

MCELREAVY

Larry McElreavy was a member of the last undefeated Stevens Football Team and was a member of a State Championship in 1962 as well as an honorable mention All-American during his high school career. While at UNH, Larry was a varsity tackle for three seasons. McElreavy went on to a collegiate coaching career having served as head coach for both the University of New Haven Chargers as well as the Columbia University Lions finishing with a career record of 14-46. Prior to that, he served on the several other coaching staffs in some capacity including Dartmouth, Pennsylvania, Yale, and the University of Toledo. He also was a pro scout for one year following his coaching career.

1. What is your name, graduation year, uniform number, position(s) played?

Larry McElreavy, 1964, wore # 50, played Off Center and Middle Linebacker

2. Current occupation, wife and children's names and ages if you choose to share?

Work for Century 21 Highview Realty and Durand Toyota/Ford

3. Who were your head coach(es) during your time at Stevens High School?

Don Campbell

4. Please describe the atmosphere of a game when you played at Stevens High School? Where were the games? Attendance? Time of day? Be as descriptive as possible-paint a picture.

Games were played Saturday afternoon, around 1 PM down at Monadnock Park. Attendance was good, had a great band, dressed in the high school gym so we had to walk down the hill to the field, there used to be a little locker room behind the bleachers we used for half time and post game meetings. Typical New England fall days, crisp, cheerleaders. Doc Ferriter on the sidelines (he was our team physician)



5. What is your greatest high school football memory? Be as descriptive as possible.

There were a number, general memory #1 was going winless my sophomore year (0-8) and then going undefeated (8-0) my junior year and winning the state championship with 22 or 23 players. Carrying my little brother on my shoulders in uniform down pleasant street after we won the championship and what a great coaching staff we had.

6. Who were some of the unsung heroes you played with during your four years at SHS? Players who went above and beyond yet never received the accolades.

Harding Curtis, Mike Bayer, Bob Gillmore (our manager)

7. Just for the sake of reliving old memories, if you could have any play or mistake back, what would it be?

My sophomore year I got hit by the ball on the opening kickoff and the ball bounced back to the kicking team and then later in the game I long snapped a punt snap that went over our punters head into the end zone for a touchdown as the other team recovered the ball. (No place to hide on that one)

8. What is your greatest memory of your experience with the Shrine Game?

There can be only one answer to that and that is the visit to the Shriner's Hospital, never forget it.

9. After high school, did you continue playing football or another sport at college or continue to be involved with football in some fashion?

Played college football at the Univ. of New Hampshire. Coached college football for 30 years and worked as an NFL scout for a year.

10. From football during your high school era, what lessons do you feel you learned about life in general while playing at Stevens?

Hard work will achieve results and you can play with pain.

11. Have you attended a SHS Football game recently?

No

12. Today's athletes are a different breed so to speak. What do you feel today's student-athletes lack compared to your generation?

A different type of support from parents, which I think is confrontational rather than supportive of the coach and program. I suspect they are more inclined to ask WHY rather than blind obedience.

This interview was conducted in July 2011.