

CALVERT
HALL

vs.

LOYOLA

**Baltimore High School
Football at its Best**

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I have many dear friends, who attended both of these marvelous Baltimore Catholic schools.

The Calvert Hall – Loyola football games I attended or watched on television through the years, never disappointed me. And since I didn't have a "dog in the race," it never mattered to me, which team won the big game. I believe sometimes it is best to not have an emotional attachment regarding which team wins or loses. It is certainly better on one's nerves.

My connection to Calvert Hall is a direct one: my great uncle and Godfather was Joseph Franklin Arnold, Jr., Calvert Hall Class of 1923, brother to my grandmother Nancy Arnold McCardell. He was a wonderfully kind man – as kind as they come, and a real credit to his alma mater.

This work is dedicated to my Uncle Joe.

My connection to Loyola is a circuitous one and not so direct. I grew up in my grandmother's house in Roland Park, not more than 200 yards from where my Uncle Joe lived. The house was designed by local architect John A. Ahlers in 1935, not long after he was asked to design the original stone building on the Loyola campus at Blakefield. That house at 4618 Wilmslow Road is well built and beautifully designed – as is his work at Loyola-Blakefield.

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Calvert Hall vs. Loyola

Oldest continuous Catholic football rivalry in the Country

“Both fought bitterly from start to finish,” *The Baltimore Sun* wrote after the first football game between Calvert Hall and Loyola. And beginning with that game on November 12, 1920, the two schools have fought bitterly on the gridiron tenaciously every year since, now for nearly a century.

Loyola and Calvert Hall have been producing football teams for well over a century. Calvert Hall reports that its football team “traces back to 1898 and maybe earlier” but “no records are preserved earlier than 1920,” when Cardinal yearbooks were first produced. However *The Baltimore Sun* reported on December 1, 1899 that 1,500 fans watched as “Calvert Hall College defeated the Loyola eleven yesterday afternoon at Patterson Park by a score of 6-0.” *The Sun* continued: “The second half was not played. The Loyolas announced that their manager, Damman, refused to continue the game, claiming that a man named Seitzer was not entitled to play on the Calvert Hall side.”

Whether this was a Loyola team of high school players or one of the Loyola College’s second teams is unknown.

Later in December, *The Sun* reported that Calvert Hall’s Athletic Association’s football season “has closed” and that “the first team played five games and won four of them.” The coach, Joseph Gately, “did such great work with the team,” *The Sun* wrote.

In 1904 *The Baltimore Sun* reported that the Loyola “second team” defeated Calvert Hall by a score of 16-0. Many colleges’ second teams played prep school at the turn of the century and this appears most likely to be a Loyola College team playing a scrimmage against the younger high school students of Calvert Hall.

Loyola football play was reported all throughout the turn of the century and into the early 1900s by *The Baltimore Sun*. In 1900, Loyola tied Marston’s University School, one of Baltimore’s finest prep schools, 6-6 and in 1904 Loyola lost 20-0 to Boys’ Latin School in a game played at Oriole Park on 29th Street. After 1910 the newspapers do make distinctions between the Loyola College and Loyola High School football teams.

There is confusion today regarding the football relationship between Loyola College and Loyola High School. Whether the college and high school football programs inter-mingled its players is hard to know and newspaper articles many times report just “Loyola,” failing to differentiate the college and the high school. Various articles report on the Loyola College “B” team or “second team.” Were these teams comprised of just high school lads? No one knows for sure.

The Birth of the Two Schools

Alumni, families, and fans of the two Catholic high schools have known this to be one of the greatest rivalries in the country. The two schools know each other well. In the early days, only a few blocks separated the two downtown campuses. When the football rivalry commenced, Loyola was then located

on Calvert Street just north of Centre Street and Calvert Hall was just a few blocks southwest, at the corner of Cathedral and Mulberry Streets.

Calvert Hall's birth began in the mid-1840s, when Baltimore's Archbishop Samuel Eccleston, wanted to open a school in the Basilica Cathedral parish and wrote to the provincial of the institute at Montreal and asked him to send him two Christian brothers. However, no English speaking brothers were available.

The Archbishop later decided to recruit two candidates with the understanding that, after completing their training in Montreal, they would return to Baltimore to run the Cathedral's school. Eventually Baltimorean John McMullen, later Brother Francis, and Brother Edward Whitty, an Irish-Canadian, opened a school here in downtown Baltimore on September 15, 1845 with 100 students, becoming the first permanent foundation of the De La Salle Christian Brothers in the United States.

The first building was described by *The Baltimore Sun* as a Gothic-style hall built at a cost of \$10,200. First known as St. Joseph's Academy, the school occupied a hall, called Calvert Hall in honor of George Calvert, on the north side of Saratoga Street between Cathedral and Charles Streets. The building was two stories high and measured 127 by 50 feet. The lower floor was used for school purposes with the upper floor consisting of a large hall for public meetings and exhibitions.

In the late summer of 1891, the school moved to a new building at Mulberry and Cathedral Streets, which included in the wall looking down on Mulberry Street, the only statue in Baltimore in honor of George Calvert, the first Lord Baltimore. Cardinal James Gibbons presided at the dedication and blessing of the impressive new building where a crowd of over 2,000 gathered.

St. Joseph's Academy of Calvert Hall was now known as Calvert Hall College.

In 1924, the school expanded and purchased the old Knights of Columbus building just west on Mulberry Street and two years later the school purchased the Walbrook Oval on Clifton Avenue in west Baltimore for athletic purposes.

Calvert Hall would remain downtown on Cathedral and Mulberry Streets through the 1959-1960 academic year. In September 1960, The Hall moved to its current 35-acre site location in east Towson.

Loyola High School, along with Loyola College, was founded in 1852 and first located on Holliday Street and Orange Alley in Baltimore. The school continued to grow and in 1853 a search for a new site began. In February of 1855, nearly 1,000 people witnessed the opening of the schools at a new location at Calvert and Madison Streets. The celebration included tributes to George Washington and to St. Ignatius Loyola. The new school building was one of the most modern in Baltimore with running water and gas lighting.

The high school and college continued to grow in student population and in 1921 the college left Calvert Street and moved to its new location, Evergreen, located on Charles Street and Cold Spring Lane in north Baltimore.

The high school remained on Calvert Street. In the early 1930s the leadership of the high school began to feel the need for a bigger campus and began looking at a new location north of Baltimore on Charles Street, in Towson.

In 1933, with the help of the family of George Blake, Loyola High School purchased 36 acres of undeveloped land, which years later would be called Blakefield.

Local architect John A. Ahlers was hired to design the new school buildings. He deviated from conventional architectural design for schools and planned the new school with a distinct English tone. A chapel and gymnasium were included in future plans.

By the fall of 1934, all 300 upper classmen were located in Towson while the freshmen class remained on Calvert Street. The school also decided that due to the greater distance the upper class students now had to travel, that classes would commence at 9:30 – one half hour later than the previous schedule. A bus schedule was set up to transport the students from where the street car lines ended in Guilford and York Road at Gittings Avenue, to the new school. It was also reported that the Jesuit priests would not live at Blakefield until their campus residence was completed, but would instead commute each day from the Calvert Street location.

Seven years later Loyola's freshmen left the Calvert Street location and headed north too, joining the upper classmen.

Baltimore High School Athletics Pre-1920

Trouble was brewing between the athletic programs of the local Baltimore prep schools and public high schools. Since the early 1900s the schools squabbled and questioned each other about schedules and dates – who would get to play at home? How were referees selected? What were the age eligibility rules? The local high schools and prep schools argued for nearly 20 years and still could not come together to form an actual official league or association.

The Baltimore American reported in March of 1919 of the “friction among schoolboy teams” - namely Gilman Country School and Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. The two institutions could not agree on where to play the baseball game between its varsity teams and both school administrations angrily agreed not to play each other. Gilman insisted on playing the game in Roland Park and Poly countered they would play at Gilman only if Gilman would agree to play Poly on its home field at Walbrook Junction later in the season. Gilman refused. And thus the growing discord among the local schools' athletic teams was coming to a boil.

The long-looked-for association of Baltimore high schools finally became a reality in April of 1919. Twelve representatives from the area's secondary schools met at the Johns Hopkins Club on Hopkins' Homewood campus and ratified the constitution creating the Maryland Scholastic Association (MSA.) Dr. John M. T. Finney was named the group's first president. Among those schools present at the inaugural MSA meeting were representatives from City College, Gilman, Donaldson, Poly, Boys' Latin, St. Paul's, Loyola, McDonogh, Calvert Hall, Sparrows Point, Park, Marston's, and Friends. The first event of the newly formed MSA was to be a track and field meet later in the spring.

Although the MSA did maintain standings for its “A” and “B” Conferences, it didn't officially declare its “A” Conference champion until 1929. From 1923 – 1928 the high school champions were awarded The Princeton Alumni Cup given through *The Baltimore Sun*.

1920

The local sports pages reported all kinds of football mishaps and injuries in the fall of 1920. Many people in Baltimore and around the country still believed that football was too dangerous of a game. Large metropolitan newspapers all over the nation were reporting on major injuries and even deaths in both the high school and the college games and many considered the game of football too violent and called for its banishment.

The year of 1920 was also the year the National Football League began operations.

John Buettner, a member of the 1920 Calvert Hall football squad, wrote in *The Baltimore Sun* years later that in 1920 “football was considered too rough and dangerous for the boys of Calvert Hall College, and the faculty was against it.” But a group of Hall boys wanted to play organized high school football and they convinced the new principal, Brother Anselm, to relent. A team was created and ready to compete with other area schools.

During the days before the first big game between Calvert Hall and Loyola, the newspapers reported France and Britain were agreeing on final reparations due by Germany following World War I and major league baseball named Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis as its first commissioner in an effort to clean-up the game following the Black Sox scandal.

The first game didn't produce any pre-game fanfare. *The Baltimore Sun's* sports headlines were dominated by the City-Poly game played the day before at Johns Hopkins University's Homewood Field. The sport's section featured large ads for Bayer aspirin, pine-needle balm, and clothing stores – but not a word was written about the upcoming Calvert Hall – Loyola football clash.

On November 6, 1920, *The Baltimore Sun* reported Mt. St. Joe's 16-0 victory over Loyola which earned the “Josephites” the Catholic high school football title. Earlier in the season Mt. St. Joe also defeated Calvert Hall.

The weather was fair and cold with strong northwest winds on Friday afternoon, November 12, 1920. The crowd gathered at Homewood Field not having any idea of the historic significance of the first football game between the two schools – but the game did have meaning. Even then, families had loyal ties to each school – with some families having ties to BOTH schools. *The Baltimore Sun* reported that “the rivalry that exists between [the two schools] made the contest the most important on [the schools'] schedules.” Loyola coach Del Darr and Calvert Hall's mentor Herbert Moore both felt their teams were ready.

The two squads were evenly matched, but this day belonged to Calvert Hall's fullback Louis Walker, who got sweet revenge on his former teammates, scoring all of the “Cathedral Streeters” points. With the score tied at 3-3 and five minutes to go in the game, Loyola fumbled the ball on the Calvert Hall five yard line. The Hall drove down the field. A Ray Brooks pass to Walker, who scampered 35 yards across the goal line for the touchdown gave Calvert Hall the lead and eventually a 9-3 victory. After crossing the line Walker was mobbed by exuberant Calvert Hall fans. Walker earlier scored the game's first points on a short 25-yard field goal.

The Sun reported that the game “had the admirers of the respective elevens keyed to the highest pitch of excitement” and that “although the contest was marred by frequent fumbles and penalties, the contest was interesting throughout.”

Days after the game, *The Sun* predicted good things for Calvert Hall football moving forward. It reported “Calvert Hall hardly can boast of a successful season, but if the school always has a fighting eleven like the one representing this institution it is destined to cause considerable worry for other local prep schools.”

On Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1920, Loyola closed out its season against Georgetown Prep.

1921

The final battle of the season for both teams took place the day BEFORE Thanksgiving. *The Baltimore Sun* reported both teams were evenly matched and that neither team was “invincible on the gridiron this year and the teams have not been strong.”

The game was played on Calvert Hall’s “home” field at the Walbrook Oval in west Baltimore. It was reported that the crowd was the largest crowd to ever watch a game between the two schools in any sport. Both teams battled ferociously and no one was able to cross the goal line or score any points. The Hall had the edge in the early stages of the contest running the ball seemingly at will. But each drive stalled inside the Loyola ten-yard line. In the final quarter Loyola fullback Jim Lacy raced 50 yards and headed for the goal line only to be caught and tackled by Calvert Hall defenseman Hugh Fitzpatrick on the twenty yard line. The game ended prematurely because of darkness in a 0-0 tie.

1922

Calvert Hall’s coach Maury “Ike” Eichelberger lost his star Ray Brooks at the beginning of the season, when Brooks was forced to leave the team and go to Florida. The Hall was having a solid season going into the Loyola game, although the pundits based on comparative scoring, were predicting a win for the Blue and Gold.

On this Friday afternoon, November 17, at Loyola’s home field at Evergreen, nothing went right for Calvert Hall. Loyola, led by its captain Dan Shanahan, won every aspect of the contest including the opening coin toss. The “Calvert Streeters” took the opening kick-off and marched downfield for an easy score. By halftime the point bulge was 26-0 and when the final whistle blew the Loyola lead on the scoreboard read 47-0. Quarterback Harry Childs scored three touchdowns for the victors, with Loyola’s final two scores coming through the air.

The Mt. St. Joseph eleven shut out both Loyola and Calvert Hall during the campaign and was declared the Catholic high school champions of Baltimore.

1923

Earlier in the year Valentine “Dutch” Lentz was appointed head coach of the Calvert Hall eleven. Lentz, previously starred as a three-sport athlete at Baltimore Poly and in college at St. John’s College in Annapolis.

The game returned to Calvert Hall’s home field at the Walbrook Oval. Both teams employed the forward pass most of the day but neither squad could score and the game ended in a scoreless tie. The ball stayed mostly in the middle of the field and the teams each had scoring opportunities that fell short. Calvert Hall missed on an eight-yard drop kick field goal attempt in the first half and Loyola missed by inches on a forward pass that would have resulted in a touchdown.

Quarterback Harry Childs had another good day leading the Loyola offense. The *Baltimore Sun* reported that “George Young, Calvert Hall’s right guard, hurt his leg badly.”

Gilman was awarded the Princeton Alumni Cup, emblematic of the state’s high school football championship crown.

1924

At the beginning of the season the city's three Catholic schools – Calvert Hall, Loyola, and Mt. St. Joe – agreed that they would continue the triangular series to determine the Catholic football champion – and that all the games would be played at Hopkins' Homewood Field.

All-Maryland running back Harry Childs was returning for Loyola while Calvert Hall was led by All-Maryland end Frank Baldwin.

For the second year in a row the Calvert Hall – Loyola game ended in a scoreless tie. Childs had a chance to win the game with an easy 10-yard drop-kick field goal on fourth and ten-to-go, but instead he faked the kick and passed the ball successfully to a receiver who failed to make the first down. Loyola lost the ball on downs and its last chance to win the game. The Calvert Streeters dominated the game with excellent field position all day but could not cross the Calvert Hall goal line.

Mt. St. Joe defeated both teams to lay claim to the Catholic high school football title. Tome School of Port Deposit, was given the Princeton Cup signifying state high school football bragging rights.

1925

Both teams were hoping for victory. After four years, Dutch Lentz's Calvert Hall squad was especially yearning to score points – something they had not done since the first game in 1920. Earlier in the year The Hall defeated Poly 12-0 and was confident they could also defeat Loyola.

The Blue and Gold players, led by first team all-Maryland halfback Harry Childs, were also feeling good about their chance at victory having defeated all of their previous opponents and holding Gilman to a scoreless tie. However, head coach Bill Strohmeyer was worried about missing several of his linemen due to injuries.

Calvert Hall again failed to score any points and lost the game, 7-0. *The Baltimore Sun* placed a large picture on the front page of its sports section and reported that “the Cardinals continually outplayed the victors while in midfield, but lacked the necessary punch at crucial moments.” *The Sun* reported a large crowd of 3,000 fans witnessed the contest at Homewood Field.

Lentz instructed his defense to key on Loyola star Childs and Calvert Hall was able to smother the shifty runner most of the game. However, Childs was able to score a TD early in the second half when he dodged three would-be tacklers and crossed the goal line giving Loyola the 7-0 advantage. A last minute drive to tie the score was thwarted by the Loyola defense. Twice, from just twenty yards out, Loyola successfully defended lobs near the end zone by the Cardinal offense.

Calvert Hall played Mt. St. Joe's on Thanksgiving Day and lost, 20-0. A Calvert Hall win would have created a three-way tie for the Catholic championship, since Mt. St. Joe earlier in the campaign defeated Loyola 7-6.

In December, Mt. St. Joe was declared the best high school football team in the state and winners of the Princeton Alumni Cup.

Days later, Loyola announced that it would add swimming to its winter sports program.

1926

One again Calvert Hall was unable to score any points against Loyola. And conversely, Loyola's offense failed to produce points of its own all day and the game ended in a scoreless deadlock at Homewood Field. *The Baltimore Sun* reported the game was a game of "neglected opportunity."

However, there was a silver lining with a 'Cardinal tint' to it for the tie still enabled The Hall to claim its first Catholic school football title. The Cardinals had the best three-way record, for earlier in the season they defeated Mt. St. Joe by a point, 7-6, and Mt. St. Joe defeated Loyola.

The game, contested on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, was played with a gale-force wind blowing, resulting in booming kicks with the wind behind the kickers' backs while tossing kicks backwards when kickers booted into the breeze.

Tome School again was declared the best high school team in the state and received the Princeton Alumni Cup.

1927

Head Coach Jack Crowley's Loyola team came into the Calvert Hall contest at Homewood Field with a perfect record while The Hall came in with a 4-2-1 record. Not only was the game an important battle for the Catholic schools' football championship, but the results would also impact the race in the Maryland Scholastic Association football standings.

Loyola got on the board first in the opening quarter, when defensive lineman Bernard McCormack snatched the ball out of the Cardinal quarterback's hands and ran 55 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point failed and Loyola was up 6-0 at intermission.

In the final stanza halfback Don Kelly caught a pass in the end zone for a TD. Once again the point-after-touchdown (PAT) failed. Loyola's defense was ultra-stingy for a seventh year. The game ended in Loyola's favor, 12-0.

Six days later, Thanksgiving Day, Loyola defeated Mt. St. Joe, and laid undisputed claim to both the MSA title and the Catholic schools' crown.

At season's end Loyola was given the Princeton Alumni Cup given to the best high school football team in the state.

1928

The big game was played at Gibbons Field in Irvington on the first Saturday in December, just two days after Thanksgiving. For the first time since 1920, Calvert Hall was able to score against its heated rival.

Cardinal Quarterback Willie Bender had a fine day running the offense and scored the first touchdown of the day on a spectacular 91-yard touchdown run. The extra-point pass from Bender to Bob McQuade (only worth one-point at the time) was successful. Loyola had an opportunity to tie the score but a fourth down attempt on the one yard line came up short in the second quarter.

Calvert Hall scored its second TD on the opening kick-off of the second half. Inexplicably the Loyola kicking team allowed the ball to roll into the end zone unmolested until it was pounced on by Cardinal McQuade for the score. The extra-point pass from Bender to Joe Talucci was good and Calvert Hall now led, 14-0.

Penalties marred the final stanza thwarting all scoring efforts and the game ended with the score in The Hall's favor, 14-0.

The win over Loyola was the final game for Dutch Lentz as head coach of the Cardinals.

Mt. St. Joe defeated both teams for the Catholic title and Poly and Severn tied for the MSA "A" Conference title. Poly was deemed the better team and later the recipient of the Princeton Alumni Cup.

1929

For some reason, Loyola was not scheduled to play Mt. St. Joe, so the Catholic schools' championship would not be declared this year. New Cardinal coach Nick Burtcher, a Calvert Hall alumnus, figured he had a solid team returning led by speedster Johnny Krieger and was hoping The Hall could win a second game in a row over Loyola – for the first time in the history of the young series.

For the first time the rivalry game was scheduled to be played on Thanksgiving Day, the beginning of a long history of annual football contest between the two schools becoming what today is affectionately called "The Turkey Bowl."

Since 1929 each game has been played on the morning of Thanksgiving Day.

No one gave the undermanned Cardinals a chance against the superior Loyola squad. *The Baltimore Sun* wrote that Loyola "will have no trouble turning back the Cardinals, if they play at their normal speed." However, *The Sun* reporter also wrote, "but these traditional games have a manner of making a weak team play far above their heads, and Calvert Hall may have just such a performance" in them.

Loyola was loaded with talent and led by super-star full back Charley Reiss.

Calvert Hall defeated Loyola 7-0 at Homewood Field in what was called one of the greatest scholastic upsets of the season. Loyola took its opponents too lightly and did not come out prepared for the game. Krieger scored the only TD of the day in the opening stanza and when Loyola was called for being off sides during the point-after-touchdown attempt, the single point was allowed to count.

