

KINGSWOOD CLASS OF 1937 FOOTBALL TEAM



Coached by Joe Gargan, this squad of 23, captained by hard-running fullback Earl Cotton, was undefeated.

Coach Gargan scheduled scrimmages with Hartford-area high schools and Trinity and Wesleyan freshman teams to get his team hardened against uneven odds.

The opening game of the season was against East Hartford High School, a school that wanted revenge from the previous year's loss. However, Kingswood soundly beat East Hartford 19-0.

Hopkins was next, the toughest game of the season. Hopkins boasted future Yale players in two sets of brothers, the Stacks and Wood boys, giants by our measure. Hopkins scored on a fumble, but Rich Fisher blocked the extra point. The score was 6-0 until the last 13 seconds of the game when Shorty Farrell tossed a beautiful pass to his right end, Bill McClellan, and Price Merrels scored the extra point for a 7-6 Kingswood victory.

Next on the schedule was American School for the Deaf, which came in with an undefeated record. Kingswood was too strong and won handily 27-0. Following ASD came the first Kingswood vs. Loomis football game. Loomis had a high-powered offense with its star captain, who went on to captain Harvard's football team. Following a field goal by Deed Harris, captain Farrell mowed down the Loomis defense, including the captain. Once again, the passing connection of Farrell to McClellan clinched a 17-0 victory, much to the amazement of the Windsor team. The final game against Canterbury saw everyone on the Kingswood squad play in a 40-0 rout.

Three members of this team were in attendance at Friday night's festivities:

- Kingswood's quarterback, Shorty Farrell, who was an Honorable Mention All-American at Lafayette in 1940;
- Bill McClellan, an outstanding end; and
- Rich Fisher, an outstanding defender.