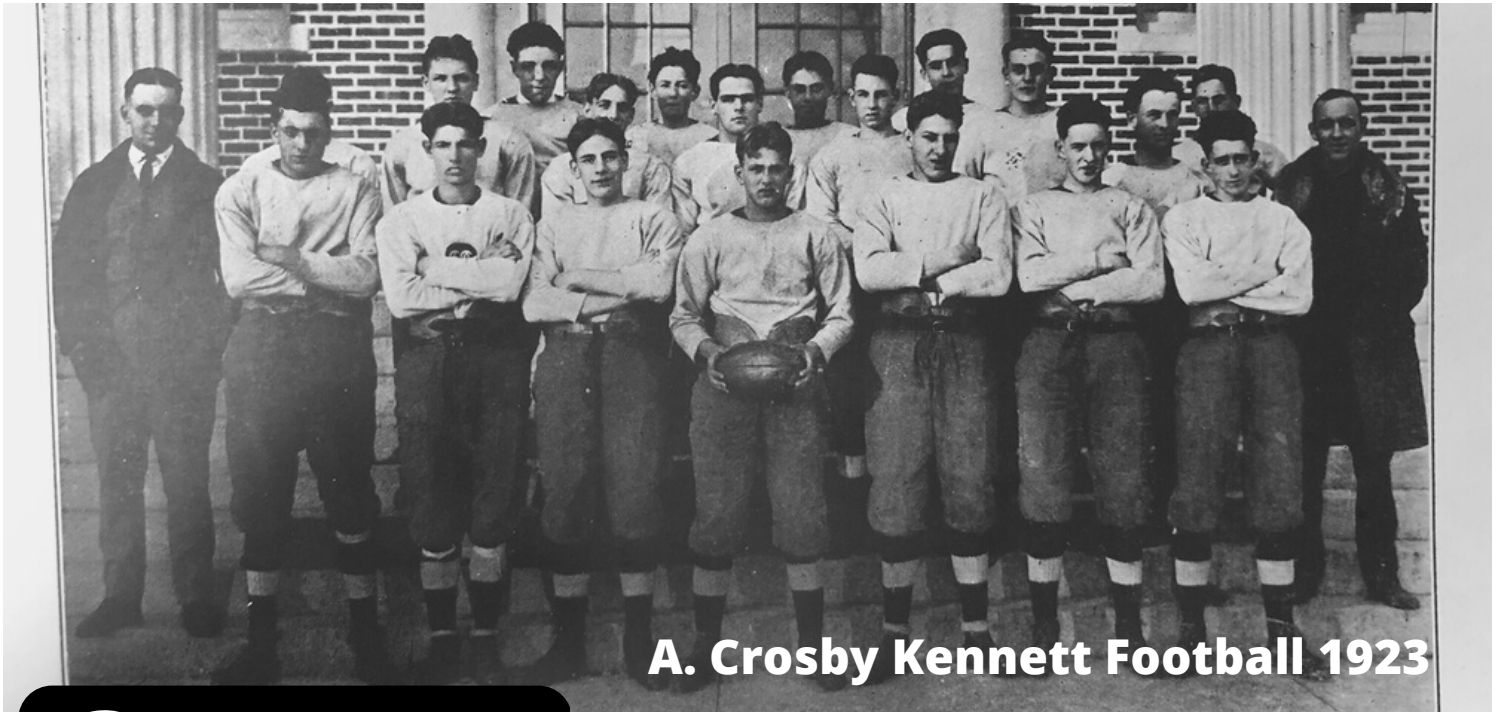


HISTORY OF KENNETT FOOTBALL



A. Crosby Kennett Football 1923



Football Coaches

through the years

1923	Ellis W. McKeen
1924-1927	Paul Marston
1928-1936	Glenn Stearns
1937-1939	Sam Fuller
1940-1946	???
1947-1959	Karl Seindenstuecker
1960-1961	Saunders
1962	D'Allesandro
1963-1967	Donald Tremble
1968	H. William Ranson
1969	Donald Tremble
1970-1971	David Brown
1972-1976	Jim Donatelli
1977-1978	Bob Ewell
1979-2006	Gary Millen
2007	Drew Inzer
2008-2009	Ken Sciacca
2010-2013	Mike Holderman
2014-2021	Vaughn Beckwith
2022-	Scott Stearns

One of the first orders of business for the sports program at Kennett in the fall of 1923 was to organize a football team and to begin the interscholastic competition. Kennett's first football team was coached by Mr. Ellis W. McKeen and his assistant was Mr. Eddie Rumazza who came from Rochester each afternoon to help.

It must be remembered that with the exception of two members of the eighteen-man squad, all players were new at the game of football.

With a few weeks of practice under their belts, the players finally were ready to meet their opponents in a three-game schedule in November. The first game ever played by a Kennett football team resulted in an 0-85 defeat to veteran Fryeburg Academy Team, but Kennett was able to bounce back with impressive wins over Pembroke Academy and Leavitt Institute by scores of 36-0 and 30-7 respectively.