The Blue and Gold had the rest of the contest to catch-up but the Cardinal defense was stingy all day near their goal line consistently thwarting the Loyola offense. Reiss ran up and down the field most of the day but could never cross the goal line.

Severn School, with an unblemished league mark, was declared the winner of the MSA "A" Conference.

In December both schools alumni jointly announced that a trophy would be given to the winning team at a ceremony on the field immediately after the game.

1930

Loyola was having an awful year. The Blue and Gold lost all of its games going into the rival game with Calvert Hall. The season was so miserable that Loyola only scored once all season in a 20-6 loss to Poly. Conversely, the Cardinals led by coach Burtcher, were having a fine season, having only one blemish – a 13-12 defeat to Poly – on their record.

With a win over Loyola, the Cardinals could win the Catholic football title and secure a tie for second place in the MSA "A" Conference race.

Loyola played one of its best games in years holding the heavily favored Cardinals in check all day. The Homewood Field wind played the biggest factor all day squelching both teams' offensive attacks. Calvert Hall had a chance to break the ice late in the game with the ball just five yards away from a touchdown but lost possession on downs, when a desperate passing attempt was batted to the ground.

The game ended in a 0-0 deadlock.

For the second year in a row, the Severn Admirals were the league's undisputed best team.

1931

Calvert Hall's line-up was forced into various changes due to injuries and thus most pundits gave Loyola the edge going into the big game.

Calvert Hall took advantage of a short second quarter Loyola punt and scored when fullback Blair Overton rumbled into the end zone on a five-yard power run. The extra-point failed and The Hall went into the locker room at intermission feeling good about its 6-0 lead.

The third period was scoreless but Loyola's offense awakened in the final stanza. Following a weak Cardinal punt and a beautiful return, the Blue and Gold needed to travel just 15 yards for a touchdown. Substitute halfback Malinowsky scored the tying TD on a short run and Loyola took a one point lead on a successful extra-point run by starting halfback Ennis Murphy.

Calvert Hall tried in vain to take back the lead but the game ended after several attempts by quarterback Norman Baier fell incomplete.

Gilman School was declared the MSA "A" Conference champion.

A few weeks later the schools of the MSA met and agreed that beginning in 1933 (some schools already had completed their football schedules) all schools must play at least five "A" Conference games to be eligible to compete for the title. In previous years the number of games needed was four. When the league grew to ten teams it was obvious to all that just four league games was too few to determine a championship. It was especially difficult to determine the best team when some teams annually avoided playing other teams.

1932

Hopes were high when 26 year old coach Nick Burtscher started practice with 90 boys during the late summer. Burtscher won an MSA basketball crown March, an MSA baseball crown in May, and many believed The Hall would win the MSA "A" Conference football crown as well, culminating in what *The Baltimore Sun* described as "a triangle rarely enjoyed by an institution."

The Cardinal backfield was loaded and led by senior running backs Blair Overton and Don McCourt. *The Sun* described the duo as one of the best around. Overton "was the triple-threat ready to run, kick, or pass" while the cat-quick McCourt was "the hardest back in the State to stop once in the clear." Conversely, *The Sun* described Loyola, when compared to Calvert Hall, as "woefully weak."

Prior to the big game, Calvert Hall had defeated all six of its opponents, five of them from the conference, and surrendered only six points overall all season. Loyola was winless and had only managed to score seven points during the campaign. On paper the game appeared to be a total mismatch.

Perfect weather greeted the two teams and the 2,500 fans in attendance at Homewood Field. The first quarter was scoreless, but the Cardinal offense came alive in the second quarter with two TDs, one on a power run by Overton. Both PATs failed and The Hall went to the locker room at intermission with a 12-0 lead.

Calvert Hall poured it on in the third period with two more touchdowns, on runs by McCourt and Milton Blades. Loyola responded with an Ennis Murphy TD run making the score 25-6 early in the final period, but McCourt put the game away with a scintillating 97 yard kick-off return to seal the win, 32-6, and clinch the MSA "A" Conference championship.

With the big win, Calvert Hall ran its league record to 6-0, becoming the only undefeated and untied team in the conference.

1933

For the second year in a row, Calvert Hall was a heavy favorite to win the big game. Both teams tied Mt. St. Joe earlier in the year so the winner of the game would secure the Catholic school football title.

The first quarter was scoreless. In the second stanza the Cardinals were driving when a forward pass was intercepted by Loyola star Joe Mellendick. Mellendick picked his way down field and with the help of great blocking tip-toed his way into the end zone for the first score of the day. The extra-point was missed.

Calvert Hall threatened before the final first half whistle sounded, but eventually ran out of time, and at intermission the Blue and Gold had a 6-0 lead.

The third quarter was marred by fumbles and stalled drives by both clubs. In the final period Calvert Hall was stopped on downs inside Loyola's 10 yard line. Loyola sealed the win late in the game on a short TD run by team captain Dick Donovan after taking the ball on downs deep in Cardinal territory. The extra-point again was no good and the game ended with Loyola ahead, 12-0.

McDonogh School won the MSA "A" Conference football title.

1934

Once again the Catholic football championship was on the line as the two teams squared-off at on Thanksgiving Day morning at Homewood Field. Calvert Hall's only league blemish was a tie score against Vocation School while Loyola had suffered four league defeats. For the third year in a row The Hall was favored to come away with the victory.

Cardinal quarterback George "Red" Reichard was one of the best backs in the area, but was hampered by injuries going into the big game. One of his favorite targets was All-Maryland received Leo Powers. Loyola leaned on the talents of its star quarterback Joe Mellendick most of the season.

Loyola dominated the first quarter action. When the second period started Mellendick's pass was picked-off by the Cardinals ending the scoring threat. Calvert Hall regrouped and twice had scoring opportunities thwarted by a great Loyola defense that bent, but never broke.

By the start of the fourth period, a heavy rain began to fall. Both teams fumbled away chances to break the ice and score and the game ended in a 0-0 tie. The tie, the sixth in the series between the two schools, allowed both teams to lay claim to the Catholic high school football title.

McDonogh finished the season undefeated and won the MSA "A" Conference title for the second year in a row.

1935

All-Maryland back, junior Joe Mellendick was returning for Loyola. *The Baltimore Sun* wrote that Mellendick displayed "one of the finest passing exhibitions of the season." His favorite target all season was fellow All-Maryland receiver ??? O'Donnell.

Calvert Hall was now lead by head coach Ray Bahr.

This year Loyola was the favored team heading into the big game. The 4,000 fans, who jammed into the Homewood Field stands, witnessed another upset, only this year it was Calvert Hall winning over Loyola 13-6.

A Mellendick first period fumble gave the ball to The Hall. The Cardinals capitalized on the miscue and drove the ball down field. The drive ended successfully with a 25-yard pass from halfback Weissner to Charley Geisler for the first touchdown of the day. The extra-point was good and the Cardinals were up 7-0.

Mellendick answered in the second quarter with a run from three yards out to cut the lead to one. The extra-point boot was wide of the mark.

The third quarter produced fumbles by both teams. However, midway through the period the Cardinals increased their lead when Weissner hit Geisler again, this time on a 45-yard toss. The extra-point was off the mark and The Hall led 13-6.

Loyola's best opportunity to cut into the lead vanquished late in the third quarter with another lost fumble, this one from just three yards away from the end zone. Loyola never threatened again and the game ended with Calvert Hall on top.

The Calvert Hall win left the Catholic championship tangled for the second year in a row, with Calvert Hall, Loyola, and Mt. St. Joe all 1-1 in the three-way series.

Severn School dominated the conference and was declared the undisputed MSA "A" Conference champions.

1936

For the first time in several years there would be a change in venue for the big game. Oriole Park, the home of the Baltimore Orioles of the International League at 29th Street and Greenmount Avenue, would host the 17th game of the series.

Calvert Hall defeated Mt. St. Joe's 21-6 days earlier in the campaign and Loyola lost to the "Josephites" so a Cardinal victory would give The Hall the Catholic football title.

The Cardinals were favored to win the game, but many felt that if Loyola's super backs Jimmy Beeler and Joe Mellendick could have big days, the Blue and Gold had a chance to defeat its biggest rival. The 3,000 fans in the stands were evenly divided and witnessed a good game.

The Calvert Hall faithful believed the game would turn into a rout as they watched running back ??? Daley score a TD six minutes into the game. With the Daley extra-point Calvert Hall led 7-0. But Loyola's defense stiffened and held the Cardinals scoreless the rest of the first half. Loyola's offense, threatened to tie the score late in the first half, but was unable to punch the ball into the end zone.

Calvert Hall increased its lead to 14-0 when Butch Clark intercepted a Beeler pass and galloped 60 yards for a TD. Loyola finally got itself in gear and scored in the final period after a long drive culminated in a 22-yard TD scamper by Mellendick. The extra-point was blocked.

Time ran out on Loyola and the game ended with Calvert Hall in front, 14-6. The victory gave Calvert Hall its second two-year winning streak in the history of the series.

City College, who ran its record to 9-0 while outscoring its opponents 221-6, easily won the MSA "A" Conference title.

1937

Calvert Hall was hoping to make it three victories in a row over the Blue and Gold. Mt. St. Joe already defeated both schools and was given the newly designated Knights of Columbus Trophy for winning the Catholic high school football title.

Only pride was at stake because each school was having miserable campaigns going into the big game. Ray Bahr's Calvert Hall eleven was winless having only scored six points all season, while Don Gibeau's Loyola squad did have a tie on its record to go along with six losses. The Blue and Gold and Cardinals knew a win in the big game would salvage the year. The Hall was considered the better team on paper, but injuries to several of its key players made the game a relative toss-up.

The contest was played at Oriole Park and again nearly 3,000 fans came to witness the game. The Cardinals got on the board first in the second period when offensive back Barlage hurled a pass to the left end Swallenberger for a touchdown. The point-after-touchdown kick failed. By intermission, the Cardinals were protecting a 6-0 lead.

In the third period Loyola QB McElroy engineered a nice drive, which eventually stalled on The Hall's 25 yard line. Calvert Hall opened up its offense in the final session and drove the ball from midfield to the Loyola three yard line. Running back Bunny Mannion traveled the final distance smashing through the line for Calvert Hall's second TD. The PAT again failed and neither team threatened the remainder of the contest and the game ended in favor of Calvert Hall, 12-0.

For the second year in a row, City College won the MSA "A" Conference title.

1938

Loyola was favored to win the game. Earlier in the year the Blue and Gold defeated Mt. St. Joe 19-0 while Calvert Hall managed a 6-6 tie against the Josephites. The winner of the big game would regain the Knights of Columbus Trophy.

The rival game returned the Homewood Field under cold and icy conditions. Shortly after the opening whistle the Cardinals began have great success running the ball, as Bunny Mannion, Murray Quinn, and Walt Brandt all broke free for some long gains. On Calvert Hall's second possession, Mannion carried the ball over the Loyola goal line and with Quinn's extra-point led 7-0.

In the second quarter Loyola's line led by All-Maryland tackle Fred Cook began to wear down the opponent's defensive line. Loyola's march downfield resulted in a Marion Banz five-yard run. The PAT attempt failed and at halftime Calvert Hall was up a point, 7-6.

The final scoring drive of the day took place in the third period. Calvert Hall started at midfield and had the ball on the six-yard line. Mannion scored his second TD on a tough run and with Quinn's successful PAT the Cardinal lead was now, 14-6.

Loyola tried to counter with the passing game but each drive in the second half resulted in an interception or the loss of the ball on downs. The game ended with Calvert Hall maintaining its eight-point lead.

Calvert Hall's running game was so proficient that not once did the Cardinal offense attempt to put the ball in the air.

City won the "A" Conference for a third straight year, defeating each MSA opponent by at least two touchdowns.

1939

The two schools met for the 20th time at Homewood Field. Calvert Hall was hoping to make it five in a row over the Blue and Gold. Loyola fans almost felt cursed since their team had not even led in a game against the Cardinals since 1933.

Loyola, hoping to win the Catholic League title for the first time in six years, was favored to win the game. Earlier in the year they defeated Mt. St. Joe 25-6 while Calvert Hall succumbed to the Josephites 6-0. The Blakefield eleven was led by a talented backfield in quarterback Jerry Mellendick and running backs Preston Rowland, Joe Scheldt, and Leo Blair.

Calvert Hall had only one win during the season but did have a talented backfield in Eddie Simms, Joe Einolf, and Charles Hrdlick. In addition, Joe Locke was a dangerous pass receiver for the Cardinals.

Loyola got off to a terrific start in the first quarter and took a 6-0 lead. Scheldt scored his sixth TD of the season when he busted off-tackle over the goal line from three yards out. Mellendick attempted to pass for the extra-point but couldn't find an open receiver. Calvert Hall countered with three productive, but unfruitful drives in the first half and twice the Cardinals were less than ten yards from pay dirt. The first drive ended on a fumble and the third, when time expired in the first half with the ball just three yards shy of the goal line. The second drive stalled on downs at the 14 yard line.

The second half was filled with fumbles, interceptions, and punts. Neither team could sustain any drives or score any points. The game ended in Loyola's favor, 6-0.

City won the "A" Conference for a fourth straight year with a 9-0-1 record, outscoring its opponents 195-24.

1940

Calvert Hall was hoping to regain the Knights of Columbus Trophy and it appeared they were the better team. They earlier defeated Mt. St. Joe 19-0 while Loyola only managed a tie with the Irvington eleven.

Calvert Hall's hopes hinged on the success of freshman quarterback Dick Waldt. Coach Ray Bahr also had tough running back Albert Simms in the backfield.

According to Ted Patterson's book *Football in Baltimore*, Loyola and Calvert Hall played one of the more memorable games in the series this fall. The Cardinal coach Bahr was out due to a sinus operation and the team coaching duties were given to assistant Jim McGuirk.

Both teams played tough, hard-nosed defense in the first two periods and the score was 0-0 at intermission.

In the third period, Calvert Hall created the first break of the afternoon when the Cardinals blocked Loyola's Len Kelly's punt attempt. Moments later The Hall took a 6-0 lead on a 28-yard pass from Dick Waldt to Bob Filippeli. The point-after-touchdown was no good.

Loyola dominated the rest of the game but couldn't break the Cardinal defense and score. Twice when close to scoring points Loyola ended its drives with costly interceptions.

Loyola did manage to get on the scoreboard with a safety late in the fourth quarter and with four minutes left in the game had a chance to snatch a victory over its rivals. However, its final drive again stalled and Calvert Hall received the ball back on downs.

At the final whistle, Calvert Hall's players danced off the field in delight with a 6-2 Thanksgiving Day victory and for another year, possession of the Knights of Columbus Trophy.

City and Gilman were declared MSA "A" Conference co-champions. Both teams went through conference play undefeated and were never scheduled to play each other.

1941

Over 100 boys came out for football for The Hall the following fall for Coach Ray Bahr, who was back on the Cardinal sidelines. Calvert Hall was going to rely on its team depth throughout the season while Coach Don Gibeau's Blakefield lads were going to base their success on sets of brothers Lou and Sid Roche, and Bob and Tom Nugent.

Mt. St. Joe defeated both clubs earlier in the season for the Catholic League title so the big game at Homewood Field had no championship implications. For the first time all season, Loyola's entire squad was available for action and so the pundits agreed that the Blue and Gold would be favored to win the game. Calvert Hall fans refused to concede anything and were hopeful that the Cardinals would come through with their best performance of the season.

The game was a slugfest. Two players, one from each team, were tossed out of the game for fighting and neither team could generate any offense. Harry Hyser's punting kept the Cardinals out of danger all day. But in the fourth quarter Jack Bresnan snuck through the line and blocked a Hyser punt. The ball was scooped up by lineman Don Kenealy who lumbered 35 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point was good and Loyola led, 7-0.

The score held the rest of the way and Loyola had its second victory in three years over its archrival.

For the second year in a row Gilman tied for first place conference honors with City College.

1942

Loyola was gunning for two in a row over Calvert Hall. Both teams defeated Mt. St. Joe during the season, so the Thanksgiving Day game had extra-special meaning; the winner would lay claim to the Baltimore Catholic high school football title.

According to Ted Patterson's book *Football in Baltimore*, Ed Hargaden began his association with Loyola in 1942. Patterson wrote that Hargaden was a fiery coach, who always addressed his senior leaders before the big game in a similar fashion. "Boys, there is only one thing I wish for today. I wish that when this game is over, that you can walk off this field with pleasant memories." Of course Hargaden also insisted that his players leave nothing on the field and play "like your last breath of air depended on it." If they did that, Hargaden insisted, "they would be assured of pleasant memories and that they would last a lifetime. "

Based on the season's records of both teams, Calvert Hall was the heavy favorite and led by Johnny LeBrou, one of the best backs in the state. Loyola was going to rely on its backfield too, led by Art Passio and Sid Roche.

The contest on Homewood Field turned into the Johnny LeBrou show as Calvert Hall won the game 26-18. LeBrou scored his first touchdown of the day on a 60-yard reception into the end zone from a punt formation. Loyola countered with a Roche TD reception from Passio and at intermission the Cardinals led by a slim margin, 7-6.

On the second play of the second half LeBrou ran for a 76-yard TD, but again Loyola countered once again, with a TD score of its own on a Roche run, which made the score, 13-12. Soon thereafter, a 30-yard TD sprint by LeBrou increased the Cardinal lead to 19-12.

Loyola again was poised to counter with a TD, however, LeBrou scored his fourth touchdown, when he intercepted a Passio pass and ran it back 96 yards for an insurmountable 26-12 Cardinal lead. Loyola scored a final TD in waning seconds of the game, but it was too little too late.

The combined 44 points were the most scored by the two teams in a game since Loyola shellacked the Cardinals 47-0 in 1922.

LeBrou was one of just three players unanimously selected by *The Baltimore Sun* to the All-Maryland football team. Loyola guard Joe Lurz was also named to the first team All-Maryland Squad.

City College was the top team at season's end in the MSA "A" Conference.

1943

Coach Hargaden's eleven was loaded and many felt Loyola might win its first title since 1927. The Blue and Gold squad was deep and physically imposing and had a talented backfield in Bobby McGrain and Lou Miller.

Loyola already clinched the MSA "A" title before the game. A win over the Cardinals on Homewood Field would also give Loyola the Catholic high school football title.

Coach Bahr was going to rely on his running star Pat Corrigan. The Cardinals were sky-high with confidence coming off a last minute 12-7 win over Mt. St. Joe. Mt. St. Joe previously upset Loyola 6-0 earlier in the campaign. The loss was the only one for the Blakefielders.

A Cardinal win over Loyola would give The Hall the Catholic title.

The 3,500 fans in attendance watched Loyola with its first possession, march down field in six plays and take a 7-0 lead. Loyola fumbled the ball later in the first quarter and Calvert Hall reached pay dirt on a Corrigan TD pass to Marty Ferris. The extra-point was no good.

Both teams failed to generate any second quarter offense and at intermission the scored remained 7-6.

Running back Larry Ensor punched in Loyola's second TD of the day and with the successful extra-point, the Blue and Gold led, 14-6.

Calvert Hall eventually weakened in the final quarter. Miller scored two TDs on running plays in successive possessions allowing Loyola to run away and win the game, 26-6. It was Loyola's largest margin of victory over its rival in over 20 years.

1944

The 25th game of the big rivalry was played for the first time at Baltimore's Municipal Stadium on 33rd Street. Loyola, now nicknamed the Dons, was trying to win the big game for a second year in a row – something the Blakefielders never were able to do before in the history of the series.

Loyola had another highly talented team. The only league blemish on the Loyola card was a 0-0 tie earlier in the season against Gilman.

The Dons were athletic and physical and had arguably the best backfield in the area with runners James Geri, Lou Miller, and Tom Gaudreau and one of the better pass receivers in Robert Nottinger. Two-way lineman Louis Eckerl, who played 60 minutes each game, anchored the trenches.

Calvert Hall was a tenacious team led by lineman Arnold Peciulis, who was in on nearly half of the Cardinal tackles during the season. The Cardinal offensive backfield was led by Charlie Clark, Bill Mox, and Joe Cerrato.

Loyola clinched the MSA "A" Conference title with its previous week's 19-0 win over St. Paul's, however, the Catholic school bragging rights were still up for grabs. *The Baltimore Sun* noted that Loyola was geared to add "extra laurels to its highly successful football season by subduing Calvert Hall."

In front of a raucous crowd of 4,000 the Dons concluded their 10-game schedule without a defeat (Loyola also tied St. Joe's Prep of Philadelphia earlier in the season) by knocking off the Cardinals 14-7.

The Hall surprised everyone in the stadium holding the Dons scoreless in the first quarter. On the second play of the second period, Cerrato ran off-guard 25 yards for a TD and the heavy underdog Cards were up 7-0. The Dons responded immediately with a 60-yard drive culminating in a Gaudreau one-yard TD plunge. The score was tied at 7-7 at intermission.

In the third quarter Geri intercepted a Clark pass at midfield and returned the ball 25 yards. On the next play Geri ran the ball to the Cardinal one-yard line and two plays later dove into the end zone for a touchdown. With the successful PAT, Loyola was up by seven points.

