

STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL  
 (Score reported as SHS vs. Opponent)

Opponent	1903#	1904#	1905	1906	1907**
"Scrubs"		40-0			
Greenwich H.S	29-0;5-0				8-0;23-0
Bridgeport H.S.	canc., canc.	11-6	0-0		
Fordham U.	6-0				
reserves					
Yale "Scrubs"	canc.				
New Haven H.S.	0-0	0-11			0-24
Manor School	5-0	6-0	canc.	0-8	17-0
Webb Academy NY	5-0				
New Rochelle H.S.	18-0	17-0			0-0
King School		11-6			
Brown's Business Coll.(Nor.)		10-0			
Ansonia H.S.		39-0			
Mt. Vernon H. S.		6-0	5-0		4-0
Peekskill Milt. Academy		29-0			
Overlook Selleck Milt Academy^			0-0		
Horace Mann			25-0		
Curtis H.S. (Staten Is NY)			28-0		
St. Paul (Garden City, LI)			0-62		
Yonkers H. S.			0-11		5-6
H.S. of Commerce NY				0-20	
Harstrom School (Norwalk)					5-6
Derby H. S.					15-6;6-5
Danbury H. S.					46-0
Nyack Milt. Acad.	canc.				
^Norwalk CT					

\*\*M.A. Boyle becomes coach of 1st & 2nd teams  
 1907 Played for Championship vs. New Haven but lost

#Mr. Shute coach of 1st and 2nd teams; also played on them.

Opponent	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912**
Greenwich H.S.	12-12(2nds)	10-0;10-0	28-0		
Bridgeport H.S.	0-26	22-0			20-6
Norwalk H. S.	23-0	22-0(2ds)			
Overlook Selleck MA	32-6				
Meriden H.S.	11-6			6-6	
Hackley School=	27-0				
New Rochelle H.S.	11-0	23-0	11-0	6-0	
White Plains H. S.	1-0+				
Yonkers H. S.	0-0	0-12	22-0		
Greenwich Academy		28-0			
St. Francis Prep		27-5			
New Haven H. S.		5-6	18-0		20-0
Stamford Academy		5-0(2ds)			
Danbury H. S.		23-0	38-0		
Erasmus Hall H. S.		6-6			
Fordham Prep					47-13
New York Milt Academy				23-0	14-9
Waterbury H. S.				15-3	50-6
Riverview Military Academy^^				3-0	6-6
Holbrook School			23-0	5-6	14-7
New Britain H. S.					6-0
Peekskill Military Academy					7-0
Wesleyan Freshman			10-6	3-0	19-13
Middletown			13-0	46-0	
West Point 2 <sup>nd</sup>			0-29		
Mt Pleasant Milt. Acad			17-0		
Naugatuck			17-0	12-0	
Boy's High School				24-0	
Ossining					14-0

\*\*CT State Champs- 1910 (no rec.) 1911 (no rec) 1912 1913

^^Poughkeepsie NY

+Forfeit

=Tarrytown, NY

Opponent	1913@	1914	1915	1916
Ansonia H. S.	24-0			
Middletown H.S.	60-0			
Stamford Prep	33-13			
Wesleyan Fresh.	19-0	34-3	7-0	
Holbrook	44-0	20-0		
Peekskill M.A.	27-0	19-0	27-7	
New Rochelle H.S.	27-0	26-0;24-0		
Fordham Prep	28-0		9-7	
Meriden H. S.	76-0			
Patterson H.S.	106-0			
New London H.S.	21-6;11-0		40-0	
Mamaroneck H. S.			0-7	19-7;13-6
H.S. Commerce NY			13-0	
DeWitt Clinton H.S.		34-0	12-7	
Dickenson H.S. (Jersey City)		14-0	16-13	0-0
Torrington H.S.		13-0		
Hartford H. S.		14-0		
Alumni		14-3		0-7
Augustine Academy (Staten Is)		44-0		
Everett H. S. (Boston MA)		0-62		
Bushwick H. S.				39-0
Atlantic Highlands HS., NJ				6-6
Mt. Vernon H.S.				13-0
Passaic H. S.				13-6
Bridgeport H.S.				26-6
Ridgewood H.S. NJ				14-10

