

The 1946 Bulldogs



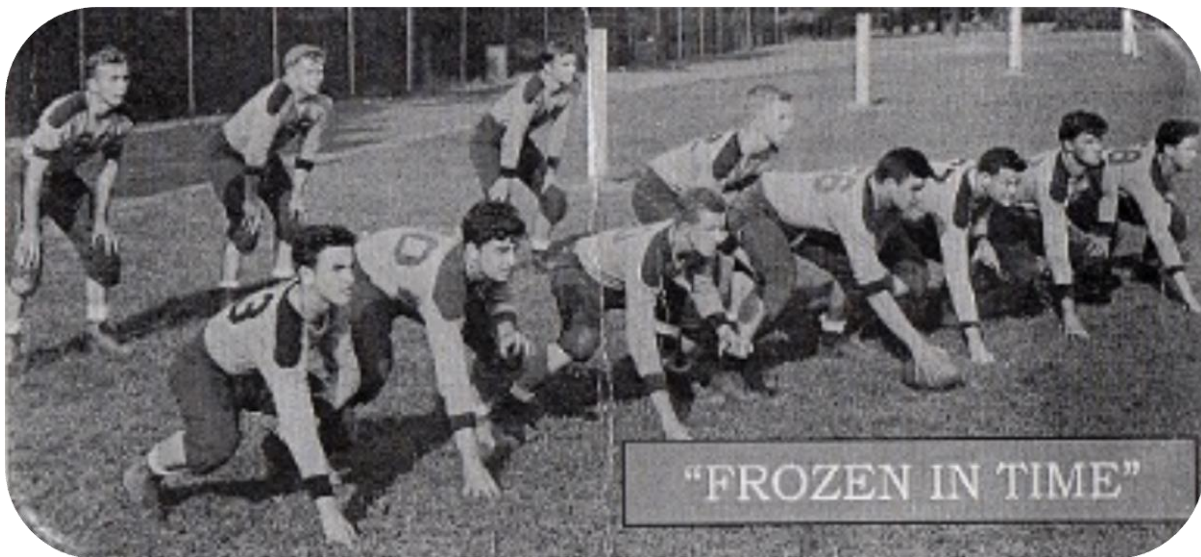
Left to Right: **Russel J. Hatch**, Springfield College, Mass 1936-1941, Civilian Physical Director Arms Air Forces 1942-1943, Asst Coach T-E 1943-1945, United States Army 1945-1946, Asst Coach T-E 1946; **Ernest Henry Meyer**, Geneva College 1923-1927, Football Captain 1926, Head Coach Rochester 1934-1945, Head Coach T-E 1946; **James A. Meyers**, Lock Haven College and Penn State 1936, Athletic Coach Centre Hall H. S. 1936-1940, Asst Coach T-E 1941, United States Army 1942-1945, Asst Coach T-E 1946

Ernie Meyer was at the helm of the T-E Bulldogs for his second season at the 1946 gridders took to the practice fields. Russel Hatch and James Meyers rejoined the coaching team after their time in the U.S. Army.

The team won the Chester County championship – the first time since 1933! They amassed a record of five wins, three ties and one loss. The highlight of the year was the 6-0 victory over archrival West Chester on Thanksgiving Day.

Five men were named to the mythical All-County team. They were quarterback Louis Umsted, halfback Elmer Novelli, tackle Edigio DiMarcantonio, guard John Campos and center Bob Pollard. Pollard was a unanimous choice for the center post.

Named to the second team were end Henry Ginnona, tackle Louis DeStefano, end Sam Scarpone, and halfback Bob Faggioli. Fullback Dick Sumerfield received honorable mention.



PICTURED ABOVE ARE MEMBERS OF THE 1946 FOOTBALL TEAM (seniors were in the Class of 1947). This photo was printed again when the class celebrated the 60th Year Reunion. Left to right – Backfield: Paul Fry, Richard Sumerfield, Elmer Novelli; Quarterback Louis Umsted; Line: Robert Faggioli, Lou DeStefano – Bob’s grandfather, Rodney Shank – Jared Siravo’s grandfather, Samuel Scarpone, Robert McKay, Egidio “Jiggs” DiMarcantonio, Joseph Corrigan

Bulldogs Hold Malvern Prep To 7-All Tie

Elmer Novelli Scores on Pass for T-E

Daily Local News

September 30, 1946

Tredyffrin-Easttown High battled a heavy and star-studded Malvern Prep School eleven to a 7-7 stalemate before more than 1,000 fans at Berwyn Saturday afternoon.

