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# TRINITY COLLEGE FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE - 1947

CAPITALS INDICATE HOME GAMES

## CONSOLIDATED

|        |                                    |
|--------|------------------------------------|
| Oct. 4 | V Football, Bates, 2 pm            |
| 10     | V X-Country, AMHERST, 4:15 pm      |
| 11     | V Soccer, Worcester T, 2 pm        |
|        | V Football, MIDDLEBURY, 2 pm       |
| 14     | F Football, WINDSOR HI, 3:50 pm    |
| 17     | V X-Country, Mass. St., 4 pm       |
|        | F Football, SPRINGFIELD, 3:50 pm   |
| 18     | V Football, Hobart, 2 pm           |
|        | V Soccer, MASS. I. T., 2 pm        |
| 22     | V Soccer, YALE, 3:15 pm            |
|        | F Soccer, Choate                   |
|        | V X-Country, Worctr Tech, 3:30 pm  |
| 25     | V Football, WILLIAMS, 2 pm         |
| 27     | V X-Country, WESLEYAN, 4:15 pm     |
| 30     | V X-Country, Springfield, 4 pm     |
|        | F Soccer, WETHERSFIELD HI, 3:15 pm |
| 31     | F Football, WESLEYAN, 3:15 pm      |
| Nov. 1 | V Soccer, MASS. STATE, 1 pm        |
|        | V Football, WORCESTER TECH, 2 pm   |
| 4      | V X-Country, MIDDLEBURY, 4:15 pm   |
|        | F Soccer, ELLSWORTH HI, 3:50 pm    |
| 8      | V Soccer, Amherst                  |
|        | V Football, Norwich, 2 pm          |
|        | F Football, CHESHIRE ACAD, 2:15 pm |
| 10     | V X-Country, N.E. Intercollegiates |
| 13     | F Soccer, WESLEYAN, 3:15 pm        |
| 14     | V Soccer, Wesleyan                 |
|        | F Football, Hopkins Sch., 3 pm     |
| 15     | V Football, WESLEYAN, 2 pm         |
|        | V X-Country, IC4A                  |

## FRESHMAN SOCCER

|         |                   |       |
|---------|-------------------|-------|
| Oct. 14 | WINDSOR HIGH      | _____ |
| 22      | Choate School     | _____ |
| 30      | WETHERSFIELD HIGH | _____ |
| Nov. 4  | ELLSWORTH HIGH    | _____ |
| 13      | WESLEYAN          | _____ |

## VARSITY FOOTBALL

|        |                 |       |
|--------|-----------------|-------|
| Oct. 4 | Bates           | _____ |
| 11     | MIDDLEBURY      | _____ |
| 18     | Hobart          | _____ |
| 25     | WILLIAMS        | _____ |
| Nov. 1 | WORCESTER TECH. | _____ |
| 8      | Norwich         | _____ |
| 15     | WESLEYAN        | _____ |

## FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

|         |                |       |
|---------|----------------|-------|
| Oct. 17 | SPRINGFIELD    | _____ |
| 31      | WESLEYAN       | _____ |
| Nov. 8  | CHESHIRE ACAD. | _____ |
| 14      | Hopkins School | _____ |

## VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

|         |                 |       |
|---------|-----------------|-------|
| Oct. 10 | AMHERST         | _____ |
| 17      | Mass State      | _____ |
| 22      | Worcester Tech. | _____ |
| 27      | WESLEYAN        | _____ |
| 30      | Springfield     | _____ |
| Nov. 4  | MIDDLEBURY      | _____ |
| 10      | N. Eng. Inter.  | _____ |
| 15      | I C 4A          | _____ |

## VARSITY SOCCER

|         |                |       |
|---------|----------------|-------|
| Oct. 11 | Worcester Tech | _____ |
| 18      | MASS. I. T.    | _____ |
| 22      | YALE           | _____ |
| Nov. 1  | MASS. STATE    | _____ |
| 8       | Amherst        | _____ |
| 14      | Wesleyan       | _____ |

