

## STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

(Score reported as SHS vs. Opponent)

	(5-3)		(12-2)	
Opponent	1914	1915	1916	1917
Norwalk H.S.	8-3, 9-3		8-4, 4-0	
Fordham	10-12			
Xavier H.S.	21-13			
Holbrook	10-6			0-4
Stamford "outlaws"	4-12			
Danbury H.S.	10-8		9-6, 6-7	14-3
Dickenson H.S.	3-9			2-6
Bridgeport H.S.				
Ansonia H.S.			6-5	9-4;12-4
Port Chester H.S.				
Brunswick			23-2	
Milford H.S.			22-0,13-9	
Ossining H.S.			18-4	
Mt. Vernon H.S.			12-1	
Peekskill Military Academy			14-4	
Greenwich H.S.			5-2, 5-6	
Westport H.S.				2-2
Opponent	1918	1919	1920	1921
Danbury H.S.	5-0	7-0	6-0,8-9	
Bridgeport H.S.	3-7, 5-11			
Ansonia H.S.	11-3	9-0	16-1, 8-0	7-0,12-3
Norwalk H.S.	6-5	17-0	14-1	
Port Chester H.S.	18-3	7-4		
Commerce H.S. (NY)		3-2		
Alumni		3-2		
U.Bridgeport		26-3		
Sanford School		22-0		
White Plains H.S.		4-0		
Morris H.S. (NY)		12-2		
Stamford Military Academy			22-0, 28-6	
New York Military Academy			2-1	
CCNY Freshman			11-6	
Derby H.S.				18-13
New Haven Commercial H.S.				17-1
Fordham Prep				9-6
GeorgeWashington H.S.				16-9

Opponent	1922	1923	1924=	1925
Mt. Vernon H.S.	4-2	10-5		
Oakside H.S. (Peekskill NY)	16-1			
Dewitt Clinton H.S.	8-14	7-2	2-3	
Derby H.S.	11-1			
Bulkeley H.S. (New London)	7-5	6-9		
Ansonia H.S.	7-6,20-4	2-7		10-8
Yonkers H.S.	8-7			
G. Washington HS	7-11	6-4		
New Rochelle HS	8-0			
Commerce HS NY	3-2			
Boys High (Brooklyn)		13-9		
Massee School		17-6		
Brunswick		3-2		
Danbury H.S.				9-6,15-0
Naugatuck H.S.				3-4
Bridgport H.S.			3-2	
Norwalk H.S.			4-2	
Evander Childs H.S.			0-7	
Hackensack H.S. NJ			2-1	

=Also City League games with Sr. and Jr. Teams.

Opponent	1926	1927	1928	1929^
Mamaroneck H.S.	3-1		no rec.	
White Plains H.S.	11-6,14-5			3-1
North End Ath Clb	14-9			
Bridgeport H.S.	8-5			
Naugatuck H.S.	11-5			
Ansonia H.S.	11-10			
King		8-6		
James Madison H.S.		4-5		
White Plains H.S.		2-5		
Central H.S.		4-6		5-6
Congress H.S. (Bridgeport)		16-1,9-2		
Fairfield H.S.		9-2		
W. Harding H.S.		5-10		
New Canaan H.S.		15-8		
Wilby HS.		6-2		
Ansonia H.S.		8-2		4-3
Darien H.S.				7-2
Stamford Pros				14-3
Conde Nast				6-12
New Rochelle H.S.				6-2
Stamford Trade School				22-0,7-0
T. Roosevelt H.S.				1-0
G. Washington H.S.				16-2
Mamaroneck H.S.		3-4		

