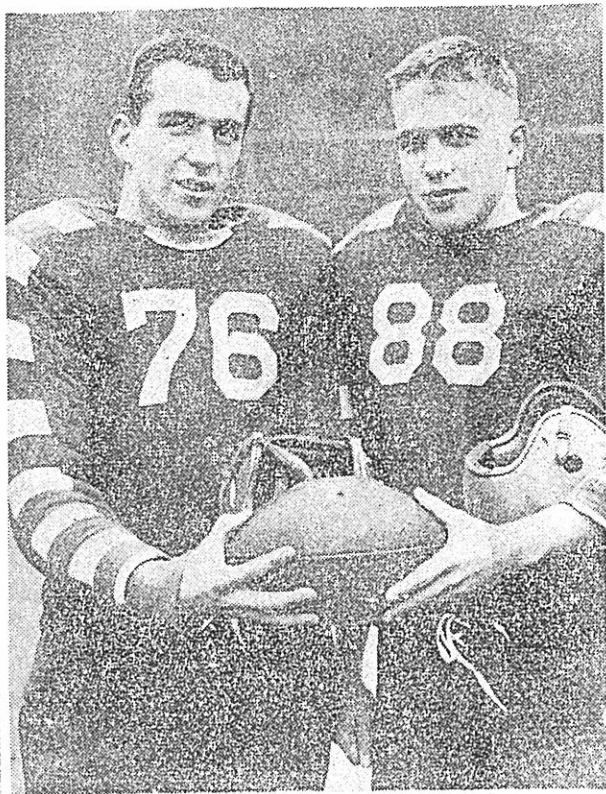


# Grid Stars Castro, Zierk Play Park School Finale Saturday



DALE CASTO AND TOM ZIERK, PARK'S RECORD TWINS

By MAURY MAY

Two close friends, who grew up together on the Park School playground, will play their last high school football game at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon against DeVeaux on the North Harlem Rd. field.

They are Tom Zierk and Dale Castro, backfield aces of Coach Herb Mols' undefeated Park School Pioneers, leaders of the Conference of Upstate Private Schools.

Castro, at 5 feet 11 inches, is one inch taller than Zierk. Both are seniors. Each weighs 165 pounds. Both have shattered the Park School career and season scoring records established by Terry Check, now a sophomore halfback on the Harvard team.

In addition, Castro's 32 points and four dropkicks in one game are school records. His 17 dropkicks for points after touchdowns this season runs his career total to 29—both shattering the old standard. Also, Castro caught three touchdown passes in one game for another record.

Zierk has scored 20 touchdowns this season including five in one game to run his career total to 38. All are Park records.

Dale's father, Dale Castro Sr., was a baseball pitcher while attending Harvard and his catcher was M. Adolphus Check Jr., the former Park School headmaster. Both Dale and Tom probably will enter Ivy League schools next year.

Castro follows Check and Jim Hufford in a list of Park School dropkickers. The dropkick conversion in six-man football counts two points, whereas a pass or a kick from placement counts only one point.

In addition, both Castro and Zierk, are stars on the basketball court. Castro was on the ALL-CUPS team in his sophomore and junior years while Zierk made the first team as a sophomore and was a member of the second team last season.

## Park Wins CUPS Grid Title

The Park School football team won the Conference of Upstate Private Schools football championship, and the Park booters finished in a tie for second place in the soccer standings, by scoring impressive victories over DeVeaux School yesterday at Niagara Falls.

Park's gridders completed their fourth unbeaten season in six years with a 40-6 conquest of DeVeaux while the booters handed the host team its first loss, 3-2.

Tom Zierk tallied Park's first six-pointer with a 47-yard sweep in the first period. Dale Castro drop-kicked the extra point. In the second quarter, Zierk passed five yards to Ron Bell for a TD and Castro converted. Castro counted two more touchdowns in the period on runs of three and six yards.

Dave Lyons scored for Park in the third period after taking a short pass from Castro. Castro con-

## PARK FOOTBALLERS WIN SIXTH STRAIGHT

The Park 6-man football team hurdled the sixth obstacle of their current football season as they swept over Arcade 47-34, last Friday at Snyder. Co-captains Dale Castro and Tom Zierk again led the Pioneers as they added to point totals which make for the best individual scoring records both for a single year and for their Park careers. Zierk opened the game by running back the kick-off 65 yards for a TD and again in the last quarter ran 80 yards with a kick-off. He passed for touchdowns in the first quarter, first to Harry Nichols and then to Dale Castro. The latter also ran 37 yds. in the third besides kicking two PAT's. Bill Meadows recovered an end zone fumble by Arcade for another TD and Dave Lyon plunged four yards for the last score. A Casto to Ron Bell pass was good for the PAT.