The Bulldogs scored on a 7-yard touchdown pass from halfback "Chick" Fry to Elmer Novelli in the second quarter and converted the added point on a

placement by right tackle Lou DeStefano. A pass interception by Novelli on the Malvern 45 started the touchdown march. It proceeded on the ground to Malvern's seven. Stalled momentarily there, the Bulldogs took to the air and connected for their tally.

Malvern fought back in the third quarter and drove to the T-E five. Here the Bulldogs put on a gallant goal line stand which was nullified by a break which allowed the Preppers to score. The ball was fumbled on a smash to center and squirted across the goal line, where it was recovered by alert right end for Malvern

T-E Figures In Second Football Tie

Lead Conshohocken Until Fourth Period When Pass Gives Visitors 7-7 Draw

Daily Local News

October 7, 1946

Tredyffrin-Easttown High figured in its second consecutive game on the home field at Berwyn on Saturday afternoon. Ahead 7-0 at halftime, the Bulldogs yielded a touchdown and extra point in the final quarter to finish in a 7-all draw with Conshohocken High. In their opener, a week earlier, T-E tied Malvern Prep, 7-7.

A long pass from Umstead to Scarpone set up the Bulldog touchdown near the close of the first half. The play started at the T-E 45 and carried to the Conshy four. Summerfield picked up one yard at the line and halfback Elmer Novelli went over standing up on an off-tackle thrust. Scarpone booted the extra point.

Outscored in first downs, 6 to 2, in the first half, Conshohocken threatened early in the second when it marched from the 40 to the T-E seven - held there on downs. A few minutes later, Novelli fumbled at the 10, and Conshy's Kurkowski recovered. One play advanced the

ball to the four, but the next three plays moved it only one yard.

Attempting to run the ball out of danger as the game went into the fourth quarter, T-E fumbled, and a Conshy guard recovered at the 16. Halted twice on the ground, the invaders went into the air and notched their touchdown.

In the dying minutes of play, Conshohocken attempted a field goal, but the kick was blocked by Bob Pollard, Bulldog center.

In first downs, T-E finished with an edge of 10 to 8, while in yards-gained-from-scrimmage, T-E topped the invaders 200 to 170.

T-E Defeats Radnor High by 7-0 Score

Elmer Novelli Registers Touchdown at End of 68-yard Drive

Daily Local News

October 12, 1946

Marching 68 yards to a touchdown in the third period, Tredyffrin-Easttown High nosed out Radnor

High, 7-0, in their annual battle at Wayne yesterday afternoon.

Elmer Novelli carried the ball across Radnor's goal line in a plunge from the one. Sam Scarpone added the extra point with a perfect placement kick. This is the first win for T-E. Two previous games resulted in ties.

T-E defeated Upper Merion 12-0

October 19, 1946

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Football Squad

Front Row: Asst Mgr James Burns, Sam Scarpone, Rick Sumerfield, R. Shank, Edigio DiMarcantonio, Asst Mgr Tom Phelan

Second Row: Coach Ernie Meyer, Bob Faggioli, Joe Corrigan, Lou DeStefano, Lou Umsted, Elmer Novelli, Paul Fry, Robert McKay, Asst Coach Russel Hatch

Third Row: Asst Coach James Meyers, Tom Morrison, Bob Pollard, Guilio DiSerafino, George Dixon, Fred Teal, Charles Maston, Ron McCorry, William Smurthwaite, Asst Mgr Bill Starkey

Fourth Row: Ceasar Natale, Cliff Evens, John Clark, J. Solitario, Ralph Stango, Eli McLaughlin, Leslie Hughes, Henry Hitchens, N. Recchi, Tom DeShula, Ed Lockwood

Fifth Row: H. Mitchell, Robert Davis, Francis Allen, Edwin Evens, M. Gentile, Ray Battisto, Henry Ginnona, Harry Thornbury, Lou Cappelli, George Bartosh

Top Row: Asst Mgr M. Mihalo, Robert Clark, Yerkes Wilson, Len Zonetti, J. Pezzotti, Miner Vail, William Tyson, Charles Pennypacker, Jackson Wilson, L. Pyle, Roger Roney, M. D'Orazio, Asst Mgr Edward Macbeth

T-E Bulldogs Upset Coatesville

T-E Bulldogs Fight Back After Rivals Gain Early Lead In Tilt; Victors Score On Pass and Interception Before 8,000 Fans at Villanova

Daily Local News
October 28, 1946

Fighting back after yielding a touchdown in the first two minutes of play, the grid Bulldogs of Tredyffrin-Easttown High scored in the second and fourth periods to defeat Coatesville High, 14-6, for the first time in 14 years, before nearly 8,000 fans at Villanova Stadium, Saturday afternoon.