^McKeithan the lead pitcher is black

Opponent	1930	1931	1932	1933
T. Roosevelt H.S.	1-7	no rec.	14-8	
Mamaroneck H.S.	11-4			
St. Gas & Elec.	4-3			
Naugatuck H.S.	41-5			
St. Trade School	27-3			
W. Harding	15-5		4-7,8-6	
Richmond Hill HS. (NY)	2-7			
Central H.S.	4-2		2 games	
Westchester Milt Acad.			11-4	
New Britain H.S.			5-2	
Conde Nast Press			3-6	
Sam J Tilden H.S. (NY)			6-2	
White Plains H.S.			?	
Berkeley Irving Prep			?	
Commerce H.S. NY			?	
Alums		10-14	?	
Ansonia H.S.			?	
Roosevelt H.S.		12-0		
Conde Nast		5-1		

Opponent	1934	1935	1936	1937
New Haven Commercial	8-2	2-4		
Holy Name AC	20-3			
Danbury H.S.	12-4	13-9		
W. Harding H.S.		11-12	14-7	7-5
Ukranian School		16-0		
Alums		8-4		
Teachers			13-3	
Stamford Rolling Mills			5-2	L
Central H.S.				11-4
Lincolndale				9-7
Gasco Nines				L
Conde Nast				10-9

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Opponent	1904^	1905**	1906	1907??
Mt. Vernon H.S.	8-3,10-11 12-11	14-4		
Greenwich H.S.	8-5,15-8	2-7,17-18	12-11	
King	19-7,12-4	19-6,9-5	4-3	5-6
Taft	15-9	4-5		
Peekskill Milt Acad.	9-11			3-4
Manor School	10-1,17-13	11-1	13-11	5-3
Danbury H.S.	8-3,4-10	12-13,13-1	15-8	6-1
Yale Freshmen	2-1			
Alumni	9-8			
Commuters	14-0			
SHS 2d	16-7			
Yonkers H.S.		6-2		
Overlook Selleck Milt Ac.			21-22	5-12
Naugatuck H.S.			7-13	2-0
Harstrom School (Norwalk)				2-10
De La Salle Institute (NY)				5-4
Yale Sophs				4-4

\*\*stats for 1905 Bball team in the June '05 Quarterly

1905 Game dates: 5/1 vs. Taft; 5/3 vs. GHS; 5/6 vs. Mt Vernon; 5/10 vs. Manor; 5/13 vs. DHS; 5/20 vs. Yonkers; 5/23 vs. GHS; 5/24 vs. DHS; 5/27 vs. King; 6/5 vs. King.

1906 Game dates: 4/20 vs. Naugatuck; 4/21 vs. Overlook Selleck; 4/26 GHS; 5/4 vs. DHS; 5/15 vs. Manor; 5/16 vs. King;

??where come from—missing June 07 quarterly...

1908 roster: Cpt Halpin 1b; Rich p; Wilson c; Ward 2b; Doke 3b; Mernstein ss; Hughes lf; Johnson cf; Swenson rf; subs: Vanderwerken, Rogers, Denton

## Baseball History

### The early years 1895-1915

Stamford High School baseball began in 1895 when it was the only high school team. A movement to form an interscholastic baseball league in which Stamford High would participate was first mentioned in 1903. While SHS had already fielded baseball teams before then, a proposed league would 'introduce cleaner playing and better competition'. Members of the league were to include Greenwich, Mt. Vernon, Port Chester and SHS. The spring of '04 saw SHS playing most of its games against these teams as well as traditional rival Manor School and a few others. The 1904 season proved to be the most successful in the history of SHS to that point with a record of 14 wins and 3 losses. The team tied Mt. Vernon for league champ. The 1905 team did not do so well with a record of 6 wins and 4 losses. Coaches Humphries and Ware directed the baseball team of 1906. The team had a 4-2 season ending with a 9<sup>th</sup> inning victory vs. King School 4-3. The 1908 season under Captain Halpin and Coach Humphries ended in a discouraging 3-4 record. The return of almost all of the '08 players in '09 promised for a better season with Frank Rich as captain. The team posted a record of 7-2 with six of their scheduled games cancelled due to bad weather. It was the best record since 1904 and showed a team building toward greater successes. Captain Max Mernstein led the 1910 squad that began practice March 7<sup>th</sup>, far earlier than previous teams. Coach Humphries continued to develop the team. The 1910 team played more games and won more of them as well. The team started the season with a six game winning streak. The highlight of the season was the completion of the baseball diamond at Halloween Park, giving SHS its own home field. The 1911 team continued captained by Mernstein who also remained the team's shortstop and most valuable player. The squad was coached by Michael Boyle and was made up of a number of players new to the team. As a result the year was characterized by growth and improvement and the team's overall record of 7 wins 8 losses did not truly show the strength or skill that had been attained over the season. The 1912 team was composed of all the same members of the 1911 squad less Captain Mernstein and the 1913 squad under Captain McGourty was able to build on this foundation of players. By 1914 the SHS baseball team was holding its own more successfully posting a 5 and 3 record overall. Many of the stars of the team were also members of the football squad.

