

# The 1954 Bulldogs



The 1954 Tredyffrin-Easttown Bulldogs were mentored by Head Coach Ernest Meyer and Assistants Earl Metzler, William Paolantonio and Robert Keehn.

1954 was a banner year as the team and individuals earned many awards. They finished the season with a record of 7 wins and 3 losses overall and 6 wins and 1 loss in the ChesMont League. This made them the undisputed Champions of the ChesMont League.

Eight men were named to the All ChesMont teams. Fullback “Chic” Chiccino and Tackle Fred Gasser were named to the First Team. Guard Gerald

Ramsey and Center John Hamilton were named to the Second Team. Guard Craig Bollman, End George Selfinger and Backs Lou Mitchell and Bill Delaware received Honorable Mention. “Chic” Chiccino was named Outstanding Player in the ChesMont League by the *Chester County Order of the Purple Heart*. He received Honorable Mention on the *Philadelphia All Scholastic Team* and on the *Pennsylvania All State Team*.

1954 was an important year in the history of the school for three other reasons:

- This was the last year for the Tredyffrin-Easttown High School. In 1955, the new high school would be named Conestoga High School.
- This was the last year that the mascot was the Bulldog. In 1955, the mascot would be the Conestoga Pioneers.
- This was the final year that Ernie Meyer was Head Football Coach. In 1955, Bill Paolantonio became Head Coach.

# 1954 Bulldogs



90	Craig Bollman	12	G	64	William Bixler	10	G
92	Chic Chiccino	12	FB		William Blair	10	E
75	Tom Corrigan	12	T		Thomas Brown	10	G
66	Francis Folk	12	E		John Dannaker	10	G
91	Fred Gasser	12	T	86	William Delaware	10	B
61	Maurice Rickards	12	E	60	Vincent DePaul	10	T
65	William Young	12	B		Richard Eckfeldt	10	C
	Rick Aigeldinger	11	G	76	Edward Griffith	10	G
67	John Beltz	11	T		John Hamilton	10	C
73	John Boschi	11	G	58	Lawrence Henry	10	E
77	Emil Capetola	11	B		John Kraljevich	10	T
59	Donald Christensen	11	C	74	William Lynn	10	T
82	Paul Eaton	11	B		James Pyle	10	G
	Ronald Jones	11	B	62	Gerald Ramsey	10	G
54	Art LeGar	11	E	51	Bailey Stewart	10	B
72	Lou Mitchell	11	B		Robert Walton	10	C
63	William Murphy	11	B	68	J. Thornton	10	E
69	Lee Parry	11	B		Ed Lawrence	12	Mgr
78	Pat Rosato	11	G		William King	12	Mgr
81	George Selfinger	11	E		Thomas Jackmon	11	Mgr
56	William Shockley	11	B		Barry Oglesby	10	Mgr
79	Herb Wiley	11	T				

# T-E Wins ChesMont Opener, 40-0

## Swamps Green Bridgeport Before 5,000

**Lou Mitchell Scores Three,  
One on 70-Yard Romp,  
As Bulldogs Outclass Rivals**

Tredyffrin-Easttown High launched its bid to regain the ChesMont League football crown which it won in 1952 and lost in 1953 by crushing Bridgeport High, 40-0, before nearly 5,000 fans under the lights at Berwyn last night.

Three veteran Bulldog backs, Lou Mitchell, Charley Chiccino and Bill Shockley, combined their talents with that of an accurate passing quarterback, Lee Parry, to give the T-E eleven potent scoring punch. The rebuilt T-E line also gave a fine account of itself in the opener.

Bill Shockley scored the first T-E touchdown on a five-yard plunge and the second, also in the first period, came on a 15-yard pass from Parry to Mitchell. In the second period, Mitchell took a 20-yard pass from Parry and ran 10 yards to score.

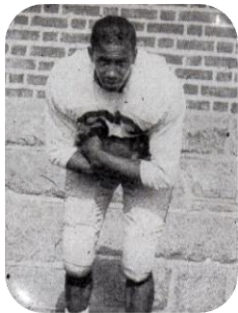
Chiccino smacked straight through the middle for 35 yards and

a score. Mitchell tallied on a 70-yard romp after he scooped up a blocked punt.

Halfback Bill Murphy intercepted a pass and ran 40 yards to cross the Dragon goal line only to have the play nullified by a penalty. Then, on the second play of the third period, Murphy made his second interception and this time got six points on a 35-yard romp.

Paul D'Andrea and Jerry Ramsey booted extra-points while D'Andrea also took a pass from Parry for the bonus point after the final touchdown.

*Daily Local News*  
September 18, 1954



Lou Mitchell



Charley Chiccino



Bill Shockley



Lee Parry

## T-E vs Conshy Saturday Night Grid Feature

### **Both Teams Won Openers Last Week**

The Bulldogs of Coach Ernie Meyer, who looked terrific in their 40-0 lid-lifting victory over Bridgeport last week, will go against another Montgomery county foe – Conshohocken High – tomorrow night. Game time is 8:00.