Kennett's first letterman included some familiar names associated with athletics in the 1920s. Captained by Robert Garland, the squad included Bill Mahoney, Wilder Butterfield, Burton Garland, Henry Allen, Charles Bockterley, Raymond Twombly, Charles Davidson, and John Chandler.

FOOTBALL PLAYERS TO REMEMBER



RUDY LORRAINE #24 - CLASS OF 1942

Truly, one of Kennett's greats on the gridiron, Rudy was every inch a football player. He was not to ask the reason why...his was to do it. He ran, passed, blocked, and kicked as if his very life depended on it. A veritable glutton for punishment, he took his beatings as well as dished them out. An inspiration to his teammates, his position will never be filled. Rudy was known as Kennett's one-man machine, he was the original triple threat.



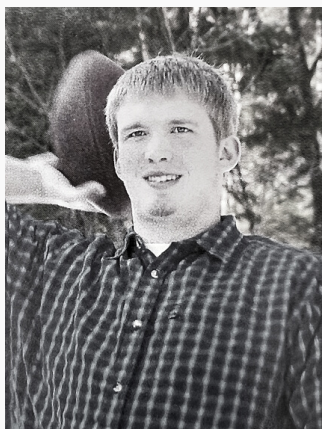
JEFF PERRY #44 - CLASS OF 1990

Jeff Perry was selected as the "Gatorade Circle of Champions" New Hampshire High School Football of the year. Jeff is the first Kennett player to ever receive this honor. As a New Hampshire winner, Jeff became eligible for regional and national player of the year honors. Jeff made his varsity letter in football all four years at Kennett and established a New Hampshire and Kennett High School record which can be equaled but can never be broken. Jeff is the only player in NH football history who as a member of a high school team managed to score a touchdown in four different championship games (1986-1989). Jeff was also named Athlete of the month by the Reporter Press in December 1989.



MATT MEZQUITA #45 - CLASS OF 1991

Kennett's brilliant running back broke the Kennett High School rushing record as he totaled 1390 yards in 141 carries for a 9.9 average. Matt broke the record by 322 yards in the same number of games on 77 fewer tries. Matt was a two-way player who starred on both offense and defense. In addition, he handled the punting and the point-after assignments, as well as being one of the team's top pass receivers. A terrific competitor in all phases of the game, Matt was easily the State of New Hampshire's most talented football player in his three-year career at Kennett. Matt was named "Football Player of the Year" from New Hampshire by USA Today in December 1989 and was awarded the Sam Fuller Football Award in 1990.



IAN WHITE #16 - CLASS OF 2009

Ian White played a multitude of positions for the Eagles, tight end and defensive end, and captained his senior year. He was a two-time First Team All-State selection, was considered for the 2009 U.S. Army All-American Bowl. After graduation, Ian went on to play for Boston College and was named captain of his team his senior year. After college, Ian dreamed of playing professional Football and was drafted by the San Diego Chargers in 2014, but he was not the positional fit that they were looking for.

FOOTBALL COACHES TO REMEMBER

KARL "CRUSH" SEINDENSTUECKER 1939-1959

During his tenure as Head Coach of football from 1939-1959 with the exception of the war years of 1942-45, "Crush" produced some truly outstanding teams and in the 1950s his teams were often champions of the White Mountain Football Conference. During his tenure as a football coach, there were no playoff games for the state championship as there are today. Coach Seidenstuecker was known and respected throughout New Hampshire and New England as one of the top schoolboy coaches in both basketball and football and he was elected to both the NH Coaches Hall of Fame, as well as being named a charter member of Kennett Eagles Sports Hall of Fame. Highly revered by his players, Coach Seidenstuecker's teams were well known not only for their ability and finesse, but also for their sportsmanship, discipline, competitive spark, and desire.



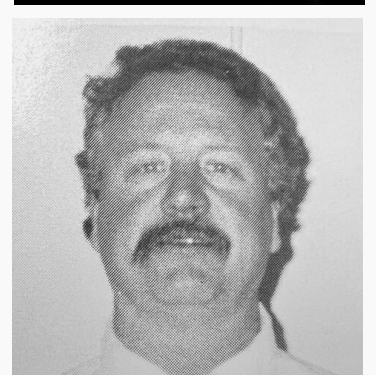
GARY MILLEN 1979-2006

Gary Millen is the winningest football coach in Kennett's history. He had an impressive 186-86 record as head coach of Kennett. He took the Eagles to the post-season 19 times, winning six state championships and appearing in a total of 11 title games. Between 1986 and 1993 he won six titles in eight years. In 1990 he coached the New Hampshire Shrine Team to victory against Vermont. His legacy lives on today through his former students, players and the Gary Millen Foundation, which was established shortly after his untimely passing in 2006. The Stadium at the New Kennett High School is named for him. *"Say what you mean, mean what you say, and always give 110% to every commitment you make."* - Gary Millen



PHIL HAYNES 1984-2005

A 1970 graduate of Kennett High School, the defensive coordinator for Kennett High football from 1984-2005 and a teacher at Kennett Middle School. He helped guide the Eagles to six state championships and 12 times KHS had the top defense in the division. Always active in his community, Haynes found countless ways to give back. He served on Cranmore Ski Patrol from 1986-96; was a coach at Cranmore Resort from 1996-2012; was an original member of the Mount Washington Valley Hogs Mud Bowl team and was elected into the Mud Bowl Hall of Fame.



