

Varsity Football

Going through a tough season, Scotch Plains High grid team emerged with eight victories against one defeat, almost equalling the great record of the '45 team. Led by high scoring Howard (Crazy Legs) Graves, Scotch Plains defeated a powerful Roselle combine with a pass play from Graves to D'Amato for the lone tally in the third quarter. Scotch Plains' bitter rival, North Plainfield, was next on the agenda and the Raiders had their first taste of defeat by a 13-0 count. However, the Raiders bounced back the following Saturday by thrashing a heavy Bernardsville eleven 31-6. Next, the Raiders traveled to North Arlington expecting a hard fought battle. When the dust subsided, S.P.H.S. was on the long end of a 24-13 victory. The Scotch Plains and Fanwood fans witnessed their first home night football game in five years against St. Mary's, and again the Raiders walked off the field victorious by a 21-0 count. A heavy grid eleven came down from Keyport to play Scotch Plains and the outcome was a 25-0 victory for the Blue Raiders. The following Saturday, Scotch Plains trekked to Washington, the Group One State Champs, to avenge the losing of the Group One State Championship to them by six points the previous year. It seemed the long ride did the boys good, for they rolled to a 52-0 victory. Roxbury became the second victim of a Raiders' slaughter by a 54-6 triumph. The Blue Raiders' Turkey day game was home and against their new rival, Metuchen. Thanks to a hard driving line and individual performances by Tony Tittanegro, Bob D'Amato, and Howard Graves the Blue Raiders ended their season with a 40-0 victory. The main cogs in the Raiders team were their fine coaching, the players, and the team's spirit. These three things brought Scotch Plains the Group One State Championship. Three players received All-State honors,

Howard Graves	Back	First team
Bob Ehmann	End	First team
John Nettingham	Tackle	Second team

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