Coach Meyer will probably stand pat on the starting array which operated so effectively against the Dragons. In the backfield he will have Lee Parry at quarterback, Lou Mitchell and either Bill Shockley or Bill Murphy as halfbacks, and “Chic” Chiccino as fullback. On the line will be George Selfinger and Paul D;Andrea at end, Tom Corrigan and Fred Gasser at tackle, Jerry Ramsey and Craig Bollman as guards with John Hamilton at center.

*Daily Local News*  
September 24, 1954

## T-E Defeated by Bears

### **Conshy Jolts Bulldogs**

The short happy winning streak of Tredyffrin-Easttown High came to a stunning halt under the lights at Berwyn last night as Coach Ernie Meyer's Bulldogs lost to Conshohocken 32-0. After a 40-0 victory over Bridgeport last week the setback last night came as a shock to followers of the Bulldogs.

Conshohocken got an early jump on Tredyffrin-Easttown and scored in three of the four quarters of play. On defense, the Bears kept T-E in its own territory through most of the scrap.

*Daily Local News*  
September 25, 1954

# Bulldogs Jolt St. Matthew's Eleven

## Ramsey, Parry and Chiccino Score Touchdowns to Top Conshohocken Foe, 19-7

Playing on alien terrain for the first time this fall, Tredyffrin-Easttown High returned to the winner's circle last night with a 19-7 victory over St. Matthew's High at Conshohocken.

The first T-E touchdown came after five minutes of play. The Bulldogs had pushed St. Matt's back to their own five, and they were forced to punt. Jerry Ramsey broke through from his guard post, blocked the punt, picked up the ball and ran over for the touchdown.

In the second period, T-E drove from its own 40 to the Conshohocken team's eight. Then quarterback Lee Parry threw a short pass to Chiccino, who lateralled to Bill Shockley, in the clear for a touchdown.

The play was called back for an off sides penalty against the Bulldogs. On the next play, however, Parry, on a quarterback sneak, broke through to score.

The scoring for T-E was rounded out in the final period on a touchdown by Chiccino. He went 20 yards around left end for the tally. A pass from Parry to Shockley picked up the extra point.

*Daily Local News*  
October 2, 1954

## Radnor Rally Stuns T-E Raiders Trail in First Period But Surge Back

After trailing in the first period, Radnor High exploded with a ground and air attack which netted four touchdowns and a 27-6 victory over Tredyffrin-Easttown High before 5,000 fans at Radnor High field in Wayne yesterday afternoon.

Followers of Coach Ernie Meyer's Bulldogs were given an early thrill when Lee Parry passed to Lou Mitchel for a six-pointer in the opening period. The play covered a total of 25 yards.

*Daily Local News*  
October 8, 1954

## Early Scores By Chiccino Pace T-E Win

### Veteran Fullback Gets First Two In 37-0 Rout of Upper Merion Rivals

Veteran fullback "Chic" Chiccino scored the first two touchdowns as Tredyffrin-Easttown High collected a total of six in a 37-0 victory over Upper Merion High on Teamer Field, in Berwyn, Saturday evening. Coach Ernie Meyer's Bulldogs outclassed the Spartans and were able to use a complete array of substitutes in the final period. The victory gave T-E a 3-2 record and boosted its point total to 102.

Chiccino started the rout, when in the first period, he blocked a Spartan punt, grabbed the ball and raced 35 yards into the end zone. In the second quarter he scored on a 20-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Lee Parry.

Parry launched a three-touchdown attack in the third quarter when he pushed over from the two on an off-tackle thrust. Bill Delaware went off tackle for five yards and a touchdown and then before the period ended broke through right tackle and rambled 21 yards to score.

Late in the game, Paul Eaton, a sophomore halfback, caught an Upper Merion punt and ran 20 yards to score. Bill Murphy's PAT was good on this touchdown.

*Daily Local News*  
October 16, 1954

# Last-Minute Score Nets T-E League Victory

## *Fumble Gives Bulldogs Chance For Pay-Off Drive To Top Coates By 18-14*

A touchdown in the last half-minute of play gave Tredyffrin-Easttown High an 18-14 victory over Coatesville High in a Ches-Mont League thriller under the lights on Teamer Field, in Berwyn, last night.

