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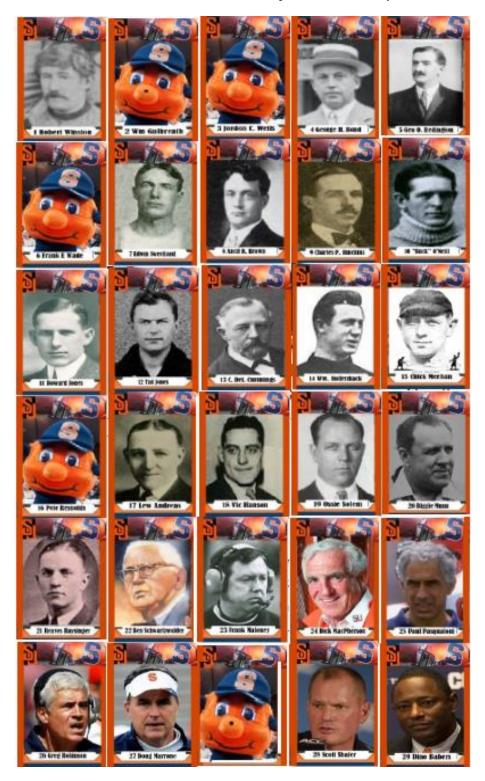
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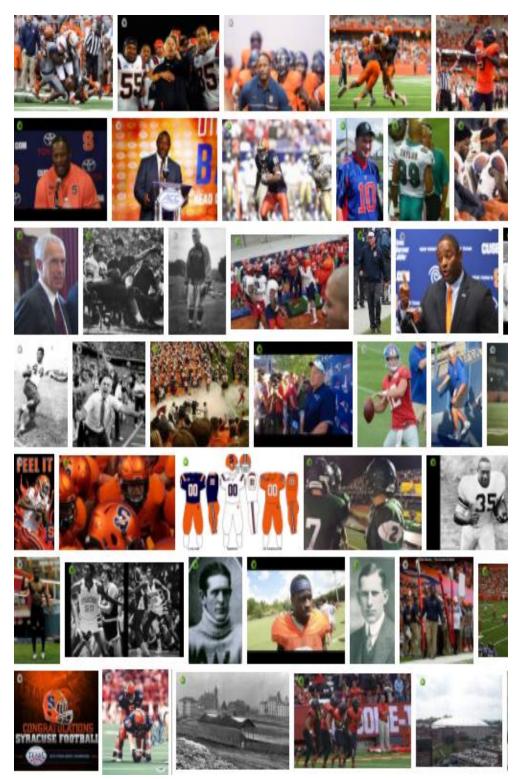
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# Dedication

I dedicate this book To my wonderful brothers and sisters: Angel Edward J. Kelly, Jr. Carol & Amelia Kelly Nancy "Ann" Flannery & Angel Jim Flannery Mary A. Daniels & Bill Daniels Joseph A. Kelly & Diane Kelly I surely am a lucky person to have Such a great family Edward J Kelly and Irene McKeown Kelly

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And, so I put my acknowledgment list online, and it continues to grow. Believe it or not, it would cost about a dollar more to print my books with full acknowledgments.

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I wrote 161 books before this book and several hundred articles published by many magazines and newspapers and I only cite when an idea is not mine or when I am quoting, and again, I choose to cite in place, and the reader does not have to trace strange numbers through strange footnotes and back to bibliography elements that may not be readily accessible or available.

Yet, I would be kidding you, if in a book about the great players in Syracuse Football, I tried to bluff my way, so you would think that I knew everything before I began to research and write anything in this book. I spent as much time researching as writing. I might even call myself an expert of sorts now for all the facts that I have uncovered.

Without any pain on your part, you can read this book from cover to cover to enjoy the stories about the many great players in Syracuse Football.

This book is not intended for historians per se, but it does teach a lot of history. It is for regular people of all levels of intelligence. It is for

people that want to have a fun read, who like smiling when Syracuse Football is the topic. It is fun reading about each of SU's 720 wins. This book is for people who love Syracuse and perhaps it is also for some Syracuse detractors who want to have command of the facts.

There are lots and lots of facts in this book. This book is not for sticklers about the mundane aspects of writing that often cause creative writers to lay bricks or paint houses instead of writing. It is for everyday people, like you and I, who enjoy Syracuse because it is Syracuse and who enjoy football because it is football. It is that simple.

When Syracuse plays a team and wins or loses, that is a historical fact, but to discover such facts, it does not require fundamental or basic research. The University itself copyrights its material but only so it can say "no" if somebody else's creativity affects the University negatively. Even Syracuse does not own well-known facts that are readily available about legacies such as Dick MacPherson, Ben Schwartzwalder, and championship seasons.

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What is my remedy for the *harmed* if I have made a mistake? I did not write this book to harm anybody. If I did not write this book, would the *harmed individuals* from the book be unharmed. So, at the very least, I can *unpublish* those parts of the book. If any reader is harmed, let me know, and I will do whatever must be done for all to be OK.

# **Preface:**

"It was not a competitive program when we came here, and now everything about it is competitive. We can stay at this level, because Syracuse is that kind of team. But it's not enough. This program and this area deserves a legitimate top 32 team, when you're going to a bowl every year." Quote by Dick Macpherson, a great SU coach

The late Dick Macpherson is one of the more quoted of Syracuse's past coaching masters. It is no wonder why. In his ten great years at Syracuse, Big Mac called it as he saw it.

Everything that is—can be made better. When Clemson came to town in 2017, having had a *much-too-easy* victory against the Orange in 2016, they were planning to leave Syracuse with another big win. But, because everything came together from the pregame to the game, it did not happen.

With Dino Babers as coach, and his Babers-built team of great players, even, as it is rebuilding, Syracuse is again a team with a heart and its players are ready to win. It is a team of well-coached players that cannot be messed with. To get the fans stirring for the Clemson Friday game last fall, the fans planned a big splash. The Orange were back in the Carrier Dome on this Friday for one of the most highly-anticipated games of the season versus the reigning national champion Clemson Tigers. Kickoff between the Orange and the Tigers was at 7:02 p.m. for a game viewable across the world on ESPN.

Syracuse has had many other games like this but none with such meaning and hype as undefeated Clemson was the one and only reigning national championship team in the fall 2017. The Clemson encounter was the 1,300th in the illustrious 128-year history of the Syracuse football program. Lots was happening all day from individually planned trips to the great bookstore and a number of pep filled events leading up to the game including pregame festivities on the Quad that started at 4 p.m. A Quad pep rally featuring the "Pride of the Orange" marching band began at 5:30 p.m. The band performed on the steps of Hendricks Chapel. It was a grand scene.

The band's pregame performance inside the Dome began at 6:48 p.m. and Coach Dino Babers led the Orange team onto the field at 6:57 p.m. It was like clockwork and full precision. This particular week in the ACC was Fall Sportsmanship Week. To showcase their continued dedication to sportsmanship and fair play, the Orange and Tigers met at midfield to shake hands just prior to kickoff.

The last few years, and now with an exciting coach like Dino Babers, Syracuse is looking for the same magic formula for all games including pep rallies and for tailgating festivities. The objective is team spirit and the notion is to bring out the fans in major numbers to help rev the team up for a great game. The Clemson formula worked against Clemson in 2017. Would that not be nice to see a lot more pep and spirit in 2018 and beyond. Look at the results from 2017:

### Dungey has 3 TD passes, Syracuse stuns No. 2 Clemson 27-24

"Eric Dungey threw for 278 yards and three touchdowns, Cole Murphy kicked a tiebreaking field goal in the fourth quarter, and Syracuse stunned #2 Clemson 27-24 on Friday night to put a damper on the Tigers' chances to repeat as national champions." Syracuse was at its best. Thank you, Coach Dino Babers, and a spirited group of Orange.

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This new book by Brian Kelly, which highlights the Great Players in Syracuse Football is one of the items that is expected to be available all 52 weeks and in fact all 365 days each year except in LEAP YEAR where the University adds an extra day for your shopping pleasure. The Bookstore is there to add to your Syracuse Orange football experience. Once you get this book, it is yours forever unless, of course you give it away to one of the many SU fans, who will be in awe of your new possession. Whether you get to the pep rallies and home games on campus or not, this book and its nearly 500 pages brings the glory of Syracuse football right to your bookshelf, your pocket, or right to your hands. Reading this book is like reliving the last game, the last football season, and / or all the seasons before last season without ever having to get on or off a plane. Seeing a game in the Dome, however, is an exhilarating experience, I've done it many times. This book will help you relive that experience over and over. Besides the great read, with this book in your hand at your private venue, there is no limit on the hours for book-tailgating. Moreover, there is no charge, as long as you have stocked up before the read.

The book examines more than just great players. There are some players that were not so great in every team's football seasons and Syracuse offers no excuses for those times. Your author shows the bad with the good to get the proper perspective for those great moments.

Not all Syracuse players, for example, are named Dungey, or McNabb, or Brown, or Davis, or Little, so not all games are in the W column. However, all teams, no matter who the players were have been Syracuse tough, nonetheless. That means they all fought hard for wins as the Syracuse Orangemen. I hope you enjoy the contrast.

Opening with a description of the Syracuse football program and a quick history. The book moves quickly to the Orange's first football game, and before you know it. you are in Chapter 15 which tells you about Coach Dino Babers' last game in 2017. Then, it presents the 2018 season schedule and the outlook for 2018 and the future of the program.

It is written for those of us who love Syracuse Football as played in either Archbold Stadium or the Carrier Dome. You'll enjoy the stories of the seasons as this book moves onward to the great immortal Syracuse players coached by the best of historical fame—O'Neill, Meehan, Schwartzwalder, MacPherson, and Pasqualoni. What a book!

Predicting that another future immortal great may be in our midst, the book then takes us up to the current season with Coach Dino Babers.

This book is all about the great players in Syracuse Football. It touches every aspect of the historical and mythical Syracuse Football Teams. It tells exhilarating stories about SU's great players and the program's 129 seasons worth of great games. The book stops every now and then, and it takes the reader on a side excursion in time to learn about a particular event or a great player. The player list always begins with the living immortal, Jim Brown, then moves to the heavenly immortal, Ernie Davis, and on to Floyd Little, Qadry Ismail, Donovan McNabb, James Mungro, Eric Dungey, and a slew of SU All-Americans who have made Syracuse Football a bright light experience for the program's many years and many fans.

In my role as Editor in Chief of Lets Go Publish! and Syracuse fan, as I have been at many games with my dad, your author, I predict that you will not be able to put this book down

You are going to love this book because it is the perfect read for anybody who loves Syracuse University and Syracuse Football and who wants to know more about one of the most revered athletic programs in the Northeast.

Few sports books are a must-read but Brian Kelly's Great Players in Syracuse Football will quickly appear at the top of Americas most enjoyable must-read books about sports. Enjoy!

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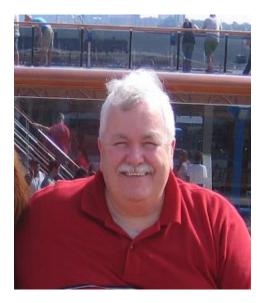
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When PSU stopped playing the Orange, the annual PSU game, which once alternated between PSU and Pitt continued to be billed for Scranton IBMers as the Annual Penn State Game. However, the game itself would feature Army or another appropriate team against the Orangemen of Syracuse. Sometimes our bus parked right alongside the Army busses and our kids loved watching the cadets. This is Brian's seventh "Great Coaches" book about major College Football Teams and writing about Syracuse has been a special treat.

# Chapter 1 Introduction to Syracuse Football

### Syracuse celebrates its 129th year of football



Dino Babers, Syracuse Football Coach Leading the Orange

In 2019, Syracuse will celebrate its 130<sup>th</sup> year of collegiate football. This book celebrates Syracuse Football; its coaches; its struggles; its greatness; and its long-lasting impact on American life. People like me, who love Syracuse from way back when they were the Orangemen, will love this book. Those not so much incline to love SU football will want their own copy of this book just for additional ammo. Yet, it won't help them! Hah!



In defining the format of the book, we chose to use a timetable that is based on a historical chronology. Within this framework, we go through the great coaches in Syracuse Football in chronological order and we highlight the great players in each of the coach's tenure. There are many great coaches and many great players. No book can claim to be able to capture them all, as it would be a neverending story, but we sure try. The coaches in this book helped mold the great players that are highlighted throughout the book.

Jim Brown, Ernie Davis (RIP), Floyd Little, Donovan McNabb, and other Syracuse greats all had great reverence for the University for which they played the game of football. Nearly a half century after he left Syracuse to embark on his NFL career, Floyd Little returned to his alma mater in 2011 on a Thursday, quoting lines from a Robert Frost poem to describe why he decided to give up a cushy retirement to be back at school.

"I have promises to keep and miles to go before I sleep," said the Hall of Fame running back, who was introduced as Syracuse's special assistant to the athletic director. The most famous of them all is Jim Brown, who literally is the greatest. Ernie Davis is one of God's angel's today and surely, he shines on Syracuse University a light that will never be extinguished. Like Brown and Little, Ernie Davis was a Syracuse phenomenon who got sick before the good things happened and he died but his memory lives on.

Every NFL team wanted Ernie Davis to play for them. It was the most lucrative contract for an NFL rookie up to that time. He chose the Cleveland Browns where he would have been teamed with the great Jim Brown. The Browns' dream of pairing Davis with Jim Brown took a tragic turn when Davis was diagnosed with leukemia.

Following his death, the Browns retired his number 45 jersey. Davis was a great man in his short life and we know he is still showering blessings on Syracuse. If asked, by the Browns, I would bet that he would have said that Syracuse jerseys should not be retired because with all of the history of these great teams, there would be no numbers left.

I use my feelings about Ernie Davis as a great human being as an idea to help promulgate the notion that nobody can write a book about Syracuse Football History that is all inclusive, because even if it can be written, it would be too big to ever be read. I hoped this book would come in at a little over 100 pages, but if it had, you would not have liked it. Read what you can when you can. It will be a fun experience.

I capture the great Syracuse noted by the pundits and others in this book. OK, I get just about all of them if not more, but they all don't get the same exact treatment because some, such as Jim Brown, had more impact on SU than most other players. If I missed any and you tell me, then we'll do another edition. The great players naturally include a lot of great people, including some player coaches who over time would make or break the Syracuse University's football program. Aren't we all glad they made it great for us to enjoy.

If Syracuse were ever to break because of a player, as some believe it may have at times, simply because it is Syracuse, the University's football program not only would continue, it will always continue. Syracuse has been able to survive a number of coaches and even some players who could not survive themselves, while the university and the football program have both grown in acceptance and popularity.

We all as individuals and as honest institutions, such as Syracuse do our best in life and sometimes it is just enough. Sometimes it is just not enough. Even if we survive and become more than OK, detractors may suggest our success is not enough. I disagree. Let the naysayers say "nay," and go away!

Let me please assure you that I have done my best to portray an accurate depiction of Syracuse Football history, highlighting its great players, displayed in a properly summarized format so that none of us are reading this book forever. There are a ton of great stories for sure.

More importantly, none of us should need to search further than this book for the truth about many of the depictions in this book. Let's talk about some Syracuse football moments and some great athletes and coaches now, before we close out the first chapter of this book highlighting the Great players in Syracuse Football.

## **Brief Overview**

Ya just gotta love Syracuse University and the Syracuse Orangemen Football Team, who now are called the Syracuse Orange. I know I think of the Orange as the Orangemen as do many others as all new ideas take time. I have been to the Carrier Dome and Manley Field more than I have been in any college stadium in the country. And, I love College Football and the Syracuse Orangemen.

After many years as an independent, the Orange Football Team joined the Big East in 1991 and then, in 2013, in another change for the better, all of the Syracuse athletic teams joined the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC). The ACC is part of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I conference that is part of the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS). Syracuse, for all of its great play over the years has one national championship, along with an awful lot of close calls. Their big championship season was earned under coach Ben Schwartzwalder, a Syracuse coaching immortal during the 1959 season. Currently, The Orange today are coached by Dino Babers, who was hired on December 5, 2015, to succeed Scott Shafer. Home games are played at the Carrier Dome, located on the school's beautiful campus in Syracuse. Regardless of what the temperature is outside, the magnificent Carrier Dome facility is always a toasty 69 degrees.

Syracuse opened as an institution in 1870 and it took just nineteen years to begin a football program that became one of the nation's best. They played on what they called the Old Oval Athletic Field. It was deployed by the University from 1898 to 1907. Check it out on the next page:



The Old Oval athletic field, Syracuse University, circa 1898–1907

Syracuse played its first football game on November 23, 1889. The score was 0-36 in a game played against Rochester. Things changed for the better, and quite rapidly from 1890 on. In 1890, for example with First coach Robert Winston, the Orangemen put forth a highly respectable season at 7-4, for a new team of players operating in just its second year.

National success was achieved not too long after this first game in the 1890s and 1900s. With the construction of the "state-of-the-art" Archbold Stadium in 1907, Syracuse rose to national prominence under College Football Hall of Fame coach Frank "Buck" O'Neill. O'Neill could not get enough of Syracuse as he kept leaving and coming back. He always produced great teams. His 1915 squad got itself a Rose Bowl invitation, but the administration declined because the team had already played on the West Coast that season. Times have changed.

The 1920s brought on continued success with teams featuring star end Vic Hanson, one of only two individuals who are members (Amos Alonzo Stagg—not from Syracuse being the other) of both the Basketball Hall of Fame and the College Football Hall of Fame. Hanson was a great SU player who later coached the team.

Back then, there were a lot of football teams from schools we heard little about in the national spotlight. From 1891 to 1961, Colgate University was Syracuse's biggest rival. Despite how powerful the Orangemen were, Colgate held the edge during this period, 31–26–5.

From 1937–1945, Ossie Solem served as Syracuse's head coach, compiling a 30–27–6 record. Though a winning record, things had slowed down a bit for the Orange on their path to football glory. Ben Schwartzwalder would change that as he put in 25 years and is responsible for modern Syracuse football for being a mainstay on the US college and university football map.

## Ben Schwartzwalder era (1949–1973)

When Ben Schwartzwalder took over as coach in 1949, it was a breath of fresh air for the program, which had been neglected and had stagnated during the 1930's and 1940's. Army dominated the national scene at this time as did Notre Dame with Frank Leahy at the helm.

A number of special teams during this war-time period benefitted by service academy personnel in attendance, or their universities were part of a service academy. They prospered while a lot of other one-time fine teams, including basketball great Gonzaga could not find enough players to field a quality football team during the war years. Syracuse was affected in a major way by WWII in 1943 and did not field a team that year.



Coach Schwartzwalder with quarterback Dick Easterly at the Los Angeles Coliseum, 1959

The Orangemen made their first bowl appearance in the 1953 Orange Bowl under Coach Schwartzwalder, in his fifth year. They followed this in 1957 with an appearance in the Cotton Bowl, and then the 1959 Orange Bowl.

The 1957 Cotton Bowl Classic team featured Hall of Fame running back Jim Brown who my dad and many others believe is the best "living" football player of all time. When Jim Brown passes on in another 75 years, I suspect, the adjective "living" will be deleted and he will be known simply as the best running back of all time. Rumor has it that to stay as fast and as powerful as he wanted to be, Brown chose not to wear hip-pads.

Perhaps the lack of those extra inches on his width also helped him slip through smaller openings. However, from having watched Jim Brown on our brand new black and white Admiral TV, during this time period, I have a feeling his record would be the same even if his bones were that big.

In 1959, Syracuse was undefeated. Because the team played the best colleges in the nation, they were awarded their first national championship following this undefeated season and their Cotton

Bowl Classic victory over Texas. Though Jim Brown was playing pro football for the Browns that year, a phenomenal sophomore running back named Ernie Davis, assured the championship season for Syracuse and Ben Schwartzwalder. Davis was great. He went on to become the first African American to win the Heisman Trophy, a major milestone in Syracuse football history.

in 1961, Syracuse All-American tackle Ron Luciano, who eventually become a prominent Major League Baseball umpire was a bulwark on the team. Tragedy hit Ernie Davis, who with today's medicine would be alive and offering commentary with Jim Brown. He was slated to play for the Cleveland Browns in the same backfield with Jim Brown.

Can you imagine the agony of the defensive lines with that combo pounding them play after play? Ernie Davis, a great young man, died of leukemia before being able to play one game professionally. Syracuse remained competitive through the 1960s with a series of All American running backs, including the great Floyd Little and one of the best fullbacks ever, Larry Csonka.

Ben Schwartzwalder retired as Syracuse's head coach following the 1973 season, which was Syracuse's third-consecutive losing season. Whether Schwartzwalder had lost his fight, or the Syracuse administration chose not to work hard to receive scholarship athletes is a question for the ages. Ben Schwartzwalder left Syracuse with a proud 153–91–3 record. Regardless, the great one, Ben Schwartzwalder chose to pack it in.

### Frank Maloney era (1974–1980)

There was only one Ben Schwartzwalder though many times school administrations think that it was some other magic than the coach, that brought in all the wins. Michigan assistant coach Frank Maloney was hired as Schwartzwalder's replacement. Giving the benefit of the doubt, the best one could say about Maloney's tenure at Syracuse was that it was marked by inconsistency. The fan base turned on him as the Orange failed to achieve the national status they had enjoyed under Schwartzwalder. It is always better to replace a coach who is a bum than a great coach. Maloney learned this lesson.

Maloney had a problem with racial unrest among other things. Many who look at it objectively saw that the administration's lack of financial support for the program was a large part of the blame. Few coaches would have done well in similar circumstances. Maloney's program had a tough go with the limitation of archaic facilities. Archbold Stadium, Syracuse's home field since 1907, had had its best days and it was in need of replacement. Despite adversity, Maloney was able to recruit a number of future NFL stars such as Joe Morris and Pro Football Hall of Fame member Art Monk.

Maloney was the subject of criticism, not only from the fans and alumni, but also from the 1959 national championship team, who had forgotten that Ben Schwartzwalder had losing seasons before he finally left the program. Members of this elite championship team wanted more championships regardless of university resources. They began a campaign calling for Maloney's ouster.

Ironically enough, this call from program alumni came during the 1979 season, which was Coach Maloney's best season at Syracuse. The Orangemen qualified for the Independence Bowl, beating McNeese State. After coaching the Orangemen for seven seasons and presiding over the opening of a new stadium, the Carrier Dome, in 1980, Maloney resigned. When somebody who knows the inside scoop writes a factual article about what really happened to Syracuse for ten years, beginning the last three years of the Schwartzwalder era, in a second edition, we will be pleased to tell the full story.

#### Dick MacPherson era (1981–1990)

When visiting Syracuse's Carrier Dome on my many bus trips, I always thought Dick MacPherson was a great coach and I thought Don McPherson was his son. I later learned they spelled their names differently.

Dick MacPherson was hired as the head coach in 1981 and after several mediocre seasons, fans wanted MacPherson fired. They coined the phrase, "Sack Mac." Once a team tastes national success as Syracuse did under Schwartzwalder, the alums and the fan base want nothing less. Syracuse is no different than other universities across the country. After losing to Clemson in 2016, I bet we could find a number of feint calls for Alabama's Nick Saban's head out there in the ethosphere.

Fans are fickle once the winning begins. The fans' opinion of Coach MacPherson changed when the program returned suddenly to national prominence in 1987 with an undefeated 11–0 regular season record. Dick was OK then by the fans. That team featured Maxwell Award-winning quarterback Don McPherson and fullback Daryl Johnston. Before the BCS times, luck had a lot to do with whether a great undefeated national team could even get into a national championship bowl game.

And so, the team missed an opportunity to play for the NCAA Division I-A national football championship, but not because they were not good enough. It was because both Oklahoma and Miami also finished undefeated that year and finished higher in the polls.

Consequently, the Orangemen were scheduled to face Southeastern Conference Champion Auburn University in the Sugar Bowl. In a nail-biter, the game ended in a tie. Auburn managed to kick a late field goal rather than trying for a game-winning touchdown.

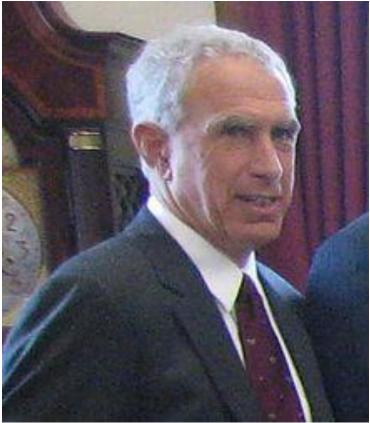
Dick MacPherson resigned after the 1990 season to accept the position of head coach for the NFL's New England Patriots. MacPherson coached the Patriots in 1991 and 1992 and received strong consideration for Coach of the Year honors in 1991. The Pats were 1-15 in 1990 and with five more wins, McPherson led them to a 6–10 record in his first season.

Things were looking bright but then in his second season the team struggled like in the past, starting four different quarterbacks and the Pats finished a dismal 2–14. MacPherson was subsequently fired at the end of the season. Later, he took a spot as assistant coach with the Denver Broncos and then the Cleveland Browns.

## Paul Pasqualoni era (1991–2004)

Syracuse had gotten its mojo going again with McPherson and continued to do well under his successor, Paul Pasqualoni. Coach Pasqualoni had previously been the team's linebackers' coach, as head coach, his teams appeared in 11 bowl games (including three major bowls) and they won 9 of the 11 games. Syracuse also captured or shared three Big East football championships during the Pasqualoni period.

Big name players under Pasqualoni included Donovan McNabb, Marvin Harrison, Dwight Freeney, Keith Bulluck, Rob Moore, Donovin Darius, Qadry Ismail, Kevin Johnson, Rob Konrad, Tebucky Jones, and Marvin Graves.



Coach Pasqualoni

Pasqualoni had good talent and he made the most of it.

For years, every other year, IBM took a trip to Syracuse from Scranton to see the Penn State v Syracuse game at the Carrier Dome. It was great football. Every other year, it was Pitt. In the early 1990's Penn State ended its series with Syracuse and joined the Big Ten. After I had left IBM, I brought a busload from Scranton every year for many years.

Meanwhile, fewer and fewer independents, such as Penn State, were finding it advantageous to go it alone. Syracuse chose to join the newly formed Big East football conference with traditional rivals University of Pittsburgh, West Virginia University, and national power Miami. In 2004, Miami and Virginia Tech left the Big East to join the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC). In 2004, Syracuse gave up its nicknames Orangemen and Orangewomen, and settled on being the Syracuse Orange in all sports.

In 2005, Boston College left the Big East for the ACC. Syracuse felt this threatened the stature of the Big East. Syracuse had been originally invited to leave the Big East and join the ACC, but politics entered the fray. The Governor of Virginia pressured the ACC, which then decided to invite Virginia Tech to join the conference, instead. Thus, Syracuse for a number of years reluctantly remained in the Big East.

Syracuse and Pittsburgh together left the Big East on July 1, 2013. They each had to find the cash. Each team paid the Big East \$7.5 million to depart on that date. Notre Dame joined the ACC on July 1, 2013, while Louisville left for the ACC on July 1, 2014. The ACC, with Clemson winning the national championship last year has certainly become a super conference.

Syracuse's streak of winning seasons ended in 2002 when they went 4–8. This was followed by consecutive 6–6 seasons. Although the Orange won a share of the Big East title in 2004 and competed in the Champs Sports Bowl, the teams from 2002–2004 were considered mediocre by Syracuse's new standards. This prompted new athletic director Dr. Daryl Gross to fire Pasqualoni after a mostly-successful 14-years at the helm.

## Greg Robinson era (2005–2008)

In 2005, Syracuse hired Greg Robinson as the new head coach. He had been the defensive coordinator for Texas. Robinson changed the style of Syracuse football by installing a new West Coast offense scheme. This replaced the option run style of offense previously run by Pasqualoni, and he added new defensive schemes.



Former football head coach Greg Robinson "chases" the last of his players onto the field before the kickoff of his inaugural 2005 season. It was the first game played on the Carrier Dome's new FieldTurf.

The 2005 season started very positively as Syracuse had an upset going over eventual Big East and Sugar Bowl champion West Virginia. They forced five turnovers but did not capitalize. They lost the game L (7-15).

They came right back with a 31–0 blowout over Buffalo and another near upset win to #25 Virginia. Bad luck prevailed as the Orangemen lost 27–24 on a last-second field goal.

The good news was over for the season as the squad lost its final eight games. Syracuse finished the year 1–10, the worst season in school history and they won only 10 games while Robinson was running the program.

The team showed some signs of life with a 4–8 record in 2006 but skidded to 2–10 in 2007. On the positive side, they did get the best of #18 Louisville in a great road game nail-biter, W (38-35), but finished with only two wins. The team continued to struggle in 2008, and fired Coach Robinson, after a dismal 3–9 season which ended with a loss against Akron on November 29.

The season high point was a 24–23 upset of Notre Dame. Pundits suggest the game that best represented this low period in Robinson's tenure was a 55–13 loss to long-time rival Penn State.

## Doug Marrone era (2009-2012)



Less than two weeks after Robinson got his final notification, on December 12, 2008, Doug Marrone, a former Orangeman and offensive coordinator for the NFL's New Orleans Saints, was announced as the replacement for Robinson as SU head coach. Marrone was the first Syracuse alumnus to serve as head football coach since Reaves H. Baysinger in 1948.

It was reported that he had some powerful alums rooting for him. Tim Green and Floyd Little wanted Marrone from the moment the previous coach Greg Robinson was fired, and when interviewed by Green, Marrone was found to have kept a folder of current highschool players in the Syracuse area to get a head start in recruiting. The program seemed to improve immediately in 2009, as the Orange, despite only a marginal improvement in their win-loss record. looked much better on the field. The team record was 4–8 under Marrone for his first year, including a 28–7 loss at numberseven Penn State.

In 2010, the Orange finished the regular season with a winning record for the first time since the 2001 season at 7–5, including road wins against number-19 West Virginia and two-time defending conference champion Cincinnati. The team earned its first bowl bid since 2004 and along with second-ranked Oregon and 10th-ranked Boise State, the five road wins were the best in 2010 of all FBS teams. December 30, 2010, Syracuse defeated Kansas State in the inaugural Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium. In 2011, the Orange slipped again to 5-8, but came right back to 8-5 in 2012. In 2012, the Orange defeated West Virginia in the 2012 Pinstripe Bowl. This would be Marrone's last season

On January 7, 2013, Marrone left Syracuse, accepting the headcoaching position of the NFL's Buffalo Bills. He was a fine coach.

## Scott Shafer era (2013–2015)

Instead of going out with a national search, the day after Marrone's departure, Syracuse promoted defensive coordinator <u>Scott Shafer</u> to head coach. His first season was marked by inconsistent performance from the team.

In his first game at the helm, Coach Shafer nearly guided the team to an upset of Penn State, with the Orange eventually losing 23–17. The Orange got their first win under Shafer in a 54–0 rout of Wagner, and followed it up with another blowout win, beating <u>Tulane</u> 52–17.



#### << Coach Shafer

However, the first season under this new coach also produced blowouts the other way with a crushing 14-49 defeat at home to fourth-ranked <u>Clemson</u>, and road losses to unranked <u>Georgia Tech</u> 0-56 and eventual national champions <u>Florida State</u> 3-59. These huge losses were hard to take.

Syracuse faced off against <u>Boston</u> <u>College</u> in the season finale, needing a victory to become bowl eligible. They got it with a great finish. The Orange were down 31–27 with 2:08 remaining. Quarterback <u>Terrell Hunt</u> pulled off a spectacular 75-yard, gamewinning drive, capped off with a 25-yard touchdown pass to tight end <u>Josh Parris</u> with six seconds remaining.

This victory gave the Orange a bowl bid for the third time in four years. Syracuse finished the season with a nice 21–17 victory over <u>Minnesota</u> in the <u>2013 Texas Bowl</u> to finish above 500 at 7–6. The next season, the Orange would make its debut in the ACC.

Things did not go so well in 2014 despite the Orange starting the season 2–0. The season began with a spectacular double-overtime, 27–26 victory over <u>FCS</u> power <u>Villanova</u>, marked by a Syracuse extra point that was called good, but replays later showed that it was

just wide left. Nonetheless the Orange got the V. In the next game, the Orange beat Central Michigan W (40-3) but that was the end of the good times. Syracuse lost 9 of its last 10 games to finish the season a disappointing 3–9.

In 2015, fans and media noticed a significant uptick in the team's performance after they started with three wins 3–0. In game four, they played tough with eighth-ranked <u>LSU</u> at home, barely losing 34–24. Then, the Orange, which had been having trouble finishing seasons positively, lost eight of their last nine games, though they played closely with multiple ranked teams. The team finished 4–8, and on November 23, 2015, and after three losing seasons, it was announced that Shafer would be fired after the last game of the 2015 campaign.

## **Dino Babers (2016–present)**

This time, in finding a new coach, the administration took its time and chose to look across the country before they committed to anything.



After an extensive search, the University announced that it had hired Bowling Green head coach Dino Babers, as the new Syracuse head football

coach. Babers is the first African-American head football coach in Syracuse University history. He brought with him a very exciting, up-tempo offense that he had employed in the past both as a head coach and as an assistant coach. In Babers' first season in charge, Syracuse started the year at 4–4. The highlight of the first eight games was a 31–17 upset of # 17 Virginia Tech at home. The Orange kept it going after this upset as they beat rival Boston College on the road, 28–20. Their next game was against the #3 Clemson who soon would be National Champions. DeShaun Watson was unstoppable running the Tigers' offense. Clemson got the best of the Orange to say the least L (0-54).

In the final game of the season, Syracuse lost to ACC rival Pittsburgh by a score of 76–61. The game was the highest scoring in FBS history with a combined score of 137. Syracuse finished 4–8 for the second consecutive year.

In 2017, the Orange started 4-3, including a great win over defending Champion, #2 Clemson. However, as in the past, the team had a tough time finishing. They lost their final five games to finish 4-8 for the third straight year.

Despite two 4-8 records in his brief tenure, Coach Dino Babers thinks he's got the formula ready for 2018. We all hope he is right. Babers stopped looking back and he has his eye right on the prize for 2018. He made what is being called an "unvarnished statement" that is building up a new set of expectations for his third season.

"I think this is the beginning," Babers said. "I really believe that the 2018 season is going to be something that we're going to be talking about here for a long, long time."

## Let's start talking now!

Syracuse has a rich tradition of football greats. Let's take a look at the Syracuse College Football Hall of Fame members that we will read about in this book.

# **Syracuse Orange Hall of Famers**

Inductee Biggie "Smalls" Munn	<u>Pos.</u> <u>HC</u>	<u>Class</u> 1959	<u>Career</u> 1946
Frank "Buck" O'Neill	<u>HC</u>	1951	1906–1919; 1936
<u>Ben Schwartzwalder</u> Joe Alexander	<u>HC</u> G	1982 1954	1949–1973 1917–1920
Larry Csonka	<u>G</u> FB	1989	1917–1920 1965–1967
Ernie Davis	<u>HB</u>	1979	1959–1961
<u>Vic Hanson</u>	E	1973	1924–1926
<u>Floyd Little</u>	<u>RB</u>	1983	1964–1966
<u>Jim Brown</u>	<u>RB</u>	1995	1956–1958
<u>Tim Green</u>	$\overline{\text{DT}}$	2002	1982–1985
Don McPherson	<u>QB</u>	2008	1984–1987
Tad Jones	<u>HC</u>	1958	1909–1910
Howard Jones	<u>HC</u>	1951	1908
Dick MacPherson	<u>HC</u>	2009	1980–1990
<u>Art Monk</u>	<u>WR</u>	2012	1976–1979

## Syracuse football athletes in the Pro Football Hall of Fame below:

- Jim Brown Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 1971
- Jim Ringo Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 1981
- Larry Csonka Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 1987
- John Mackey Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 1992
- <u>AI Davis</u> Enshrined as a coach and not a player. <u>Pro Football Hall</u> of Fame Class of 1992
- Art Monk Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2008
- Floyd Little Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2010
- <u>Marvin Harrison</u> <u>Pro Football Hall of Fame</u> Class of 2016

# Chapter 2 Syracuse Launches its First Football Team



Many of these 1890 players also were on the 1889 team.

## 1889: Just 19+ years from the founding

On Nov. 23, 1889, nearly 20 years after the big meeting that formed Syracuse University, the first Syracuse team, a rag tag group put together by captain John Blake Hillyer, played its first football game. It was the one and only game played that season. Thee was no formal coach.

The Orangemen were defeated 0-36 in a game played against The University Rochester. There was one problem with the Orangemen that day besides the loss. They were not yet the Orangemen. In fact, for this game, Syracuse wore pink and blue uniforms. Rochester had already played most of its 1889 season, its first and were pretty well accustomed to playing gridiron, rugby-like football as American football was being defined.

There are very few records of this game or how things got going for the football team but more than likely it was because students demanded it after playing hither and yon on the streets of Syracuse for several years in an intramural style.

