

“REUNION GAMES”

In 2012, we were very excited to begin a new tradition, and one that we hope to sustain for many years to come. In that year we had the good fortune of bringing three of Central Dauphin’s greatest teams *back* to Landis Field for “Reunion Games”. By doing this, it provides an excellent opportunity for those former players to reconnect with each other and to reconnect with the current program. More than anything, though, it offers us the chance to rightfully honor the teams who helped build the great winning tradition we have at Central Dauphin today.

On October 26, 2012, we kicked off the Reunion Game series by honoring the 1972 Rams squad - forty years after their Central Penn League championship, the first league title in school history. Then on November 2 of that year, we were proud to honor the 1997 and 2002 teams for their district championship seasons – 15 and 10 years after their respective titles. In 2013 we were thrilled to reunite with two great Rams teams. On September 13, the undefeated 1958 edition returned along with their legendary coach, Joe Yukica to celebrate fifty-five years after their dominance on the gridiron. Then on October 11, the 1963 squad came back for the Harrisburg game and they, too, were joined by their coach, Ron DeMelfi. It was a particularly special evening because it was almost fifty years to the day that they defeated the mighty John Harris Pioneers in front of a record crowd. In 2014, two of our past Mid-Penn Commonwealth champions returned. On September 5 it was the 1999 Rams (15 years after their title run) and on September 19 it was the 2004 team that took center stage, 10 years after going undefeated in Mid-Penn play. In our home opener of 2015, we were so fortunate to bring back the first-ever CD Rams squad from 1955. On that same evening we honored all past CD Rams football skippers. In 2016 vs. Susquehanna Township, we honored the 1961 and 1991 teams. The 1961 team remains the last undefeated team in school history while the 1991 team enjoyed a fabulous season in which they beat the Berwick Bulldogs in the opener.

It was great to see many of the players, coaches and cheerleaders from all of these teams have such a memorable time with us. Prior to each of the games, the players and coaches and families were able to congregate in the “cheer garage” for a reception. Then during the game, the players were invited to watch from the sidelines while their family members enjoyed the game in a reserved section. At halftime, all participants were recognized as they stepped out onto Landis Field once again. Following the game, many of them went to Gilligan’s to enjoy each other’s company and talk about the “glory days”.

We look forward to another great season in 2017 when we bring back the 1972 team once again for the 45th anniversary of the team that brought home CD’s first league title.

Below are the teams that have returned thus far in our Reunion Games Series. Please click on below to find out more.

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