@CT Champions

Opponent	1917	1918	1919^^	1920##
Choate	0-6			
Mt Vernon H.S.	0-0		27-6	13-0
Steven Prep. (Hoboken NJ)	19-0			
Crosby H. S. (Waterbury, CT)	26-0	26-0		
Concordia Prep NY	6-6		32-6	28-6
Ossining HS	82-0			
New Utrecht HS (Brooklyn NY)	7-3			
Erasmus H.S. (Brooklyn)		6-0	7-0	
Manual Training NY Hoboken		13-0 66-0		
Hamilton Institute NY		7-0		
Camp King		55-0		
New London H.S.*		14-0		
Clason Point			26-0	
Ansonia H.S.			20-0	7-0
H. S. Commerce NY			28-0	
Hartford H. S.			6-6	
Morris H. S. NY			69-0	
Webb Academy			21-0	
Fordham Prep				7-0
Overton Prep				50-0
Torrington H. S.				13-0
St. Francis Prep				102-0
Elgin IL				7-0

^^ Captained by Ed Hunt

##At the conclusion of the 1920 season SHS had only been defeated 4 times in 10 years!

\*(Bulkely High School)

Opponent	1921	1922	1923	1924
Derby H.S	35-0			
Ansonia H. S	0-7%			7-10
Drum Hill (Peekskill NY)	13-0	6-0		
Mt. Vernon H.S.	10-19			
Norwalk H. S.	69-0			
St Benedict's	14-7			
Hartford H.S.	7-12	6-23	0-20	
Wilby H. S. (Waterbury CT)	80-0			
Upsala H.S. , NY	35-21			
New London H. S.	13-0			
Brooklyn H. S.		6-13	13-0	
Bayonne H. S.		61-2		
Naugatuck H. S.		6-0\$		
Commercial H.S.		13-6		
Boys High (Brooklyn)		26-0		
Bulkeley (New London)		9-7	19-0	
Lindblom H.S. (Chicago IL)		7-10		
New Rochelle H. S.			20-0	
Morris H. S.			20-0	
Peekskill (Milt Acad?)			39-7	
Webb Academy			33-7	38-13
Bridgeport H S			6-7;0-6	13-3
Brooklyn Evening H.S.				0-12
Curtis High School				26-0
White Plains High School				26-0
Fordham Prep				20-0
CCNY 2ds				28-0

% 1st defeat for SHS in 6 yrs.

\$1st defeat for Naugatuck H.S. since 1917; 1st score against Naugatuck since 1920

Opponent	1925	1926	1927	1928**
Princeton Frosh	0-20			
J. Madison H.S. (Brooklyn, NY)	33-0			
W. Hartford H.S.	47-0			
Webb Academy	42-0			
Massee	7-6			
New Utrecht	0-6			
Ansonia H.S.	13-6	44-0		
Bridgeport H.S.	0-0	14-0		
Brooklyn Eve H.S.	14-0		6-0	33-12
New Rochelle H.S.	canc.			
Wilby H.S.		32-0		
East H.S. (NJ)*		13-0		
Mt Vernon H.S.		13-0		
Gloucester H.S. (MA)		20-0		
Carmel Hall		13-0		
Fairfield H.S.		69-0		
Iona Prep		38-6		
Brooklyn H.S.		44-0		
Gorton H.S. (Yonkers)			26-0	40-0
Patterson H.S. (NJ)			26-0	
Evander Childs			26-0	
Manhattan Prep			13-6	
W. Harding H.S.			0-12	0-6
Central H.S.			12-6	13-6
Alum			13-0	
Milford H.S.				24-6
Ansonia H.S.				25-0
New Britain H.S.				26-6
Middletown H.S. (NY)				6-0
Collegiate Prep				20-7
Seton Hall Prep				34-7