There are reports that students had been playing the evolving game of American football for some time before this game in November 1889, but this was the first intercollegiate game in Syracuse's long football history. There is also a reported game, though not at an intercollegiate level that was played by a football team from Syracuse University in 1884 against the Medical College of Syracuse.

Syracuse students began playing football long before there were football helmets and protective gear of any kind. In this devastating 0-36 loss to the University of Rochester, the game was painful even without enduring the big loss. There were a few broken bones during the game to match the bruised egos of the Syracuse players who then had to make it home by locomotive, licking their wounds After the lopsided loss. It had to be a tough ride back to Syracuse that night.

Shortly after the first game began the day before Thanksgiving 1889, the rain fell in torrents. The football field was a quagmire. There ae no accounts of how the scoring went after the opening kick-off, but Syracuse University's uniform pants were caked with mud and blood. John Blake Hillyer, who founded the team and served as its captain for two years, was forced to leave the game and watch from the sidelines as he sustained a dislocated elbow. Shortly after Hillyer left the game a fellow player suffered a fractured collarbone. Football with no helmets and no padding was a tough sport for sure pre-1920's.

The more experienced Rochester team was also playing in its first intercollegiate season. The difference was that Rochester had played almost a full season before their ninth game, which was Syracuse. Their record was 4-4 record entering the game. Unlike Syracuse which began play in late November, Rochester had played teams such as Trinity and Amherst and a number of other teams from New York State from September on. Syracuse knew what to expect but had never played a game before their whipping by Rochester in their first game ever, 0-36. It was demoralizing but it got the program rolling nonetheless. Then, Hillyer and the rest of the team took the locomotive back to Syracuse and were mentally ready for a much better 1890 season. Rochester played one more game after this—a scoreless tie against Union on November 28. The following year, Syracuse would have a full season with a real coach.

Looking back from the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1989, as the Syracuse players piled off the train after that ignominious debut on Nov. 23, 1889, they were understandably disappointed. But they weren't crushed. Like so many schools wanting to engage in football at the time, the players and Captain Hillyer were pioneers. They overcame many obstacles to get their program started and the Syracuse Orange Football program of today owes them a huge debt of gratitude.

The University, like many at the time considered football a violent sport. They did not believe that it was in synch with the school's academic mission. Consequently, they offered little financial or moral support. So Hillyer and Co. had to scrape together money to buy uniforms and a football. There was no such thing as equipment. Out of their persistence a football program was born. The Syracuse campus and the college game would never be the same.

In the 1890's besides the Oval field, some games were also played at Star Park where the baseball team *The Syracuse Stars* played for years. These games normally attracted 200 to 700 spectators, some of whom (not kidding) occasionally would wander onto the field to help tackle opposing ball-carriers. The game was rough and tumble and to assure their own safety, referees often turned their backs on the shenanigans of the fans. Coach Winston could handle just one year, and he left after his one year of directing the team. He had done a fine job and his absence was felt immediately. The 1890 team had an 8-3 record. However, in 1891, the Orangemen slipped to 4-6 but soon Syracuse would reconstitute its football team and the future was bright. We'll pick the stories of Syracuse's prowess in football in Chapter 7.

# Chapter 3 SU Football – From 1889 to 1902

Coaches #1 to #7

## Finishing the 1890's—with a coach)

<u>Year</u>	Coach	Record	<u>Conf</u>
1889	No coach	0-1	Ind
1890	Robert Winston	7-4-0	Ind
1891	William Galbreath	4-7-0	Ind
1892	Jordon C. Wells	0-8-1	Ind
1893	George H. Bond	4-9-1	Ind
1894	George H. Bond	6-5-0	Ind
1895	George O. Redington	6-2-2	Ind
1896	George O. Redington	5-3-2	Ind
1897	Frank E Wade	5-3-1	Ind
1898	Frank E Wade	8-2-1	Ind
1899	Frank E Wade	4-4-0	Ind
1900	Frank Sweetland	7-2-1	Ind
1901	Frank Sweetland	7-1-0	Ind
1900	Frank Sweetland	6-2-1	Ind



Circa 1890 Syracuse Fans Getting Ready to Tailgate



The Oval Field Used until 1907 as SU Home Football Field

## Intro to SU 1890's Football

After the 1889 inauguration year with one game at Rochester the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, it seemed like it would be all downhill. SU got the program going with a great coach in 1890 but Head Coach Winston left right after the season. With a new coach, 1891 was a mediocre season. Then, with another new coach, in 1892, Syracuse had what would become known as the worst season in the school's first 100 years of football. The team was shut out eight times and outscored, 218-4, finishing with a 0-8-1 record. That team poorly executed on both sides of the ball, but its offensive ineptitude contrasted starkly with a much improved 1904 club, which averaged an astounding 45 points per game. Syracuse was back in business.

The phenomenal scoring average in 1894 was bolstered by a 144-0 victory against Manhattan College half way through the season. The Orangemen scored more points in that contest alone than they did in 32 of their first 100 seasons.

Eleven years later, with Frank "Buck" O'Neill coaching, defense became the trademark of Orange football. The 1915 team recorded nine shutouts and limited the opposition to a meager total of 16 points and 16 first downs in 12 games. That year, the Orangemen finished 9-1-2 but for its own reasons, turned down a bid to play Washington in the Rose Bowl. The rationale given was that they had already traveled more than 10,000 miles by rail in playing their regular season games. It was no pleasure traveling days on a train for a football game.

## Back to 1890

An English boxer named Robert Winston became the school's first football coach in 1890. He was a no-nonsense coach and lorded over the team with an iron fist. Under Winston, in its second year on the intercollegiate scene, SU compiled a nice 7-4 record. Uniforms and equipment were not a priority. That season, during a game at Hamilton College, SU players were mocked for their pink-and-blue uniforms.

Worse than that, the team lost 4-6 away in Clinton, NY. When they returned to Syracuse, they urged the student council to change the school colors. Their plea was taken seriously. Orange became the dominant color from then on, thus sparing subsequent generations from having to chant, "Let's go, Pink!"

Like all football teams that are starting out, the early football years of the new Orangemen were primitive at best. There was no huge alumni pool ready with contributions to buy as much as a pair of socks for a needy player. Players dressed for home games and practices in the basement of the school library and bathed one at a time in an old washtub filled with cold water.

At the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the pundits wrote: A century from the beginning of SU football, "under the stewardship of peripatetic Coach Dick MacPherson, the football team that had problems getting off the ground is in full flight. SU ranks among the top 20 teams nationally and is rekindling memories of previous successes under legendary coaches such as Ben Schwartzwalder, Buck O'Neill and Chick Meehan." **1889 No coach:** Syracuse's football program began in 1889 with its first official intercollegiate game against the University of Rochester on November 23. The soon-to-be Orangemen were defeated 0-36. The team wore their pink and blue uniforms without incident.

#### 1890 Robert Winston Coach # 10

Orange was adopted as the school color and Syracuse athletic teams henceforth were known as "Orange" or "Orangemen". SU defeated Rochester 4-0 on Nov 15, to make up for the 36-0 shellacking from Rochester in SU's first and only game in its first season (1889). The season record was very respectable at 7-4. Bobby Winston was the program's first head coach.

## First Football Victory Ever for SU

On September 26, 1890, SU managed to win its first game ever against the Syracuse Athletic Club W (14-0). It was only the second game in the second season in the history of the program. They followed this up with another win against the same club W (32-0) on Oct 2. In the 1890's and for about thirty more years, college teams would play just about any group to get a game.



#### << Coach Bobby Winston

There were many athletic clubs, such as the Syracuse Athletic Club, and The Scranton Athletic Club, that sponsored athletic teams, especially football at that time. They normally gave the fledgling college teams a good run for their money. Some colleges and universities also played well-formed high-school clubs when the alternative was to not play a game.

On Oct 18, Syracuse faced off against St. John's Military Academy and won their third straight. W (26–6). The first loss came at home on Oct 27 against Union NY L (0-26). This was followed by a home

win on Nov 1 against Hamilton in a nail-biter W (14-12). Next up was Union in a game played on Nov 8 at Schenectady. Syracuse was defeated for loss #2 of the year L (0-28).

The following week the big locomotive took the team to Rochester for a rematch from their first game and this time SU prevailed W (4-0). However, when Rochester came to Syracuse the following week on Nov 22, they beat Winston's squad L (0-11). Syracuse then made the trip to Clinton, NY on the day before Thanksgiving Nov 24, and were humiliated about their pink and blue uniforms, and they were also beaten on the field by Hamilton L (4-6). That was the last loss of the season

On Nov. 27, Syracuse beat the athletic association again W (16-14) and followed it up a few days later with another victory over St. John's Military Academy at home W (16-14).

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

Throughout this book, you will see blog notes from a Syracuse blogger known as SWC75. The idea is to include a piece of his post in a new coach's section if it adds to our study of the matter at hand. The full blog URL is: Part I or Part II of https://syracusefan.com/threads/famous-coaches-part-1.60694/, and https://syracusefan.com/threads/famous-coaches-part-2.60695/

For just about each coach that SWC75 writes about, we offer his blog piece with the same title as this" Watch for inserts tiled: *Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.* This is the blogger's thoughts which often align with my own.

(This is even longer that my "Facilities" post, so I'm posting it in two parts to make it look a little less intimidating.)

Whenever the SU football program takes a dip, the same suggested cure always makes its appearance on internet boards, radio shows and letters to the editor: The University ought to pony up and hire (fill in name of a famous unemployed coach). He'll be the answer. I think it's another issue that needs some historical perspective. I thought I'd go over the history of SU head football coaches and see what it can tell us. My intention was to be brief but, well, you know me. I like a good story.

Syracuse' first head football coach was Bobby Winston, an English rugby player and boxer who had immigrated to this country in 1883 and was Syracuse' athletic trainer. The school had played its first football game the previous year, losing 0-36 to Rochester. Winston led the team through its first full season, winning 8 and losing 3. (The schedule, such as it was, included two games against Rochester, both victories, a split with Hamilton, two one-sided losses to Union, two wins over St. John's. later Manlius, Military Academy and ended with three straight wins over the Syracuse athletic club.).

Ken Rappoport, in "The Syracuse Football Story", in a chapter entitled "The Stone Age," quotes a contemporary observer:

"Winston's services were timely. He instilled an enthusiasm and love of the game into the players, which, though it has sometimes dwindled in times of poor support and defeat, has never left the team. His odd English ways and London songs made him a great favorite and, when he left, the team had the principles of the game as played at that time well in hand." He left for other jobs after that and was also the first head coach at the University of Georgia in 1894.

One more note on facilities: "The players dressed in a tiny room in the basement of the school library and after practice bathed one after another in an old wash tube filled with cold water. (Bob Snyder's "Orange Handbook" says that "the players took postgame baths by raising a trapdoor and dropping into icy water beneath the library". At least they had hydrotherapy.

The campus playing field was no better that a stone quarry. The ground was hard as diamonds, uneven in spots and punctuated by boulders the size of watermelons. Stones filled the area. Miniature craters abounded." One player recalled: "We had to spend a day or two raking and picking off the stones, filling up the holes with dirt and sawdust." Syracuse undoubtedly had

some of the worst facilities in the nation at that time. They were a mess.

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#### 1891 William Galbraith Coach # 2

After Coach Winston left the University, the 1891 Syracuse Orangemen football team in their third season were managed by head coach William Galbraith, coaching his first season with the Orangemen. William Fanton was the team captain.

Stephen Crane, author of the Civil War classic, "Red Badge of Courage," was a member of the SU squad that finished 4-7.

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

Winston was replaced by William Galbraith, who became the first SU head coach to get fired- I think. He had played center for Cornell and doubled as the team manager. Rappoport's book shows Galbraith as the coach for the whole season but "Syracuse University Football: A Centennial Celebration" by Michael Mullins says that Galbraith was replaced by Jordan Wells after an opening 0-68 loss to Cornell.

They didn't waste time in those days. SU's second game was a 6-12 loss to Cornell's "second team", (I assume this was a JV squad). According to Mullins it was coached by William Galbraith! Bum Phillips used to say of Don Shula: "He can take his'un and beat your'un or he can take your'un and beat his'un". Like most coaches, Galbraith needed to have better material than his opponent. That was Galbraith's only year as a collegiate head coach.

#### 1892 Jordan C. Wells Coach # 3

The 1892 Syracuse Orangemen football team was led by head coach Jordan C. Wells, in his first season with the Orangemen. This was the fourth season in school history for football and it would be the

worst in Syracuse's history of sporting a football team. Here we are in 2018, and this was the only season that Syracuse was ever winless.

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

Jordan Wells "coached as well as he could" but 1892 was SU's only winless campaign, (despite all of G-Rob's efforts). That was his only year on the official records as anybody's head coach, although, if Mullins' account his correct he should be credited with the four victories from the prior year. But it seems a shame to spoil a spotless record, (although the 1892 team did tie Syracuse Athletic club 0-0, one of four games with them). The next year we tried not having a coach and that was actually an improvement, as we went 4-9-1, beating Hamilton, tying Rochester and ending the season with a three game winning streak over "Syracuse High School", Onondaga Academy and Cazenovia. Those Lakers are tough to beat!

#### 1893 George H. Bond Coach # 4

Officially, SU had no coach this year but George H Bond, captain of the team served as captain and coach. "Without a coach," the Orange finished the season with a 4-9-1 record with wins against Syracuse High School, Hamilton, Onondaga Academy and Cazenovia.

The 1893 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their fifth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by stand-in head coach and team captain George H. Bond in his first of "two" years as head coach of the Orangemen. This season was a big improvement over 1892 but nobody was making big smiles yet. In fact, the beginning of this season for the first six games were as winless as 1892. It was frustrating for the team and the fans.

Here are the six quick losses to begin the season: Sept 21 Syracuse Athletic Assoc home L (0–22) Sept 27 Cornell home L (0–44) Oct 7 St. John's Military Acad. L (16–24) Oct 14 Syracuse Athletic Assoc. home L 0–28

Oct 21	St. John's Military Acad. Home L 4–18
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Oct 26 at Colgate L (0-58)

It was getting so nobody thought the Orangemen would win again.

Oct 31, the Orangemen played Syracuse High School and finally won a game W (20–0). Then, on Nov 4, the Orangemen played Hamilton in Clinton, NY for a close win W (16–14).

Things were getting better, but nobody was passing out cigars yet. Coach Winston had spoiled everybody for wins.

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

At this point James Roscoe Day became Chancellor. He was a big man who loved sports and football; Under him the first athletic department was organized, a gymnasium built and a special training table for athletes established. (We catch up to other schools eventually.) Also, George Bond, one of Winston's players, became our fourth coach and led the team to a 6-5 record. "Fighting against defeat and hoping against hope, (we) knew that the dawn of better days was breaking." One of his players said that "the father of Syracuse football was George Bond. He was an uncanny diagnostician of the offense, a great teacher, mean as the devil on the football field but a fine chap off." But that was also his only year as a college head coach.

#### 1894 George H. Bond Coach #4

The 1894 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by George H. Bond in his second as official head coach of the Orangemen. Robert Adams was the team captain. The team record was above five hundred with a record of 6-5. This season was another big improvement over 1892 and there were some who were smiling that the bad days might be over.



<<George Hopkins Bond (August 10, 1873 – May 8, 1954) was an American football player, coach, and lawyer. He served as the head football coach at Syracuse University for one season in 1894, compiling a record of 6–5. He was captain of the team in 1893 and served as its head coach, unofficially.

Bond was born in Syracuse, New York on August 10, 1873. He graduated from Syracuse University

with a bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1894 and from Syracuse University College of Law in 1897. Bond was a senior partner in the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King until his resignation in 1953. In 1937 he served as president of the New York State Bar Association. He was also an organizer and president of the New York State Association of District Attorneys.

Bond was the fourth coach in SU football history; in 1893, the team played without a formal coach after Jordan C. Wells couldn't muster a win the prior year. The team entrusted Bond and he led it on a school-record winning streak with victories over Cazenovia, St. John's Military Academy, Rochester and Hamilton. The streak began and ended with shutouts while the Orange also set a mark for points scored in a season, with 188.

Even teams that previously had whooped Syracuse had a more difficult time this year.

#### 1895 George O. Redington Coach # 5

The 1895 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by George O. Redington in his first of two years as head coach of the Orangemen. Robert Adams was again the team captain. The team record was the best ever with a record of 6-2-2. This season was another big improvement over 1892 and there were some who were smiling hard knowing the bad days from 1892 were over.



#### <<< George O Redington

The Orange secured its first real home field as SU went from playing in parks throughout the city of Syracuse to playing at The Oval, which was a space located behind the Hall of Languages. The Orange recorded its first victory against rival Colgate, by what appears to be an unusual score of 4-0. However, in 1895, a touchdown was worth just four points.

Syracuse even began to play away games quite well. In

the away opener at Cornell on Sept 26, played in Ithaca, NY, SU came really close but could not score and lost the game L (0–8). Even Scranton, PA got in the act. This coal town was huge back then and big in mining with a lot of tough players. On Oct 5, at Scranton Athletic Assoc, the Orange prevailed in a tough match W (12–0).

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

Another former Winston player was George Redington, who would coach the team for the next two seasons, winning 11, losing 5 and tying 4 (there were lots of ties in those low-scoring days). He was noted for being very strict about training rules and keeping schedules. He was the first SU coach to last two full seasons. But like Galbraith, Wells, and Bond, those were his only seasons as a collegiate head coach. He had spent the 1896 commuting from his New York City law office to coach the team, (no mean feat in those days), and decided to stick with the law.

#### 1896 George O. Redington Coach # 5

The 1896 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by George O. Redington in his second of two years as head coach of the Orangemen. Robert Adams was again the team captain. The team record was great with a record of 5-3-2. This season found fans no longer thinking about the big disappointment from 1892. Syracuse was on its way to greatness. Wunderbar!



1896 Syracuse Football Team

This year, SU played the Clyde Athletic Association at home on Nov 26 as another great association that wanted to kick the pants off college teams. They did not but SU finished the season with a tie because the Athletic Associations were getting stronger, having picked up a lot of college graduates who knew how to play great football.

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

Redington was followed by Frank Wade, who became our first three-year coach, going 17-9-2. He was our first coach who had been a head football coach anywhere else before getting the job here, having spent one-year coaching DePauw in Indiana to a 3-3-1 record. He was attending law school here. He was credited with upgrading the athletes in the program: "Not only were they smarter about the game: they were also faster and in better condition." I wonder if he did what we would now call "recruiting"? His great accomplishment was considered to be a near-upset of Army in 1899. Wade then began a long career as a lawyer and businessman in the Syracuse area and Syracuse began a new century.

#### 1897 Frank E. Wade Coach # 6

The 1897 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their ninth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Frank E. Wade in his first of three years as head coach of the Orangemen. Robert Adams was again the team captain. The team record was great with a record of 5-3-1.

A major rule changed occurred in 1807 as a touchdown, which had previously been worth four points was upgraded to five points.

#### 1898 Frank E. Wade Coach # 6

The 1898 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their tenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Frank E. Wade in his second of three years as head coach of the Orangemen. Morgan Wilcox was the team captain. The team record was great posting a record of 8-2-1. They outscored opponents 192-69. It was a fine season indeed.

#### 1899 Frank E. Wade Coach # 6

The 1899 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their eleventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Frank E. Wade in his third of three years as head coach of the Orangemen. Carl Dorr was the team captain. The team finished with a season record of 4-4-0.

The Orangemen played just eight games in 1899, cutting back by about three games from its average season. The team, regardless of the coach, had settled into a negative tradition of losing its opener to Cornell and this year was more of the same. The game was played in Ithaca, NY on Sept 27 L (0-17).

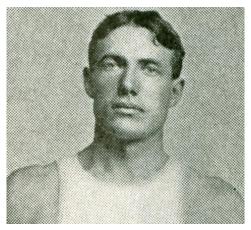
## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

Our first 20th century coach was Edwin R. Sweetland, still another Cornellian who had played for Pop Warner there and coached Hamilton College, (Mullins reports it as Colgate, which is in Hamilton, New York). At Syracuse he stressed speed. His 1900 team averaged 163 pounds per man. "Syracuse, light almost to frailty, compensated for a clear lack of brute force and achieved success through the sheer rapidity of its play." Mullins calls Sweetland "a Vince Lombardi type: tough, aggressive, intelligent, a disciplinarian". (We have had a Vince Lombardi type here, after all.) He was the first Syracuse coach who made coaching a profession: he was also the University's crew coach and later became Kentucky's first basketball coach.

The team was also accused of dirty play and brawls with Cornell and NYU caused an interruption in those series. At the same time, Syracuse upgraded its schedule and was now playing the top teams in the East, giving their records more meaning. Sweetland's teams were up to the task, going 20-5-2 in his three years here. Sweetland wanted more money and returned to Hamilton. From there he went to Ohio State, then came back to coach Colgate, moved on to Kentucky, (one observer said his team "fought like Wildcats", which became their official nickname), then Miami of Ohio, West Virginia and Tulane, finally winding up at Alfred, finishing his mercurial career in 1918 with an even 100 football wins vs. 41 losses and 10 ties. He retired to become a farmer and part-time lawyer.

#### 1900 Edwin Sweetland Coach # 7

From the 1899-1904 Alumni Record: "On Sept. 4 Coach Sweetland began his work with the football team. An excellent showing was made this Fall. As a football coach Mr. Sweetland is a genius. St. Lawrence was defeated by a score of 70 too, New York University 12 too, Amherst, 5 too, Dickinson 6 too, Rochester 68 to 5. and the game with Brown was a tie, 6 to 6. The Cornell game resulted in a score of 6 to 0 in favor of Cornell. It was the last game with that College to the present time."



#### << Coach Sweetland<<

Edwin Sweetland was a Cornell grad, hired as head football coach and to start the crew program. He later coached against SU as the head coach at Colgate

After a mediocre 1899 football season, the 1900 Syracuse Orangemen football team

rebounded in their twelfth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Edwin Sweetland in his first of three seasons as head coach of the Orangemen. Haden Patten was the team captain. The team finished with a season record of 7-2-1. Sweetland had two more fine seasons for SU before he moved on. He was a great coach and under his direction Syracuse became a powerhouse.

#### 1901 Edwin Sweetland Coach # 7

The 1901 Syracuse Orangemen football team were again playing great football in their thirteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Edwin Sweetland in his second of three seasons as

head coach of the Orangemen. Lynn Wycoff was the team captain. The team finished with a season record of 7-1-0. Sweetland had two more fine seasons for SU before he moved on. If it were not for a close loss (0-5) to Lafayette, Syracuse would have had its first undefeated season. Sweetland was a genius and a fine football coach.

#### 1902 Edwin Sweetland Coach # 7

The 1902 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed well in their fourteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Edwin Sweetland in his third of three seasons as head coach of the Orangemen. Ancil D. Brown was the team captain. The team finished with a season record of 6-2-1.

As I slowly go through each and every season of each and every team when I write Great Moments books, I get to take notice of the records of all the coaches. It is a labor of love. I love writing about wins, however, much more than I like wiring about losses. Having a long-time affinity for Syracuse, having lived in Utica as a 21-23year old and having run many bus trips to the Carrier Dome in my day, I root for Syracuse. As I encounter 1902, for example, I am rooting for Syracuse to win it all and then as I research further I find they lost two and had a tie. For me, it's like being at the games. So, now that I know the record and I write brief game summaries, I sure wish Edwin Sweetland, one of the great coaches of Syracuse had another few more years. But, I am most appreciative for all the good work that he did as football was becoming more accepted in the USA.



The Onondaga Indians – A Tough Team

One of the toughest teams in the nation until the 1950's was Army. Syracuse made the trip across NY state to play on Nov 15 at Army at The Plain in West Point, NY. It was a lopsided loss L (0–46). Army often decimated opponents.

# Chapter 4 Syracuse Football 1903 to 1915

Coaches # 8 to #13

<u>Year</u>	<u>Coach</u>	Record	<u>Conf</u>
1903 1904 1905 1906 1907 1908	Ancil D. Brown Charles P. Hutchins Charles P. Hutchins Frank "Buck" O'Neill Frank "Buck" O'Neill Howard Jones Tad Jones	5-4-0 6-3-0 8-3-0 6-3-0 5-3-1 6-3-1 4-5-1	Ind Ind Ind Ind Ind Ind Ind Ind
1910 1911 1912 1913 1914	Tad Jones C. Def. Cummings C. Def. Cummings Frank "Buck" O'Neill Frank "Buck" O'Neill Frank "Buck" O'Neill	5-4-1 5-3-2 4-5-0 6-4-0 5-3-2 9-1-2	Ind Ind Ind Ind Ind Ind



Syracuse Football Team Practice in Snow at New Archbold Field

#### 1903 Ancil D. Brown Coach # 8



The 1903 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their fifteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ancil D. Brown, his first and only season as head coach of the Orangemen. Brown had been the captain on the 1902 Syracuse football team. Nobody in those days was paid a lot for bringing new football teams into being. Frank H. O'Neill was the team captain. He would soon become one of SU's revered

coaches. The team finished with a season record of 5-4-0.

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.



SU anticipated something the Chicago Cubs would do decades later and used two coaches who alternated, game by game, in 1903. Unlike the Cubs' experiment Jason Parrish and Ancil Brown led the team to a winning record at 5-4. But neither of them were head coaches in any other year. They were replaced by Dr. Charles P. Hutchins, who must have had the right prescription, because the team outscored nine opponents 405-57, including a school record 144-0 win over Manhattan College, (whose facilities were not very good). They stopped the game after 32

minutes. We had 25 touchdowns. They had no first downs. (I'm hoping the Florida State game will be closer.) Hutchins was 14-6 in his two years here, before moving on to coach Wisconsin for two years. He went on to become athletic director at Indiana.

#### Picture of Coach Charles P. Hutchins is on prior page.

#### 1904 Charles P. Hutchins Coach #9

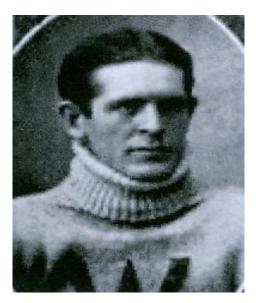
Charles Pelton Hutchins (September 10, 1872 – December 28, 1938) was an American football coach. He served as the head football coach at Dickinson College (1902–1903), Syracuse University (1904–1905), and University of Wisconsin–Madison (1906–1907), compiling a career college football record of 31–16–1. From 1904 to 1905, he coached at Syracuse, tallying a 14–6 record. From 1906 to 1907, he coached at Wisconsin, where he compiled an 8–1–1 record. Hutchins was also the athletic director at Indiana University Bloomington from 1911 to 1913.

The 1904 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their sixteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Charles P. Hutchins in his first of two seasons as head coach of the Orangemen. This was the ninth different coach in the 16 years since the program was started in 1898. For such constant change in coaching, Syracuse was doing quite well compared to other startups across the nation. Robert Park was the captain on the 1904 Syracuse football team. The team finished with a season record of 6-3-0.

#### 1905 Charles P. Hutchins Coach # 9

The 1905 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their seventeenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Charles P. Hutchins in his second of two seasons as head coach of the Orangemen. David Tucker was the captain on the 1905 Syracuse football team. The team finished with a season record of 8-3-0.

#### 1906 Frank "Buck" O'Neill Coach # 10



The 1906 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their eighteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Frank "Buck" O'Neill in his first of two seasons (on this tour – O'Neill would be back) as head coach of the Orangemen. James Stimson was the captain on the 1906 Syracuse football team. The team finished with a season record of 5-3-1.

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

Charles Hutchins was replaced by the first Syracuse coach who would wind up in the Hall of Fame. Frank "Buck" O'Neill had coached at Colgate for three years, going 18-8-2. He was another coaching lawyer, (I'll bet those guys knew the rulebook), and took some years off to tend to his law practice in New York City. He was head coach at SU from 1906-07, 1913-1915 and 1917-19 "and his name was synonymous with Syracuse through that era. Of high intelligence and executive capacity, he was forceful, rigorous and adamant in his system, method and discipline. He knew and loved this great game and was impatient with indifferent, incapable or stupid play or players."

He was a Syracuse native, working in a butcher's shop in Manlius that supplied meat for the St. John's Military Academy. He delivered it and became intrigued by football practice. He volunteered to help out the scrubs when they were short a man and filled his derby hat with straw as protection against concussions, (does the NFL know about this?). He was invited to attend the academy and play football for the team, worked hard in class and became an honor student. He went to Williams College. He played football for them and became team captain.

Colgate hired him in 1902 and he coached them while coaching and playing for a professional team representing the Syracuse Athletic Club, which won something called "The World Series of Football", (a year before the Baseball World Series began), in Madison Square Garden, the first indoor football games ever played. The field was 70 by 35 yards, (Manley Field House's field is bigger). They beat something called "the New York Team", (which was from Philadelphia: it consisted of baseball players from the Phillies and Athletics trying to stay in shape during the off-season: they called themselves that to draw more fans in the Big Apple), 5-0, (a touchdown was worth 5 points then). Syracuse could have made it to 6 points but Pop Warner, who was playing for Syracuse, along with his brother and a couple of Carlisle Indians, missed an extra point. Syracuse then beat the Knickerbockers 36-0 and then a team from New Jersey, the Orange Athletic Club, by the same score.

O'Neill and the coaches who followed him benefited from the opening in 1907 of John D. Archbold's gift to SU, a huge, (by 1907 standards), concrete and steel football stadium named after the benefactor. O'Neill guided Syracuse to a 52-19-6 record, including the 9-1-2 team of 1915 that was invited to the second Rose Bowl, (the first having been held after the 1901 season, to be replaced for 14 years by chariots races), but had to turn it down for financial reasons. And he coached the team that in 1919, crushed Warner's Pittsburgh team that had won 34 straight games against collegiate teams, 24-3. He then became the coach at Columbia, which was much closer to his law offices, from 1920-22, finishing with an 81-42-8 record. He was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1951, primarily for his record at Syracuse.

#### 1907 Frank "Buck" O'Neill Coach # 10

The 1907 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their nineteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Frank "Buck" O'Neill in his second of two seasons (on his first tour – O'Neill would be back) as head coach of the Orangemen. Ford Park

was the captain on the 1907 Syracuse football team. The team finished with a season record of 6-3-0.



Simpson, Mgr.; 2. Hartman; 3. Stein: 4. Cadigan; 5. Waugh; 6. Duiley; 7. Bisgood, Asst. Mgr.; 8. Sullivan; 9. Reynolds; 10, Fisher; 11, Horr, Capt.; 12, Clarke; 13, Banks; 14, Darby; 15, Barry; 16, Hinkey. Ryder, Photo.
SYRACUSE (N. Y.) UNIVERSITY.

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

During this first O'Neill, interregnum the team was coached, successively, by a pair of brothers who would wind up in the Hall of Fame with O'Neill. The 1908 coach [described above] was Howard Jones, who had just finished playing for Yale for three years during which the Elis never lost a game. He directed Syracuse to a 6-3-1 record. This was the year Pop Warner fooled the Orange by stitching a football-shaped decoration on his player's jerseys and bamboozled the Syracuse players in a 0-12 Carlisle win. They the Indians played Harvard. Coach Percy Haughton had the footballs painted Crimson and Harvard won 17-0. But Jones scored a huge victory over Michigan, 28-4, the team rushing for 400 yards to 75 for the Wolverines.

Howard Jones moved onto Ohio State the next year, then went into private business. He coached Yale for a year in 1913. His great fame began when he became the coach at Iowa (1916-23), Duke for one year, (1924), and Southern California (1925-40). He turned the latter school into the national power they have been ever since. His overall

record was 194-65-21. Jones was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1951, (both he and O'Neill were part of the first class, which had 54 inductees).

Howard then turned the job over to his brother, Thomas, Albert Dwight, "TAD" Jones. He had been a star quarterback for Yale in 1906-07. This was his head coaching debut, but he didn't have as much success as his brother. His 1909 team had a losing record for the first time since 1909. His 1910 team got back above the line at 5-4-1 but was a very dull team that outscored ten opponents by a combined 53-42. He didn't coach another team until he got the Yale job in 1916. With a break for the war, he coached them until 1927, going 69-24-6 overall and getting elected to the Hall in 1958.

#### 1908 Howard Jones Coach # 11



The 1908 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their twentieth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Howard Jones in his first and only season as head coach of the Orangemen. Marquis Horr was the captain on the 1908 Syracuse football team. The team finished with a season record of 6-3-1.

### << Coach Howard Jones

## **Top Player All American Maurice Horr 1908**

Marquis Horr was a great tackle for the team and he was the first All American in 1908 for the Orangemen.

Horr was a native of Central Square, New York. He attended Syracuse University from 1905-1908 where he played football, ran track, and graduated with a law degree. As a tackle, Horr anchored a young offensive line on a team that opened the newly built Archbold



Stadium with a win against Hobart in 1907. One year later, Horr was honored as a team captain.

<< Maurice Horr He continued his football career as a line coach for Purdue University, Northwestern University, and Syracuse University. A national champion in the shot put, hammer, and discus throws, Horr's success allowed him to become a member of the 1908 U.S. Olympic team. He worked as an attorney for American Liability Insurance until he retired in 1946.

## 1909 Tad Jones Coach # 12

The 1909 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their twenty-first season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Tad Jones in his first of two seasons as head coach of the Orangemen. Herbert Barry was the captain on the 1909 Syracuse football team. The team finished with a season record of 4-5-1.



## <<< Coach Tad Jones

Being a Pennsylvanian, I was surprised as I read some of the archives about this season and others. SU had played the very tough Carlisle Indians but some of the accounts such as Wikipedia have the Carlisle Indians playing out of Buffalo, NY. So, I looked for a Carlisle College in Buffalo and there is none.

The Carlisle Indians football team is the one and only and they represented the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in intercollegiate football competition. They were great and well feared as being tough and willing to do what it took to win a game. Their campus was in Carlisle Pennsylvania, not Buffalo NY as some would suggest.

Their program was active from 1893 until 1917, when it was discontinued. During the program's 25 years, the Indians compiled a tough-to-beat 167–88–13 record and 0.647 winning percentage, which makes this group of great men over 25 years to be the most successful defunct major college football program. Teams had to play their best to beat this crew.

At the turn of the 20th century, the college leading the football gridiron in the US was not Harvard or Yale – it was a little-known powerhouse called the Carlisle Indian Industrial School. During the early 20th century, Carlisle was a national football powerhouse. Hey, they were good enough that they got to play national powerhouse Syracuse. They regularly competed against other major programs such as the Ivy League schools. Several notable players and coaches were associated with the team, including Pop Warner and Jim Thorpe, a native American, and an All-American hero in many sports as well as the Olympics. To beat Carlisle was to beat a great team.

## 1910 Tad Jones Coach # 12

The 1910 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their twenty-second season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Tad Jones in his second of two seasons as head coach of the Orangemen. Harry Hartman was the captain on the 1910 Syracuse football team. The team finished with a season record of 5-4-1.

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

The Jones Brothers were replaced by Deforest Cummings. The highlight of his two- year run, (9-8-2) was a 12-11 win over Carlisle's greatest team, coached by Warner and with Jim Thorpe at his peak in 1911. Those two teams were the only ones ever coached by Cummings. O'Neill came back for the next three years after the two years of Cummings.



### 1911 Charles Deforest Cummings # 13

#### << Coach Cummings

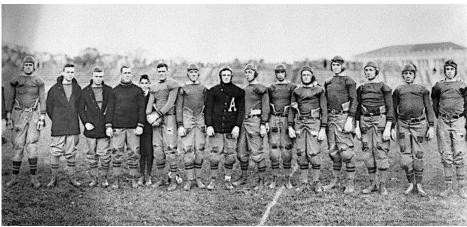
The 1911 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their twenty-third season of intercollegiate football. They were led by C. Def Cummings in his first of two seasons as head coach of the Orangemen.

Preston Fogg was the captain on the 1911 Syracuse football team. The team

finished with a season record of 5-3-2.

### 1912 Charles Deforest Cummings # 13

The 1912 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their twenty-fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by C. Def Cummings in his second of two seasons as head coach of the Orangemen. Rudolph Propst was the captain on the 1912 Syracuse football team. Team finished with a losing season record of 4-5-0.



Part of the 1912 West Point football team. Cadet Eisenhower 3rd from left; Cadet Omar Bradley 2nd from right

### 1913 Frank "Buck" O'Neill Coach # 10

The 1913 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their twenty-fifth season of intercollegiate football. They were led again by Frank "Buck" O'Neill in the first of three years in his second tour of duty as head coach of the Orangemen. O'Neill was one of the best Army coaches. Martin Hilfinger was the captain on the 19132 Syracuse football team. The team finished with a winning season record of 6-4-0.

### 1914 Frank "Buck" O'Neill Coach # 10

The 1914 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their twenty-sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were led again by Frank "Buck" O'Neill in the second of three years in his second

tour of duty as head coach of the Orangemen. 'Neill was one of the best Army coaches. James Schufelt was the captain on the 1914 Syracuse football team. The team finished with another winning season record of 5-3-2.