In the fourth period, Calvert Hall drove the ball to the Loyola nine yard line, but could advance no farther and lost the ball on downs. The Dons proceeded to keep possession of the ball on a long drive and time expired.

1945

The two-time defending champion Dons started their preseason practices at Camp Bellarmine, PA. Coach Hargaden believed he could get his team more focused outside of Blakefield in Towson, and invited 60 players to try out for the team. Hargaden was going to lean heavily on sophomore sensation Bobby Williams to guide his team. Ray Bahr also had his preseason camp outside of the Baltimore area. Coach Bahr was going to rely heavily on quarterback Pat Corrigan and the Cerrato twins, Joe and Lou.

For the first time in six years, the big game was played with the world no longer at war. Both schools were having miserable seasons and both lost to Mt. St. Joe during the campaign – but that didn't matter. The schools' student bodies organized large rallies before the game to encourage their teams to victory. *The Baltimore Sun* reported that Calvert Hall had 3,000 at a combination rally and dance the night before the big game.

Loyola picked the perfect day to play its best game of the season, earning the Dons their first victory of the year. More than 5,000 fans watched the Dons slug out a 20-13 win over the Cardinals in the slop and mud at Baltimore's Stadium. Williams scored two TDs, on a 35-yard run and a two-yard plunge, and Jack Ensor scored the third touchdown on a 15-yard sweep giving Loyola a 20-0 lead early in the final stanza.

Hargaden then put in his reserves allowing The Hall to come back with two scores - Corrigan ran for a score and passed for a second TD - making the score very tight with time remaining. At this point the Don regulars rushed back into action holding the resurgent Cardinal offence at bay for the final minutes.

The Dons finished out the season the following week with an inter-sectional game against Boys Town High School of Omaha. Father Flanagan and 12,000 other fans at Baltimore Stadium watched the visitors trounce the home team, 26-0.

For the first time, the Dons played against a team with African-American players. Boys Town fullback Ken Morris had a career day scoring two touchdowns and led an offense that pumped-out 287 rushing yards on the day.

1946

Ray Bahr's team was not enjoying a good year going into the Loyola game. The Hall was winless in league play with its only wins coming against Charlotte Hall and St. John's of D.C. Loyola was also limping through its campaign with only two wins of its own. The Dons also had two ties along with its four losses.

Both teams were losers to Mt. St. Joe earlier in the season. Loyola lost 6-0 while the Cardinals were thrashed. 26-0.

Ed Hargaden's eleven was led by All-Maryland quarterback Bob Williams. Williams, playing his final game for the Blue and Gold, provided the game's first score on a QB sneak from inside the one-yard line. Al Perelli's extra-point attempt was no good.

On the ensuing kick-off, Al Hava scooted 78 yards for what appeared to be the tying touchdown, but the score was nullified on a Cardinal off-sides penalty.

In the second period Williams led the Dons on a 60-yard drive, which included a 30-yard pass completion to receiver Jim Wintz. Moments later, halfback Bernie Miller ran the ball five yards into the end zone for Loyola's second TD.

The Cardinals were desperate to get back into the game but with time running out, a John Vicchio pass was picked-off by Jack Tierney, who ran ten yards into the end zone pushing Loyola's lead to 19-0.

With time running out Calvert Hall avoided the shutout when Hava swept left end for and scored on a 13-yard run.

The game ended with Loyola winning the game 19-6. It was Ray Bahr's last game as the head coach of The Hall. The win, Loyola's fourth in a row over Calvert Hall, gave the Dons a one game lead in the series, 11-10-6.

1947

Earlier in the year, former Loyola High and Georgetown University football star Joe Mellendick was named to head up the Calvert Hall football program. Mellendick, was finishing up his pro-career that fall as a centerfielder for the International League Baltimore Orioles, and had to wait for the baseball season to end in early September, before he could join his team.

The winner of the game would capture the private school crown. Loyola earlier defeated Mt. St. Joe 13-6, while the Josephites defeated Calvert Hall 6-0. A Cardinal win would create a three-way tie for the Catholic high school title.

The Baltimore Stadium turf was frozen in many spots, which helped The Hall defense keep Loyola's T-formation offense in check all day. However, it was two big breaks that determined the results of the game. George Flurry blocked a Cardinal punt and Jim Wintz recovered the ball in the end zone for Loyola's first score and a Kevin Mueller 82-yard interception TD return gave the Dons their winning margin in the 13-7 contest.

Calvert Hall played tough all day. The Cardinals were led by the elusive running of 150 pound back Vic Doda and the line play of 268-pound offensive tackle George Young. A first period Doda TD run gave The Hall the early lead. After John Fallon's successful point-after-touchdown, Calvert Hall led 7-0. But this day belonged to Loyola's two spectacular plays and Calvert Hall never seriously threatened after intermission.

1948

Calvert Hall was considered one of the most improved football teams in the area. The team started out of the blocks slowly but by the big game had five victories under its belt. A Cardinal win would give The Hall the Catholic school bragging rights, end Loyola's consecutive win streak over its rival at five, and knock the Dons out of championship contention. On the other hand a Don win, would give Loyola the Catholic title and allow Hargaden's eleven to tie Patterson Park for the league crown.

Hargaden knew he had to stop Calvert Hall's shifty runner Vic Doda and keep offensive Tom Scott in check. Coach Mellendick knew his defense had to stop the Don backfield of QB Bill Gaudreau and running backs Bill Lynch, Len Schabdach, and Frank Gunther.

The Cardinals dominated play all morning on the rain soaked Baltimore Stadium and defeated the Dons, 13-0. Loyola penetrated Calvert Hall territory once all game. Gaudreau completed only two of thirteen

attempts and four of his throws were intercepted by Calvert Hall. Doda also recovered a Don fumble in the third period.

Calvert Hall QB Joe Carroll ran the ball well averaging over seven yards per carry, running for a score, and passing the ball to Scott for the second touchdown.

1949

Both teams lost to eventual league champion Mt. St. Joe during the campaign so the big game didn't have any league significance for the two teams. Area football pundits believed the winner of the thirtieth annual contest would be Loyola. However, the Cardinal faithful were confident of a repeat win over the Dons at Baltimore Stadium.

There was an additional buzz around Loyola's campus in the fall of 1949. Earlier in the month of November, Loyola gathered all of its 545 students, along with faculty, alumni, and friends for the laying of the cornerstone for a new gymnasium on campus. Sometime in the coming season the Dons would be playing a home basketball game on their Blakefield campus.

Until the Dons broke open the game in the final stanza, it appeared as if a slim Calvert Hall 7-6 lead might hold up. However, Frank Gunther made his last football game for the Blue and Gold one of his best as he scored three touchdowns.

For nearly three quarters it looked as if the brilliant play of fullback Joe Carroll would be the difference in the game. On the first play from scrimmage Carroll ran for a 62-yard touchdown, and with Jerry Meyer's successful extra-point boot, The Hall led, 7-0. Gunther responded with his first TD of the day and at intermission Cardinal fans were pleased with a one-point lead.

The second half was all Dons. Gunther ran for two more scores on three and 15-yard scampers, while running back Charley McLean and QB Tony Kedzior also scored TDs, to put the game out of reach. Cardinal end caught a 33-yard pass for the final score of the morning and when the final whistle sounded the Dons were in front 31-13.

1950

Calvert Hall limped into the final game with a 3-6 record. The Dons, who came into the game with a record of 5-1-1, defeated defending champion Mt. St. Joe earlier in the month, allowing Patterson Park to win the overall football crown for the fourth time in five years. With a win over the Cardinals, Loyola would capture a tie with Gilman for the private school football title.

Loyola's strength was its offensive backfield led by seniors Tony Kedzior at quarterback and George McKeever at halfback. Cardinal coach Joe Mellendick's star player was end Edward Hamilton.

Hargaden's eleven sprinted to a 20-0 first period lead and never looked back. Henry Schubert started the assault with a 55-yard punt return, followed by an Andy Wagner 19-yard TD run, and a 21-yard TD heave by Kedzior to Doug Foreman. Loyola added 12 points in the second period and by intermission the game turned into a laugher with the Dons up, 32-6.

Both teams substituted freely in the second half. Loyola's substitutes outscored the Cardinal subs 12-0 making the final score 44-6. It was the largest margin of victory in the series since Loyola's 47-0 thrashing of Calvert Hall in 1922.

Freshman David Parr scored The Hall's lone touchdown.

1951

Bob Nowaskey, former Baltimore Colt grid star, was now in charge of the Cardinal football program taking over for Joe Mellendick. Nowaskey's split-T attack was led by halfbacks Dave Parr and Walter Gentry. Ed Hargaden was going to rely on his quarterback John Hartnett. Loyola also had a strong line led by All-Maryland tackle Pete Braungart and end Doug Foreman. One of the tackles on the team was Joe Brune.

A Don win would secure the Catholic school title for Loyola. Calvert Hall lost to Mt. St. Joe by a point, 7-6, earlier in the year while the Dons easily defeated the Josephites 13-2.

The weather was balmy at Memorial Stadium this Thanksgiving morning. Loyola grabbed a 6-0 lead on its first possession in the opening quarter when Hartnett plunged over the goal line after orchestrating a 79-yard drive. The Hall had an opportunity to tie the score in the second period after an interception but penalties prevented the Cardinals from scoring.

Although controlling both side of the line of scrimmage, Loyola still maintained only a slim 6-0 lead going into the final stanza. A Lou Natale fumble recovery set up Loyola's next TD, a Hartnett to Foreman pass that pushed the score to 12-0. Another fourth quarter turnover, this time an interception by the Dons, set up the final score of the day – a Paul Feild one-yard run. The point-after-touchdown attempt was good making the final score, 19-0.

Loyola gained 376 total yards to Calvert Hall's 176 yards. The Dons should have scored more points but they hurt themselves at critical times during the game earning 120 yards in penalties and fumbling the ball four times – losing one of the fumbles – and throwing two interceptions.

The Cardinals were even more careless with the ball losing three fumbles in addition to two inceptions.

Patterson Park continued its domination and again won the MSA title.

1952

Calvert Hall, with a 4-4 record, was hoping on capturing its first Catholic League title in four years. Earlier in the season the Cards defeated Mt. St. Joe, for the first time since 1943, 13-0. A win over the 3-3-1 Dons would secure the crown. Two weeks earlier, Mt. St. Joe defeated Loyola by thirteen points, 19-6. A win for the Dons, would create a three-way deadlock for the Catholic crown.

It wasn't going to be easy for Coach Nowaskey's eleven since three of his starting linemen were out with injuries. On the other side, Coach Hargaden was also dealing with a serious loss to injury. His starting quarterback, sophomore Tom Greene, had an ankle injury and his status was in question. Junior Tom Martel practiced all week and was ready to take over the QB reins if asked to do so.

The Thanksgiving morning belonged to Calvert Hall's Don Edwards. The transfer from Poly, scored Cardinal touchdowns, one on a 4-yard scamper and one through the air on a pass from former Don, quarterback Porky Hargest.

The first Edwards touchdown was the end result of a 53-yard drive. The longest play of the drive was a 16-yard Hargest pass to end Tom Mooney. At intermission The Hall was up, 7-0.

After a scoreless third period, the Cardinals put another drive together that resulted in a beautiful over-the-shoulder 20-yard TD catch by Edwards and a 13-0 lead.

There was no more scoring in the game. Calvert Hall's tough physical line kept the Dons on their heels the entire game. The Loyola offense was stymied all morning and ended up only netting 25 yards while turning the ball over three times. Greene ended up playing in the game but his ankle hindered his running and passing the entire way. He completed only two of 12 passes for a measly 13 yards. He also threw two interceptions.

Calvert Hall netted 205 yards of total offense and clearly was the better team.

Once again, Patterson Park captured the MSA conference title.

1953

Calvert Hall fans longed for a repeat winning performance over the Dons and pinned their hopes on half backs Dave Parr, a 1952 All-Maryland performer, and the previous year's game star Don Edwards. By game time both teams were out of the conference race and were out of contention for the Catholic schools bragging rights. Both teams were manhandled by Mt. St. Joe earlier in the campaign. The Gaels destroyed Loyola 52-0 and easily defeated Calvert Hall 32-6.

The first quarter was a struggle for both teams offensively. Loyola's special teams created the first break of the game when in the second quarter an Edwards' punt was blocked and the ball recovered on the Cardinal 11 yard line. Moments later Don QB Tom Greene ran the ball in for the first score of the day. Greene's extra-point was good and the Dons enjoyed a 7-0 lead at intermission.

Tom Martel recovered a fumble on the Cardinal 16 yard line in the third quarter. Two plays later Greene hit Jimmy Diggs on a short pass. Diggs bobbed and weaved through the Cardinal secondary breaking tackles and ran in the final ten yards for the score. Green's second extra-point gave Loyola a 14-0 lead.

Calvert Hall put on a fourth period rally that produced one touchdown and could have resulted in three TDs. Parr brought The Hall closer scoring on a nifty 14-yard run making the score, 14-6. QB George Pryor's extra-point pass attempt fell incomplete.

In the fourth period, two huge plays were nullified because of penalties. Pryor's scoring pass to Parr was called back by a backfield-in-motion penalty and in the final minute of play an 85-yard Edwards punt return all the way to the Loyola 5 yard line was called back because of an unnecessary roughness infraction.

The final score favored the Dons, 14-6.

Cardinal Dave Parr repeated as an All-Maryland back and Don Tom Greene was named All-Maryland at quarterback.

McDonogh captured the MSA "A" Crown with a perfect 7-0 league mark.

1954

At the conclusion of the 1953 season, the MSA "A" Conference football conference had 13 teams. However, the academic calendar only allowed most of the teams to play a maximum of eight games.

Some teams only played six games while others played just five. McDonogh scored the most points in the complex Dickinson point system, and won the title with a 7-0 record.

The point system, giving 30 points for a win, 22.5 points for a tie, and 15 points for a loss, determined the 1953 winner of the "A" Conference, but many of the schools now complained that it was time for a change. In early February of 1954, by a close vote of 7-5 (three abstentions), the MSA decided that for the 1955 season, it would divide into two conferences: an "A" conference, and for the first time since 1942, a "B" conference loop.

Later in February, City, Poly, Patterson Park and four other public schools joined Loyola and three other private schools in applying for berths in the "B" Conference, leaving the "A" Conference with just two teams, Calvert Hall and Mt. St. Joe, and creating potential chaos. One of the options unanimously favored by the public schools' athletic directors was truly absurd: eliminate a championship and have the schools play games with no acknowledgement of records. Later in March, the member schools decided in an 8-7 vote to keep the "A" conference intact with the Dickinson point system as is, for the time being.

George young was now in charge of Calvert Hall's football program. By Thanksgiving, Loyola and Calvert Hall were out of the running for the league title, each having lost twice in the conference. Tom Greene was playing his last high school football game and was hoping he could go out with a second win over Loyola's bitter rival.

The first period ended in a scoreless tie. However, the following stanza was an offensive explosion that included five touchdowns. Greene started the barrage with a 29-yard run. The Hall's Denny Cox hurled a 32-yard TD pass to Carl Fulco for the Cardinals first touchdown. Pat Healy scored on a 32-yard end around play giving the Dons the lead again. Calvert Hall pulled to within a point, 13-12, when Cox hit Fulco again with a pass ending in a 19-yard scoring play. The Cox extra-point kick was good tying the score. But Greene responded once more, this time hitting Burt Haus with a TD pass.

By intermission, the score was 20-13 in favor of the Blue and Gold.

Calvert Hall dominated the second half. Cox scored on a 1-yard plunge bringing the Hall to within a point. The point after was unsuccessful. Calvert Hall threatened again in the fourth quarter but the drive stalled at the Don 29 yard line.

Healy scored the clinching TD from a yard out with less than two minutes to go. The extra-point was good giving the Dons an 8-point lead. The final drive included an official mix-up that had given the Dons a fifth down on the Calvert Hall 21 yard line.

The final score was 27-19.

The Gaels of Mt. St. Joe retained the Knights of Columbus trophy signifying Catholic high school football supremacy.

Patterson Park was crowned the league champion with a 6-0 record. McDonogh was second in the Dickinson point system with a record of 7-1.

1955

The MSA continued the Dickinson point system to determine the champion of the league.

If Loyola could defeat Calvert Hall on Thanksgiving Day, the Dons would finish the season undefeated in league play and clinch the title. Patterson Park already finished the season with a perfect league record, but the Clippers would lose the title to the Dons if Loyola could knock out the Cardinals. The additional victory in the win column gain would give the Dons more league points than Patterson.

The Dons were led by runners Jim Diggs and Pat Healy and the passing of quarterback Ed Hargaden, Jr., son of the Dons' head coach. The Cardinals countered with a talented backfield too, led by QB Denny Cox and running back Ernie Velton.

Over 6,000 fans watched as Hargaden and Healy put on dizzying offensive performances. Healy scored three TDs, including an 85-yard run while Hargaden chipped in with two touchdowns of his own, including an 80-yard TD run on the first play from scrimmage.

The game was a 13-7 affair at intermission but the Dons broke the game wide open in the second half scoring 19 unanswered points and eventually subdued the Cards, 32-7.

Velton scored a second period touchdown for the Cardinals' only score of the day.

The Dons also secured the Knights of Columbus Catholic football crown with the victory over the Cardinals.

1956

Earlier in the year Calvert Hall announced they would be moving from its downtown location to a new campus on 35 acres in Towson, at a cost of \$2,000,000. The plans called for 1,000 students while providing facilities for all sports. The hope was the new school would be ready by 1958.

Loyola, hoping for a fourth straight victory over the Cardinals, limped into the Thanksgiving Day battle on a four game losing streak. Calvert Hall, earlier eliminated from league laurels with a 1-2-2 league mark, was hoping to capture the Catholic school crown with a win over the Dons. Earlier in the year they defeated Mt. St. Joe, 21-6 and the Gaels whipped the Dons earlier, 12-0.

The Hall was led by quarterback Jack Carter, halfbacks Denny Holmes and Jerry Gray, and fullback John Hartwig. The Dons countered with stars Harry McCambridge at quarterback and running back Bill Regan.

This turkey day game, played in front of 10,000 fans belonged to Calvert Hall. The Cardinals dominated on both sides of the ball and scored on its first possession to take a 7-0 lead on a QB sneak by Carter. The Cardinals increased their lead capitalizing on a bad snap from center on a Loyola punt attempt. On the first play from the Don 19 yard line, Gray was given the ball and ran through the middle for a touchdown. The point after was good and the Cardinals led, 14-0.

In the final stanza, the Cardinals mounted a 60-yard drive culminating with a 4-yard TD run by Carter. The extra-point run was no good making the final score, 20-0.

The winners grinded it out on the ground racking-up 208 rushing yards while only attempting to pass the ball three times. Both teams fumbled four times, each losing possession three times each.

Patterson Park won the title over Poly. Many disputed the final ruling noting that both teams finished with identical 6-1 records. However, the Clippers were crowned champions because their victories were deemed to have more point value, since they beat teams higher in the standings.

1957

For the 1957 season, the MSA at long last, decided to implement two divisions: an "A" Conference and a "B" Conference. Calvert Hall and Loyola would remain in the "A" loop along with City and Mt. St. Joe. Poly and Patterson Park could not agree to when each would play the other, and it was deemed by the MSA's athletic directors that both schools would be ineligible to participate in any league titles. The MSA "A" Conference would only be a four team loop.

In June 1957, the MSA also agreed pass to the unlimited substitution rule. Cardinal Head Coach George Young vehemently opposed the new measure thinking it would give the larger public schools an advantage. Prior to the unlimited rule, substitutions were limited. A player could enter the game only once during each quarter. However, if the player(s) started the quarter they were allowed one more entrance in that quarter.

Another 10,000 fans filed into Memorial Stadium to see if the underdog Dons could knock off the favored Cardinals. George Young's team came into the contest having already been crowned the MSA champions, even though losers to Poly during the season. Coach Young hoped a win over Loyola would also clinch the Catholic football title. Earlier in the season the Cards thrashed Mt. St. Joe 34-6 and the Gaels and Dons played to a 20-20 tie.

Young had a very talented backfield and one of the biggest lines in the league. Runners Carter and Gray were back and joined this year by Ashley Scarborough. Francis Grau was an excellent end.

Loyola's first year Head Coach Tracy Mehr, who replaced the legendary Ed Hargaden, was hoping for the Thanksgiving Day upset. A successful on sides kick recovery by the Dons' Al Snyder seemed to rattle the Cardinals. For most of the rest of the game it appeared that an upset was in the making.

Loyola scored in the first period on a halfback option pass. With the ball on the three yard line, quarterback Harry McCambridge faked the hand off to Bill Regan then pitched the ball to Al Snyder. Snyder threw into the end zone to a wide-open Mike Walsh for the score. The Regan extra-point kick was good and Loyola had a 7-0 lead.

The Cardinal offense finally got it together and mounted an 80-yard 10-play drive midway in the fourth quarter that resulted in a Gray 3-yard TD run. The successful extra-point tied the score, 7-7.

