



Johnson City Legacy Teams

1947-1950 Football Teams

Year of Induction: **2022**

The 1947 through 1950 Johnson City football teams dominated the local football scene. Under the leadership of head coach Ed Butkus and assistants Joe Ciesielski, Terry McHugh and Joe Cordts, they were the team to beat. They won four consecutive Southern Tier Conference championships against stiff competition from six other schools: Binghamton Central, Binghamton North, Union Endicott, Ithaca, Elmira Free Academy and Elmira Southside. They were undefeated against non-conference teams from Hornel, Plattsburgh, Rome, Gloversville and Olean. Their overall record was 27 wins, one loss and three ties, and they never lost in their last 26 games. Those wins, plus the first two wins by the 1951 football team, produced an undefeated streak of 28 games.

The 1947 team (5-1-1) outscored their opponents 152-44, allowed no more than six points a game, except for their only loss to Union-Endicott (14-7).

The 1948 team (7-0-1) outscored their opponents 184-41, and had four shut-out victories. The only blemish on a perfect season was a scoreless tie with Elmira Free Academy in a pouring rain on an icy, windy November night.

Statistically, the 1949 team (8-0) was the strongest of the four teams. They outscored their opponents 223-40, with three shutout victories. Only Binghamton North scored more than a touchdown against them.

The 1950 team (7-0-1) outscored their opponents 203-58, with three shut-out wins.

The 1947-1950 teams were very successful and several players were individually honored by being selected to Southern Tier Conference All-Star teams.

1947

Al Petranick
Mike Bednar
Ed Niemeyer

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Al Petranick
Mike Bednar
Ed Niemeyer
Bill Silvanic

1949

Al Petranick
Jack Decker
Joe Pribil
Don Tomanek
Ed Matyas
Gerry Meade
Jack Spalik

1950

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