\*1st meeting since 1918

\*\*2nd in CT

Opponent	1929^^	1930	1931	1932
Alums	26-0			
Middletown HS (NY)	6-13			
Collegiate Prep (NHv)	12-7			
Dickenson H.S. (NJ)	39-0			
W. Harding H.S.	25-6			20-13
New Britain H.S.	13-0			
Central H.S.	38-0		0-14	18-0
St. John's College JV (Brooklyn)	39-0			
Brooklyn Eve. H.S.	14-0			
McKinley Tech. WashDC	20-12			
T. Roosevelt H.S.		13-0		
Bay Ridge H.S. (Brooklyn)		13-6	27-12	
New Britain H.S.		2-6	13-7	13-6
W Harding H. S.		6-6	13-7	
Newburgh Free Academy (NY)			7-7	
CCNY JV			13-0	
Milford Prep			0-15	
St. Benedict's Prep (Newark NJ)			20-7	
Samuel Johnson Prep (Stratford CT)			7-0	0-8
Morris H.S.				
White Plains H.S.				0-21
Naugatuck H.S.				13-19
St. John's Prep				
Samuel Tilden				
Alum				21-0
Westchester Military Academy				7-0

^^State Champs

Opponent	1933 (6-3-1)	1934	1935	1936
Danbury H.S.	7-0	13-7		
Torrington H.S.	6-0			
New Britain H.S.	6-6	0-13	0-27	7-6
Community League	14-6			
Westchester Milt Acad.	14-0			
Collegiate Prep (New Hven)	39-0		W	7-0
W. Harding	L	20-6	14-7	
Central H.S.	L	34-13	0-7	
Naugatuck H.S.	0-20	48-13		
Samuel Johnson Acad.	W			
Port Chester		12-6	7-0	
Alums		15-7	15-12	
Mackenzie Prep		6-6		
Roosevelt H.S (Yonkers)		19-7		
Glenbrook AC		13-0	13-0	
Commerial HS. (NH)			13-6	
Freeport LI				12-7
Port Jervis H.S.				28-6
Norwich				7-8



Opponent	1952*	1953*	1954	1955	1956
New Britain	7-7	8-7	20-14	6-19	13-33
Hillhouse	20-6	12-6	25-12	0-32	
Ansonia	27-6	12-0	12-13	49-0	7-14
Harding	34-12	19-6	7-25	18-33	12-13
Central	40-6	19-6	45-7	48-0	
Norwalk	39-0	33-12			25-12
Fairfield Prep	27-13	12-22	45-19	14-20	7-27
New Rochelle		19-6			
New London		40-7	20-0		
New Utrecht			40-12		
White Plains				7-27	47-13
Notre Dame				13-15	6-6
Naugatuck					13-20
Greenwich					7-20

\* State Champs

Opponent	1957^	1958^^*	1959*	1960@	1961
Naugatuck	19-19				
New Britain	14-14	16-14	20-8	0-12	
Ansonia	0-7	20-12	44-12	32-6	0-18
Milford	13-6				
Harding	53-0	14-8	32-6	14-0	
Notre Dame	32-21	22-14	30-0	8-16	9-8
White Plains	27-13	14-6	39-14	18-12	
Greenwich	34-0	20-14	28-0	8-0	24-6
Fairfield Prep	14-13	12-0	44-8	0-35	26-0
Wilber Cross		36-6	20-0	26-6	0-8
Norwalk			44-14	36-6	
Danbury					20-14
Darien					13-0
Stamford Catholic					0-8
Hillhouse					7-0

^Paul Kuczo retires as head coach; ^^ Walter O'Meara head coach  
@Hagan head coach

Opponent	1962	1963
Danbury	18-6	30-6
Darien	18-24	0-22
Hillhouse	44-14	
Ludlow	6-0	6-6
Greenwich	14-20	23-8
Catholic	0-8	27-6
Rippowam	6-8	34-20
Norwalk	34-12	39-19
Fairfield Prep	14-0	14-6
Trumbull		30-8
Ansonia		20-0

NO SCORES AVAILABLE IN YEARBOOK AFTER '63 SEASON

Opponent	1936	1937\$	1938	1939^^
Freeport LI	?	0-12		
W. Harding H.S.	?	W	12-0	7-0
New Britain H.S.	7-6	W	28-7	14-7
Norwich Free Acad	7-8	W		
Ansonia H.S.		W		19-20
A.B. Davis H.S. (Mt. Vernon)		19-0	21-0	
Collegiate Prep (NHv)		12-0	26-0	
Peekskill Milt Acad.		L?		
Hillhouse			27-0	20-0
Bassick H.S. (Bridgeport)				25-6
St. Basil's Prep				7-7
Hempstead, LI				14-18
\$Co-champs with Hillhouse H.S.				
^^6-3-2 overall				