## 1915 Frank "Buck" O'Neill Coach # 10

## <<< Buck O'Neill later in life.

The 1915 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their twenty-seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led again by Frank "Buck" O'Neill in his third second of three years in his second tour of duty as head coach of the Orangemen. If you are counting at home folks, at this point

O'Neill had coached five years, and this was the most of any coach to that date. This would be a great season for the Orangemen. 'Neill was one of

the best Army coaches. The team finished with another winning season record of 9-1-2

For the first year ever, Syracuse was in the running for the national championship with a 9-1-2 record. Cornell, however finished 9-0, and in a season full of contenders, they were the consensus choice for the 1915 mythical national championship and would have run away with #1 had there been an AP poll that season.

## Top Player All American Harold "Babe" White 1915

Harold M. "Babe" White was an All-American football player for Syracuse University. He played at the guard position for Syracuse from 1913-1916. A native of New York, White attended DeWitt



Clinton High School. At 6 feet, 6 inches in height and 273 pounds, White was the largest American football player of his time. He was selected as a first-team All-American in 1915. He was also selected as the captain of the 1916 Syracuse football team.



"Babe" White 1915

## **Top Player All American Chris Schlachter 1915**

**Christopher Peter Schlachter** was an All-American football player for Syracuse. A native of Brooklyn, Schlachter played at the guard position for the Syracuse Orange football team from 1915 to 1916.



He was selected by Walter Camp as a first-team guard on the 1915 College Football All-America Team. In October 1916, he sustained a broken collar bone and missed the remainder of the 1916 season but was still called out for the 1916 All-American Team.

In May 1918, Schlachter was inducted into the United States

Navy and assigned to the United States Naval Academy, attaining

the rank of lieutenant in 1919. In 1917, while playing for the Newport Naval Reserve team, he was selected for the All Service teams selected by Paul Purman and The New York Times. The Service Academies were special places where former college All-Amaricans could play football legally again. Navy and Army especially enjoyed winning games against teams such as SU when sometimes former SU players were among the opposition.

## Chapter 5 SU Football 1916 to 1929

## Bringing excellence to an already great record

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#### There was not one losing season from 1916 to 1929



1923 SU Football Team - great picture with no attributions

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

Bill Hollenbeck, a former Penn all-American who had coached at Missouri and Penn State, going unbeaten in Happy Valley in 1911-12. He was beatable in Syracuse, going 5-4 before retiring from coaching, preferring business and politics. He's in the Hall of Fame but as a player, not a coach. Perhaps if he'd kept at it...

## 1916 William Hollenback Coach # 14



The 1916 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their twenty-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by William Hollenback in his first and only year as head coach of the Orangemen. Harold M. "Babe" White was the team captain. The team finished with another winning season record of 5-4

## <<< William Hollenback, picture from 1910

All games but two were played at Archbold Stadium on the SU campus in Syracuse NY. Michigan and Tufts were played on the road.

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

O'Neill returned for the third time, greatly assisted by Chick Meehan, his quarterback in 1917 and his assistant coach in 1918-19. When O'Neill took the Columbia job.

## 1917 Frank "Buck" O'Neill Coach # 10

The 1917 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their twenty-ninth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Frank "Buck" O'Neill in his third tour as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This was his first year of three in his third tour, making this his sixth season overall. O'Neill was SU's best coach at this point and they kept bringing him back and he kept winning. The team finished with another great winning season record of 8-1-1.



#### < Coach Buck O'Neil Pic from 1901

William Hollenback was a fine and respected coach by all parties at the time, but he was no Buck O'Neill. The only thing Buck never brought in to Syracuse was an undefeated season. But, with time like all the great immortals, he would have done so.

As the War approached, more and more men were opting the service over college. The US was gearing up for a major conflict.

## The Impact of World War I on College Football

At the beginning of the 1917 football season more Americans were concerned about World War I than were concerned about football or any sport. The country was at war and were in it in a big way. Until the draft, the volunteers for duty were less than 100,000 and as the country was preparing for war, this, plus the small army that existed, simply could not do.

The Selective Service Act or Selective Draft Act (Pub.L. 6512, 40 Stat. 76), was enacted on May 18, 1917. It authorized the United States federal government to raise a national army for service in World War I through conscription. It was envisioned in December

1916 and brought to President Woodrow Wilson's attention shortly after the break in relations with Germany in February 1917.

The Act itself was drafted by then-Captain (later Brigadier General) Hugh S. Johnson after the United States entered World War I by declaring war on Germany. The Act was canceled with the end of the war on November 11, 1918. The Act was upheld as constitutional by the United States Supreme Court in 1918.

The draft was a major impetus for many to volunteer. By the end of World War, I, some two million men had volunteered for various branches of the armed services, and some 2.8 million had been drafted.

## Top Player All American Alfred R. Cobb 1917



(June 7, 1892 – September 12, 1974) was an All-American for Syracuse University where he played for the Syracuse Orangemen football team and he also played professional football in the NFL.

In 1917 he was recognized as a consensus first-team All-American at the tackle position, having received first-team honors from International News Service (INS), News Enterprise Association (NEA), and Collier's Weekly (as

selected by Walter Camp).

Cobb played in the early days of the NFL, when it was still known as the American Professional Football Association (APFA), including for the Akron Pros and the Cleveland Bulldogs. As a member of the 1920 Akron Pros, Cobb was a member of the very first NFL Championship team. Over three APFA/NFL seasons, Cobb played in 21 games as a lineman, starting 16 of them.

#### 1918 Frank "Buck" O'Neill Coach # 10

The 1918 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their thirtieth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Frank "Buck" O'Neill in his third tour as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This was his second year of three in his third tour, making this his seventh season overall at the helm. O'Neill was SU's best coach at this point and they kept bringing him back and he kept winning. The team finished with another great winning season record of 5-1-1.

As the war was still in full bloom at the beginning of the season. And the Spanish Flu was in the air, Syracuse began its season late on Oct. 26

Despite only playing six games in a season when the National Champion played just five games and lost one. It was that one unexplainable loss to Michigan that kept SU out of contention for the mythical national championship. The Orangemen were mentioned but they were dismissed;

The best sports writeup by a pundit explaining the scenario goes like this:

"Michigan went 5-0 and defeated a powerful 5-1 Syracuse team 15-0, and they are the only other team I will be considering for the 1918 mythical national championship (MNC). The 1918 football season barely qualified as a football season at all, and there were plenty of teams that may well have been equal to or better than Pittsburgh or Michigan, but what sets Pitt and Michigan apart from the rest is that each defeated another MNC contending team."

There is a lot of irony in that the 1918 NCAA football season had no clear-cut champion. Syracuse was considered but dismissed. The NCAA schedule was also affected by the war, which ended right before the season ended that there was little season left to be played.

The official NCAA Division I Football Records Book list Michigan and Pittsburgh as national champions.

The highest profile game for all those good enough to even sniff the championship air as the pundits were making the determinations. was a highly pundit publicized War Charities benefit that was staged at Forbes Field in Pittsburgh in front of many of the nation's top sports writers, including Walter Camp.

The game pitted John Heisman's undefeated, unscored upon, and defending national champion Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets against "Pop" Warner's Pittsburgh Panthers who were sitting on a 30-game win streak. Yes, this is the same Heisman that the trophy is named after. In this game, Pitt defeated Heisman's vaunted Georgia Tech team 32-0.

The Spanish flu pandemic of 1918 saw the implementation of quarantines that eliminated much of that year's college football season. Pittsburgh dominated the Yellow Jackets in this game and would have had a clean title if it were not for this. Would you count this:

The Cleveland Naval Reserves were great and tough like most service teams continue to be. They literally came out of nowhere to ruin a clean National Championship for Pitt with the help, some say of some slanted officiating. The final game of the season for Pitt at Cleveland Naval Reserve resulted in "Pop" Warner's first loss at Pitt. It is one of the most controversial losses in school history. Could Warner have really lost this game or was some unknown chicanery involved. Warner was never known as a complainer.

Warner, along with some reporters covering the game, insisted Pitt was robbed by the officials who, claiming the official timekeeper's watch was broken, arbitrarily ended the first half before Pitt was able to score and then allowed the Reserves extra time in the fourth quarter to pull ahead 10–9 before calling an end to the game.

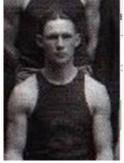
Now, that does not sound fair, does it? Judy Harlan, formerly of Georgia Tech, and Moon Ducote, formerly of Auburn starred for the Cleveland Naval Reserves. Ducote kicked the winning field goal. Warner declared him "the greatest football player I ever saw." Harlan stated: "I intercepted a pass and returned it to midfield in the fourth quarter. I felt I at least had evened up some of the losses we had at Tech."

History normally proves the complaining team wrong. Not this time with Pittsburgh. As Spalding's football guide put it at the time, they were "universally conceded to be the champion team of the country," and if there had been an AP poll in 1918, Pitt would have easily finished out as the highest ranked college team.

Though this is an SU book, Syracuse vied for the same National Championship as Pitt did in 1918. The Cleveland Military, a dirt tough team got credit for the win v Pop Warner's team, but Pitt got the national championship in the opinions of the most important authoritative people in the game at the time--even though Pitt had to share the title with Michigan.

To repeat, this highly controversial loss ended the Pitt season and snapped a 32-game Pitt winning streak, but the Panthers had outscored opponents 140–16 in that short season and thus were retroactively selected as the national champion by the Helms Athletic Foundation and Houlgate System and as a co-national champion with Michigan by the National Championship Foundation.

## **Top Player All American Joe Schwarzer 1918**



<< Joe Schwarzer (dressed for basketball) was born in the Austro-Hungary Empire, and moved to the United States when he was four. He grew up to be an amazingly talented natural athlete who excelled at multiple sports while he attended Syracuse University. In basketball, he was an excellent ball handler and fine shooter. He was the designated free throw shooter at a time when

one player shot all the free throws for a team. Schwarzer was a Helms Foundation All-American in 1918. He was declared ineligible his senior season in basketball by the university due to a ruling by the Athletic Committee that he had used up his varsity eligibility by starting for three seasons already. Besides starring in basketball, he also lettered in football (four times) and in baseball (and was captain of all three teams). Schwarzer was an All-American End on the football team in 1918, a team that went 8-1-1. He graduated with a law degree from Syracuse in 1919. While practicing law in Syracuse, Schwarzer remained active in sports the rest of his life.

## Top Player All American Louis Childs "Lou" Usher 1918

Louis Childs "Lou" Usher (picture unavailable) was born on June 27, 1897 and he passed away on January 1, 1927). He was a pro football player who graduated as an All-American from Syracuse U in 1918. He played professionally as tackle, guard, and center in the National Football League (NFL) for five seasons with the Rochester Jeffersons, Chicago Bears, Hammond Pros, Kenosha Maroons, and Milwaukee Badgers. Usher was killed on January 1, 1927 in an automobile accident near Calumet.

## Top Player All American "Doc" Alexander 1918



### << Joseph Doc Alexander

Joseph A. "Doc" Alexander (April 1, 1898 – September 12, 1975) was an all-American football player for Syracuse and a Syracuse Hall of Famer. He played professionally in the National Football League (NFL) for the Rochester Jeffersons and the New York Giants. He was inducted to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1954.

## 1919 Frank "Buck" O'Neill Coach # 10

The 1919 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their thirty-first season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Frank "Buck" O'Neill in his third tour as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This was his third year of three in his third tour, making this his eighth season overall at the helm. O'Neill was SU's best coach at this point and for the longest time SU kept bringing him back and he kept winning for them. This O'Neill team finished with another great winning season record of 8-3-0. After the war and the flu were gone from America. Football went back to normalcy.

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.



After being his QB and then Assistant coach to Buck O'Neill, Chick Meehan took over as coach at Syracuse after this O'Neill stint, and coached some of our best teams in 1920-24. His Syracuse coaching record was 35-8-4, including a 1923 team that was ranked #1 in the country by James Howell: http://www.jhowell.net/cf/cf1923.htm

I call that team our "other" national champion.

Meehan opted to move to New York City and coach NYU,

briefly turning them into a national power, and Manhattan, (who had improved its facilities). He retired in 1937 with a laudable 115-44-14 record. He was famous for saying: 'We learn practically nothing from a victory. All our information comes from a defeat. A winner forgets most of his mistakes.'" But he was never elected to the Hall of Fame, probably because of his involvement in a scheme to sell steel on the black market during the Korean War.

## 1920 Chick Meehan Coach # 15

The 1920 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their thirty-second season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Chick Meehan in his first season of five as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU team finished with another great winning season record of 6-2-1. Coach Meehan is recognized as one of the greatest coaches of the Orange though he put in just five seasons. He was a keeper but he moved on nonetheless after five years.

## Top Player All American Bertrand L Gulick 1920

**Bertrand L. Gulick**, Jr. (March 20, 1898 – December 9, 1972) (picture unavailable) was an All American football player and businessman. He starred at the tackle position for the Syracuse Orange football team in 1920. He was selected by the United Press, International News Service, and The New York Times as a first-team player on their 1920 College Football All-America Team.

### 1921 Chick Meehan Coach # 15

The 1921 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their thirty-third season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Chick Meehan in his second season of five as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU team finished with another fine winning season record of 7-2-0.

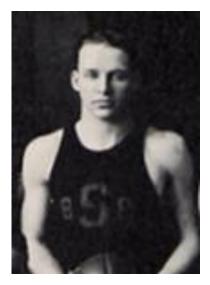
## 1922 Chick Meehan Coach # 15

The 1922 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their thirty-fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Chick Meehan in his third season of five as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU team finished with another fine winning season record of 6-1-2.

#### 1923 Chick Meehan Coach # 15

The 1923 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their thirty-fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Chick Meehan in his fourth season of five as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU team finished with the best record of Meehan's tenure 8-1-0. Again, SU just missed having its first undefeated season.

## Top Player All American Pete MacRae



**Evander G. "Pete" MacRae** (January 22, 1902 – March 1965) was an All American football player at Syracuse University on 1923 and he was a basketball star. He first gained note as a football player for the undefeated 1919 Allegheny High School football team from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He then enrolled at Syracuse University where played both football and basketball. He played at the end position for the Syracuse Orangemen football team and was a consensus first-team All-American in 1923.

He also played for three years from 1921 to 1924 on the Syracuse Orangemen's basketball team. After graduating from Syracuse, he played professional basketball with the Syracuse All Stars.

#### 1924 Chick Meehan Coach # 15

The 1924 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their thirty-sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Chick Meehan in his fifth and last season of five as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU team finished with a fine record of 8-2-1.

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

Pete Reynolds took over for one year and did a good job, going 8-1-1. As in 1923, the only loss was to Colgate. It was the beginning of the "HooDoo", when we were unable to beat Colgate for 13 consecutive years, including three where that was the only game we lost, (and that doesn't include '23). Reynolds was back again the next year, going 7-2-1. Vic Hanson was his big star. That was also the year of the "Massacre of the Plains", a big brawl after a game at West Point against Army that terminated the series until 1955. Reynolds was at the end of a long coaching career that began in 1909. His previous stops had been at Hobart, Hamilton and Bucknell. He was from Illinois and he also coached at Knox College in 1935-37. Most sources don't list that period but if that's true, Pete's overall coaching record was 77-58-14. He settled in Oneida, New York, where he died in 1951.

## 1925 Pete Reynolds Coach # 16

The 1925 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their thirty-seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Pete Reynolds in his first of two as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU team finished with a fine record of 8-1-1 -almost undefeated.

On October 31, for win #6, Syracuse fired all its bricks and put down the Nittany Lions of Penn State at home. W (7-0). Looking for seven, on Oct 31, the Orangemen tied Wesleyan W (7-0). Still without a loss, on Nov 14 nemesis Colgate came in and stopped all the rhymes and beat the Orange in a fair tough game, L (7-0). On Nov 21, SU shut out Niagara at home in Archbold Stadium, W (17 0). In the season finale on Turkey Day at Columbia in New York City, the Orangemen grabbed another victory W (16-5). it was a fine season for new coach Pete Reynolds. But those folks from Colgate, they just would not go away easily.

Chris Island wrote a piece about this one-time rivalry several years ago for the Daily orange and it captures the essence of how serious these two teams took each other. "All it took was a pact, and then nothing more than a verbal agreement, to try and stop the insanity of it all. It became too dangerous, too raucous. The store owners grew tired of having to board up the windows, and the Syracuse hotels no longer wanted to have to move furniture out of the lobby to avoid having it destroyed.

All this trouble for a football game between Syracuse and Colgate.

The memories will rush back into the minds of alumni who were once a part of the storied past Syracuse-Colgate rivalry weekends, when those weekends were at their peak. Alumni will remember the pep rallies, the poster contests, the — fairly innocent kidnappings of students, the scalping, and maybe even the games, themselves.

'There were huge displays outside the fraternities and sororities,' said former Colgate player, coach and athletic director Fred Dunlap. 'They all always said, 'Beat Colgate,' and the game always had a sell-out crowd.'

These were just a part of the unending, all-encompassing events of those long-forgotten weekends that have lost their excitement and draw.

Over the first 20 games the Orangemen and Raiders met, Colgate went 13-5-2. From 1925 to 1937, the Raiders took 11 more games from the Orangemen.

But starting in 1951, Syracuse began to take control of the series. Eventually, it became too much for Colgate — and the towns of Hamilton, N.Y., and Syracuse — to bear, and the series was cancelled for 20 years. But before the cancellation, SU expected to defeat the Raiders every year."

In 1925, Colgate surely had destroyed SU's chance at a shot at the National Championship—again. Of course, the tie to Ohio Wesleyan did not help matters either. And so, in all the discussions by the pundits about mythical national champions and the runners

up, Syracuse was mentioned as tying and losing to Colgate, but not as a contender for top honors. Dartmouth was crowned mythical national champion in the pundit post-voting.

When the mythical dust settled, writers hailed Dartmouth as the national champions. Grantland Rice: "In the midst of all the noise and excitement, football's main banner for the waning year goes to the peace and far-away restfulness of Dartmouth, the college on the hill."

Dartmouth was invited to the Rose Bowl to play 10-0-1 Washington, but they were already widely considered the national champions, and the players didn't want to give up their Christmas holidays, so they voted to reject the offer. That was critical for Alabama, who would not have emerged decades later as the consensus national champion among retroactive selectors without that game. Only in college football could a championship be given, and a championship be taken away. One thing for sure, Colgate had made sure that the Orangemen were not in consideration. Grrrrrrr!!!

## 1926 Pete Reynolds Coach # 16

The 1926 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their thirty-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Pete Reynolds in his second of two as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU team finished with a fine record of 7-2-1.

## Top Player All American Victor A. Hanson 1926

**Victor A. Hanson** (July 30, 1903 – April 10, 1982) was an All American football player and coach for Syracuse University in 1926. He was also a basketball player, and baseball player. He served as team captain in all three sports. The Watertown, New York native was named an Basketball All-American three times—in 1925, 1926, and 1927—by the Helms Athletic Foundation and was a consensus selection to the 1926 College Football All-America Team.



#### <<< Victor Hanson

Following his college career he played briefly with the Cleveland Rosenblum's in the American Basketball League and then formed a basketball team, the Syracuse All-Americans. He was also signed by the New York Yankees of Major League Baseball upon graduation from Syracuse in 1927 and played one year in their farm system. Hanson served as the head football

coach at Syracuse from 1930 to 1936, compiling a record of 33–21– 5. He is only player inducted into both the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and the College Football Hall of Fame.

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

Pete Reynolds was replaced by Lew Andreas, more famous as a long-time basketball coach, (it was his school record for victories that Jim Boeheim broke), and athletic director. He hired Vic Hanson to be his assistant. Andreas sort of stumbled along for three years at 15-10-3 before handing the reigns to Hanson.

#### 1927 Lew Andreas Coach # 17

The 1927 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their thirty-ninth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Lew Andreas in his first of three seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished with a fine record of 5-3-2.



Syracuse played its season home opener on Sept 26, 1927 at Archbold Stadium on the campus of Syracuse University and defeated Hobart in a shutout, W (13-0).

## << Coach Lew Andreas

Hobart was playing much better football. On Oct13, SU handed William & Mary a shutout shut defeat at Archbold Stadium W (18-0). The next week on Oct 8, Syracuse got win #3, against Johns Hopkins (21-6). On

Oct 15, at home, SU defeated Georgetown W (19-6). In a first, Penn State defeated Syracuse on Oct 22 at Archbold Field L (6-9).

After a fine start, and just one loss, in its trip to Nebraska on Oct 29, the Cornhuskers finally won their first game against Syracuse and it was a shutout L (0-21). On Oct 5, Ohio Wesleyan, a proven tough squad tied the Orangemen at Archbold Stadium T (6-6). Those nasty guys from Colgate played Syracuse at Archbold on Nov 12, and the tough play resulted in a tie T (12-12). Niagara was next at Archbold and SU prevailed in a lose match W (13-6). In a rare defeat, Syracuse traveled to Columbia in NYC and were defeated in a close match L (7-14).

### 1928 Lew Andreas Coach # 17

The 1928 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their fortieth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Lew Andreas in his second of three seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished with a so-so record of 4-4-1.

## 1929 Lew Andreas Coach # 17

The 1929 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their forty-first season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Lew Andreas in his third and last of three seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished with nice record of 6-3-0.

# Chapter 6 Vic Hanson Players 1930 to 1936

Victor Hanson, Coach #18

<u>Year</u>	Coach	Record	<u>Conf</u>
1931 1932 1933 1934 1935	Vic Hanson Vic Hanson Vic Hanson Vic Hanson Vic Hanson Vic Hanson Vic Hanson	5-2-2 7-1-1 4-4-1 4-4-0 6-2-0 6-1-1 1-7-0	Ind Ind Ind Ind Ind Ind Ind



Head Football Coach Victor Hanson and Fiancée Dorothy Burns Circa 1931

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

**Vic Hanson was a former SU player.** He did somewhat better than his predecessor Pete Reynolds, going 7-1-1 in 1931 and 6-1-1 in 1935. But he couldn't beat Colgate and when the 1936 team fell to 1-7, and the one-time hero was fired. Syracuse was the only head football coaching job Andreas or Hanson ever held. Both were alums of the school.

## 1930 Victor Hanson Coach # 18

The 1930 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their forty-second season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Victor Hanson in his first of seven seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished with nice record of 5-2-2.

## 1931 Victor Hanson Coach # 18

The 1931 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their forty-third season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Victor Hanson in his second of seven seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished with nice record of 7-1-1.

## 1932 Victor Hanson Coach # 18

The 1932 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their forty-fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Victor Hanson in his third of seven seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished with a so-so record this year of 4-4-1.

## 1933 Victor Hanson Coach # 18

The 1933 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their forty-fifth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Victor Hanson in his fourth of seven seasons as head coach of the Syracuse

Orangemen. This SU squad finished with a so-so record this year of 4-4-0.

#### 1934 Victor Hanson Coach # 18

The 1934 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their forty-sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Victor Hanson in his fifth of seven seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished with a nice record this year of 6-2-0. The Orangemen were the 28<sup>th</sup> nationally ranked team this year.

## **Top Player All American James Steen 1934**



Steen was born March 28, 1913 and passed away November 23, 1983. He was an All American College Football Player. He attended New Rochelle High School and Syracuse University. He played college football for the Syracuse Orangemen football team and was selected by the United Press, Liberty magazine and the Central Press Association as a firstteam tackle on the 1934 College Football All-America Team.

Steen also played professional football in the National Football League from 1935 to 1936 with the Detroit Lions. As the story goes, Steen was a tackle for Syracuse's offensive line. He was named captain of the team in 1934. After his career at Syracuse, he was invited to the 1935 East-West Shrine All-Star Game. He then was drafted to play for the Detroit Lions in 1935-36.

## 1935 Victor Hanson Coach # 18

The 1935 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their forty-seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Victor Hanson in his sixth of seven seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished with a very nice record this year of 6-1-1.

This was a nice year ...the next year was a disaster as if Syracuse had pulled the plug on scholarships. I will investigate this and if I find something, I will show it in the 1936 season. With one less loss in 1935, SU's ranking was almost top 10 nationally but # 14 was not so shabby.

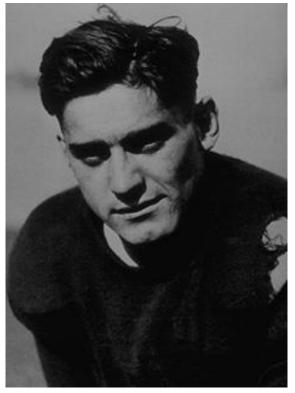
### 1936 Victor Hanson Coach # 18

The 1936 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their forty-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Victor Hanson in his seventh and last of seven seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished with one of its worst records ever 1-7-0.

I promised that I would investigate what happened this year, and I did. However, information is hard to come by at Syracuse. I contacted the Sports Information Department and I received no response. If an avid Syracuse fan happens to have the information as to why the team did so poorly in 1936, and also why Victor Hanson was replaced by what appears to be a less-capable coach, I will update this book after it is published so that SU fans can know what happened.

In my second research effort, I did find a great write-up about Hanson, commemorating his placement in the hall of fame that I will share below. It comes from http://www.footballfoundation.org/Programs/CollegeFootballHall ofFame/SearchDetail.aspx?id=20054

## Victor Hanson Great SU Coach – Member Biography



Called by Grantland Rice, "the best all-around athlete Syracuse ever had," Victor Hanson was a three-sport star for the Orangemen. In addition to playing as an All-America end in football, Hanson was an All-American in basketball and good enough in baseball to be signed by the New York Yankees. Hanson began his collegiate career in 1924 as the only sophomore on the varsity. A teammate on that 1924 team was future Hall of Fame coach Lynn Waldorf. During three

varsity seasons Syracuse posted a 23-5-3 record. Hanson, playing end, called the plays for the offense. He captained the football, basketball and baseball teams. After graduation he played one year in baseball's minor leagues. He returned to Syracuse as an assistant coach in 1928 and 1929. In 1930, at the age of 27, Hanson was named head football coach. In seven seasons he posted a 33-21-5 record. He later became a prominent insurance counselor. Hanson was elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1960 and the College Football Hall of Fame in 1973. He was born July 30, 1903 and died April 10, 1982.

## Chapter 7 Ossie Solem Players 1937 to 1948

Ossie Solem, Coach # 19 Biggie Munn Coach # 20 Reaves Baysinger Coach #21

Year	Coach	Record		Conf
1937	Ossie Solem	5-2-1		Ind
	Ossie Solem	5-3-0	`	Ind
1939	Ossie Solem	3-3-2		Ind
	Ossie Solem	3-4-1		Ind
	Ossie Solem	5-2-1		Ind
1942	Ossie Solem	6-3-0		Ind
1943	No team due to World W	Var II		
1944	Ossie Solem	2-4-1		Ind
	Ossie Solem	1-6-0		Ind
1946	Clarence Biggie Munn	4-5-0		Ind
1947	Reaves Baysinger	3-6-1		Ind
	Reaves Baysinger	1-6-0		Ind



Crowd in downtown Syracuse, World War II victory parade, September 1945.

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

Hanson was replaced by possibly the most prominent coach at the time of hiring we've ever had, (Bill Hollenbeck might be the exception, but he only lasted that one year and then retired). Ossie Solem has played for Dr. Henry Williams at Minnesota when they were a major national power. Then he went into pro football, coaching a team called the Minneapolis Marines that went on to join the NFL.

By that time, Solem had switched to college coach as well as being an athletic director at Luther College in Iowa, (1920), Drake, (1921-31) and Iowa, (1932-36). Drake was a fairly prominent program at that time and his teams went 7-0-0 in 1922 and 7-1-0 in 1928. Wikipedia, in its article on the Drake Bulldogs, says that they "shared the national championship in some national polls. They were invited to the White House for their accomplishments."

I've checked the various selectors who list rankings for each year online and I couldn't find anyone who rated that team higher than 16th. Usually they are around #30. They were what we would now call a good "mid-major". But it still got Solem some national recognition. Drake was a founding member of the Missouri Valley Conference in 1928 and won its first four championships. .

Solem moved on to Iowa in 1932. The Hawkeyes had just been temporarily suspended by the Big Ten due an athletic department slush fund scandal that dated back to the Howards Jones Era. (They were paying players! Horrors!) Even after the suspension, Solem had a hard time filling out his Big Ten schedule because all the members would rather play Notre Dame. The Depression also hit the University hard and they weren't able to pay Solem his full salary.

Nonetheless, he soldiered on to a 15-21-4 record over five seasons. The period was not without its high points. In 1933 they surprised with a 5-3 record and quarterback Joe Laws was Big Ten MVP. But his greatest player was Ozzie Simmons, "The Ebony Eel" who was named second team All-American in 1934 and first team in 1935. Solem was also able to recruit a strong freshman class in 1936 that included Nile Kinnick, who would win the 1939 Heisman Trophy. But Solem had a run-in with Simmons, whose teammates resented his notoriety and maybe also his color. They decided not to have a captain of the team his senior year to avoid voting for him. Some even refused to block for him. The coach accused him of "laying down" in a 0-52 loss to Minnesota, even though Simmons played the game with an injured leg. Simmons left the team saying "I've taken too much abuse this season because of Iowa's poor showing. I've taken more punishment than I did in my sophomore year and Solem has been screaming at me. He doesn't scream at the other players, just me." (There was bullying in those days, as well.)

Solem replied "Other players on the team were berated for their play in the Minnesota game but they took it without a word. I made one criticism of Simmons and he couldn't take it." They later made up and Simmons said, "He probably could have been tougher (on the players), but he was the finest gentleman I've ever been around."

Nonetheless, Solem left Iowa to come east and coach Syracuse for the 1937 season. He assembled perhaps the finest football staff ever with two protégés who had also played for Minnesota assisting him, Clarence "Biggie" Munn and Bud Wilkinson. One of their players was Hugh "Duffy" Daughtery, who gave this scouting report for himself:

"He may be small, but he sure is slow."

Duffy joined Solem's staff on graduation. Wilkinson, of course, went on to become coach at Oklahoma, turning them into a dominant program while Munn and then Daugherty coached Michigan State to nearly equal prominence. Despite the quality of the coaching, there were plenty of ups and downs during Solem's tenure, (1937-45), during which he went 30-27-6.

The high points were winning what Grantland Rice called the greatest game he had seen against powerful Cornell in 1938, 19-17, finally breaking the HooDoo against Colgate later the same year, 7-0 and upsetting national power Wisconsin 27-20 in 1941 using the controversial "reverse center" formation which was subsequently banned. (Amos Alonzo Stagg commented that "a time of war was

not the time to be showing your backside to the enemy"). The most prominent players were Marty Glickman and Wilmeth Sidat-Singh.

Solem moved on after the war to coach at Springfield College in Massachusetts, (Wikipedia, for some reason, lists it as "YMCA" the first seven years but it was the college). In 1956 his team went 8-0-1 thanks, in part to a center/linebacker named Dick MacPherson , who captained Solem's last team in 1957.

Solem was 44-7-3 coaching the Minneapolis pro team and then 162-117-20 in a 37-season college coaching career, (SU did not field a team in 1943). He had also gone 37-31 in four seasons as the Drake basketball coach. I had thought he was in the Hall of Fame but, in fact, he is not, although his three famous assistants are.

## About Coach Ossie Solem

Oscar Martin "Ossie" Solem (December 13, 1891 – October 26, 1970) was an American football player, coach of football and



basketball, and college athletics administrator. He served as the head football coach at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa (1920), Drake University (1921– 1931), the University of Iowa(1932–1936), Syracuse University (1937–1945), and Springfield College (1946– 1957), compiling a career college football record of 162–117–20.

From 1913 until 1920, Solem was the head coach of the Minneapolis Marines, prior to that

team's entry into the National Football League (NFL). During his time with the Marines, Solem introduced the team to the single-wing

formation, developed by the famed coach, Pop Warner, and used by the University of Minnesota, where Solem had played football. Solem was also the head basketball coach at Drake University for four seasons, from 1921 to 1925, tallying a mark of 37–31. For Syracuse, he was a fine coach, and if it were not for the frustration of fielding a team in the WWII years, Ben Schwartzwalder may not have been needed.

### 1937 Ossie Solem Coach # 19

The 1937 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their forty-ninth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ossie Solem in his first of eight seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished with a fine record of 5-2-1.

#### 1938 Ossie Solem Coach # 19

The 1938 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their fiftieth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ossie Solem in his second of eight seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished with a fine record of 5-3-0.

#### 1939 Ossie Solem Coach # 19

The 1939 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their fiftyfirst season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ossie Solem in his third of eight seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished with a so-so record of 3-3-2.

#### 1940 Ossie Solem Coach # 19

The 1940 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their fiftysecond season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ossie Solem in his fourth of eight seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished with a losing record of 3-4-1.

## 1941 Ossie Solem Coach # 19

The 1941 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their fiftythird season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ossie Solem in his fifth of eight seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished with a fine record of 5-2-1.

## 1942 Ossie Solem Coach # 19

The 1942 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their fiftyfourth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ossie Solem in his sixth of eight seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished with a fine record of 6-3-0. This was the most wins that SU would get in its eight seasons under Coach Solem.

## 1943 Season cancelled due to World War II

## 1944 Ossie Solem Coach # 19

The 1944 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their fiftyfifth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ossie Solem in his seventh of eight seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished with a poor record of 2-4-1 After the year off for the war, it was a difficult task for college teams to rebuild as many of their best players were in the service of our nation.

The military teams, especially Army, were knocking them all out across the country and the people of America were cheering for their armed services. It was tough being Syracuse this year and the next. Ironically, for Coach Solem, this happened after his most productive season, 1942.

The war played havoc on college teams across the country and teams such as Gonzaga gave up on football for good after the war. So, also with Clarkson, who puttered around for a while but were not ready to play SU in 1945. Clarkson students still like football and they still have homecoming games but not at a Division I level as Syracuse.

Clarkson has not fielded a school sponsored football team since 1951, The Club football notion is alive and well as students form clubs and play intercollegiate football but not NCAA football. The new teams are charter members of the Yankee Collegiate Football Conference, a collection of seven tackle-football club teams across New England and New York. My alma mater King's College from Wilkes-Barre, PA, with one of my best friends, RIP, Frank Kurilla as a star player, with Eddie Brominski, as their dedicated coach, won the Club Football Championship in 1968 in a game at IONA, NY, which I attended. Club Football was and is great for students. And, so, the Friday SU games with Clarkson ended in 1942.

#### 1945 Ossie Solem Coach # 19

The 1945 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their fiftysixth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ossie Solem in his eighth and last of eight mostly fine seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished with another poor record of 1-6-0. After 1943, a year off for the war, SU had not yet come back to full strength as many of their best players were in the service of our nation. Coach Solem looked at it as his fault and he resigned after the completion of the season. He moved on to Springfield and finished off a nice career there.

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

Biggie Munn took over as head coach in 1946 after Solem had a 1-6 season the previous year. [Syracuse could not stomach losing seasons.] Munn had been assisting Fritz Crisler at Michigan. He improved the team's record to 4-5 but left for Michigan State with most of his staff, an offer "that comes once in a lifetime". It sounds reminiscent of Doug Marrone [explored later in this essay].

State was a large public school that was ambitious to build up its program and try to gain entrance into the Big Ten, which had become the Big Nine when Chicago gave up the sport. Syracuse was not so ambitious. Munn built the Spartans into a national power, winning 28 games in a row from 1950-53, the national championship in 1952 and the Rose Bowl in '53, the first year they were eligible for it. Munn then became athletic director and appointed Daugherty as his successor. Duffy won the Rose bowl with his 1955 team and the coach's version of the national title in 1965. Munn was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1959 and Daugherty in 1984

[Think of all the great coaches that mentored at Syracuse. They were the best of the best. SU officials seemed to take all the talent for granted.]

## 1946 Clarence "Biggie" Munn Coach # 20

The 1946 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their fiftyseventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by "Biggie Munn in his first and last of one losing season as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen.



## << Biggie Munn.

This SU squad finished with a soso record of 4-5-0 but it was a big improvement from the 1-6-0 season in 1945. I can't keep making excuses for 1943, the year off for the war, but SU still had not yet come back to full strength as many of their best players were in the service of our nation or just getting out of the service. Nonetheless the alumni and fans continued to expect victories from their favorite team.

I have not figured out yet why

games were being played on Mondays and Fridays as well as Saturdays during the war but now that the war was over, all games this season were played on Saturdays, which to this day is college football day in America. Especially as we move from the War Years in which the survival of our country was assured by brave men, football players some, but not all. With the disrespect to the flag shown by the NFL in 2017, many college football lovers in 2017 were wishing college football were played on Sunday's also. Many were ready to let pro-football come to a graceful end while helping college players excel in a sport played for sport and for the school--Syracuse in our case.

# Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

Next up was Reaves "Ribs" Baysinger, an old SU football hero from the 20's who had been coaching the freshman team. Les Dye: "His success didn't carry on for reasons beyond my knowledge. And then, consequently football kind of petered out at Syracuse in terms of popularity." Dye felt that things might have been different in Munn had stayed. "He was considerably more aggressive in his recruiting tactics than Baysinger when he was head coach.

