

Patriots open by blasting Pioneers

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By **STEVE PILONI**, Staff Writer

BERWYN—It was like celebrity night at the Conestoga-Great Valley high school football game.



Former president Richard M. Nixon was in the stands along with former NFL lineman Joe Klecko.

But Great Valley head coach Gary Phillips stole the show Friday night as his Patriots stunned Conestoga 28-12 in a non-league game. Phillips

celebrated his 26th birthday and head coaching debut with an upset of major proportions.

“As I looked at the films (of Conestoga) over and over I thought we had a chance,” said Phillips. “But 28-12? Not in my wildest dreams.”

Conestoga was No. 5 in the Daily Local News Football rankings, and considered one of the favorites in the Central League. Great Valley was ranked somewhere south of the Mendoza Line. But Great Valley jumped out to a 9-0 lead in the first quarter, and punished the Pioneers with a surprisingly powerful running attack.

“Remember 1978 when Conestoga was Central League champion with a 10-1 record,” said Novotni. “The one team that beat them was Great Valley. It’s always a tough rivalry.”

On its first possession, Great Valley took over at the Conestoga 26-yard line. Five plays later, Melone scored on a three yard run. Conestoga then started at its own 1-yard line after a botched kickoff return. The Pioneers only gained four yards, and Arash Bonakdar was forced to punt from his own end zone.

Melone broke through and blocked the kick. The ball rolled out of the end zone giving Great Valley a 9-0 lead. Conestoga cut it to 9-6 in the second quarter when quarterback Tim Brown hit Mike Morey with a 26-yard scoring pass.

Conestoga made another run on its first possession of the second half as Brown connected with Todd Ill on a 44-yard touchdown pass. That cut the lead to 15-12. “Conestoga has a big football team,” said Phillips. “It’s a kid’s nightmare to play them in the first game.”

NOTES: Nixon’s unexpected appearance in the Conestoga stands caused quite a stir as people lined up for an autograph. His granddaughter is a sophomore at Conestoga...

Crawford helps East win, 24-0

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By **TOM METZ**, Staff Writer

Crawford scored three times to lead West Chester East High School’s football team to a 24-0 white-washing of Conestoga, Saturday night at Conestoga.

For the Pioneers, who were coming off a surprising loss to Great Valley, this was not what they had in mind. “There is no panic,” said Novotni. “We will come through, it’s just a matter of getting some breaks.

“In the first half we had the ball for eight minutes (on one drive) and didn’t score. If one break goes a different way their lead is cut in half.” The Pioneers were successful on a pair of fourth-down conversions but because of three penalties and stubborn defense led by Dave Adams, the 15-play drive, actually netted just 13 yards.

The Vikings’ 12-play 51-yard drive culminated with an 18-yard pass from Doug Stofflet to Crawford. “We had that play covered,” said Novotni. “We had a man on him when he caught the ball and then had two more guys hit him after he got it.”

Pioneers drop a heartbreaker to Upper Darby

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By **TOM METZ**, Staff Writer

BERWYN—The frustration continues...

Friday afternoon at Teamer Field, the Conestoga High School football team finished one two-point conversion away from upsetting Upper Darby in a gut wrenching 13-12 loss.

An upset of the undefeated Royals (1-0, 3-0) in their Central League opener would have taken the sting out of the Pioneers (0-1,0-3) two non-league losses. The toughest pill for the Pioneers to swallow was outplaying a heavily favored opponent and losing by the barest of margins.

At game's end the first person to address the Pioneers was Upper Darby coach Jack Shingle. "I told them it was a fantastic game," said Shingle. "I said they and their staff took full advantage of everything we gave them." "Anybody who comes into my presence had better not say anything bad about Conestoga football," added Shingle. "They deserved to win. Anybody who didn't see that doesn't know football. They only suspect it."

Despite surrendering an average of 35 pounds to the Royals' monster linemen the Pioneers drove inside Upper Darby's 36-yard line five times. Stoga's offense was outgained by just 12 yards (181-169). After the game the Pioneers emotions ran over. Several players tore their shoulder pads off and cried tears of frustration.