PETER AMES

A 1972 Kennett High School graduate, with over 40 years of coaching a plethora of Kennett High School and Kennett Middle School sports, you can say he bleeds black & white. Coach Ames was the assistant coach on three of Kennett's state football championships in the 1990s. He was the most consistent and fair coach, he treated everyone the same, with the same expectations every day. Along with being the assistant football coach he also coached varsity softball for 33 years, coached boys varsity basketball for 13 years, was the assistant cross-country coach for 2 years, and lastly was the junior varsity baseball coach for 6 years.



INSPIRATIONS IN KENNETT FOOTBALL

SAM FULLER



Samuel Fuller was a graduate of Kennett High School in the Class of 1931. Sam was an outstanding scholar-athlete, playing football, basketball, and baseball. After graduating from Kennett in 1931, he entered Bates College. After graduating from Bates, Sam taught and coached for two years at Wilbraham Academy, and then came to Kennett as a teacher/coach in the fall of 1936. After the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor, Sam enlisted in the U.S. Army. Sam was killed in action on July 27, 1944, presumably in an operation about St. Lo in France, as a part of the Normandy invasion by Allied Forces. The Sam Fuller Football Award was established in the Fall of 1947 by a member of Sam's friends who wished to perpetuate the memory of this young man who was so much part of the Kennett Tradition. The Sam Fuller Award is "given annually to a senior member of the Football team. Someone with great character and has displayed strong leadership skills, someone who has placed the needs of others and the team in front of their own, a truly unselfish player."

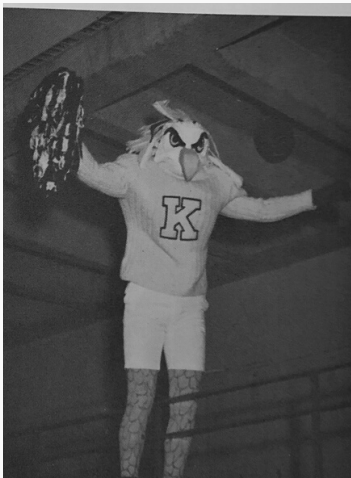
KELLEY JOHN SCRUGGS



The longest-serving member of the Kennett High School Football team. He served as team manager from 1987-91, and 2009-2021. Kelley John loves people, loves to compete, and loves to dance. Aside from a heart of gold, he bleeds black and white, and always will. Kelley John was and still is Kennett's biggest fan. He appreciated his teammates and they appreciated him. Kelley John was originally the team manager under the direction of Coach Gary Millen, and Assistant Coaches Peter Ames, Phil Haynes, and Brian Day. Jersey No. 16 has belonged to Kelley Jon since 1987. Kelley John always reminded his teammates to "Earn every inch, do your best, go for the gold, persevere and be yourself!"



THE KENNETT EAGLE, BARRY THE EAGLE MASCOT



The mascot of the school, "The Kennett Eagle" was officially adopted by a vote of the school shortly after WWII. Dick Watson from the class of 1947 suggested the eagle as the mascot. The Kennett Eagle" became the mascot in 1947. In the late 1990s, "The Kennett Eagle" name was changed to "Barry the Eagle." Named after long-time custodian and KHS Super Fan, Dick Barry. Dick Barry could always be found on the sidelines of many Kennett sports cheering on the Black & White. Barry the Eagle is an inspiration to students, faculty and teams just like Dick Barry.



CHAMPION TEAMS TO REMEMBER

1986 DIVISION III STATE CHAMPIONS

In the fall of 1986, Coach Gary Millen was quoted as saying: "Realistically, we should be in the hunt for the playoffs." Gary proved to be an uncanny prognosticator, as the team did make the playoffs, in fact, the team went undefeated while winning the coveted Division III State Championship.

Coming off the 1985 season of 5 wins and 4 defeats, it might have been said that Gary had to be a bit optimistic, but when he met with players for the 1986 team at Camp Wakuta in Freedom for the five days training camp sessions, Gary felt that despite the fact that was a scarcity of returning veterans, there was the reason for optimism. A nucleus of promising lower classmen seemed poised to join with the returning seven lettermen in molding a formidable team. This team become only the second team in Kennett Football History to go undefeated, sharing that distinction with the 1935 undefeated team: likewise, this team became only the second team to win a State Title in football, sharing this honor with the 1974 State Champions, under Coach Jim Donatelli.

