

# **Program History**

This page shows all-time Grand Ledge Varsity Football year-by-year results, all-time program records, and all-time coaching records. If you are interested in game-by-game results, check out [www.michigan-football.com](http://www.michigan-football.com) for the scores from every season since 1950. See our page titled "Game-By-Game Results pre-1950" for those seasons' scores.

This archival page is still under "construction". If you have any information on seasons before 1936, please email Coach Cook with any information that is missing or needs to be added! We are currently missing all dates, schedules, and scores from 1911-1923. From 1924-1935, we have some incomplete/partial information, and there are some seasons in that time frame that we are missing information for entirely. From 1936 on: we have all schedules, scores, games, dates, information, etc.

All current information has been compiled from multiple sources: Grand Ledge Library Archives, Grand Ledge Independent Archives, Lansing State Journal Archives, Grand Ledge High School Yearbooks.

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## **ALL-TIME PROGRAM RECORD**

502-365-29

\*The 1910s & 1920s are currently incomplete. This reflects only what we currently have found.

## **ALL-TIME CONFERENCE RECORDS**

Little 10/12/13/7 (?-1933): \*Incomplete\*

Central Six (1934-1936): 7-13

Capital Circuit League (1937-1956): 37-26-9

West Central Conference (1957-1975): 81-35-6

CAC/CAAC (1977-present): 203-104

## **ALL-TIME NON-CONFERENCE RECORD**

124-92-8

\*since 1936

## **ALL-TIME MHSAA STATE PLAYOFFS RECORD**

19-20

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## **ALL-TIME WINNINGEST COACHES**

**(min. 10 wins) [21 known coaches since 1911]**

<b><u>Total Wins</u></b>	<b><u>Conf. Wins</u></b>	<b><u>Coach</u></b>	<b><u># of Seasons</u></b>	<b><u>Years</u></b>
95	69	Pat O'Keefe	13	1993-2005
88	64	Matt Bird	13	2006-2018
85	66	John Krupa	18	1967-1984
51	35	Garth Barrett	8	1985-1992
27	23	Charles Gorman	5	1962-1966
22	12	Joe Brya	4	2019-present
17	12	Weldon Faull	8	1927-1934
17	15	Lacey Bernard	5	1957-1961
16	8	Dave Smyth	4	1936-1939
14	?	W. L. Ireland	4?	1911-1914?
13	7	Steve Szasz	2	1940-1941
11	4	Dean Shippey	3	1942-1943, 1946

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## ALL-TIME RECORDS vs. OPPONENTS

(min. 4 games)

\*Current conference opponents are bolded

\*Former CAC, CCL & WCC conference opponents italicized

\*Organized in order of most games played

\*We are unable to find many scores before 1930, this represents what we have found

<u>Games</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>1st Game</u>	<u>Last Game</u>	<u>Our Record Against</u>
70	<i>St. Johns</i>	1912	2020	38-31-1
<b>61</b>	<b>Lansing Everett</b>	<b>1941</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>40-20-1</b>
<b>60</b>	<b>East Lansing</b>	<b>1923</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>21-37-2</b>
<b>60</b>	<b>Holt</b>	<b>1953</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>35-24-1</b>
55	<i>Charlotte</i>	1923	2008	27-25-3
43	<i>Lansing Eastern</i>	1964	2017	31-11-1
<b>42</b>	<b>Waverly</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>34-8</b>
42	<i>Hastings</i>	1925	1976	15-20-7
38	<i>Lansing Sexton</i>	1977	2017	18-20
38	<i>Eaton Rapids</i>	1915	1962	14-22-2
37	<i>Jackson</i>	1984	2022	32-5
34	<i>Howell</i>	1925	2015	15-15-4
33	<i>Mason</i>	1912	2008	14-16-3
33	<i>Ionia</i>	1911	1976	18-15
<b>25</b>	<b>Okemos</b>	<b>1971</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>19-6</b>
14	<i>Lake Odessa Lakewood</i>	1911	1970	12-2
12	Kalamazoo Loy Norrix	1982	2020	12-0
12	Lansing Gabriels	1952	1969	4-5-3