Baysinger went 3-6 his first year, although he managed to beat Colgate, 7-0. The next year may have been SU's worst team ever. The beat Niagara in their opening game, 13-9, thanks to a fumble at the goal line in the final seconds. Niagara gave up football after that season, the joke going that they decided to give it up since they couldn't beat Syracuse. Then came eight losses in a row by a combined 76-235. That was it for "Ribs".

SU fans had a solution: bring in a famous coach. They were shocked when Lew Andreas chose the head coach at Muhlenberg to be the next coach at Syracuse. In the words of that Muhlenberg coach: "The alumni wanted a big-name coach...and got a long-name coach."

## 1947 Reaves Baysinger Coach # 21

Coach Reaves Baysinger was the 21st coach for the Syracuse Orange. He was born February 22, 1902 and passed away at 92 years of age on December 4, 1994. He was the head football coach at Syracuse from 1947 to 1948. Despite his strong ties to the university he only produced a 4-14(.222) record. On a higher note, in 1927, he coached the freshman basketball team== undefeated 23-0 record.



Baysinger played college football as a guard and end at Syracuse. During his senior season, he was an honorable mention all-American. He also played basketball as a point guard, and baseball as an outfielder. Baysinger played one game in the NFL as a member of the Rochester Jeffersons in 1924.

The 1947 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their fifty-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Reaves Baysinger in his first of two

very poor seasons head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished with a so-so record of 3-6-0. It was a worst season than that turned in by "Biggie" in his one season at the helm. Nonetheless, Baysinger would get another shot at the apple in 1948, though his record was not worthy of such as shot. I'd love to see the coach's salary records for this period.

Anything was a big improvement from the 1-6-0 season in 1945 or so it seemed. No more excuses for 1943 would be accepted by the very tolerant SU faithful. Instead, it was obvious something other than the weather was the problem. The SU administration was simply making poor choices for coaches as other teams with whom SU competed were doing better than Syracuse That is the major measurement.

Not everybody can lose all games in any season as somebody is better than somebody else them—enough to beat them. SU had a tough time at this time being better than anybody and beating anybody. Why? Typically, that is the coach's fault or the administration's fault, for being tight on the purse strings on coach's salary and / or scholarships. SU fans were not ready for excuses. They were looking for results. After such a great fifty some years, it was no wonder why.

## 1948 Reaves Baysinger Coach # 21

The 1948 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their fiftyninth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Reaves Baysinger in his second of two very poor seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished with a terrible record of 1-8-0. There was little positive that could be said of the season. Coach Baysinger was gone as soon as it was over.

As I said in the 1947 section, I'd love to see the coach's salary records for this period. I have researched many football programs and often a lapse in victories has to do with a change in the investment and the commitment of the institution. There is little written about Syracuse in the early years but the bare minimum. I do not want to falsely accuse, but the University may have been trying to run a national football program on the cheap, but their record would suggest that they were not getting away with it.

When I got to this point in the book, I was getting frustrated finding quality information about the Syracuse Orangemen other than their record and some good stuff about some of the coaches, but it was tough going. Then, I came across a site called syracusefan.com that had a wealth of information and an especially good story about all the great coaches Syracuse has had over its lifetime. Nothing, however, was easy. Even Wikipedia articles were incomplete. So, I contacted the Syracuse Sports Information Department and the archive department, and they said they had no pictures or anything special to give me. That was that.

Nonetheless I have a lot of good stuff in this book about a great team that has been playing football for about 130 years. This is my seventh "Great Coaches" book and without help from the University, it was not as easy as it should have been.

With attendance moving to about 30,000 from closer to 50,000, I would have expected SU to have more stuff to link to so that more people can either strengthen their ties to the Orange or learn enough about the great SU football years that the attendance and the fan loyalty can increase. I hope one day Syracuse opens up its archives and makes them more understandable. When this happens, more

books will be written about the great Syracuse teams and coaches and players even those before the great Jim Brown. Since Jim Brown was born on February 17, 1936, and right now is age 83 as I write this paragraph,

I know that soon in this book, I will be talking about his escapades as well as Ben Schwartzwalder's leadership on the Syracuse Gridiron. He molded SU's greatest players. But, today as I was looking for the real reason why Syracuse fell apart right before Ben Schwartzwalder came to town, I found a great bored historian known as SWC75 who wrote a very interesting two-part essay about SU's finest coaches from 1899 to 2013. We have been reading snippets since we began talking about coaches and football games.

Much of what I have already from some facts and a lot of deductions, and inductions has been proven true in this nice article. Additionally, as of the Reaves Baysinger Era, I went back to what I had written and I modified the whole book so that when I introduce a new coach in a time period, I include an appropriate from Part I or Part II of https://syracusefan.com/threads/famous-coaches-part-1.60694/, and https://syracusefan.com/threads/famous-coaches-part-2.60695/.

When I find who the user SWC75 bored historian is, I promise, I



will change this book to include his name and the bio he provides me. This man whose picture is on the left, is the epitome of a great sports fan.

He is one of ours. He is a great Syracuse Sports Fan. He is ambidextrous. In fact, he is multi-dexterous with a love of College Football, Pro Football, Basketball, etc. He

is a great bored historian in all facets of all games. Thank you WSC75 and I am sure the readers of this book thank you also.

I once said that Anything was a big improvement from the 1-6-0 season Syracuse experienced in 1945 or so it seemed. Well, 1-8 is definitely worse than that. SU fans were not ready for excuses. They were looking for results. After such a great fifty some years, it was no wonder why.

# Pre Schwartzwalder post script

This wraps up the pre-Ben Schwartzwalder portion of the book in which, despite some recent (in this book) poor years such as 1944 to 1948, the team record from day one was still a very impressive 305-194-41. This early record is actually better than the later record from1949 on of 458-379-8. You see what I see.

The old-time Orangemen have a much better record than the new Orange. Just saying! Before SU can line up the best coaches, the administration must be committed, and the alumni cannot just expect wins—it must squeeze the administration for all it has to produce a great football team.

Settling for good is OK but, always plan and commit for greatness and excellence. Otherwise, as has happened in a number of SU years with the wrong coaches, especially in more modern times, complacency sets in and "medsa-medsa" is all that can be achieved when the goals of the Administration are no higher than medsamedsa.

Sometimes a lot of grit on the part of the students and the teams and the twenty-year old coaches is all you need for success, even without a dedicated university. We saw that from 1899 to 1948. But, eventually that gets old. Especially when equipment and facilities are concerned.

Startup teams are thrilled to have train fare paid by the university to play away games, but student players on established teams have a right to expect the support of the university in all ways. Football is a big deal or SU would not insist on being in Division I. Players in the early years of football are documented to have lost their lives on the gridiron or be maimed when playing their roughest and toughest for the honor of the school.

It stands to reason that once a school chooses to get out of cheap sandlot-style football to play Division I, if the university does not do what it must to support the efforts of all parts of the team, it's time to move to Club Football is saving money is the primary objective instead of school honor. Other teams have dropped football when it was time.

For example, basketball powerhouse Gonzaga dropped football after World War II just like Niagara. Both concentrated on basketball and gave that sport its support. Like in A Christmas Carol, what seems to be happening at Syracuse are not things that must be but are things that will be if nothing changes.

Dear Administration of Syracuse University. Just like Academics. Either you do your absolute best, or you must get out of the game. Support the players and the students and the alumni and the school or admit that you can't and stop the mediocrity. Football, just like the study of the world, is not for the faint of heart. Maybe as administrators, if you cannot bring success to Syracuse University's football program, somebody else can. So, another solution would be for you, the Administration responsible for the mediocrity, all the way to the board of Directors, resign post haste and pass the torch. ... I bet I am right.

## Pardon my abruptness. I love the team.

When Rockne was at Notre Dame for example, the university somehow believed that wins just came because they were Notre Dame—no other reason necessary. Then the losses came—one after another—after Rockne's untimely death. Only when Notre Dame realized coaching and consistency win football games, not prior legacies, did the Irish turn things around but there were a number of weak years for football before the turnaround. Great coaches such as Frank Leahy, Dan Devine, Ara Parseghian, and Lou Holtz, broke the institution's own rules to assure that Notre Dame was a championship contender for all of the institution's constituencies, whether the institutions liked it or not.

Think of the time before Ben Schwartzwalder. The longest continuous period for any coach at Syracuse was Ossie Solem's tenure of eight seasons. Somebody should have bit the bullet and had a heart to heart with Ossie Solem, while he was at Syracuse. His story and Vic Hanson's story demonstrate the administration's lack of support for such a great program that almost ran on its own. Solem held the coaching position for nine years though the team did not compete in 1943 due to the war. Just as it did with many college football teams, the war really played havoc with SU college football. Solem was such a great coach he thought it was his fault and thinking he was doing the honorable thing, he stepped down.

Yes, Buck O'Neill put in eight years also, but his years were spilt in three distinct tenures of two years, then three years and then three years again. Syracuse football spent its first fifty-nine years as a stepchild wearing the institution's hand-me downs. Yet it still attained a phenomenal record for a startup 305-194-41. I bet the current teams would love the program to be riding at such an impressive clip.

Every now and then a ray of hope for the SU football program would appear such as Ben Schwartzwalder. The guy with the long name was just what the many doctors who graduated from Syracuse University had ordered but they had been ignored and ignored again and again. As a writer, I now look forward to moving to a different era for Syracuse University football. Let's enjoy it together.

# Chapter 8 Ben Schwartzwalder Players 1949 to 1973

Ben Schwartzwalder, Coach # 22

Year	Coach	Reco	rd Co	onf
1949	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	4-5-0	Ind
1950	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	5-5-0	Ind
1951	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	5-4-0	Ind
1952	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	7-3-0	Ind
1953	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	5-3-1	Ind
1954	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	4-4-0	Ind
1955	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	5-3-0	Ind
1956	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	7-2-0	Ind
1957	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	5-3-1	Ind
1958	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	8-2-0	Ind
1959	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	11-0-0	Ind
1960	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	7-2-0	Ind
1961	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	8-3-0	Ind
1962	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	5-5-0	Ind
1963	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	8-2-0	Ind
1964	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	7-4-0	Ind
1965	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	7-3-0	Ind
1966	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	8-3-0	Ind
1967	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	8-2-0	Ind
1968	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	6-4-0	Ind
1969	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	5-5-0	Ind
1970	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	6-4-0	Ind
1971	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	5-5-1	Ind
1972	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	5-6-0	Ind
1973	Ben Schwartzwal	lder	2-9-0	Ind



Ben Schwartzwalder was carried off the field by SU players following the team's 48-21 thrashing of Penn State in the Carrier Dome on Oct. 17, 1987. Schwartzwalder was the last SU coach to beat the Nittany Lions before the undefeated 1987 Orangemen pulled off the feat.

It gives me great pleasure that in the next half of this book, before we jump and leap and sometimes limp to 2018, that we cover the twenty-five years of Ben Schwartzwalder in this one big chapter. Without having written one word of the big stories in this chapter yet, I anticipate that it will be one of the longest chapters in this book. Otherwise I may have to come up with a lengthy lecture as a summation. God bless Ben Schwartzwalder in heaven and the Syracuse Orangemen and Orange on Earth.

## 1949 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

For those football aficionados who just are not sure who Ben Schwartzwalder is, you are about to find out. Suffice it to say that he is one of the football immortals, a legend in the game of football. Knute Rockne became the first big time legend after coaching just 13 seasons with Notre Dame. Ben Schwartzwalder gained his immortality after a brilliant 25-year tenure with the Syracuse Orangemen. Ben made a big difference.

I was one-year old when Schwartzwalder took the reins at Syracuse and until I was twenty-six years old, in my fifth year at IBM, the name Schwartzwalder was forever ingrained in my mind as one of the greatest coaches ever. During these first five years of my 23 ½ years with IBM, I spent the first two years in Utica, NY just 46 miles from Syracuse. Syracuse was our Regional Office, so I spent a lot of time in classes as well as at the big IBM data center. When I asked people in Utica, as a 21-year old Assistant Systems Engineer, where to go for fun, the did not hesitate to tell me that Syracuse was only 46 miles away. Great down and I was back many times for football games. Everybody in Syracuse and even in my home town in Northeastern, PA knew Ben Schwartzwalder. He was a living immortal.

Ben Schwartzwalder was a "little guy" but only in stature. He was tough as nails. Schwartzwalder played center at West Virginia University, despite weighing only 146 pounds. He was also an allcampus wrestler in 1930 in the 155-pound weight class. He was captain of the WV football team in 1933. He loved Syracuse and he loved WV, engaging the Mountaineers in an annual rivalry game from when he took over the SU program in 1949. Floyd Burdette "Ben" Schwartzwalder was head football coach at Syracuse University from 1949 to 1973, leading the SU team to an impressive record of 153 wins, 91 losses, and 3 ties.

At Syracuse, this immortal coach trained future National Football League stars such as Jim Brown, Larry Csonka, Floyd Little and Ernie Davis, the first African American to win the Heisman Trophy. Ben (Ben was a childhood nickname) Schwartzwalder was born in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, on June 2, 1909. He attended West Virginia University, where he received a bachelor's degree in physical education in 1933 and a master's degree in education in 1935. Schwartzwalder then coached high school football in West Virginia and Ohio until 1941.

During World War II, Schwartzwalder enlisted and served as a paratrooper in the United States Army. As a member of the famed 82nd Airborne, he parachuted onto Normandy Beach on D-Day in 1944. He rose to the rank of major and was awarded a Silver Star, a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, four battle stars, and a Presidential Unit citation. He retired as a lieutenant colonel.

After the war Schwartzwalder became head football coach at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and compiled a 25-5 record between 1946 and 1948.

Schwartzwalder became head football coach at Syracuse University in 1949. He led the football team to a 1959 National Championship, four Lambert Trophies, and 7 bowl games. He recruited such notable players as Jim Brown, Ernie Davis, Jim Nance, Floyd Little, and Larry Csonka. Schwartzwalder retired after the 1973 season.

In 1959 Schwartzwalder was voted Coach of the Year, and in 1967 he was elected President of the National Football Coaches Association. Inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1982, he is also in the Huntington High School Hall of Fame and West Virginia University Hall of Fame. Schwartzwalder also has a trophy named after him that goes to the winner of the annual Syracuse University-West Virginia University football game. Schwartzwalder and his wife, Ruth ("Reggie") had two daughters, SU san and Mary.

He died on April 28, 1993, in St. Petersburg, Florida. He was one of a kind. I think you are going to enjoy our recounting of the 25 great Schwartzwalder years.

# The 1949 Season

The 1949 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their sixtieth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by the soon-to-be immortal, Ben Schwartzwalder in his first of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished this year with a much better record (4-5-0) than the last several years. The team, the fans, and the alumni were expecting big things from their new coach and for the most part they would not be disappointed. The team captain was James Fiaccio

## 1950 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1950 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their sixty-first season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his second of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished this year with an even 500 record at (5-5-0). The lose all the time years were done. years. The team, the fans, and the alumni were tuning in to the big things that would come from their new coach. The captains this year were elected for each game and they were known as game captains.

## 1951 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1951 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their sixty-second season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his third of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished this year with the first positive record in seven years (5-4-0). The team, the fans, and the alumni were becoming more and more pleased. The captains this year were Ed Dobrowolski & John Donat.

#### 1952 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1952 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their sixty-third season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his fourth of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished this year with a very respectable record of (7-3-0). The team, the fans, and the alumni were very pleased. The captains this year were Richard Beyer & Joe Szombathy

## Top Player All American Robert R. Fleck

R. R. Fleck was the beloved husband of Mary Krawchuk Fleck with whom he shared 63 years of marriage. He was the son of the late John and Esther Briggs Fleck.



He was a life-long resident of Coatesville, graduating from St. Horace Scott High School in 1949, where he was a two-sport athlete.

Bob attended Manlius Prep before entering Syracuse University, where he was selected as an All-American in 1952 and 1953 for Football. He was selected as a member of their All-Century Team in 2000.Bob served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1962. He was

employed at Lukens Steel Company until his retirement in 1992.

In 1952, Syracuse had jumped the line again from mediocrity to greatness because the team was getting support from the administration and they had a great coach. This was a historically successful season for the Orangemen, which included victories over rivals Penn State and Colgate. Syracuse lost only twice in the regular season: their season opener against the former college all-stars of the Bolling Air Force Base, and to eventual national champions Michigan State.

The Orangemen were quite pleased with themselves and their coach as they finished the regular season with a record of 7–2 and were ranked 14th in the final AP Poll. This was their first ranked finish in school history. The team was awarded its first Lambert Trophy, which signified them as champions of the East.

The Orangemen were invited to the 1953 Orange Bowl, the school's first ever bowl game, where they lost to Alabama The best that I can say about the Alabama game is that at the end of the first quarter, the score was 6-7 in favor of Alabama. This was such a great breakaway year for Ben Schwartzwalder and Syracuse coming from the pits of the 1940's that you'll have to look someplace else than in this positive season summary to find the specifics of the Orange Bowl v Alabama. There would be many more fine seasons for the Orangemen.

On January 1, 1953, #14 SU paired off against # 9 Alabama at Burdine Stadium in Miami, FL in the Orange Bowl. After the first quarter which was very tight, SU lost its edge and succumbed to an embarrassing Orange Bowl defeat of L (6–61) before 66,280.

## 1953 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1953 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their sixty-fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his fifth of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished the year with a very respectable record of (5-3-1). The captains were assigned by game and known as game captains.

## 1954 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1954 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their sixty-fifth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his sixth of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished this year with a medsa record of (4-4-1). The captains this year were assigned by game and known as game captains.



Jim Brown, #44 All American

# **Top Player All American Jim Brown 1956**

## #44 — JIM BROWN, RB, SYRACUSE (1954-56)

It is a number owned by Syracuse, and here is the man who started the legend. Brown was the perfect blend of power and speed. He set an NCAA record in 1943 by scoring 43 points against Colgate — six touchdowns and seven PATs — and was a unanimous All-America selection as a senior in 1956. — Runner-up: Ernie Davis, RB, Syracuse (1959-61) In addition to his football prowess and the other faculties he has displayed in his life, when he was pushing 80 years old, Jim Brown received another accolade from when he was a two-time lacrosse All-American at Syracuse.

#### From cuse.com more on Jim Brown JIMBROWN NAMED FIRST TEWAARATONLEGEND 6/1/2011 10:55:23 AM --- Men's Lacrosse

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Professional football and lacrosse Hall of Famer Jim Brown has been selected as the inaugural recipient of the Tewaaraton Legends Award, the University Club of Washington, D.C. and the Greater Washington Sports Alliance announced Tuesday, May 31. The award will be presented to Brown as part of the annual Tewaaraton Awards banquet on Thursday, June 2 at the Warner Theatre.

Created to recognize players who competed before 2001, the Tewaaraton Legends Award honors an individual whose performance during their college lacrosse career would have earned them a Tewaaraton Award had it existed then.

"Jim Brown possesses the love of the sport that characterizes lacrosse players. His achievements are an important part of lacrosse history and we are excited to have him as our first Tewaaraton Legend," said Robert Sweeney, President of the Greater Washington Sports Alliance.

"We felt it was important to recognize the legends from the past that helped shape our sport," said Jeff Harvey, Chairman of the Tewaaraton Committee at the University Club of Washington D.C. "Jim Brown was an extraordinary lacrosse player that helped define the modern game."

Brown was a two-time All-American midfielder for the Orange in the 1950s. As a senior in 1957, he scored 64 points, including 43 goals, to lead Syracuse to an undefeated (10-0) season. He was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1984.

A 1956 unanimous All-American in football, Brown set the standard for running backs in his nine seasons with the NFL's Cleveland

Browns. He made the Pro Bowl every year from 1957 to 1965 and had seven 1,000-yard seasons. Brown scored 106 career touchdowns and retired as the NFL's all-time leading rusher with 12,312 yards.

Founded in 2000, the Tewaaraton Award has been presented to the men's and women's college lacrosse players of the year each season since 2001. Syracuse has two finalists for the award this season – senior goalie John Galloway and senior long-stick midfielder Joel White. This year's Tewaaraton winner will also be announced Thursday during the banquet.

## 1955 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1955 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their sixty-sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his seventh of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished this year with a winning record of (5-3-0). The captains this year were assigned by game and known as game captains.

SU was then ranked at #18 after the Holy Cross win this year. The following week, on Nov 5 at Penn State. The always tough Nittany Lions beat Syracuse by one point at New Beaver Field in University Park, PA L (20–21) before 30,434. On Nov12, in the traditional rivalry v Colgate at Archbold Stadium, SU kept the streak going with a nice win W (W 26–19) before a packed house of 39,500. On Nov 19, SU p picked up its fifth win in the season finale against #13 West Virginia at Mountaineer Field in Morgantown, WV. W (20-13) Because Ben Schwartzwalder was a WVA graduate, this became a new SU rivalry and was played every year in the Schwartzwalder years.

The Ben Schwartzwalder Trophy is the trophy that was presented annually to the winner of the game. It was introduced in 1993 and is named after former WVU football player and Syracuse head coach Ben Schwartzwalder, who died in April of that year. It was sculpted by Syracuse player Jim Ridlon.



1956 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1956 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their sixty-seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his eighth of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished this year with a fine record of (7-2-0) which included the Bowl game. The captains this year were assigned by game and known as game captains.

Syracuse finished its regular season with a record of 7–1 and were ranked 8th nationally in both final polls. They were awarded the Lambert Trophy, which signified them as champions of the East. Syracuse was invited to the 1957 Cotton Bowl, where the team was defeated by TCU.

This 1956 team was led by unanimous All-American halfback Jim Brown. Brown set school records in average yards-per-carry (6.2), single-season rushing yards (986), single-game rushing touchdowns (6, vs. Colgate), and most points scored in a game (43, vs. Colgate).He was drafted sixth overall in the 1957 NFL Draft and went on to become one of the most celebrated professional athletes of all time. I remember when my dad bought us our first TV for the family. It was a B/W 1957 Admiral. It had many tubes and a 21-inch picture tube. My dad often told me about Jim Brown as he played for the Cleveland Browns when Paul Brown was the coach in those days. He also said that to maintain his speed, Jim Brown did not wear hip pads. I learned recently that he taped foam rubber inside his football pants to help cushion the blows – a little trivia.

## Highlights Syracuse V Penn State

On Nov 3, #17 ranked Syracuse defeated #12 ranked Penn State at home W (13-9) before 35,475 fans in Archbold Stadium.

On Nov. 3, 1956, Syracuse got to celebrate five Eastern Football Championships and one game this season, when the Orange finished with a 7-2 record. Syracuse finished the regular-season on a six-game winning streak. The highlight of that winning streak was this 13-9 win over No. 12 Penn State. Syracuse came into the game ranked No. 17. The Orange were led this season by Jim Brown, considered by many to be the greatest running back ever to play the game.

On Nov 10 #9 Syracuse beat Holy Cross at home W (41–20). Then in one of the worst beatings ever delivered by SU over Colgate, on Nov 17, the Orangemen walloped the Red Raiders W (61-7) at Archbold field before 39, 701. SU finished at 7-1 and then headed off to the Cotton Bowl on November 1 ranked # 8 in the country.

Let's talk about Jim Brown's last regular season game in this great recap by Lincoln Werden of the New York Times

# Jim Brown's Farewell: 6 Touchdowns

By LINCOLN A. WERDEN November 17, 1956

SYRACUSE far as the Colgate football team was concerned, there was just too much Jimmy Brown in the game today. The crushing Syracuse left halfback from Manhasset, L.I., in an individual performance of all-America proportions, led his team to a 61,7 triumph before a sellout crowd of 39,701. In his final game for the Orange, Brown accounted for 43 points, scoring six touchdowns and kicking 7 extra-point placements. No other team in this fifty-seven-year-old series had tallied as many points as the Syracuse aggregation did in Archbold Stadium this cold gray afternoon. The highest total credited to any previous Syracuse squad came in 1944. That was 43 points, the total that Brown amassed by the time he made his final exit early in the fourth period. In 1898, Colgate defeated Syracuse, 58 to 0, and that was the scoring mark shattered by Brown and this alert, fast-moving squad that rolled on to accumulate 511 yards by rushing.

Brown's share of this figure was 197 yards on twenty-two carries. As a result, the senior left-half sent his season's groundgaining yardage to 986 yards. This erased the previous best by any Syracuse player, which was the 805 yards compiled by George Davis in 1949.

With Governor Harriman among the spectators, the Syracuse fans enjoyed this concluding game of one of the Orange's successful football seasons. There are rumors on the campus that their team may be selected for a post-season bowl game. Colgate, victor over Yale earlier in the season, had been beaten thrice before this contest. Syracuse was the pre-game favorite, having lost only once, by 14,7, to Pitt. But no one anticipated the stunning show Brown was about to put on.

This victory put Syracuse's string at six over the Red Raiders, a record. At halftime, the press box announcer jocularly said: "The score is now Brown 27, Colgate 7." Brown was responsible for scoring all of his team's points in the first half. His longest score of the day was on a pitch-out from quarterback Chuck Zimmerman midway in the first period with Syracuse ahead by 14,0. Brown raced down his right sideline 50 yards for the touchdown. It was 20,7 and Brown's try for the extra point was wide.

Jim Brown's 43 points stood as the National Collegiate Athletic Association's single-game record until Howard Griffith scored 48 points on eight touchdowns for the University of Illinois in 1990.

# The Cotton Bowl.

On January 1, 1957 #8 SU faced off against #14 TCU in the Cotton Bowl Classic. The game was played in the Cotton Bowl Stadium in Dallas Texas. The Horned Frogs beat the Orangemen in a very exciting game L (27-28) before 68,000 fans.

Syracuse had just one loss. It was to Pittsburgh, who enjoyed a great season but ended up losing in the Gator Bowl). SU was 8th ranked, led by Jim Brown, who would play his last game before becoming an NFL player. Texas Christian had finished 2nd in the Southwest Conference, but was invited to play in the Cotton Bowl due to first place Texas A&M being under NCAA sanctions. This was TCU's fifth Cotton Bowl appearance, having lost their previous four (and not winning since 1937). This was Syracuse's first appearance, along with their first bowl game since the 1953 Orange Bowl, which was not a good story.

## Game summary

TCU had two 14-point leads, both near the end of the halves. John Nikkel started the scoring for TCU with a touchdown catch from Chuck Curtis, and in the second quarter, Jim Shofner caught a TD pass to make it 14-0. But Jim Brown got it going and ran for two touchdowns in a span of 6:52 to tie the game at halftime.

Late in the third quarter after Brown fumbled the ball back to TCU, Curtis scored on a touchdown run to give TCU the lead back. After another Brown fumble in the fourth quarter, Jim Swink ran in for a touchdown to give TCU a 28-14 lead with 11:44 to go. But Brown would not be stopped as Syracuse went 49 yards in 13 plays and scored on a Brown run. Brown went up for his third PAT attempt of the day to try and narrow the lead to 7.

But Chico Mendoza blocked the extra point, keeping the score 28-20. But Syracuse had one last drive in them, going 43 yards in 3

plays and with 1:17 left, Jim Ridlon caught a pass from Charles Zimmerman to narrow the lead to 28-27. Syracuse kicked it deep but TCU held on and did not let Syracuse get the ball back, in what would turn out to be TCU's last bowl win until 1998. Jim Brown and Norman Hamilton were named Outstanding Players of the game. What a game. Football is a game of inches and luck for sure.



Syracuse University's Jim Brown runs for some of the 132 yards he gained during the 1957 Cotton Bowl against Texas Christian University in Dallas.

## 1957 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1957 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their sixty-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his ninth of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished this year with a winning record of (5-3-1). The captains this year were assigned by game and known as game captains.

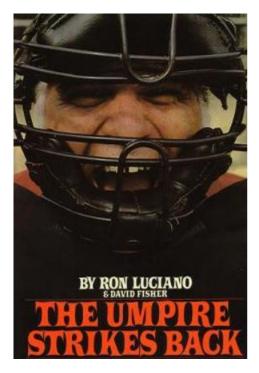
## 1958 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1958 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their sixty-ninth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his tenth of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished this year with a great record of (8-1-0). SU was ranked #9 in the AP and got to play Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl where they were defeated. The captains this year were assigned by game and known as game captains.

# **Top Player All American Ronald Luciano 1959**

Luciano was born in Endicott, in southern upstate New York, 150 miles (240 km) southwest of Albany, near the Pennsylvania border, and lived his entire life there. The 6-foot-4, 260-pound Luciano was a standout offensive and defensive tackle at Syracuse University, where he majored in mathematics. He played in the 1957 Cotton Bowl and was named to the 1958 College Football All-America Team.

In 1959, he played on the Orangemen's national championship squad with future Heisman Trophy winner Ernie Davis.



The Baltimore Colts selected him as an offensive tackle in the third round of the 1959 NFL Draft, and immediately traded him to the Detroit Lions: but he suffered a serious shoulder injury in the College All-Star Game, and never played for the Lions. He was traded in 1960 to the Minnesota Vikings, who released him at the end of the season. The AFL Buffalo Bills picked him up in 1961, but a knee injury forced his retirement after only two games. He was a famous major league umpire.

## Highlight Match SU v Rival Pittsburgh

On Nov 1, SU beat # 12/10 Pittsburgh at home in a very tight match W (16–13) before 38,000. It was a great game.

It was November 1, 1958 and the season was coming to a close. The Orangemen ended the regular-season on a seven-game winning streak, highlighted by this 16-13 victory over No. 12 Pittsburgh. The Orange was unranked entering the game but jumped up to No. 12 afterward. The Orange climbed as high as No. 9, losing to Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl (game highlights at end of this section). Syracuse's success this season was a springboard to its national title run the following year.

# The Orange Bowl

On January 1, 1959, playing # 5 Oklahoma, the #9/10 Syracuse Orangemen were defeated in the Orange Bowl in Miami, FL playing in the Orange Bowl game L (6–21) before 75,281 This year, Oklahoma's made its fourth Orange Bowl appearance in six seasons while Syracuse was playing in its second Orange Bowl in six seasons. Oklahoma was a very well-known and powerful team and had won its thirteenth straight Big-Seven title and Syracuse was an independent and thus had no conference affiliation and title to chase. The first of the day's four major bowl games this year had its kickoff at 1 p.m. EST. It was shown on CBS TV, and Oklahoma was everybody's thirteen-point favorite.

## 1959 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1959 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their seventieth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his eleventh of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished this year with a great record of (11-0-0). SU was ranked #1 in both polls and won the national championship. It was not mythical. It was real. They beat Texas in the Cotton Bowl Classic. Gerhard Schwedes was the team captain for the 1959 championship team.

## **Top Player All American Guard Roger Davis**

He was born June 23, 1938. Davis is an all-American lineman for Syracuse University who played on the 1959 championship team at outside linebacker. He is a former professional American football player who played offensive lineman for seven seasons for the Chicago Bears, the Los Angeles Rams, and the New York Giants. He was drafted by the Bears in the first round (7th overall) of the 1960 NFL Draft, and is one of only two guards drafted in the first round by the team (Kyle Long being the other).

## Top Player All American End Fred Mautino

He was born November 7, 1936 and was an all American on the 1959 SU National Championship team. He was an American football player. A native of Reading, Pennsylvania, Mautino attended Reading High School and Staunton Military Academy. He then played college football at the end position for Syracuse. He helped lead the 1959 Syracuse Orangemen football team to the school's only national championship. Prior to the 1960 Cotton Bowl, Mautino proclaimed the 1959 Orangemen "the greatest college team of all time."

He was selected by the Associated Press as a first-team player on its 1959 College Football All-America Team. He was also selected at the 1959 athlete of the year for Berks County, Pennsylvania. As a senior in 1960, he was selected as a third-team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association and the United Press International.

# Top Player All American OL Robert E. Yates

Yates was born November 20, 1938 and passed away on April 16, 2013. He was an American football offensive lineman who played college football for Syracuse and professionally in the American Football League (AFL) for the Boston Patriots. Born in Montpelier, Vermont, Yates was a standout student-athlete at Montpelier High School.

At Syracuse, Yates was a member of the undefeated Orange national championship team in 1959. He was named first-team All-American and was later honored as one of the "Forty-Four Players of the Century" at Syracuse.

After graduation, Yates was an original member of the AFL's Boston Patriots, playing from 1960 to 1965 as an offensive lineman and kicker.

Yates coached and taught for 34 years at colleges and high schools in Massachusetts and Vermont, including Burlington High School. Steven Yates, one of three sons, played for him at BHS, which saw a football rebirth during Yates' era from 1979–1987.

Yates is the only Vermont native to have played major-league American professional football, and in 2012 was inducted into the inaugural class of the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame.

# Best SU game of the year 1959

They called it The Game of the Year of the Day, 1959. The final score was Syracuse 20, Penn State 18. For Ben Schwartzwalder's Syracuse Orangemen, it was one of the 50 best games of all time in all of football. The date was November 7, 1959. The matchup was great as SU was heading for its first National Championship ever. Thus, it was #4 Syracuse at-6-0) at #7 Penn State at 7-0. It was a great matchup, but the teams still had to play to see who at the end of the game, would go home with the victory. Victory was what it was all about on this game day.

Though there was no BCS or FBS back then, the stakes were still high. Two undefeated teams each looking good and the battle was for the mythical national title even though it was a giant mess with few teams playing outside of their respective region. Nonetheless, this game was so big, the winner would become the East's representative in the title race.

This was Schwartzwalder's eleventh season at Syracuse. His slow building process was beginning to bear major fruit at Syracuse. After just one ranked finish in his first seven years, the Orange(men) finished eighth in 1956 and ninth in 1958, and with sophomore Ernie Davis emerging as the perfect complement to Ger Schwedes, Ben had exactly the pieces for the "run, and then run some more" offense.

After dealing with an unexpectedly tough game in the season opener, a 35-21 win over Kansas, SU had caught fire, outscoring Maryland, Navy, Holy Cross, and WVU by a combined 147-12. Whew! Meanwhile, Rip Engle's Nittany Lions were on their way to their best season in five years. The Nittany Lions had already won at Missouri and Army and had handled No. 13 Illinois, 20-9, in Cleveland (of all places). They would go on to take down #4 Alabama in the Liberty Bowl as well. But to earn a possible claim of a national title, they would need to beat the best Syracuse team of all time. Thanks to their spiffy special teams, they nearly did.

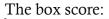
#### This great game story comes from "50 Best.":

On Nov 7, 1959, both the #1 and the #2 teams in the country would lose. This meant that the Syracuse / PSU winner would have a sudden claim to the top spot in the polls. The moment was not lost on the crowd of 32,800, the largest to fill Beaver Stadium to date; as many as 10,000 more fans trying to get tickets were turned down. (Penn State was in the process of expanding its stadium. It didn't expand it soon enough.

A year earlier, college football had adopted a two-point conversion option: After scoring a touchdown, you could choose to either attempt a one-point kick or line up with your offense and try to score a two-pointer from the 3. As Syracuse took a commanding 20-6 lead early in the fourth quarter, nobody was thinking about that rule change much. But they would soon enough.

On the ensuing kickoff after Davis' touchdown gave the Orangemen a 20-6 lead, Roger Kochman fielded the ball near the right sideline, weaved toward the middle of the field to meet up with his blockers, cut back to the right at the 30, then outran everyone else to the end zone. PSU missed an attempted two-point conversion, but it was a game again, 20-12.

Moments later, PSU's Andy Stynchula burst through the Syracuse line and blocked Bob Yates' attempted punt. The Nittany Lions recovered at the 1, and Sam Sohczak scored with 4:15 left. Penn State suddenly needed only a two-point conversion to tie the game. PSU faked an option left, and quarterback Richie Lucas handed the ball to Kochman on a counter. He was stuffed on the 1. Syracuse got the ball back and completely took special teams out of the equation by rushing for enough first downs to kill the clock and escape with a 20-18 win.



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Think about how many times a special teams play has triggered an upset? It almost derailed Syracuse's amazing season here. (A kickoff return touchdown is also what allowed Kansas to stick around for a bit.) The 'Cuse and PSU split the turnover battle, and the Orangemen won the yardage battle, 348-135. But the double dose of Kochman's return and the blocked punt nearly spoiled everything. It didn't, though. And from this moment forward, Syracuse resumed playing like a title-worthy team. The Orange beat Colgate and Boston U. by a combined 117-0, went out west and destroyed UCLA, 36-8, then took on former # 1 Texas in the Cotton Bowl and survived a bitter slugfest, 23-14.

After 1959, Ben Schwartzwalder put together another couple of nice seasons with Ernie Davis, and Davis would famously win the Heisman in 1961 and become the No. 1 pick in the 1962 NFL draft before succumbing to leukemia in 1963.

Penn State, meanwhile, would finished ranked each year from 1959-62 before trailing off a bit in Engle's last few seasons. Assistant Joe Paterno took over in 1966 and the rest is history.

