



1977 Kingston Football DCSL Champions

Record 9-0-0 overall, 8-0-0 league.

Coaching Staff: Head Coach Tony Badalato, Assistant Coaches Dan McGrane and Ed Mills.

Won Second Consecutive DCSL Football Title. Ranked #6 in NYS Final Poll.

Only fourth unbeaten, untied team in KHS history. 1915 (10-0-0), 1956 (8-0-0), and 1957 (7-0-0).

Set new season scoring record with 287 points in only 9 games, breaking the 62-year-old mark of 279 points set in 1915 while playing 10 games.

Averaged 31.9 points per game setting a new Kingston Record.

Defense gave up a total of only 52 points for a 5.8 average per game.

Season Recap:

Game 1: Home vs Roosevelt Won 29-0

Played in a hard driving rain that muddied the field. Defense allows only 79 total yards and recovers five fumbles. Tom Rundle scores the Tigers first touchdown on a 5-yard run, Bobby Easter kicks extra point; Jay Foust runs for two short yardage touchdowns and throws one two-point conversion to Jim Brown; Tom Loughlin blocks punt and runs 25-yards for a touchdown, Bobby Easter runs for the two-point conversion.

Game 2: Away vs. Ketcham Won 20-0

Bobby Easter picks off three passes, returns one for a 30-yard touchdown. Pete Altomare kicks the extra point. Easter then adds a 3-yard rushing touchdown. Jim Brown runs for an 11-yard touchdown, Altomare kicks the extra point. Jay Foust has three quarterback sacks, including two unassisted. Matt Brancato adds one sack and Tom Pangburn one interception. Stingy defense only allows 23 yards rushing and 24 yard passing.

Game 3: Away vs. Lourdes Won 25-14

Lourdes enters the game 2-0, outscoring their two opponents 60-7. Kingston jumps to a 15-0 first quarter lead on Foust's 36-yard toss to Jim Brown (McCullough pass from Kirk Jacob) and Tom Rundle's 10-yard run (Pete Altomare kick). Lourdes scores 14 second quarter points to pull within one at halftime, 15-14. Jay Foust's 1-yard plunge and another Altomare extra point kick puts the Tigers ahead 22-14. Altomare drills a 25-yard field goal to ice the game. Earlier in day, he scored two goals for

the Tiger Soccer team. Kingston's 165-yards in penalties help Lourdes to offset being held to only 3 first downs to Kingston's 13. Kingston outgained the Warriors on the ground 279 yards to 124 and in the air 48 yards to 30.

Game 4: Home vs. Poughkeepsie Won 30-6

Kingston dominates Poughkeepsie. Scoring touchdowns were: Bobby Easter 36-yard run, Jim Brown 15-yard pass from Salzmann, Tom Rundle 1-yard run and Gene Jackson 17-yard run. Foust and Easter ran for two-point conversions and Rich Myers added two more on a pass from Salzmann.

Game 5: Away vs. Saugerties Won 38-0

Kingston pounds Saugerties with Jim Brown (92 yards on 4 carries) scoring three touchdowns in addition to Gene Jackson, Jay Foust and Ed McCullough. Brown had a 47-yard pass reception for a TD along with two rushing touchdowns of 12 and 69-yards. Foust's touchdown was a 10-yard interception return and McCullough's snatched a 5-yard ariel from Kirk Jacob. Jackson also had a two-point conversion run. Dan Curlin and Phil Razey each had an interception. This was the last meeting between the two clubs until 2018.

Game 6: Homecoming vs. Beacon Won 51-6

The Tigers scored the most points in a game since 1971, when ten different players cross the goal line. Jim Brown had an electric 73-yard touchdown run. Gene Jackson 13-yards, Tom Rundle 21-yards and Tom Pangburn 6-yards provided the other KHS rushing TD's. Jay Foust tossed touchdown passes to Buddy Scheffel 22-yards and Paul Neal 28-yards. Matt Brancato ended the scoring spree by pouncing on a fumble in the end zone. Beacon's only score came on a 48-yard fumble recovery. An angry Kingston defense upset about losing the shutout, blocked the point after kick attempt. Pete Altomare, extra point kick and Kirk Jacob's two-point conversion run added to the lopsided victory. Kingston is now ranked 12th in the state.

Game 7: Away vs. Newburgh Won 27-12

Interceptions by Mark Holochuck, Kevin Brooks, and Dan Langton (2) coupled with outstanding defensive play from Captain Phil Razey, Tom Loughlin, Glenn Marrus and Matt Brancato led the Tigers to the victory. Easter, Foust, and Jackson score via the run and McCullough through the air. Easter had a pat kick and Brown added a two-point conversion on a pass from Foust.

Game 8: Home vs. Arlington Won 20-6

The Tigers avenged their only league loss last year to Arlington. Tom Rundle rushes for 127.5 yards. Quarterback Jim Salzmann throws for one touchdown, one two-point conversion and rushes for another. Jim Brown romps in for a 32-yard touchdown. Ed McCullough adds a two-point conversion pass. KHS moves up to 6th in NYS poll.

Game 9: Away vs. John Jay Won 47-8

Seven different players scored touchdowns including lineman Phil Razey (7 yards) and Matt Brancato (5 yards) hitting paydirt from the backfield. Easter had a 5-yard run and added three extra-point kicks. Jackson, Salzmann, Brown, and McCullough finished the scoring parade, all on runs.

Awards:

Freeman Player of the Year: Jay Foust

Freeman First Team Offense: Jim Brown, Dan Curlin, Bob Easter, Bill Jones, Phil Razey

Freeman First Team Defense: Jay Foust, Tom Loughlin, Phil Razey

Freeman Special Team: Jay Foust

Freeman Honorable Mention: Dan Langton, Kirk Maisch, Glen Marrus

DCSL First Team Offense: Brown, Curlin, Foust, Jones, Loughlin, McCullough, Razy

DCSL First Team Defense: Easter, Foust and as a punter, Loughlin, Razy

DCSL Second Team Offense: Glenn Marrus, Tom Rundle

DCSL Second Team Defense: Dan Langton, Kirk Maisch,

DCSL Honorable Mention: Mark Holochuck

DCSL Special Team: Jay Foust

All-State First Team Offense: Phil Razy, first KHS player to be selected to the first team and was the first KHS player to be selected twice to the NYSPHSAA All-State Football team.

Jay Foust Second Team Defense, Dan Curlin Fifth Team Offense, Tom Loughlin Fifth Team Defense

<u>1977</u>	<u>9-0-0 Overall (8-0-0) League</u>	<u>#6 NYS</u>	<u>KHS</u>	<u>OPP.</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
	<u>DCSL CHAMPS</u>				
9/24	Roosevelt*		29	0	Kingston
10/1	Ketcham*		20	0	Ketcham
10/8	Lourdes*		25	14	Lourdes
10/15	Poughkeepsie*		30	6	Kingston
10/22	Saugerties*		38	0	Saugerties
10/29	Beacon* (Homecoming)		51	6	Kingston
11/5	Newburgh		27	12	Newburgh
11/12	Arlington*		20	6	Kingston
11/19	John Jay*		47	8	John Jay
			287	52	Total
			31.9	5.8	Average