The subsequent Loyola possession stalled and Calvert Hall initiated what would be the final drive of the game. The Cardinals drove the ball all the way to the Loyola 11 yard line. With time running down, Jack Carter threw the ball towards the goal line, but the pass was picked off by McCambridge and run out to the 30 yard line with just two seconds to play and the game ended on the next play with the scored knotted up at 7-7.

1958

Disagreements continued to plague the MSA. Only the private and catholic schools could agree on the schedule and the public schools all agreed to play independent schedules in 1958.

Tracy Mehr's Loyola eleven was having a great season and riding a six game winning streak coming into the Thanksgiving Day game. A victory over the Cardinals would clinch the MSA and Catholic titles and give the Dons an area best 7-1 record. Loyola's only loss was in its first game of the season to St. Joe's Prep of Philadelphia. The Blue and Gold outscored its opponents 147-64 and were led by running back Al Snyder and quarterback Hank Shaefer.

The Hall was having a rough season and was 3-5 overall and in the big game would rest its hopes on quarterback Ashley Scarborough.

Over 11,000 fans watched the Don defense push-back the Cardinal offense all over the field and Shaefer deftly handle the Don offense. He scored the game's first points on a 22-yard sprint into the end zone, and threw a 29-yard TD pass to Snyder just before halftime. The Dons finished up the scoring in the final period when fullback Pat Pierce bulled over the goal line from four yards out.

The biggest cheers of the day were given to a black and white dog who somehow managed his way onto the field twice forcing the referees to stop play.

With the 19-0 victory, Loyola claimed its titles, MSA and Catholic, and most Dons fans felt Loyola was the best football team in the metro area.

The Calvert Hall defeat was the last Cardinal game coached by George Young. Young left Calvert Hall to take over as head coach of MSA rival City College beginning in 1959.

1959

Calvert Hall was now led by head coach Tom Carr. Carr had a team dominated by sophomores and juniors. Parker McCourt and Bob Harner were a dynamic running back tandem for the Cardinals. The signal caller was quarterback Dick Sands.

Both teams hobbled into the Thanksgiving Day game with sub-par records. The Hall was 2-6 while the Dons were only one game better at 3-5. Both teams lost to Mt. St. Joe so the only incentive for either squad would be gridiron superiority over the other for another year.

Tracy Mehr would have to play the big game without his starting quarterback, Corky Hartzell. Instead he would rely on senior back-up Marty Pilachowski. Without Hartzell, many pundits gave the Thanksgiving Day edge to the Cardinals.

It was cold and sunny as the two teams came onto the field in front of 10,000 Memorial Stadium fans. Calvert Hall had two nice drives in the first quarter that resulted in no points. For the remainder of the contest, Loyola dominated every facet of the game. The Dons were up 8-0 at intermission and increased their lead to 16-0 after three stanzas. Down by two TDs, the Cardinals were forced to throw the ball and a Sands interception set up Loyola's third TD.

With seven minutes to go in the game, Harner returned a Loyola punt for a score but the Dons scored the final points of the day to finish off Calvert Hall, 30-8.

Dons Henry Blaha and Jack Carey combined to rush the ball for 320 yards. Carey also scored three touchdowns in the pasting of the Cardinals.

1960

For the second year in a row The Hall football team would start the season under a new coach. Calvert Hall was now led by former Cardinal star Dave Parr.

Loyola was having a great season. Led by running back star Henry Blaha, the heavily-favored Dons were a perfect 8-0 going into the big game with the Cardinals. The Hall's record was an anemic 3-4 going into

the Thanksgiving Day game. A Loyola win would nail down the MSA championship and secure the Knights of Columbus Trophy.

The Baltimore Sun was impressed with Coach Mehr's job writing Mehr "has molded a mediocre Loyola team of last season into a smooth-functioning potent unit." Signal caller Harry Hartzell had a strong arm and a powerful offensive line to go along with the running of Blaha.

Coach Parr knew a win over the Dons would be somewhat of a long shot and he was going to rely on his quarterback Dick Sands and halfback Bob Harner, who rushed for over 650 yards during the campaign. No one gave the Cards much of a chance for victory and *The Sun* continued saying, "after all [of] the enthusiastic alumni file out of the Stadium the sweet smell of complete triumph should be lingering over Blakefield."

A Memorial Stadium crowd of over 10,000 fans watched as Loyola wrecked Calvert Hall 44-18. The Dons scored on the first play of the game on a double-reverse fake run-pass from halfback Dick Keidel to receiver Charlie Smith. Blaha was unstoppable rushing for three Blue and Gold scores on runs of 40, 12, and 26 yards. Keidel joined in on the running success rushing for over 80 yards for the Dons. Loyola finished the day with 265 total rushing yards

The Dons ended the year with their first undefeated untied season since 1927. Blaha, a junior, would close out the season as the new record holder for points by an MSA player in a single season with 102.

1961

The Baltimore Sun reported that "pregame records are somewhat misleading when two keen rivals like the Dons and the Cardinals clash." Loyola came into the game with eight victories and only one defeat while the Cardinals only managed two wins all season, to go along with six defeats. Calvert Hall was pinning its hopes on Loyola resting on its accomplishments and that the Dons would come up with an uninspired effort.

But the Dons had plenty of incentive. A Loyola victory would clinch the Knights of Columbus Trophy and keep its title hopes. A Don win followed by an upset Poly win over City later on Thanksgiving Day would create a three-way deadlock for championship honors.

The Dons were going to rely on the powerful running of Henry Blaha. Despite early season injuries, Blaha still was able to score 86 points for the Blue and Gold. The Cardinals countered with speedster halfback John Connor, who rushed for over a thousand yards during the season, and powerful fullback Bob Henneman.

Over 10,000 fans watched Blaha put on a dazzling display of running in leading Loyola to a 38-12 victory. Scoring on touchdown runs of ten, ten, six, and one yards, along with four two-point conversions, Blaha eclipsed his scoring record of 1960 to end the season with 118 points for the year. He ended the day with 34 carries for 215 yards – a 6.4 yards per carry average.

The Dons line of George Breschi, Charley Chiapparelli, Charley Smith, and Frank Gigliotti manhandled the Cardinals all game and leading Loyola to a 24-6 halftime lead. The Cards answered with the first score in the second half on a 19-yard pass from Joe Ayres pass to Connor but the Dons added two more TDs to win the game easily.

Later in the day City swamped Poly 30-8 in front of 24,000 fans clinching outright the MSA title.

1962

Mt. St. Joe defeated both of the teams earlier in the season to clinch the Knights of Columbus Trophy. Coach Parr had twenty lettermen returning but had to replace his entire starting backfield, due to graduation and Loyola, now under the tutelage of Leo Broadhurst, had to make do without super star Henry Blaha.

Both teams were having miserable seasons: Loyola had a record of 3-5 and the Cardinals record was 2-5-1.

A crowd of over 8,000 watched a game full of turnover and momentum changes. Loyola dominated the first half of the game but could only manage an 8-0 halftime lead on a Dick Link three-yard run and a successful two-point conversion. The wet Memorial Stadium field kept both back fields in check as neither team's backfield could solve the slippery conditions and Loyola compounded its problems running the ball turning the ball over six times.

Calvert Hall dominated the second half and in the third frame scored when fullback Joe Gorman ran the ball from three yards out for a touchdown, and with the two-point conversion, the game was tied.

Calvert Hall had an opportunity to take the lead early in the fourth quarter on a field goal attempt, but the 30-yard kick was short.

The game ended with the score knotted 8-8.

Poly defeated City in its Thanksgiving Day game remaining undefeated with a perfect 9-0 record and winning the MSA title.

1963

Just days before the big game, the world was stunned with the news of the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Calvert Hall's Fred Kern was now in charge of the Cardinal football team and his team came into the game with a boastful 6-2 record. Calvert Hall had a tough physical offensive line in front of signal caller Bob Kulachi. Loyola, led by QB Gary Matz, was having a down year, and limped into the Thanksgiving Day game with a dismal 2-5-1 mark.

A win by The Hall would secure the Knights of Columbus Trophy. A Loyola win would create a three team tie of the award signifying tops among the Catholic schools.

A crowd of 10,340 watched as Calvert Hall dominated the early part of the game. The Cardinals did everything well offensively in the first half – except score. Loyola was also unable to cross the goal line and at intermission the game was scoreless.

The Cardinals kicked off to start the second half. The Dons, behind the running of fullback Dick Diggs took the ball all the way down to the Cardinal 5 yard line. After an 8-yard loss on a quarterback sack, the Dons crossed the goal line on a 13-yard Jim Kilkowski touchdown pass to Don Hoen. Kilkowski's run for the two points after touchdown was good.

The Dons continued to control the second half of the contest and held the Cardinals scoreless, eventually winning the game, 8-0. It was the 16th win for Loyola in the past 21 games. Two of the games during this span, 1957 and 1962, ended in ties.

Poly defeated City and for the second year in a row to win the MSA football title.

1964

The 6-2 Cardinals were hungry for a rivalry win. The last Calvert Hall victory over the Dons was a 20-0 win in 1956. Fred Kern's squad lost only to City and Poly during the year, and was favored to defeat their archrivals. Leo Broadhurst's Dons, led by quarterback Don Hoen, came into the game with a mediocre 3-5 mark. Both teams were out of the MSA title race but a win by either school would sew-up the Catholic League crown.

Before the crowd of over 8,000 fans could all get in their seats Calvert Hall was on the score board. Loyola received the opening kick-off, and after three plays that gained only a few yards, was forced to punt. The kick never made it past the line of scrimmage and Calvert Hall started its first series at Loyola's three yard line. Two plays later Gerry Kilduff rammed the ball into the end zone. The two point conversion was good and the Cardinals led, 8-0.

On the ensuing kick-off Cardinal John Herbert recovered a fumble on the Loyola 27. Three plays later Larry Albright connected on a pass to Dick Chilcoat and with the successful conversion, and just like that the score was 16-0, in favor of Calvert Hall.

The Hall received the second half kick-off and methodically drove the ball 64 yards for a score. Larry Hambrick ran the final 27 yards for the Cardinal TD, sealing the victory. Two more TDs turned the game into a laugher, with Calvert Hall winning by the final score of 36-0.

Later that day, City defeated Poly to clinch the MSA crown.

Calvert Hall's starting center that day was Wayne Mulligan, who ended up playing in the NFL for seven seasons. He told *The Baltimore Sun* in October of 2015 that his favorite football memory was defeating Loyola his senior year at Memorial Stadium, 36-0.

1965

Former Baltimore Colt Art DeCarlo was now in charge of the Don's football team. Both teams were 4-2 in the MSA loop and eager to finish the campaign on a winning note. A victory by either team would guarantee a third place finish in the league and secure the Catholic League title.

Fred Kern's Cards were hoping to secure their second straight win over the Dons and gain Catholic League bragging rights for a second straight year.

The crowd of 9,180 watched the Dons take the opening kick-off and drive 55 yards for a TD score and an early 8-0 lead. Calvert Hall countered with a 76-yard TD drive of its own and after the first quarter of play the score was 8-6. The two-point Don lead held up until halftime.

Early in the third period Coach DeCarlo gambled and lost. The Don coach decided to go for a first down near midfield. However, the Cardinal defensive line would not budge and the Dons gained no yardage giving The Hall the ball on downs. Calvert Hall took the ball and drove 57 yards and scored a touchdown

when hard-nosed fullback Terry Hambrick put Calvert Hall in front 14-8 on a short end zone run off tackle from four yards out.

Soccer-style kicker Phil Tagliaferro added three more points with four minutes remaining on a 22-yard field goal to give the Cardinals a nine point lead. The Calvert Hall lead held up and the game ended 17-8, in favor of The Hall.

Loyola could not produce any offense in the second half. The Dons were limited to just 29 yards rushing and two first downs after intermission.

City and Poly came into their Thanksgiving Day game both undefeated in league action. George Young's City Collegians thrashed Poly 52-6 to win the league title for the second year in a row.

1966

Calvert Hall came into the game hoping to make it three in a row over Loyola. A win would also give Coach Kern's Cardinals no worse than a share of their first MSA title since 1957 and the Catholic league title, also for the third straight year.

The Cardinals, led by quarterback Rich Sterba came into the Thanksgiving Day game with a 6-1-1 overall record while the Art DeCarlo's Dons' record was a paltry 2-6. The Dons were given little chance of defeating the powerful Cardinals.

The Dons held The Hall to just a single first down and forced five punts and halfway through the second period the game was scoreless. The Dons did move the ball well behind the running of Vince Fitzpatrick and Dave Crist and three times pushed the ball inside the Cardinals' 30 yard line. But each time the Calvert Hall defense, led by Bob Chilcoat, stiffened and stymied the Don offense.

With little time left in the first half, Sterba hit Mike Pivec with a 22-yard touchdown strike to give the Cards a 7-0 intermission lead.

The third period was scoreless. Calvert Hall's Dennis Curran and Sterba both ran for TD scores from 8 yards out to push the lead to 22 points. The Dons had no answers all day and the game ended in favor of Calvert Hall, 22-0.

Sterba closed out his Cardinal career with perhaps his greatest performance. After missing on his first two passing attempts, he hit on 16 of the next 17 tosses and finished the game with 205 yards in the air.

The win allowed The Hall to tie City, who crushed foe Poly, 42-6, later that Thanksgiving Day, for the MSA title.

City and Calvert Hall were both undefeated in league play and battled to a 20-20 tie earlier in the season. The final extra-point, that would have given the Cardinals a 21-20 victory, hit the upright.

1967

A crowd of just 7,846 came to Memorial Stadium to see if Calvert Hall could win a fourth game in a row over the Dons. Both teams were now playing for new head coaches. The Dons were now led by former Don alumnus, Joe Brune, and Calvert Hall was led by the no-nonsense flamboyant strategist Joe Carlozo. Brune had spent the previous six seasons as an assistant at City College. Carlozo took over for first year

coach Neile Smith midway through the season. Smith resigned citing differences with the school's administration.

Neither team was in the hunt for league honors, however, Catholic League bragging rights were up for grabs.

The Cards, led by quarterback Joe Waters and running backs Mike Pivec and Rich Avena, came out strong. Calvert Hall scored on its first three possessions. Waters scored on runs of 2 and 28 yards and hit Pivec with a 49-yard scoring strike giving The Hall a commanding 20-0 lead at the break.

Loyola's Kevin Sullivan's interception in the third period gave the Dons some momentum. The pass theft preceded a 13-yard touchdown catch by Jimmy Smith, making the score 20-8. But the Cardinals responded to the Don TD with a 93-yard drive culminating in a 2-yard TD run by Avena.

Loyola scored a touchdown late in the game making the final score 28-16. Calvert Hall had its way most of the morning producing 264 yards of offense compared to the Dons 108 yards.

City and Edmondson tied for the MSA "A" Conference's league honors. Undefeated Gilman, winners of the MSA "B" Conference were tabbed by The Baltimore Sun as the best team in the region in the final high school football poll.

1968

Calvert Hall was hoping to make it five in a row over Loyola, for the first time ever in the history of the series. The Cardinal faithful was abuzz. Coach Carloza told *The Baltimore Sun*, "Everyone knows this is the big game of the year. There are signs all over the school and that's all anybody's talked about all week."

Both teams were undefeated in Catholic League play and the winner would take home the coveted Catholic League crown. The Dons had two victories over Mt. St. Joe and Cardinal Gibbons while The Hall defeated Mt. St. Joe and tied Gibbons.

Both teams were relatively healthy going into the big game. The Cardinals were led by QB Larry Hubbard and bruising fullback Joe Carlozo, Jr., son of the head coach. The Dons were led by quarterback Bill Wagner and running back Fran Meagher.

The crowd of 12,000 saw the Dons get on the board first. Wagner hit Meagher with a perfect strike to give Loyola an early 8-0 lead. But the Cardinals responded with a Carlozo run from four yards out and tied the game when Hubbard crossed the goal line on the PAT. Loyola grabbed a 14-8 lead when Wagner and halfback Reggie Boyce converted on a 25-yard scoring pass. The Cardinals countered and took a 15-14 halftime lead when Hubbard hit King Corbett with a short pass for the score.

Fran Meagher hit pay dirt again with the first score of the second half with a 7-yard run giving the Dons a 20-15 lead. Calvert Hall never really threatened again and the game ended with Loyola winning by five points.

Loyola coach Joe Brune credited his line play for the victory singling out Mike Creaney, Carl Glaeser and Frank Snarski. "I think we might have been a little stronger in the second half," Brune said. "The short, pounding Calvert Hall runs took a lot out of them. Young Carlozo was getting four yards instead of six in the second half."

City defeated Poly to win outright the MSA "A" Conference crown.

Mike Creaney was later named The Baltimore Sun's Athlete of the Year.

1969

The 1969 game was an historic contest played in front of 14,000 fans at Memorial Stadium. It was the 50th football meeting between the school's two storied football programs.

The game was scoreless in the first quarter, but Calvert Hall took a commanding 14-0 lead at the break. Gary Tyler broke the scoreless tie with a 50-yard TD run with the Cardinals second touchdown score coming on a 65-yard interception return by Joe Carlozo.

With five minutes to go in the third period the Dons got on the scoreboard when QB John Baer hit Gary Appel with a 15-yard pass.

Baer's one yard plunge and subsequent two-point conversion tied the game later in the final period, at 14 apiece.

With less than a half minute to go in the game Coach Brune gambled and tried to pick up a first down at midfield. Calvert Hall stuffed the attempt and received the ball on downs. The Cards first play was an incomplete pass but the second pass attempt was a successful Gordon Bengel catch putting the ball on the 26 yard line. There were just 4 seconds left on the clock.

Coach Carlozo called a timeout and sent onto the field a second-team place kicker, 16-year-old Phillip Marsiglia, who had never previously kicked a field goal in game competition.

Carlozo had a hunch and felt Marsiglia had a chance if he could get a good snap and hold. The ball was spotted at the 32 yard line with a slight angle to the right. Everything was perfect, including Marsiglia's kick giving the Cardinals a 17-14 win.

The successful field goal released a torrent of delirious Calvert Hall fans as bedlam broke loose onto the field.

There was some consolation for Loyola on this low-forties degree morning. Later in the day City defeated Poly in a huge upset, giving Loyola sole rights to the MSA "A" Conference crown.

Later that fall, Joe Carlozo was named to the All-Metro team at halfback and linebacker.

1970

Both teams were out of title contention but the crowd of 15,000 was eager to see how the evenly matched teams would fare on this mild Thanksgiving Day. The Cardinals were decimated by graduation from the previous year but came into the game with a solid 6-3 overall record. The Dons, too, were hurt by graduation but came on strong in the second half of the season. Coaches Carlozo and Brune were both anxious to see how far both squads had come and how they would perform in the big game.

Calvert Hall used a two quarterback approach alternating Gary Tyler and Jerry Dachille in the QB role. Jim Sandusky was the number one receiver and Tom Murray was the leading ball carrier. The Cardinal defense was stout, led by linebacker Doug Radebaugh. Loyola relied on the running of half back Joe

Campanella and quarterback John Baer. Campanella was one of the leading scoring backs in the area. Henry Hooper led the Dons' defense.

Both teams played sloppily all game long. Calvert Hall fumbled the ball away four times and had three passes picked off by the Don secondary – Guy Beaven had two of the interceptions. Loyola put the ball on the ground three times giving the Cardinals possession of the ball.

Loyola scored first in the second quarter when Campanella finished off a drive with a 6-yard hard fought run. The conversion failed. Baer hit Campanella with a 16-yard strike and with just over four minutes in the half the Dons led 12-0.

The Cards climbed back into the game when John Dickman recovered a Loyola fumble at the Don seven yard line. Tyler raced around the end on the first play and with the Phil Marsiglia conversion, the game was now 12-7.

The second half was topsy-turvy. Loyola fumbled the second half kick-off. The Cardinals recovered and drove the ball to the Loyola one yard line – where they subsequently fumbled the ball right back. Loyola drove the ball down field and eventually punted the ball back to The Hall. Tom Murray fumbled the ball and it was recovered by Loyola's Don Smith at the Cardinal 13 yard line.

Campanella scored his third TD from five yards out. Once again the conversion failed and Loyola lead 18-7.

Calvert Hall had a couple more chances with the ball to put points on the board. Late in the third Carlozo gambled on a fourth and three on the Loyola 14 yard line. A Marsiglia successful field goal would have made the game a one-possession game, but instead the Cards tried to run for the first down with Murray and failed.

Beaven's two interceptions came in the last quarter and the game ended in favor of Loyola, 18-7.

Poly ended the season undefeated in the MSA and the number one ranked team in the area.

1971

The MSA "A" Conference was reduced to just six teams: Poly, City, Edmondson, Northern, Calvert Hall and Loyola.

Both teams came into the game with identical 4-5 overall records. Calvert Hall was a very young team coming into the big game with many of the starters only sophomores.