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## FOOTBALL STATISTICS

| Against    | In 1946 at | Trinity    | Since first<br>game in | Trinity has |      | tied |
|------------|------------|------------|------------------------|-------------|------|------|
|            |            |            |                        | won         | lost |      |
| Bates      | Hartford   | lost 0-25  | 1915                   | 1           | 3    | 0    |
| Middlebury | Middlebury | won 28-7   | 1912                   | 2           | 1    | 0    |
| Hobart     | Hartford   | won 21-14  | 1923                   | 6           | 3    | 1    |
| Williams   | W'mstown   | won 19-7   | 1884                   | 2           | 7    | 0    |
| Worcester  | no game    |            | 1888                   | 28          | 13   | 0    |
| Norwich    | Hartford   | won 26-0   | 1909                   | 7           | 1    | 0    |
| Wesleyan   | Middletown | lost 14-21 | 1885                   | 14          | 31   | 0    |

Trinity's 1946 record: won four, lost two

Trinity's all time record: won 186, lost 197, tied 14

Dan Jessee's Trinity football record: won 51, lost 26, tied 3

## HISTORY

Trinity College is playing its 70th year of intercollegiate football this year. In Civil War days, Trinity students were kicking a round ball in a game they called "foot ball" on playing fields where the Connecticut State Capitol now stands.

A half dozen graduates of St. Paul's preparatory school brought a copy of the Rugby Union Code to Trinity in 1876 and the Trinity Football Association was organized on October 5 of that year. After a year of practice, the Trinity team met Yale on November 22, 1877, at the Hamilton Trotting Park in New Haven for their first intercollegiate game. Score: Yale, seven goals and eleven touchdowns; Trinity - 0. It was in this game that Trinity used the first football uniforms in history. The tight fitting canvas jackets were invented by a Trinity rusher and made in his father's belt factory. Smeared with grease, they handicapped opponents until Yale men started carrying handfuls of sand.

Trinity never won a game until 1887, when they outrushed the Amherst Aggies for a 32-4 victory. Because of the perseverance of Trinity teams recruited from a student body of less than 100, Trinity athletes became known as "Bantams," a name which they carried with pride through seven decades of hard won victories and honorable defeats.

## THE PAST 15 YEARS

The golden era of Trinity football opened when Dan Jessee came to Trinity as headcoach in 1932. In one stretch of 27 games from mid season in 1933 until the second half of the 1937 season, Dan's teams lost only two games. And in 1934 his team was undefeated and untied. Now in his sixteenth year as coach, Dan has established a record for longevity equaled in New England only by Lloyd Jordan of Amherst. With Tuss McLaughry of Dartmouth, whose accumulated years at Amherst, Brown and Dartmouth give him the distinction of New England's longest football coaching career, Jessee and Jordan deserve the honors of "Deans of New England coaching."



## COACHING STAFF

DAN JESSEE, headcoach, is guiding his 13th varsity team this year but has never found 13 an unlucky number. It is his 16th year at Trinity with no games in 1943, 44, or 45. His 1934 team was undefeated and untied. A graduate of Pacific University in 1926 where he earned letters in football, basketball and baseball, Dan coached a year of high school sports, then returned to his Alma Mater as assistant in football and headcoach of baseball. From 1928-30, he was the property of the Cleveland Indians until a minor leg injury forced him out of professional baseball. He then studied for two years at Columbia Teachers College and came to Trinity in 1932. He is also headcoach of baseball and squash racquets. He taught for two summers at the Columbia coaching school and during the war at Army coaching clinics in Panama, Manila, and Japan.

DON PHELPS, backfield coach, was a halfback on the 1941 powerhouse of the University of Washington under Jimmy Phelan, now St. Mary's coach. He enlisted after graduation and became a major in the Air Force. Following separation, he earned his Master's degree at Columbia, then came to Trinity in 1946 as backfield coach.

STUART PARKS, line coach, came to Trinity in 1946 after coaching service teams during the war. He was an outstanding athlete at Springfield College in the class of 1935, and was captain of football, basketball and track in his senior year. He earned his Master's degree at Springfield and coached at Grinnell College, Iowa; College of Puget Sound, Washington; and El Salvador, Central America, before the war.

JOE BEIDLER, freshman coach, was left halfback on Jesse's 1942 Trinity team. He is the only Trinity man who has won the Blanket Award (total of six letters in three different major sports) since the award was established in 1940. He enlisted in the Navy after graduation and became a lieutenant. After separation, he received his Master's degree from Columbia before coming to Trinity as junior varsity coach in 1946.

