

Potporri

Sept. 19, 1987 -- VC ended a 17-game "on the field" losing streak with a 24-0 win over Washington, Pa., Immaculate Conception.

Sept. 25, 1987 -- Saegertown's Buddy Nicholson scored on a 99-yard run in the Panthers' 38-0 win over VC. Dan Hartle rushed for 123 yards on 26 carries.

Oct. 6, 1984 -- Kevin Casper rushed for 221 yards on 21 carries against Eisenhower, breaking Jim Moffett's school record 215 yards rushing in a game set in 1977. Casper scored three TDs on runs of 37 and 12 yards and a 28-yard pass. His longest run -- 61 yards -- set up his 12-yard TD run. He also caught a 54-yard pass on a third-and-41 play. His rushing total broke the "family" record of 214 by brother Andy in 1982 against Ledgmont, Ohio. Kevin Casper finished the season with 860 yards on 146 carries.

Nov. 5, 1983 -- Ed Rhoades' 51-yard pass to Joe Anderton with three minutes left gave VC a 6-6 tie with Ledgmont, Ohio. John Hogue had three sacks in the game. Anderton finished the season with 610 receiving yards. QB John Cavalline completed 53 of 129 passes for 909 yards.

Oct. 9, 1982 -- VC ended a 32-game losing streak with a 12-6 win over Allegheny Academy.

Sept. 15, 1978 -- A Pat Slater to Tad Simons pass for 61 yards with six minutes to play gave VC a 6-6 tie with Cambridge Springs.

1976 -- Dan Shannahan completed 61 of 137 passes for 1,021 yards and added 107 yards rushing for a school record 1,128 yards total offense. The old record was 1,096 yards total offense by Tom Slater and 1,010 yards passing by Bill Eckert. Shannahan threw for 291 yards against Saegertown, breaking Eckert's single-game record of 214 yards. Shannahan also averaged 11 yards on 14 punt returns that season.

1971 -- Dan Lillard rushed for 1,013 yards on 159 carries, and Tom O'Connor completed

63 of 122 passes for 966 yards and 8 touchdowns. Norman Porter caught 26 passes for 406 yards; he had five catches for 131 yards in the finale against Saegertown. O'Connor threw for 211 yards that game. All three were named to the All-Erie Diocesan team.

Sept. 12, 1969 -- Townville rushed for 497 yards against VC.

Sept. 16, 1966 -- VC rushed for 456 yards and piled up 540 yards total offense against Randolph-East Mead.

1960 -- Bill Jarosz gained 160 yards total offense and intercepted two passes in the finale against Randolph-East Mead. He finished the season with 10 touchdowns.

1959 -- St. Joe installed the I formation.

Oct. 11, 1959 -- Bill Jarosz rushed for 124 yards and added 56 yards on returns against Keystone.

Sept. 18, 1954 -- Dick Straub returned an interception 82 yards for a TD against East Brady. There were three Straubs on that St. Joe team -- Dick, Bill and Joe. Billy Downs returned a punt 70 yards in the East Brady game.

Sept. 26, 1953 -- Bill Fink scored three TDs and Joe Straub returned a punt 88 yards for another score against George Junior Republic.

Oct. 18, 1953 -- Bill Fink rushed for 106 yards on 19 carries and Pat Connors added 105 yards on 12 attempts as St. Joe posted its first win over Greenville St. Michael in five years.

Nov. 7, 1953 -- Bill Fink scored six touchdowns in the 51-8 romp of Bradford St. Bernard at Mitchell Avenue Field. Fink scored on runs of 1, 1, 12, 8 and 12 yards and a 45-yard pass from Bill Bryan. He finished the game with 154 yards rushing on 16 carries. Fink scored 106 points in 1953 and finished his four-year career with 232 points.

1952 -- Bill Fink enjoyed three-TD games against George Junior Republic and Sugar Grove (now Eisenhower.) The Irish amassed 425 yards total offense against Sugar Grove, including 356 on the ground.

Oct. 12, 1951 -- St. Joe rushed for 373 yards against George Junior Republic.

Oct. 26, 1951 -- Bill Fink scored four TDs on runs of 4, 37, 12 and 28 yards. He kicked an extra point and passed to Snick Carey and Francis Hynes for two more PATs.

Oct. 20, 1950 -- St. Joe avoided a winless season when Dick Herron returned a fumble 48 yards midway through the first quarter for the game's only TD in the season finale against Rimersburg. Jack Eckert passed to Frank O'Brien for the extra point.

Oct. 28, 1949 -- Corry outgained St. Joe 448-15 in posting a 59-0 victory.

Sept. 10, 1948 -- St. Joe scored 18 points in the fourth quarter to erase a 13-0 Emlenton lead. Bill Straub started the rally with a 20-yard touchdown run on an end-around. Jim Tobin returned an interception 65 yards to make it 13-12, and then after an Emlenton fumble, George "Bud" Stubler scored on a 9-yard run.

Oct. 11, 1942 -- Jim Russ scored 31 points, including five TDs, in the 74-12 rout by Niagara Falls, N.Y., St. Mary. Score by quarters for the winners: 20-13-21-20.

1941 -- Bobby Hall, who would star for Oil City in 1943, was a sophomore on this St. Joe team. He scored both TDs in St. Joe's 14-12 win over Greenville St. Michael and rushed for 110 yards on 29 carries in the 25-6 loss to Niagara Falls, N.Y., St. Mary. Hall was forced to sit out the 1942 season because of the transfer to Oil City.

1937-40 -- see The Forrey Hall Years.

1936 -- Not only was St. Joe winless in seven games, but it failed to score a point!

Oct. 27, 1935 -- Hughes of Erie Cathedral Prep returned an interception 104 yards for a touchdown against St. Joe.

Nov. 15, 1937 -- Edinboro High School's nickname was the Turtles.

Nov. 20, 1937 -- St. Joe closed the season on a Wednesday against East Brady. With Bob Stewart throwing and Jackie Eagan catching, the Irish amassed 158 yards threw the air. Stewart and Eagan each had an interception, too.

Nov. 3, 1934 -- Cootie Carroll scored on runs of 2 and 3 yards and his 25-yard run set up a 4-yard TD by Bill Summers in an 18-13 win over Edinboro. He also made a vicious tackle to force a fumble after Summers' touchdown that set up his second TD.

Nov. 24, 1934 -- Cootie Carroll's 52-yard interception return and kick for the extra point sunk Emlenton, 7-0.

Oct. 14, 1933 -- Cootie Carroll scored two touchdowns, including one on a 50-yard run after a 20-yard punt return by Phil Hall. Ray Fox, who would play his senior season at Oil City, returned an interception 89 yards to set up Barney Faller's 1-yard touchdown run in the 20-14 win over Clintonville.

Oct, 27, 1933 -- Cootie Carroll scored two touchdowns, one on an 18-yard run, and passed to Phil Hall for a third on a fourth-down play in a 20-7 victory over Greenville St. Michael.

Nov. 5, 1932 -- Joe Eagan's 65-yard TD pass to Cootie Carroll with about 2 minutes to play gave St. Joe a 19-19 tie with Rimersburg on the West End Grounds.

Nov. 15, 1912 -- A team from St. Joe -- plus three guys from the Franklin Pirates team -- played and lost to Franklin, 46-0. And, according to the News-Herald, that very same day St. Joe lost to Emlenton, 12-7 -- but was the first team to score on Emlenton that season.