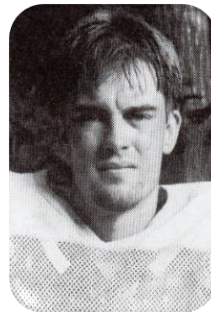
"These guys put out a great effort," said Novotni with tears in his eyes. "Life means a lot to these guys. Every play means a lot to them. That's how life should be."

After playing to a 6-6 deadlock well into the fourth quarter the Royals were ahead 13-6 with four minutes and 41 seconds left. The Pioneers Steve Jackson cut the

Royals' celebration short, however, when he returned the ensuing kick-off 93-yards for a touchdown. Jackson scooped up the ball, sprinted to his right and turned up-field.

"I had a five-man wall and the hole was huge," said Jackson. "Anybody could have done it." With time running short, Novotni elected to go for the two-point conversion. After appearing to have the angle to the corner of the end zone. Jackson was pulled down at the last second by Royals' right tackle Eric Schaper.

"Jackson slipped for just a second," said Novotni. (Defensive back Chris) Rickards and Wedderburn were on the other side. He had the corner." "I thought they were going to do something to the tight end," said Shingle. "I was scared to death when I saw him inside blocking."



PETE KUBAT
Junior 5-10, 180
End/ Linebacker

Midway through the third quarter the Pioneers squandered a first and goal opportunity at the four-yard line. Five plays later, though, the Pioneers got another break when Pete Kubat pounced on a loose ball at the Royals' 38.

Like the previous opportunity the Pioneers would not capitalize. A holding penalty and an incomplete pass forced the Pioneers into a second-and-long situation. A seventeen-yard pass reception by John Bickel

and a twelve-yard run by Jackson, gave the Pioneers a fourth-and-one situation at the Royals 30.

Again the Pioneers gambled and lost. Andrew McGeorge tried to bull his way to the first down but was stopped for no gain. "We had a game plan that we executed properly," said Novotni. "We just didn't plan for our mistakes. But I tell you my guys played their hearts out today."

“Flat” Pioneers fall to Ridley, 35-14

Daily Local

October 2, 1993

By **TOM METZ**, Staff Writer

BERWYN—Coming out flat against Ridley is never a good thing. Friday night at Teamer Field the struggling Conestoga High School football team came out flat against the perennially powerful Green Raiders and paid for it in a 35-14 Central League loss.

“We just came out flat in the first half,” said Conestoga coach Bob Novotni. “We have to play from the first play on. We can’t wait until the second half.”

Motivation was bound to be a problem after the Pioneers emotional last-second loss to Upper Darby. To try and rebound against the Central League’s juggernaut made things all the tougher. “We came in thinking it would be a big game and we would automatically be up,” said Conestoga running back Josh Schottland. “It’s almost like we are getting used to getting down in the first half.”

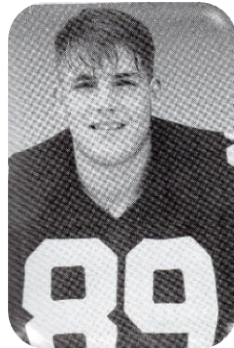
In this case Conestoga (0-2, 0-4) fell into a 21-0 hole by halftime and it had already surrendered 209 passing yards. “I figured we could win the game just on running the ball and keeping them off the field. I really did,” said Novotni. “I didn’t count on us coming out flat.”

The Pioneers began the second half by marching 59 yards on 10 plays and scoring on a three-yard run by Schottland. “We had never used that (formation) before and we figured nobody could stop us with (Arash Bonakdar 6-foot-3, 220 lbs.) and (Andrew McGeorge) in front,” said Schottland. “We figured we could run on anyone.”

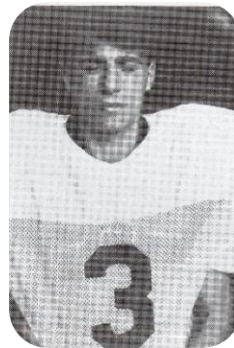
Schottland who finished the game with 109 yards on 17 carries, took a pitch from quarterback Tim Brown and scampered around end for the two-point conversion to make the score 21-8. Conestoga’s final score came on a 15-yard pass from Rob Sprague to John Bickel.