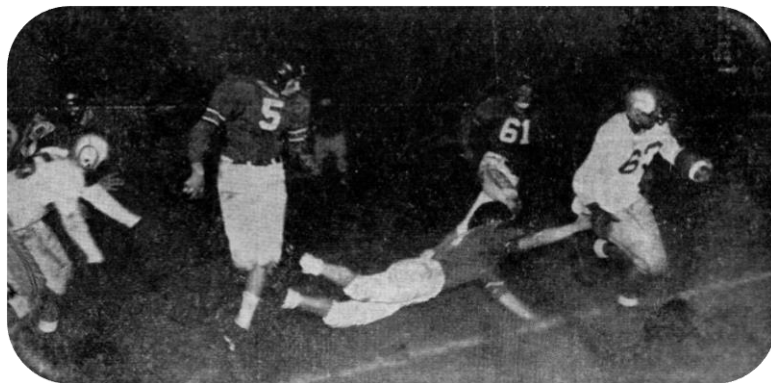
The victory gave Coach Ernie Meyer's Bulldogs a 2-0 standing in the league. It was the first defeat in two circuit starts for the Red Raiders.

T-E piled up a 12-0 lead in the first quarter but was unable to hold it as Coatesville came up with two touchdowns and two conversions in the third quarter to lead 14-12.

With a minute to go, "Chic" Chiccino, veteran Bulldog fullback, recovered a Coatesville fumble on the 45-yard line of the Raiders and ran to their 25. On the next play, the ball was centered through Parry's legs to Chiccino who passed to Mitchell in the end zone. The pass was almost intercepted. Mitchell, however, snatched the ball away and came down with the winning score.

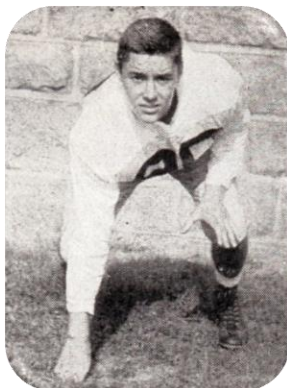
The Bulldogs scored in the first period on a Parry to Mitchell pass which was good for 50 yards and on an 80-yard run by Bill Delaware after he had intercepted a Coatesville pass on the T-E 20.

*Daily Local News*  
October 23, 1954

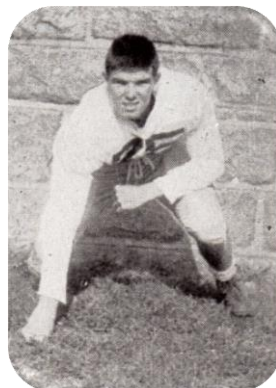


**PASS INTENDED FOR LOU MITCHELL** from Fullback "Chic" Chiccino is almost intercepted by a Raider. Mitchell stole the ball to score and the game ended on an 18-14 note with the stands in an uproar.

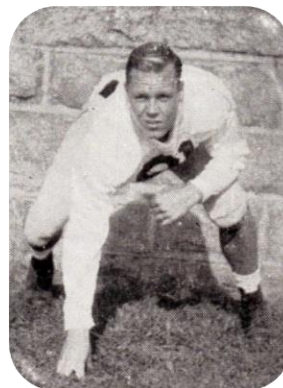
*Coatesville Record Photo*



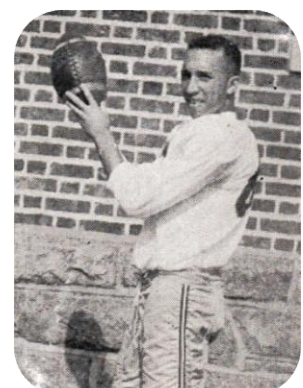
Craig Bollman



Tom Corrigan



Fred Gasser



Maurice "Buzz" Richards

# Third Period Splurge Nets 25-6 Verdict

## **Pottstown Ace Bedell is blanked for First Time; 3<sup>rd</sup> C-M Win For Meyermen**

Tredyffrin-Easttown High emerged as the dark horse of the ChesMont League when it soared to the top of that scholastic grid circuit last night with a solid, 25-6 victory over Pottstown High. The game, postponed from Saturday afternoon, was played under lights on Franklin Field in the Montgomery County borough.

The T-E eleven is now alone in first place by virtue of three victories and no league defeats. On the season, it has a record of 5 and

2. Prior victims of the Bulldogs in league competition were Bridgeport and Coatesville.

Coach Ernie Meyer's Main Liners took a 6-0 lead on a touchdown by Bill Delaware early in the second period but it wasn't until after mid-time that their attack really got into high gear. Delaware scored on a 25-yard run after taking a hand-off from quarterback Emil Capetola.

### **T-E Explodes**

Outplaying the opposition in every department, the Bulldogs took full command with three touchdowns in the third quarter. During that quarter the Trojans never got out beyond their own 30 yard line.

"Chic" Chiccino led the second half assault with a touchdown on a three-yard plunge and an accurate

boot for the extra point. He scored at the end of a drive that started at midfield.

The scoring splurge continued after Lou Mitchell intercepted a pass and raced from his own 40 to the Pottstown 20. After the team gained seven yards on the ground, Chiccino heaved an aerial to Mitchell which was good for 13 yards and a touchdown.