Opponent	1940
Middletown HS. CT	20-0
Hempstead	13-12
St Basil's Prep	0-14
Shelton H.S.	27-0
New Britain H.S.	7-20
Ansonia H.S.	0-7
Norwich Free Acad	6-0

W Harding H.S.	13-0
Central H.S.	15-0
Norwalk H.S.	20-7
Danbury H.S.	0-0

# **STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBAL THE EARLIEST TEAMS 1893-1901**

**According to the records available, Stamford High School Football began in 1893. While it may be that Stamford High fielded players earlier, there is no firm record. The 1893 team featured Mat Kane, managing editor of the Advocate at quarterback. In these early days, football teams often played successive games with no day of rest. They lost to the Norwalk Y Junior team the first day then scored a victory against the “Bankers & Bummers” the next. At this time teams played wherever they could find a field and many games were played at the dyke or in Woodside Park. Stamford High was on the site of old Franklin School in the 1890s and the team had neither coach nor equipment other than that the team members supplied themselves. While the team did have a manager, whose job it was to line up games, there was no set schedule. There was already strong competition for these pioneer high school players as Betts Academy had strong teams and Merrill Business School’s team was made up of college graduates. In an 1894 game at the dyke against the Merrill team, Stamford High was defeated 20-0. King School also boasted a football team of merit by this time and somewhat later Manor School would join the fray becoming Stamford High’s chief rival for a number of seasons.**

**The first supervisor of physical education in the 1890s was E. G. Peckham who organized a grammar school league for football in 1899. These teams provided a foundation for later Stamford High teams and as early as 1900 seven freshman had made the High School team. Although there were football devotees early on, the school itself initially invested little in the team's development and fans were few. Players continued to supply their own equipment. By 1898 the team had coaches, Mr. Jenney and Mr. Hill, teachers at the high school who had played football previously. During this time period coaches often played with their teams and Jenny is noted as having played guard in an 1898 game vs. Darien that Stamford won 5-0. Only 4 points were awarded for a touchdown and two points for a kick. There was no forward passing at this point. Some Stamford graduates from the team went on to play at Villanova College in 1898 where Michael Boyle, Stamford future great coach was coaching the freshman football team.**

**By 1900 Stamford High was already beginning to show signs of its later status as a football power and area teams were reluctant to play against the Stamford team. King School was one of many foes who were defeated, losing its 1900 match 12-0. The 1900 and 1901 teams were coached by Mr. Wing who also played tackle on the team. Stamford's team was still finding its feet and began the 1901 season with a 24-0 defeat at the hands of Boardman School. Later that season Stamford beat Bullard of Bridgeport and also Manor School 11-5.**

**They also beat White Plains (NY) 16-0. The season culminated with a 5-0 victory of the tough Betts squad. A victory parade was held in celebration of the victory over Betts with the team marching behind the McConkey Drum Corps whose membership was mostly High School boys.**

**In 1902 Harry C. Knight took over as coach for a month or so and then was succeeded by John Shute. The 1902 season began with a 6-0 victory over New Rochelle, another rival of Stamford. The Stamford team under Captains Coghlan and Burke went on to defeat Greenwich High 24 -4 that year and White Plains fell 15-0. Yet, there is also mention of a defeat suffered at the hands of New Haven Hillhouse of 51-0. It was at this time that the Stamford team began to discover its power with such players as Kenealy and Burke who would go on to play on Stamford's first undefeated team in 1903.**

## **THE FORMATIVE YEARS 1902-1907**

**The 1903 season finished with a 5-0 record with three cancellations. In the early days the team still played at “the dyke”. They were coached by a Mr. Shute who also played on the team. The 1903 team was the first undefeated team in the high school’s history and it suffered no points to be scored against it. The game was more brutal in those days and rules were still being revised to make the game less violent while retaining its excitement. The 1904 squad captained by Junger and Deming and coached by Shute had a 10-1 record. Only 23 points were scored against SHS while 186 points were made against opponents. The highlight of the season was a 39-0 victory over Ansonia High. The teams during these early years regularly travelled far afield for games. In 1904, the team went as far east as New Haven and west to Peekskill Military Academy and Webb Academy in New York City.**