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11	<i>Alma</i>	1964	1974	9-2
11	<i>Greenville</i>	1957	1967	11-0
9	Rockford	1992	2021	3-6
8	Grandville	2001	2016	4-4
8	Portland	1912	1937	8-0
<b>7</b>	<b>DeWitt</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2-5</b>
7	East Kentwood	1994	2019	2-5
7	Albion	1927	1957	0-7
6	Holland West Ottawa	2003	2015	2-4
6	Portage Central	1993	1998	4-2
5	Coldwater	1928	2022	2-3
5	Marshall	1926	1942	3-1 (1 score missing)
4	Brighton	1999	2022	3-1
4	Hudsonville	2016	2019	1-3
4	Ypsilanti	1993	1996	3-1
4	<i>Lansing Hill</i>	1977	1980	2-2
4	Midland Dow	1976	1979	0-4
4	Lansing Catholic	1971	1974	2-2
4	<i>Belding</i>	1957	1960	2-1-1

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## ALL-TIME Year-By-Year Results

### 1910s (18-7-2)

[Incomplete: information needed]

<u>Year</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1910	No Team		
1911	1-1	W. L. Ireland	*Believed to be the first team in school history
1912	5-2-1	W. L. Ireland	*Most points in a game in school history (86)
1913	4-3-1 (Eaton County)	W. L. Ireland	
1914	4-1	W. L. Ireland	
1915	5-0	?	
1916	?	?	
1917	?	?	
1918	?	?	
1919	?	?	

### 1920s (9-24-3)

[Incomplete: information needed]

<u>Year</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1920	?	Charles Butterfield	
1921	?	Charles Butterfield	
1922	?	Charles Butterfield	
1923	?	Charles Butterfield	
1924	?-3-1 (?-2-1 )	Charles Butterfield	
1925	3-4-1 (? Little 10)	Wayne Carpenter	
1926	2-2 (1-2 Little 10)	Wayne Carpenter	
1927	4-3-1 (2-3-1 Little 10)	Weldon "Bud" Faull	*Recorded 5 shutouts
1928	?-4 (?-3 Little 10)	Weldon "Bud" Faull	
1929	0-8 (0-8 Little 12)	Weldon "Bud" Faull	

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## **1930s (32-35-6)**

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Record</u></b>	<b><u>Coach</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
1930	2-5 (2-5 Little 13)	Weldon “Bud” Faull	
1931	5-3 (3-3 Little 7)	Weldon “Bud” Faull	*Recorded 3 shutouts
1932	3-2 (3-2 Little 7)	Weldon “Bud” Faull	
1933	2-4-1 (1-4-1 Little 7)	Weldon “Bud” Faull	
1934	1-5 (1-5 Central 6)	Weldon “Bud” Faull	*17-34-2 (12-33-2) 8 seasons
1935	3-4 (3-4 Central 6)	K. Major	
1936	5-4 (3-4 Central 6)	Dave Smyth	*Recorded 4 shutouts
1937	6-1-1 (3-1-1 CCL)	Dave Smyth	*CCL Runner-Up *CCL = Capital Circuit League *Recorded 3 shutouts *Lights are installed on game field
1938	3-2-2 (1-2-1 CCL)	Dave Smyth	*Charlotte game canceled due to Smallpox
1939	2-5-2 (1-2-2 CCL)	Dave Smyth	*16-12-5 (8-9-4) 4 seasons

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## 1940s (43-36-4)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1940	5-3 (3-1 CCL)	Steve Szaz	*Conference Champs *1st Conference Title in school history
1941	8-0-1 (4-0-1 CCL)	Steve Szaz *Called to service in the army in Feb. of 1942 in response to Pearl Harbor	*Conference Champs *First Undefeated Season in School History *Fewest total points allowed in school history (19) *Recorded 6 shutouts *Won 13 straight games (7 straight in the CCL) *13-3-1 (7-1-1) Career Record in 2 seasons
1942	7-1-1 (3-1-1 CCL)	Dean Shippey	*CCL Runner-Up *16 straight wins (18 games without a loss) *2nd fewest total points allowed in school history (24) *Recorded 5 shutouts
1943	4-4 (2-3 CCL)	Dean Shippey / Earl Meyers	*Earl Meyers took over game 3 with Shippey called for service & leaving for the Navy
1944	5-2-1 (3-1-1 CCL)	Sherman "Red" Hicks	*CCL Runner-Up
1945	3-5 (2-3 CCL)	Leon DeWitte	*Took over just before season started *Kenneth Beagle vacated position
1946	3-5 (1-4 CCL)	Dean Shippey	*11-7-1 (4-5-1) Career Record in 2 seasons, 2 games in a third, 1st season where the JV (Reserves) had a full schedule
1947	5-2-1 (3-1-1 CCL)	Howard "Howdy" Loomis	*CCL Runner-Up
1948	1-7 (0-5 CCL)	Howard "Howdy" Loomis	*8-9-1 (3-6-1) Career record in 2 seasons
1949	2-7 (1-5 CCL)	Harold Benge	