Dale Kohler, hampered by ankle problems most of the season had a career day for the Cardinals. Ten thousand cold and wind swept Memorial Stadium fans watched him romp for 141 running yards and score two touchdowns.

The Calvert Hall defense did the rest, thwarting Don QB Don Dullea and all-star receiver Art Meadowcroft all day. Franz Wittelsberger, Andy Nelson, and Bruce Hoffman allowed Dullea to complete only two passes in the game, accounting for just 20 yards of offense. Coach Carloza devised a plan to at times double and triple team Meadowcroft. Coach Brune told The Baltimore Sun after the game, triple teaming Meadowcroft "should [have left] other men open but we couldn't find them."

The Dons actually got on the board first. Tony Blaha ended the Dons' opening scoring drive with a short run. The conversion attempt failed and Loyola was on top 6-0. Kohler's first TD run tied the score and at halftime the game was deadlocked at 6-6.

Kohler scored the next TD in the third stanza on a 30-yard run and Wittelsberger sealed the deal with the final score of the game on a fourth quarter 45 yard interception return for a touchdown.

The game ended in favor of the Cardinals, 18-6.

1972

Calvert Hall came into the big game with everything on the line. The Cardinals were undefeated in league play, ranked number one in the area poll by The Baltimore Sun, and needing a win over their rivals to win the MSA "A" Conference crown outright. Coach Carlozza told the news media, "The main thing as far as we're concerned is to beat Loyola." The Hall was overall healthy with the exception of defensive star Jay Robinson, who would not play.

Joe Brune's Dons were 4-5 overall and 3-3 in league play and wanted a win to get to an even record overall. Loyola was going to have to rely on sophomore quarterback Tom Bender, who was filling in for the injured Dan Dullea. Brune countered saying to the media, "I hope it's a real nice day. If we win, it can make the day a whole lot nicer."

Brune's game plan allowed the Dons to control the ball most of the day. The near 10,000 chilled fans watched Bender lead the Don offense with near perfection. Running back Fran Wiegmann ran the ball 33 times while collecting 119 yards with running mate Tim Doyle chipping in with 83 hard-earned yards.

The Dons first two drives eventually stalled. However, late in the first quarter Larry Fitzpatrick recovered a muffed punt at the Calvert Hall eight yard line and four plays later Wiegmann scored from a foot outside the goal line. The PAT was no good and the Dons led 6-0.

Calvert Hall later responded in the second period with a TD of its own when Vince Kinney caught a short pass and meandered across the field for a 66-yard touchdown. The Cardinal PAT also failed, leaving the score knotted at 6-6.

Loyola countered later in the second with a beautiful 68-yard drive resulting in a 3-yard touchdown run by Wiegmann and the score at intermission was 12-6, in Loyola's favor.

The Dons' disciplined offense and stingy defense was the story of the second half. Loyola continued its game of ball control, even converting several fourth-down opportunities to keep the clock moving while maintaining possession of the ball. An opportunity to increase the Don lead early in the third quarter was halted by Cardinal safety John Unitas, Jr., forcing Brune to later admit that he was "getting greedy." The Blue and Gold head coach decided to go back to the running attack for the remainder of the game.

Dave Hudak, Kurt Glaeser, and Fitzpatrick were the Don defensive stars of the game holding the Cardinal offense scoreless in the second half. The Cardinal defense also kept Loyola out of the end zone but couldn't prevent the Dons from controlling the second half clock. The Cards lost the game by the final score of 12-6.

The Calvert Hall loss gave City a chance to tie for the title if they could knock-off Poly later in the day. However, Poly thrashed the Black Knights 32-6, allowing the Cardinals to claim the crown outright with a 6-1 league mark. City finished in second place at 5-2.

1973

Joe Brune's 1973 Dons were not very big and did not possess much team depth. Tom Bender was returning and had a nice crop of speedy and talented receivers. Safety Pat Nagle was the top defensive player for Loyola. Calvert Hall had decent size and was led by linemen Jay Robinson, Donald Welsh, and Ernie Paskoff and all-purpose back Vince Kinney.

Both teams lost during the regular season to Northwestern and Poly and were out of the title hunt.

The Cardinals had additional incentive in that Coach Carlozo several weeks prior announced that this would be his last game at the helm. No question, this fired up the Cardinal eleven.

Carlozo switched gears on the Dons, playing back-up quarterback Robert Evett most of the game over regular QB Paul Toskes.

Both teams had trouble moving the ball in the first quarter but each scored TDs in the second quarter with the Dons scoring first on a Pete Legler one-yard run. The Hall scored its lone first half TD with 50 seconds to go before intermission on a Paul Nelson run from just outside the goal line. The Cardinal touchdown was set up on a Mike Heubeck fumble recovery with precious little time left in the half. Calvert Hall converted on its extra-point attempt and led 7-6 at the half.

The second half did not fare well for the Dons. Bender and Legler both had to leave the game with injuries. The Bender injury was especially tough forcing Coach Brune to use his back-up, Loyola's regular season JV signal caller Brian Hickey.

The second Calvert Hall touchdown was scored in the third quarter after Joe Houston recovered a Loyola fumble on the 32 yard line. Several plays later Evett ran the ball in from two yards out giving The Hall an 8-point cushion.

The Dons offense sputtered completely in the second half. Calvert Hall's defense stymied Loyola all day giving up only the one first half score and the game concluded with the Cardinals victorious, 14-6.

The Northwestern Wildcats won the MSA "A" Conference title finishing the season with a perfect record of 9-0 and the number one ranking in the area by all of the metropolitan newspapers.

Later in the academic year, Vince Kinney was named The Baltimore Sun's Athlete of the Year.

Coach Joe Carlozo retired after the 1973 season and he recommended to the Calvert Hall authorities that his assistant, Augie Miceli, be named his replacement.

1974

Augie Miceli was now the head coach of the Calvert Hall football team. It was the first head-to-head encounter between Miceli and Loyola's Coach Joe Brune.

The Cards were a defensive oriented team led by All-MSA stars Gabe Moro, Scott Miller, Ron Fitta and Ray Black. The Dons were a more offensive oriented team possessing one of the best backfields in the area. Tom Bender was the quarterback and Mark Poehlman and Pete Legler, the leading scorer in the MSA, were the team's running backs.

Earlier in the season the Dons lost to Poly and were just a game behind the Engineers in the final standings. A win over Calvert Hall, which already suffered two league losses, coupled with a Poly loss to City, would allow the Dons to tie for the MSA "A" Conference title.

The game was completely a one-sided affair. The 10,000 Memorial Stadium fans saw Calvert Hall self-destruct by fumbling the ball away on its first three possessions. Before some late-showing fans were comfortable in their seats the score was already 24-0 in favor of the Dons.

Legler finished the game rushing for 181 yards on 19 carries while picking up four touchdowns, including three on runs of 25, 36, and 52 yards. His running mate Poehlman scored the other two TDs on short runs while picking up 65 total rushing yards on just 11 attempts.

The Dons led 32-13 at intermission. The Cardinals played tough in the second half holding Loyola to just 96 total yards. But the score was insurmountable to overcome and the Cards eventually lost to the more powerful Dons 40-28. It was the most points scored by a Loyola team over Calvert Hall since 1960.

For the season, Legler collected 126 total points and 1,026 yards on the ground and was named an MSA first team All-Star running back.

Poly narrowly squeezed past City, 6-0, in its Thanksgiving Day game, to finish with a perfect 7-0 MSA record giving the Engineers the "A" title.

1975

Calvert Hall came into the big game on a roll – a five game winning streak. A win over the Dons would allow the Cards to tie Northwestern for top league honors with identical 6-1 records. Earlier in the season Calvert Hall destroyed Northwestern 35-6.

The Hall was led by its two running backs, Tom Williams and Steve Dorsey. On defense the Cardinals would lean on lineman Scott Byrd and linebacker Matt Corcoran. Despite its lack of size, the Dons also had a terrific backfield led by Pete Legler and Mark Poehlman. Unfortunately, Poehlman was injured earlier in the Gilman game and would not suit up for the Turkey Bowl clash.

A crowd of 12,000 watched in awe of the Calvert Hall eleven as it destroyed the Dons in every facet of the game. Cardinal runners Williams, Dorsey, and Dave Black ran through the Don line like a hot knife through butter gaining an astonishing 473 net yards while scoring seven TDs on the ground. Each had touchdown runs of 50 or more yards – Williams an 83-yard run, Black a 60-yard run, and Dorsey a 50-yard scamper. Coach Augie Miceli's eleven only threw the ball twice all day.

Loyola actually took an early 8-0 lead but the Cards scored 56 of the game's next 62 points to win in a laughter, 56-14. Legler had a decent day rushing for 123 yards on 27 carries, however twice, with the score 29-14, Loyola had goal line chances to score a touchdown but came up empty both times. Calvert Hall poured it on in the second half outscoring the Blue and Gold 27-0.

The 56 points was the most scored by a team in the history of the rivalry, eclipsing the 47 points scored by Loyola in 1922.

1976

Calvert Hall came into the game with an opportunity to share in the conference title. The Dons started out the season with a 4-0 league mark but stumbled late in the season losing two consecutive games

eliminating them from title consideration. The 12,000 fans, who endured a chilly morning with swirling winds and scattered snowflakes, saw for the second straight year, the Dons get manhandled by the Cardinals. The Hall dominated the game from the first whistle to the final horn, gaining 369 yards of total offense compared to the Dons 215, and winning the game, 35-0.

Calvert Hall's running backs were sensational. Jim Vitak scored three Cardinal touchdowns and ran for 120 yards on 18 carries, while Dave Black carried the ball 21 times for 139 yards.

The Hall's three touchdown lead at intermission increased on the opening drive of the second half, when Vitak scored a TD on a 19-yard run putting the game completely out of reach.

Calvert Hall's defense held Loyola stars QB Bernie Bowers and running back Matt Martello in check all afternoon.

Calvert Hall finished in a three-way tie with Poly and Gilman. All three schools had identical 6-1 league marks and shared the MSA "A" Conference crown. Calvert Hall lost to Poly during the campaign 21-6 but defeated Gilman, 14-7. Gilman crushed Poly earlier in the year, 34-8.

1977

The MSA "A" Conference was now two seven-team divisions with the winners from each division playing in the title game. For the first time in years, Mt. St. Joe was back in the "A" Conference.

Loyola was slotted in Division I and came in second place to Poly with a 5-1 mark. Calvert Hall placed in a three way tie for first place in Division II. The Cards along with Archbishop Curley and Mt. St. Joe all posted 5-1 records, but Calvert Hall qualified for the title having yielded fewer league points during the campaign. Unfortunately, The Hall's chance for the title was lost when they fell to Poly in the championship game, 7-0. Calvert Hall defeated Poly 21-13 earlier in the season.

Loyola won six of its final seven games coming into the big game with the Cardinals, who were without all-star Jim Vitak, who was injured earlier in the season.

Two critical blunders in the opening period – a mishandled snap on a punt attempt and later an interception - allowed Calvert Hall to jump out to a 12-0 lead. But just before halftime, Loyola quarterback Bernie Bowers led the Dons on a drive that ended with a 4-yard TD pass to Jack Potthast. Potthast ran for the two-point conversion and at the half the score was, 12-8.

Bowers stayed hot after the break guiding the Dons on the ground and in the air. The Dons dominated the second half rolling up 210 total yards and scoring 22 points in the final two quarters, with John Woytowitz scoring all three TDs for Loyola. His 15-yard reception from Bowers nearly seven minutes into the third period put the Dons in the lead to stay. Woytowitz's final two touchdowns were runs of 1-yard and 25-yards making the final score, 30-12.

1978

Calvert Hall lost its first two games of the season but came into the big game on a seven game winning streak to win the Division II crown. A week earlier, the Cardinals avenged their 1977 championship game loss against Poly, Division I champions, with a 17-8 victory over the Engineers in the MSA title game.

The Dons came into the contest with an overall record of 6-3.

Coach Miceli decided to tinker with his offense and gear many plays to the Cardinal tight ends. The Hall scored TDs in each of the first two quarters, one on a 2-yard run by John Johnson and the other a 29-yard pass to Marty Blair. Calvert Hall put the game out of reach early in the final stanza when quarterback Joe Anderson hit tight end John Gormley with a 5-yard toss making the score, 21-0.

The Dons rarely crossed midfield in the game but did manage to break the shutout scoring a touchdown on a pass from Robbie Gilland to Nate Christian with just over four minutes left in the game.

Calvert Hall's runners Tony Munafo and Johnson led a balanced attack that controlled the clock most of the game, accumulating 265 net yards on the day. The Cardinal defense held the Don running game to just 69 total net yards and also collected two interceptions off Gilland. The final score was 21-8.

1979

Augie Miceli's Cardinals had it all; size, speed, experience, youth and depth. His Cardinals came into the game having already wrapped up the MSA "A" Conference title with a title game win over Poly and possessing a perfect 10-0 record. The Dons came into the game with a 4-5 record and high hopes of knocking off the champions.

The Hall had a fine running game and Coach Brune was worried that his undersized Loyola squad might have problems controlling the line of scrimmage. They did. Running backs John Johnson and John Boddiford had great days running the ball for the Cardinals. Johnson crisscrossed the field for 134 yards and two touchdowns while Boddiford slammed his way for 82 yards and a TD. Quarterback Jobie Waldt had a nice game completing 8 or 14 tosses for 112 yards including two touchdowns.

Calvert Hall scored on its first three possessions and with 8 minutes left in the first half had a commanding 21-0 lead.

Coach Miceli substituted freely in the final quarter after the Cardinals increased their lead in the third period to 28-0 on a 54-yard pass from Waldt to Rick Aybar.

The Dons threatened to score late in the final stanza but couldn't get closer than 12 yards from the Calvert Hall goal line. The game ended with the score, 28-0.

1980

Calvert Hall tied with Gilman and Cardinal Gibbons in Division II play of the MSA "A" Conference with identical 3-1 records. However, the Cardinals lost the crown due to a bizarre points allowed scheme that determined the division winner. Calvert Hall defeated eventual division winner Gilman 14-7 during the season but "gave up too many points" needed to win the title.

Division I winner Poly defeated Gilman 28-16 in the MSA "A" Conference title game a week earlier so only pride was at stake for the big Thanksgiving Day game. Both teams came into the game sporting 7-2 overall records.

Calvert Hall had John Johnson returning at running back but was without fullback John Boddiford who was injured earlier after suffering a bruised kidney, which required hospitalization. Taking Boddiford's place was defensive star Chris O'Boyle. O'Boyle was no stranger to the fullback position having played it the previous year.

In the big game O'Boyle came up big time. He rushed for 145 yards and scored The Hall's first touchdown on a five yard run. He set up the second TD, a 13-yard touchdown reception by Johnson for quarterback Paul Franzoni, on a 64-yard gallop.

The first score of the game came in the second period, when Don quarterback Tom Haus was tackled in the end zone. With O'Boyle's TD run later in the quarter, the Cardinals had a 9-0 halftime lead.

Johnson's touchdown reception came in the third quarter giving Calvert Hall a 15-0 lead. Loyola answered early in the fourth period on a Kevin Boone four yard touchdown run but the conversion pass attempt failed. The Cardinals put the game out of reach when Franzoni hit Mark Kauffman in the end zone with a 20-yard strike.

There were no further threats by either team, and the game ended in favor of Calvert Hall, 22-6.

1981

Calvert Hall was having sensational season with an overall record of 10-1. The only blemish on their record was a loss to Bishop Rommell of New Orleans. Coming into the big game, the Cards were the number one ranked team in the region, and already declared winners of the MSA "A" Conference football title.

The Hall was led by all-star back Richard Shure, the leading scorer in the MSA during the season. During the campaign Shure carried the ball 161 times for 1216 yards and 15 touchdowns. Mark Kauffman, a two-way starter had 41 catches as a receiver and 13 interceptions as a safety. Calvert Hall also had stars Carl Eppel and Anthony Guarino on defense.

The 6-3 Dons were a sophomore dominated team led by quarterback Tom Haus and receiver Bill Romberger. Romberger was also the leading tackler for the Blue and Gold.

Most of the fans in Memorial Stadium knew Calvert Hall should win the game, and indeed they did, rather easily.

The Cardinals were led by Kauffman, who caught passes for two TDs and set up a third score with a 45-yard reception leading the Cardinals to a 21-0 win.

Loyola only threatened once, late in the game, but an end zone attempt by Haus was foiled securing the Cardinal shutout.

Coach Miceli was proud of his team and always confident of the win telling *The Baltimore Sun* after the game, "There was never any doubt in my mind."

1982

Calvert Hall was hoping to accomplish a series first: win five games in a row. Calvert Hall had added incentive; a win would also secure a tie for the MSA title with Gilman. The Hall came into the game with a 6-1 league mark and 8-1 overall, with the only blemish on its record being a 21-0 thrashing by Cardinal Gibbons. Loyola came into the game with a 5-4 overall mark. However, all of the Dons' defeats were by a touchdown or less.

Richard Shure was returning in the Cardinal backfield leading the offense and fellow senior Greg Johns was the anchor on the defensive side of the ball.

Late in the first quarter the Cardinals put together a 66-yard scoring drive that ended with a 5-yard touchdown run by Shure. The Hall had an opportunity to increase its first half lead but fumbled the ball on the Dons' third yard line, killing the late second quarter drive. Many in the crowd were feeling an upset in the making as the bigger and more physical Cardinals clung to just a flimsy 6-0 lead over the quick and pesky Dons at intermission.

Calvert Hall gained all of the momentum on its initial drive in the second half. The Cardinals executed a perfect 11 play drive (10 of the plays were running plays) which led to another Shure TD run, this time from nine yards out. Again the extra-point was no good and the Cards' lead was now, 12-0.

A Steve Hochrein interception led to another Cardinal score, this time a 35-yard field goal by Ken Miller. A blocked punt by Johns at the Loyola 30 yard line aided the Cardinals' final score of the day. Three plays later John Kelly sprinted into the end zone from 15 yards out to give The Hall a commanding 23-0 lead.

Don quarterback Ed Burchell finally got the Loyola offense moving late in the fourth quarter. Three completions to receiver Pat Welsh helped the Dons move the ball to the Cardinals' two yard line. Burchell eventually scored on a two-yard run around the right end. Loyola's two point conversion failed.

When the final whistle sounded Calvert Hall had its fifth straight win over Loyola, a tie for the MSA crown, and a 23-6 victory.

For bragging rights, Calvert Hall edged Gilman earlier in the year, 16-13.

Pat Welsh of the Dons was later named The Baltimore Sun's Athlete of the Year.

1983

The Dons came into the big game undefeated at 9-0, ranked number one in the region, and already declared as the MSA "A" Conference champions. The high powered Dons offense was again led by QB Ed Burchell and receiver and two-way player Pat Welsh. The Dons were hoping to give Coach Brune his first undefeated season in his 15 tenure at Blakefield.

The Cardinals lost 28 players to graduation, were in a rebuilding year, and came into the game with a 7-3 overall record.

The game was closer than most of the fans expected. The Cardinals took an early 8-0 lead in the first quarter when Gerrick McPherson ran an 82-yard punt return for a touchdown. The Hall had a chance to increase its lead late in the second period but its drive stalled as time expired.

Loyola came back to tie the game late on its first possession of the second half with a 14 play 62-yard drive that resulted in a 15-yard TD strike from Burchell to Welsh. The two-point conversion was good and the score was deadlocked, 8-8.

The Dons had a chance to take the lead on their next possession. A terrible 5-yard Cardinal punt gave the Dons the ball on the Calvert Hall 29 yard line. On the first play of the series, Burchell fumbled the ball, giving possession of the ball, and more importantly the momentum, back to Calvert Hall.

With one minute and 42 seconds left in the game it appeared that the Dons had wrapped up the win, when they scored a touchdown on a 44-yard pass from Burchell to running back Kevin Haus. The conversion was no good, but the Dons were in command and now up, 14-8.

Coach Miceli decided a little trickery on the ensuing kick-off, hoping to catch the Dons off-guard. It worked to perfection. Cardinal Shawn Lyles received the kick at the 15 yard line and start running left. Inside the 20 yard line he handed the ball off to McPherson, who ran the ball 77-yards to the Loyola 4 yard line. Three plays later, and with just 25 seconds on the clock, quarterback Chuck Trimble followed his center into the end zone to tie the score at 14. Mike Haskell kicked the game-winning extra point, giving the Cards a 15-14 lead and moments later, the win.

“This ranks as one of the top victories of my coaching career,” Miceli told The Baltimore Sun. “We practiced the [winning] play all week, and this was the opportune time. With my reputation for being so conservative I knew something like this would go.”

Coach Brune took the blame for the loss telling the reporters that he and his staff should have warned his players to be prepared for a trick play.

For the first time since 1945, the two teams were tied in overall wins at 28, with 8 ties.

1984

Poly won the MSA “A” Conference finishing the season undefeated so the big game had no championship implications.

The Cardinals started the season slow, but behind star fullback Tim Healy, arrived at Memorial Stadium on Thanksgiving Day riding a 6-game winning streak. Loyola, experiencing an up-and-down season and a 6-3 overall record, was led by quarterback Frank Gigliotti and wide receiver Bruce McGonnigal.