## Stamford Baseball on the upswing 1916-1926

The 1916 team posted an 11 and 2 record winning most of the games by comfortable margins. Only 6 games were recorded as played in 1917, the team going 3-2-1. The season was marked by tragedy as in the final game vs. Danbury, Stamford catcher McManus who was noted as “the greatest catcher Stamford had ever had”, was hit by a pitch in the chest just above the heart and fell dead on his way to first base. The 1918 season mirrored that of the year before with Stamford playing only 5 games and going 3-2 overall. At this point a league was in existence with the other members being Bridgeport, Danbury, Ansonia and Norwalk. Stamford finished second in the league in 1918 behind Bridgeport. A total of 26 men came out for baseball tryouts March 12 1919. The schedule included members of the 1918 squad who were seasoned veterans of former years and Stamford rolled over their opposition in game after game posting a 10-0 record in their first ten games. The 1920 season was also successful with Stamford winning 8 of their first 9 games with Michael Boyle serving as Head Coach and Foley as Captain. 1921 saw new uniforms for a team that over the previous two years had shown that they deserved them. Again many veterans staffed the infield. The squad started out strong winning all of their first six games. The 1922 squad, under Captain John Mahon. posted a record of 9-2 and played against new opponents such as Dewitt Clinton High. Even against some larger schools, Stamford’s nine under Coach Boyle generally triumphed. This was a team sporting Paul Kuczo on the mound and Ed Hunt as a key batter an fielder. Kuczo returned as Captain of the 1923 squad that played against a similar array of tough teams from larger schools. Many of the players on the ‘23 squad were new and the year, yet Stamford continue to post many wins boasting a record of 7-2 over its first 8 games that season. The graduation of many of the stars left the 1924 team, under Captain Lawrence Kelley, weakened but still strong enough to post a 3-2 record over its first five games. The 1925 team record is incomplete but of those game recorded Stamford went 3-1. The loss of Kuczo to graduation left the team looking for new pitching. Scalzi continued to play well for Stamford and contributed to the victories. The 1926 team under Captain Scalzi won all 6 of its first six games showing that it did not lack for talent or zeal.

## Building a Second generation team 1927-1940

With Scalzi, Kuczo, Ungemack and other steadfast pillars of the team gone, the 1927 team could be called a building year. They posted a 7-5 record against many tough teams. Micky Lione emerged as a key new talent on the team. The 28 team was notable as the first squad from the High School with a black player-David McKeithen, who pitched for the squad. By 1929, the baseball team was back on its feet, ironically with the return of Paul Kuczo now as the assistant coach under Boyle. The team went 11-9-2. McKeithen continued to do much of the pitching. The losses for Stamford were always close while the wins were highlighted by a 22-0 victory over Stamford Trade School and a 16-2 victory over George Washington High. Several of the team members were hitting in the 300s and 400s. Stamford’s 1930 baseball season began April 19 in Cummings Park with a match vs. Roosevelt High of New York City. Although the game was a 1-7 loss for