Unbeaten but twice tied in five starts, the Bulldogs fought off repeated Coatesville threats, once stopping a drive at the one, and cashed in on two aerials – one of their own and one of their rivals.

Coates Take Lead

It looked like a rout for the Bulldogs was in prospect when Coach Ted Daily's Red Raiders, getting the ball on a fumble at their own 32 in the first minute of play, marched unchecked down the field to a touchdown.

Early in the second quarter, T-E got a drive under way at its own 45 and in six plays notched a touchdown. After four ground plays, the Bulldogs went into the air on a pass from Lou Umsted to Bob Faggioli, which carried to a first down on the Red Raider 31. From there Elmer Novelli heaved another aerial to Faggioli at the 10. Faggioli was in the clear as he made the catch and went across for a score. Ray Battisto kicked a perfect placement for the extra point, and T-E went ahead 7-6.

Halted At One

Coatesville roared back into a threatening position as Vince Vergara returned the T-E kick-off from his own 18 to the Bulldog 48. In four plays, the Red Raiders moved down to the 11 but there lost the ball on downs.

T-E kicked out to the 48. In four more plays, Coatesville was again down to the 12, and they kept moving to a first down at the one. A loss of one yard, a pick-up of one yard and a penalty caught the Raiders as time ran out in the first half.

Scarpone Intercepts

The Red Raiders broke out in a rash of desperation passes in the dying minutes of the fourth quarter and one of them finally backfired. After Faggioli and Novelli had intercepted passes to keep the ball deep in Coatesville territory, Joe Hess, Raider halfback drifted back almost to his own goal line and fired one wide to the 20. Sam Scarpone, alert Bulldog end, caught the ball on a dead run and flashed across the Raider goal line on the final play of the game. He completed his part in clinching the win by kicking the extra point.

Haverford In Victory Over Bulldogs

Daily Local News

November 4, 1946

Coming from behind with a fourth period score which climaxed its second-half domination of the game, Haverford High School won 12 to 7 to knock Tredyffrin-Easttown out of the ranks of undefeated teams in the Suburban Conference at Haverford Saturday afternoon.

The Berwyn school gave Haverford as much as it could handle in the first half and retired with a 7-6 halftime advantage. In the downhill periods, however, the Forders accelerated their pace and gave T-E no chance to score.

Haverford went ahead in the first period on a pass. Tredyffrin-Easttown matched the Ford aerial in the second quarter with a pass play that was good for 56 yards and a touchdown. The toss was from Elmer Novelli to his halfback running mate Bob Faggioli. It went 24 yards through the air and was gathered by Faggioli on the 32. Sam Scarpone, right end for T-E was downfield with Faggioli, and Scarpone turned Faggioli loosed by bringing down the Haverford safety man down with a jarring block. Ray Battisto came back from his guard post to left-foot a placement for the extra point.



T-E Triumphs Over D-town

Whippets Go Down Before Alert Play; Bulldogs Score Twice on Blocked Punts; Gain 18-13 Decision

Daily Local News

November 11, 1946

Alert action on blocked punts gave Tredyffrin-Easttown High an 18 to 13 verdict over Downingtown High in their annual clash before 3,000 fans at Downingtown, Saturday afternoon.

Two of three touchdowns recorded by the T-E Bulldogs stemmed directly from partially blocked punts. In each case, the ball was snatched by a wide-awake T-E lineman and carried across the Downingtown goal line.

The win was Tredyffrin-Easttown's second in competition for the Chester County championship. The Bulldogs tabbed their first touchdown in the opening period when Egidio DiMarcantonio broke through and batted a punt from the toe of Frank Kipp off to one side. Bob Pollard was on a dead run when he gathered in the ball at Downingtown's 20, and he had a clear field to pay-dirt. Bob Faggioli's placekick for the extra point was blocked.

Whippets Ahead

Downingtown went ahead at 7-6 in the same period when Joe Capriotti got loose on a reverse and raced 24 yards to score. The Whippets converted with a placement kick.

The Whippet lead held until the fourth quarter when T-E gained possession on the Downingtown 20, after a D-town punt angled out of bounds at that point. Before Coach White's boys could get their defenses

organized, the Bulldogs had pounded down to the one-yard stripe. From that point quarterback Tommy Morrison sneaked over for six points. The extra-point attempt was blocked, but the Bulldogs were on top 12 to 7, and they never relinquished the lead.

