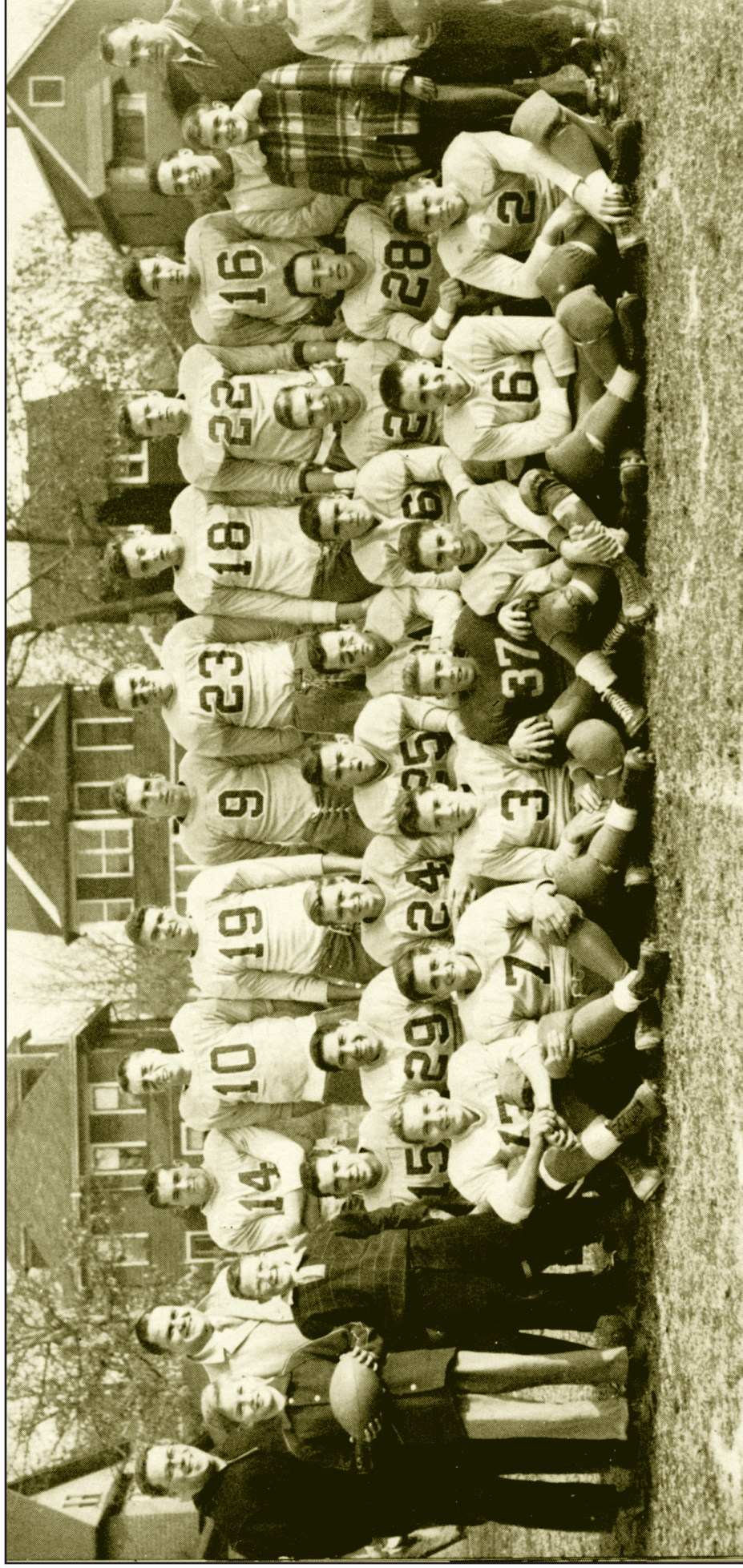
A late-season surge by Tex Trepi pulled the Rutherford speedster into third place with 26 points. Teammate Varick Walker tied with Joe Smalz of East Rutherford, Jasper Papa and Bobby Jones of St. Mary's in the next position with four touchdowns each.

Player	TD	PAT	Total
Dressel, SM	7	3	45
Gaughran, SM	5	5	35
Trepi, RHS	4	2	26
Smalz, E. R.	4	0	24
Walker, RHS	4	0	24
Jones, SM	4	0	24
Papa, SM	4	0	24
Beisler, RHS	3	1	19
Kearney, SM	3	0	18
Catuzzi, ER	3	6	18
Scrivanich, SM	2	3	15
Mensing, ER	2	1	13
Knichel, ER	2	0	12
Hayman, RHS	2	0	12
Walsh, SM	1	0	6
LoPresti, RHS	1	0	6
Waldron, RHS	1	0	6
Schwankamp, SM	1	0	6
Kretz, ER	1	0	6
Jiovanetta, ER	1	0	6
Seagal, SM	1	0	6
Livingston, SM	1	0	6
Parkerton, RHS	0	3	3
Breslin, SM	0	1	1

Scholastic Grid Scores

St. Mary's 7—Seton Hall 6
East Rutherford 21—Lyndhurst 7
Passaic 25—Rutherford 18
Hackensack 6—Teaneck 0
Fair Lawn 26—Ridgewood 6
Lodi 21—Leonia 0
Dumont 6—Tenafly 0
Westwood 19—Park Ridge 0
Hasbrouck Hts. 20—Wood-Ridge 6
Hawthorne 7—Ramsey 6
Englewood 19—St. Cecilia (E'gle.) 6
Cliffside Park 28—Fort Lee 0
Clifton 46—Garfield 0
Emerson 26—Union Hill 12
St. Peter's (JC) 12—Dickinson 6
Bogota 19—Ridgefield Park 0
East Orange 12—Barringer 0
Kearny 7—Nutley 7
Montclair 20—Bloomfield 7
Seton Hall 25—South Side 0
Netcong 14—Bayley-Ellard 7

1953 FOOTBALL TEAM



• (l to r), *First Row*: T. Derlinga, K. O'Connor, R. Kretz, J. Walsh, P. Doran, R. Farrell, R. Segal. *Second Row*: (l to r) J. Dressel, K. Jones W. Livingston, J. Papa, L. Fink, B. Jones, D. Kearney, J. Dressel, C. Durkee, H. Perrine, R. Moran, P. Stagg. *Third Row*: (l to r) H. Pletch, I. Vallorani, J. Frain, J. Breslin, W. Schwanekamp, J. Moon, G. Gaughran, R. De Marco, L. Neilly, J. Duddy, F. Scelsa, L. Moran.