The game’s momentum was snatched by Calvert Hall on the opening kick-off, when Shawn Lyles scooted 78 yards for a touchdown to give the Cards an early 7-0 lead. Loyola never recovered.

Gigliotti was off all day, completing only seven of 18 attempts and throwing four interceptions – two of the picks thwarting scoring chances for the Dons. Loyola receivers didn’t help matters any, dropping four balls that should have been caught.

Calvert Hall established its ground attack led by Healy, who ran for 84 tough yards on 13 carries. Lyles scored the second TD on a 20-yard run giving the Cardinals led 13-0 at intermission. The Hall increased its lead to 28-0 early in the fourth quarter. Cardinal QB Kirk Maggio engineered a 99-yard drive in the fourth quarter, finishing the drive with a one yard touchdown plunge for a 21-0 lead, and Lyles scored the last touchdown on a 30-yard pass from Maggio increasing the lead to 28-0.

McGonnigal scored two late touchdowns on 11 and 15 yard catches, respectively, but it was too little too late, and the Dons lost to the Cards for the seventh straight time, 28-14.

1985

Loyola was having a grand season and before the Thanksgiving Day game was the number one ranked team in the region. Calvert Hall was having a miserable year, and came into the turkey day game feeling awful about its 2-9 season mark.

Two weeks earlier, Poly clinched the MSA "A" Conference title with its easy win over Calvert Hall. Earlier the Engineers defeated Loyola by two points, 21-19, and Gilman by five, 26-21. Loyola, who tied Gilman 19-19 during the season, could secure a tie with the Greyhounds for second place with a win over The Hall in the big game.

The Dons were sporting a 7-1-1 record and again were led quarterback Frank Gigliotti and two-way superstar Bruce McGonnigal.

Calvert Hall stunned the crowd when it took the opening drive 72 yards in 13 plays ending in a touchdown. Running back Michael Sanders carried the ball the final two yards, and with the extra point, the Cards led, 7-0.

The Dons answered early in the second period. Steve Gurley scored on a one yard plunge and Tom Burt caught a pass from Gigliotti for a successful conversion to give Loyola an 8-7 lead at intermission.

Loyola scored the winning touchdown on its first possession of the second half when Gigliotti ran the ball from three yards out. The conversion was no good and Loyola had a 14-7 lead.

Twice in the four quarter, the Cardinals possessed the ball inside the Loyola 30 yard line. Loyola stopped the first drive when Coach Miceli's fake field goal attempt came up two yards shy of a first down. Calvert Hall got the ball back again with just over four minutes left in the game. This drive was halted at the Loyola five yard line when Thurron Mallory picked off Chris Marzullo's pass with just nine seconds on the clock.

The game ended with Loyola still in the lead, 14-7. The Don victory broke the 7-game losing streak to the Cardinals. Years later coach Brune recalled how ending the seven-year drought against Calvert Hall, "brought tears to my eyes."

The Dons finished the season 8-1-1 and edged Poly in the final rankings due to their win over Mt. St. Joe, a sub .500 team that defeated Poly during the season, 14-7. Gilman lost its final game to non-conference rival McDonogh 6-3, finishing the season ranked 4th overall, with a final overall record of 7-2-1.

1986

Both teams limped into the turkey day game at Memorial Stadium. Loyola had a mediocre 4-4-1 record while the Cardinals came into the game with a 3-6 mark - their second losing record in a row.

This day belonged to Don's running back Thurron Mallory, who ran for 147 yards and scored three touchdowns. Mallory scored the first two touchdowns in the first half giving Loyola a 12-0 early lead. His first TD was on a short one-yard run and his second point-producing run covered 75 yards.

The Cards had a touchdown called back for holding and later had the ball intercepted just outside the goal line. They got on the scoreboard moments later when just before intermission Mallory was tackled in the end zone for a safety.

The Dons increased their lead to 19-2 when Mallory scored his third touchdown. His one yard run capped a brilliant 67-yard drive, highlighted by a 38-yard run by quarterback Mike Tribbe.

The Hall scored late in the game on a Kevin Manner TD pass. The successful two-point conversion was good but the cardinals could get no closer and the game ended in favor of Loyola, 19-10.

Miceli was distraught after the game telling the Baltimore Sun, "I don't blame the kids for their play. I blame me. I apologized to the kids for the last two years."

Augie Waibel's Poly Engineers won the MSA "A" Conference crown for the third consecutive year.

1987

The MSA "A" Conference was now a six-team league with Loyola, Calvert Hall, Gilman, Poly, Mt. St. Joe, and Cardinal Gibbons vying for the league top honors.

Loyola was having a decent season sporting a 6-3 record coming into the Thanksgiving Day game. Conversely, Calvert Hall was experiencing its third straight losing season and possessed a 3-6 overall mark.

Jim Buczek was the big horse for the Dons. The fine running back ran for 628 yards, along with nine touchdowns, during the regular season. However, he was a question mark against the Cardinals due to a hand injury suffered in the game against Mt. St. Joe. Harry Murn was the Don signal-caller, and he relied on his top receiver Brian Hepting.

The Cardinal offense relied on the power running of John Miles and the QB play of John Bartkowiak. During the campaign Miles ran for 720 yards and eight touchdowns, while Bartkowiak passed for 603 yards and three touchdowns.

The Dons were hoping to make it here in a row with a win over the Cardinals.

The 10,598 fans saw Loyola's offense dominate the day. Calvert Hall coach Miceli told *The Baltimore Sun*, "Our best people couldn't stop their best people." The Blue and Gold offense rolled up 392 total yards, including 303 rushing yards, on its way to a 28-13 win over the Cardinals. Buczek gained 125 yards on just 16 carries and one touchdown. Chuck Breschi scored on a 2-yard run and George Glyphis scored on a 58-yard scamper. Loyola added a field goal and Carl Breschi caught a 10-yard pass from Murn for the final score of the day.

Calvert Hall's only score came on special teams when in the opening period John Miles ran back an 89-yard kick-off return into the end zone.

Gilman and Mt. St. Joe earlier tied for the league crown with similar 4-1 league records. It was the Gaels first MSA "A" Conference football title since 1949.

MSA "B" Conference champion City was the region's number one team at 11-0 finishing the year with a big 34-22 win over Poly. It was the Knights first win over the Engineers in 17 years.

In December Augie Miceli retired as the head football coach at The Hall after a 14-year run and a record of 101-45.

1988

The MSA "A" Conference was a two division league again and both teams came into the game with identical 4-6 overall records and out of division title contention.

Bill Mackley was now in charge of the Calvert Hall football team.

Chuck Breschi and Harry Murn were returning for Loyola and the hopes were high at Blakefield that the Dons could make it four wins in a row over Calvert Hall. Cardinal fans were eager to see their team win for the first time since 1984.

The first half was dominated by defense. Each team struggled offensively and by intermission the near 10,000 fans saw that the scoreboard was full of zeros as the game was tied, 0-0. Calvert Hall actually had three opportunities inside the “red zone” but missed two field goals and also turned the ball over on an interception.

At the break Coach Mackley made some running back adjustments inserting Darren Brown and Brooks Bennett into the Cardinal backfield. The move paid off. The backfield adjustments seemed to galvanize the entire Cardinal team and the fans watched as Calvert Hall completely dominated the second half. Brown scored the first touchdown of the game on a short 2-yard burst on a gutsy fourth-and-goal call giving Calvert Hall the lead and the only points they would need all day.

In the fourth quarter Brian Carper burst through the Loyola defense on a third and inches play for 35 yards giving the Hall a 14-0 lead. On the Don’s next possession, Calvert Hall took advantage of a Breschi fumble deep in Loyola territory and increased its lead to three touchdowns on a Carper 3-yard run.

Calvert Hall ran 36 plays in the second half for 165 yards. The Dons answer was only 12 plays and 18 yards of offense and the final score was in favor of The Hall, 21-0.

City, back in the MSA “A” Conference defeated Poly in its Thanksgiving game and won the conference title.

1989

For the first time in a few years the Dons came into the big game as heavy underdogs. They were also in jeopardy of having a losing record for the second straight year.

The Dons were 4-5 overall and the Cards rode into the game with a 6-3 overall mark.

The game was delayed for nearly an hour as Memorial Stadium crews worked diligently to clear the field of snow.

The Cards had possession of the ball first but were stopped inside Loyola territory on a fourth and one play. On the Dons’ first play of the game Brad Hoag ran for 81 yards and a score to give Loyola the early lead. For most of the rest of the afternoon, Loyola could do nothing right.

Calvert Hall dominated most of the game. After Nick Jeppi’s 9-yard TD run with 4:43 left in the fourth quarter, all was going well for The Hall and the lead was, 12-8.

The Cardinals controlled the game and led in total yards 313-176 and in plays from scrimmage 66-31 and squandered numerous scoring opportunities, including two missed field goal attempts. Not once did Calvert Hall punt the ball. Loyola punted six times, did not complete a forward pass all day, and didn’t have a first down until late in the fourth quarter.

Down by four, the Dons started the final drive of the day at their own 30. On the first play, T.J. Ohler ran for 39 yards to the Calvert Hall 31 yard line. The 6,892 fans were awakened and realized that the Dons could actually win the game. Five plays later, on third and three from the Dons’ four yard line and just

1:45 left in the game, quarterback Craig Ronald faked the handoff to Hoag and ran into the end zone untouched to give Loyola the lead again, 14-12. The extra-point kick made it 15-12.

Calvert Hall could not do anything in the final seconds and Loyola pulled off the 15-12 upset win. Coach Mackley was dejected after the game and told *The Baltimore Sun*, "the biggest thing [my players] have to learn is that [the game] is never over."

Later in the day, Poly routed City 38-6 to finish the season undefeated and ranked the number one team in the area.

1990

There was nothing but bragging rights on the line for the big game. Loyola had a 5-2 league record and with a win over the Cards could finish no better than second in the MSA race. A Calvert Hall triumph would allow the Cardinals to finish no higher than sixth in the league and finish the season with an overall record of 5-5.

With the win the Dons would finish the campaign with their first overall winning season in three years. Running back Brad Hoag was the key to the Loyola success. Quarterback Brian Healy ran the Calvert Hall offense which had problems scoring points most of the season.

Over 9,000 fans came to Memorial Stadium and watched as sophomore quarterback Bill Evans led the Dons to touchdowns on Loyola's first three possessions. The Dons traveled 39 yards on their first drive which was capped by short touchdown run by Evans. Hoag increased the lead when he ran in for a TD and Reggie Thornton caught a 10-yard Evans pass for the third first half TD giving the Dons a comfortable 22-0 lead at the break.

A Calvert Hall blocked punt early in the third period led to a score and the ensuing Loyola possession ended in a 4-yard punt. Cardinal Will Harcum ran 30 yards for the second Hall TD and just like that the score was now 22-12. The crowd could feel a comeback in the making for Bill Mackley's Cards.

However, Loyola put the game out of reach when Hoag scored his second touchdown of the morning on a 13-yard run with just over 7 minutes to play. It was the knockout punch Coach Joe Brune was looking for giving the Dons the eventual win, 29-12.

1991

Brad Hoag was hoping to win his third game in a row over Calvert Hall. "Playing Calvert Hall is always the big game," he told *The Baltimore Sun*. "You can forget the records. Winning on Thanksgiving Day makes or breaks your season."

Coach Bill Mackley's Cardinals came into the big game with an overall record of 9-1, the lone loss a 20-3 setback to No. 1 ranked City. The Dons were coming in with a solid 7-2-1 overall mark. Both teams were 7-1 in the Maryland Scholastic Association "A" Conference, behind City (8-0 conference, 9-0 overall) and both knew a win and a City loss to Poly on Thanksgiving afternoon would produce a share of the MSA championship.

Loyola's Coach Brune also had Bill Evans returning at quarterback joining Hoag in the backfield while Coach Mackley was going to rely heavily on his defense, anchored by linebacker Mickey Lippy. Brune's defense was one of the best in the area allowing just 84 points in 10 games.

It took Loyola only three plays to get on the scoreboard. Hoag broke loose for a 36-yard run and with the extra-point, and before many in the crowd of 10,000 were in their seats the Dons were up, 7-0.

The Hall answered on their first drive with a 41-yard seven play drive that ended with an Adam Roberts' 4-yard touchdown run. The extra-point was no good.

Hoag scored his second TD two possessions later on a 12-yard run and Evans hit Hoag with a 21-yard scoring toss with 22 seconds before halftime to give the Dons a commanding 21-6 lead.

The Dons broke the game open in the second half scoring two third period TDs to put the game out of reach. The Hall responded with a third period touch down of its own but did not enter the end zone again.

Loyola held the Cardinals to only 12 points for the third year in a row and prevailed, 35-12.

City secured the MSA title with a 14-8 win over Poly in the Thanksgiving afternoon game.

1992

During the regular season, junior Kevin Kaiser was the Dons' second-string tight end. However, in the annual Thanksgiving Day meeting against Calvert Hall that was to be played in Memorial Stadium, Kaiser was going to be the Don starting quarterback. Kaiser was given the starting nod just a few weeks prior, when second-string quarterback John Baer injured his knee in a loss to top-ranked City College. Baer replaced three-year starter Bill Evans, who fractured his right wrist earlier in the season.

The Dons were ranked fourth in the area polls with an overall record of 8-2 while the Cardinals were struggling with a 2-8 record coming into the game. Both teams were playing for pride with no championship implications at stake.

Head coach Joe Brune, who was coaching in his 26th Calvert Hall game, was confident Kaiser could handle the pressure and saw steady progress in practice prior to the game. Kaiser told The Baltimore Sun how much Evans helped him handling the offense. Evans couldn't handle the quarterback role but with a soft cast on his injured arm was healthy enough to start at defensive back and was going to be used some as a receiver.

Calvert Hall coach Bill Mackley knew winning the game was going to be a challenge. His Cardinals were plagued by the injury bug and had to play without five starters. Mackley had a solid rushing attack led by junior Kevin Tyler, who on the season ran for 1,202 yards on 219 carries and nine touchdowns. His backfield mate Adam Roberts rushed for 548 yards on 78 carries and five touchdowns.

Brune would rely on his three-back attack of Brian Perrier, Orlando Mayo, and Reggie Boyce.

The game turned into the Reggie Boyce show as Loyola had little trouble in defeating the Hall, 21-0. Boyce started the scoring on a 72-yard run in the first quarter helping him to a 132 yard day on just 12 carries. Boyce also completed Loyola's only pass of the day on a halfback option and also intercepted a Cardinal pass in the third quarter. Perrier also had a first half TD run of just a yard that gave the Dons a comfortable 14-0 lead at the break.

With just a few minutes left in the third period Orlando Mayo sealed the Don victory with a 44-yard interception return for touchdown.

Brune used Bill Evans as a running back in the game and Evans responded with 41 yards on the ground in 8 carries, including five straight runs in the fourth quarter that gobbled up 36 yards.

Calvert Hall never seriously threatened to score in the game and the Cardinals were shut out for the first time in 29 years.

1993

In an August 25, 1993 meeting, Maryland Scholastic Association's vice president Mark Schlenoff and several other MSA officials concluded there was no reason for the 35 member MSA to continue after its 16 public school members in Baltimore had joined the statewide Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association. "It came up that there's nothing really holding it [the MSA] together," said Schlenoff, Poly's athletic director, to The Baltimore Sun. "We were all in agreement that it was better to fold rather than drag on any further and try to force anyone to be in a league they no longer wanted to be in. That way, maybe we could retain some of the friendly relationships we've established."

MSA President Vince Bagli told The Baltimore Sun that the private and parochial school members would form a new league and so the end of the MSA would eventually bring on the birth of the new Maryland Independent Athletic Association (MIAA.) The remaining members of the MSA agreed to hold an athletic directors meeting in mid-December to discuss forming the new league for its private and parochial schools.

The MSA decided its last year in football would include in its "A" Conference, Gilman, McDonogh, Calvert Hall, Loyola, Mt. St. Joe, and St. Mary's of Annapolis.

Loyola was having a tough year on the gridiron and came into the big game with an unimpressive record of 2-7. The Baltimore Sun reported that "this was a season filled with frustration for the Loyola football team. Bad breaks, a tough schedule, injuries and other problems limited the Dons to two victories in their first nine games."

Calvert Hall was having a better season but not a banner one and came into the Thanksgiving game with an overall record of 5-4.

In front of a sell-out crowd of 6,500 at Minnegan Stadium at Towson University, Loyola made up for its lackluster season with a 16-11 victory over Calvert Hall. "It wiped out the rest of the season," Loyola running back Scott Brown told The Baltimore Sun. "We finished [the season] 3-7, but in our house, we're 1-0."

The Dons were ready to play from the opening whistle and never stopped playing hard. Loyola scored on its first possession and never trailed in the game. The Dons drove 60 yards on six plays to score their first touchdown with 7:12 left in the first quarter on a 3-yard run by Brown. Don QB Brian Nicholas threw to Brian Oates for the conversion and an early 8-0 lead.

The Dons' other score was the result of an 11-play, 56-yard drive in the third quarter. All 11 of the plays were on the ground, with Brown carrying most of the load with nine touches. The last play was a 1-yard touchdown run with 2:10 left. Nicholas threw to Karl Zeller for a 16-0 lead.

Calvert Hall drove into Don territory four times in the first half but could not cross the goal line and scored zero points. However, the Cardinals scored after Brown's second touchdown when quarterback Dennis Grinestaff hit Chris Hayes with a 47-yard touchdown pass and then a two-point conversion with 16 seconds left in the third quarter.

The Cardinals drove again in the fourth quarter, but stalled at the Loyola 11. Steve Behnken kicked a 29-yard field goal with 3:16 left, but Calvert Hall didn't score again and ended the season with a 5-5 record.

Don star running back Brown finished the day with 24 carries for 103 yards.

"Their line outplayed our line," said Calvert Hall coach Bill Mackley told The Baltimore Sun. Mackley retired in December after six seasons at The Hall and an overall record of 31-32.

After the winter season, Baltimore's 15 public schools completed their exodus from the MSA for the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association, officially dissolving the organization.

The remaining private and parochial schools regrouped and founded the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association.

1994

The two schools were gearing-up to play for the 75th time and once again the game was going to be played at Memorial Stadium. Loyola was hoping to make it seven straight wins over the Cardinals and nine victories in the last 10 games.

Lou Eckerl, first-year Calvert Hall coach, told The Baltimore Sun, "People who haven't been to Loyola or Calvert Hall don't understand that this game is a whole season," he said. "This is like the Super Bowl."

Eckerl's team limped into the big game with a paltry 2-7 record and a seven game losing streak. He was going to rely on his backfield of running backs Donald Davis and Greg Eichelberger and quarterback Nick Muro.

Joe Brune's Dons were sporting a 5-3 overall mark, but just one loss in league play. Scott Brown was back for Loyola and was hoping to add to an already outstanding season. Coming into the game he had rushed for 1,287 yards and 13 touchdowns in his team's eight games.

Don QB Brian Nicholas hit receiver Benjamin Fortkamp in stride for the game's first score, a 58-yard touchdown. Nicholas then found Matt Smith alone in the end zone for the two-point conversion that gave the Dons an 8-0 lead late in the first period.

Calvert Hall fumbled the ball away on the first play of its ensuing drive, and seven plays later, the Dons were ahead 14-0 after a 2-yard run by Smith.

In the third period another completed pass from Nicholas to Fortkamp of 42 yards and a touchdown followed by a Nicholas two-point conversion scamper gave the Dons an insurmountable 22-0 lead with just under nine minutes remaining in the period.

An interception by Cardinal Ed Brown helped set up Calvert Hall's first score but Loyola responded with long scoring drive that ended in a 29-yard TD run by Damien Austin. Smith ran for another touchdown for the Dons from 41 yards out. Calvert Hall quarterback Nick Muro provided the game's final touchdown on a keeper from 5 yards out making the final score, 37-14, in favor of the Dons.

Mt. St. Joe and Gilman finished tied in the race for the MIAA "A" Conference crown even though the Gaels defeated the Hounds 43-39 earlier in the season. Mt. St. Joe's lone league loss was to McDonogh.

1995

Coach Lou Eckerl's Cardinals came into the big game with a 2-8 record.

The Dons, ended the season by winning six straight games, including a victory over Mount St. Joseph that earned them a three-way share of the MIAA "A" Conference crown.

GAME INFO

The 21-0 Don victory was the seventh win in a row over Calvert Hall.

Mt. St. Joe and St. Mary's tied for the league title.

1996

The Baltimore Sun began its preview of the Thanksgiving Day game stating "barring an upset in today's 77th annual Turkey Bowl at Memorial Stadium, a fifth straight graduating class will pass through Calvert Hall without knowing what it feels like to beat the Loyola Dons on Thanksgiving Day." A Loyola win would give the Dons the longest winning streak in the history of the nation's oldest Catholic-school football rivalry.