**The 1905 squad suffered from the loss of many veterans of the previous year’s team. The Jungers and Burke had played particularly well. The team went 3-2-1 with one cancellation. The loss to St Paul’s of Garden City, Long Island was devastating. Mr. Shute continued to coach through the 1906 season. Records for 1906 are sparse with only two games, both losses recorded. It had been rumored during the summer of ’06 that football would be done away with because of its perceived violence, but Mr. Avery, then principal decided to**

**retain the team. His decision was to pay off in succeeding years.**



## **THE BOYLE YEARS –The Early Victories: 1907-1914**

**The face of SHS football changed with the hiring of Michael Boyle as head coach. Boyle's first squad (1907) accomplished a 7-3-1 record. Their fiercest game was against Manor School whose team boasted several college stars. Boyle allowed two high school teachers to play on Stamford's side. The game was won by Stamford 17-0. This earned them a shot against New Haven for the state championships that Stamford lost. Yet, the season was a harbinger of things to come. Boyle fostered the development of second teams (now termed junior varsity) as a way to build players as well as to make practices more fruitful. Games tended to be played closer to the school at Bett's field. The 1908 and 1909 squads continued to perform solidly amassing records of 6-2-1 and 9-2-1 respectively. At the White Plains game a call went against White Plains at home and their team refused to continue. Stamford won by forfeit and left the field in a hail of stones thrown by the losers. In 1909 SHS scored 181 points against its opponents sustaining only 29 points against them. 1910 and 1911 teams won 12 straight games before losing one to Holbrook School of Ossining 6-5. Following that game the team won 35 straight games, a streak finally ended in 1914 at the hands of Everett Massachusetts in a 62-0 defeat.**

**The foundation building of those teams lead to a four year streak of championship seasons for SHS football. State championships were captured by the teams of 1910 (11-1); 1911 (8-2-1); 1912 (10-0-1), and 1913 (11-0). The big scorer of games was Kelly who played halfback. The most memorable game was, without doubt, the 106-0 victory over Patterson High of New Jersey. In 1914 and equally strong SHS team traveled to Boston to play Everett High School for the National Championship. Though they were defeated 62-0 the team, heavily outweighed, played a good game. The 1914 squad had gone 11-0 prior to the Boston game. Only 6 points had been scored against them during the regular season.**

## **THE BOYLE YEARS –Steady Solid Seasons 1915-1925**

**The 1915 team went 6-1 scoring 124 points against its opponents versus 31 points lost for the season. In 1916 Boyle's winning ways carried the SHS team to a record of 6-1-2. The overall point record stood at 130 to 42. The 1917 squad included a number of players who would become memorable standouts during their SHS careers. They included "Brick" Dora, Eddy Hunt and Brennan. The 1917 squad, captained by Paul Rosa went 4-1-2. The one loss, the season opener, vs. Choate, was a 0-6 game. The great victory was an 82-0 win over Ossining High School. The power of the team is better shown by the point record of 140 for SHS vs. 15 for opponents over the course of the season. The 1918 team bested that record winning all seven of its games and scoring 187 points total without having a single point scored against them. Hunt and Brennan were leaders of this team captained by Charleson. Edward Hunt captained the 1919 team that went 9-1. The points record attests to the wall-like defense of Stamford's team with totals of 335 points for SHS vs. 18 points scored by their opponents. Outstanding games were played against Hoboken High (NJ) 99-0 and Morris High of New York 69-0. Only Hartford High was able to stymie the SHS squad 6-6. At the conclusion of the 1920 season SHS football was in the enviable position of having been defeated only 4 times in 10 years. The 1920 team was captained by Brennan. After a successful**

season 7-0, including a victory over St. Francis Prep 102-0; the team took on a team from Elgin Illinois. The Illinois team was defeated 7-0 despite outweighing the Stamford team and being heavily favored. SHS scored a total of 227 points over the season and lost but 6. From 1917 to 1921 Stamford's team played 36 games without a defeat. During this streak only 27 points were scored against Stamford. The 1919 and 1920 teams both suffered only a single touchdown against them. Taken as a whole the period between 1911 and 1920 Stamford won 83 games and lost only 4 tying 6.