## LETTERMEN

Sixteen lettermen and eight junior varsity numeral winners have returned from last year's squad. Nine lettermen graduated including Captain Dick Weisenfluh. "Whitey" Kunkiewicz, long distance passer, and Center Roger Bestor, 1947 team captain, head the group of lettermen who played on the 1946 varsity which won four and lost two. In addition, End John Fink, aerobic pass snatcher from the 1941 team, is back on the squad after four years of military service.

## PRELIMINARY WORK

Forty-three men reported for conditioning on September 8. Other men reported late and additional candidates may report when college opens September 22. Two sessions were held daily during the training period.

## PROSPECTS

This year's Trinity team is lighter, but faster than last year's aggregation. They are more experienced, have a better esprit de corps, and are veterans in the art of teamwork. Conditioning has been more rapid than in 1946. Passing, running, and defense are all potentially powerful. But while the team will be much stronger than it was last year, this is also true of opponent teams and the Blue and Gold is expecting rough competition from every team on their schedule. Their odds will be complicated by the use of freshmen for varsity teams by several opponents, although Trinity has returned to the freshman rule and will field a separate team for yearlings.

## PLAYERS

Outstanding player is easily "Whitey" KUNKIEWICZ, one of the East's outstanding passers and a powerful ball carrier. As quarterback, he handles the ball in T formation plays. VIBERT, kicking star of the 1946 varsity, may develop as one of the outstanding field goal kickers in New England. KOCHANSKI, junior varsity quarterback last year will also be a frequent replacement for "Whitey."

At wingback, lettermen BOLAND and STEEL will be spelled by REDDEN, West Hartford back, who entered Trinity last January.

EBLEN, injured early last year, is expected to stand out in the fullback position with hard hitting letterman HALL and CARROLL, newcomer from the Bulkeley High School and Abbey School elevens.

CORCORAN, who entered Trinity from the University of Connecticut last January, and BARROWS, former Loomis School player who did not come out during his freshman year, are pushing letterman HEINITZ in the tailback slot.

Kunkiewicz' passes will go to four top receivers: PINK, who played two years on the Trinity pre-war varsity and is back from military service; PITKIN, lanky newcomer from Cheshire Academy, who starred on last year's Trinity basketball and baseball teams; OSBORN, former Trinity V-12 navy student; LEAHEY, regular junior varsity end last year.

At tackle, two men picked on Wesleyan's All-Opponent team last year are certain starters: 230 pound HOLMGREN, who will be playing his third year of varsity ball and PONSALLE, who is back in his regular tackle position after a temporary conversion to end last year. Three others are expected to stand out as tackles: POWELL, who also played center last year; ROOT, newlywed and college discus throwing record holder; HARRIES, a fullback last year, now converted to tackle.

Seven men are likely to see considerable action at guard: ALBRIGHT, junior varsity sensation last year; MacDONNELL, KALAKOWSKI, and PESFAUX, all lettermen last year; BALTRONIS and TROUSDALE, light but rugged newcomers. Outstanding guard could be FOSTER, holdover from last year who did not report during the preliminary period.

Team Captain BESTOR and SEYMOUR, both lettermen, will continue to share center duties with OBERG, a first year man, as third center.