Same Old Story

History repeated itself a few minutes later when a punt from the Downingtown 10 was partially blocked by Bob Pollard, and the ball came down into the arms of left end Henry Ginnona. After wriggling away from one tackler, Ginnona found running room and went 35 yards to score. The conversion attempt was wide.

Although time was running out, Downingtown fought back from its own 28, and in one play went all the way to the T-E 14. From the 14, 190-pound Dick Dague took personal command of a line-smashing attack, which finally took him across on a plunge from the one.

Phantoms Get Break to Tie T-E Bulldogs

Daily Local News

November 18, 1946

Outplayed all the way, Phoenixville High capitalized on a last-period scoring break to gain a 6-all draw with Tredyffrin-Easttown High before 3,000 fans at Berwyn Saturday afternoon. The T-E Bulldogs led 6-0 after a touchdown in the third period, and they were driving toward another score late in the final quarter when they encountered disaster in the form of a pass interception.

Starting from their own 31, the Bulldogs moved down to the Phoenixville nine as the game entered its closing five minutes. Elmer Novelli, in a play designed to catch the Phantoms napping, shot a pass out into the flats. A Phoenix halfback grabbed the ball at his own five, veered away from the T-E backs and continued for the full 95 yards needed to score. The placekick was blocked. With this one play, Phoenixville gained a tie and remained unbeaten in county competition.

Tredyffrin-Easttown, also unbeaten in the fight for county championship laurels, scored its touchdown in a drive, which started when it took the second half kick-off. Bob Faggioli returned the kick-off to the 29. Novelli ripped off 17 yards and Rick Sumerfield 11 yards to cross midfield. From the 44, Novelli broke loose on a weak-side play and raced for a six-pointer. The Bulldogs had a 7 to 4 edge in first downs and outgained the Phantoms on the ground, 162 yards to 51.

T-E Will Climax Title Bid Here

Much Hinges On Outcome Of Classic; Bulldogs and Phantoms Top Candidates for County Scholastic Grid Diadem

Daily Local News

November 26, 1946

A photo finish looms in the race for Chester County scholastic football championship laurels this year as two teams come down to the Thanksgiving Day finish line without having been beaten by any of their county rivals.

Tredyffrin-Easttown High of Berwyn, bidding strongly for its first title since early in the 30's will round out its campaign in the traditional Turkey Day game with West Chester High. The game will be played on West Chester High field and will start at 10 o'clock Thanksgiving morning.

The T-E Bulldogs, coached by Ernest H. Meyer, have lost only one of eight games. Three games, however, have resulted in ties. The Bulldogs sustained their lone setback at the hands of Haverford High by a 12-6 score. They were tied by Malvern Prep and Conshohocken. In county competition, they defeated Coatesville and Downingtown, and last week stalemated Phoenixville.

Pollard A Standout

Tredyffrin-Easttown will field a quartet of fast, smart and aggressive backs behind a hard-charging line. The T-E forward wall is not particularly heavy but has plenty of drive. Bob Pollard is a standout on the T-E line. In the starting line-up, Pollard will be flanked by John Campos and Ray Battisto as guards, Egidio DiMarcantonio and Lou DeStefano as tackles, Henry Ginnona and the veteran Sam Scarpone as ends.

The Garnet and Gray backfield will probably take the field with Lou Umsted as quarterback, Bob Faggioli and Elmer Novelli as halfbacks and Dick Sumerfield as fullback. Passes from Umsted to Novelli and Faggioli have been a potent factor in the T-E attack to date. Both of the halfbacks are also hard-running and elusive ball carriers. Sumerfield is

used mostly when short gains are needed but his ability as a breakaway runner cannot be discounted.

Expect Big Crowd

Spirit is running as high in both schools as if the old rivals were meeting with the county title at stake. The Main Line school will probably bring its biggest delegation of fans to West Chester, and with the usual local turn-out a record crowd is in prospect.

Both schools will have their bands on hand, the Tredyffrin-Easttown making their first appearance in new uniforms. All the omens point to a battle in keeping with the high standards of previous Thanksgiving Day games in the long series.

Team Record

T-E	Opponent	
7	Malvern Prep.....	7
7	Conshohocken.....	7
7	Radnor.....	0
12	Upper Merion.....	0
14	Coatesville.....	6
6	Haverford.....	12
18	Downingtown.....	13
6	Phoenixville.....	6
77	TOTAL.....	51



Tredyffrin-Easttown Cops Title

**Trips Warriors on Touchdown in Second Quarter;
Lou Umsted Goes Over on Quarterback Sneak as Time
Runs Out in First Half;
Passes Set Up Tally;
Invaders Play Conservative Football**

Daily Local News

November 29, 1946

Tredyffrin-Easttown High, rounding out its best season since 1933, defeated West Chester High, 6-0, before 5,000 fans on High School Athletic Field here, yesterday morning. The win gave T-E a clear claim to the county championship when Coatesville whipped Phoenixville, 13-7, yesterday afternoon.