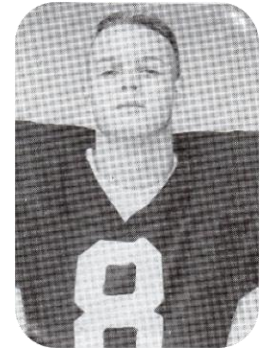
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Junior 6-4, 205
Quarterback
Defensive Back



JOHN BICKEL
Junior 6-2, 190
End
Linebacker



GREG D'ASCANIO
Senior 5-9, 150
End
Defensive Back



DREW FALCONE
Senior 6-0, 170
Fullback
Defensive Back

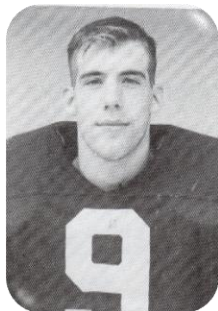
Pioneers gain first win of season

Daily Local

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By **TOM METZ**, Staff Writer

ARDMORE—The Conestoga High School football team paralyzed its first lead of the season into its first win of the season. The Pioneers got a pair of first half touchdowns from Andrew McGeorge and held on for a 14-0 Central League win over Lower Merion, Saturday at General H.H. Arnold Field.



ANDREW MCGEORGE
Senior 6-0, 185
Quarterback
Defensive Back

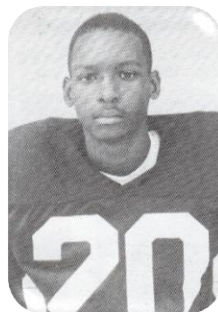
“I wish we didn’t have to wait this long for it,” said a smiling McGeorge. “It was nice to come out and do things right,” said Conestoga coach Bob Novotni. “We didn’t have near as many mistakes as the last four weeks.

For the Pioneers (1-2, 1-4) the key to the whole game was their opening possession. After holding Lower Merion on three plays, the Pioneers moved 63 yards in six plays and took a 7-0 lead on McGeorge’s two-yard run. McGeorge carried three times on the drive for 30 yards.

“The first drive gave us a lot of confidence,” said McGeorge. “We got the ball and drive right down the field. We took the ball right up the middle and just kept driving.” McGeorge scored the game’s only other touchdown with just under four minutes left in the half, putting the Pioneers ahead 14-0.

“We got the lead and then got the second score and the guys were sort of looking around at each other and some of them were sort of in a Twilight Zone,” said Novotni.

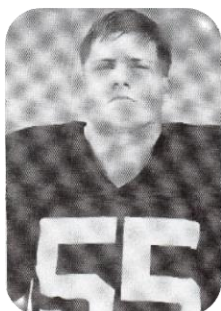
McGeorge finished the day with 103 yards on 17 carries and was this week’s featured back in the Pioneers offense. Last week it was backfield mate Josh Schottland who rushed for over 100 yards. “It’s just a matter of whoever gets off to the best start,” said McGeorge. “This week I started strong but we have three backs (Schottland, Steve Jackson and McGeorge) who can run the ball.”



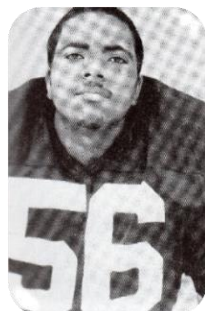
STEVE JACKSON
Sophomore 6-0, 155
Running Back
Defensive Back

“All three linebackers keyed on (Long),” said Novotni. “That is where they broke (Matt Snider) on the counter but we gave them that to stop Long.” Late in the first quarter the Aces got to Stoga’s 14-yard line before Taylor Young pounced on a Long fumble.

In the second quarter the Aces tried a halfback option pass on a third-down situation from Stoga’s 44 Arash Bonakdar, Steve Bradley and Dan Morgan combined to throw long for a six-yard loss. On third down Bonakdar and Heath Harris sacked Snider for a loss of four. Matt Fleishman tipped away Snider’s fourth-down pass to preserve the Pioneers long awaited victory.



