1993 Football Team

Super Bowl Champions

Which Westford Academy Super Bowl-winning team is the best of all time? The 1993 team makes a very strong case to capture that honor.

This team was coached by three-time Super Bowl winning coach John Morris, a current member of the Westford Academy Athletic Hall of Fame and the Massachusetts State Coaches Hall of Fame. The 1993 team achieved a historic milestone by winning the Massachusetts Division 3B Super Bowl Championship.

The Ghosts concluded a 10-1 season with a thrilling hard-fought overtime victory against Eastern Massachusetts powerhouse Winthrop, winning 28-21. WA fell behind early but staged a second half rally behind the running of captains Dave Pessotti and Jeremy Ward. Tied after regulation, Jeremy Ward burst around the right side behind the blocking of linemen Matt Garon, Chris Ricard, Rob Lorenzatto, Ryan Dadmun, Derrick Werner, tight end Mike Dubosky and fullback Chris Queenan to put WA in the lead. With pressure on the quarterback from defensive end and captain Greg Marchand and his younger brother linebacker Brent Marchand, the Ghosts secured the Super Bowl victory when Jeremy Ward intercepted Winthrop's fourth down pass.

Although it was only Westford's second season in Eastern Mass., the Ghosts handled the regular season with ease. Victories over Northampton and Wayland enabled the Ghosts to be 2-0 heading into the Lincoln-Sudbury game, a perennial league power and defending Dual County League champs. A thrilling 18-11 victory, fueled by the running of Justin Dyer and Jeremy Ward, as well as the blocking of fullback and captain Tom Kane, enabled the Ghosts to upset L-S and start the season 3-0. Linebacker Nate Grachan and defensive end Mike Dubosky also excelled defensively. Victories over Malden Catholic, Boston Latin, Concord-Carlisle, Newton South, Bedford and Hudson gave the Ghosts a 9-0 record heading into Thanksgiving. The lone blemish, a Thanksgiving loss to Acton-Boxboro, was a wake-up call heading to the Super Bowl. During the 1993 season, the Ghosts outscored their opponents 279-127. Although this team put winning ahead of personal statistics, several athletes received individual recognition. Dave Pessotti, Chris Ricard, Derrick Werner, Jeremy Ward, Greg Marchand, Chris Queenan and Tom Kane were DCL All-Stars. Dave Pessotti was also the DCL MVP. The Lowell Sun All-Stars included Pessotti, Ward and Ricard. Ward and Pessotti were also named to the Herald All-Scholastic team and Pessotti was named to the Globe All-Scholastic team.

The team's high-powered offense and stingy defense brought excitement and zest to the Westford Academy student body and the community of Westford. Congratulations to the 1993 Football Team for your induction into the Westford Academy Athletic Hall of Fame. Your team has left a significant mark in Westford Academy football history.