Stamford, the nine went on to win the next 5 games including a 4-3 squeaker against Stamford Gas & Electric Company's nine and a 41-5 victory over traditionally fierce rival Naugatuck High. Kuczo not only coached but pitched for Stamford's nine against the Gashouse gang. Under Kuczo Stamford continued to turn in strong nines throughout the 1930s. In this era, Stamford's nine played many local teams from the Community and Industrial League as, because of tight budgets, matches with teams from further away were not always possible. Despite playing against older and often more seasoned players, some SHS alumnae, the High School nines posted winning seasons. In 1938 the baseball team reached the Connecticut State semi-finals only to be beaten by Naugatuck. With the graduation of some of the stars of the late '30s including Scotty Koproski, the DeLeos, Bill Livolsi and Ed Fleming, the year 1941 ushered in a whole new roster. Kuczo's 1942 team was said to be the most promising since he began coaching at SHS in 1929. Captained by Charles Fisher, who also pitched, the team included John Dora, Lione and Vito DeVito. The team posted a strong record. From 1941-1954 there was no Connecticut State Championship game. Were there to have been this and many of the Stamford teams of the 1940s and 50s would have been in the running. Kuczo's squad of 43 included Vito DeVito and Andy Robustelli at catcher. This was a building year as there were only three veterans of the previous teams. Despite this the team proved strong posting a record of 12-2. Many of the graduating senior of 43 went into the service. The 1944 squad was very young. The schedule, organized by the Fairfield County Conference, included games against Bassick, Central of Bridgeport, Fairfield, Greenwich, Harding, and Norwalk. To the surprise of many the '44 squad posted a 14-2 record. Many of the key players returned to the diamond in 1945. This team posted a 19-0 record, the best in the State. SHS took the Fairfield County Conference title. The squad included Max Frattaroli and Captain Robotti, both of whom were offered major league contracts. Many of the 45 squad returned to the rank of the 1946 team. The 46 squad, while not as great as that of 45 still posted an overall winning record. The 1947 team lost only two contests during its season, to Stratford and to Greenwich. The season included a 24-0 victory over Harding and a 26-6 victory over St. Basil's Prep. The team would have been a contender for State honors were there to have been a championship. The 1948 championship squad captured the Fairfield County crown, winning 17 of their 19 games. Among the team members was Dick Haggerty who would later play for the Stamford Advocate team in the Newspaper Tournament sponsored by the Boston Braves. Kuczo's baseball squad of 1949 successfully defended the Fairfield County crown winning 19 and losing only five.

## The 1950s

The 1950 squad was filled with young recruits. The 1951 squad contained many veterans of the 1950 State tournament. While the team did not win a crown it did show well over the season and provided a strong foundation for 1952. The 52 squad featured stalwarts such as Joe Marrucca, Richie Fraterolli and Steve Butkovsky. These three were also the key players of the 53 squad. The 1954 squad, building on past successes won the State Championship once again, Marrucco, Fraterolli and Butkovsky leading the pack. The 1955 team successfully defended its title. The 1956 team boasted a lot of returning veterans including Mickey Lione and Babe Ruth league veteran Moavero. Their season



fell short of the title as did that of the 1957 squad. The 1958 season was a “building” year laying the foundation for the 1959 squad. That team had a 12-7 season overall.

### The 1960s and 1970s

With the founding of other high schools in Stamford in the late 50s and 60s, the pool of talent was not as great. Stamford High succeeded in reaching the state championships only in 1962 when they ended up finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall to Greenwich in Class L competition. Other Stamford Schools such as St. Basil’s and Rippowam also reached the finals. St. Basils took the championship in 1961 and was runner up in 1960 while Rippowam was runner up in 1966. Stamford High’s teams remained strong, but were not strong enough. The 1960 squad posted a 13-8 season with three shut outs. The 1961 team lay the foundation for the 1962 successful season that culminated in tournament play. The remaining year’s teams were mixed in the success they had in seasons. While Stamford High’s teams continue to play hard it was Stamford Catholic that would become the baseball power finishing second place in the state finals in 1970, 1973 and 1975.