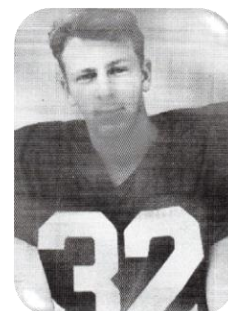
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Junior 6-2, 200
Tailback/ Linebacker



DAN MORGAN
Junior 6-1, 175
Center/ Linebacker



HEATH HARRIS
Senior 6-3, 285
Tackle/ Defensive
Lineman



MATT FLEISHMAN
Senior 5-9, 155
Back/ Defensive Back

Pioneers Explode For 26-6 League Victory Over Radnor

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By **JERRY REIMENSCHNEIDER**

Staff Writer

TREDYFFRIN—Ghosts of Radnor linemen are still lying, face-up, on the turf at Conestoga High School's Teamer Field this morning. That's how badly Conestoga blew the Red Raiders off the ball in the Pioneers' 26-6 Central League win Friday night. That's how simple the explanation for this game was.

"We controlled the line of scrimmage all night," said Conestoga coach Bob Novotni. "We wanted to do that both offensively and defensively. We knew we would run the football, as long as we could control the lone of scrimmage."

From the first possession, Conestoga—now 2-4, 2-2 in the Central League after its second straight win—shoved the ball downfield the *old fashioned* way, with bullying blocks and quick hits to the hole by the backs.

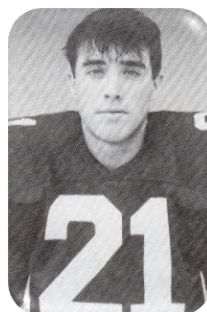
Senior Andrew McGeorge had another good game, squeezing 91 yards and two touchdowns out of his 10 carries. His 30-yard burst off left guard with 7:32 left in the first accounted for Conestoga's first touchdown.

Pioneer junior Josh Schottland was the perfect complement to McGeorge. Schottland had 65 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries. Each of his scoring

scampers came off a pitch right and a waltz around the end.

No Red Raider even grazed Schottland's jersey on the two touchdowns. "Oh, we had great blocking," said Novotni. "The split ends really bore down on those plays."

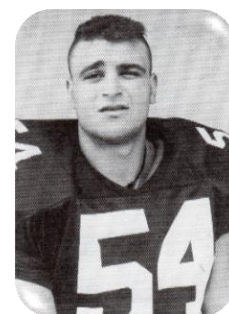
Besides the brute force of either Conestoga front line, the



JOSH SCHOTTLAND

Junior 6-2, 185
Running Back
Defensive Back

Pioneers' defense blitzed Radnor blind. Linebacker Arash Bonakdar smothered Radnor quarterback John DeFilippo. Bonakdar had two of Conestoga's four sacks as the Pioneers held DeFilippo to just two completions for five yards.



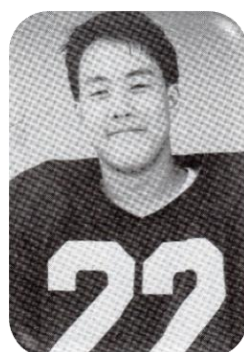
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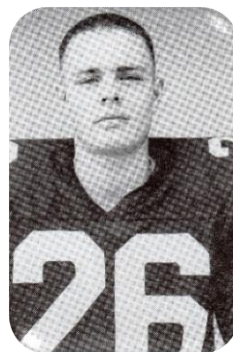
LIOR KEET

Senior 5-10, 160
End
Defensive Back



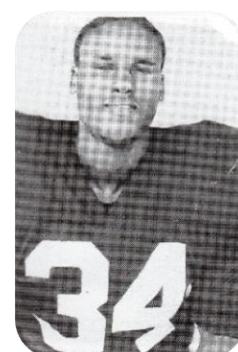
GARY KIANG

Senior 5-11, 180
End
Defensive Back



JUSTIN CASSIDY

Senior 5-8, 150
End
Defensive Back



CHESTER WEEKS

Senior 6-1, 170
End
Defensive Back

Slow-starting Pioneers grab 33-24 win

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By **CARLO IACONO**, Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD—Bucking an ominous season-long trend, Conestoga High School overcame a sluggish first half to defeat Springfield High School 33-24 in football Saturday.