The team leaders were Doug Folsom and Steve Carey, both of the Class of 1987, both excellent competitors who had blossomed as two-way performers in the 1985 season. Doug had been the team's leading tackler in 1985 with a total of 79 tackles, and he changes over to center on the offense where he gained a reputation as a devastating blocker. Steve, a 6ft, 205lb., halfback was equally effective on the offense as well as the defense. He was capable of grinding out the short yardage when needed, and he could also become an effective break-away runner. Steve carried 139 times in 1985, netting a total of 525 yards and 9 touchdowns with a 3.8 average per carry.

Perhaps the key player in the offensive scheme of things had to be Geoff Lynn, the junior quarterback. He directed the team in the 1985 semi-final loss to Plymouth, 19-0, but he had shown exceptional talent as a passer and team leader, and Coach Millen was counting on him to accomplish much. In 1986, Geoff made 210 passing attempts, completing 96 for a total of 1954 yards. He threw ten Interceptions and passed for 11 touchdowns and 2 extra points.

As the season progressed, Geoff threw to a number of receivers, including Mike Clemons, Mike Brothers, Doug Gribbel, Sean Minton, Andy Fickett, and Nat Deans.

The team's most effective runners proved to be Joey DiRienzo, Steve Carey, and Matt Jeffers, all of whom ran well behind a powerful forward wall consisting of Doug Folsom at the center, Gary Paul, Karl Weld, and Steve Sjostedt at guards, and Chris Bailey and Steve Foster at the tackle spots. Kennett managed to put 221 seasonal points on the board en route to its 11-game undefeated season.

It was the vaunted Kennett defense that caught the attention of the opposing coaches and players in 1986. Only two teams managed to score on the Eagles as St. Thomas netted 9 points and Bishop Brady scored 6 for a total of only 15 points scored against the powerful Eagle defensive unit

The starting defensive line Included Kirk Saunders, Terry Miller, Steve Sjostedt, and Andy Fickett. The Inside linebackers were Doug Folsom and Steve Foster, while the outside linebackers were Steve Carye, Joey DiRienzo, and Jeff Perry. The latter two shared the position. Defensive backs were Doug Gribbel, Mike Brothers, and Mike Clemons. An important substitute in the defensive line was Rich MacDonald.



Scott Carrier, Ed Garland, Terry Miller, Andy Fickett, Mike Brothers, Steve Carey, Doug Folsom, Gary Paul, Jason Perkins, Doug Gribbel, Mike Clemons, Craig Garland, Chris Bailey, Joseppe DiRienzo, Steve Sjosted, Sean Minton, Dave Cranage, Kirk Saunders, Geoff Lynn, John Thorpe, Karl Weld, Steve Taylor, Nathaniel Deans, David Dascoulias, Tommy Fickett, Danny Ryan, Brandon McKinney, Grant Carrier, John Walters, Head Coach Gary Millen, Asst. Coaches Phil Haynes & Peter Ames

CHAMPION TEAMS TO REMEMBER

1988 DIVISION III STATE CHAMPIONS

Kennett coaches approached the 1988 season with confidence because they felt that there was a wealth of talent still available from the current seniors and the lower classmen. Craig Garland seemed to be the logical choice to hold down the quarterback spot while Jody McDonald and Steve Frechette could take on the spots of the two running backs. Little did the coaches know that there would be a newcomer Matt Mezquita, a transfer student from Timberlane High School, who would prove to become probably Kennett's most explosive running back since the days of Rudy Lorraine.

During the week of training at Camp Wakuta in late August, the optimism of the Kennett coaches began to bear fruit as they molded the 1988 edition into a most formidable eleven. Craig Garland and Jamie Lynn competed for the all-important quarterback position, it was clear that Matt Mezquiate, Jody McDonald, Steve Frechette, and Mike Schreiber would be the running backs.

The 1988 season got off to a flying start as the Eagles met the Franklin High Tornadoes and came away with an impressive 34-0 win. Craig Garland started quarterback and had an especially productive performance as he made 6 completion for a total of 97 yards, including a touchdown to Matt Mezquita. Jeff Perry carried the ball 14 times for a total of 69 yards, while Jody McDonald lugged the ball for two touchdowns and a similar total of 69 yards. Kennett's fourth touchdown was scored by fullback Steve Frechette, who had 8 carries for a total of 40 yards. Kennett's offense gained a total of 242 yards on the ground and 97 yards through the air. Defensively, the Kennett unit held the Tornadoes to 65 yards by rushing 22 thru the air. Kennett gained 17 first downs to Franklin's 6.