The 1921 season, though successful, was a building year. The squad was defeated for the first time in four years by Mt. Vernon 19-10. While they managed to compile a record of 7-3, the total number of point for vs. against continued to be impressive with SHS scoring 276 points and giving up only 66. Hunt captained the team a second time. Stand out players during the 1921-1925 period included Kuczo and Scalzi.

The 1922 squad posted a winning record of 6-3 but fought much harder for its victories and did not post near the number of points of previous years with only 140 for and 61 against. Of the points earned 61 were from a single match against Bayonne High that SHS won 61-2. The highlight of the year was a 6-0 victory over Naugatuck High that marked that school's first defeat since 1917 and first goal against since 1920. SHS fortunes improved during the 1923 season owing much to the work of Scalzi. While the record was again 6-3

**overall the number of goals scored was an increase over the previous year with 150 points for and 40 against. The 1924 team posted a 6-2 record. Kuczo had graduated at the end of the 1923 season and the team clearly felt this loss. The team continued to score plentiful touchdowns posting 158 points and losing only 26. The 1925 season was like those of the previous years. The team posted a record of 6-2-1 defeating a number of teams by wide margins. The total points scored vs lost stood at 156 to 38.**

# **THE BOYLE YEARS The Resurgence of SHS Football 1926-1929**

**The 1926 season marked the return of Stamford football to dominance. The team posted a 10-0 record, winning each game handily. The team won the state championship. During the season only a single touchdown was scored against Stamford while they racked up 300 points against their opponents. While the 1927 team did not win the state championships they still posted an impressive record of 7-1. The squad posted a total of 122 points compared to only 24 points scored against them. The following year found Stamford ranked second in the state. The 1928 team posted a record of 9-1 winning almost every game easily. Their only loss, to Warren Harding High of Bridgeport, was a 0-6 game. The team scored 221 points and lost only 50 over the season. Building on the success of that season, and with a squad of seasoned players the 1929 team went on to win the state championship number six for Stamford High. Their record of 9-1 was marked by 6 shutouts. Their only loss was a 6-13 game against Middletown High of New York. While opponents scored a total of 35 points against SHS, Stamford drowned its opponents by posting a total of 232 points.**

## **THE BOYLE YEARS: The Final Period 1930-1939**

**The last decade of Boyle's coaching career was marked by steady records as had been the case from 1915-1925 and a highlight year (1937) during which Stamford captured its seventh state title. The 1930 season was by all accounts very brief. Existing records indicate only four games were played and the record posted was 2-1-1. In 1931, the schedule was again lengthened and Stamford posted a record of 6-1-2. Most of the games were fairly close and in no case did Stamford run up the score dramatically as had been the case in previous years. The total points scored by Stamford in 1931 amounted to 100 with 69 points scored against them. The 1932 season was similar with the squad posting a 5-3 record. That year Stamford suffered its worst defeat in many years losing 0-21 to White Plains High of New York. While Stamford continued to score more points against its opponents than lose points the totals stood at 92 to 67. Gone were the days of runaway scores. The 1933 season mirrored that of the previous year with Stamford's 6-3-1 record. Incomplete records make it impossible to calculate the total point for vs. against Stamford but for those games for which scores are available, few were marked by wide margins of victory. The team did mark four shutouts during the season, while suffering at least one themselves at the hands of old rival Naugatuck High. The highest scoring game was a 39-0 romp by Stamford over Collegiate Prep of**

**New Haven. The 1934 season showed Stamford on the upswing again with the team's posting of an 8-1-1 record. The team avenged the previous loss to Naugatuck scoring a 48-13 victory over its rival. Stamford handily won the majority of its games with comfortable scoring margins. Its only loss was a 0-13 shutout suffered at the hands of a strong New Britain High squad. The point spread also showed Stamford to have mustered a strong offense with 180 points for and only 78 points against. The records for the 1935 season while incomplete show a record of 6-2. Many of the games that year were against local teams: a squad from the Community League, an alumni team and another sponsored by the Glenbrook Athletic Club. Most games were fairly close with no more than a single touchdown margin of victory. The 1936 season was also fairly sparse with only five games played and a record of 4-1. The year's squad posted only 61 points vs. 27 against. Because of the light schedules of the previous two years, the 1937 squad's capturing of the state title likely came as a surprise. They shared the honor that year with New Haven's Hillhouse High. The season's record is reported at 9-0, but elsewhere a single defeat against Freeport High of Long Island is mentioned. Scores for individual games are missing.**

