

THE PAST: 5 - 5



2004 Summit Hilltoppers

Following two championship seasons, the 2004 Summit Hilltoppers broke even at 5-5. Whether the bottle is half full or half empty depends on how you look at it.

On one hand, Summit, after losing its first three games, won the last three games by a margin of nine points to pull even for the year.

On the other hand, the five losses were by an average of four touchdowns in each game.

There were many bright spots.

Quarterback Jake Huck, taking over the reins from the Schroeder boys, had an excellent season, completing 107 of 189 passes for 1,440 yards good for 13 touchdowns with only five interceptions.

Wide receiver Todd Kaiser, with 29 receptions, and John Stuckey, with 22 catches, were the main targets with each averaging more than 15 yards per-catch.

The running game was

bolstered by fullback Pearce Talbot and runningback Daryl Toney, along with Huck who scrambled for 300 yards during the season.

Gregg Jarrett also helped out with the ball carrying and returned punts and kick-offs very effectively.

The line was anchored by the outstanding play of seniors David Mell and Tim Feeley, who started on offense and made valuable contributions on defense as well.

The coaching staff of the

2004 Hilltoppers was led by Head Coach George DiGrande, his brother Frank, Steve Hughes, Tom Carrell, Matt Connell and last, but not least, Ray McCrann.

SFAA wishes all the best to Ray, who retired from the Summit school system in June.

Ray served on the SHS staff on three different occasions, including head coach of the 1994 state champions.

Thank you, Ray, for all your years of service to Summit.

THE PRESENT: PROMISING

With a very strong nucleus of juniors returning for their senior year, there are high hopes for the Hilltoppers in their upcoming campaign and the promise of another championship season.

On offense, the Hilltoppers will rely on the return of fullback John Facchinei, who saw limited duty last year due to an injury.

He will be joined in the backfield by runningbacks Will Gruetzmacher and Kevin Feeney.

Scott O'Sullivan, who started both ways as a junior last year, will either be the quarterback or wide receiver on offense and return as the

safety on defense.

Summit's receiving core will be headed by the return of James Johnson, who spent most of last year on the IR.

Wide receiver Garrison Butler, who saw limited duty last year, will be called upon to play a larger role this year.

The offensive and defensive lines will be well-stocked for the 2005 season.

Returning starters are Shabazz Green, Anthony Delle Donne and Taylor Robinson. Joining them are Justin Shaw and Todd Dobiszewski, who both saw plenty of duty last year.

The key to a successful season may well rest with

the defense.

Linemen Green and Robinson, linebackers Facchinei, Delle Donne and Feeney, and defensive backs Johnson and O'Sullivan all return as starters from last year.

The varsity coaches for 2005 include Head Coach George DiGrande, Frank DiGrande, Steve Hughes, Tom Carrell and Matt Connell, all of whom were on the staff last year.

Although Ray McCrann will be sorely missed, Leroy Horn, no stranger to Summit football, has taken Ray's place.

Leroy is one of the best runningbacks to have ever worn the maroon and white.

He will be able to relate the history and tradition of Hilltopper Football to the younger generation.

Welcome aboard Leroy.

With the turfing of Tatlock Field, the Hilltoppers will play only three home games, with the first home game against Parsippany Hills at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2005.

Summit opens the season against Morris Hills on Saturday, September 10, 2005 at Morris Knolls High School with Summit as the home team.

If everyone stays healthy, the Hilltoppers could bring home another championship banner.

THE FUTURE: WE NEED YOUR HELP

The future of Summit Football and Summit Youth Football go hand-in-hand.

Sponsored by the Board of Recreation, Summit Youth Football enters its 36th season of providing outstanding instruction and fun for future Hilltoppers in grades 4-8.

Under the excellent leadership of Hilltopper Frank Rea, '76, Summit has the most successful program in the League.

Although he will return as a Summit Youth Football coach, Frank Rea has turned over the leadership of Summit Youth Football to veteran Rick Carbone, '75.

Frank has done a terrific job as the leader of Summit Youth Football and

SFAA thanks Frank for his tireless effort on behalf of Summit Football.

Under Frank's leadership, the numbers of Summit Youth Football continue to grow.

Last season, there were more than 225 youngsters involved in Summit Youth Football.

We expect more this season!

SFAA has purchased additional helmets and shoulder pads to make sure that our young Hilltoppers are properly outfitted.

All of this costs money. Last year over 200 members of SFAA contributed to help the Association make these contributions to Summit Youth Football and the Summit High School Football Program.

We Need Your Help!

We are asking every Hilltopper to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Summit Football Alumni Association and to mail it to us in the envelope provided as soon as possible.

We thank all of you for your continued support.

If you have any question or comments concerning the Summit Football Alumni Association, please feel free to contact us at:

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SUMMIT FOOTBALL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

- This is the 113th year of Summit Football!
- We are sad to report that many former Hilltoppers have passed on, including: Jim Gerard, '45; Jim Turley, '49; Sonny Dennis, '52; Jo Jo Kenny, '52; Peter Martin, '56; Walter Meincke, '56; and Chris Ruhnke, '77. They will be missed
- At least two Hilltoppers — Army Captain Dan Nelson, '94 and Marine Lance Corporal Brian Stymacks, '00 — have completed their tour of duty in Iraq and are home safe and sound. We salute all of those who have served our country past, present and future.
- Artificial turf is being installed at the Tatlock football field. It should be completed for the first home game on October 8, 2005.
- The press box at Tatlock Field was rebuilt through the efforts of many of the firefighters from the Summit Fire Department, spearheaded by Tim Duetsch, '90. SFAA was very pleased to contribute the cost of the materials for the new press box in the memory of Coach Howie Anderson.
- Summit is competing in North Jersey, Section 2 Group 2 with the following teams: Caldwell, Newark Central, Chatham, Cliffside Park, Dover, Fort Lee, Hackettstown, Hanover Park, Lincoln, Lodi, Montville, Morris Hills, Orange, Parsippany, Rutherford, Snyder, Weequahic and West Essex.
- For those of you who cannot attend a game or games, you can follow the Hilltoppers by visiting www.summitsports.org. We thank local resident and Hilltopper Steve Pardee for maintaining this Web site.

FOLLOW THE 2005 HILLTOPPERS!

2005 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE				
Home Games — Tatlock Field				
Saturday	September 10	Morris Hills	at Morris Knolls H.S.	1:30 p.m.
Saturday	September 17	Weequahic	at Livingston H.S.	3:00 p.m.
Friday	September 23	West Essex	Away	7:30 p.m.
Friday	September 30	Dover	Away	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 8	Parsippany Hills	Home	1:30 p.m.
Saturday	October 15	Chatham	Away	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	October 22	Mendham	Home	1:30 p.m.
Friday	October 28	Hanover Park	Away	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	November 5	Parsippany	Home	2:00 p.m.
Saturday	November 12	State Playoffs	TBA	TBA
Saturday	November 19	State Groups	TBA	TBA
Saturday	November 26	State Finals	TBA	TBA