In the seasonal final of the regular season, Kennett continues its winning way by winning the Carroll Country Championship Trophy with a 33-0 victory over the Kingswood Knights. Kennett's scoring was divided among Jody McDonald, Matt Mezquita, and Mike Schreiber on the ground, while Graig Garland and Jeff Perry combined for a touchdown via the air route. Matt Mezquita gained 112 yards in 19 tries and Steve Frechette netted 54 yards in 10 attempts. Leading the Kennett defense once again were the likes of Danny Ryan, Eric Olson, Andy Kamensky, John Walter, and Jody McDonald with Jeff Perry, John Walter, and Josh Paraskos each being credited with an interception. Rich McDonald had one fumble recovery and one sack while Jody McDonald was credited with 2 sacks and Danny RiRienzo with one fumble recovery.



Aaron Bilotta, Harley Lowd, John Walter, Craig Garland, Danny DiRienzo, Stephen Frechette, Jarrod Smith, Andy Kamensky, Jody McDonald, Gary Wiggin, Mark St. Germin, Mans Theorin, Jim Shackford, Patrick Haley, Danny Ryan, Darryl Jeffers, Mike Schreiber, Noah Coleman, Matt Jeffers, Ben Mahn, Chuck Sullivan, Jeff Perry, Matt Mezquita, Jason Wroblewski, Josh Hounsell, Eric Olson, Rich MacDonald, Steve Illsley, Joe Fernald, Steve Carrier, Steve Stoddard, Eric Holladay, Grant Carrier, Jason Paraskos, Adam Mullen, Eric Labbe, Jason Lloyd, Torin Sjogren, Sean Wilbur, Gardner Johnson, Bob Girouard, Dave Marsden, Keith Thurston, Bill McGibbon, Tim Robinson, Scott Hayes, Jody Rogers, Matt Frasier, Dave Dascoulias, Jamie Lynn, Rick Bartolovic, Andy Gribbel, Matt MacMillan, Head Coach Gary Millen, Asst Coachs Phil Haynes, Todd Gallagher & Bob Burns, Manager Kelley Jon Scruggs

CHAMPION TEAMS TO REMEMBER

1989 CLASS I STATE CHAMPIONS

The fall of 1989 brought about a realignment of teams playing football in NH. The NHIAA eliminated the Division I, II, and III classification and substituted them for Class L, I, M, and S, moving Kennett from Division III to Class I.

There was an outstanding nucleus returning from the 1988 Division III Championship team. It was expected that ALL-State Matt Mezquita would be ready to pick up where he left off with his brilliant running and All-State Jeff Perry from his tight end position on offense and linebacker. Coach Millen also felt that Jody McDonald was a fiery competitor and effective runner as well as another All-Stater while Danny Ryan, Kennett's 4th returning All-Stater, would anchor both the offensive line and the linebackers.

The regular season got underway at the McKeen Memorial Field when the Eagles met the Somersworth High Hilltoppers and it was soon clear that the 1989 edition of KHS Football was going to be something to be reckoned with. In the first half, Kennett put on a dazzling offensive show highlighted by the brilliant tailback, Matt Mezquita, who scored all 28 of Kennett's points in this half. Coach Millen used his second and third string in the second half. Both the offensive and defensive units for Kennett were most impressive in this Initial win.

Skip Darmody, a sportswriter for the Carroll County Independent began his account of Kennett's Championship win over Plymouth Bobcats by writing; "you can put this game in the history books, and that's exactly where it belongs." Kennett's 23-6 win over Plymouth has to rank among some of the greatest in Kennett's history. One of the largest crowds ever, estimated to be 2500 people witnessed a truly exciting game, marked by spectacular play by both Kennett's offensive and defensive units.

Plymouth took the opening kick-off and looked like they were heading for the first score of the game, but the Kennett's defense stiffened and a 45yd field goal attempt by Plymouth's Jeff Beckley fell short. Kennett took charge right away, as the forward wall opened up a gaping hole for Matt Mezquita who races 8yds for Kennett's first score. He kicked the point after, and these seven points could have been enough to post the victory, but the Eagles went on to score 16 more points, highlighted by a touchdown pass from Jamie Lynn to Jeff Perry good for 30 yds and a pass inception by Danny Ryan who scampered 25 yards into the end zone, a fitting climax for one of Kennett's football greats. Matt Mezquita and Danny DiRienzo came up with key inceptions while the defensive line of Gregg Saunders, Keith Thurston, Dave Dascoulis, and Jody McDonald and linebackers Jeff Perry and Mike Schrieber, and Matt Fraiser was constantly applying pressure to the Plymouth quarterback.