TIM BROWN
Junior 6-0, 175
Quarterback
Defensive Back

After Tim Brown took the opening kickoff 62 yards, the Pioneers capitalized on the first play from the line of scrimmage with a 27 yard touchdown run by Josh Schottland. As both teams fired first-half salvos, the difference in the game came with Conestoga's decision to abort the man-to-man defense and play a stifling zone.

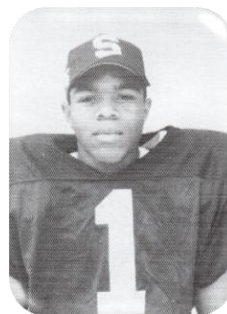
"We're just starting to play defense," Conestoga head coach Robert Novotni said. "Our outside linebackers started to come up

big, we started making less mistakes and the confidence came back." Confidence and the running of Schottland set the tone for the rest of the game. Schottland gained most of his 242 yards rushing on second and third efforts. He added two touchdown runs to his opening effort. And generally drove the Cougars back all afternoon.

"Josh is just a strong kid and a great athlete who took over," Novotni said.

Trailing 18-13 after Andrew McGeorge's 47-yard touchdown run, the Pioneers were knocking on the door with 1:38 left in the half. Conestoga had a first and goal from the Cougar seven yard line and came up with nothing. McGeorge was stopped three times, including a fourth and five inches, to frustrate the Pioneers.

The frustration lasted only for intermission as Schottland would put Conestoga up for good on the first play of the Pioneers next drive. Three Cougars bounced off Schottland as he scampered 62 yards to give the Pioneers 19-18 lead.



NATE FLOYD
Senior 6-2, 185
End
Defensive Back

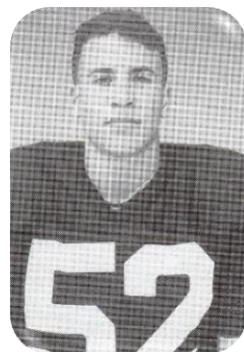
Conestoga got the third touchdown by Schottland—a 24 yard option run on a fourth and three, and a 72 yard punt return by Nate Floyd. The Pioneers continued to punch to a 33-18 lead but didn't allow the Cougars to punch back until Cox connected with Bill Davis on 53 yard pass with: 58 left to close out the scoring.

"Our offense is starting to come together and learn how to run the football," Novotni said. "It has taken all year for things

to go as we expected."



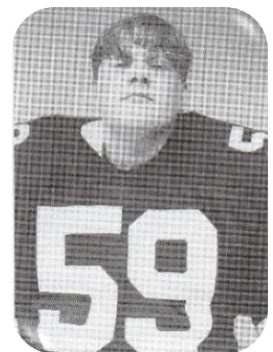
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Senior 6-1, 175
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Linebacker



DOUG LAYMAN
Senior 5-10, 180
Guard
Linebacker



DAVE BENEDICK
Senior 5-10, 195
Center
Defensive End



TAYLOR YOUNG
Senior 6-1, 220
Center
Defensive Lineman

Turnovers kill Conestoga in a 21-6 defeat

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By NEIL GEOGHEGAN, Staff Writer

HVERFORD—The Conestoga High School football team's three-game win streak ended quicker than you can say "turnover." The Pioneers provided host Haverford High School with numerous turnovers on Friday evening, and the Fords turned those gifts into a 21-6 Central League victory.

"Turnovers hurt us, mistakes, penalties—the whole bit," Pioneers coach Bob Novotni said. "You can't sustain drives when you make as many mistakes as we did." The Fords (3-3, 3-4-1 overall) also had some problems—including a pair of blocked punts by Conestoga's Steve Bradley—but the Pioneers failed to capitalize on those chances.

"We made some plays, but the bad ones far out-did the positive ones," Novotni admitted. Conestoga actually had more first downs, more total offense, and limited the Fords to just 15 rushing yards. But Haverford's opportunistic defense and big-plays passing offense was the difference.

"(Conestoga) might be the most physical team in the Central League," Fords' coach Joe Gallagher said.

"They can physically pound you, and we knew that. So part of our game plan was to not run right at them and pass the ball."