# The Action of the 1960 Cotton Bowl Game

The Orangemen had just completed a perfect season for the first time in their history and as such were declared national champions. But they were looking to win their first Cotton Bowl Classic, having lost previously in 1957 and having had tough luck in two Orange Bowls. The Longhorns were co-champions of the Southwest Conference after losing to TCU late in the season, dropping from #2 to #4. This was the first Cotton Bowl Classic appearance for Coach Royal and the first for the Longhorns since 1953.



Photo Courtesy of the Cotton Bowl

The longest TD pass in Cotton Bowl Classic history happened in this game as Gerhard Schwedes, QB and team captain, threw an 87yard pass to Ernie Davis early in the first quarter to give the Orangemen an early lead 1:13 into the game. Davis added another TD run midway through the second quarter to give the Orangemen a 15–0 lead at halftime.

Jack Collins caught a 69-yard pass from Bobby Lackey to narrow the lead 1:46 into the third quarter, but the conversion failed, making it only 15–6. While driving to try to narrow the lead, Davis intercepted a Lackey pass at the Texas 24. Three plays later Schwedes ran in for a 3-yard touchdown run to make it 23–6 after another conversion success. Lackey narrowed it to 23–14 on a touchdown run in the

fourth quarter, but only 7:21 was left on the clock by then. From that point on, the two teams did not seriously threaten to score again as the game ended with a great Syracuse win, capping its finest season in history.

#### 1960 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1960 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their seventy-first season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his twelfth of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished this year with a great record of (7-2-0) after the prior year's national championship of 11-0-0. Al Bemiller, Fred Mautino, & Richard Reimer were the team captains for the 1960 team. SU finished 19<sup>th</sup> in the nation this year and were not invited to a bowl game. Junior halfback Ernie Davis continued to gain national attention, earning consensus All-American honors while rushing for 877 yards and 8 touchdown

## Top Player All American HB Ernie Davis



Ernie Davis became the first African-American to win the Heisman Trophy before his life was tragically cut short by leukemia at the age of 23.

He was a three-time All-American halfback and 1961 Heisman Trophy winner, Ernie Davis led Syracuse University to the national championship as a sophomore and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1979. He was the first African-American man to win the Heisman Trophy and to be picked first overall in the NFL draft, but he never played a pro game and died at 23 after contracting leukemia.

## 1961 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1961 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their seventy-second season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his thirteenth of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This SU squad finished this year with a great record of (8-3-0). Dick Easterly was the team captain for the 1961 team. SU finished 16/14 in the two national polls this year and were invited to the Liberty Bowl in Philadelphia. Running back Ernie Davis became the first African-American football player to win the Heisman Trophy.

# Liberty Bowl

In a minor bowl game, the Liberty Bowl played early on December 16 vs. Miami (FL) at Philadelphia Municipal Stadium, Syracuse beat Miami in a nail-biter W (15-14) in Philadelphia, PA.

## 1962 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1962 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their seventy-third season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his fourteenth of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. The leftovers of the championship squad were gone, and SU faced a comeuppance year with a break-even record of (5-5-0). The best of times had come to a quick halt for one year. Next year there would be a great rebound.

The offense scored 159 points while the defense allowed 110 points. Leon Cholakis was the team captain for the 1962 team. SU finished 16/14 in the two national polls this year and were invited to the Liberty Bowl in Philadelphia. Running back Ernie Davis became the first African-American football player to win the Heisman Trophy.

## 1963 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1963 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their seventy-fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his fifteenth of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU overcame its straggler year and roared back onto the field with a great team with a great 8-2-0 record.

The offense scored 255 points while the defense allowed 101 points Richard Bowman & James Mazurek were the captains for 1963. SU finished #12 in the two national polls this year and despite their great season, they were not among the media favorites invited to bowl games this year.

# Top Player All American Jim Nance 1963 & 1965

Jim Nance started for three years at Syracuse University, Nance tied the school record for career touchdowns (13) and led the Orangemen in rushing in 1964, scoring in ten straight games. In 1963 and 1965 Jim Nance was the NCAA heavyweight wrestling champion and received All-America honors.

He went in the 19th round of the AFL draft by the Boston Patriots in the as well as the 4th round by the Chicago Bears. He signed with the. He began unimpressive, but he led the AFL in rushing the next two seasons after his rookie year. He was a powerful fullback who carried 299 times in 1966, for 17 touchdowns and 1,458 yards. He retired as the Patriots' all-time leading rusher with 46 career touchdowns, a record he still holds.

## 1964 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1964 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their seventy-fifth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his sixteenth of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had a winning season record of 7-4-0.

The offense scored 264 points while the defense allowed 157 points Billy Hunter & Richard King were the captains for 1964. SU finished # 38 of 120 teams and they were invited to the Sugar Bowl this year.

# Top Player All American Center Pat Killoran

My name is Jessie Killorin Keating, I'm the daughter of Patrick Killorin (SU '66, two-time All American Center, 3rd round Pittsburgh Steelers draft pick, humanitarian, business mogul, amazing dad.) Football raised me, the men who taught me honor, discipline, family, and love for the game were all the guys who played with my dad and continued to play for SU as he grew older and supported the club in every way he knew how.7



Pat Killorin, Syracuse's two-time All-American center, is a Semi-Pro Football Hall-of-Famer

When Dad won the 2014 Zunic Award from the University, I spoke to this group of men on behalf of my father and felt as if they were all my Dads! They've been there for my family in great times and in the worst of times, and every one of them will tell you that my Dad has been there for them too.

I'm writing to you for help. This is my dad's final year of eligibility to be inducted into the NFF College Football Hall of Fame. This week, we were notified that Dad will be inducted into the Semi Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, OH on June 27 for his incredible record as a coach and player for the Watertown Red & Black. We are thrilled with this honor! But it's been a tragic oversight by the University that they have not advocated for Patrick Killorin to be inducted into the College Football HOF.

He was a TWO TIME All American – once is fantastic, but twice?? He was drafted into the Pros and played until he destroyed both knees! Not uncommon. But football remained his passion, and he went directly to Semi Pro, bringing the Watertown Red & Black to an undefeated season in 1971 and 1974. I was 1 and 4 at the time J. Since then, he has been an undying supporter of the Syracuse University football team, while starting two multimillion dollar companies in Syracuse, selling them both for millions, and continuing to give back to the Syracuse community as a Hospice volunteer who literally helps people DIE, and a philanthropist who would lay down his life for Syracuse football.

In order to get a College Football Hall of Fame nomination, strong advocacy must come from the Syracuse University Athletic Director Daryl Gross, who has so far not stepped up to the plate. My dad is an incredible man in so many ways, but as an SU Football player blocking for Floyd Little and the 1965 Bill Horr Award as the team's MVP, he deserves this honor. Floyd has been an incredible advocate!! But the hard press needs to come from Daryl Gross.

In a million years my dad would not advocate for himself, and any guy who knows him, knows that awards and recognition for his many talents, skills and good work don't matter to him. Only his GOD matters to him. But it matters to me, and it matters to my family. If this is not in the cards for my Dad, so be it. But he, and all the other football stars he played with, raised me to never quit, and I will go the mat making every effort possible to see my father get his due and be inducted into the CFHOF. All of us desperately want to see this happen while my dad is alive.

My ask to you is simple – would you be willing to step up with the rest of the Syracuse community and push Dr. Gross to do the right thing? So far, hundreds have stepped up to help with a letter writing campaign to Dr. Gross and the Chancellor Syverud. My favorite letter came from Rockette Pirro, SU Offensive Line Coach Rock Pirro's daughter. Her wonderful dad has passed, but her words say it all. Please, help us see this through? It's the right thing, and the general feeling is that Dr. Gross's neglect of the older generation of SU players is a gross oversight:

"Dear Dr. Gross and Chancellor Syverud,

Please accept this email in support of Patrick Killorin's nomination into the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

I know you have been hearing from so many who love and support Pat, but I speak from a little different perspective - I speak as the daughter of someone who coached Pat at Syracuse University and knew firsthand of his accomplishments, dedication, and true love of SU football. My dad, Offensive Line Coach

Rock Pirro, is not here today to speak to Pat's virtues, but I can tell you that he would be the first to ask that you seriously consider endorsing Pat for an honor that is long overdue. In fact, it is truly amazing that this man has not been recognized for his numerous accomplishments by now - we cannot let this oversight go on any longer.

My dad loved Pat Killorin - he loved him as a player and loved him as a great man - because, not only did Pat excel on the SU gridiron, he has excelled in life! Syracuse University should be proud to call Pat Killorin one of its own, and I sincerely ask that you wholeheartedly (with the heart of the Orange) to endorse Patrick Killorin to be nominated to the College Hall of Fame. He brings honor to all of us who bleed Orange. Many thanks for your consideration."

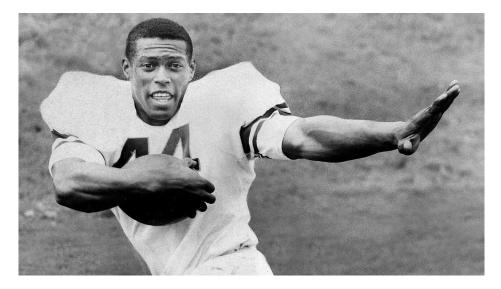
## Top Player All American RB Floyd Little

Floyd Little is the only three-time All-American running back to compete for the Syracuse University Orangemen. He finished 5th in Heisman Trophy voting in both 1965 and 1966. Here are some stats:

- 1964: 157 carries for 874 yards and 9 TD. 17 catches for 257 yards and 1 TD.[3]
- 1965: 193 carries for 1065 yards and 14 TD. 21 catches for 248 yards and 1 TD.
- 1966: 162 carries for 811 yards and 12 TD. 13 catches for 86 yards and 2 TD.

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In 1975, Little retired as the NFL's 7th all-time leading rusher with 6,323 yards rushing and 54 total touchdowns (rushing, receiving and returns). He also threw a TD pass to receiver Jerry Simmons in a 1972 upset over the Oakland Raiders. During his rookie year, Little led the NFL in punt returns with a 16.9-yard average. He led the NFL in combined yards in 1967 and 1968. Little was Denver Broncos team captain all 9 seasons, including his rookie season.



Little was a charter member of the Broncos Ring of Fame in 1984, which included Rich Jackson, Lionel Taylor and Goose Gonsoulin. He was the first Bronco to win a rushing title, leading the AFC in rushing in 1970 with 901 yards and the following year he became the first Bronco to eclipse 1,000 yards, gaining 1,133 to lead the NFL. Little was the first player to lead his conference in rushing for a last place team [5] and the 13th player ever in professional football to rush for at least 1,000 yards in one season.[6]

He was an American Football League All-Star in 1968. In a week 12 win over Buffalo, he caught 4 passes out of the backfield for 165 yards, including a 66-yard touchdown, setting a franchise record of 41.25 yards per reception that still stands.[7] He was named first-team "All-AFL" in 1969, and made the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl in 1970, 1971 and 1973. At 5'10" and 195 pounds, Little was the smallest back to lead the league in rushing since World War II. He led the league in combined yards in 1967 and 1968 and was the only player to return punts for TDs in both seasons. During a 6-year

period, 1968–1973, Little rushed for more yards and more yards from scrimmage (rushing and receiving) than any RB in the NFL.[8] In 2009 Little was a finalist for induction into the Hall of Fame.[9] He was voted in on February 6, 2010, his induction took place in Canton, OH on August 7, 2010.

#### Some nice information about Floyd Little

Little finished 40th in his class of 140 at the University of Denver law school, from which he received his master's in legal administration degree in 1975. Little owned automobile dealerships in Denver, the Seattle area and Santa Barbara. On May 15, 2016, Little received his honorary doctorate from Syracuse University in Humane Letters.

## Sugar Bowl January 1, 1965

In the Sugar Bowl on January 1, 1965 vs. #7 LSU in Tulane Stadium, New Orleans, LA, the Orangemen could not hold on and lost the game L (10–13) before 65,000. The 1965 Sugar Bowl featured the seven-ranked LSU Tigers, and the unranked Syracuse Orangemen.

Syracuse jumped on top at the beginning of the game following a 23yard Smith field goal, taking a 3–0 lead. When Syracuse got the ball next, LSU's defense forced a safety, making it 3–2. Syracuse's Clarke then returned a blocked punt 28 yards for a touchdown, as Syracuse led 10–2. In the third quarter, LSU quarterback Ezell threw a 57yard touchdown pass to Doug Moreau, with a two-point conversion tying the game at 10. In the fourth quarter, Moreau kicked the winning 28-yard field goal, as LSU won 13–10. Moreau was named Sugar Bowl MVP. SU could not hold on to the lead and eventually lost the game.

### 1965 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1965 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their seventy-sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his seventeenth of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had a winning season record of 7-3-0.

The offense scored 237 points while the defense allowed 146 points Harris Elliott was the captains for 1965. SU finished # 25 of 120 teams. Their record was better than last year's, yet they were not among the media favorites invited to bowl games this year.

## Top Player All American "Charlie" Brown 1965



Charles Edward Brown was born September 13, 1942). He is a former American football defensive back in the National Football League(NFL) for the Chicago Bears. He played college football at Syracuse University and was first team All-American. and in 1968, he played in the American Football League(AFL) for the Buffalo Bills.[1] He finished his career in the Canadian Football League in 1969 with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, where he returned an interception for 115 yards and a

touchdown, at the time the second longest, and now the fifth longest return in league history.

### 1966 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1966 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their seventy-seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his eighteenth of twenty-five seasons as head

coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had a winning season record of 8-3-0.

The offense scored 266 points while the defense allowed 156 points Floyd Little & Herb Stecker were the captains for 1966. SU finished # 16th in the polls this year. After losing their first two games of the season, Syracuse won the next eight games, finishing the regular season with a record of 8–2 The Orangemen were invited to the Gator Bowl, where they lost to Tennessee.

## Top Player All American Gary Bugenhagen 1966



Bugenhagen earned 1966 All-American honors as a tackle at Syracuse University SU. Bugenhagen aided fellow All-American Larry Csonka in rushing for 1,012 yards in 1966. He was part of a team that holds the seventh-best rushing record in SU history (431 yards vs. West Virginia). He was named to Syracuse University's All-Century team in November 1999.

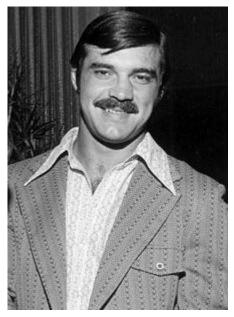
AFL-- Bugenhagen played in the AFL with the Buffalo Bills and Boston Patriots.

## Top Player All American Larry Csonka 1966-'67

Larry Csonka was born on Christmas Day, 1946.

At nine pounds and 13 ounces, word is that he was a lot to handle right from the start. He grew into a 6'3", 237 lb. All-American fullback for the Syracuse Orangemen with all American honors in both 1966 and 1967.

The Miami Dolphins selected him in the first round of the 1968 NFL Entry draft with the eighth overall pick.



## << Picture on the left is from 1972

As a pro rookie, Csonka started each of the 11 games in which he appeared. He scored a team high (and an AFL fourth best) six rushing touchdowns for the 5-8-1 Dolphins, finishing second to fellow rookie Jim Kiick with 138 rushes for 540 yards. He also caught 11 passes for 118 yards and another score.

In 1969, Csonka again started 11 games for Miami, as the team finished at the bottom of the AFL with a 3-10-1 record. He again

ranked second on the team with 131 carries for 566 yards and two scores. He also caught a career high 21 passes for 183 yards and another touchdown. In a week nine 17-16 victory over the Boston Patriots, he rushed 16 times for 121 yards and a touchdown, his first 100+ yard effort. He kept getting better.

Csonka was inducted to both the College Football Hall of Fame (1989) and Pro Football Hall of Fame (1987). With the Miami Dolphins, he was a member of their perfect season in 1972 and won SU per Bowl championships in 1972 and 1973.

## The Gator Bowl December 31, 1966

On December 31, 1966, New Year's Eve, Syracuse squared off in the Gator Bowl against Tennessee at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL and in another close bowl game, lost by a touchdown, L (12–18) before 60,213

The Vols had finished 5th in the Southeastern Conference, with an 11–10 loss to #3 Alabama being especially damaging. Nevertheless, they were invited to their 2nd straight bowl appearance, the first time they had made consecutive bowl seasons since 1956–57. As for the Orangemen, this was their fourth bowl appearance in the decade. This was the first Gator Bowl for either team.

### 1967 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1967 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their seventy-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his nineteenth of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had a winning season record of 8-2-0. It would be Ben Schwartzwalder's last eight-win season.

The offense scored 210 points while the defense allowed 127 points James Cheyunski & Larry Csonka were the captains for 1967. SU finished # 12th in the polls this year. Losing just two games this season, Syracuse won eight, finishing the regular season with a record of 8–2-0. With such a great record, the Orangemen were passed over and did not receive an invitation to any post-season bowl.

Some highlights: In 1967, Tom Coughlin, who later was the longtime NY Giants Coach, set the school's single-season pass receiving record. Larry Csonka was in his senior season and was named an All-American. He broke many of the school's rushing records, including some previously held by Ernie Davis, Jim Nance, Floyd Little, and Jim Brown.

In his three seasons at Syracuse, Csonka rushed for a school record 2,934 yards, rushed for 100 yards in 14 different games, and

averaged 4.9 yards per carry. From 1965 to 1967, he ranked 19th, 9th and 5th in the nation in rushing. He was the Most Valuable Player in the East–West Shrine Game, the Hula Bowl, and the College All-Star Game. He went on to play for Miami in the NFL.

### 1968 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1968 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their seventy-ninth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his twentieth of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had a winning season record of 6-4-0.

The offense scored 252 points while the defense allowed 154 points Anthony Kyasky was the team captains for 1968. SU finished # 47 of 119. Syracuse finished the regular season with a record of 6-4-0. The Orangemen did not receive an invitation to any post-season bowl games in 1968.

## Top Player All American Anthony J. Kyasky 1968

Anthony "Tony Kyasky" received first team All-American honors as a safety at Syracuse University in 1968. He was selected by AP, NEA, UPI, WC, and Time. Tony played WR and safety on the team.

### 1969 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1969 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their eightieth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his twenty-first of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had a break-even season record of 5-5-0.

The offense scored 169 points while the defense allowed 126 points SU had no one captain but instead used game captains for 1969. SU finished # 55 of 122. The Orangemen did not receive an invitation to any post-season bowl games in 1969.

### 1970 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1970 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their eighty-first season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his twenty-second of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had a winning season record of 6-4-0.

The offense scored 248 points while the defense allowed 208 points Paul Paolisso, Raymond White & Randolph Zur were the cocaptains for 1969. SU finished # 41 of 123. The Orangemen did not receive an invitation to any post-season bowl games in 1970.

After a disappointing year in 1969, Syracuse could not get it going in 1970 and lost its first three games. It was like they could not shake the bad cloud from the prior year. Nonetheless, Ben Schwartzwalder never lost faith. He kept drilling them to become excellent and finally their season turned around.

## Top Player All American Jos. C. Ehrmann 1970



Joseph Charles "Joe" Ehrmann was born March 29, 1949. He is a former National Football League (NFL) defensive lineman, originally drafted as the 10th pick in the first round of the 1973 NFL Draft out of Syracuse University to the Baltimore Colts. Ehrmann is currently a minister and motivational speaker. Ehrmann played with Baltimore for eight years

and was selected to the Pro Bowl in 1978. He finished his NFL career with the Detroit Lions as part of their vaunted defensive line in the early 1980s. He was an NFL defensive tackle from 1973 through 1982. He then played in the USFL for the Chicago Blitz, Arizona Wranglers and Orlando Renegades.

Ehrmann attended Syracuse University, where he was a three-year football letterman in 1969, 1970 and 1972. Primarily, he played at

defensive tackle. Ehrman was an All-American selection in 1970. He was named to the university's football All-Century Team on October 28, 1999. He was also the recipient of the George Arents Pioneers Medal, the university's highest alumni honor, in 2004.

### 1971 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1971 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their eighty-second season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his twenty-third of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had a breakeven season record of 5-5-1. Joe Ehrmann & Dan Yochum were team captains for 1971. The Orangemen again did not receive an invitation to any post-season bowl games in 1971.

## Top Player All American Thomas P. Myers 1971



Tom Myers, pictured when he played for New Orleans, was born on October 24, 1950). He is a former American football safety (DB) in the National Football League. He was drafted by the New Orleans Saints in the third round of 1972 NFL Draft. He played college football at Syracuse where he was an all-American. He was quite a player.

Myers played for the New Orleans Saints his entire post-Syracuse career from 1972-1981 as the team's

starting free safety for each of those seasons. In 1978, Myers recorded a 97-yard interception return for touchdown against the Minnesota Vikings, a Saints record. His best season was in 1979

when he was selected to the Pro Bowl and was named on the All-Pro team. As of the 2016 NFL season, Myers is still #2 on the All-Time New Orleans Saints Career Interceptions List. He later played two seasons for the Houston Gamblers of the United States Football League

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### 1973 Ben Schwartzwalder Coach # 22

The 1973 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their eighty-fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Ben Schwartzwalder in his twenty-fifth and last of twenty-five seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had its worst season ever under Coach Ben – 2-9-0. Again, SU did not nominate season captains but instead used game captains. The Orangemen again did not receive an invitation to any post-season bowl games in 1973.

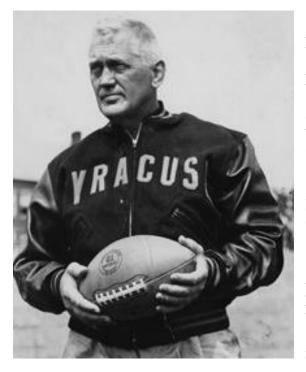
Ben Scwhartwalder retired this year and enjoyed life in his retirement. Please read his obituary which I have provided below. It offers even additional insights into this great man.

## Ben Schwartzwalder Dies at 83; Revitalized Football at Syracuse

By ROBERT McG. THOMAS Jr. Published: April 29, 1993 Correction Appended Ben Schwartzwalder, who recruited a series of acclaimed running backs as he restored Syracuse to football glory during 25 sparkling seasons that included an undefeated campaign in 1959, died yesterday at Northside Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla. He was 83.

Mr. Schwartzwalder, a resident of Syracuse who maintained a winter home in St. Petersburg, died of a heart attack, his wife said.

When Floyd Burdette Schwartzwalder (Ben was a childhood nickname bestowed by a brother) arrived at Syracuse at the age of 41 in 1949, he was not at all what the alumni had hoped for to revive their football program.



Syracuse, once a national powerhouse, had won all of nine games over the previous four seasons, and Schwartzwalder, a former high school coach whose collegiate career consisted of three seasons at tiny Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., seemed hardly the man to turn things around.

As Schwartzwalder later put it, "The alumni wanted a big-name coach. They got a longname coach."

### **Most Victorious Coach**

But Schwartzwalder, a decorated World War II paratrooper, simply went to work developing a program that made him the most victorious coach in Syracuse history, with a record of 153-91-3.

Although he later became famous for his recruitment of a long line of talented running backs -- including Jim Brown, Ernie Davis, Jim Nance, Floyd Little and Larry Csonka --Schwartzwalder's success was founded on an earlier triumph, persuading the Syracuse chancellor, William Pearson Tolley, to increase the number of football scholarships from 12 a year to eventually 25 a year.

As the number of scholarships increased, Schwartzwalder, an honors student during his years playing football and wrestling at the University of West Virginia, did not chafe under the directive that he recruit only academically qualified players. He said good students generally made better athletes, anyway. So did a good coach.

His running offenses, based on an unorthodox unbalanced line, were impenetrable to rival coaches, and his practices, generally conducted at full tilt, were all but unbearable to his players. A Legend in Pajamas

Schwartzwalder became a campus legend for his absentmindedness (he once wore his pajama bottoms to a morning practice), but it was a foible with an advantage. As his wife once explained, "He simply refuses to clutter up his mind with anything but football."

The concentration paid off. In 1959, the year the Orangemen were voted the nation's top team after capping an 11-0 season with a 23-14 victory over Texas in the Cotton Bowl, Schwartzwalder was named coach of the year.

The offense led the nation, averaging 313.6 rushing yards, 451.5 total yards and 39 points a game, and the defense led the nation in holding opponents to just 96.2 yards a game and only 19.3 rushing yards.

Mr. Schwartzwalder, who retired after the 1973 season, is survived by his wife, Ruth, known as Reggie; two daughters,

Mary Scofield of Winesburg, Ohio, and SU san Walker of South Salem. N.Y., and five grandchildren.

Correction: April 30, 1993, Friday an obituary yesterday about Ben Schwartzwalder, the former football coach at Syracuse, misstated his age in some editions. He was 83.

There is a lesson in every life and in every death. I find it very revealing that in 1993, just twenty years after Schwartzwalder and twenty-five years ago, that the Times wrote this about the football program. It is not a tribute to SU officials.

"Syracuse, once a national powerhouse, had won all of nine games over the previous four seasons, and Schwartzwalder, a former high school coach whose collegiate career consisted of three seasons at tiny Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., seemed hardly the man to turn things around. As Schwartzwalder later put it, "The alumni wanted a big-name coach. They got a longname coach."

I would ask Syracuse officials to ask themselves if they really want to be known as "once a national powerhouse." Do they want the Orange legacy to be "<u>once a national powerhouse</u>?" See Chapter 20 for details. Only the administrative officials and the Board at Syracuse can make that decision folks; but Syracuse fans and alumni should pay attention to what they do.

Now, before we move on to the next chapter with Coach Frank Maloney, let's look at my favorite blogger pundit who has been annotating coach's seasons since we began this book back in 1899. Here is what he has to say about Ben Schwartzwalder, and then, quite reluctantly, we will move the cursor to the Frank Maloney Era.

Here is another look at Ben S. from Part II of the included Part II of the SWC75 blogger's essay:

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

Ben Schwartzwalder was born in West Virginia and played football for the Mountaineers under Coach Greasy Neale in the early 30's as a 146-pound center, (he was also a wrestler in the 155-pound class). By the time he was a senior he'd built himself up - to 152 poundsand was team captain. He was also one of the best wrestlers they'd ever had at the school. He became a high school coach at a place called Sisterville, where his team had a roster of 13 guys. When two of them got hurt he had to send the team's 112-pound manager in. He then moved on to Parkersburg and then to McKinley High in Canton, Ohio, winning a couple of state championships.

When the war came, he was commissioned in the US Army and became a paratrooper and a company commander in the 82nd airborne. He trained his men like a football team, which they then became during the D-Day preparations in England and they had a 10-0 record, not even being scored upon. But war was the primary occupation and he half-joked about his paratroopers: "When I say Jump! they jump!" They jumped over Normandy.

Ben landed in a river and nearly lost his left hand when a wound became infected. His unit started out with 170 men and 13 officers and after 38 days of fighting they had 43 men left and one officer-Ben Schwartzwalder. Ben later fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, four Battle Stars and Presidential Unit Citation and a promotion to Major. When General Mathew Ridgeway pinned his medals on him, he remarked "Ben, I never expected to see you here to receive this award."

Back in the states, he looked for another coaching job and was recommended for Muhlenberg, which today is a Division II school but at that time was more like a 1AA school. There he went 25-5 in three years, winning something called the Tobacco Bowl over St. Bonaventure, another basketball school that used to play football back in the day.

The president of the college called Schwartzwalder into his office and Ben assumed there would be congratulations and a possible raise. Instead he was told "Ben, we've had an understanding with the Mid-Atlantic Conference folks that we can win in basketball and track, but you're messing up the agreement on the football field. You can't win over half your games." The non-plussed Schwartzwalder immediately started to search for another job. [It was a time when men were men.]

When Schwartzwalder started he was only allowed to give out 12 scholarships per year, less than half the number big time schools were giving out. "I was hopeful of doing some business with Colgate, maybe to catch Cornell. We had no further horizons at the moment. I complained, and the chancellor bawled me out for it. But they were doing so little for football that Old Ben was desperate. Finally, in 1952, Chancellor Tolley allowed him to issue 16 scholarships. As his teams got better, that was expanded to 22 and then to 25, (this is from Ken Rappoport's book: he does not specify when the latter two changes occurred).

Ben had an early "false positive" with the 1952 Lambert Trophy winners. Army, which had been the big power in the East, had suffered its cribbing scandal and the other schools in the East were in decline or rebuilding. We found ourselves in the Orange Bowl against perennial national power Alabama and got humiliated 6-61 on national television. It took four years to fully recover from that.

In Jim Brown's senior year, we went 7-1 and won another Lambert and this time went to the Cotton Bowl where TCU, then as now a respected power, barely beat us on a blocked extra point, 27-28. Two years later, we were in the Orange Bowl again, this time taking on the King Kong of 50's football, Wilkinson's Oklahoma team, and losing 6-21 despite out-gaining the Sooners. The next year we were all-conquering with one of the greatest teams ever and won our only national championship. Schwartzwalder was a miracle worker!

There were no more miracles after that but there were some good teams and great players Like Ernie Davis, John Mackey, Jim Nance, Floyd Little and Larry Csonka. But eventually events caught up with Bantam Ben.

Archbold Stadium should have been replaced after the national championship. Instead Manley Field House was built as an indoor practice facility until the school realized they could make more money by promoting the basketball team. Then, in 1964, the NCAA gave up its attempt to use rules to enforce one platoon football. This required schools to recruit many more players: not only were there separate teams playing offense and defense, but players could now specialize in various functions.

Top schools could no longer be satisfied to recruit players from their own area where players grew up being aware of the program. They had to pull in recruits from all over the country. For that they needed a lot of money for facilities and recruiting. Typically, the Syracuse administration thought that since we were doing well, nothing more needed to be done. Schools like Penn State, which expanded its stadium from 30,000 at the beginning of the decade, eventually to over 100,000, were prepared to win those recruiting wars. Syracuse was not.

[Syracuse, it's time, must either blank or get off the pot with regard to football, its highest grossing and netting sport. One must invest in order to collect on investments. He without a lottery ticket has no chance of winning the lottery.]

Dave Meggsey decided he didn't like being a football player anymore and wrote a book trashing everyone he had ever dealt with in the game, including Ben, whom he claimed had "dehumanized" him. It was a condemnation of football in general, but many took it as a condemnation of football at Syracuse.

[Like Joe Paterno, Ben Schwartzwalder did not have a racist bone in his body but that would not stop him from being a victim of reverse racism, or so some say.]

Then came the black boycott of 1970, (simultaneously with several similar actions across the country) and a demand that a black assistant coach be hired. Since Ben had no more money for assistant coaches, he would have had to fire one of his long-time assistants.

[A wise man once said that poor planning on your part does not necessarily constitute an emergency on my part. From the black side or the white side surprise demands were never appreciated my management.]

There had also been a fight between a white player and a black player and an incident at a basketball game where some black players refused to stand for the national anthem, which angered Ben. Schwartzwalder was then derided as a "super patriot". Ben promised an "interim" black coach for spring practice. That turned out to be Floyd Little, who criticized the players for their attitude. [The team's black players were not impressed with Floyd Little. They felt he was just a "mouthpiece" for Schwartzwalder.]

[They were ready, and they chose to walk out. Eventually a black coach was hired, Carlmon Jones. It was not enough as demands that are met are often changed.]

[The boycotters added to the issue.] They claimed they got inferior medical attention and academic support and weren't getting secret payments from the alumni as they claimed the white players were. These allegations were unprovable. Jim Brown then entered the fray, announcing an intention to sue the NCAA for racial discrimination.

Suddenly Ben [otherwise a great coach] had a segregated team. They lost the first three games of the year, then rallied to win 6 of 7, including a shocking 24-7 win at Penn State and a season ending demolition of Miami in Archbold, 56-16, (a game that greatly resembled the 1998 victory over the same school). But the damage had been done. The black boycott got national publicity and branded Schwartzwalder and the school as racist.

Then came a movement within the institution to re-examine the financial aspect of the football program. This committee determined that it was a waste of money and recommended putting an end to it. Meanwhile, Archbold Stadium had reached a crisis point. The fire department wanted to condemn it. They were persuaded to do it a section at a time.

When I was a student there in the early 70's the stadium had a listed capacity of 41,000 but an actually capacity of 19,000 due to the roped off sections. Then came a decade long debate over whether to build a new stadium, where to put it and how to finance it. We had no formal weight room until a guy's office was cleared out and some barbells put in it. It wasn't solved in Schwartzwalder's time. People who think we have a crisis in facilities now have no idea what a real crisis is.

Ben finally had a losing record in his second to last year, his first since his initial year of 1949. Then the program finally collapsed like a dying elephant in 1973, getting blown out by Bowling Green in their first game and losing 8 in row. I recall the guy who did the "bottom ten" column in the national newspapers each week said we were the worst team in America, (Army, UTEP and, believe it or not, Florida State went winless that year), "because of all the money they spend on football up there".

In fact, that was the problem- we weren't spending anywhere near enough. Fans insisted, as they often do, that "the game had passed him [Ben] by". I remember my barber telling me that the players just didn't have the "spirit" they had in the old days.

Still, the Orange rallied with a win over Holy Cross and a big upset of Boston College. They final game was played against his old school, West Virginia, in a downpour. It looked for a while like we might pull off another upset, but the Mountaineers clinched it with a late score, 14-24.

I still remember Ben Schwartzwalder, the man who had been SU's coach for my entire lifetime, walking slowly across the field in the rain to shake hands with the West Virginia coach, (Bobby Bowden), then walking off the field to the locker room with his head down and his thoughts to himself.

There were stories at the time that Don Nehlen, the Bowling Green coach who had embarrassed Ben's last team, or Tubby Raymond, the coach at Delaware who had won a couple of small college championships there, wanted to come to Syracuse. Considering the circumstances, it's hard to see why. What we wound up with was Michigan's linebacker coach, Frank Maloney. There were a few bright spots on Maloney's record but not enough to please the fan base.

1974	Frank Maloney	2	9	0
1975	Frank Maloney	6	5	0
1976	Frank Maloney	3	8	0
1977	Frank Maloney	6	5	0
1978	Frank Maloney	3	8	0
1979	Frank Maloney	7	5	0
1980	Frank Maloney	5	6	0

After Ben Schwartzwalder, winning coaches were hard to find.

# Chapter 9 Frank Maloney Players 1974 to 1980

Coach Frank Maloney #23

Year	Coach	Record	<u>Conf</u>
1974	Frank Maloney	2-9-0	Ind
1975	Frank Maloney	6-5-0	Ind
	Frank Maloney	3-8-0	Ind
1977	Frank Maloney	6-5-0	Ind
	Frank Maloney	3-8-0	Ind
	Frank Maloney	7-5-0	Ind
1980	Frank Maloney	5-6-0	Ind



Coach Frank Maloney in 1980

### Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

Maloney had his limitations, (especially in-game adjustments: we had a lot of games where we looked great in the first quarter and went downhill from there). But Frank has never received the credit he

deserved for keeping the football program alive while the politicians bickered about building a new stadium and the school slowly awoke to the need to get modern facilities such as a genuine weight room. He somehow managed to recruit some fine players such as Bill Hurley, Art Monk, Joe Morris, Craig Wolfley and Jimmy Collins whose ability in key positions allowed the team to remain competitive and interesting. He produced three winning seasons and actually won a bowl game, albeit a very minor one, (the Independence Bowl over McNeese State).

But there were also seasons of 2-9, 3-8, 3-8 and 5-6 and when the promising 1979 team went into a slump the members of the 1959 team signed a petition asking for Frank to be fired. Also, Jake Crouthamel had become athletic director and new AD's like to bring in their own people. Officially, Frank resigned to spend more time with his family. There was talk he might get the Northwestern job, being from Chicago, (the Wildcats had started on their record winning streak), but it didn't happen. Frank wound up with a long-term job running the ticket office for the Chicago Cubs.

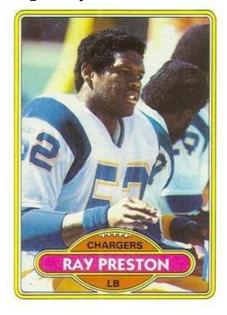
### 1974 Frank Maloney Coach # 23

The 1974 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their eighty-fifth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Frank Maloney in his first of seven seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU got back on a winning track this year with a record of 6-5-0. Maloney picked Bob Petchel & John Rafferty as team captains for 1974. The Orangemen again did not receive an invitation to any post-season bowl games in 1974.

### 1975 Frank Maloney Coach # 23

The 1975 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their eighty-sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Frank Maloney in his second of seven seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU got back on a winning track this year with a record of 6-5-0. Maloney picked Raymond Preston as team captain for 1975. The Orangemen again did not receive an invitation to any post-season bowl games in 1975.

## **Top Player All American Raymond Preston 1975**



Raymond Preston was born on January 25, 1954 in Lawrence, Massachusetts) is a former American football linebacker who played nine years from 1976 to 1984with the San Diego Chargers of the National Football League.