The Cards were coming into the game with a 3-7 record and pinning their hopes on the running of senior halfback Jason Marrow, a tough 195 pounder who collected 1,401 yards and 15 touchdowns during the regular season. In addition, Calvert Hall's defeat of City during the regular season and City's thumping of Loyola 27-7, gave Coach Eckerl some lots of hope heading into the big game.

Coach Brune was going to rely on junior quarterback Brant Hall. Hall ran for 439 yards and nine touchdowns on 77 carries during the season and completed 48 of 109 passes for 610 yards and two touchdowns. The Loyola receiving corps was a good one consisting of Jason Boyd, Mike Plantholt and John Price. Tim Nicholas, a two-way standout at outside linebacker and running back, led Loyola in tackles averaging 10 per game.

Both teams scored on their opening drives. Loyola drove 66 yards on seven plays culminating on Brant Hall's 16-yard touchdown run. The Dons went for two but were unsuccessful when Hall's pass was incomplete.

Calvert Hall countered when QB Jason Bungori connected with a wide-open Troy Brown for a 36-yard gain on Calvert Hall's opening drive, setting up Marrow's 4-yard touchdown run. Bungori's kick put the Cardinals ahead 7-6 with 5:06 left in the initial period.

The eventual winning drive came late in the second quarter and started at the Dons' 26 and ended with senior running back Eddie Holman scoring from 2 yards out with just 17 ticks left on the clock. Loyola had to settle for six again, thanks to Pat Vananzi's block of Matt Hart's kick. The scoreboard revealed a 12-7 Don lead at intermission.

The second half was a battle of defenses and field position. Neither team was able to score any points and the game ended again in favor of the Blue and Gold, 12-7. The win allowed Loyola to share the MIAA "A" Conference title with St. Mary's and Mount St. Joseph. The St. Mary's Saints finished number one in The Baltimore Sun poll after finishing the year 8-2 overall.

Brant Hall was the star of the day. He carried the ball 14 times for 117 yards and completed 7 of 8 passes for an additional 69 yards.

1997

For the first time ever, the Loyola-Calvert Hall Thanksgiving Day game would feature the area's two highest-ranked teams - the No. 1 Dons and the No. 2 Cardinals.

Loyola was going to lean on its quarterback and Baltimore Sun Player of the Year, Brant Hall. Calvert Hall's game plan was to neutralize Hall's running. The Cards felt if Hall could be held in check on the ground they had a good chance of ending the eight game losing streak against the Dons.

The Calvert Hall game plan worked almost to perfection. The Cardinal defense was effective against Loyola's overall ground game, limiting Hall to a net of minus-1 yard on seven carries, and Loyola to 100 rushing yards as a team.

However, the Cards had no answer for Hall's arm the running of Kyle Bell. Hall went 11-for-17 for 222 yards and one touchdown. Hall also ran the ball in from four yards out for another score. Bell finished the day with 76 yards on 15 carries and one touchdown. Receiver Brad Cook scored the Dons' first touchdown on a long pass from Hall.

Calvert Hall had its only lead, 7-6, early in the second period but Loyola was too much this day and dominated the air game and won easily, 19-7.

Loyola finished as the area's top team with a record of 9-1 and a perfect 4-0 in the MIAA "A" Conference. It was Loyola's third consecutive title. Calvert Hall remained number two in the area with a final record of 8-2.

1998

For the first time ever, the big game would be played at the new Ravens Stadium in downtown Baltimore.

Calvert Hall was desperate to stop the Loyola winning streak at nine straight games. The Cardinals were hoping big tough Greg Smoot, all 240 pounds of him could keep Loyola in check from both sides of the ball. Smoot was a hard-hitting linebacker on defense and a bruising fullback on offense. The Cardinal offensive line was huge and strong and led by Lou Lombardo, Ryan Wineke, and Tom Epps – all 270 pounds or more.

The three-time defending MIAA "A" Conference champs lost a lot to graduation but still had Kyle Bell returning in the backfield. Bell ran for 1,555 yards and 15 TDs during the regular season.

Loyola's 33-7 rout of Calvert Hall in the Thanksgiving meeting was the Dons' 10th straight over the Cardinals.

The margin of victory was the largest by either team since 1979 and was the largest by either team since 1979. The win also gave the Dons wins in 13 of the last 14 games

Calvert Hall finished the season with a record of 5-6.

The Gilman Greyhounds finished the season as champions of the MIAA "A" Conference and with a perfect 10-0 record. It was the Greyhounds first 10 win season in Gilman history.

In December Lou Eckerl handed in his resignation as the Cardinals' football coach after five seasons and an overall record of 21-32 record.

1999

It was the 80th annual regular-season finale on Thanksgiving Day between the two catholic school rivals. Coach Joe Brune was hoping to make it 11 in a row over the Cardinals at PSINet (Ravens) Stadium. With a win Brune, would also collect win number 200 in his fabulous career. His Dons, led by two-way lineman Derek Melchor and quarterback/defensive back Brennan Creaney, were having an up and down season and entered the game with a 5-5 overall record.

Calvert Hall, under new coach Jay Robinson, was sporting a 4-6 overall record. Robinson was feeling good coming into the big game and his squad was riding a three game winning streak. Powerful lineman Lou Lombardo along with team captains Dan Stringer and Mark Terry were leading the Cards.

The 40-7 win over The Hall was number 200 in Coach Brune's great career and gave him an overall record of 18-15 in the Turkey Bowl series.

2000

The Dons were hoping for 12 straight against the Cardinals. Second-year coach Jay Robinson's team averaged 28 points during the regular season and had a 7-1 overall record coming into the big game. Its only loss was to top ranked Gilman, 35-7, earlier in the season. The Hall was led by receiver Aaron Dennis, QB Bobby Griffin (1,229 passing yards, nine TDs), tailback Dwaylan Davis (905 rushing yards, 10 TDs) and defensive back Scott Krause.

Loyola, coming off its second straight loss, 25-21, to unbeaten Georgetown Prep of Montgomery County, was led by defensive lineman Ramses Cloude, defensive back Clipper Lennon, and offensive lineman Aaron DeGraffenreidt.

The game was deadlocked at 0-0 at the end of regulation, In the second overtime Calvert Hall gained possession of a fumble in the end zone for the win. The 7-6 win for the Hall as its first win in over a decade.

In December of 2000, the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association again decided to realign its football leagues, this time into three separate divisions consisting of five teams each. McDonogh, winner of four straight "B" Conference titles and with a record of 8-6 against the "A" Conference's past four champions, decided to move back up to the "A" Conference.

2001

The biggest story coming into the big game was Joe Brune. After 35 years at the helm of the Loyola football program, this was going to be his last game as head coach.

Brune's Dons, led by dynamic quarterback Marcus Frisby, limped into the Turkey Bowl game with a record of 3-6.

The Cards came into the big game with a 6-3 record. They were led by quarterback Andrew Goldbeck and running back Marques Thompson. Calvert Hall's coach Robinson felt he could run on the Dons knowing his offensive line averaged about 50 pounds per player more than Loyola's defensive line.

The Cardinals, behind the running of Thompson, took a 3-0 lead in the first quarter on a 24-yard field goal by kicker Ben Pardew. Loyola countered to even the score in the second period with a 29-yard field goal by Dennis Eaton.

Late in the second period Goldbeck scrambled to his left. When he saw that no one was open he tucked the ball and began to run. What looked like a short gain ended up covering 70 total yards. On the following play running back Matt Eckerl scored from two yards out to give Calvert Hall a 10-3 lead with 4:01 left in the first half.

The Eckerl TD run was the final score of the day. Both teams went scoreless the final 34 minutes of play, although on two occasions, the Dons had opportunities to tie or take the lead. Frisby, who played brilliantly rushing 21 times for 128 yards and completing 10 of 17 passes for 76 yards, drove the Dons inside Calvert Hall's 10 midway through the fourth quarter. Coach Brune was prepared to go for it on a fourth-and-goal at the 9, however, the Dons were called for a false start, and Brune decided to go for a 32-yard field goal, which Eaton missed.

Loyola's defense forced The Hall to go three and out on its next possession, and the Dons got the ball back at their own 45 with 3:57 to play. But a fourth down pass fell incomplete, and Calvert Hall was able to run out the clock and win the game, 10-3.

It was a sad way to end a brilliant career for coach Brune. "I've got a lot of things I'd like to do, maybe write something," he told The Baltimore Sun minutes after the loss. Over the 35 years, Brune's Dons had a record of 212-139-1, including 19 wins over the Cardinals.

"What can I say to a legend?" coach Robinson told The Sun after the game when asked about his adversary Joe Brune. "I'm a little guy in the scheme of things compared to what Coach Brune has done for high school football in the state of Maryland. To look over next year and not see Coach Brune, it's going to be strange."

2002

Brian Abbott was now the leader of the Dons and Jay Robinson was returning at the helm for the Cards. Calvert Hall was having a great season coming into the game with a 9-1 record. The only blemish on the Cardinal slate was a regular season defeat to number one ranked Gilman, 21-14.

Gilman defeated McDonogh convincingly, 35-14, and finished the season as the number one team in the state and the fourteenth best team in the county according to USA Today.

Loyola came into the game with a 5-5 overall record. Both teams were out of league title contention.

Calvert Hall quarterback Andrew Goldbeck was returning for Coach Robinson. Goldbeck was having a terrific year with 1,344 passing yards and 13 touchdowns. His favorite targets were wide receivers Dan Spriggs and Lamar Williams. Joining him in the backfield were running back Marques Thompson and Nick Williams. The defense would be led by defensive back Matt Eckerl

Brian Abbott was to rely on quarterback-linebacker Brady Smith and running back-defensive end Terence Morin.

Ravens Stadium had a crowd of 14,097 to see if the Cardinals could make it three in a row over the Dons.

This game was dominated by Nick Williams for Calvert Hall. Williams led the defense and was also dominant as a runner. His 47-yard TD run gave the cardinals in commanding 21-3 lead in the fourth quarter. Calvert Hall held on to win the game, 21-10.

2003

Jay Robinson's Cardinals came into the big game with a 4-5 overall record, however, they were 2-1 in the MIAA "A" Conference and with a win over the 3-0 Dons would claim a share of the league crown. Loyola was 7-3 overall, highly ranked, and favored to win. The Dons were also eager to snap Calvert Hall's three-year winning streak in the big game.

Loyola was led by running back Chris Gillyard, QB Brady Smith, and wide-out Tim Kaise. Smith also led the defense and after the season was named by The Baltimore Sun as its Defensive Player of the Year.

The Hall was resting its hopes on its defense led by defensive ends Dane Robinson and Matt Beitman.

Loyola took a 7-0 lead when Smith hit wide receiver Emrys Darrell in the end zone. The 14-yard play came with less than 7 minutes before halftime.

Calvert Hall countered to start the second half with a long drive. QB Andrew Robinson brilliantly led the Hall down field and finished the drive with a quarterback sneak tying the game at 7-7.

The game was tied until late in the fourth quarter. Robinson muffed an exchange from center deep in Calvert Hall territory. The pigskin bounced into the end zone and linebacker Larry Strickland recovered for a touchdown.

Strickland was the hero of the day making 11 tackles for lost yardage in addition to his touchdown. The extra-point was good and Loyola held on for a tough 14-7 win.

Coach Brian Abbott's Dons won the MIAA "A" Conference crown and finished the season ranked second in the region by The Baltimore Sun.

2004

The Dons came into the big game with heavy hearts. Earlier in the year in a game against Georgetown Prep, teammate Van Brooks suffered a spinal cord injury. Loyola's players were dedicating their season to Van, who was still recuperating in the hospital.

Loyola's Brady Smith, who earlier in the season moved from quarterback to running back, came into the game with 575 yards gained on the ground. Smith also split time as QB with junior Joe Lennon, and the two completed nearly 55 percent of their passes for a total of more than 1,100 yards, helping the Dons score an average of 26 points a game. Loyola was ranked third in the region with a 9-1 overall record.

Calvert Hall came into the game with a 3-7 record. "We're the best 3-7 team in the state of Maryland," Calvert Hall coach Jay Robinson told The Baltimore Sun.

The Hall fought hard all day but eventually lost to Loyola, 21-13, before 13,584 at M&T Bank Stadium. Brady Smith ran for 97 yards and scored all three of his team's touchdowns, while running mate Rob Utz gained a team-high 100 yards.

The Gilman Greyhounds finished the season with the MIAA "A" Conference title and a final overall record of 9-1.

2005

The big game was going to be a battle of talented quarterbacks: Loyola quarterback Joe Lennon against Calvert Hall's Andrew Robinson. "He's kind of been the best quarterback the last couple of years, especially in his passing. I think people look at him as the top guy right now," said Lennon, said about Robinson to The Baltimore Sun. Robinson passed for 2,368 yards and 11 touchdowns and rushed for 517 yards and five scores during the season. Lennon entered the game with more than 1,300 yards passing during the campaign.

The fourth-ranked Dons were 7-3 overall and 2-3 in the conference while the eighth-ranked Cardinals were 5- 4 overall and 3-2 in league play.

What was supposed to be a passing showcase of two great quarterbacks, turned into a Don dominated running show. Running back Casey Creaney rushed for 114 yards on 22 carries while Lennon added another 68 yards on just 10 carries. The two backs combined for three first-half touchdowns that put Loyola in command.

Loyola was up 14-0 when Robinson hit a wide-open Jeromie Miller for a 31-yard touchdown to cut the lead to 14-7. The Dons immediately countered when Lennon ran in for a touchdown from 5 yards out.

Two Robinson fumbles in the second half led to 10 more Don points and an eventual 31-13 Loyola victory.

2006

In front of an overflow crowd of several thousand at Gilman, McDonogh bested the Greyhounds 22-16 creating a two-way tie for first place in the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association "A" Conference. Both McDonogh and Gilman finished the season with identical 4-1 league records.

A Don win in the big game against the Cardinals would give Loyola a share of the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association "A" Conference title along with Gilman and McDonogh. Loyola was the heavy favorite coming into the game with a 9-1 overall record, and 3-1 in the conference. Calvert Hall's year was disastrous; the Cards were winless in the league and 1-7 overall.

Nearly 11,000 fans watched Don QB Leon Kinnard play a near flawless game. The talented signal caller ran for 76 yards, including three first-half touchdowns, and threw for 141 more, leading his team to a 26-0 win.

Running backs Terence Garvin and Kory Kapinos also had big days. Garvin gained 76 yards on eight carries while Kapinos slugged-out 57 tough yards on 23 carries. In total, the Dons offense out-gained the Cardinals, 352-180.

Jay Robinson's Cardinals also helped the Dons in their win with four costly turnovers.

Don Head coach Brian Abbott was pleased with the results. "We were so charged up, and we were just over-penetrating on defense and creating big lanes for them," he told The Baltimore Sun. "Once we settled down a little bit, we made a big play. That's the way it's been all year - someone always steps up and makes a big play."

The Loyola win was the first shutout in the series since 1995 and the largest margin of victory since the Dons' 40-6 win in 1999.

After the season Calvert Hall decided to replace Jay Robinson as head football coach. The Cards went 45-37 under Robinson overall, but the team had a losing record in three of the last four years, including an 0-5 record in the MIAA "A" Conference in 2006.

2007

Leon Kinnard's 60-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Brandon Floyd on the Dons' first play from scrimmage set the tone in the 88th Turkey Bowl, as No. 3 Loyola gained 423 yards in a 33-10 win before an announced crowd of 12,818 at M&T Bank Stadium.

The Dons under coach Brian Abbott came into the big game with a 9-1 record and winners of five straight and 19 of the past 23 against Calvert Hall. In addition, the win allowed Loyola to share the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association "A" Conference with Mount St. Joseph with identical 4-1 league marks.

Calvert Hall came into the game with a 1-3 league mark and 5-5 overall.

Kinnard played the lead role, running for three touchdowns and throwing for one. He finished with 43 rushing yards and 172 passing yards, despite completing just five passes.

Loyola running back Terence Garvin also had great game. Garvin gained 121 yards on 15 carries while Donovan Eaton scampered 68 yards on just 12 running attempts.

"We're a ball-control, field-position team, and that makes it difficult when you go down early like that," Calvert Hall first-year coach Donald Davis told The Baltimore Sun. "We made it difficult on ourselves."

Calvert Hall did eventually get its running game going, led by backup quarterback Patrick Fitzgerald. The sophomore, getting his first playing time at the varsity level, ran for 109 yards on 16 carries, including a 31-yard scramble for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter. But it was too little and too late.

2008

The Dons came into the game with a perfect 10-0 record. Loyola's QB, a North Dakota transplant, Connor Bruns, was starting in his first game against Calvert Hall, having replaced standout quarterback Leon Kinnard midway through the campaign.

Loyola dominated the game from start to finish, out-gaining Calvert Hall 396 yards to 97. The first touchdown, on a fourth-and-goal play from the Calvert Hall 5-yard line, was a Bruns pass to Brandon Floyd, who beat Card defensive back Shane Ryan to the inside to put the Dons ahead. Loyola extended the lead to 14-0 on its very next possession, again on a clutch fourth-down pass by Bruns. Facing fourth-and-10 at the Hall 13, Bruns threw a pass to powerful running back Vince Snarski in the end zone.

Shifty running back Terence Garvin added a career-high 190 rushing yards and a couple of scores helping the Dons finish off the perfect season with a 35-0 win in front of 12,347 fans at M&T Bank Stadium. It was the largest margin of victory for either team since Calvert Hall won by the same score in 1976.

Donald Davis' Calvert Hall team finished the year with an overall mark of 4-7. The Cards lost a touchdown of its own when a block in the back wiped out Ryan Gutowski's 88-yard kickoff return.

Loyola clinched outright the championship in the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association "A" Conference with a 5-0 league mark and completed its first unbeaten season since 1960.

2009

Loyola was hoping to make it seven straight wins over the Cardinals. The Hall came into the big game with a 2-2 league mark while Loyola came into the big game with a 1-3 league record.

The Cardinals, who were all business this Thanksgiving Day, sprinted out to a 21-0 lead. A 38-yard punt return by Cardinal Paul Johnson set up the first TD; a Patrick Fitzgerald's 6-yard quarterback scramble. Two Cardinal interceptions, first one by Trevon Wilks followed by linebacker John Casparriello's pick led to consecutive 1-yard runs by Fitzgerald.

Trevor Williams took a Fitzgerald screen pass 56 yards for a TD early in the third quarter scoring the second half's first touchdown to seal the game. The Cards scored the game's first 34 points and won easily, 47-28, in front of 11,898 at M&T Bank Stadium.

The Dons scored 21 unanswered points in the fourth quarter way after the game was out of reach.

The Cardinals' 47 points were the most for either team since 1975 and the 75 overall points made it the highest-scoring game in the history of the series

"It's a rivalry again," Hall coach Donald Davis, who was on the losing side three times as a player in the mid-1990s, told The Baltimore Sun.

2010

The Cardinals had an opportunity to clinch the MIAA "A" Conference championship and the area's top ranking with a win over the Dons. Calvert Hall, was searching for its first football crown since 1982. A Cardinals win in the big game would give them a 4-1 conference record and would give them the title over No. 2 and defending conference champ Gilman, also 4-1, in the head-to-head tiebreaker. Calvert Hall beat Gilman, 26-21, earlier in the season.

Two weeks earlier, Calvert Hall, Gilman and MIAA football only member Georgetown Prep, the only team to defeat the Hall, were tied with one loss each, which set up the possibility of a three-way tie or an outright title for any one of the three. But Loyola dashed the Little Hoyas' hopes with a 49-24 win.

Now with Georgetown Prep out of the running, it came down to Calvert Hall or Gilman. Even though the Dons would finish 4-1 with a Turkey Bowl win over Calvert Hall, they could only be spoilers this day, because they would be tied with Gilman, the team they lost to earlier in the campaign.

Calvert Hall was led by quarterback, Thomas Stuart, who during the regular season through for 1,868 yards and 15 TDs. Loyola would rely on running back Ryan Black, who carried the ball 163 times during the season for 747 yards and 6 TDs.

Loyola scored first in the big game, but the Cardinals scored 34 unanswered points taking control of the game eventually securing their first-ever MIAA title with a 41-13 win before a crowd of 10,967 at M&T Bank Stadium.

On the Cardinals' first play from scrimmage, running back Brandon Neverdon took a screen pass 50 yards. Three plays later Stephen Kelly scored on a fake reverse from 27 yards out. Calvert Hall got the ball again after a fake punt, and five plays later the Cardinals went ahead on Stuart's sneak from the one yard line.

After getting the ball back on a 15-yard punt, the Cardinals extended their lead to 19-6 when Neverdon took off up the seam for a 58-yard touchdown. Trevor Williams scored on a 41-yard interception return and C.J. Williams followed with a 12-yard scoring run giving the Cardinals 34-6 lead with 8:13 left in the half.

Calvert Hall eventually won the game, 41-13. The Cardinals finished the day with 278 yards on the ground. Deemer Class was Loyola's only bright light running for 98 yards and scoring twice.