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## **1950s (24-54-7)**

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Record</u></b>	<b><u>Coach</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
1950	5-4 (2-3 CCL)	Harold Benge	*4th in CCL
1951	0-8-1 (0-5 CCL)	Harold Benge	*6th in CCL *7-19-1 (3-13) in 3 seasons
1952	0-7-1 (0-5 CCL)	Howdy Beyer	*6th in CCL
1953	5-4 (3-3 CCL)	Howdy Beyer	*3rd in CCL
1954	2-7 (1-5 CCL)	Howdy Beyer	*6th in CCL
1955	2-6-1 (2-3-1 CCL)	Howdy Beyer	*5th in CCL *9-24-2 (6-16-1) in 4 seasons
1956	2-6-1 (2-4 CCL)	Moe Miller	*4th in CCL
1957	2-6 (2-5 WCC)	Lacey Bernard	*WCC = West Central Conference *5th in WCC
1958	4-2-2 (3-2-2 WCC)	Lacey Bernard	*3rd in WCC
1959	3-4-1 (3-4 WCC)	Lacey Bernard	*5th in WCC



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## **1960s (47-28-7)**

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Record</u></b>	<b><u>Coach</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
1960	6-2 (5-2 WCC)	Lacey Bernard	*3rd in WCC *3rd fewest total points allowed in school history (40)
1961	2-5-1 (2-4 WCC)	Lacey Bernard	*17-19-4 (15-17-2) Career Record in 5 seasons *4th in WCC
1962	6-1-1 (5-0-1 WCC)	Charles Gorman	*Conference Champs *First team to score more than 200 total points in a season (230) *5th fewest total points allowed in school history (43) *Grand Ledge officially classified "Class A" *Gorman, Dukes, Love establish the youth football program
1963	6-2 (4-1 WCC)	Charles Gorman	*Conference Champs
1964	6-2-1 (5-1-1 WCC)	Charles Gorman	*WCC Runner-Up
1965	5-3-1 (5-2 WCC)	Charles Gorman	*WCC Runner-Up
1966	4-3-1 (4-2-1 WCC)	Charles Gorman	*27-11-4 (23-6-3) Career Record in 5 seasons *3rd in WCC *Gorman was killed in a car accident after the 1966 season
1967	4-3-1 (4-2-1 WCC)	John Krupa	*Recorded 4 shutouts *WCC Runner-Up
1968	2-6 (2-5 WCC)	John Krupa	*6th in WCC
1969	6-1-1 (6-1 WCC)	John Krupa	*Conference Champs *Recorded 5 shutouts *3rd fewest total points allowed in school history (40)

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## **1970s (52-36)**

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Record</u></b>	<b><u>Coach</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
1970	7-1 (6-1 WCC)	John Krupa	*Conference Champs *Recorded 5 shutouts *2nd fewest total points allowed in school history (34)
1971	6-3 (6-0 WCC)	John Krupa	*Conference Champs *First time going undefeated in conference play in school history (without a tie)
1972	5-3 (5-1 WCC)	John Krupa	*Conference Champs *12 straight WCC wins
<a href="#">1973</a>	<a href="#">9-0</a> <a href="#">(6-0 WCC)</a>	John Krupa	<a href="#">*Conference Champs</a> <a href="#">*Second undefeated season &amp; first without a tie in school history</a> <a href="#">*Playoffs not established in Michigan until 1975</a>
1974	8-1 (5-1 WCC)	John Krupa	*14 straight WCC wins *Conference Champs *6 straight WCC championships *Most consecutive conference titles in school history
1975	4-5 (3-1 WCC)	John Krupa	*WCC Runner-Up *Postseason established for Michigan HS football
1976	3-6	John Krupa	*Grand Ledge was independent this season
1977	6-3 (5-2 CAC)	John Krupa	*CAC Runner-Up *Recorded 3 shutouts *CAC = Capital Area Conference
1978	1-8 (1-6 CAC)	John Krupa	*7th in CAC
1979	3-6 (3-4 CAC)	John Krupa	*3rd in CAC