Preston played his college football at Syracuse University, where he earned All-America honors in 1975 and was a team captain. He was drafted in the eleventh round of the 1976 NFL Draft by the Chargers. His son Duke Preston is currently an

offensive lineman for the Dallas Cowboys.

### 1976 Frank Maloney Coach # 23

The 1976 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their eighty-seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Frank Maloney in his third of seven seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU got off track again this year with a losing record of 3-8-0. Maloney picked William Zanovich as team captain for 1976. The Orangemen again did not receive an invitation to any post-season bowl games in 1976.

### 1977 Frank Maloney Coach # 23

The 1977 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their eighty-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Frank Maloney in his fourth of seven seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU got back on track this year with a winning record of 6-5-0. Rather than picking a team captain for the season, Maloney decided to use game captains. for 1977. The Orangemen again did not receive an invitation to any post-season bowl games in 1977.

### 1978 Frank Maloney Coach # 23

The 1978 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their eighty-ninth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Frank Maloney in his fifth of seven seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU slipped off track again this year with a losing record of 3-8-0. Rather than picking a team captain for the season, Maloney again decided to use game captains. for 1978. The Orangemen again did not receive an invitation to any post-season bowl games in 1978.

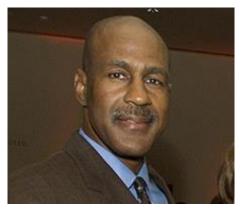
### 1979 Frank Maloney Coach # 23

The 1979 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their ninetieth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Frank Maloney in his sixth of seven seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had its best year under Maloney this year with a winning record of 7-5-0. Maloney picked Jim Collins, Bill Hurley & Craig Wolfley to be team captains for 1979. The Orangemen were invited to the 1979 Independence Bowl, where they defeated McNeese State, 31–7.

Due to the ongoing construction of Syracuse's new stadium, the "indoor" Carrier Dome, SU home games in 1979 were played in various locations in New York and New Jersey. SO, SU games were played at Giants Stadium, (Capacity: 80,242); Rich Stadium, (Capacity: 80,020); and Schoellkopf Field, (Capacity: 25,597)

Since the Carrier Dome was built in the exact location of Archbold Stadium, this magnificent concrete structure was torn down before the 1979 season to permit the Carrier Dome's construction.

## Top Player Art Monk All American 1979



Art Monk is principal of Art Monk Companies, located in Northern Virginia. An outstanding football letter winner and All-American at Syracuse, Monk joined the Washington Redskins in 1980. In 1997, he was the Redskins' all-time leading receiver, with 888 receptions and 12,026 receiving yards. In 1994, he joined the

New York Jets and, a year later, the Philadelphia Eagles.

Monk has earned significant records and accolades as a business professional and football player, including being named All-American in 1979, and, upon his graduation from Syracuse in 1980, he was listed as the all-time leading receiver. Monk was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2008.

However, Monk prefers to be known for his engagement with Every Child Fed, a vision of two fellow business partners that was founded in 2000. The foundation's mission is to harness their collective passion, energy, gifts, talents, resources and determination to deploy self-sustaining manufacturing facilities of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic-Food and mobilize feeding clinics to distribute life-saving Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food to severely malnourished children in SU b-Saharan Africa.

For Syracuse University, Monk is a member of the Executive Committee and the Academic Affairs and Facilities committees. He received the Arents Award, the University's highest alumni honor, in 2012. He and his wife, Desiree '81, are the parents of Danielle, James, and Monica '09.

## Independence Bowl Game Dec 15, 1979

On Dec 15, 1979. McNeese State and Syracuse tangled in the 1979 Independence Bowl at State Fair Stadium, Shreveport, LA W (31–7) before 27,234 fans. This was McNeese State's 2nd Southland Conference title in three years. This was Syracuse's first bowl game since 1966.

With his 40-yard field goal. Gary Anderson gave the Orangemen a 3-0 lead in the second quarter. SU went into halftime leading 3-0. Ken Mandeville made it 10-0 by way of a 1-yard run. McNeese State got its TD when Chad Millet ran for a score make it 10-7 going into the fourth quarter.

Syracuse then unleashed a 15 play, 73-yard drive culminating with an Art Monk touchdown catch from Bill Hurley. Hurley late got another TD to make the score 24-7. Tom Matichak made it 31-7 on a touchdown run of his own to end the scoring and give the Orangemen their first bowl win since the 1961 Liberty Bowl. Joe Morris ran for 155 yards on 33 carries for Syracuse in a fine showing.

McNeese made one more bowl appearance in 1980, in the Independence Bowl. Syracuse made four more bowl appearances in the decade. They have not returned to the Independence Bowl since this game.

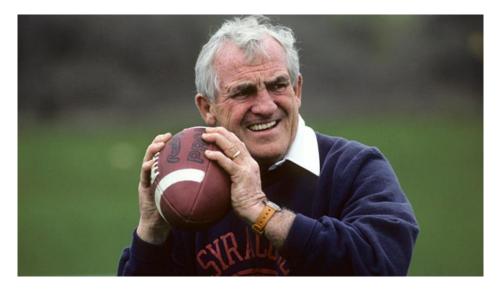
### 1980 Frank Maloney Coach # 23

The 1980 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their ninety-First season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Frank Maloney in his seventh and last of seven seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had a losing season under Maloney this year of 5-6-0 in the team's first season in the Carrier Dome. Maloney picked Jim Collins, Joe Morris & Dave Warner to be team captains for 1980. At the conclusion of the season, head coach Frank Maloney resigned, with a record of 32–46 after seven seasons.

# Chapter 10 Dick Macpherson Players 1981 to 1990

Coach Dick MacPherson #24

Year	Coach	Record	Conf
	Dick MacPherson	4-6-1	Ind
	Dick MacPherson	2-9-0	Ind
	Dick MacPherson	6-5-0	Ind
	Dick MacPherson	6-5-0	Ind
1985	Dick MacPherson	7-5-0	Ind
1986	Dick MacPherson	5-6-0	Ind
	Dick MacPherson	11-0-1	Ind
	Dick MacPherson	10-2-0	Ind
1989	Dick MacPherson	8-4-0	Ind
1990	Dick MacPherson	7-4-2	Ind



### Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

AD Crouthamel remembered **Dick MacPherson** who had beaten his Dartmouth teams twice when coaching at Massachusetts. That was before Division 1AA and Dartmouth was considered a major college team while UMASS was a small college team. Before that, he'd been Maryland's defensive backfield coach back in 1966 when SU's Jim Del Gaizo threw a record-tying four TD passes in a 28-7 win. MacPherson also had pro experience as an assistant coach for the Denver Broncos and Cleveland Browns. In fact, he was the Brown's linebacker coach when Jake hired him to be the new Syracuse coach.

I [SWC75] remember being at work when the announcement came. A co-worker said they'd hired someone named MacPherson. Who? But he was coming from the pros and people figured he was hired to put the program's coaching on a more professional level, now that we were in the Dome and were going to be a big-time program. Maloney's last team had not been that bad. They would have had a winning season if Joe Morris hadn't been injured and had to miss several games. Joe was back and healthy, so Dick had plenty to work with.

That made it all the more dismaying to see the team start out the 1981 season with three straight losses, the first two to Rutgers and Temple, both of whom Maloney had beaten the year before. It was also disappointing to see MacPherson's slovenly, disheveled appearance during games, with his shirttail pulled out. He didn't look professional at all. And the team seemed disorganized with a chaotic sideline and nobody very sure of themselves on the field either.

The toughest part of the schedule was in the middle with Maryland, Penn State and Pittsburgh in a row. We somehow managed to beat Indiana and tie the Terps but were 1-5-1 heading into a stretch run. Fortunately, Crouthamel had scheduled the first Colgate game in 20 years and we won it 47-24. Then, after a loss on the road to Navy we came home to upset Boston College and West Virginia to finish 4-6-1 with Joe Morris playing all season and setting records along the way. The next year the team totally collapsed to 2-9, the same record that ended Ben Schwartzwalder's career and started Frank Maloney's. We had thought such disasters were in the past. This was supposed to be the great new Carrier Dome Era.

Coach Mac's third year didn't look any better when it opened with a third straight loss to Temple in Philadelphia, a game where top recruit Don McPherson injured his knee and was out for the year, (which is why he was still around for the 1987 season). Mac's record at this point was 6 wins, 16 losses and a tie, (G-Rob was 5-18 in his first 23 games). Fortunately, our next opponent was Kent State, who had the country's longest losing streak.

I [SWC75] was one of an official 24,605 fans in the Dome that day, (I remember it as a lot less than that). Syracuse fumbled the first three times we got the ball. As I recall it was twice on kick-off and once on the first play from scrimmage. The Golden Flashes got a field goal and then a touchdown out of it and then got the ball back a third time. A woman next to me said in my ear "This is actually funny." Then something happened. The four defensive linemen, Tim Green, Blaise Winter, Bill Pendock and Jamie Kimmel started motioning to the crowd to make some noise: "get behind us!".

The fans started cheering them on- why not? They stuffed that third possession and SU slowly took over the game. That line, which came to know as "Four Wheel Drive" kept forcing punts and turnovers and Don McCauley kept kicking field goals for the Orange. We got it to 9-10 by halftime, then took the lead at 12-10 and 15-10 and final punched over a touchdown to win 22-10. The crowd got louder and louder as the game went on and made as much noise as I've heard from any capacity crowd. In the subsequent years of great success, I was very proud to say that I was one of the fans who had been there at the Kent State game.

Syracuse went on to win three in a row and suddenly we were 3-1. Then we went out to play one of Nebraska's greatest teams and got crushed like a soda can, 7-63, the first of four straight losses. But the team rallied to win its last three and finish 6-5 against a schedule that included 6 bowl teams when there were less than half as many bowls as we have now.

The next year was just as tough, with 5 bowl teams and a 9-1-1 Florida team on probation. This was the year of the great win over Nebraska, followed by three straight road losses at Florida, West Virginia and Penn State. Then we rallied for three wins before losing to Heisman Trophy winner Doug Flutie's Boston College team, 16-24, for another 6-5 record. Both those teams would have gone to bowls today. The following year we did go to a bowl, losing the Cherry Bowl in Michigan to Maryland. But that gave us "bowl credibility" and allowed Mac to recruit a class full of big offensive linemen. Hopes were high the next year but there was too much rebuilding to do. We opened the season with four straight losses- all close- and a group called the "Sack Mac Pack" started up. But we rallied to a 5-2 finish and then all those big guys moved into the O-line to clear the way for Donnie McPherson, Moose Johnson, Robert Drummond and Michael Owens and we went on an 11-0 tear. Mrs. MacPherson even convinced the coach to start wearing a blue blazer with an orange tie. He looked like the CEO of a successful corporation. It was the beginning of a 15-year run of winning seasons, something only Michigan, Nebraska and Florida State accomplished in those same years.

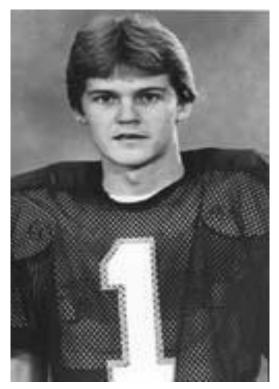
### 1981 Dick MacPherson Coach # 24

Dick MacPherson, resurrected the declining football program at Syracuse University—the decade you just read about from the Maloney years—and after the "Great Coaches" primer above, you are about to read about how Big Mac returned Syracuse Football to national prominence. MacPherson was head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen between 1981 and 1990. He posted a record of 66-46-4. After the team finished 5-6 in 1986, MacPherson took Syracuse on a magical run in which the Orangemen were 36-10 including an 11-0-1 mark in 1987 that included a berth in the Sugar Bowl and a fling with the national championship.

The 1981 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their ninety-second season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Frank Maloney in his first of ten seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had a losing season under MacPherson this year of 4-6-1 in the team's second season in the Carrier Dome. Syracuse had developed a culture of losing and it took a few years for MacPherson to turn it around. MacPherson picked Ike Bogosian & Joe Morris to be team captains for 1981.

## **Top Player All American Gary Anderson 1981**

Gary Anderson was an All American for Syracuse University in 1981. His NFL career has included tenures with the Steelers, Eagles, 49ers, Vikings, and Titans. He holds the SU record for season field



goals made (18) and highest season percentage of field goals made (94.7%), both in 1981.

< Anderson took part in SU's NCAA record setting consecutive PAT streak that lasted from 1978-1989. He won the 1998 Gold Toe Award in the NFL. He was named to Syracuse University's All-Century team in November 1999.

1982 Dick MacPherson Coach # 24

The 1982 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their ninety-third season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Dick MacPherson in his second of ten seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had a losing season of three under MacPherson this year -- 2-9-0 in the team's third season in the Carrier Dome. Syracuse had developed a culture of losing and would break away from this affliction in the next year. MacPherson would turn it around. MacPherson picked Gerry Feehery to be team captain for 1982.

## **Top Player All American Mike Charles 1982**



Michael William Charles, who also is known as "The Beast From the East" was born September 23, 1962 in Newark. He received all American status in 1982 as a Nose Tackle from Syracuse University. Charles played nine seasons in the National Football League. He was picked in the second round of the draft and had a great pro career playing for the Miami Dolphins (1983–1986), San Diego Chargers, (1987–1989), Los Angeles Raiders, (1990), and Los Angeles Rams (1991)g

### 1983 Dick MacPherson Coach # 24

The 1983 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their ninety-fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Dick MacPherson in his third of ten seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had its first winning season under its newest coach, MacPherson this year–6-5-0 in the team's fourth season in the Carrier Dome.

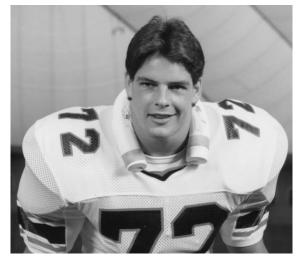
Before Coach MacPherson, SU had unfortunately gotten accustomed to losing year-in and year-out and this year, after two dismal seasons, the new coach would break them away from this pattern this year. He was the new ingredient that SU needed, and he turned the program and the attitudes around. Nothing in life worth doing is easy and it was not easy, but the positive signs were beginning to show. MacPherson picked Blaise Winter & Brent Ziegler, standout team players to be team captains for 1983.

### 1984 Dick MacPherson Coach # 24

The 1984 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their ninety-fifth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Dick MacPherson in his fourth of ten seasons as head coach of the

Syracuse Orangemen. SU had its second winning season under its newest coach, MacPherson this year–6-5-0 in the team's fifth season in the Carrier Dome. MacPherson picked Marty Chalk, Jaime Covington, Jim Gorzalski & Jamie Kimmel to be the team captains for 1984.

## Top Player All American Tim Green 1984-1985



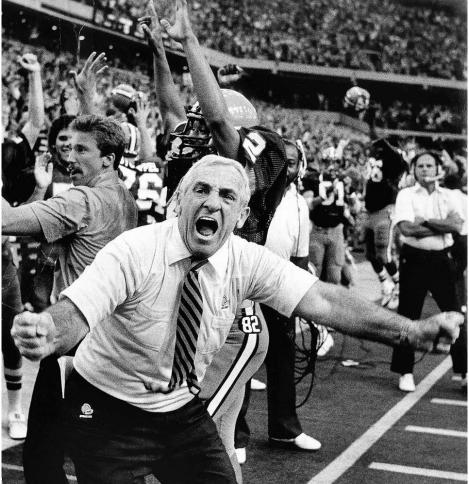
**Timothy Green** Was the 1985 National Scholar-Athlete Awards presented by Fidelity Investments recipient. Tim Green excelled on the field and in the classroom. He was a 3-time All-East selection and in 1985 unanimous All-America. He received a National Football Foundation Scholarship for academic excellence.

As a defensive tackle, he sacked quarterbacks and stopped runners. He set three Syracuse records for most sacks: 45.5 career, 15 one year, 4 one game. He had 341 tackles in his career. In 1985 he was Syracuse co-captain and was named Co-player of the Year in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC). He graduated in 1986 with a major in English.

Green played for the Atlanta Falcons 1986-93. He obtained a law degree in 1994 and practiced as an attorney, then added a career as a football broadcaster. Green has also excelled as an author and public speaker. In 2001, he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

### Highlight Syracuse Knocks off #1 Nebraska

On Sept 29 at home, Syracuse knocked off then ranked #1 Nebraska at the Carrier Dome W (17–9) before 47,280.



Yes, Dick Macpherson could show great emotion at the right times

It was September 29, 1984, when a tough Syracuse squad knocked off #1 Nebraska 17-9 in Dick MacPherson's fourth year. The performance helped quell any concerns about MacPherson's job security and catapulted the Orange forward to bigger things ahead under the legendary coach.

It also remarkably reversed a 63-7 result from the season before. The winning score was ultimately a 40-yard touchdown pass from Todd Norley to Mike Siano. Many of the players from that team point to the opening kickoff as the key, when SU linebacker Derek Ward decked Nebraska fullback Tom Rathman and knocked him out of the game. Those were the days, my friend.

There was little reason to believe that the SU football team stood a chance on that September Saturday in the Carrier Dome. Nebraska was the No. 1-ranked team in the country, favored by 25 points, and had defeated SU the year before 63-7. But this game turned out to be the biggest shocker in Orange football history.

Nebraska scored twice: a touchdown in the first quarter and a safety in the final seconds of the game. In between, Orange quarterback Todd Norley threw a spectacular 40-yard pass to Mike Siano, who out-jumped two Huskers at the goal line for a touchdown. Later, with just 1:29 left at the Nebraska 1-yard line, SU fullback Harold Gayden got the ball and carried it straight into the end zone. The game ended with SU's 17-9 victory over Nebraska; its first win against a top-ranked team in the history of its program.

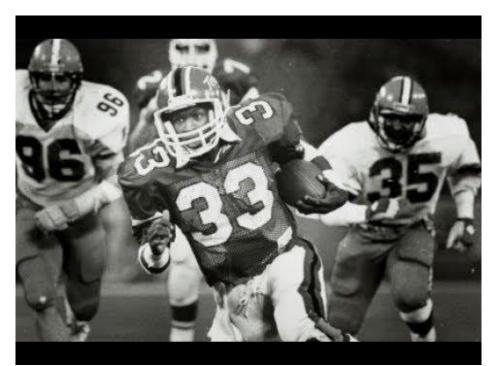
After the momentous upset, fans swarmed onto the field and celebrated for more than an hour, with SU players coming back out for a curtain call. Yes, those were the days, my friend.

### 1985 Dick MacPherson Coach # 24

The 1985 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their ninety-sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Dick MacPherson in his fifth of ten seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had its second winning season under its newest coach, MacPherson this year–7-5-0 in the team's sixth season in the Carrier Dome. MacPherson picked Tim Green & Rudy Reed to be the team captains for 1985. Syracuse finished with a 7–4 regular season record and played in the 1985 Cherry Bowl against Maryland, where they lost, 18–35. Throughout their history, SU has had a problem winning bowl games.

Notable players on this year's team included captain Tim Green, who earned unanimous All-American honors at defensive tackle and was a finalist for the Lombardi Award. Green was drafted 17th overall in the 1986 NFL Draft, ending his career at Syracuse as the school's all-time leader in sacks with 45.5, a record that he still owns.

# Cherry Bowl 1985



1985 Cherry Bowl #20 Maryland vs Syracuse

This was the first seven-game win season since before Frank Maloney and it earned the Orangemen a berth in the Pontiac, MI(Cherry Bowl) held on December 21 in the Pontiac Silverdome vs. the #20 Maryland Terrapins, a team no stranger to the Syracuse Orangemen. In this game, the Terrapins had the oomph to finish off the Orangemen L (18–35).

The 1985 Cherry Bowl was once a postseason college football bowl game. It featured Maryland's Terrapins, of the Atlantic Coast Conference and Syracuse of the Big East Conference.

#### 1986 Dick MacPherson Coach # 24

The 1986 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their ninety-seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Dick MacPherson in his sixth of ten seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had its third losing season under McPherson this year–5-6-0 in the team's seventh season in the Carrier Dome. MacPherson picked Pete Ewald, Jim Leible & Tim Pidgeon to be the team captains for 1986. Syracuse finished with an OK record, but it was not good enough for a bowl invitation.

Despite a tough record this season, Dick MacPherson had found his niche at Syracuse and the word on the street and beyond is that if he wanted more than the four years he put in, ending in 1990, he could have had that and more. Next year is the kind of up and down year SU fans have become accustomed to but regardless of the emotional roller coaster at the end of the season. 1987 would be one of the best in SU history. I can't wait to tell you about it.

#### 1987 Dick MacPherson Coach # 24

The 1987 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their ninety-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Dick MacPherson in his seventh of ten seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had its best season under McPherson this year–11-0-1 in the team's eighth season in the Carrier Dome. MacPherson picked Paul Frase, Ted Gregory & QB Don McPherson to be the team captains for 1987. What a year! Syracuse finished with a great record, and got a great bowl invitation but, suffered a season destroying tie against Auburn in the Sugar Bowl in what otherwise was a great game.

On the positive side in such a positive year, the 11 wins by the Orangemen matched the school record set by the national champion 1959 team, and their 4th-ranked finish in the AP Poll was the first ranked finish since 1961. When great things happen, there should be no misgivings but then again there are guys like me and many others who wonder whether SU could have found just one more point somehow in that game.

## **Top Player All American Theodore Gregory 1987**

As a nose guard, Ted Gregory was an All American for Syracuse in 1987,

He ranks eighth on Syracuse's career sacks list. He led a team that recorded 21 sacks in 1985, an SU record. In 1987, he was a finalist for the Vince Lombardi Award which recognizes the most outstanding lineman or linebacker. Gregory went on to play one



NFL season with the New Orleans Saints in 1988. He was named to Syracuse University's All-Century team in November 1999.

### << Theodore Gregory

At Syracuse, Gregory quickly became the cog of a very good defense, which included six future pros on the Sugar Bowl team. Without Gregory in 1986-- he missed nine games with a broken leg--Syracuse's run defense was ranked 105th (dead last) in the country. The following year, it soared to No. 1 before slipping to 16th after Gregory injured his knee in the seventh game. "In my

10 years at Syracuse," former coach Dick MacPherson said, "we had four impact players, people who affected the whole program Tim Green, Don McPherson, Rob Moore and Ted Gregory. When they stepped on the field, they made a difference.

# **Top Player All American Don McPherson 1987**

The 1987 football campaign at Syracuse was McPherson's finest. He was The Maxwell Award winner as the college football player of the year and the Heisman Trophy runner-up, McPherson led the nation in passing efficiency with a Syracuse-record 164.3 rating.

He set 22 Syracuse records, including the single-season marks for passing yards per game (212.8), touchdown passes (22), and most consecutive games with a touchdown pass (10). He won the

Maxwell Award (most outstanding player), Davey O'Brien Award (most outstanding quarterback) and Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award (most outstanding senior quarterback).

McPherson finished his Syracuse playing career in 1987 with the program's all-time passing yards, completions and pass attempts records. After graduating, McPherson continued his football career with the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles and Houston Oilers. McPherson was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2008. In 2013, Syracuse University honored McPherson by retiring his No. 9 jersey.

Upon retiring from pro football in 1994, McPherson joined Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society as director of Athletes in Service to America. During this time, McPherson turned his focus to the issue of "men's violence against women," as director of Sport in Society's Mentors in Violence Prevention Program. In 2002, McPherson founded the Sports Leadership Institute at Adelphi University and served as its executive director. He was also an independent consultant and vice president of The Hopewell Group, Inc., a philanthropic advising and consulting company located in New York City.



It's been 26 years now since Syracuse University's Don McPherson finished second to Notre Dame's Tim Brown in the Heisman Trophy balloting. As McPherson was the toast of Eastern football and the quarterback of an Orange team that went 11-0-1 and finished fourth in the nation, it was (and remains) a sporting injustice. (Mike Greenlar | mgreenlar@syracuse.com)

Throughout his professional life, McPherson has used the power and appeal of sport to address complex social issues. Since 1995, McPherson has served as a national leader and advocate for the prevention of sexual and domestic violence. He has conducted workshops and lectures for more than 200 college campuses, community organizations and national sports and violence prevention organizations, and was a facilitator at the first NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference in 1997. His programs and lectures have reached more than one million people.

McPherson has worked as a college football analyst for ESPN, BET and NBC and currently provides regular expert analysis on XM Satellite Radio. In 2000, while a board member of the Nassau County Sports Commission, McPherson created the John Mackey Award, which recognizes college football's most outstanding tight end.

He has served in a consulting and advisory capacity for several national organizations and currently sits on the board of directors of the Family and Children's Association, Stop It Now! and the Ms. Foundation for Women.

### Highlight: PSU v Syracuse - A game for the ages

In a number of the prior years in the PSU v SU rivalry, always topranked under Joe Paterno, Penn State had been having its way with the Orange prior to 1987. This year would call a pause to the Nittany Lions onslaught over the years on the Orangemen. On Oct 17, another high ranked Penn State team (#10) came into the Carrier Dome ready to rip apart an always struggling but this year a ranked #13 Syracuse squad. Penn State did its best as always but there was so much might on the SU side that it was impossible for the Nittany Lions to not give up 48 points against the Orangemen. The game ended W (48–21) before a max sellout crowd at the Carrier Dome 50,011 fans. It was a great standing room only game

### It happened on Oct. 17, 1987

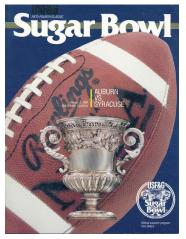
Syracuse's 48-21 home destruction of No. 10 Penn State, the defending national champions, highlighted Syracuse's unbeaten season in 1987. The Orange came in ranked No. 13 and would climb as high as No. 4 before tying Auburn in the Sugar Bowl and finishing without a loss. Syracuse had lost 42-3 at Penn State the previous year. Don McPherson completed 15 of 20 passes for a school-record (at the time) 336 yards. He opened the game with an 80-yard touchdown pass to Rob Moore. It is one of just two unbeaten seasons in school history.

The WV victory clinched a perfect 1987 regular season and sent the Orange off to face Auburn in the Sugar Bowl. Syracuse trailed by a touchdown with less than two minutes left but got a touchdown connection from Don McPherson to Pat Kelly, then a two-point conversion option run from Michael Owens to win the game. Sadly, Pat Dye wouldn't make the same choice in New Orleans, settling for a tie.

# The 1988 Sugar Bowl

On January, 1988, #4 ranked Syracuse took on # 6 ranked Auburn at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana in this year's Sugar Bowl. The team's played tough to a tie T (16–16) before 75,495. In eight more years, the rules would change. The rules were changed to their current format in 1996. Instead of ties, on the average, about 32 college games go into overtime every year.

### How Syracuse and Auburn Met in the 1988 Sugar Bowl



Dick MacPherson would not let go of the trophy.

He went from interview to interview clutching the 35-pound, ornate, silver vessel, the symbol of Sugar Bowl supremacy.

"It's getting heavy," the Syracuse coach said an hour after the final whistle of a 16-16 New Year's Day deadlock with Auburn, "but they'll have to fight me to take it away."

### From the All State Sugar Bowl Archives:

The source of MacPherson's ire was the decision by Tiger coach Pat Dye to send place-kicker Win Lyle onto the field for a 30-yard field goal attempt with four seconds remaining. Dye, whose 9-1-1 team had no chance at a national championship or any other postgame laurels, was willing to settle for the tie.



54th Annual Sugar Bowl Classic ~ January 1, 1988 Score 16 for #4 Syracuse (Final record: 11-0-1, #4) Score 16 for #6 Auburn (Final record: 9-1-3, #7)

Lyle's own frustrated teammates tried to wave him off the field before he made the tying kick, which produced boos from both sides, the only tie in the long annals of the Sugar Bowl (just the seventh in major bowl history, and the first since 1959), the only blot on Syracuse's record (11-0-1), and a fire in MacPherson's belly.

When Lyle's third field goal of the night sailed through the yellow uprights, MacPherson vented his anger by throwing his game plan – three sheets of rolled-up paper – to the Superdome turf. He had to walk onto the playing surface to retrieve it.



"I was mad at myself," MacPherson said.

Minutes before, when his team had to decide whether to go for it on fourth-and-inches at the Auburn 22, MacPherson's choice had been to kick for a 16-3 lead, feeling a team with no shot at No. 1 would have to go for the winning touchdown against an unbeaten, untied opponent in a bowl game.

"I told my guys a field goal was like a touchdown," MacPherson said. "I told them if we made it, Auburn would have to go for the touchdown. If I had thought in my wildest imagination he'd go for a field goal, we would have gone for a first down."

At that point, all the Syracuse coach could do was smolder.

Dye said his Tigers – two and a half point favorites – simply played with "too much character and class" to risk going for a 13-yard touchdown in the fading seconds against the fourth-ranked Orangemen. "You win some, lose some and some end in ties," Dye said.

"I made up my mind early on (in Auburn's last drive) what I was going to do. I wasn't going to let my team get beat. If they (Syracuse) wanted to win, they should have blocked the field goal."

The Tiger athletes, on the other hand, vividly remembered the Tennessee game. "I remember how happy Tennessee was with the tie and how disgusted I felt at the time." Auburn offensive guard Stacy Searles reflected in the Sugar Bowl aftermath.

The disappointment, and the sniping and roaring between the Sugar Bowl foes on the first night of 1988, put a forlorn face on to the Sugar Bowl, a sharp contrast to the euphoria of a month earlier when the match was made.

This was the scenario: With just over two minutes remaining, with a fourth-and-inches at the Auburn 22, Tom Vesling booted the goahead field goal.

MacPherson would second-guess himself later, but upon reflection said, "I think that was the right call." Dye agreed. "It put his team ahead (16-13)."

Auburn was 75 yards from their 10th victory of the season, and in that time-span made up 62 of those yards.

At that point Dye sent in Lyle, to the accompaniment of boos from all ends of the Superdome. MacPherson made note of the fact that Auburn didn't throw into the end zone once on the last drive. "They were just fooling around with other things," he said, his anger showing through. "What the hell was (Dye) thinking? What the hell did they come here for in the first place?"

A Syracuse radio station, incensed by Dye's strategy, made a call for Orangemen fans to send Dye ties, the ugliest they could find. An estimated 2,000 ties flooded the Tiger athletic department in the days following the Sugar Bowl.

Dye, however, found a "moral victory" in the intended insult. He autographed each one, and included the score of the game, and had the athletic department sell them to fans for \$100 apiece, with the proceeds donated to Auburn's general fund.

Sales totaled \$25,000.

A Montgomery radio station, WHHY, felt a response was in order, however. Disc jockey Blake Scott said sour grapes were exactly

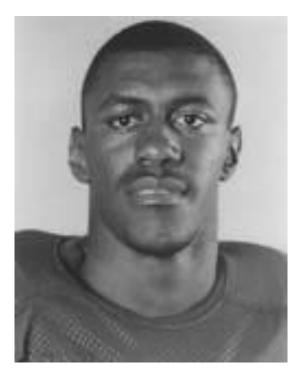
what Syracuse fans deserved. He asked Auburn fans to donate sour grapes to Dick MacPherson.

"We're looking for a warm warehouse to store them," Scott said, "then for the slowest transportation available."

### 1988 Dick MacPherson Coach # 24

The 1988 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their ninety-ninth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Dick MacPherson in his eighth of ten seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had its second-best season under McPherson this year–10-2-0 in the team's ninth regular season in the Carrier Dome. MacPherson picked Daryl Johnston & Markus Paul to be the team captains for 1988. Another fine year! Syracuse finish with a great record. They got another great bowl invitation to the 1989 Hall of Fame bowl where they defeated LSU.

## **Top Player All American Markus Paul 1988**



Markus Paul holds the Syracuse football records for game (three) and career (19) interceptions. In 1987 and 1988. Paul was named a finalist for the Jim Thorpe Award which recognizes the nation's top defensive back. In 1988. he earned All-American honors. Paul was a member of the Chicago Bears and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the NFL. He was named to Syracuse University's All-Century team in November 1999.

### Hall of Fame Bowl

On January 2 #17 Syracuse tangled with #16 LSU inside Tampa Stadium in Tampa, FL in the Hall of Fame Bowl. The Orangemen beat the Tigers W (23–10) before 49,860. The Orangemen finished #12 for the season.

### 1989 Dick MacPherson Coach # 24

The 1989 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their one hundredth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Dick MacPherson in his ninth of ten seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had its second-best season under McPherson this year–8-4-2 in the team's tenth regular season in the Carrier Dome. MacPherson picked Blake Bednarz, Dan Bucey, Rob Burnett, Michael Owens & Terry Wooden to be the team captains for 1989.

It was another fine year of football for Syracuse. As noted, the team finished with an 8–4-0 record and played in the 1989 Peach Bowl, where they beat Georgia, 19–18. They also played a regular season game in Tokyo, Japan, in the Coca-Cola Classic against Louisville.

### The Peach Bowl

On December 30, one day before New Year's Eve, unranked Syracuse defeated unranked Georgia in the Peach Bowl in Atlanta, GA in a one point match W (19–18) before 44,911 stadium fans giving the Orangemen full record of 8-7 for 1989.

### 1990 Dick MacPherson Coach # 24

The 1990 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their one hundred-first season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Dick MacPherson in his tenth and last of ten seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had its third best season under McPherson this year–7-4-2. MacPherson picked John Flannery, Duane Kinnon, Gary McCummings & Rob Thomson to be the team captains for 1990. It was another fine year of football for Syracuse. With their season record of 6-4-2, the team was invited and played in the 1990 Aloha Bowl and shut out Arizona W (28-0)

This season marked the end of two eras for Syracuse football. First, it was Dick MacPherson's final year as head coach. He would leave to coach the 1991 New England Patriots. Second, it was the final season for Syracuse football as an independent. Starting with the 1991 season, the Big East Conference, of which Syracuse was a founding member, began sponsoring football competition.

# Top Player All American John Flannery 1989-'90



John Flannery was a Syracuse University All-American in 1989 and 1990. As center, he helped anchor an offensive line that went 3-0-1 in four bowl games during his tenure with the Orange **<< John Flannery.** 

Flannery was drafted in the second round by the Houston Oilers, where he made the NFL All-Rookie Team in 1991. He later enjoyed stops with the Dallas Cowboys and St. Louis Rams. He was named

to Syracuse University's All-Century team in November 1999.

# Aloha Bowl

On Christmas Day, December 25, 1990 at 3:30 PM, Syracuse squared off against Arizona in Aloha Stadium, Honolulu, Hawaii in

the Aloha Bowl. ). The Orangemen shut out the Wildcats W (28-0) before 32,217 while basking in the glow and the physical warmth of our nation's  $50^{\text{th}}$  state.

Lots more than the game was going on in Hawaii on Dec. 25, 1990. Syracuse snapped the Arizona Wildcats' 214-game scoring streak, the second-longest in NCAA history, with a 28-0 victory. Arizona hadn't been shut out since a 31-0 loss to Arizona State in 1971.

SU Quarterback Marvin Graves was voted Syracuse's most valuable player after running for two scores and throwing for two more TDs. Cornerback Todd Burden, with two interceptions and a forced fumble, was chosen the player of the game for Arizona (7-5).

### Dick MacPherson moves on

The 1990 season at Syracuse was the last for Dick Macpherson. He could have coached as long as he wanted but he was ready to try his hand at professional football.

Those who have been reading this book like a book rather than using it as a reference know that the Syracuse University football team enjoyed few winning seasons during the 1970s. Then came Dick MacPherson followed immediately by Paul Pasqualoni and after twenty-dive years of these two coaches, Syracuse was a national power again.

In that 1970's decade, mostly post Schwartzwalder, the Orange made it to one postseason game. Syracuse defeated McNeese State 31-7 in the Independence Bowl on Dec. 15, 1979.

That was the only bowl game in which a Syracuse team led by head coach Frank Maloney ever played. Mr. Maloney compiled a record of 32-46-3 with the Orange. Syracuse football had definitely fallen on hard times.

And then came Dick MacPherson. He helped the football program regain its prestige, earning a record of 66-46-4 as its head coach for 10 seasons.

Richard F. MacPherson had a wonderful life. died Tuesday at Crouse Hospital in Syracuse at the age of 86. It was less than a year ago from when I began to put this book together--August 8, 2017. Here are some parts of his obituary as they tell nice story about the life of this great man and great coach:

He is survived by his wife, Sandra; his daughters Maureen and Janet; four grandchildren; and many friends and admirers.

He held various coaching positions at several other schools (Illinois, UMass, Cincinnati and Maryland) before arriving at Syracuse. He also served as an assistant coach for the Denver Broncos from 1967 to 1970 and the Cleveland Browns from 1978 to 1980.

Despite the potential, Mr. MacPherson didn't look like he would fare much better when he took over as Syracuse's head coach in 1981 than did his predecessor. His team went 4-6-1 in his first season and a dismal 2-9 in his second season at the helm. Syracuse was a in serious doldrums, and it was not until year three that Macpherson was able to begin the big turnaround. SU went 7-5 in 1985 and lost to Maryland in the Cherry Bowl 35-18.

