

Monona Grove Football

“Did you Know!”

1. Monona Grove has won the most Badger Conference Championships - **19 Badger Conference Championships!**
2. Monona Grove has had two All-American football players **Carl Ruedebusch** an Offensive Tackle during the 1962 football season and **Gabe Carimi** an Offensive Tackle during the 2005 football season.
3. The only player to score 4-touchdowns in 1-quarter is **Tom McGibbon** at Stoughton during the 1978 football season.
4. The first points ever scored for Monona Grove was a touchdown by **Pat Ryan** in 1955 football season vs. Lodi.
5. Monona Grove has had at least one **1st Team All-Conference football player** every year from the 1957 football season through the 1991 football season (**34 years in a Row!**)
6. The **1962** football team gave up only **547 total yards** and **6 points** for the whole 8-game regular season!
7. The **2010** Football team gave up only **13 points** for the whole 9-game regular season.
8. The **2004** football team won **13 straight football games** to start the season. Also, this is a school record for most wins in a season!
9. **John Klement** was a General Manager of the Madison Mustangs Semi-Pro Football Team.
10. **Michael Cloutier** (1st Team All-Conference Linebacker-1958 football season) signed a professional Baseball contract with the Detroit Tigers, and later became a minor league manager for them.
11. At different times, both Coach **Dick Rundle** and **George Harrell** were head coaches of the Madison Mustangs (Semi-Pro Football).
12. Longest win streak – **15 Games** (1976-1978).
13. Longest conference-win streak – **20 Games** (2002-05).
14. Longest regular season win streak – **28 Games** (2002-05).
15. Monona Grove has a streak of **26 straight seasons with a winning record**—Starting from the 1960 season through the 1985 season!!!
16. **Steven McDonald** who played outside linebacker had 15 fumble recoveries during his two varsity football seasons (2005-06).
17. **Paul Vandervelde** is the only Monona Grove Football player to earn 1st Team All-Conference at 4-positions in the same season (1988 football season - Running Back, Defensive Back, Kicker, Punter).
18. Largest margin of victory – **62-0** vs. Baraboo 2002 football season.
19. In 1991 **Coach Dick Rundle** had been inducted into the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association - Hall of Fame!
20. Also, **Coach Dick Rundle** had been inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. Coach Rundle was the first coach from the State of Wisconsin to have been inducted!

21. In 1996 **Coach George Harrell** had been inducted into the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association - Hall of Fame!
22. Longest run from Scrimmage – **Chad Kelsey** - 99 Yards at Oregon 1994 football season. Chad was only a sophomore at the time.
23. **Ryan Huemmer** scored at least one touchdown in every home game during his 3 years (1994-96 seasons) as a varsity football player.
24. The longest Reception that did not result in a Touchdown – **Matt Storck** had a 93-yard catch, vs. Monroe on September 10th, during the 1999 football season.
25. During the W.I.A.A. playoffs the 2004 MG football team **beat the #3 team (Waunakee)**, the **#1 team (Menomonie)** and the **#2 team (Ashwaubenon)** (all were undefeated at the time) in succession to advance to the state championship game.
26. Three families each had 3 brothers that became 1st Team All-Conference football players for Monona Grove.
 - a. **The DeRungs brothers:**
 - i. **Tim** – Honored at Safety during the 1968 season.
 - ii. **Tom** – Honored at Linebacker during the 1969 season.
 - iii. **Dick** – Honored at Linebacker during the 1971 season.
 - b. **The Huibregtse brothers:**
 - i. **Bruce** – Honored at Running Back during the 1970-71 seasons.
 - ii. **Dave** – Honored at Defensive Back during the 1971 season.
 - iii. **Don** – Honored at Running Back during the 1975 season.
 - c. **The Toijala brothers:**
 - i. **Eric** – Honored at Receiver during the 1985 season.
 - ii. **Mark** – Honored at Defensive Back during the 1986-87 season.
 - iii. **Kirk** – Honored at Quarterback during the 1988 football season.
27. **Mike Stassi** (Running Back-1977 and 78 football seasons) and **Anthony (T.J.) Stassi** (Offensive Center-2002 and 03 football seasons) are the only father and son combination to become 1st Team All-Conference football players at Monona Grove (Also, Mike and T.J. were unanimous decisions both years as well.).
28. Most Yards from Scrimmage in a Game – **Tom Baxter** 321 yards at Stoughton, on September 21st during the 1985 football season.
29. Monona Grove has had only two All-Conference Football Players as sophomores – **Wayne Fiedler** (Running Back) during the 1963 football season, and **Scott Knipfer** (Kicker) - 2002 football season.
30. **Scott Knipfer** (Kicker) is the only 3-time 1st Team All-Conference football player (2002, 03, 04 seasons). He was also a unanimous decision in all 3 seasons.
31. **Mike Blang** was a 2nd Team All-Conference Quarterback, but was a 1st Team All-State Quarterback during the 1990 football season.

32. In 2010-11 **Gabe Carimi** won the Outland Trophy, which is the top Offensive lineman in the country for college football.

33. Monona Grove Football Players that played in the N.F.L. were:

1. **Sonny Redders** (Running Back) – Green Bay Packers.
2. **Don Thompson** (Defensive End) – Cleveland Browns and the New York Giants.
3. **Gabe Carimi** (Offensive Tackle) – Chicago Bears (2011) 1st round pick (#29 overall).