Aaron Bilotta, Harley Lowd, Peiter DeVos, Jamie Lynn, Danny Dirienzo, Stalin Aries, Jarrod Smith, Chris Olds, Jody McDonald, Randy Acker, Robbie Stocker, Gary Wiggin, Doug Hagman, John Cook, Jim Shackford, Patrick Haley, Jason Veno, Darryl Jeffers, Jamie Burns, Chuck Sullivan, Jeff Perry, Matt Mezquita, Jason Wrobleski, Josh Hounsell, Erin Hartley, Charlie Bean, Brian Streeter, Danny Ryan, Steve Carrier, Steve Stoddard, Eric Holladay, Vinnie DeLong, Josh Paraskos, Adam Mullen, Dan Ferald, Jason Lloyd, Hank Thibodeau, Noah Coleman, Gardener Johnson, Henry Hill, Bob Girouard, Dave Marsden, Gregg Saunders, Keith Thurston, Chris Reynolds, Kevin Newell, Scholl Mullen, Tim Robinson, Scott Hayes, Jody Rogers, Matt Frasier, Tim Fickett, Mike McCune, Dave Dascoulis, Paddy Bean, Rick Bartolovic, Andy Gribbel, Matt MacMillan, Joe Laramie, Head Coach Gary Millen, Asst Coachs Phil Haynes, Todd Gallagher & Tom Wholey, Manager Kelley Jon Scruggs

CHAMPION TEAMS TO REMEMBER

1990 CLASS I STATE CHAMPIONS

In reviewing the 11 games played by the Kennett Eagles in 1990, it can be said that the team was led by senior, Matt Mezquita, with his explosive running and all-around play, and that the defense was sparked by senior, Mike Schreiber; but both of these talented stars would be first to admit that they were aided by a group of equally talented and spirited teammates. Despite losing 17 seniors from the 1989 Championship Team, the Eagles roared back to win the 1990 State Class I title and upped the five-year overall record to 48 wins and 4 defeats.

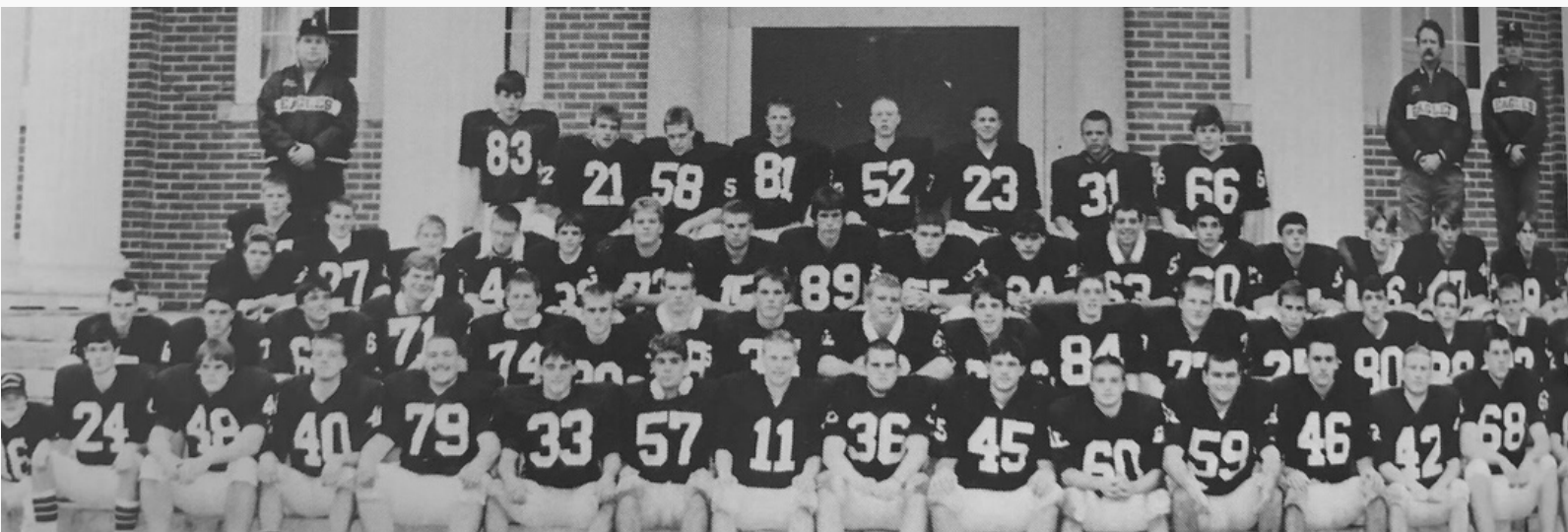
Harley Lowd and Andy Gribbel both had banner years on the offensive side of the ledger which gained them All-State recognition. Eric Holladay another offensive player was recognized for honorable mention on the All-State Team as well. Defensively, Mike Schreiber shared high honors with Danny DiRienzo, both of whom were named to the All-State Defensive unit. Mike and Danny shared defensive honors with Charlie Bean, Scott Hayes, and Jason Wrobleski, who were named to honorable mention on the All-State team. Climaxing his spectacular three-year career at Kennett, Matt Mezquita received state and national honors as one of the nation's finest football players.