Many fans turned on Mr. MacPherson in 1986 when, after some big successes, the Orange had a losing season at 5-6. Some of them formed the Sack Mac Pack, creating signs and bumper stickers urging the school to dump the head coach.

But athletic director Jake Crouthamel stuck by his longtime friend. Mr. MacPherson repaid this loyalty by leading the Orange to an undefeated season in 1987 and a No. 4 ranking.

On Jan. 1, 1988, Syracuse tied Auburn 16-16 in the Sugar Bowl. While the score kept the Orange from being beaten that season, the result irked the coach and the school's many fans.

"Of all the games MacPherson coached, the Sugar Bowl tie with Auburn, spoiling an undefeated season, may have rankled him the most. The game ended when coach Pat Dye of Auburn decided to attempt a 30-yard field goal with four seconds left rather than try to win the game with a touchdown," according to an Associated Press story published Wednesday in the New York Times. "The kick was successful, tying the score at 16-16. MacPherson was bitter about the rival coach's call. 'What did they come here for in the first place?' he said. He added, 'I gotta believe his menu was to stop us from being 12-0.'"

Mr. MacPherson left Syracuse after the 1990 season to serve as head coach of the New England Patriots for two years. Paul Pasqualoni succeeded him as the Orange's skipper and continued building the football program's winning tradition. Over 14 seasons, Mr. Pasqualoni compiled a record of 101-59-1 and led the team to nine bowl appearances.

In 2009, Mr. MacPherson was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. After retiring from coaching, he became a color commentator for Syracuse football on radio and television. His grandsons Cameron and Mackey both played for the Orange; Mackey is a graduate assistant coach with the team.

Those who knew Mr. MacPherson have lauded his passion for football and his rapport with players. He was an exceptional mentor to many people.

A native of Maine, he returned to Syracuse in retirement to continue his association with the school. He often spent his time in the Thousand Islands area. Dick MacPherson leaves a remarkable legacy, one that still enriches our region.

### An abbreviate obit below:

Richard "Dick" F. MacPherson, age 86, passed away on August 8, 2017. He died peacefully in Syracuse, New York surrounded by family.

Coach Mac was born in Old Town, Maine on November 4, 1930, to Hugh and Ludovic (Moreau) MacPherson. He was the eleventh of twelve children. He attended Old Town High School, graduating in 1948. After serving in the United States Air Force, Mac graduated from Springfield College, where he played on the football team as a center and linebacker. At Springfield, he met the love of his life, Sandra. They were married in 1958, beginning Mac's 58 years as a loving, devoted husband.

At Syracuse, Coach Mac's tenure included the 1987 undefeated season, five bowl appearances (four of which he won), and every single Coach of the Year honor given in 1987. Mac was then named head coach of the New England Patriots in 1991. He retired with 111 wins as a college head coach and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2009.

To Coach Mac, the most important pillars of life were faith and family. A lifelong Catholic, Mac was known for his rosary beads, daily missals, and warm greetings. He loved golf, bridge, Time magazine, and watching his grandchildren play football, row crew, and cheerlead. More than anything, he loved caring for people and sharing his joyful love with those around him, family and stranger alike.

A proud Mainer with an accent to prove it, Coach Mac came to happily call Syracuse his home. He enthusiastically supported the Salvation Army, the Joslin Diabetes Center, and numerous other community charities. He was thrilled to lead Syracuse's St. Patrick's Day Parade as Grand Marshall in 2010.

# Chapter 11 Paul Pasqualoni Players 1991 to 2004

Coach Paul Pasqualoni #25

Year	Coach	Record	Conf
1991	Paul Pasqualoni	10-2-0	Big East (5-0 #1)
1992	Paul Pasqualoni	10-2-0	Big East (6-1)
	Paul Pasqualoni	6-4-1	Big East (3-4)
1994	Paul Pasqualoni	7-4-0	Big East (4-3)
1995	Paul Pasqualoni	9-3-0	Big East (5-2)
	Paul Pasqualoni	9-3-0	Big East (6-1)
	Paul Pasqualoni	9-4-0	Big East (6-1 #1)
	Paul Pasqualoni	8-4-0	Big East (6-1 #1)
1999	Paul Pasqualoni	7-5-0	Big East (3-4)
2000	Paul Pasqualoni	6-5-0	Big East (4-3)
2001	Paul Pasqualoni	10-3-0	Big East (6-1)
2002	Paul Pasqualoni	4-8-0	Big East (2-5_
2003	Paul Pasqualoni	6-6-0	Big East (2-5)
2004	Paul Pasqualoni	6-6-0	Big East (4-2)



Coach Pasqualoni -- A little required fun after a win

# Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

Ben Schwartzwalder had been offered the job of being the first ever coach of the New England Patriots after the national championship season. When Coach Mac, a New Englander, got the same offer after the 1990 season, he took it. Since we were now a successful program, Jake Crouthamel decided to promote from within and we got our third straight linebacker coach elevated to the status of a head coach, Paul Pasqualoni.

Before coming to Syracuse he'd been a Penn State linebacker, (a Nittany Lion coaching the Orange!), and head coach at Western Connecticut State, a Division III team. He'd inherited a 1-8 squad from 1982 and took them to 9-1 by 1984. In 1985 they went 10-1 and made the DIII playoffs. Mac hired him in 1987. His youth and comparatively brief tenure with the program made him a surprise choice but that put him in a category with Coach Mac and Ben Schwartzwalder. Paul went on to become the 2nd winningest coach in Syracuse history, going 107-59-1.

He got off to a great start, going 10-2 in his first two years, crushing Steve Spurrier's Florida team in 1991 and coming up just short of upsetting #1 Miami in 1992. The 1993 team strangely fell apart, losing consecutive games to Miami and West Virginia by a combined 0-92. That team and the next broke the string of bowl teams at 6 in a row, (none of which we lost) but extended the string of winning seasons. Then came the Donovan McNabb Era where we were very good but could never quite break through to greatness. We had a 41-0 Gator Bowl blow-out of Clemson, a 34-0 kick-off Classic rout of Wisconsin, ran Michigan out of the Big House, 38-28, (it was 38-7 at one point), and beat Miami back to back by 96-26. Who could imagine that we'd ever do such things?

But it created an intolerance for upset losses and uncompetitive performances, such as the two losses each to East Carolina, North Carolina State and later Rutgers and Temple when they were the dregs of the conference, as well as 0-62 and 7-51 losses at Virginia Tech, 13-45, 0-59 and 7-49 losses to Miami, and in his final season 0-51 to Purdue to open the season and 14-51 to Georgia Tech to close it. Eventually the talent and patience level declined and a new

Athletic Director, Dr. Daryl Gross, fired him and brought in his own man, leaving us to argue about what really went wrong ever since.

#### 1991 Paul Pasqualoni Coach # 25

The 1991 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their one hundred-second season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Paul Pasqualoni in his first of fourteen seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. Coach Mac had left a fine nucleus for Coach Pasqualoni to work with. SU had its best season under its new coach this year and would have a similar 10-2-0 season next year and they were 5-0 in their first year in the Big East. This season matched Coach Mac's second-best season when Syracuse was independent.

Pasqualoni picked Andrew Dees, Mark McDonald, Tim Sandquist & Greg Walker to be the team captains for 1991. It was another fine year of football for Syracuse. With their season record of 10-2-0, the team was invited and played in the Hall of Fame Bowl v Ohio State on January 1.

Two new eras began for Syracuse football in 1991. It was the first season as head coach for Paul Pasqualoni, who was promoted from assistant after Dick MacPherson, who had led the Orangemen for the previous 10 seasons, left to take the head coaching job at the New England Patriots. More important in the long term, this was the first season in which the Big East Conference sponsored football—although the conference would not establish a full round-robin schedule in the sport until the 1993 season. Syracuse as noted was 5-0 v Big East Teams this year. Miami, the #1 team in the nation was 2-0 in the Big East in 1991. SU and Miami did not play in 1991. Syracuse U was very fortunate after such a great coach as Dick Mac, to find another great one, Paul Pasqualoni. Picking an existing coach does not always work…but it sure worked with P.P.

# **Top Player All American Qadry Ismail 1991**



Qadry Ismail, aka, the Missile, is the bother of Raghib, aka the Rocket from Notre Dame. Both came from Meyers HS in Wilkes-Barre PA. Qadry did some time in HS at QB because his brother got the ball all the time. In college, he played wide receiver and kick returner like his brother Raghib. Both Ismail boys were as quick as lightening.

When Coach Mickey Gorham's undefeated Meyers Mohawks team was heading to Dallas HS to play Coach Ted Jackson's Mountaineers, it is strongly

rumored that to keep the fleet footed Ismail's from destroying Dallas with their speed, Jackson, a smart HS coach, whose teams have won PA state championships, ordered the grass not be cut in anticipation. The grass sure was long when Meyers got off the bus and began to warm up for the game.

Here's the story

Coach Ted Jackson, coach of Dallas, knew the speed of the Ismail brothers, Raghib (Rocket) and Qadry (Missile)—Qadry went to Syracuse and Raghib went to ND. Jackson knew they would rip his team apart with their blinding speed.

Both were great high school football players and phenomenally fast track stars. To negate the speed of the Ismail's, the rumor mill says Jackson had a trick that in 1987 was perfectly legal.

Some say Coach Ted Jackson refused to permit the grass to be cut at Dallas, PA Stadium before the Meyers game. Consequently, the Ismail's' were in essence "caged in" by the high grass and were easy pickings for Dallas Defenders. The folklore says the grass was knee high. "Maintenance made a mistake," joked Dallas head coach Ted

Jackson. "They cut the grass. Fire that guy." Jackson was a win at all costs kind of coach and very clever.

Qadry surely remembers that game. At Syracuse, as a receiver Qadry Ismail compiled 5,137 yards and reached the end zone 33 times in the pros. He was an All-BIG EAST First Team wide receiver and conference second-team kick returner at Syracuse. He was drafted by the Minnesota Vikings in the second round of the 1993 NFL Draft. He was a 1991College All-American.

In the NFL, he was a Receiver/Kick returner in 1993-96, with the Minnesota Vikings; then 1997 with Green Bay's Packers and Miami Dolphins; In 1998, New Orleans Saints; and in 1999-01 with the Baltimore Ravens. He wrapped up his football career with the Indianapolis Colts.

### 1991 Hall of Fame Bowl

On January 1, 1992 at 1:00 PM #16 Syracuse squared off vs. unranked Ohio State at Tampa Stadium in Tampa, FL for the Hall of Fame Bowl game. SU defeated the Buckeyes W (24–17) before 57,789 fans.

### 1992 Paul Pasqualoni Coach # 25

The 1992 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their one hundred-third season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Paul Pasqualoni in his second of fourteen seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU equaled its best season under new coach Pasqualoni this year after a similar 10-2-0 season in 1991. They were 6-1 in their second year in the Big East after a close loss to undefeated Miami.

Pasqualoni picked David Qalker and Geln Young to be the team captains for 1992. It was another fine year of football for Syracuse. With their season record of 10-2-0, the team was invited and played in the Fiesta Bowl v Colorado on January 1.

# Top Player All American Chris J. Gedney 1992

**Christopher Joseph Gedney** was born on August 9, 1970 in Liverpool NY and he played football graduated from Liverpool HS there. He played tight end in the National Football League(NFL) for six seasons. He played college football for Syracuse University, and earned All-American honors. He played professionally for the Chicago Bears and Arizona Cardinals of the NFL. He is currently the assistant athletics director for major gifts at Syracuse University.

While playing for the Syracuse Orangemen football team from 1989 to 1992, he was a standout, achieving first-team consensus All-American status as a senior in 1992.



The Chicago Bears selected Gedney in the third round (61st overall pick) in the 1993 NFL Draft, and he played for the Bears from 1993 to 1995. He later played for the Arizona Cardinals from 1997 to 2000.His most productive season came in 1997, where he caught 23 passes for 261 yards and 4 touchdowns.

Chris currently lives in Syracuse, New York. He previously worked as the development liaison for the SU's Football Lettermen's Club and an analyst for the Syracuse Sports Network. On April 29, 2010, Gedney was promoted to senior associate athletic director for major gifts at Syracuse University.

# 1993 Fiesta Bowl

On January 1, 1993, #6 Syracuse teed off against #10 Colorado in SU n Devil Stadium, Tempe, Arizona in the Fiesta Bowl. Syracuse

was becoming a regular bowl game winner and got the win in this game W (26–22) before 70,224.

Marvin Graves was named the Offensive Player of the Game and Kevin Mitchell earned defensive honors as No. 6 Syracuse defeated No. 10 Colorado. Graves, who earned his third straight bowl MVP award, scored on a 28-yard run and led an SU attack that rushed for 201 yards. David Walker led the way with 80 yards on 16 carries and Terry Richardson added 63 yards on seven carries.

On defense, Mitchell wreaked havoc on the Colorado attack. The nose guard had eight tackles, two sacks and two tackles for loss. Glen Young and Dan Conley combined for 23 tackles and Dwayne Joseph, Bob Grosvenor and Tony Jones each picked off a pass from Kordell Stewart, the nation's fifth-rated passer. Colorado pulled to within 19-16, but Kirby Dar Dar ran the ensuing kickoff 100 yards for what proved to be the winning TD, closing out a 20-point third quarter for Syracuse.

Despite dreadful field conditions, John Biskup was perfect on the day, hitting field goals of 46 and 34 yards and both of his PAT attempts. Colorado's Mitch Berger did not fare as well, missing a field goal and two PATs, which as hindsight shows us, was the game margin.

#### 1993 Paul Pasqualoni Coach #25

The 1993 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their one hundred-fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Paul Pasqualoni in his third of fourteen seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had a winning season 6-4-1 but not at the level of the last several. They were 3-4- in their third year in the Big East. Pasqualoni picked Marvin Graves, Dwayne Joseph, and John Reagan to be the team captains for 1993. Syracuse did not play in a bowl game this year.

### 1994 Paul Pasqualoni Coach # 25

The 1994 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their one hundred-fifth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Paul Pasqualoni in his fourth of fourteen seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had picked up the pace winning one more game than last year -- 7-4-0. They were 4-3- in their fourth year in the Big East. Pasqualoni picked Wilky Bazile, Eric Chenoweth, Dan Conley, and Tony Jones to be the team captains for 1994. Syracuse was not selected for a bowl game this year.

### 1995 Paul Pasqualoni Coach # 25

The 1995 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their one hundred-sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Paul Pasqualoni in his fifth of fourteen seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had picked up the pace again, winning nine games this year 9-3-0. They were 5-2- in their fifth year in the Big East. Pasqualoni picked Cy Ellsworth, Marvin Harrison, and Darrell Parker to be the team captains for 1995. Syracuse was selected for the Gator Bowl this year and they beat Clemson in a blowout shutout.

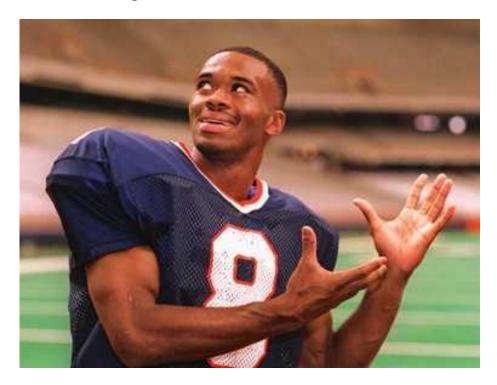
# **Top Player All American Marvin Harrison 1995**

Marvin Daniel Harrison was born August 25, 1972. He played wide receiver in the National Football League (NFL). Before his NFL career, he played wide receiver for Syracuse University. Harrison was an All-American in 1995.

He was drafted by the Indianapolis Colts in the first round of the 1996 NFL Draft. He spent all 13 of his NFL seasons with the Colts, most of them with quarterback Peyton Manning, and is widely considered as one of the greatest and most productive wide receivers in NFL history.

He earned a SU per Bowl ring with the team in SU per Bowl XLI over the Chicago Bears. Harrison was a Pro Football Hall of Fame finalist for the Classes of 2014 and 2015 before being elected in 2016,

the same year his former coach Tony Dungy was voted into the Hall. Harrison's picture is below:



## The 1996 Gator Bowl

On January 1, 1996, New Year's Day the Gator Bowl pitted then unranked Syracuse v #23 Clemson in the Gator Bowl game hosted in Jacksonville Municipal Stadium, Jacksonville, Florida. The Orangemen blew out the Tigers in a one-way game W (41-0) before 45,202

### Game highlights

#### Syracuse 41, Clemson 0

January 1, 1996 Jacksonville, Florida

Syracuse fans loved this season finish as it was done in grand style. The Orangemen got credit for the most-lopsided victory of all of the 51 Gator Bowls. SU defeated Clemson, 41-0, in rain-soaked Jacksonville. SU scored early and more often than expected against a typically tough Clemson Tigers team. SU had a 20-0 lead after the first quarter. For Clemson, there was not much to write home about.

Bowl MVP Donovan McNabb was on the mark as he threw for three TDs and ran for one more. McNabb was a real scrambler on the field and this always helped the team. Marvin Harrison, who suffered a broken thumb in the game continued playing and he continued to excel. He had seven receptions for 173 yards and two TDs to close out his stellar career.

Sean Reali set an SU record with a 73-yard punt. Every eligible player entered the game. The scoring started with a Thomas TD run, followed by McNabb's TD run. The first quarter ended with a 38yard TD pass from McNabb to Harrison. SU put the game out of reach with a pair of third quarter TDs, Thomas' second run and a 56-yard pass from McNabb to Harrison. A 15-yard TD pass from McNabb to Kaseem Sinceno capped the scoring for SU. It was games like this that helped Donavan McNabb become a great Philly QB, though Philadelphia did not let him be the great scrambler he was with the Orangemen

With this bowl victory, Paul Pasqualoni tied Dick MacPherson in SU bowl victories, moving his bowl record to 3-0. The win was SU's sixth straight bowl victory and ninth overall. Before Macpherson and Pasqualoni, bowl wins were few and far between, even with Ben Schwartzwalder. Besides Ben Schwartzwalder, Macpherson and Pasqualoni were top flight. IMHO, SU would have rebuilt and been a contender again if the cries to fire Pasqualoni as we close in on year 14 were put to bed. Pasqualoni is a great coach. These wins did not come by accident.

For Syracuse fans, who are still Paul Pasqualoni fans, you will feel vindicated as you check out the post SU Pasqualoni career. He is well known for his defensive acumen. On February 7, 2018, just a few weeks ago about when I began writing this book, Pasqualoni was named defensive coordinator of the Detroit Lions. He is a pro.

I will root for Detroit when they are not playing my other favorite teams for sure. As a lifetime Pennsylvanian, I live just one hundred miles north of Philadelphia, home of the 2018 SU per Bowl Champs. Go Eagles! Sorry...could not help it after so many dry years.

#### 1996 Paul Pasqualoni Coach # 25

The 1996 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their one hundred-seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Paul Pasqualoni in his sixth of fourteen seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had picked up the pace again, winning nine games again this year 9-3-0. They were 6-1 in their sixth year in the Big East. Pasqualoni picked Kevin Abrams, Harvey Pennypacker, and Malcolm Thomas to be the team captains for 1996. Syracuse was selected for the Liberty Bowl this year and they defeated Houston in a nice game. This was four bowl game wins of four played for Pasqualoni.

### Top Player All American Kevin Abrams 1995-'96

Kevin Abrams signed his letter of intent to play college football at Syracuse University in 1992, the same year as fellow defensive back Tyvan Sunday.

Abrams was born on February 28, 1974. He played professional NFL football as a cornerback. He was drafted by the Detroit Lions in the second round of the 1997 NFL Draft. He played four years with the Lions before he ended his career.

# **Top Player All American Donovin L Darius 1997**



Darius played free Safety for Syracuse and was selected as an All American in 1997. He was the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year in 1997 and an All-BIG EAST selection in 1996 and 1997. Darius intercepted 12 passes and had 379 tackles in his career. He was a defensive mainstay for the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars. He led SU in tackles in the 1996 Gator Bowl and the 1996 Liberty Bowl wins. He was named to Syracuse University's All-Century team in November 1999

## 1996 Liberty Bowl

On December 27 at 3:00 PM, #23 Syracuse engaged Houston in the Liberty Bowl Game in Memphis, TN. Syracuse's eight game streak was preserved in this great win W (30–17) before 49,163

The pundits have written that Syracuse put aside its usual balanced offense and rode its powerful running game to a 30-17 victory in the

1996 St. Jude Liberty Bowl in Memphis. For SU fans, it was as always, the past few years, a thing of beauty.

Malcolm Thomas won the Most Outstanding Offensive Player Award with a 201-yard rushing performance, scoring one touchdown. SU rushed for 396 yards and four TDs in the game. Quarterback Donovan McNabb rushed for 49 yards and a pair of touchdowns but as a great rushing quarterback, he made it easier for all the backs and all the receivers to have the day they needed to get a big win.

#### 1997 Paul Pasqualoni Coach # 25

The 1997 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their one hundred-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Paul Pasqualoni in his seventh of fourteen seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had a great pace going winning nine games again this year for the third time in a row 9-4-0. They were 6-1 in their seventh year in the Big East. Pasqualoni picked Keith Downing, Donovin Darius, Rod Gadson, and Brad Patkochis to be the team captains for 1997. Syracuse was selected for the Fiesta Bowl and they were defeated by Kansas State in a nice game. This was the first bowl game loss for Pasqualoni out of five tries.

### Highlight SU v West Virginia

On Nov 1, #17 West Virginia played SU at the Carrier Dome and were whooped by Syracuse W (40–10) before 49,273.

On Nov. 1, 1997, in the middle of an eight-game winning streak after starting the year 1-3, Syracuse beat down No. 17 West Virginia by a score of 40-10. The impressive margin helped boost Syracuse into the Fiesta Bowl, where the Orange lost to Kansas State (discussed below). Kyle McIntosh led the Orange, rushing for 145 yards. Syracuse also got 188 yards passing from Donovan McNabb.

# 1997 Fiesta Bowl

On New Year's Eve, December 31, 1997 at 6:00 PM, a ready and able # 14 Syracuse Orangemen Squad faced off against the #10 national squad of Kansas State at SU n Devil Stadium in Tempe, Arizona in the annual Fiesta Bowl game. After winning seven games in a row, Syracuse dropped this game L (18–35) before 69,367.

### 1998 Paul Pasqualoni Coach # 25

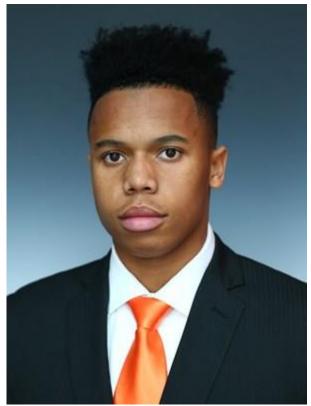
The 1998 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their one hundred-ninth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Paul Pasqualoni in his eighth of fourteen seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had a fine season winning eight games against four losses. 8-4-0. They were 6-1 again in their eight year in the Big East. Pasqualoni picked Scott Kiernan, Rob Konrad, Donovan McNabb, and Jason Poles to be the team captains for 1998. Syracuse was selected for the Orange Bowl Fiesta Bowl and they were defeated by Florida in a nice game

## **Top Player All American Kevin L Johnson 1998**

Kevin L. Johnson Jr was born in July 1999 in Trenton, N.J. He is the son of Kevin Johnson Sr. and Shoniece Johnson. His dad, Kevin Sr., played for the Orangemen from 1995-98 and holds the Syracuse record for most kickoffs returned for a touchdown

In High School, Kevin played wide receiver for head coach Kevin Wright at IMG Academy in Florida. He had previously attended The Hun School in New Jersey.

As a senior at IMG, he played special teams and helped the Ascenders to an 8-0 record and the #2 final ranking in the USA Today Top 25 poll. He earned All-MAPL First Team honors from the Mid-Atlantic Prep League coaches after catching 32 passes for 795 yards and seven touchdowns as a junior at Hun.



### <<Kevin L. Johnson

As a senior kick returner at Syracuse, he was named the 1998 BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Year and an AFCA First Team All-American ...

Johnson Sr. was selected by the Cleveland Browns in the second round of 1999 NFL Draft and played seven seasons in the league for the Browns (1999-2003), Jacksonville Jaguars (2003), Baltimore Ravens (2004) and

Detroit Lions (2005) He has one brother, one sister and was a Communications and rhetorical studies major at SU.

## 1999 Orange Bowl

On January 2, 1999, in the Orange Bowl game, Paul Pasqualoni's #18 ranked Syracuse Orangemen squared off against Steve Spurrier's # 7 Florida Gators at the Miami Orange Bowl field in Miami, FL. The Gators defeated the Orangemen L (10–31) 67,919

### 1999 Paul Pasqualoni Coach # 25

The 1999 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their one hundred-tenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Paul Pasqualoni in his ninth of fourteen seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had a winning season again 7-5-0. They were 3-4 in their ninth year in the Big East. Pasqualoni picked Mark Baniewicz, Keith Bulluck, Donald Dinkins, Quinton Spotwood, and Nate Trout to be the team captains for 1999. Syracuse was selected for the Music City Bowl and they defeated Kentucky in a nice game.

# 1999 Music City Bowl

On December 29, 1999 at 4:00 PM, Syracuse took on Kentucky at the Adelphia Coliseum in Nashville, Tennessee in the Music City Bowl and the Orangemen defeated the Wildcats W 20–13 before 59,221 stadium fans.

Game MVP James Mungro rushed for 162 yards and two long touchdowns in the game, both in the 4th quarter, capping the Syracuse comeback. The game MVP was James Mungro, RB, Syracuse

### 2000 Paul Pasqualoni Coach # 25

The 2000 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their one hundred-eleventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Paul Pasqualoni in his tenth of fourteen seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had a winning season again 6-5-0. They were 4-3 in their tenth year in the Big East. Pasqualoni picked, Morlon Greenwood, Kyle Johnson, and Pat Woodcock, to be the team captains for 1999. Syracuse was not selected for a bowl game this year.

### 2001 Paul Pasqualoni Coach # 25

The 2001 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their one hundred-twelfth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Paul Pasqualoni in his eleventh of fourteen seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. SU had a fine winning season 10-3-0, which would be their last winning season under Coach Pasqualoni. They were 6-1 in their eleventh year in the Big East. Pasqualoni picked, P. J. Alexander, Dwight Freeney, Quentin Harris, Kyle Johnson, and Graham Manley to be the team captains for 2001. Syracuse played and won the Insight Bowl in 2001.

### **Top Player All American Dwight Freeney 2001**

Freeney was born in Hartford, Connecticut where he later attended Bloomfield High School in Bloomfield, Connecticut. Freeney was a four-sport letterman, earning four letters in baseball; four in basketball; three in football, in which he played both ways; and one in soccer, in which he played goalie in his freshman year before switching over to football.

Freeney holds the record for sacks at his high school and used to hold the record for most sacks in a high school career in the Connecticut record book. Bloomfield High retired his No. 44 football jersey.

Freeney came to Syracuse on an athletic scholarship, where he played for the Syracuse Orangemen football team from 1998 to 2001. A two-year starter for the Orangemen, he set a school record with 17.5 sacks in his senior season and his 34 career sacks rank second in school history to Tim Green (45.5). He was SU's premier pass rusher, and once had a string of 17 consecutive games with at least one sack. Against Virginia Tech, Freeney sacked elusive Hokies quarterback Michael Vick 4.5 times in one game.

Freeney finished his college career with 104 tackles (68 unassisted), 34 quarterback sacks, 51 tackles for a loss, and 43 quarterback pressures.[6] He was a first-team All-Big East Conference selection in 2000 and 2001, and was recognized as a unanimous first-team All-American following his senior season in 2001.

He was selected by the Indianapolis Colts with the 11th selection in the 2002 NFL Draft.[10] He set an NFL rookie record in 2002 with 9 forced fumbles, three of which occurred in a single game against former Syracuse football player, Donovan McNabb. Freeney was the runner up for the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year award.



Dwight Freeney

Dwight Freeney was very fast. When drafted by Indianapolis at 270 lbs., Freeney was clocked at 4.48 seconds in the 40-yard dash and the same 40 inch vertical jump. I'd love to see his current clockings.

In 2004, Freeney's third season, he led the NFL with 16 sacks. At the end of his third season, Freeney's season marked him as the 3rd fastest player to achieve 40 sacks. He developed a spin move which became his trademark pass rush move. In 2006, Freeney helped the Colts defeat the Chicago Bears in SU per Bowl XLI to become NFL Champions.

On February 15, 2013, Freeney was told he would not be re-signed by the Colts.[21][22] Freeney left as the all-time franchise leader in sacks with 107.5, eventually being surpassed by former teammate Robert Mathis the next season.

On May 18, 2013, Freeney signed a two-year deal with the San Diego Chargers. On October 12, 2015, Freeney signed a one-year, \$870,000 deal with the Arizona Cardinals,

On August 2, 2016, Freeney signed a one-year deal with the Atlanta Falcons. He played in 15 games, totaling three sacks. The Falcons won the NFC Championship to advance to SU per Bowl LI,

bringing Freeney to his third career SU per Bowl. Freeney had one sack in the big game,[36] although the Falcons lost to the Patriots by a score of 34–28.

On October 24, 2017, Freeney signed a one-year deal with the Seattle Seahawks.[38] After playing in four games recording three sacks, Freeney was released by the Seahawks on November 21, 2017.

On November 22, 2017, Freeney was claimed off waivers by the Detroit Lions. That is a long NFL career. Dwight Freeney is the Energizer Bunny

### 2001 Insight Bowl

On December 29, 2001. At 5:30 PM, #18 Syracuse took on Kansas State, playing at Bank One Ballpark, Phoenix, Arizona in the Insight.com Bowl. The Orangemen prevailed W (26–3) before 40,028 intrigued fans.

#### 2002 Paul Pasqualoni Coach # 25

The 2002 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their one hundred-thirteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Paul Pasqualoni in his twelfth of fourteen seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This was the worst year of Pasqualoni's coaching tenure and his first losing season 4-8-0. They were 2-5 in their twelfth year in the Big East. Pasqualoni picked Clifton Smith, Chris Davis, Will Hunter, Troy Nunes, and David Tyree, to be the team captains for 2001. Syracuse was not selected for a bowl game in 2002.

#### 2003 Paul Pasqualoni Coach # 25

The 2003 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their one hundred-fourteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led

by Paul Pasqualoni in his thirteenth of fourteen seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orangemen. This was a comeback year after the worst year of Pasqualoni's coaching tenure. The Orangemen had an even record of 6-6-0. It was two more wins than the prior season. They were 2-5 in their thirteenth year in the Big East. Pasqualoni picked R.J. Anderson, Keith Belton, and Rich Scanlon, to be the team captains for 2003. Syracuse was not selected for a bowl game in 2003.

This was the last season in which Syracuse used the "Orangemen" nickname. Beginning with the 2004–05 school year, the school adopted its current nickname of "Orange." Some pundits and alums persist in calling the new Orange, the Orangemen and that is OK— it's just not official.

On Sept 6 at North Carolina's Kenan Memorial Stadium in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, in triple overtime, SU got the victory W (49– 47) before 47,000. In week 2 of the 2003 season, on Sept 13 in the home opener against Louisville in the Carrier Dome, on the campus of Syracuse University in Syracuse, NY before 38,550 fans, the Orangemen lost the game to the Cardinals L (20-30 for the team's first loss of the year. On Sept 20 at home, for their second win of the season, SU defeated UCF at the Carrier Dome W (38-14) before 35,103. On Sept 27 at home SU defeated Toledo at the Dome W (34–7) before 36,083

On Oct 11, at #4 Virginia Tech's Lane Stadium in Blacksburg, Virginia, the Hokeys beat the Orangemen in a blowout L (7–51) before 65,115. On Oct 18 at home, SU defeated Boston College in the annual rivalry W (39–14) before 45,313. In the Pittsburgh rivalry, Pitt won its second in a row against Syracuse on Oct 25 at Pittsburgh's Heinz Field in Pittsburgh, PA L (14–34) before 61,421. Then on Nov 8 at home, SU defeated Temple at the Carrier Dome W (41-17) before 43,149 fans.

On Nov 15, Syracuse traveled south to play #14 ranked Miami (FL) in the Miami Orange Facility in Miami but were beaten by the Hurricanes in a close match L (1017) before 48,130. On Nov22 at home, Syracuse lost another close match to #25 West Virginia and the Mountaineers went home with the Ben Schwartzwalder Trophy L (2334). On Nov 29, a tougher than usual Rutgers team would not

give up an inch to the Orangemen as SU went down by three scores L (7-24). This game was played at Rutgers Stadium in Piscataway, New Jersey before 18,563.

After years of a breakeven bus trip from Scranton, PA to the Carrier Dome for an always-great SU game, a 2001 trip left me with enough unsold tickets that my loss was in four digits. My wife stepped in and said, "no more." I wanted to come back again and this particular year, I did, to see one of my favorite teams in all Sports, Notre Dame play the Orangemen in the Dome.

My best friends Dennis Grimes and Gerry Rodski accompanied me to a hotel that was once a Holiday Inn, just a few blocks from the Dome but in the snow, the walk took forever. At the time, we were all rooting for Notre Dame, but ND was having a lot of trouble winning that year as did Syracuse. Both were 5-6 going into this contest.

The game was on Dec 6 at 1:00 PM in the Carrier Dome and the Orangemen won big. It was as if Notre Dame was not even there. W (38-12). Syracuse gave ND a licking even worse than the score SU was great on both sides of the ball. Notre Dame stunk the house out.

My aging brain still remembers James Mungro being the star of the game. But, every time I look it up, I find that it was Walter Reyes and not James Mungro. Mungro was a great back who joined the NFL after the SU 2001 season. He toted a 6 yds per carry average. Reyes broke a lot of Mungro's records at Syracuse.

Walter Reyes was a one-man wrecking crew in the ND game. Tyrone Willingham was in his second season as Irish coach. After a 10-3 2002 season the year before, Irish fans were looking for good stuff from Willingham.

With SU 5-6 and ND 5-6, ND fans thought it would be a 6-6 season for the Irish. Irish fans had never seen Walter Reyes with no holds barred. The post-game write ups of the game were highly complementary to Syracuse and they reported exactly what Gerry, Dennis, and I saw from our comfortable seats in the dome. In what seemed to be a blink of an eye, it was one, two, three, four, and then five touchdowns by Reyes and in between he got a lot of yardage. ND did not know what hit them. It was the best game I had ever seen SU play and I saw quite a few.

Check out this write-up which places the 2003 SU-ND game #3 in the top 5 all-time SU games:

"You could say Syracuse beat Notre Dame on Dec. 6, 2003 at the Carrier Dome, but it would be more accurate to say running back Walter Reyes beat Notre Dame that day.

Reyes had one of the most productive days ever by an SU player. In addition to his five touchdowns, he ran for 189 yards on 19 carries. Reyes tied Floyd Little (vs. Kansas, 1964) for second place on the SU single-game rushing touchdown and points scored lists. His touchdown total and 30 points were both Carrier Dome records.

Reyes became Syracuse's single-season and career leader in rushing touchdowns, both records he still owns to this day."

#### 2004 Paul Pasqualoni Coach # 25

The 2004 Syracuse Orangemen football team competed in their one hundred-fifteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Paul Pasqualoni, a fine coach, and one of the best ever at SU, in his fourteenth and last season as head coach of the Syracuse Orange. This year was almost an exact duplicate of the prior year's record, 6-6-0. They were 4-2 in the Big East. Pasqualoni picked Julian Pollard, Walter Reyes, Matt Tarullo, to be the team captains for 2004. Syracuse was not selected for a bowl game in 2004.

It was expected there would be controversy after this season if the plusses were not more than the minuses. There were many SU fans and alumni headhunters looking for Pasqualoni's scalp on a platter after three non-winning seasons in a row. The Orange had an even record of 6-6-0 again this year but it was not enough and there would be no fourth chance to make amends.

Dick Macpherson and Paul Pasqualoni were such great coaches they had given SU fans a taste of what it was to win consistently. It felt good. Just like when Ben Schwartzwalder had a few bad years at the end, there was little patience. When Pasqualoni had a few nonwinning years, SU seemed to think that that could go "poof" and hire anybody off the street to take this great coach's place. Let's see how that works out as, after this season, for this book, we have just thirteen more seasons to go for this version of this book.

I regret to tell you fine readers that this is not the worst news for the year. This was the first season in which Syracuse used the nickname of Orange. For some this is moot but for others, Orangemen was not something to be given up because Nike thought it was a good idea.

As most know, previously, Syracuse had respectively used "Orangemen" for men's sports, including football, and "Orangewomen" for women's sports. The equality movement in men and women's sports is intense, and it was determined by the "experts that a name without the sex of the participant in the name would be a better name than one with about a hundred-year tradition. To each his or her own. I express no opinion on that matter.

I do however have a spur on my spine for the NCAA, a group of better than thou-ers who come in post facto and ruin football seasons for clean living university teams such a Syracuse.