**From 1907-38 Stamford High could boast 31 years without a losing season. Of 283 games played 229 were victories, 40 losses and 14 ties. For the 31 years SHS football averaged .809% perhaps the best record for that time of any high school in the nation. During those**



**same 31 years Stamford scored 5,437 points and suffered only 1214 points against. Stamford scored an average of 175 points a season vs. 39 points against.**

## **A New Era 1941-1950**

**By the 1940s thousands of people regularly flocked to newly built Boyle Stadium to watch Stamford High's Elevens. The 1941 season was 5-4-2 but did not reflect the strength of the team since it was plagued by injuries. Particularly memorable that year was a hard fought 14-7 victory of rival New Britain. With the exception of Captain Lou Thomas, the 1942 squad was completely new. Stamford's stadium was officially dedicated to Coach Boyle that year. While the 1942 squad did not have many victories they were the first to defeat Norwalk's eleven in the newly named Boyle Stadium. The 1943 squad was also full of new players. As a result despite an initial victory, the team then lost 6 games in row. The final tally was 4-6 with victories against Norwalk, Danbury, Warren Harding High (Bridgeport) and Fairfield Prep. At the end of the year Coach Kuczo announced Stamford's joining the Fairfield County Athletic Conference as of 1944 and also that football games would be resumed with Greenwich, the last one having been played in 1922. The year 1944 brought the long awaited Championship back to Stamford, although due to a lack of ability to schedule a final playoff, Stamford shared the title with Fairfield. The squad posted a record of 6-3-1. The 1945 team was strong and in the running for a title until the end of the season when it sustain two defeats at the hands of Greenwich and Norwalk. The team posted a record of 5-4-1. The 1946 squad had a record of 6-2 going into the final game**

**vs. Greenwich and with a bid for the State title. Unfortunately, Greenwich triumphed in the final match. The 1947 season followed as a replay of the previous year with the SHS team defeating eight teams only to lose the state title to Bridgeport's Harding High in a 0-9 game. The 1948 team continued Stamford High's winning tradition amassing 163 points vs the 60 posted by their rivals. This team also posted a 7-2-1 record. In his 21<sup>st</sup> coaching year Paul Kuczo's 1949 squad posted a record of 7-1-2 again falling just shy of taking the championship. The consistency of Stamford's teams and their presence "in the running" for the title suggested that a title winning team was not far off. The 1950 team was the realization of the work of the previous squads of the 1940s. The '50 squad captured the State title and with it the coveted Waskowitz Trophy. The team lost only one game and that to White Plains.**

## **Kuczo's finale 1951-57**

**Stamford's 1951 squad was strong, posting a 6-3 record with a number of significant victories. The 1952 team benefitted from the presence of a number of seasoned veterans from the '51 squad and succeeding in capturing the state title. The '52 season ended with 6-1-1 record. The 1953 was a reprise state title year. The team went 8-1 overall. The 1954 squad posted a 7-2 record and was statistically better than the champions of 1953. More notably the team scored 239 points total to their opponents' 110 and also beat traditional rivals White Plains and Fairfield Prep. The 1955 team was made up of a roster of players new to the varsity squad. The team posted a record of 2-6 but ironically outscored the opponents' total score. The highlight of the season was the Fairfield Prep game at Boyle Stadium on Thanksgiving Day at which 5,000+ fans watch Prep edge Stamford to a 20-14 victory. The 1956 season proved to be another building year with the team record ending at 2-6-1. 1957 marked the final year of Paul Kuczo as Head Coach of Football. Kuczo's 57 squad resumed the winning ways of SHS posting a record of 6-2-1. This team foreshadowed things to come. The highlight of the season was the traditional T-day match against Fairfield Prep at which Stamford edged Prep out 14-13.**