Head Coach Ernest H. Meyer was not on hand to see his Bulldogs score their fifth win in nine starts. Suffering from a throat infection, Meyer was kept abed by his physician, and he turned over the coaching reins to his assistant James A. Meyers

Score As Half Ends

The Main Liners went ahead in the final 30 second of the first half and played it safe through the downhill periods to notch their victory. Late in the game, they started a drive against the tiring Warriors and moved from their own 40 to the West Chester one as the final gun sounded.

Forcing the breaks, T-E got a good one as time was running out in the half when they hurried Bill DiSerafino, West Chester captain, on a quick-kick from his own five. The wobbly punt carried only to the 25 and from that point the Bulldogs started their scoring drive.

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After a ground play netted only one yard, fullback Dick Sumerfield passed to Sam Scarpone for a first down on the nine. Immediately thereafter Sumerfield repeated the maneuver, passing this time to Henry Ginnona on the one-yard line. Lou Umsted took it over with his quarterback sneak on the next play.

Equipped with a 6-0 lead, the Bulldogs played conservative football throughout the second half. Deep in West Chester territory early in the third quarter, the Berwyn outfit played it safe with a punt from the 30 and they were never in any serious danger.

Pollard Intercepts

West Chester crossed midfield late in the third quarter but was halted as Bob Pollard, brilliant T-E center intercepted a pass at his own 32 and returned it to the 38. It was the Warriors second excursion into T-E territory. Their first, early in the game, was also halted by a Pollard interception at the 40.

The Main Liners were the aggressors throughout most of the game but a gritty Warrior line stopped all but one of their threats to the West Chester goal line. Early in the second period, Berwyn reached the West Chester 14 but lost the ball on downs. Shortly thereafter, they blocked a kick and regained possession at the 21 but were unable to score as a flurry of passes were grounded. Ginnona blocked the punt, and it was recovered by Sumerfield

Trouble developed for West Chester as the half neared its end when a 58-yard punt by Dick Sumerfield was picked up at the one and returned to the five. On the very first play, West Chester attempted a quick-kick but he was rushed and the ball went only to the 25. After that, two passes clicked for T-E to the one, and Umsted pushed across the score.

The second half was uninteresting most of the way because the T-E boys "played it safe." Only two subs were used to Coach Jim Meyers as he made sure of that final win. He was given outstanding play by his linemen, particularly by Bob Pollard at center. The Main Liners alternate a T and a single and double wing to good effort in their attack. Elmer Novelli and Bob Faggioli were the top ball carriers, although neither was able to break loose against the Warrior defense.

Five T-E Stars on All-County Team

Champs Get Major Share of Berths Three Linemen, Two Backs Named to First Team

Daily Local News

December 10, 1946

Players of the Tredyffrin-Easttown High eleven, which won the Chester County championship this fall, dominate selections made by the sportswriters of the county's three daily newspapers for top recognition on a mythical All-County team. Five T-E players are named on the all-star team, three on the line and two in the backfield. Four more were selected for the second team and one was given honorable mention.

The Tredyffrin-Easttown players selected as tops in the county were: quarterback Louis Umsted, halfback Elmer Novelli, tackle Edigio

DiMarcantonio, guard John Campos and center Bob Pollard. Pollard was a unanimous choice for the center post.

Named to the second team were end Henry Ginnona, tackle Louis DeStefano, end Sam Scarpone, and halfback Bob Faggioli. Fullback Dick Sumerfield received honorable mention.

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**JOHN
CAMPOS**
Senior
Left Guard



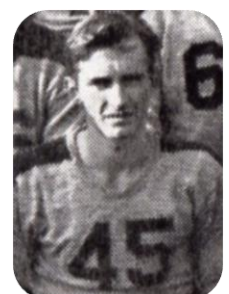
**ROBERT
POLLARD**
Sophomore
Center



**EGIDIO "JIGGS"
DIMARCANTONIO**
Senior
Right Tackle



**LOUIS
UMSTED**
Senior
Quarterback



**ELMER
NOVELLI**
Senior
Left Halfback



**HENRY
GINNONA**
Junior
Left End



**LOU
DESTEFANO**
Senior
Right Tackle



**SAM
SCARPONE**
Senior
Right End



**BOB
FAGGIOLI**
Senior
Right Halfback



**RICK
SUMERFIELD**
Senior
Fullback