Sixteen members of the class of 1991 contributed to the success of this 1990 State Championship Season in addition to the seniors, the name of such players as Steve Stoddard, Pat Haley, Chuck Sullivan, Kevin Szympruch, Steve Carrier, Henry Hill, and Jody Rogers, will long be remembered for their contribution to Kennett Football and the Championship Seasons.

Lower-class contributors to the team's success include the following name, Aaron Bilotta, Chris Olds, Jarrod Smith, Jim Shackford, Darryl Jeffers, Adam Mullen, Dave Marsden, Chris Reynolds, Tim Robinson, Scott Jayes, Larry Beauchesne, Paddy Bean, Eric Labbe, Doug Hagman, Matt MacMillan, and Randy Acker as players.

Another individual much deserving of special mention and credit is Kelley Jon Scruggs who was the team's manager, a position he held for four years throughout his high school career.

The accolades extended to Head Coach Gary Millen, and Assistant Coaches, Phil Hayes, and Todd Gallagher have been many and richly deserved. The coaching staff, though few in numbers, has been long in quality, and the staff is quick to credit Chief Scott, Bob Burns, and Cameraman Bob Russell, for their important roles in the success of this team, as they have been in the success of teams over the past five years.



Arron Bilotta, Harley Lowd, Eric Wagstaff, Chris Olds, Danny DiRienzo, Nate Frechette, Jarrod Smith, Steve Stoddard, Tom Cossette, Sean Elridge, Todd Marshall, Doug Hagman David Bolduc, Jim Shackford, Patrick Haley, Jason Veno, Darryle Jeffers, Jamie Burns, Mike Schriber, Kevin Szympruch, Chuck Sullivan, Eric Schreiber, Matt Mezquita, Jason Wrobleski, Eric Clancy, Charlie Beann, Keith Marable, Rya Rendleman, Joey Dascoulias, Travis Spencer, Scott Barrows, Danny Fernald, Greyson Carrier, Steve Carrier, Darron Perry, Eric Holladay, Vinnie DeLong, Adam Mullen, Brian Streeter, Norm Littlefield, Marc Bailey, Jim Frenette, Peter bailey, Henry hill, Scott Stearns, Dave Marsden, Scott Mullens, Chris Reynolds, Joe Merrill, Earl Westover, Tim Robinson, Scott Hayes, Jody Rogers, Larry Beauchesne, Scott Hardie, Mike McCune, Nate Noyes, Paddy Bean, Eric Labbe, Andy Grobbel, Issac Cyr, Matt MacMillan, Joe Laramie, Dennis Schmidt, Head Coach Gary Millen, Asst Coachs Phil Haynes, Todd Gallagher, Manager Kelley Jon Scruggs

CHAMPION TEAMS TO REMEMBER

1992 DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONS

As the 1992 Kennett Football team came together at Camp Wakuta in late August for training camp, it was doubtful if anyone really thought that the end of the season would find the Eagles undefeated, and once again champions of Division II football. The 20-7 victory over the Laconia Sachems at the McKeen Memorial Field was the fitting climax to a great season and Kennett's 5th State Championship in 7 years. This team also enjoyed the distinction of being Kennett's fourth undefeated football team in 67 years of Kennett's Football history.

Summarizing the season, Coach Millen said: "as far as the season goes, this was a really enjoyable one. There were lots of memorable games. We knew we had to get off to good start if we were going to have a good season. We did exactly that, and things just kind of fell into place. There were periods in games where we didn't play well, then all of a sudden, it was almost like we hit a button, and good things just started to happen real quick."

Laconia seemed able to shut down the Kennett ground game in the championship encounter, but Erik Wagstaff came up with a big day, aided by an excellent display of pass protection from his linemen. Erik completed 15 of 23 passes for 228 yds total and 3 touchdowns. On the ground, Kennett was held to 52 rushing yds on 22 carriers.

Jason Veno was a thorn in the side of the Sachem defense all afternoon, as he hauled in 3 receptions from Wagstaff good for 2 touchdowns and 73 total yds, including a 56 yds sprint to paydirt to give Kennett a 13-7 lead with just under 8 minutes remaining in the game. Abe Wrobleski caught another key pass in the 4th period, racing 53 yds down the sidelines which put Kennett out in front with a commanding 20-7 lead.

Kennett controlled the ball almost all of the 3rd period and kept excellent field position and though they did not score in that period, controlling the clock made a difference, and the two big pass plays in the 4th period spelled doom for Laconia. Laconia managed to get into Kennett territory only once in the 2nd half, and only in the closing minutes of the game when the outcome of the game had already been determined. Laconia scored its only touchdown in the closing second of the 1st half. A fake punt caught the Kennett defense by surprise and the Sachems scored from 2 yds out with the successful extra try, the teams were tied 7-7.

The defensive standouts from Kennett were Jason Veno and Erin Hartley. Coach Millen thought that "Hartley had his best game of the season and made some very good plays." Todd Marshall and Darren Perry contributed their usual great defensive play as well. David Bolduc led the ball-carriers with his 10 rushing attempts totaling 46 yds.