# ROSTER

|   | <u>Name</u>           | <u>Age</u> | <u>Hgt</u> | <u>Wgt</u> | <u>Class</u> | <u>Hometown</u> | <u>School</u>       |
|---|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| E | Fink, John*           | 25         | 6'         | 185        | '48          | Hartford        | Milne Hi, Albany NY |
| N | Keeley, William       | 23         | 6'         | 200        | '50          | Fairfield       | Salisbury           |
| D | Leahey, William**     | 22         | 6'1        | 175        | '49          | Hartford        | HPHS                |
| S | Noonan, John**        | 23         | 6'2        | 190        | '50          | Hartford        | William Hall Hi     |
|   | Norman, Rod           | 19         | 6'1        | 185        | '49          | E. Orange, NJ   | E. Orange Hi        |
|   | Osborn, Charles       | 21         | 5'11       | 185        | '49          | Vineland, NJ    | Vineland Hi         |
|   | Page, Seymour         | 21         | 6'         | 170        | '50          | New Haven       | Staunton Mil Acad   |
|   | Pitkin, William       | 21         | 6'3        | 185        | '50          | Hartford        | Cheshire Acad       |
|   | Pope, Albert*         | 23         | 6'         | 180        | '50          | Hartford        |                     |
| T | Albright, Fritz**     | 19         | 6'         | 180        | '50          | West Hartford   | Hall Hi             |
| A | Harries, Brent**      | 19         | 6'         | 210        | '50          | West Hartford   | Hall Hi             |
| C | Holden, Stuart        | 18         | 6'3        | 190        | '50          | Wethersfield    | Wethersfield Hi     |
| K | Holmgren, Mitchell*   | 21         | 6'2        | 230        | '49          | East Hartford   | E. Hartford Hi      |
| L | Lambert, Frank        | 23         | 6'1        | 205        | '50          | Sea Cliff, L.I. | Boys' Latin, Balto. |
| E | Loveland, Hayden      | 20         | 6'2        | 215        | '49          | Hartford        | HPHS                |
| S | Ponsalle, Joseph*     | 23         | 5'11       | 210        | '49          | Bridgeport      | Harding Hi          |
|   | Root, John            | 22         | 6'         | 180        | '50          | West Hartford   | Loomis              |
| G | Axelrod, Arthur       | 20         | 5'10       | 200        | '50          | Hartford        | Bulkeley Hi         |
| U | Baltronis, Joseph     | 24         | 5'9        | 175        | '50          | Hartford        | Abbey Prep          |
| A | Campbell, Fred        | 20         | 5'10       | 180        | '49          | N. Y. C.        | Admiral Billard     |
| R | Foster, Albert**      | 24         | 6'         | 185        | '49          | N. Y. C.        |                     |
| D | Kolakowski, Merlin*   | 23         | 5'11       | 185        | '50          | Hartford        | HPHS                |
| S | Lohnes, Dan           | 20         | 5'10       | 177        | '50          | Boston, Mass    | Lydon Inst.         |
|   | MacDonnell, James*    | 22         | 5'8        | 175        | '50          | Waterbury       | Gunnery School      |
|   | Peseux, Ernest*       | 25         | 5'9        | 165        | '48          | Hazlet, NJ      | Keyport Hi          |
|   | Powell, William*      | 25         | 5'11       | 210        | '48          | Elmwood         | William Hall Hi     |
|   | Trousdale, William**  | 18         | 5'10       | 160        | '50          | East Hartford   | E. Hartford Hi      |
| C | Bestor, Roger, Capt.* | 25         | 5'10       | 185        | '48          | Bloomfield      | Mt. Hermon          |
| T | Oberg, Lambert        | 19         | 5'11       | 190        | '50          | Hartford        | HPHS                |
| R | Seymour, Richard*     | 23         | 5'11       | 165        | '49          | Hartford        | Bulkeley Hi         |
| B | Barrows, Robert       | 20         | 5'9        | 170        | '50          | West Hartford   | Loomis              |
| A | Boland, Robert*       | 24         | 6'         | 170        | '48          | Waterbury       | Cheshire Acad       |
| C | Carroll, John         | 20         | 5'10       | 180        | '50          | Hartford        | Bulkeley Hi         |
| K | Corcoran, John        | 20         | 5'8        | 160        | '50          | Elmwood         | William Hall Hi     |
| S | Eblen, Frank*         | 20         | 5'9        | 178        | '50          | West Hartford   | Kingswood School    |
|   | Hall, Roger*          | 22         | 5'11       | 197        | '50          | Cheshire        | Cheshire Acad       |
|   | Heintz, Harold*       | 22         | 5'10       | 175        | '49          | Hartford        | HPHS                |
|   | Kochanski, Kenneth**  | 19         | 5'10       | 165        | '50          | Plainville      | Plainville Hi       |
|   | Kunkiewicz, Anthony*  | 24         | 5'11       | 195        | '50          | Torrington      | Torrington Hi       |
|   | Redden, James         | 20         | 5'11       | 165        | '50          | West Hartford   |                     |
|   | Steel, Thomas*        | 19         | 5'11       | 165        | '50          | Southport       | Gunnery             |
|   | Taylor, William**     | 26         | 5'11       | 160        | '50          | S. Glastonbury  | Frankford Hi, Pa.   |
|   | Vibert, Peter*        | 26         | 5'8        | 165        | '49          | Unionville      | Loomis              |

\*Letterman \*\*Junior Varsity Numeral

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