The rich beyond all expectations NCAA hounds universities for years to admit wrongdoings so they can be punished and can lose wins to the NCAA. These are wins that no team could take from them on the field.

To me the NCAA is disgusting and as Jesus once said, "Let he without sin throw the first stone." There is no alternate universe NCAA to check on whether this world's NCAA itself is clean or dirty. It is just we mere mortals who know that they are as clean as dirt.

There are many honest pundits who believe the NCAA should be casting no first stones. SU losing games is bull. You and I both know it. I would like to see officials from universities across the country man-up and figure out another way—with or without the blowhards from the NCAA. This is the seventh "Great Moments" book that I have written to highlight great football universities. The NCAA is a poor player in each of these books because they hurt players, universities and fans and they are cocky, conceited, and they walk like they own the world.

From my experience in writing about twenty-four books about football programs in seven universities, they are not worthy of support from anybody, especially, John Q. Public. I will not print their vacated stats in my books from this moment on. Moreover, I will go back to see if I have done so in the past and in due time, I will fix those books. Then, you can look here instead of the NCAA to get the real unabated records of great university teams.

Regardless of what the people think, in 2015, Syracuse vacated the six wins from this season among others from the 2005 and 2006 seasons following an eight-year NCAA investigation, as the NCAA found that some football players who committed academic fraud participated in the wins.

The irony of the NCAA "vacating" the four Big East and Six in total wins for the year, they did not vacate the losses. This demonstrates the absurdity. In their investigations, the NCAA did not check to see if the bad students were sick or on the bench in any of those losses or wins. Perhaps it was their poor play that caused the loss. In a full investigation, if a bad grade student screwed up a game, and should not have been playing, why should a win not be recorded or whatever the opposite of vacate means.

# 2004 Champs Sports Bowl

On December 21, 2004, with a 6-6-0 record SU qualified minimally for a bowl bid and agreed to play a tough Georgia tech team in the Champs Sports Bowl. The venue was the Citrus Bowl Stadium in Orlando, FL. The Champs Sports Bowl found Georgia Tech dominating Syracuse L (14–51) before 28,237.

#### Seattle Times on Pasqualoni Firing

Notebook: Syracuse fires coach Pasqualoni Originally published December 30, 2004 at 12:00 am Updated December 29, 2004 at 8:52 pm By The Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Syracuse fired football coach Paul Pasqualoni yesterday, eight days after a 37-point loss in a bowl game — and less than a month after giving him a vote of confidence.

"Sometimes you just know you need to make a change," athletic director Daryl Gross said. "He's had a long tenure here. He served the student-athletes well. He is a tremendous man. The things he's done here, you can marvel at.

"I just think it's time to go in a different direction. We're going into the heart of the recruiting season right now. We needed to act one way or another."

Pasqualoni, who was unavailable for comment, departs after 14 years with a 107-59-1 record and a 6-3 mark in bowl games. He is the second-winningest coach in school history, behind Ben Schwartzwalder, who had 153 victories.

But the Orange struggled to break even after going 10-3 and finishing ranked No. 14 in 2001. They were 4-8 in 2002, Pasqualoni's only losing season, and 6-6 the last two years.

Gross, a former assistant at USC who was hired two weeks ago to replace the retiring Jake Crouthamel, said a search for Pasqualoni's replacement will begin immediately.

Pasqualoni, who had one year left on his contract, becomes the 11th Division I coach to be fired this year. His firing came after chancellor Nancy Cantor announced Dec. 6 that he would return for his 15th season. But Gross was hired 11 days later, and the Orange's 51-14 loss to Georgia Tech in the Champs Sports Bowl helped seal Pasqualoni's fate.

**Greg Robinson Replaces Pasqualoni at Syracuse** By the Daily Orange, Student Newspaper

Just weeks after coming to Syracuse University, new Director of Athletics Daryl Gross decided it was time for a 'different direction' for the SU football program – one without head coach Paul Pasqualoni. [IMHO—as a long-time SU fan, who saw SU recover over the years, this was a big mistake]

And 13 days after Pasqualoni's Dec. 29 dismissal, Gross introduced his replacement: Greg Robinson, the former co-defensive coordinator of the Texas Longhorns. Despite Coach P's many contributions throughout the years, [according to the AD and the students] it was a necessary move for the new AD.

Pasqualoni stands out as one of the best coaches in SU football history. In 14 years as head coach, he boasts 11 straight winning seasons, nine bowl games and four Big East conference titles. That being said, recent history proved Pasqualoni was not the best person to be leading the program.

SU had not had a winning football season since 2002 and only appeared in one bowl game, which the Orange lost to Georgia Tech, 51-14, on Dec. 21. In the last few years, Pasqualoni also lost control of some of the recruiting elements necessary to build a winning team. While the blame doesn't lie solely on Pasqualoni, one of the realities of college sports is that if you can't produce the goods, you may be replaced. The change to Robinson may be just what the football program needs to get out of its slump.

With a tight search schedule and the coaching options rapidly evaporating, Gross came up with a great candidate to take over the program. Robinson is an experienced coach who has proven himself at both the collegiate and professional level. He coached in the NFL for 14 years and earned two SU per Bowl rings as the Denver Broncos' defensive coordinator. He's starting off with a clean slate and has the potential to do some great things with the football program. While it may be difficult for Robinson to come in and immediately produce a winning team, it is important for him to strive to meet former AD Jake Crouthamel's criteria for success.

'The university's expectations of its football program are at a minimum: 1) finishing in the top three of the Big East; 2) finishing among the Top 25 annually; 3) frequent bowl participation; and 4) a high graduation rate,' Crouthamel said October 2002.

It is unfortunate that Pasqualoni is leaving the university at a low point in his career instead of a high one. He had to be replaced, though, and Greg Robinson should prove to be an excellent fit.

After we review the Robinson years, I will make some additional comments in Chapter 20.

General George S. Patton once said that "when everybody is thinking the same thing, somebody is not thinking. Paul Pasqualoni still has not been replaced at Syracuse, regardless of the consensus thinking that suggested he be fired.

# Chapter 12 Greg Robinson Players 2005 to 2008

Coach Greg Robinson #26

Year	Coach	Record	Conf
2005	Greg Robinson	1-10-0	$\overline{\text{Big E}}$ ast (0-7)
2006	Greg Robinson	4-8-0	Big East (1-5)
2007	Greg Robinson	2-10-0	Big East (1-6)
2008	Greg Robinson	3-9-0	Big East (1-6)



Coach Robinson with Team

### Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

AD Gross had come from USC and his new man, on advice of Pete Carroll, was Greg Robinson, a handsome, silver-haired man with a ready smile and a confident gaze. He'd had a thirty-year career with several top college programs and NFL teams, including two Super Bowl rings earned as defensive coordinator of the Denver Broncos. His most recent job was with the Texas Longhorns who had reemerged as a national power and would win the national championship with players Robinson coached during Greg's first year in Syracuse. The A-Team had arrived? Except it turned out to be the "" team as we found out why Robinson had been an assistant for 30 years. His teams were out of shape. The game plans didn't seem to make much sense. New to the East, he didn't seem to know where to recruit. His first team went from 6-6 the previous year to 1-10, our worst record since 1892. His four-year record of 10-37 was the worst such stretch in SU history. That was it for "G-Rob". At least he lowered the bar for his successors. If Coach P had come after G-Rob, he'd be everyone's hero now. Maybe he still should be?

#### 2005 Greg Robinson Coach # 26

\*NCAA sanctions vacated SU's one season win

The 2005 Syracuse Orange football team competed in their one hundred-sixteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Greg Robinson in his first of four seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orange. After giving up on Coach Pasqualoni, the new consensus pick coach produced the worst football record in Syracuse history--1-10; 0-7 in the Big East. Syracuse was not selected for a bowl game in 2005.

#### 2006 Greg Robinson Coach # 26

\*NCAA sanctions vacated SU's four season wins

The 2006 Syracuse Orange football team competed in their one hundred-seventeenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Greg Robinson in his second of four seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orange. This would be Coach Robinson's best record year at Syracuse (4-8), 1-5 in the Big East. Syracuse was not selected for a bowl game in 2006.

#### 2007 Greg Robinson Coach # 26

\*No NCAA sanctions or vacated wins this year

The 2007 Syracuse Orange football team competed in their one hundred-eighteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Greg Robinson in his third of four seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orange. This Orange record this year was 2-10. 1-6 in the Big East. Syracuse was not selected for a bowl game in 2007.

You had to go way back past Paul Pasqualoni and Dick MacPherson to find opponents kicking around the Orangemen as they did in the Robinson years. Pasqualoni got three years with less than normal but not dismal records after proving himself while Robinson got a fourth season without showing any promise. What happened to the AD who forced Pasqualoni out? I bet I know!

In 2015, his proper fate caught up to Daryl Gross whose first move was to fire Paul Pasqualoni. Gross was fired but should have been ousted long before 2015. As you recall my comments about the firing of 14-year head coach Paul Pasqualoni, when Gross, the know-it-all exchanged a great grizzled veteran for flashy Greg Robinson, who arrived with a West Coast offense and a Southern California pedigree. Widely applauded at the time, the switch turned out to be a flop, with the football program bottoming out under Robinson and continuing to push toward average.

Folks, I do not know Greg Robinson. He may be an OK coach, who just has not shown it yet, though he had 30 years' experience when he arrived at Syracuse. We have one more year of Robinson before we move on to the next SU coach who was somewhat better. But, when I asked the question about Greg Gross and what happened to him. I could not help sharing his fate with SU fans though his comeuppance did not come for another seven or so years. Meanwhile almost everybody in football has been willing to get Pasqualoni on their coaching staff.

#### 2008 Greg Robinson Coach # 26

\*No NCAA sanctions or vacated wins this year

The 2008 Syracuse Orange football team competed in their one hundred-nineteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Greg Robinson in his third of four seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orange. This Orange record this year was 3-9. 1-6 in the Big East. Syracuse was not selected for a bowl game in 2008.

#### Coach Greg Out at Syracuse

Football coaches are a dime a dozen but if you pay a dime, chances are you get no takers and if you get a taker for the dime a dozen price, you get no real results. Syracuse University's embattled AD, who I have not liked from the moment he fired Paul Pasqualoni bowed to pressure and fired a coach whose full win production in four years as head coach of just ten games would not be enough in some years to finish in the top ten rankings of national teams. Considering that Robinson had years of 1, 4, 2, and 3 wins (9-36), his record warranted the axe after year one.

Syracuse University head football coach Greg Robinson was fired on a Sunday in November 2008, by director of athletics Daryl Gross, with two weeks left in the season. This seemed to end a turbulent era that began with great optimism only to deteriorate into misery, hopelessness and the worst four-year run in the program's 119 years of competition. Just like it is not good to fool Mother Nature, it is not good to mess with a team already mentored by a great coach, aka- Paul Pasqualoni.

Some say Robinson's record at Syracuse is 9-36 overall and 3-24 in the Big East, but I have found he achieved ten wins as described above. The Orange at this point in time in 2008 when this article was put together were 2-8 and 1-5 after losing to Connecticut 39-14 on Saturday night at the Carrier Dome.

At the time, the Orange had remaining games against Notre Dame on Saturday, which they won, and Cincinnati on November 29, which they lost. I think I could have coached better than Robinson simply by bringing Coach Paul back. Robinson, who had a year remaining on his contract earned \$1.1 million per season. At a \$100K per game, he was expected to coach the Orange for the last two games, and he did.

# Chapter 13 Doug Marrone Players 2009 to 2012

Coach Doug Marrone #27

Year	Coach	Record	Conf
2009	Doug Marrone	4-8	Big East (1-6)
2010	Doug Marrone	8-5	Big East (4-3)
2011	Doug Marrone	5-7	Big East (1-6)
2012	Doug Marrone	8-5	Big East (5-2)
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Coach Doug Marrone Happy about the prospects of playing in the ACC

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

Doug Marrone came after G-Rob, another career assistant but one who had played here and had notebooks full of his plans for bringing the program back from the abyss. He immediately made it more competitive, even if he won only one more game than G-Rob's last year. The next year he won four league road games, thanks to Scott Shafer's excellent defense. Then came a mysterious collapse after a 5-2 start in 2011, followed by a second bowl win in three years, followed by a mysterious, (to us, anyway), exit to be replaced by Shafer. Our thank you's to ESPN for permission to reprint their take on Doug Marrone's coming to Syracuse when Greg Robinson was fired.

#### Syracuse hires Doug Marrone as football coach

Updated: December 12, 2008, 6:01 PM ET Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- Greg Robinson learned to bleed Orange. New Syracuse coach Doug Marrone already has that part down "When I went into coaching, I always prepared myself for this," the Bronx-born Marrone said Friday after being hired to replace Robinson as football coach. "This has been the job I have always wanted."

The offensive coordinator for the New Orleans Saints since 2006, Marrone is returning to the school where he played to try to resurrect a program that hasn't had a winning season since 2001. Robinson was fired in November after going 10-37 in four seasons.

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#### 2009 Doug Marrone Coach # 27

The 2009 Syracuse Orange football team competed in their one hundred-twentieth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Doug Marrone in his first of four seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orange. The Orange record this year was 4-8, And 1-6 in the Big East. Syracuse was not selected for a bowl game in 2009.

#### 2010 Doug Marrone Coach # 27

The 2010 Syracuse Orange football team competed in their one hundred-twenty-first season of intercollegiate football. They were led

by Doug Marrone in his second of four seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orange. The Orange record this year was 8-5, their best in ten years. The team was 4-3 in the Big East. Syracuse was also selected for a bowl game in 2010. For the first time since Paul Pasqualoni was fired following the 2004 season, the Orange won enough games to become bowl eligible. Syracuse played Kansas State in the Inaugural Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium where they won 36–34 to finish the season 8–5, 4–3 in Big East. There was reason for hope at the Big Orange.

## The Inaugural Pinstripe Bowl

On Dec 30, one day before New Year's Eve, Syracuse was matched with Kansas State for the Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium in The Bronx, New York. Syracuse won this close game W (36–34) before a cold crowd of 38,274 in 32-degree weather.

#### 2011 Doug Marrone Coach # 27

The 2011 Syracuse Orange football team competed in their one hundred-twenty-second season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Doug Marrone in his third of four seasons as head coach of the Syracuse Orange. The Orange had a losing record this year at 5-7, their best in ten years. The team was 1-6 in Big East play to finish in a tie for seventh place. Syracuse was not selected for a bowl game in 2011.

#### 2012 Doug Marrone Coach # 27

The 2012 Syracuse Orange football team competed in their one hundred-twenty-third season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Doug Marrone in his fourth and last season as head coach of the Syracuse Orange. The Orange had a winning record this year at 8-5, tied for their best in twelve years. The team was 5-2 in Big East play and finished with a share of the Big East Conference championship that was split four ways. They were invited to the Pinstripe Bowl where they defeated long-time rival West Virginia, whom they did not play in the regular season due to the Mountaineers' move to the Big 12 Conference. The 2012 season also proved to be the final one for Marrone as the Orange head coach. After the conclusion of the season, head coach Doug Marrone was mentioned by several sportswriters as a possible candidate for a head coaching job in the National Football League. On January 6, 2013, Marrone was introduced as the head coach of the Buffalo Bills. Offensive coordinator Nathaniel Hackett departed for Buffalo as well, leaving a number of coaching positions open. On January 9, Syracuse announced the promotion of defensive coordinator Scott Shafer to head coach. Shortly thereafter, George McDonald was announced as the new offensive coordinator, and Chuck Bullough was announced as the new defensive coordinator.

I had a great feeling about Doug Marrone. I don't know why I just did. He moved on to Buffalo though he loved Syracuse. At Buffalo, after two years and bringing the team to 9-7, the owner died and Marrone had a chance to exercise a major contract opt-out if he did not want to stay with the new owners. He took a job as offensive coordinator with Jacksonville, had a great relationship with his head coach and then one day, the Jags fired that coach and promoted Marrone to be the head coach.

In his first year at the helm, Marrone's Jags posted a 10-6 record and were on top of the AFC South. In the Playoffs, they beat Buffalo W (10-3), and Pittsburgh W (45-42), and then lost in the AFC Championship to the Patriots L (20-24). Doug Marrone is destined to be a Parcells, or a Belichick and there will be other great coaches wanting to be a Marrone. That's about it. Too bad Syracuse could not hold onto him.

On offense for 2012, the Orange are returning senior quarterback Ryan Nassib, starting for his third consecutive season. Key offensive players such as Alec Lemon, Marcus Sales, Jerome Smith, and Prince-Tyson Gulley are also returning. On defense, key players returning include Shamarko Thomas, Marquis Spruill, and Deon Goggins.

In 2011, the program lost a number of significant contributors in the 2011 campaign, including tight end Nick Provo and defensive end Chandler Jones, and such losses left a number of questions regarding

how a relatively young defense would be able to mature without many experienced players.

In its preseason rankings, College Football News ranked the Orange 57th in the country, and projected that they would go 6-6 in 2012. Their 2012 schedule is the 42nd-toughest in the nation, according to rankings compiled by statistician Jeff Sagarin. Marrone's last SU record of 8-5 fooled them all. Good for Marrone. Good for SU

### The 2012 Pinstripe Bowl

On December 29 at 3:15 PM, the Syracuse Orange defeated the West Virginia Mountaineers at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, NY in the third Pinstripe Bowl W (38–14) before 39,098

The legacy of Doug Marrone By Tyler Greenawalt January 8, 2013

> Although he coached at Syracuse for only four seasons, former head football coach Doug Marrone helped revitalize a fading program.

> It was only a matter of time before another team decided it needed Doug Marrone's help. Eight days after leading the Syracuse football team to its second bowl victory in three years, Marrone accepted the head coaching position at the Buffalo Bills.

"I had said that the Syracuse job was my dream job, and I meant what I said, and having had the opportunity to restore the great tradition of Syracuse football a reality," Marrone said at a Bills press conference Monday. "Today, I'm experiencing another dream come true."

"Doug has restored Syracuse football to its rightful place and we are appreciative of the foundation he has laid on and off the field for the future success of the program." -Syracuse Director of Athletics Dr. Daryl Gross

Regardless of what people think of Marrone's decision to leave the Orange, his four years of service have left a lasting impression on a program seemingly fading out of the spotlight. After a dismal three years of Greg Robinson that ended with a 10-37 record, Marrone was hired to rejuvenate the program.

Before coming to Syracuse on Dec. 8, 2008, Marrone coached on offensive side of the ball for the New York Jets from 2002-2005 and then for the New Orleans Saints from 2006-2008. As the Saints offensive coordinator, Marrone helped create the NFL's number one offense.

But it wasn't just his offensive-style that brought Marrone and Syracuse together; it was Marrone's collegiate connection. A three-year starter on the offensive line for the Orange from 1983-1985, Marrone was already knowledgeable about the SU football program.

"We've hired a guy that is a Syracuse graduate, who bleeds orange, who brings in tremendous, tremendous knowledge of football from his college and especially his pro experience," said SU athletic director Dr. Daryl Gross back in 2008. "He's someone that we can look forward to exciting offenses, seeing a lot of snaps per game. Better than that, he's somebody that brings leadership, who comes from the Bronx. When you talk about New York's College team, he fits the profile perfectly. He will be a tremendous recruiter in the Northeast, who knows the coaches. He's somebody that we believe will win at Syracuse."

Luckily for Syracuse, Marrone did just that in his four seasons. Picking up the pieces from Greg Robinson, Marrone and the Orange had a sub-par 2009 campaign. His 4-8 season was not the kind of start SU fans were hoping for, but Marrone did give them something to cheer about. Many statistical rankings increased significantly- all on the defensive side- most likely due to the hiring of defensive coordinator Scott Shafer in 2009. Shafer, who will reportedly replace Marrone in 2013, instilled a defense that consistently tried to put pressure on the quarterback.

It was not until Marrone's second season that Syracuse saw the switch from a BCS bottom-feeder to a bowl-contender, as the Orange finished with a 7-5 record. Syracuse also played in its first bowl game since 2004 against Kansas State in the New Era Pinstripe Bowl. SU won the game by a score of 36-24, its first bowl victory since 2001.

Two seasons in, and Marrone had already constructed a winning program. 2011 looked just as promising, with Syracuse winning five of its first seven games, including a 49-23 upset of No. 15 West Virginia. However, complacency seemed to set in, as the Orange finished Marrone's third season with a six-game losing streak, finishing with a 5-8 record.

2012 was the complete opposite of 2011 for Marrone and the Orange. Syracuse began the season with a 2-4 record but ended with a 7-5 record and another New Era Pinstripe Bowl berth, this time against former Big East rival West Virginia. Syracuse defeated the Mountaineers 38-14 for Marrone's second bowl victory in three years.

Unfortunately, that's where the story ends for Marrone with the Orange. The Buffalo Bills interviewed Marrone on Jan. 4 and he was hired the next day and signed a contract on Jan. 7.

"Doug has restored Syracuse football to its rightful place and we are appreciative of the foundation he has laid on and off the field for the future success of the program," Gross said in a statement released by university on Monday. "We wish him the absolute best in his opportunity in the NFL."

Syracuse University Chairman of the Board of Trustees Richard Thompson and Chancellor and President Nancy Cantor also released a statement, congratulating Marrone and praising his work over the past four years. "We congratulate Coach Marrone on having this opportunity to become a head coach at the highest level. Under his leadership, we have restored the rich, winning football tradition at Syracuse, and we wish him continued success as he moves to the National Football League."

Marrone did exactly what he was brought in to do: build a program that could compete at a high level. He has multiple victories over top-25 teams, a couple of bowl wins, and changed the landscape of Syracuse football by instilling an idea of winning. He's coached players who moved on to the NFL level, including Mike Williams, Delone Carter and Chandler Jones, and it appears quarterback Ryan Nassib and offensive lineman Justin Pugh may also be heading to some NFL team as well.

Moving forward, it appears that Scott Shafer-hired by Marrone in 2009- will replace his former boss for the 2013 season, although no statements by the university have been made yet.

# Chapter 14 Scott Shafer Players 2013 to 2015

Coach Scott Shafer #28

Year	Coach	Record	Conf
2013	Scott Shafer	7-6	ACC(4-4)
2014	Scott Shafer	3-9	ACC (1-7)
2015	Scott Shafer	4-8	ACC (2-6)



Coach Shafer ready to take team onto the field

## Famous Coaches (From the Past) by SWC75.

Scott's first year has been a roller-coaster ride, and nobody knows if he will be successful here, but we are hopeful because, launching ourselves into a new conference, we need him to be a success. If he isn't, we'll have to start all over again with someone else.

[At the time SWC75 wrote this piece on SU coaches, Shafer was in his first year of coaching. It would not work out and that is why Dino Babers is now the coach.] This is the third straight coach we've had who had never been a head coach before. We've never hired a coach in the post- World War II Era who had ever previously coached a major college football team. In our entire history we've hired two coaches who already had some measure of prominence as head coaches: Bill Hollenbeck, who filled in for Buck O'Neill when he was tending to his law practice in 1916 and Ossie Solem, who had had a losing record at Iowa.

#### 2013 Scott Shafer Coach # 28

The 2013 Syracuse Orange football team competed in their one hundred-twenty-fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Scott Shafer in his first of three season as head coach of the Syracuse Orange. The Orange had a winning record this year at 7-6. -5. The team was 4-4 in the ACC. They tied for third in the Atlantic Division of the ACC. They were invited to the Texas Bowl after the season where they defeated Minnesota.

# The 2013 Texas Bowl

At 6-6, the Orange wee bowl eligible and they were invited to the Texas Bowl to play for a 5:00 PM December 27 6outing to play Minnesota at Reliant Stadium in Houston, TX, where they defeated the Cougars W (21–17) before a crowd of 32,327.

#### 2014 Scott Shafer Coach # 28

The 2014 Syracuse Orange football team competed in their one hundred-twenty-fifth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Scott Shafer in his second of three season as head coach of the Syracuse Orange. The Orange had a losing record this year at 3-9. The team was 1-7 in the ACC. They were not selected to play in a bowl game in 2014.

#### 2015 Scott Shafer Coach # 28

The 2015 Syracuse Orange football team competed in their one hundred-twenty-sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Scott Shafer in his third and last season as head coach of the Syracuse Orange. The Orange had a losing record this year at 4-8. The team was 2-6 in the ACC. They were not selected to play in a bowl game in 2015. On November 23, head coach Scott Shafer was fired. He stayed on to coach their final game on November 28. Shafer finished at Syracuse with a three-year record of 14–23.

#### Scott Shafer Out at Syracuse

By <u>Stephen Bailey sbailey@syracuse.com</u> on November 23, 2015 at 9:48 AM, updated November 23, 2015 at 11:35 PM

#### SCOTT SHAFER FIRED

Syracuse, N.Y. — Scott Shafer has been fired as Syracuse's head football coach, the school announced on Monday. Shafer, who was promoted from defensive coordinator after Doug Marrone's departure in January 2013, is 13-23 in three seasons. The Orange is currently 3-8 this year heading into its season finale against Boston College. Shafer will coach in the final game.

Syracuse athletic director Mark Coyle expressed appreciation toward Shafer, who is in his third year at the helm, but said in a statement that a "change in leadership" was required

Syracuse over the years as we have portrayed in this book has had several great coaches and several who would have been even greater coaches if given time to mature with the program, or if they could have been convinced to stay.

Dino Babers was announced as the SU coach for 2016 onward. Babers has a great reputation and is a fine coach but so far, his record is poor. The most any of us have seen in the modern SU era is that SU accepts two years of poor records and then takes action or waits another year or at most two. Syracuse does want a winning team but after ten years, with some exceptions such as Ben Schwartzwalder, Dick MacPherson, Paul Pasqualoni and Doug Marrone.

# Chapter 15 Dino Babers Players 2016 to ????

Coach Scott Shafer #28

Year Coach	Record	<u>Conf</u>
<ul><li>2016 Dino Babers</li><li>2017 Dino Babers</li><li>2018 Dino Babers</li></ul>	4-8 4-8 0-0	ACC (2-6) ACC (2-6) ACC (0-0



SU Football Coach Dino Babers with the team

#### 2016 Dino Babers Coach # 29

The 2016 Syracuse Orange football team competed in their one hundred-twenty-seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Dino Babers, in his first season as head coach of the Syracuse Orange. The Orange had a losing record this year at 4-8; the same record as in Scott Shafer's last year at the helm. The team was 2-6 in the ACC. They were not selected to play in a bowl game in 2016.

#### 2017 Dino Babers Coach # 29

The 2017 Syracuse Orange football team competed in their one hundred-twenty-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Dino Babers in his second season as head coach of the Syracuse Orange. The Orange had a losing record this year of 4-8; the same exact record as in the last two seasons. The team was 2-6 in the ACC. They were not selected to play in a bowl game in 2016.

#### Highlight SU Defeats Defending Champion Clemson

In the greatest game for the Syracuse Orange in decades, if not centuries, SU defeated the reigning National Champions, #2 ranked Clemson at home in the Carrier Dome in a hard-fought close match on Oct 13 W (27–24) before 42,475.

When you create a list of the best games SU has ever played so you can show them as highlights in a book about Great Moments in Syracuse Football, October. 13, 2017 is a must-game for that list. My list would show the Friday win as the biggest for Syracuse since the Donovan McNabb era if not well before that.



Night game v Clemson at the Dome

The 27-24 win over No. 2 Clemson marked Syracuse's second win over a team ranked among the top two in football. Cole Murphy's 30-yard field goal with 9:41 remaining was the winning score. Quarterback Eric Dungey led the Orange with 278 yards passing and 61 yards rushing. BTW, I predict All-American in 2018 for Eric Dungey unless the NCAA sopped being able to spell Sceeerrrokuze.

A bit more detail:

# Dungey on target. His 3 TD passes blows out #2 Clemson in a close match, 27-24

You bet the Syracuse Orange, who played like the vaunted Syracuse Orangemen from the Jim Brown days had a huge celebration in the SU locker room that could be heard through all of Syracuse. Finally, a great game from a team that is getting ready to be great.

Coach Dabo Swinney had a tough time believing what happened as this would not be a perfect season and Desean Watson would not bring back the Tigers. Syracuse under their collective breaths were singing Hold that Tiger the whole game.

Eric Dungey was well, and he threw for 278 yards and three touchdowns, Cole Murphy kicked a tiebreaking field goal in the fourth quarter, and Syracuse put a weird face on #2 Clemson 27-24 on this Friday night as the Tigers had to digest what it meant for their chances to repeat as national champions.

Clemson had won 12 consecutive games on the opponent's home field, the longest streak in Clemson history and they had tied for the second longest active streak in the nation. None of that mattered to the Orange-men who simply wanted to kick the opponents butts back to South Carolina. It's a football thing!

Dabo Swinney is a fine coach and he said: "It wasn't our night tonight. They were better than us," Swinney said. "There's nothing we're going to fix now. We're not going to be 12-0, that's for sure. That's not going to happen. This is going to hurt, but you move forward." The Orangemen were (4-3, 2-1) are were 3-6 against the previous year's national champion, having also beaten Penn State in 1987 and Michigan in 1998. This was the program's first win in 13 tries against the No. 2 team in the nation. It was sweet.

SU Coach was elated. "This is truly one of the moments that you coach for. This is really special," said Syracuse coach Dino Babers, in his second year with the Orange. "This is big." The Tigers took a big blow when quarterback Kelly Bryant suffered a concussion in the final minute of the first half. He was knocked down hard by defensive tackle Chris Slayton and lay on the turf for a couple of minutes before being helped to the locker room. Slowed after spraining his left ankle last week against Wake Forest, Bryant passed for 116 yards and ran for minus-8 yards.

"They came ready to play," Clemson defensive end Clelin Ferrell said. "They came out, they saw blood, they saw they had a definite chance to win the game and we just didn't capitalize on the opportunities we had to make a comeback."

Bryant, who watched the second half from the sideline, entered the game averaging 277 yards of total offense, but noticeably favored an injured ankle as Syracuse gained a surprising 17-14 halftime lead.

Zerrick Cooper replaced Bryant to start the second half and guided the Tigers to a tying field goal.

The Tigers tried a trick play with time winding down, but Will Spiers threw an incompletion on a fake punt.

The Syracuse defense limited the Tigers to 2 of 11 on third down, none more critical than Cooper's overthrow on third down before the fake.

Syracuse used big plays to stun the Tigers, hitting six for 20 yards or more as the Orange outgained Clemson 440-317. Dungey hit Dontae Strickland for a 23-yard score to open the game and also hit Ervin Philips for 66 yards in the first quarter and Steve Ishmael for 30 in the third to break a 17-17 tie. In post-season interviews Eric Dungey had some fun: "Quick show of hands. Who thought we were going to win tonight?" Dungey asked in the postgame interviews. "That's exactly what we've been saying. It's just us. Nobody believes in us except us."

The Orange defense emulated the plays in Clemson's playbook. The Tigers were among just three teams in the nation averaging at least 230 yards rushing and 230 yards passing (Ohio State and Oregon are the others). The Tigers managed just 39 yards rushing in the first half and 113 total and finished with 204 passing. SU had its game faces on the whole game.

There were two big plays for Clemson but it in your mind you can subtract those two long runs and the rest of the night the Tigers gained 24 yards on 23 carries. Syracuse can do it when they are ready to do it.

The hometown fans stormed the field afterward as next to Mohammed Ali, this was the greatest.

"It was kind of surreal," Syracuse linebacker Parris Bennett said.

Syracuse's fabled Orangemen once again proved that they can play with the big boys. Syracuse had upset No. 17 Virginia Tech last October. If only the med staff can keep Dungey healthy, 2018 is going to be a year of possibilities and probabilities. Go Orange----men!

## Almost All-American Eric Dungey 2015-2017

Senior Eric Dungey is coming back to QB the Orange in 2018. A three-year starter known for his toughness and playmaking ability, Dungey is back and motivated as ever to turn in a winning season.

After having his third straight campaign cut short due to injury, the Oregon native is up six pounds to 228, was referred to by teammate Aaron Roberts as looking like a "gladiator" in the weight room this winter and has been medically cleared from offseason foot surgery.

Dungey's in line to have an improved offensive line, and in turn, possibly backfield. But his competition at quarterback is better, too—Tommy DeVito



Eric Dungey played in 26 games with 25 starts. He missed parts of each of his first three seasons due to injury. Dungey holds a school-record nine career 300-yard passing games and two 400-yard passing performances. He accounted for three or more touchdowns in 12 of his 25 first-string appearances. He owns or shares 12 school records.

In addition to holding the Syracuse record for most 300-yard passing games, Dungey is SU's career

leader in passing yards per game (248.9), total offense yards per game (296.6) and rushing touchdowns by a quarterback (20) He is among the top 10 in program history in 10 additional career categories:

- Completion percentage (2nd 61.7),
- Completions (3rd 560),
- Pass attempts (4th 908),
- Passing yards (4th 6,472),
- Total offense plays (4th 1,267),
- Yards of total offense (4th 7,711),
- Touchdown passes (5th 40),
- Touchdowns responsible for (5th 60),
- Pass efficiency rating (6th 131.46)

• Most yards of total offense per play (6th - 6.1) He is one of six quarterbacks in team history to rush for at least 1,000 yards. Eric Dungey and Donovan McNabb are the only quarterbacks in program history with 6,000+ passing yards and 1,000+ rushing yards.

He has six career games with 400+ yards of total offense. He is a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-District selection and just one of 15 true freshmen to play for the Orange in 2015

#### 2018 Dino Babers Coach # 29

The 2018 Syracuse Orange football team is preparing for their one hundred-twenty-ninth season of intercollegiate football. They are led by Dino Babers in his third season as head coach of the Syracuse Orange. The Orange have a losing record under Babers of 8-16 in two years but the margin of loss to some very powerful teams is much smaller than in prior years. Thus, there is great hope for the Syracuse Orange in the Fall 2018.

The recruiting class for 2018 also offers encouragement. Dino Babers brought in the best class in a decade and to top that, there are several big-name transfers that are on their way to play in Orange Country

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#### The 2018 Schedule is as follows:

#### Date

September 1, 2018 September 8, 2018 September 15, 2018 September 22, 2018 September 29, 2018 October 6, 2018 October 20, 2018 October 27, 2018 November 3, 2018 November 9, 2018 November 17, 2018 November 17, 2018 November 24, 2018

#### Opponent

#### at Western Michigan\* Wagner\* Florida State Connecticut\* at Clemson at Pittsburgh North Carolina NC State at Wake Forest Louisville vs. Notre Dame\* at Boston College

#### Site

Waldo Stadium Kalamazoo, MI Carrier Dome Syracuse, NY Carrier Dome Syracuse, NY Carrier Dome Syracuse, NY Memorial Stadium Clemson, SC Heinz Field Pittsburgh, PA (Rivalry) Carrier Dome Syracuse, NY Carrier Dome Syracuse, NY BB&T Field Winston-Salem, NC Carrier Dome Syracuse, NY Yankee Stadium Bronx, NY Alumni Stadium Chestnut Hill, MA

\*Non-conference game. All times are in Eastern Time.

# At syracusefan.com, this post from mlbball99 Scout Team offers great encouragement for 2018:

A couple of thoughts here:

Dino Babers is 56 years old. He is at a big school in a power six conference competing in arguably the best conference. He has embraced what the Carrier Dome can be. The football renovations have been done - practice facility, locker rooms, etc.

In his presser last night Dino raved about living in Syracuse and said how happy he was. Again, Dino is 56 years old. I do see schools trying to poach him after this year, but I think Dino has found a long-term home. I don't believe he wants to go try to rebuild something again at his age.

Wildhack and Dino have a fantastic relationship. Wildhack will play him ASAP.

We are so close to being a legit contender. We are a few plays away from being 7-0. Dungey is a legit Heisman candidate next year. The nation has noticed.

Also, do not forget, we have a 4-star QB grooming. Two 4-star OL on their way in. Let's GO.

# The Daily Orange Student Newspaper offers its thoughts on the probabilities of a Syracuse football turnaround

By Tomer Langer SENIOR STAFF WRITER UPDATED: Sept. 25, 2017 at 3:36 a.m.

When he was introduced as Syracuse's head coach on Dec. 5, 2015, Dino Babers asked for faith.

Belief without evidence, as he likes to specify. He said his goal is to make Syracuse a program that's "consistently good, not occasionally great." He didn't see any reason why SU couldn't reach the top of the Atlantic Coast Conference. Syracuse football is entering its third year under head coach Dino Babers and the team and fans and alums are looking to improve upon back-to-back 4-8 seasons.(*Dennis Nett |* <u>dnett@syracuse.com</u>)



Dino Babers doing his job

Syracuse, N.Y. -- Syracuse football's complete 2018 schedule was released Wednesday with announcement of the ACC slate.

[The schedule is shown pages above.]

The Orange is entering its third year under head coach Dino Babers and is looking to improve upon back-to-back 4-8 seasons. This year's schedule carries the familiar national powers of previous years: Clemson, Florida State and Notre Dame are on it.

# Other books by Brian Kelly: (amazon.com, & Kindle)

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