The Pioneers responded; however, with their only sustained march of the game. It covered 75-yards in down plays and tailback Josh Schottland accounted for nearly two-thirds of the drive with tough inside runs. Quarterback Rob Sprague found wide out Nate Floyd from seven yards out for the score, but a botched snap foiled the point after to make it 14-6 with 2:55 left.

Neither team scored in the second half, but the Pioneers had the better of the chances. Bradley's second block punt gave Conestoga the ball deep in Haverford territory midway through the third quarter. After moving inside the Fords' 15, Sprague's pass was picked off by Justin Harvey at the goal line.

"Actually, Sprague had a nice game," Novotni pointed out. "It's the first game we've thrown the ball well. He did some positive things but he had a lot of dropped balls tonight."

Schottland carried the ball 19 times for 107 yards, but was really the Pioneers' only consistent threat. The Conestoga defense held the Fords top runner—Gary Hammond to just 44 yards (2.0 per carry).



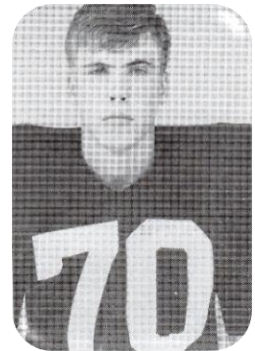
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Senior 6-2, 200
Tackle
Defensive End

Strong Pioneer effort fails, 29-12

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By **TOM METZ**, Staff Writer

BERWYN—In an effort to combat one of Southeast Pennsylvania's stingiest defenses, Conestoga High School football coach Bob Novotni drew up every motion and misdirection play he could think of. For three and a half quarters Conestoga stayed right with undefeated Strath Haven before suffering a 29-12 Homecoming loss, Friday night at Teamer Field.

"The kids didn't back down from anything," said Novotni. "They played their hearts out. The seniors put out a great effort in their last home game."

With four minutes left in the game the Pioneers (3-4,3-6) trailed just 16-6 and managed to keep off balance, a Panther (8-0, 9-0) defense that had not allowed a point in its last two games. Conestoga's "motion offense," was almost a last resort since one of its top running backs (Josh Schottland) was out with a lacerated kidney.

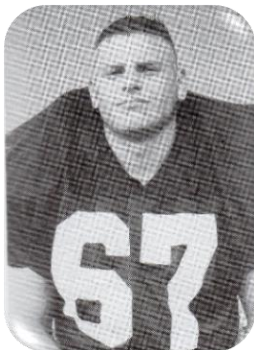
"We had to use the motion offense without Schottland," said Novotni. "If we didn't do that they would have keyed on (Andrew McGeorge)." As has

been the case for much of the season the Pioneers just could not get the right break at the right time. In the first half Conestoga had the ball inside the Panthers' 37-yard line on three different possessions but came away with just six points.

Thinking back to the play Novotni could only wince. In retrospect a Conestoga touchdown would have made the proceedings very interesting since McGeorge got the Pioneers within 7-6, on a five-yard run with eight minutes left in the half. Had Sprague and Floyd completed the earlier pass, Conestoga could very easily have led at the half.

"The guys were fired up tonight," said Novotni. "They had nothing left after the game. They spent it all on the field." Things gradually began to go against the Pioneers in the second half when their opening drive began with a controversial clipping call.

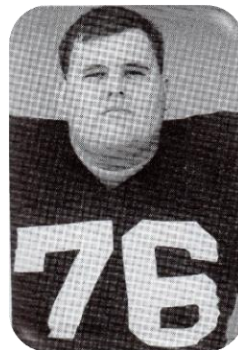
After seven plays went for minus six yards, Conestoga fell behind 9-6, when the snap from center sailed over punter Arash Bonakdar's head and through the end zone. McGeorge answered the Panthers final touchdown by returning the ensuing kick-off 75 yards down the left sideline for his second touchdown of the game.



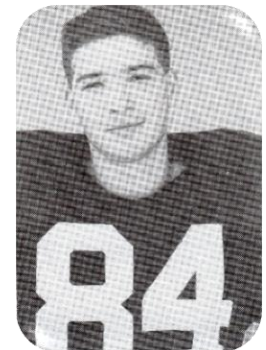
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Senior 6-2, 295
Tackle
Defensive Lineman



PAUL BURG
Senior 6-3, 190
End
Linebacker

Big play gives Pioneers a 28-16 victory

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By **CARLO IACONO**, Staff Writer

MEDIA—The luxury of the quick-strike, big-play has visited the Conestoga High School football team lately. And after a frustrating first half of the season, the Pioneers don't seem to mind the visit.

