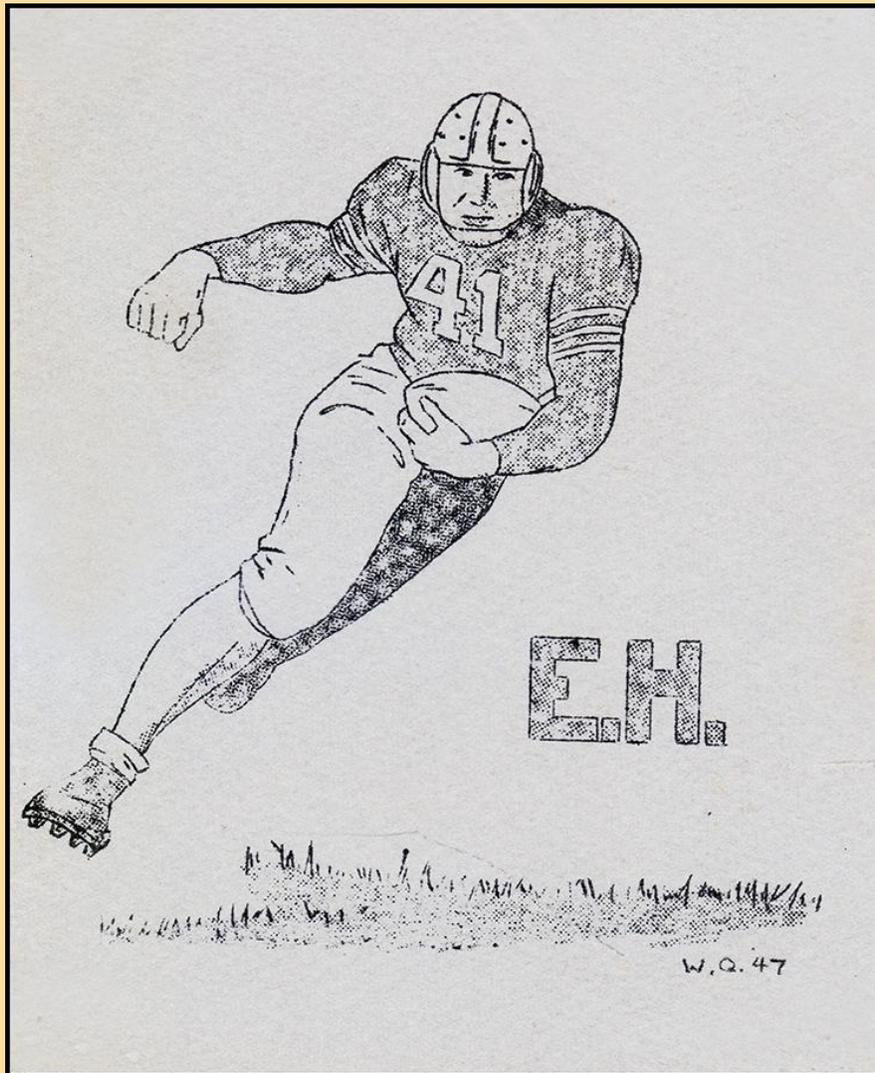




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East Hampton Football Banquet Program, 1947

In 1947, East Hampton High School had a football team that was considered "one of the best teams in Maroon history," which won five out of seven games during its fall season. In celebration of this, it was decided by parents and local business people that an annual football banquet be held to honor not only the football players, but the band and cheerleaders as well.

According to *The East Hampton Star*, the football team began the season with most of the players getting crew cuts to accommodate their warm helmets and by

signing a pledge agreeing to not smoke while in training. Whether this contributed to their success or not, the East Hampton High School football team won their first game of the season against Smithtown, 35-12. In the weeks leading up to the football banquet, East Hampton would win against Seton Hall at Patchogue on Armistice Day, 25-7, and against Sag Harbor's Pierson High School on November 15th, the final match of the season, 26-7.

The football banquet was held on November 20, 1947, at [The Oaks Inn](#) at [103 Montauk Highway in East Hampton](#), which is currently [Landscape Details, Inc.](#) In addition to the football team, band, and cheerleaders, the team's coaches, parents and friends were also invited to the dinner, where local hotelier Ralph C. Frood acted as toastmaster. Guests dined on a meal of shrimp cocktail, clam chowder, and roast beef as coaches Francis Kiernan and Samuel Meddaugh (a math teacher who would later become school principal) were recognized, as well as players, such as Harry O'Rourke, who was the top point scorer for the season. Sports movies were also shown, which mainly focused on football and even hunting (having been secured from *Field and Stream* magazine).

Overall, it seemed like a good time was had by all who participated and the first annual football banquet was a great way to celebrate the collegial spirit of the football and high school community.

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