2011

Earlier in the year the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Governors decided to implement an "A" Conference football playoff system, but did so in a way to keep the Calvert Hall – Loyola Turkey Bowl game "alive." The MIAA agreed to have playoffs for the first time in 2011. The top four teams in the league - as determined by a point system – would qualify for the postseason.

However, a proposed regular-season meeting between Calvert Hall and Loyola on Sept. 30 - a game that both schools vehemently opposed – was eliminated from the schedule. To keep the Thanksgiving Day game intact and since the Cardinals and the Dons would each play one fewer game than the rest of the teams in the conference, their total points were to be divided by five, while the other teams' were going to be divided by six.

During the regular season, a team would receive three points for each conference win and one additional point for each conference win earned by any school it had previously defeated.

If Calvert Hall and Loyola both earn playoff berths, the seedings would be determined in such a way that they would not meet in the semifinals and the "A" Conference championship would be played during the second week of November - unless Calvert Hall and Loyola both win in the semifinals. If that scenario were to take place, then Turkey Bowl Thanksgiving Day game would also be the league's title game.

The game, originally scheduled to be played at the Ravens' M&T Bank Stadium, was switched to Towson University because of an NFL scheduling conflict. A week earlier the number two ranked Cards lost a heart-breaking 34-32 double-overtime loss to No. 1 ranked Gilman Greyhounds in the inaugural Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association "A" Conference title game. The Hall now had to regroup and play Loyola in the big game.

The Cardinals came into the game with a 9-2 overall record while the Dons posted a 4-5 overall mark.

Calvert Hall fell behind early 3-0, but scored the game's first TD late in the first quarter to take a 7-3 lead in route to a 34-17 pasting over the Dons, who finished the year with a record of 4-6.

Playing on the same Towson University field where the Cardinals fell to Gilman in double overtime, quarterback Thomas Stuart threw for 252 yards and a pair of touchdowns, helping number two ranked Calvert Hall score the game's final 13 points in a 34-17 win over Loyola before a crowd of 10,080.

Stuart finished 19-for-28 and connected on his first seven passes. Trevor Williams had 10 catches for 123 yards. Only 76 of Calvert Hall's 328 yards of total offense came on the ground.

The Cardinals clinched the win midway through the fourth quarter when Garrett Epple picked-off a Loyola pass and ran it back to the Calvert Hall two yard line. Garrett Keene scored from two plays later giving the Hall an insurmountable lead.

After the season, Dons' head Brian Abbott announced he was stepping down after 10 years, four Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association "A" Conference titles and six Turkey Bowl victories.

A month later, Loyola-Blakefield hired Brant Hall, the Dons' offensive coordinator for the past nine seasons, as its new head football coach.

2012

The Cardinals had a great year but prior to the big game they lost 35-7 to Gilman in the conference championship game – for the second year in a row. They knew they could salvage their season with a win over Loyola in the big game.

Loyola came into the Turkey Bowl with a 4-6 overall record while The Hall was 7-3.

With the score knotted at 14 apiece late in the game, Loyola punted to the Calvert Hall 22 yard line. The Cardinals lost 5 yards on an illegal motion penalty on their first play, but on the next play, quarterback Colar Kuhns dropped back into the pocket, and noticed a Loyola safety out of position. Kuhns looked the other way and tossed a long scoring strike to senior wide-out Logan Kurek. The play traveled 83 yards and with 1:20 left in the game turned a deadlocked contest destined for overtime into a 21-14 Calvert Hall victory.

Kuhns earlier threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Levere and running back Stephen Kelly scored the second TD for the Cardinals in the third quarter on a 10-yard sweep.

2013

McDonogh previously defeated top-ranked Gilman, 37-6, to finish off an 11-0 season and claim the MIAA "A" Conference title.

Both teams hobbled into the big game with losing records. Calvert Hall was 3-8 and Loyola was 2-8; a win in the big game played at Towson University's Johnny Unitas Stadium in front of 7,709 would make the season a success for one of the teams. Loyola, losers of the past four games was hoping to end the Cardinal winning streak.

The Dons opened the game with an 80-yard drive, helped along when Damon Hazelton broke outside for a 30-yard gain. Another 15 yards was added to the run for unnecessary roughness on Calvert Hall. Later in the drive quarterback Ben Evans scored on a keeper from the 2 yard line. The extra-point was good and the Dons had an early 7-0 lead.

Loyola had all the momentum and were driving for a second score, when on a fourth-and-2 run, Evans fumbled on a hit by Calvert Hall linebacker Kevin Nickel. Cornerback Juantez McRae scooped up the loose ball and ran 68 yards down the left sideline for the score, tying the game.

Then, following a three-and-out by Loyola, Calvert Hall's Nick Smith burst through the line to block the Don and on the following play, Nickel scored from 3 yards out. Loyola dominated the first half but were now down 14-7.

The score stayed that way until midway through the third quarter, when Loyola's Damon Hazelton took the ball at his own 34 on an option play and galloped 66 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point was good and the score was now knotted at 14 apiece.

Loyola had a chance to retake the lead when linebacker Jack Hurley picked off a Kenji Bahar's pass over the middle with 8:24 left and returned it to Calvert Hall's 29. But the Don offense failed to gain any yardage and Loyola was forced to punt the ball back to Calvert Hall.

At the end of regulation the game remained tied and went into overtime.

Both teams were given the ball at the 10 yard line and given four plays to score. Loyola started first and on the second play from scrimmage Hazelton scored on a 6-yard scoring run. With the extra-point the score was now 21-14.

Now it was Calvert Hall's turn with its overtime possession on the 10 yard line. The Cardinals had a chance to force a second overtime when quarterback Kenji Bahar hit tight end Erik Evans with a 9-yard scoring pass to the corner of the end zone. All that was needed was the extra-point.

That's when Loyola's Jake Nordhausen became the hero. Nordhausen, a 6-foot-4 junior, broke through the line and dove forward to block Jake Soriano's extra-point attempt in overtime, giving Loyola the 21-20 win.

"I ran up and dove, and hit it with one hand," Nordhausen told the media covering the game. Brant Hall added, "all week we were talking about, 'Look, we can't do anything about the record, but we can do something about this game,' and if we win this game, a lot of the season goes right out the window."

Hazelton ended the game the overall hero for the Dons with 155 rushing yards on 18 carries, averaging nearly 9 yards per carry.

2014

McDonogh defeated Gilman earlier in the month creating a tie in the league standings and both schools were crowned co-champions of the MIAA "A" Conference.

An announced crowd of 7,614 at M&T Bank Stadium watched the highly ranked No. 9 Cardinals try to prevent Loyola from making it two wins in a row in the big game.

Loyola got on the scoreboard first with 8:56 left in the first half, when diminutive running back Marcellus Brown took the handoff from 12 yards out and eventually was pushed over the goal line. The following point-after-touchdown was quite extraordinary. The Don's conversion formation was converted prior to the snap and the kicker Jake Barwick converted a pass to center John Staab, who reported to the officials as an eligible receiver.

Loyola, now up 8-0, got possession of the ball again when defensive back Michael Bell recovered a Calvert Hall fumbled. A few plays later, Don QB John Goska threw a screen pass to running back Azende Smith, who ran 23 yards down the sideline, extending Loyola's lead to 15-0.

Calvert Hall got on the board on the final play of the half, on a 36-yard Peter Ferrara field goal. Ferrara wasn't finished for the day.

Cardinal quarterback Kenji Bahar got a hot hand in the second half. Calvert Hall found pay dirt on its first possession of the second half, when Behar hit wide receiver Morgan Scroggins for a TD. Ferrara missed the extra-point.

After the Scroggins TD catch, Loyola scored on the ensuing kick-off – on a freak play. Don kickoff returner Zack Wiedeck appeared to be down by contact at his own 35, but the officials ruled he had actually fumbled the ball. Ryan Gallagher alertly picked up the loose ball and took off 65 yards for a Loyola touchdown.

Behar stayed poised and on the Cardinals' next possession he hit Scroggins again for another TD. The Ferrara extra-point this time was good.

Trailing 22-16, the Cardinals tied the game on sophomore B.J. Watson's 40-yard touchdown run. Once again Ferrara missed the point-after-touchdown attempt.

After forcing a punt, Calvert Hall embarked on what would be the game winning drive. Led by Watson's running and Bahar's passing, the Cardinals moved the ball to the Dons' 13, setting up a Ferrara field goal attempt with 2:11 left in the game, from 30 yards out.

The kick was perfect, setting off a wild celebration along the Calvert Hall sideline, and eventually a 25-22 Cardinal win.

"I just knew I had to get it for the seniors," Ferrara told The Baltimore Sun. "They were there, they were going to block for me, and there was no way anyone was getting through. I just knew if I did what I had done all season, I was going to put it through."

2015

The crowd of 9,092 at M&T Bank Stadium saw something that had not happened in 76 years – a 6-0 game. It was the lowest scoring game in the history of the series since 1939. According to The Baltimore Sun, "only six previous scoreless ties – all before 1934 – featured fewer points."

Both teams came into the game with 1-4 league marks and sluggish offenses. But Calvert Hall didn't waste any time getting on the board. On just the game's second play, TJ Massey hit a seam up the middle and scampered for 75 yards to give the Cards a 6-0 lead. The point-after was blocked. No one in the stands believed for a moment that is how the game was going to end.

The 6-0 win was Calvert Hall's first blanking of Loyola in 27 years.

Donald Davis' Calvert Hall defense stymied Brant Hall's Dons all day. Every time Loyola appeared to gain offensive steam, the Cardinals were there to stop them. Cardinal Jimmy Crowley seemed to be everywhere and ended the game with four sacks. Loyola also failed to execute on many drives and even missed a short field goal attempt early in the fourth quarter.

2016

Loyola was having a dismal season. The Dons were winless in the league (0-5) but won all five of their out of conference battles. In addition, this was to be head coach Brant Hall's last game as leader of the Dons football team after nine years as an assistant and five seasons at the helm.

The Hall came into the game not much better at 1-4 in the league and 6-5 overall.

The Cardinals got off to a fast start. On the second play from scrimmage quarterback Ben Brooks launched a long pass to receiver Chris Cooper that turned into a 57-yard touchdown catch. Before many of the 8,340 at M&T Bank Stadium were in their seats Calvert Hall was up 6-0.

Loyola quickly countered but its drive ended with a dropped pass on fourth down at the Calvert Hall 20. The Cardinals took possession of the ball and 11 plays later Brooks scored from one yard out.

The Cards continued to dominate scoring again when running back Tim Smith cashed-in from just outside the goal line.

Head coach Donald Davis knew his team had to get out of the gate early in order to win the big game and by the third quarter his team built up an insurmountable 33-7 lead. "I think it was the tempo. We came out and we were fast paced," Davis told The Baltimore Sun. "Our offensive line established the line of scrimmage, our backs ran hard and our quarterback controlled the tempo."

Kenny Lewis got the Dons within striking distance with a 6-yard catch from quarterback Will Koras making the score 19-7 at intermission.

But Calvert Hall grabbed the momentum right back to start the second half when Cooper scored his second TD of the day, this time on a 43-yard sweep. Loyola received the ball back but two fumbled the ball at midfield, which eventually led to Brooks' second one yard touchdown run.

Even though down by 26 points the Dons kept fighting and scored the next two touchdowns – the first on a short Koras run and the second on a Koras pass to John Feola.

Calvert Hall finished the scoring with the final touchdown of the day making the final score 40-21.

QB Ben Brooks led the well-balanced Cardinal attack with 204 yards through the air and one TD along with two touchdowns of his own on the ground. At the end of the day Calvert Hall accumulated over 400 yards in total offense

Koras finished with 188 yards passing, two passing touchdowns and one rushing score.

2017

Calvert Hall came into the big game ranked in the top ten polls and sporting a decent 6-5 overall record. Loyola was having a tough year with just two wins in eight in nine attempts.

The Cardinals were heavily favored and took advantage of their huge offensive line – one that averaged over 280 pounds - by scoring on their first two possessions. The first score came on a Mike Campbell pass to wide receiver Chris Cooper that covered 88 yards. Running back Chance Campbell scored the second TD of the day on a 7-yard run.

But Loyola wouldn't quit and got back into the game when the Calvert Hall punter attempted to pick up a bad snap and was ruled down at his own 35. Afterwards Loyola freshman quarterback Jordan Moore threw a TD pass to tight end Evan Boozer. The extra-point attempt was blocked making the score, 14-6.

In the second half, the Cardinals scored a pair of unanswered touchdowns to seal the win. Wide receiver Adewale Obayanju ran for a 28-yard touchdown finishing a long drive. Campbell finished the day with a 6-yard TD run. Campbell was responsible for possession of the ball on the final score with an interception.

Calvert Hall outgained Loyola 359-197 in total yards, including 211 rushing yards.

The victory meant that Calvert Hall's seniors finished their high school careers without ever losing to Loyola.

2018

Loyola decided at the start of the season to play an independent schedule. Calvert hall, along with the rest of the remaining "A" Conference teams decided to forfeit their games with St. Frances. Even prior to the season St. Frances was declared the MIAA "A" Conference champions. The big game would not determine any titles but again would be a battle of pride between the two schools.

The Ravens field at M&T Stadium was now all natural grass, and fearing the young ball players might tear up the beautiful NFL field, the game was played at Towson University's Johnny Unitas Stadium.

The Hall came in as the region's number two team with a record of 11-1 and champions of the week prior's Maryland Christian Schools Invitational tournament. Loyola was on a three-game winning streak and had an overall a record of 6-3. The Dons were well-rested and eager to give the heavily-favored Cardinals a game.

Calvert Hall was set to play without its starting QB Mike Campbell. Campbell injured his knee early in the season and head coach Donald Davis, as he had most of the year, was going to rely on sophomore signal caller Amir Jenkins. Don coach Anthony Zehyoue was going to put his faith in his quarterback Jeffrey Snider.

All of Donald Davis' fears of a Cardinal letdown were for naught. The Hall, in front of the 8,000 fans, dominated from start to finish. Sean Tucker carried the ball 25 times for 177 yards and Cole Herbert caught three touchdown passes in the 40-7 thrashing. Calvert Hall led 26-0 at the intermission and put the icing on the cake when tight end Pete Marchineck caught a 38-yard pass for a TD score in the fourth quarter.

2019

Year by Year Results (xx Regular Season Games – with the winning team's overall historical record listed)

1920 Calvert Hall 9 Loyola 3 (1-0)

1921 Calvert Hall 0 Loyola 0 (1-0-1)

1922 Loyola 47 Calvert Hall 0 (1-1-1)

1923 Loyola 0 Calvert Hall 0 (1-1-2)
1924 Loyola 0 Calvert Hall 0 (1-1-3)
1925 Loyola 7 Calvert Hall 0 (2-1-3)
1926 Loyola 0 Calvert Hall 0 (2-1-4)
1927 Loyola 12 Calvert Hall 0 (3-1-4)
1928 Calvert Hall 14 Loyola 0 (2-3-4)
1929 Calvert Hall 7 Loyola 0 (3-3-4)
1930 Calvert Hall 0 Loyola 0 (3-3-5)
1931 Loyola 7 Calvert Hall 6 (4-3-5)
1932 Calvert Hall 32 Loyola 6 (4-4-5)
1933 Loyola 12 Calvert Hall 0 (5-4-5)
1934 Loyola 0 Calvert Hall 0 (5-4-6)
1935 Calvert Hall 13 Loyola 6 (5-5-6)
1936 Calvert Hall 14 Loyola 6 (6-5-6)
1937 Calvert Hall 12 Loyola 0 (7-5-6)
1938 Calvert Hall 14 Loyola 6 (8-5-6)
1939 Loyola 6 Calvert Hall 0 (6-8-6)
1940 Calvert Hall 6 Loyola 2 (9-6-6)
1941 Loyola 7 Calvert Hall 0 (7-9-6)
1942 Calvert Hall 26 Loyola 18 (10-7-6)
1943 Loyola 26 Calvert Hall 6 (8-10-6)
1944 Loyola 14 Calvert Hall 7 (9-10-6)
1945 Loyola 20 Calvert 13 (10-10-6)
1946 Loyola 19 Calvert Hall 6 (11-10-6)
1947 Loyola 13 Calvert Hall 7 (12-10-6)
1948 Calvert Hall 13 Loyola 0 (11-12-6)
1949 Loyola 31 Calvert Hall 13 (13-11-6)
1950 Loyola 44 Calvert Hall 6 (14-11-6)
1951 Loyola 19 Calvert Hall 0 (15-11-6)
1952 Calvert Hall 13 Loyola 0 (12-15-6)
1953 Loyola 14 Calvert Hall 6 (16-12-6)
1954 Loyola 27 Calvert Hall 19 (17-12-6)
1955 Loyola 32 Calvert Hall 7 (18-12-6)
1956 Calvert Hall 20 Loyola 0 (13-18-6)
1957 Calvert Hall 7 Loyola 7 (13-18-7)
1958 Loyola 19 Calvert Hall 0 (19-13-7)
1959 Loyola 30 Calvert Hall 8 (20-13-7)
1960 Loyola 44 Calvert Hall 18 (21-13-7)
1961 Loyola 38 Calvert Hall 12 (22-13-7)
1962 Loyola 8 Calvert Hall 8 (22-13-8)
1963 Loyola 8 Calvert Hall 0 (23-13-8)
1964 Calvert Hall 36 Loyola 0 (14-23-8)
1965 Calvert Hall 17 Loyola 8 (15-23-8)
1966 Calvert Hall 22 Loyola 0 (16-23-8)
1967 Calvert Hall 28 Loyola 16 (17-23-8)
1968 Loyola 20 Calvert Hall 15 (24-17-8)
1969 Calvert Hall 17 Loyola 14 (18-24-8)
1970 Loyola 18 Calvert Hall 7 (25-18-8)
1971 Calvert Hall 18 Loyola 6 (19-25-8)
1972 Loyola 12 Calvert Hall 6 (26-19-8)
1973 Calvert Hall 14 Loyola 6 (20-26-8)

1974 **Loyola 40** Calvert Hall 28 (27-20-8)
1975 **Calvert Hall 56** Loyola 14 (21-27-8)
1976 **Calvert Hall 35** Loyola 0 (22-27-8)
1977 **Loyola 30** Calvert Hall 12 (28-22-8)
1978 **Calvert Hall 21** Loyola 8 (23-28-8)
1979 **Calvert Hall 28** Loyola 0 (24-28-8)
1980 **Calvert Hall 22** Loyola 6 (25-28-8)
1981 **Calvert Hall 21** Loyola 0 (26-28-8)
1982 **Calvert Hall 23** Loyola 6 (27-28-8)
1983 **Calvert Hall 15** Loyola 14 (28-28-8)
1984 **Calvert Hall 28** Loyola 14 (29-28-8)
1985 **Loyola 14** Calvert Hall 7 (29-29-8)
1986 **Loyola 19** Calvert Hall 10 (30-29-8)
1987 **Loyola 28** Calvert Hall 7 (31-29-8)
1988 **Calvert Hall 21** Loyola 0 (30-31-8)
1989 **Loyola 15** Calvert Hall 12 (32-30-8)
1990 **Loyola 29** Calvert Hall 12 (33-30-8)
1991 **Loyola 35** Calvert Hall 12 (34-30-8)
1992 **Loyola 21** Calvert Hall 0 (35-30-8)
1993 **Loyola 16** Calvert Hall 11 (36-30-8)
1994 **Loyola 37** Calvert Hall 14 (37-30-8)
1995 **Loyola 21** Calvert Hall 0 (38-30-8)
1996 **Loyola 12** Calvert Hall 7 (39-30-8)
1997 **Loyola 19** Calvert Hall 7 (40-30-8)
1998 **Loyola 33** Calvert Hall 7 (41-30-8)
1999 **Loyola 40** Calvert Hall 6 (42-30-8)
2000 **Calvert Hall 7** Loyola 6 (31-42-8)
2001 **Calvert Hall 10** Loyola 3 (32-42-8)
2002 **Calvert Hall 21** Loyola 10 (33-42-8)
2003 **Loyola 14** Calvert Hall 7 (43-33-8)
2004 **Loyola 21** Calvert Hall 13 (44-33-8)
2005 **Loyola 31** Calvert Hall 13 (45-33-8)
2006 **Loyola 26** Calvert Hall 0 (46-33-8)
2007 **Loyola 33** Calvert Hall 10
2008 **Loyola 35** Calvert Hall 0
2009 **Calvert Hall 47** Loyola 28
2010 **Calvert Hall 41** Loyola 13 (35-48-8)
2011 **Calvert Hall 34** Loyola 17 (36-48-8)
2012 **Calvert Hall 21** Loyola 14 (37-48-8)
2013 **Loyola 21** Calvert Hall 20 (49-37-8)
2014 **Calvert Hall 25** Loyola 22 (38-49-8)
2015 **Calvert Hall 6** Loyola 0 (39-49-8)
2016 **Calvert Hall 40** Loyola 21 (40-49-8)
2017 **Calvert Hall 27** Loyola 6 (41-49-8)
2018 **Calvert Hall 40** Loyola 7 (42-49-8)