

# TORCHY'S TEAMS

## XAVIER FOOTBALL

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### GENE "TORCHY" CLARK ERA

	YEAR	RECORD OVERALL	RECORD CONF.	RECAP
x	1959	x	x	Xavier opens its doors as Appleton's first Catholic high school; first-year enrollment consists of only freshmen & sophomores; Gene "Torchy" Clark helps build the school and the athletic department.
1	1960	6-1-1	<i>not in conf</i>	Hawks blast Fox Valley Lutheran, 20-0, in first intra-city football game; "Torchy" establishes strong athletic program and winning tradition at Xavier.
2	1961	9-0	7-0	Xavier joins FVCC, 1st league game is 40-0 victory at De Pere Abbot Pennings on 9-23-61; Rocky Bleier's "tight-rope TD jaunt" down the sidelines in his sophomore season in contest at Green Bay Premontre spoils Cadets' win streak at 20 games, 23-16.
3	1962	9-0	7-0	No. 1 state-ranked Hawks win first Homecoming game, over the Cadets, 41-3; Rocky Bleier named to Associated Press All-State 1st team as a running back... the only junior on the otherwise senior honor squad.
4	1963	9-0	7-0	"Fullback Special" trips Cadets, 7-3; Rocky closes career, galloping for 2,985 yards on 316 carries for a 9.4 avg., while scoring at least one touchdown in each of 27 games and 55 touchdowns in his storied prep career.
5	1964	6-3	6-1	Milwaukee Francis Jordan stops XHS in season opener, ends overall streak at 31 straight; Menasha St. Mary ends Xavier FVCC win streak at 21 in game at "new" Calder Stadium; Hawks tie Little Chute St. John for league title.
6	1965	8-1	7-0	XHS drops opener to Francis Jordan in Milwaukee, 18-14, after leading by 14-6 at the halftime; Xavier wins next eight games of the season and yet another league championship award for the trophy case.
7	1966	8-1	6-1	Hawks blast Premontre's Cadets, 20-0, in season finale as more than 4,000 look on at Goodland Field in Appleton, the site for Xavier's home football games; 6th straight conference crown, an undisputed one for the Hawks.
8	1967	6-2-1	5-2	Xavier beaten by Menasha St. Mary and Little Chute St. John; Dutchmen win FVCC title. Only season under "Torchy" that XHS has 2 conference losses.
9	1968	8-1	6-1	7th FVCC title / gold ball in 8 years for the Hawks, shared with St. Mary and Premontre; Clark's final year at XHS.
	Totals	69-9-2 86 % OVERALL	51-5 91 % CONF.	Totals -- Xavier teams under Gene "Torchy" Clark in football during 9 seasons.

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# XAVIER BASKETBALL

## GENE "TORCHY" CLARK ERA

	YEAR	RECORD OVERALL	RECORD CONF.	RECAP
1	1959-60	13-7	<i>not in conf</i>	Underclassmen Hawks set winning tone early; Random Lake Rams become first victim, 69-30, in first-ever basketball game, played on 11-17-59, at home.
2	1960-61	17-5	<i>not in conf</i>	Hawks' team enjoys much success; Torchy garners first win over FVL, 72-49; XHS wins Regional Tournament Consolation honors.
3	1961-62	22-3	12-2	FVCC admits Xavier; Kip Whitlinger scores 46 points, which remains single-game best, as of 2007-08, on 19 field goals (before the 3-point shot!) and 8-of-11 free throws; Hawks snare Consolation crown in first State Tournament trip to Milwaukee.
4	1962-63	25-0	14-0	XHS grabs WCIAA State Title over Marquette High, 71-66, before record crowd of 7,095; Kip Whitlinger, Dick Weisner & Rocky Bleier are All-State Selections for XHS. Xavier enjoys 121-82 home win over Fond du Lac Springs (49 FG's, 23 of 33 FT's).
5	1963-64	22-1	14-0	Xavier win streak reaches 49 during 3-year span; Hawks lose in state title game to Marinette Catholic Central, 43-37. In Nov. 1963, death of President John F. Kennedy cancels regular season tourney games: XHS vs. Messmer & XHS vs. Dominican.
6	1964-65	23-2	14-0	XHS wins FVCC title again; run home-court win streak over 4 years to 30 straight games; 3rd consecutive undefeated regular season record for the Hawks; Xavier takes fourth place at State Tournament in Milwaukee.
7	1965-66	18-3	13-1	Chicago St. Pat ends Xavier's 62-game regular season win streak, 66-54, in XHS gym; Hawks upset by Oshkosh Lourdes in Regional Finals, 56-55; Xavier logs 100th win as 4-year school, against De Pere Pennings, 67-64; Springs ends FVCC win streak at 53.
8	1966-67	23-2	13-1	Fourth time XHS goes undefeated at home en route to another league championship; Two more wins over Green Bay Premontre makes its 12 straight over the Cadets; Hawks upend Kenosha St. Joseph, 66-56, to capture State Consolation honors.
9	1967-68	23-2	13-1	Torchy lands 150th win in 96-54 victory over Menasha St. Mary on 2-9-68 at XHS; Hawks lock up league title with 96-46 win in showdown vs. Premontre in Xavier gym; 6th state trip in 7 years; repeat Consolation honors, beating Milwaukee Don Bosco, 65-59.
10	1968-69	22-1	16-0	Win 8th straight FVCC crown / gold ball; 200th Hawk victory is 72-56 win at Pennings; 4th time Xavier is undefeated in regular season; after an 88-48 regular season win at Manitowoc Roncalli, Hawks upset, 53-52, by Roncalli in Regional final at Brown County Arena; "Torchy" moves on to Florida Tech University (now UCF).
	Totals	208-26 89 %	109-5 96 %	Totals -- Xavier teams under Gene "Torchy" Clark in basketball during 10 seasons.
		OVERALL	CONF.	

Note: In 1981, Gene "Torchy" Clark was inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association, the first Xavier coach to be recognized.

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