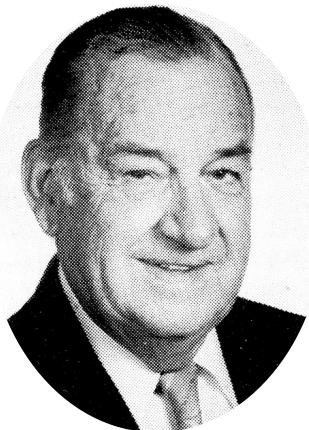


Bill Kish



William J. (Bill) Kish, Sr. started his football career at the age of 12.

Kish was a hard running fullback who saw action with many of the local teams in the period from 1922 until the mid '30s. With the Mohegans, in 1922, a boy playing a man's game, he took a touchdown pass from Cyrus Iannacone at Amusement Park, but Kish remembers that the Mohegans lost the game to the Lockwood AC, 12-6.

As his local football career developed, Kish played a number of years with the Blue Devils, under Coach Bill Balogh, before joining the Laurels in 1931. Playing for the famed Laurel coach Duke Yoczik, Kish was a standout at fullback, both on offense and defense.

In a game against the Stamford Lone Stars, in 1927, he intercepted a pass and went 45 yards for a touchdown. In another game, in 1932, when the Laurels played a benefit game for Ted Flynn against the Stamford Waterside Jacks, Kish suffered a fractured vertebra, which kept him out of action for some time.

The Laurels played in one game against a football team consisting of Norwalk Old Timers, including Joe Malleck, Perry Bean, Lou Tarlov, and Abe Tarlov, in which the Laurels played the first half and the Pastimes, the second half. The game ended in a scoreless tie, despite several nice runs by Kish from his tailback position.

Kish, a widower, was married to the late Mary Czel. They had two children and five grandchildren. Retired from the State of Connecticut Highway Department after 38 years of service, he resides at 7 Richilieu Street, Norwalk