Opponent	1908	1909	1910	1911
Betts	0-8			
Mt. Vernon H.S.	4-5		11-4:?	1-5
King	10-4	canc.		11-5,3-2
Peekskill M.A.	4-2	1-0		
Danbury H.S.	2-8	10-6;can.	8-5;can.	8-10,10-11
Naugatuck H.S.	4-13		?	
Yonkers H.S.	13-9	0-5	5-4	1-6
Bridgeport H.S.		1-2	canc.	
New York M.A.&		4-1	1-9	
Sanford School		10-3		

(Redding Ridge)			
Nordica Academy(NY)	13-3		
Norwalk H.S.	17-6	rain	14-2,12-0
Brunswick	32-2	19-6	canc.
Greenwich H.S.	canc.	6-5,10-8	17-7,6-8
Stamford Prep (King)		17-3;?	
Greenwich Academy		5-6,11-1	8-2,canc.
Holbrook School		6-9	3-6
Port Chester H.S.		6-5	10-2
Mt. Pleasant Milt. Acad.	canc.		3-4
Bryant H.S.			8-9
Opponent	1912**	1913<>	
Yonkers H.S.		1-3	
Fordham Prep		3-7	
Danbury H.S.		9-6	
Holbrook		0-13	
De La Salle Institute		11-2	
King School		13-3	
Jersey City H.S.		12-4	
Norwalk H.S.		14-1, 8-7	
Mt. Vernon H.S.		7-6	

&Cornwall NY

<> missing 1913 June records..

\*\*no game results given

^League champs (14-3-0)

1908 season dates: 4/18 vs. Mt Vernon; 4/25 vs. Naugatuck; 5/2 vs. Yonkers; 5/4 vs. Kng; 5/9 vs. Danbury; 5/13 vs. Peekskill

1909 season dates: 4/10 vs. Sanford; 4/17 vs. Yonkers; 4/24 vs. NY Milt Acad.; 4/28 Peekskill MA; 5/8 Nordica H.S; 5/20 Danbury; 5/25 Norwalk; 5/26 Brunswick; 5/29 Bridgport see June 09 quarterly.

1910 4/9 vs. Yonkers; 4/13 vs. GHS; 4/16 vs. Brunswick; 4/20 vs. Mt. Vernon; 4/23 vs. GHS; 4/27 vs. Stamford Prep (King); 4/30 vs. Greenwich acad.; 5/7 vs. Holbrook; 5/18 vs. Port Chester; 5/21 vs. NY Milt acad; 5/25 vs. Greenwich Acad; 6/1 vs. Danbury; 6/4 vs. Mt. Vernon; 6/8 vs. Stamford Prep; 6/11 vs. Naugatuck..

1910 lineup: White c; Evans 1b; Johnson 2b; Anderson 3b; Mernstein ss; McGourty, Rogers rf; Williams Cf; Morgan lf; Sarcka, Hughes, Brown p; Humphries coach.

1911 stats in June '11 Quarterly page 119.

1911 4/8 vs. Bryant HS; 4/12 vs. GHS; 4/15 vs. Mt Vernon; 4/19 vs. Greenwich Acad.; 4/22 vs. GHS; 4/26 vs. Port Chester; 4/29 vs. Danbury; 5/1 vs. Norwalk; 5/3 vs. Mt Pleasant MA; 5/6 vs. King; 5/10 vs. Danbury; 5/13 vs. Yonkers; 5/20 vs. Holbrook; 6/2 vs. Norwalk; 6/10 vs. King.

1913 cpt McGourty Batting avg June 1913 for team.