The visitors scored in the second period when John Glase ran two yards after a drive, and he added two more in the fourth with 36 and 24 yard runs. Bill Bresser and Ed McNulty scored the other TD's while Ron Patchetti kicked two PAT's.

Casto, Zierk and Nichols will close out their football careers at Snyder next week when Park entertains its CUPS rival from Niagara Falls, DeVeaux. This game will start at 2 on Saturday.

## PARK ELEVEN ENDS 4TH UNBEATEN YEAR, WIN UPSTATE TITLE

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NIAGARA FALLS, Nov. 11.—Completing their fourth undefeated season, the Park School football team Tuesday defeated DeVeaux here, 40 to 6, to again win the Conference of Upstate Private Schools football crown. The Park soccer team also won, defeating DeVeaux, 3 to 2, to finish second in the soccer standings.

Dale Castro and Tom Zierk shared offensive honors for the winners. Casto scored in the second period on runs of three and six yards. In the third he passed to Dave Lyon for another tally, and then connected with Zierk in the fourth for a 22-yard aerial touchdown.

Zierk started Park on its rout with a 47-yard run in the first period. In the second he passed to Ron Bell for another score. John Piazza got the lone score for the losers on a 33-yard run.

connected to Zierk with a 22-yard touchdown aerial in the final quarter. DeVeaux tallied its TD when John Piazza scored on a 33-yard run.

In the soccer game, John Clark kicked one Park goal and teammate Howard Maierhofer added a pair. Vic Erminy scored twice for DeVeaux.

Howard Maierhofer paced the Park booters with a pair of goals. John Clark kicked the other for the winners. Vic Erminy scored both DeVeaux goals.

## PARK SURROUNDED BY CUPS—TROPHIES AND TITLES BOTH

Members of the championship track and football squads at Park School were honored Friday at the annual Father and Son Sports Night at the Snyder school.

Henry Z. Urban, secretary-treasurer of the Western New York Yale Alumni Association, presented the Yale Trophy to Co-Captains Dale Casto and Tom Zierk of the CUPS champion football team. Park now has won it twice and needs only another title to permanently retire the trophy.

Joe Propis of the Buffalo Chapter of the Syracuse University Alumni Association also presented the Syracuse Track Trophy to Park School for winning the CUPS title last Spring. Park also has won this trophy twice and could claim it permanently with one more championship.

Athletic Director Herbert J. Mols made the football letter awards to:

Co-Captains Dale Casto and Tom Zierk; Harry Nichols, Ron Bell, Dave Lyon, John Reissiz, Dick Detrick, Don Wallens, Don Lischer, Bill Meadows, Tom Baker, John Buell, Dave Colton, John Stouten and Mike Whitehead.

Coach Jack Knopp presented soccer letter awards to:

Capt. Howard Maierhofer, Sturgeon Glenn, Robert Heriz, Clay Smith, Joseph Bell, John Clark, Dave Stewart, Robert Wilson, Dave Bredemeier, Almerin O'Hara, Arthur Steinberg, Fred Brock, Robert Montgomery, Douglas Johnston, Andrew Kavinsky, Jack Merkley, Philip Tschopp, Scott Walls, James Whitehead, Thomas Crane, Bruce Eaton, Dale English, Philip Oppeneheimer and Richard Robbins.

Bobby Williams, the nation's fourth-ranking badminton player, gave an exhibition before the festivities.

## DEVEAUX EARNS SIX CUPS BERTHS

Six members of the champion DeVeaux School soccer team, four of them South Americans, have been named to the 1953 Conference of Upstate Private Schools All-Star soccer team.

They are Goalie Francisco Umercz, who suffered a fractured leg late in the season; Halfback Lou Briceno, Center Vic Erminy and Wing George Cabera. Wing John Heil and Fullback Emory Moji are from Niagara Falls.

Howie Maierhofer, an inside wing; Fullback Bob Glenn and Halfback Bob Wilson from Park also were named to the first team. Umercz, Wilson, Briceno, Maierhofer and Erminy all were named to the All-Star team for the second straight year. Oscar Mueller, president of the German A. C., will present the CUPS' championship trophy to De Veaux this evening.