## **A New Era 1958-**

**Walter O'Meara took over the reins of the Stamford Football team in 1958 and, benefitting from the foundation laid down the year before, the team captured the State Championship. Captain Pat Winn led the team through an undefeated season including key victories over Greenwich and Fairfield Prep. The '58 squad outscored their opponents 186 to 76. O'Meara coached his team to the State Championship title again in 1959. Along with assistant coaches John Hagan, Allen Shanen and Carmine Tosches, O'Meara coached the team through a second undefeated season. Not only did the team win all of its games but it placed four of its member on the All State team: Bob Westhelle, Joe Frattaroli, Rory Wahl and Captain Jim Mazurek. The team outscored its opponent by an even wider margin: 301-62. John Hagan took over the coaching responsibilities in 1960. With the graduation of many of the key players of the previous two years, the season was not as promising. At the season's end the Black Knights had posted a respectable 6-3 record. Stamford still outscored its opponents but by a slimmer margin: 134-93. The 1961 season was similar to the year before; the team posting a 6-3 record overall. Scoring was significantly lower than before with the Black Knights scoring but 99 points to their opponents 62. The highlight of the season was a 26-0 victory over Fairfield Prep on Thanksgiving Day. John Hagan**

continued at the helm in 1962 piloting the Knights to a 5-4 record. Stamford scored 154 points to their opponents' 92. The bulk of Stamford's points came in two games: a 44-14 victory over Hillhouse of New Haven and a 34-12 victory over Norwalk. D. Caveliero amassed the most points by an individual, scoring a total of 68. Hagan's Knights improved by 1963 posting an 8-1-1 record. Much of the ground gained in games was through the efforts of Dan De Vito who rushed for 2036 yards and passed for 545 yards during the season. The strong offense of the team was illustrated by the high scores tallied in many games. In the end Stamford outscored the opponents by a wide margin: 246-95. Their only loss was a 0-22 match against Darien. Hagan continued to coach the Knights for many more years but the State Championship remained elusive.

**TEAM CAPTAINS:**

**1903 Matthew Kenealy 1913  
Giovannucci  
1904 Harry Junger  
William Connelly**

**1923 Hugo  
1914 Bill Brennan 1924**

<b>1905 Harry Junger</b>	<b>1915 Bill Brennan</b>	<b>1925</b>
<b>Maurice McCarthy</b>		
<b>1906 Cap Swenson</b>	<b>1916 Brainerd Embree</b>	
<b>1926 John Scalzi</b>		
<b>1907 Ralph Taylor</b>	<b>1917 Paul Rosa</b>	<b>1927 Joe</b>
<b>Coppola</b>		
<b>1908 Ralph Taylor</b>	<b>1918 Ed Charleson</b>	<b>1928</b>
<b>Ed Wynne</b>		
<b>1909 Jim Brown</b>	<b>1919 Ed Hunt</b>	<b>1929 Mickey</b>
<b>Lione</b>		
<b>1910</b>	<b>1920 Gaynor Brennan</b>	<b>1930</b>
<b>John Best</b>		
<b>1911 Gilbert Vanderwerken</b>	<b>1921</b>	<b>1931</b>
<b>1912 Walter Dolan</b>	<b>1922 Ed Robbins</b>	<b>1932</b>
<b>1933</b>	<b>1943 Douglas</b>	
<b>Northrup &amp; A Klipp</b>		
<b>1934 Edward Zimkus</b>	<b>1944 Francis</b>	
<b>Pasaro</b>		
<b>1935</b>	<b>1945 Mike Butkovsky</b>	
<b>&amp; John Kotosky</b>		
<b>1936 George Rassas</b>	<b>1946 John Grant</b>	
<b>&amp; Donald Butkovsky</b>		
<b>1937 Dan Morrelli</b>	<b>1947 Robert Lynch</b>	
<b>1938 Tom Callahan &amp; Pete Robotti</b>	<b>1948 Al</b>	
<b>Shanen &amp; Joe Bochicchio</b>		
<b>1939</b>	<b>1949 George</b>	
<b>Sentements</b>		
<b>1940</b>		
<b>1941 George Beadle &amp; George Pastuszak</b>	<b>1953 Bruno</b>	
<b>Amato &amp; Jack Leydon</b>		
<b>1942 Louis Thomas</b>		

**1943**

**1944**

**1945**

**1946**

**1947**

**1948**

**1949**