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## **1980s (48-42)**

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Record</u></b>	<b><u>Coach</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
1980	6-3 (5-2 CAC)	John Krupa	*3rd in CAC
1981	8-1 (6-0 CAC)	John Krupa	*Conference Champs *Recorded 4 shutouts *5th fewest total points allowed in school history (65)
1982	1-8 (0-6 CAC)	John Krupa	*7th in CAC
1983	2-7 (0-6 CAC)	John Krupa	*7th in CAC
1984	4-5 (3-4 CAC)	John Krupa	*5th in CAC *18 seasons *Career record of 85-70-2 (66-48-1)
1985	7-2 (5-2 CAC)	Garth Barrett	*CAC Runner-Up *Recorded 3 shutouts
1986	5-4 (3-4 CAC)	Garth Barrett	*4th in CAC
1987	4-5 (3-4 CAC)	Garth Barrett	*4th in CAC
1988	5-4 (3-4 CAC)	Garth Barrett	*5th in CAC
1989	6-3 (4-3 CAC)	Garth Barrett	*4th in CAC

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## **1990s (74-24)**

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Record</u></b>	<b><u>Coach</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
1990	6-3 (4-3 CAC)	Garth Barrett	*4th in CAC
1991	8-1 (6-1 CAC)	Garth Barrett	*4 shutouts, Conference Champs, Finished ranked #8 in Class A by AP, Only loss to Class A State Champs East Lansing
1992	10-1 (7-0 CAC)	Garth Barrett *8 seasons *Career record (51-23)(35-21) (1-1)	*5 shutouts, Undefeated Regular Season, Conference Champs, 1st playoff appearance, 1st playoff win (1-1) *1st team to win 10 wins in school history [Regional Finalists] *Finished season ranked #5 in Class A by AP *Fewest points (76) allowed in school history by a playoff team, 1st team to score 300+ points in a season (333)
1993	5-4 (5-2 CAC)	Pat O'Keefe	*CAC Runner-Up *12 straight CAC wins
1994	9-2 (6-1 CAC)	Pat O'Keefe	*Conference Champs *Playoffs (1-1) [Regional Finalists]
1995	7-2 (5-2 CAC)	Pat O'Keefe	*3rd in CAC
1996	6-3 (5-2 CAC)	Pat O'Keefe	*CAC Runner-Up
1997	9-2 (6-1 CAC)	Pat O'Keefe	*Conference Champs *Finished regular season ranked #6 in Class AA by AP *Playoffs (1-1) [Regional Finalists]
1998	8-2 (6-1 CAC)	Pat O'Keefe	*CAC Runner-Up *Finished regular season ranked #5 in Class AA by AP *Playoffs (0-1)
1999	6-4 (4-3 CAC)	Pat O'Keefe	*3rd in CAC *2nd most points scored in a game in school history (63) *Playoffs (0-1)

