



Scott Fitz, Class of 1961, once tore up the turf of Monadnock Park on Saturday afternoons. While it has been 50 years since his last high school season, Mr. Fitz was kind enough to respond to our questions. Currently living in Ohio, he wishes the program well and follows it from afar.

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

Name: Scott Fitz
Graduation Year: 1961
Uniform Number: 22
Position(s): Quarterback/halfback - Safety/linebacker

2. Current occupation: Retired

Wife: Mary (Palmyra, NY) met at University of Vermont
Children: Andrew (39); Matthew (37); David(34); Peter(33)- all live nearby

3. Who were your head coaches during your time at Stevens?

Ceep Parker - Freshman year
Bob Walker – Sophomore & Junior year
Don Campbell - Senior year

4. Please describe the atmosphere of a game when you played at Stevens? Where were the games? Attendance? Time of day?

It is difficult for me to remember the atmosphere of the games because there were so many. During my four years we only had one winning season and that was 5 wins & 4 losses. Therefore, we were not that exciting. The games were played at Monadnock park on Saturday afternoon which put us in competition with college game especially Dartmouth. The Towle games always created a lot of enthusiasm.



5. What is your greatest high school football memory?

It is really difficult to pick one memory. But, I guess my first game as a freshmen against Concord and almost scoring 2 touchdowns before the half.

6. Who were some of the unsung heroes you played with during your four years at SHS?

Buddy Blish; Lloyd Lizotte; Rod Tenney; Jon Williams; Jim Stevens; David Bayer; Norm Burgess; Jim Carroll; Wilfred St. Cyr . The names mentioned are all linemen with the exception of Rod Tenney. There are many more that could be mentioned.

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

I wish that we could have won more games during my four years which is very disappointing to me. I made so many mistakes during my high school career that it is difficult to remember a specific one.

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

Meeting and training with a lot of good athletes from around the State, plus visiting the Shrine Hospital. The game was a big disappointment to me because I got in for 3 plays- all kickoffs. I think, the coach had it in for me because we beat his team (Manchester West) for our only win of the season.

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

Life is not easy just like football is not easy. Life and football require a lot of hard work and there are many disappointments and setbacks. Just like the Shrine Game.

10. Have you attended a SHS Football game recently?

The last game that I attended was on Sept. 10, 2004. Prior to the game, they honored former Stevens players that played the Shrine game. Stevens played Kearsarge at Barnes Park.

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

Certainly today's athletes are bigger and stronger than in my era. Many of the athletes cannot play other sports because they specialize in one sport in hopes of getting an college athletic scholarship. I wish kids would play as many sports as possible. Many of today's kids start too young and really do not learn good fundamentals. Many of the coaches do not know the fundamentals and cannot teach them properly. Too much emphasis is placed on winning at a young age and many of the athletes do not learn how to play the sport correctly.

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