

Bob Eubanks

Football

Class of 1969

While linemen don't usually get most of the glory, those who really know football appreciate how crucial they are to success. The "Big Uglies" are essential cogs that do all of the dirty work in the trenches that allows the rest of the team to thrive, and during the 1960s people who followed Rockland County football knew that Bob Eubanks was right up there with the best of them.

He may not have been the biggest lineman in the area, but what Bob lacked in size he made up in dedication and spirit. Inspired by the Nyack greats he grew up watching, Eubanks was driven to continue the tradition of excellence Nyack had established on the gridiron, and to even take the program to new heights. Despite winning several titles in the decade, no Nyack team had finished as unbeaten and un-tied champions. As a sophomore, Bob was named a starter by visionary coach John Beake (NHS AHOF '23), and his stellar line play earned him 1st Team All-County honors as he helped Nyack recapture the Rockland crown. Nyack, however, was unable to beat Spring Valley for a perfect record. Eubanks continued his dominant line play as a junior in 1967, earning 1st Team All-County selections for offense and defense. Nyack won the title again, but also failed once more to win every game.

Bob's senior season would be one to remember. Eubanks was named co-captain alongside another lineman legend, Bob Corvino (NHS AHOF '15). The 1968 Nyack Football team (NHS AHOF '23) was filled with experienced Nyack greats who had developed a truly special chemistry, and with the invaluable leadership and will of Bob Eubanks, they finally achieved their dream of a perfect season. Nyack won a third straight title and finished unbeaten and untied for the first time in program history. Bob and the offensive and defensive lines put up team statistics that are still hard to believe, and his excellence saw him named 1st Team All-County for offense and defense again, as well as 3rd Team All-State.

Eubanks went on to play football at Cortland State. Bob would go on to earn a Master's in Social Work and give back by working with the football team at Michigan State. That wouldn't have come as a surprise to those who knew him at Nyack, where he earned enduring respect for his selflessness and passion for carrying on Nyack's tradition of football excellence.