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The editors of **Box Seat** are proud to dedicate this publication to

Murl Thrush

Mr. Thrush has retired as football coach of Stuyvesant. Those of us who have attended Stuyvesant and have seen Mr. Thrush in action experienced something we shall long remember. We witnessed the producing of great football teams by a great man. From a multitude of applicants, he trained, developed and molded championship football teams.

Mr. Thrush's personal enthusiasm and spirit were as much a part of the team as the players were. He has instilled a sense of fair play and good sportsmanship in our football squads, a quality we sincerely hope will continue.

The members of the football team found in him something more than just a coach; they found a friend, someone who was never too busy to devote some time to a personal problem of any boy. His name will remain synonymous with the best in Stuyvesant football.



ALL TIME STUYVESANT FOOTBALL TEAM

With the conclusion of a very creditable '55 campaign, we find ourselves at the zenith of Pegleg grid power. It is at this time that the editors of Box Seat in collaboration with Murl Thrush, who has been coaching here since 1937, have taken a retrospection of those memorable years and have chosen an all-time grid team.

Although football had its inception at Stuyvesant in 1908, victories were few and far between until the '20s. In 1923, Stuyvesant copped the City Football Championship. It is from that team that we extract the only all-time griddier not coached by Mr. Thrush.

Breaking the team down by positions, here is how the elite eleven shapes up:



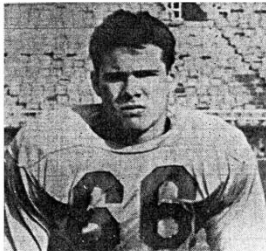
Charlie Perez

At the end spots are **Ray Lanflisi** and **Charlie Perez**. In 1947, Lanflisi, a 6'2" speedster, scored the winning touchdown in a 13-7 conquest of Clinton. In 1948 he enabled Stuyvesant to gain a 13-13 tie against Clinton when he ran 97 yards for a touchdown in the closing minutes of the contest. He later starred in the scholastic field by graduating Cum Laude from Princeton University. Perez, the other all-star end, at only 165 pounds, led the city's ends in scoring this year with 30 points. Charlie was chosen All City First Team by practically every New York newspaper. A standout all year, his best performance was in the Far Rockaway game, in which Charlie scored two touchdowns, one on an electrifying "runback" of an intercepted lateral. His forte was stealing passes on defense, but he was a whiz at catching Pegleg pitches too. Perez hopes to play his college football at either Georgia Tech or Syracuse while studying architecture.

"**Man Mountain**" **Majlinger**, at 6'4" and 250 pounds nails down one of the tackle slots by his outstanding play in 1938 and '39. A terrific lineman at New York University, in 1943 Majlinger was selected to play for the Blue Team in the North South game. He is now coaching in New Britain, Connecticut

Hal Siegal, who in Thrush's estimation "is the greatest schoolboy tackle I have ever seen" was indispensable in the 1954 City Championship Team's all winning campaign. Possessing unusual speed for a man of his size, his capabilities are being utilized at end for the Citadel, where he is studying under a full four year scholarship.

The guard positions go to members of two recent teams. **Howie Bernstein**, a 5'8" 185 pounder, not only was an All-City guard, but was also instrumental in the 12-6 triumph over Clinton last year. His block of a Governor punt, deep in their own territory, set up what proved to be the winning touchdown for the Dutchmen.



Ed Faeber

Ed Faeber, another all-timer from this year's team fills the other guard position. "Chunky" was a spark plug up front and a rock on defense. Lehigh University may be his future alma mater.

Captain of the '55 team, George Komaridis took all the laurels as the greatest Pegleg center. George was the bulwark of our great line this year. His selection on the World Telegram and Sun's All-City Second Team and honorable mention on the All-Met Team is further testimony of his grid prowess.

Linemen Art Glicksman and Gene Elovitz ('53), John Werblum ('52) and Bruce Gathy ('44), were strongly considered for all-time recognition.

THE BACKFIELD

Chosen as one of the co-captains of this dream team is **Don Zimmer**, perhaps the greatest back in Pegleg grid history. Don starred on the 1947-48 squads. He was largely responsible for the fine records amassed by those teams. In the 1948 Clinton game tie, he passed for one of the two Pegleg TDs. He later went on to even greater glory, in his three years on the Penn University Varsity.

Bob Rosenheim, captain of the 1953 team, led us to a very successful season that year. Bob was a speedy, shifty runner, a brilliant passer and an excellent defensive back. He is on the same squad at Wisconsin U. as Gerry Treger, star fullback of '54 City Champs, who incidentally, barely missed making the all-time eleven.

At quarterback is **Roy "Lief" Erickson**, chosen as the other co-captain of the all-timers, Roy played for S.H.S. in 1938. After a sensational career at Villanova, "Lief", an All-American, quarterbacked the pro Giants in the mid-forties.

Another all-time great is **John Wasylic**. The only member of this team not coached by Mr. Thrush, Johnny captained the 1923 City Championship Team. In post season excursions, the Champs edged Kingston High of upstate New York, 9-7, and slaughtered a highly touted Harrisburg, Pa. Tech Team, 65-0, a game in which Wasylic scored five touchdowns.

Backfield stars who just missed the all-time team are Haig Bohegan ('52), Charles Girolomo ('41), Phil Whelan ('23), Artie Yorkes ('54), and Bruce Flashner ('55)

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The 1955 team opened the season with romps over Monroe and Evander, 33-0 and 34-13 respectively. After the 27-21 conquest of a strong Far Rockaway Squad, hopes were high for the impending Clinton fray. But the Peglegs ran up against the greatest Governor aggregation in many years. Our nine game winning streak was snapped by a decisive defeat. The Peglegs then finished the season with a 56-0 massacre of Taft. Symbolically, the last game of Mr. Thrush Stuyvesant coaching career was our biggest romp in all the years under his tutelage.

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