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## 2000s (68-35)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<a href="#">2000</a>	<a href="#">13-1</a> <a href="#">(7-0 CAC)</a>	Pat O'Keefe	<a href="#">*3 shutouts</a> , <a href="#">Conference Champs</a> , <a href="#">Finished season #9 in Class A by AP</a> , <a href="#">Playoffs (5-0)</a> , <a href="#">District Champs</a> , <a href="#">Regional Champs</a> , <a href="#">State Champs</a> , <a href="#">Defeated D3 state runner-up East Lansing</a> , <a href="#">Defeated 3 undefeated teams in the playoffs (Ranked #3, 4, &amp; 6 in the state)</a> , <a href="#">1st team to score 400+ points in school history (425)</a>
2001	5-4 (4-3 CAC)	Pat O'Keefe	*4th in CAC
2002	8-2 (6-1 CAC)	Pat O'Keefe	*Conference Champs, Finished ranked #9 in Division 1 by AP, Playoffs (0-1)
2003	6-4 (5-2 CAAC-I)	Pat O'Keefe	*CAAC Runner-Up, Playoffs (0-1)
2004	4-5 (4-3 CAAC-I)	Pat O'Keefe	*3rd in CAAC
2005	9-3 (6-1 CAAC-I)	Pat O'Keefe *13 seasons *Career Record (95-38)(69-22) (9-7)	*CAAC Runner-Up, Finished ranked #5 in D1 by AP, Playoffs (2-1), District Champs, Lost to '04 & '05 State Champs (Rockford), Scored 300+ points (377)
2006	3-6 (3-4 CAAC-I)	Matt Bird	*4th in CAAC
2007	3-6 (1-6 CAAC Blue)	Matt Bird	*6th in CAAC
2008	10-1 (6-0 CAAC Blue)	Matt Bird	*Conference Champs, Finished ranked #2 in D1 by AP, Undefeated Regular Season, Playoffs (1-1), Lost to '08 State Champs (Rockford), 300+ points (332)
2009	7-3 (5-1 CAAC Blue)	Matt Bird	*CAAC Runner-Up, Playoffs (0-1), 11 straight CAAC wins

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## **2010s (67-34)**

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Record</u></b>	<b><u>Coach</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
2010	9-1 (6-0 CAAC Blue)	Matt Bird	*Team 100, Conference Champs, Undefeated Regular Season, Finished ranked #4 in D1 by AP, Playoffs (0-1), Lost to defending '09 State Champs, & '10 State Runner-up (Lowell)
2011	8-3 (5-2 CAAC Blue)	Matt Bird	*100 years of Grand Ledge Football *MHSFCA D1 Team Academic All-State, Conference Champs, Playoffs (1-1), 10 straight CAAC wins
2012	7-3 (6-1 CAAC Blue)	Matt Bird	*CAAC Runner-Up, Playoffs (0-1), 300+ points (330)
2013	4-5 (4-3 CAAC Blue)	Matt Bird	*3rd in CAAC *MHSFCA D1 Team Academic All-State
2014	7-4 (5-2 CAAC Blue)	Matt Bird	*MHSFCA D1 Team Academic All-State, CAAC Runner-Up, Playoffs (1-1), 300+ points (327)
2015	12-1 (7-0 CAAC Blue)	Matt Bird	*Conference Champs, Undefeated Regular Season, Finished #5 in D1 by AP, Playoffs (3-1), District Champs, Regional Champs, Lost to '15 State Champs (Romeo), Most points (478) in school history
2016	7-3 (6-1 CAAC Blue)	Matt Bird	*Conference Champs, Playoffs (0-1), 15 straight CAAC wins
2017	8-2 (7-0 CAAC Blue)	Matt Bird	*Conference Champs, Playoffs (0-1), 3 straight conf. titles, Only 2nd time in school history to win 3+ consecutive conf titles ('69-'74)
2018	3-5 (3-3 CAAC Blue)	Matt Bird	*4th in CAAC *13 Seasons, Career Record (88-43)(64-23)(6-9)
2019	2-7 (2-4 CAAC Blue)	Joe Brya	*5th in CAAC

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## **2020s (20-10)**

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Record</u></b>	<b><u>Coach</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
2020	5-3 (2-2 CAAC Blue)	Joe Brya	*3rd in CAAC, Playoffs (1-1), 2nd most points (63) scored in a game in school history, Most points scored in school history when only playing 8 games (263), Weeks 1-3 games canceled (COVID-19)
2021	6-4 (3-3 CAAC Blue)	Joe Brya	*MHSFCA D1 Team Academic All-State *4th in CAAC, MHSAA State Record - Safeties in a Game (3), Playoffs (0-1) *GL & Holt play for the 1st time for a rivalry trophy
<a href="#">2022</a>	<a href="#">9-3</a> <a href="#">(5-1 CAAC Blue)</a>	Joe Brya	<a href="#">*Conference Champs</a> , <a href="#">Playoffs (2-1)</a> , <a href="#">District Champs</a> , <a href="#">Shawn Foster tied 3rd MHSAA state history</a> , <a href="#">7 rush TDs in a game v DeWitt (56-49 Win)</a>
2023		Joe Brya	