1914 batting avg. June 1914quarterly

1916 June quarterly team pic.

Game dates: 4/25 vs. Brunswick, 4/26 vs. Milford; 4/29 vs Ossining; 5/6 vs. Ansonia; 5/10 vs. Mt Vernon; 5/13 vs. Peekskill MA; 5/15 vs Norwalk; 5/19 vs. Milford....no dates for the rest.

1918-batting avgs and pic in June 18 1/4ly.

1917 June quarterly; game dates: 4/28 vs. Ansonia; 5/4 vs. Westport; 5/9 vs. Bridgeport; 5/12 vs. Holbrook MA; 5/25 vs. Bridgeport; 5/30 vs. Danbury.

1918 June: game dates: vs Danbury 4/24; vs. Bridgeport 5/1; vs Ansonia 5/4; vs. Norwalk 5/10; vs Bridgeport 5/16; vs Port Chester 5/18

1919 June quarterly, pic fielding averages: game dates: 4/12 vs HS of Commerce NYC; 4/18 vs. Alums; 4/29 vs. U.Bridgeport; 5/3 vs. Sanford School; 5/8 vs. White Plains; 5/14 vs Port Chester; 5/17 vs. Ansonia; 5/26 vs. Norwalk; 5/30 vs. Morris HS NYC; 6/3 vs.Danbury

1920 June quarterly, pic; game dates: 4/30 vs. Danbury; 5/5 vs. Norwalk; 5/12 vs. Stamford Military Academy; 5/18 vs. Ansonia; 5/19 vs. NY Milt acad; 5/22 vs. CCNY Frosh; 5/26 vs. Stamford Milt acad; 5/27 vs. Ansonia; 5/28 vs. Danbury.

1921 June pic; game dates: 4/30 vs. Ansonia; 5/4 vs. Derby; 5/9 vs. New Haven Commercial; 5/11 vs. Ansonia; 5/18 vs. Fordham Prep; 5/21 v. George Washington HS

1922 June pic; also missing games: game dates: 4/8 vs. Mt. Vernon; 4/22 vs. Oakside HS; 4/26 vs. DeWitt Clinton; 5/6 vs. Derby HS; 5/13 vs. Bulkeley HS; 5/17 vs. Ansonia; 5/18 vs. Yonkers; 5/20 vs. George Washington HS; 5/23 vs. New Rochelle; 5/29 vs. HS of Commerce; 5/30 vs. Ansonia; posted- 6/2 vs. Danbury; 6/3 vs. Drum Hill; 6/9 vs. Danbury; 6/10 vs. Boys' High; 6/17 vs. Norwalk; 6/21 vs. Norwalk

1923 June pic; game dates: 4/25 vs. De Witt Clinton; 5/2 vs. Mt Vernon; 5/5 vs. Masee; 5/15 vs. Brunswick prep; 5/19 vs. George Washington; 5/23 vs. Ansonia; 5/26 vs. Bulkeley.

1924 June: pic; game dates: ...vs. Dewitt Clinton; 4/26 vs. Evander Childs; ...vs. Hackensack; 5/19 vs. Norwalk; 5/24 vs. Bridgeport  
---also 1924 City League results- H.S. Seniors vs. Glenbrook, YMCA (2) and Laurels  
HS. Juniors vs. Glenbrook (2) YMCA (2) and YMHA (2)

1925 June pic; game dates: 4/25 vs. Naugatuck (opening game of season); 5/2 vs. Danbury; ...vs Ansonia...; 5/20 vs. Danbury. Batting recs. Also given.

June 1926- pic no game dates given.

1927 June pic; game dates: 4/13 vs. King; 4/16 vs. Mamaroneck; 4/23 vs. James Madison; 4/28 vs. White Plains; 5/7 vs. Bridgeport; 5/10 vs. Congress High; 5/13 vs. Fairfield; 5/10 vs. Harding; ...vs. New Canaan; 5/27 vs. Congrss; 5/28 vs. Wilby; 6/1 vs. Ansonia.

1928 No records...

1929- june pic; stats; season games played...no dates