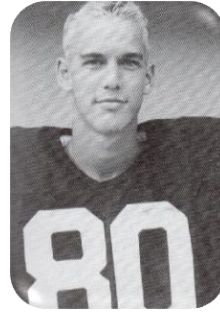
Riding the crest of Andrew McGeorge's three rushing touchdowns and quick-strikes on offense and special teams, Conestoga defeated Central League foe Penncrest High School 28-16.

Conestoga pulled off—in order—an 86 yard kickoff return by Steve Jackson, a 63 yard off-tackle score by McGeorge, a 46 yard half back toss by Nate Floyd and a 62 yard touchdown reception by Floyd. "It is just a matter of these kids getting used to the offense and feeling comfortable with their abilities," Conestoga coach Bob Novotni said.

Donaphon hit one of his two main targets of the afternoon, Mike Cunningham, to fuel an eight-play drive to start the second quarter. Donaphon capped the drive with a three-yard keeper on a third-and-goal to give the Lions a 7-0 lead. The lead lasted 20 seconds as Steve Jackson took the ensuing kickoff 86 yards to the Lions four yard line. McGeorge (15 for 124 yards) scored the first of his three touchdowns with a four yard plunge and completed the conversion for the 8-7 lead.

The lead lasted slightly shorter than the first one. Sixteen seconds later McGeorge read a counter-trap perfectly for a 63 yard touchdown. Chambers missed a 40-yard field goal attempt to close out the half with Lions on top 14-10.

"In the first half Donaphon was killing us because number one we couldn't get a pass rush, and number two the corner backs were playing up tight," Novotni said. "We got an outside pass rush and backed the corners off in the second half and that seemed to work."



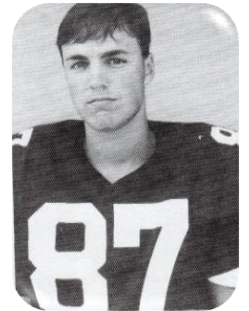
MIKE MOREY
Junior 6-2, 175
End
Defensive Back

Before Donaphon could touch the ball again, the Pioneers went up 21-10 on their third quarter opening drive. The big-play of that drive was a 46-yard halfback pass by Nate Floyd to Mike Morey. McGeorge got his final score on a two yard plunge.

"That was the first time we used that play all year," Floyd said. "We have practiced it but I guess, as a former

quarterback, we were sure it could work in what we call the Jet-series."

After Donaphon was ineffective against the new-look Pioneer defense, Floyd capped a crossing-pattern one handed from quarterback Rob Sprague for a 62-yard touchdown. Todd Ill's second successful extra point gave the Pioneers a 28-10 lead going into the final quarter.



TODD ILL
Junior 5-10, 165
End
Defensive Back

Pioneers drop a 12-7 decision to Marple Newtown

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By **TOM METZ**, Staff Writer

NEWTOWN SQUARE—The Conestoga-Marple Newtown Thanksgiving Football game has become known for eventful conclusions and Thursday morning's 17th renewal was no exception. Unfortunately for Conestoga a 12-7 loss in front of over 1,000 fans at Marple Newtown's Harry R. Harvey Field, made for a frustrating conclusion to a frustrating season.

"We lost a lot of tough, close games this year and this would have taken a lot of the frustration away," said Conestoga linebacker/offensive tackle Arash Bonakdar. "It would have been great to finish with a winning league record but it just didn't happen."

The Pioneers (4-5,4-7) held a 7-6 lead into the final minute of the game before Marple Newtown's Victor Glavicic scored from one-yard out with 54 seconds left to take away another apparent Conestoga victory.

In a game that was pretty much a microcosm of the whole season the Pioneers outgained the Tigers in total

yards (250-221), were able to run virtually at will (240 yards rushing) but somehow came away empty-handed. Both Andrew McGeorge and Steve Jackson rushed for over 100 yards.