Steve Hutchins, Chris Sullivan, Nate LaFrance, Chris Olds, Erik Wagstaff, Nate Frechette, Ted Colby, David Brown, Josh Kelly, Steve Walker, Todd Marshall, David Bolduc, Brad Streeter, Paul Smith, Jason Veno, Mike Smith, Jeremy Hallett, Jamie Burns, David Corcoran, John Porreca, Bill Moore, Stalín Arias, Eric Schreiber, Aaron Sanborn, Abe Wrobleski, Billy Cook, John Cook, Adam Shackford, Eric Maduskuie, Erin Hartley, Tony Santucci, Isaac Cry, Greyson Carrier, Merle Sweeney, Barren Perry, Brian Johnson, Brian Street, Tom Sidoti, Jim Frenette, Peter Bailey, Justin Johnson, Tim Fitzimmons, Scott Stearns, Adam Hounsell, Nate Noyes, Jason Alward, Joe Merrill, Jarod McKenney, Calvin Johnson, Josh Mersereau, Josh Nylin, Jason Walker, Mike McCune, Andy Thomson, Brad Hardie, Jon Wearn, Kraig Wilkinson, Skye Stokes, Greg Fecteau, Joe Laramie, Head Coach Gary Millen, Asst Coaches Phil Haynes & Peter Ames

CHAMPION TEAMS TO REMEMBER

1993 DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONS

Kennett captured its 6th NHIAA state schoolboy championship in 8 seasons with a convincing 20-0 win over Laconia Sachems at McKean Memorial Field. In winning this big game, Kennett extended its winning streak to 22 games, the state's longest winning streak, and the team also was able to put together 2 back-to-back undefeated seasons for the first time in the school's history.

It was the Kennett defense that helped to make a big difference in the outcome of this game. Holding Laconia scoreless was no simple task, but the Eagle's defense was truly immense. Laconia had 4 chances to take advantage of the legitimate scoring opportunities but was unable to cash in because of the vaunted Kennett defense.

A Laconia fumble on the Kennett 30 yd line ended one Laconia threat. In a second effort, the Sachems recovered a fumble on the Eagle 9 yd line but still were not able to capitalize for a score. Shortly after this, Laconia managed to take the ball as far as the Kennett 19 yd line before giving up the ball to Kennett without a score.

A rough kicker penalty against Laconia with 2:35 remaining in the 1st half helped to set up Kennett's first score. Kennett took over the ball on the Schem 35 yd line and proceeded to put together a sustained drive which finally resulted in a touchdown scored by quarterback Erik Wagstaff. Wagstaff was successful in hitting Todd Marshall and Abe Wroblewski for sizeable gains through the air, and Dave Corcoran also contributed some valuable yardage with his running.

Kennett came back in the 2nd half with its 6-0 lead and finally in the 4th period the Eagles were able to score 2 touchdowns which took the game out of reach for the Sachems. Kennett found itself on its own 15 yd line with 9:16 to play in the game, when all of a sudden lightning struck for Kennett as Dave Corcoran once again found an opening on the left side of the line and proceeded to go 85 yds for the Eagles second score. A 2-point conversion was successful when Wagstaff hit Wroblewski in the back of the end zone.

Kennett's final score came with 1:43 still on the clock when Todd Marshall intercepted a pass and returned it to the Laconia 15 yd line. Four plays later Dave Bolduc climaxed the drive by hitting pay dirt from 2 yds out. Todd Marshall's extra point try, hit the right upright and bounced wide right with only 10 seconds left on the clock.



Steve Hutchins, Chris Sullivan, Nate LaFrance, Eric Wagstaff, Shane Chubb, Nate Frechette, Nate A. Noyes, Justin Roy, David Brown, Jake Russell, Steve Walker, Todd Marshall, Matt Fox, Make Hagman, David Bolduc, Brad Streeter, Paul Smith, Chuck Sutton, Mike Smith, David Corcoran, Bill Moore, Patrick Dole, Chris Layne, Eric Schreiber, Aaron Sanborn, Abe Wroblewski, Billy Cook, Adam Shackford, Ted Colby, Jeremy hallett, Tony Santucci, Isaac Cyr, Greyson Carrier, Merle Sweeney, Darren Perry, Brian Johnson, Christian Boucher, Matt Phillips, Peter Irwin, Scott Steiner, Scott Parker, Jim Frenette, David Tiney, Justin Johnson, Tim Fitzimmons, Scott Stearns, Adam Eastman, Nate Noyes, Jason Alward, Joe Merrill, Josh Leighton, Calviin Johnson, Carl Hager, Mark Lamoureux, Josh Nulin, Jason walker, Chad Weathers, Andy thompson, Billy Ryan, Ryan Hayes, Skye Stokes, Shawn Hayes, Steve Snow, Head Coach Gary Millen, Asst Coachs Phil Haynes & Peter Ames