"The kids played hard against a 7-3 team," said Conestoga coach Bob Novotni. "They have nothing at all to be ashamed of. The kids have been up for every game. We had just great leadership from the seniors."

Led by Bonakdar and Heath Harris the Conestoga pass rush was in Marple quarterback Chris Gicking's face all game long. Gicking, who entered the game with over 1,400 passing yards, was sacked three times and knocked down several other times.

"Oh yeah, they got to the quarterback," said Novotni. "They got hard pressure on their quarterback."

"We put in a new defense this week to stop their passing offense," said Bonakdar. "I don't think they beat us in the stats but they just seemed to have the oomph to get the ball in when they had to."

After Conestoga moved ahead 7-6 on a 21-yard run by Jackson, it finally looked as though the breaks were falling its way.

Juniors

Front Row: Tom Hamilton, Mike Levistan, Steve Gersbach, Hurry Phengvath, Pete Melchiorre

Middle Row: Pete Kubat, Todd Ill, Joe Norcini, Ben Victor, Greg Cannito, Dan Morgan

Back Row: Lance Cannon, M Fattu, John Bickel, Mike Morey, Josh Schottland, Tim Brown, Steve Bradley, Eric Eley

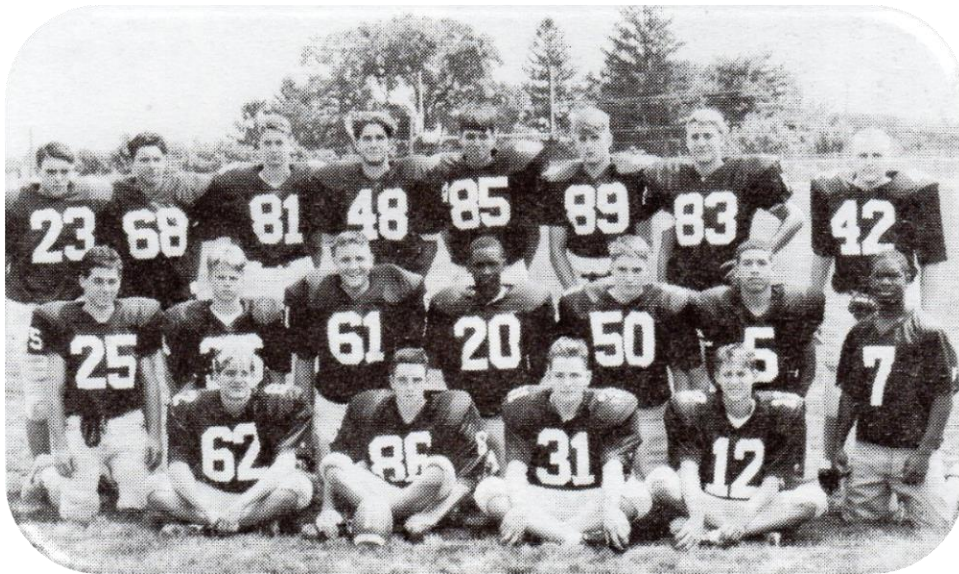


Sophomores

Front Row: Brad Hurley, Rob Curry, Peter Barabasz, Eric Swords

Middle Row: Gabriel Lerman, G. Starr, Josh Goldstein, Steve Jackson, Joe Cassidy, Bryon Thornton, Brendon Holland

Back Row: Brandon Walsh, Tino Glasford, Rory Linehan, Steve Gleason, Matt Kidwell, John Bickel, Ryan Weldeler, Randall Walker



Captains

Andrew McGeorge #9, Jim Simmington #67
Nate Floyd #1, Arash Bonakdar #54, Dave Benedick #53



HEAD COACH BOB NOVOTNI

Bob Novotni was in his fourth year as head coach of the Conestoga High School football team. And his team was 5th in the early Daily Local News rankings. However, the Pioneers had a tough time finishing off opponents as they amassed a four and seven season with wins against Lower Merion, Radnor, Springfield and Penncrest. Assistant coaches were George Cockerill, Paul Sweatlock, Scott Allison, Sam Young and Harry Gicking. Team captains were Andrew McGeorge, Jim Simmington, Nate Floyd, Arash Bonakdar and Dave Benedick.