A blocked punt led to the final T-E touchdown of the third period. Maurice Rickards, one of Coach Meyer's ends, batted down the ball giving the Bulldogs possession at the Trojan 26. A line play moved it to the 25. From there Chiccino passed to wingman George Selfinger for the touchdown.

**Daily Local News**

November 2, 1954



**PASSER TURNED RUNNER** – Although the final result was as coolly accepted as the weather last night by local fans as they watched Pottstown High lose 25-6 to Berwyn, some individual performances were warming. On this play Trojan quarterback Josh Sova changed his mind about passing. His Bulldog pursuers are Pat Rosato (78), Herb Wiley (79), John Hamilton (58) and Maurice Rickards (61).

**Pottstown Mercury** Photo

# T-E Bulldogs Win Fourth Straight In Ches-Mont Loop

## ***Yield Early Score But Surge Back To Defeat Downingtown, 19-7, Before 2,000 Fans As Aerials Figure in Point-Production***

Tredyffrin-Easttown High made full use of passes – its own and the opposition’s – to retain its front-running status in the ChesMont League with a 19-7 victory over Downingtown High before more than 2,000 fans at the Papertown Stadium, Saturday afternoon.

Coach Ernie Meyer’s Bulldogs set up their first touchdown with a pass, scored the second through the air and capitalized on an interception for the third.

It was their fourth straight ChesMont victory, their fourth win in a streak started against Upper Merion on October 15 and their sixth triumph in eight starts this fall. They are the only unbeaten team in the ChesMont competition as the campaign comes to within two games of the finale.

### **Can Clinch Title**

The Bulldogs can clinch the 1954 C-M title with a victory over Phoenixville High in their game on Teamer Field, in Berwyn, next Friday night. At the moment only the Phantoms have a chance of finishing ahead of T-E.

The Meyermen trailed momentarily at 7-0 in the second period but scored twice to lead 13-7 at the half.

### **Bulldogs Rebound**

After the kick-off by Downingtown, T-E moved on the ground from its 13 to the 35. Then

a pass from “Chic” Chiccino to Lou Mitchell paved the way for a score. Mitchell caught the ball at the Downingtown 45 and ran to the four. On the next play, speedy Bill Delaware whipped around end to score, but the PAT was no good. Score 7-6.

The Bulldogs remedied this a few minutes later. Downingtown quarterback John Chilla ran the kick-off back from his own 15 to the 19. Immediately he passed the ball, but the *completion* was judged a *fumble*. Mitchell recovered for T-E on the 29. Two plays later Chiccino passed to George Selfinger, who took the ball at the eight and raced into the end zone. Chiccino picked up the extra point on an end run.

### **Insurance TD**

Just as the quarter ended, a Whippet grabbed a T-E pass. A strong ground attack pushed the

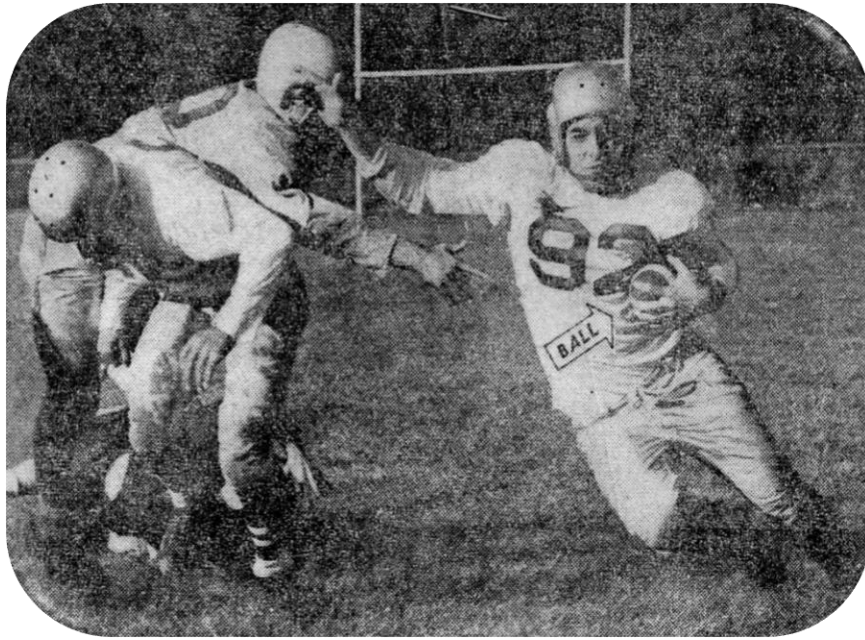
ball down to the T-E 24, and to the Whippet fans, it looked like a TD was in the making. The picture change quickly when Mitchell intercepted a pass at the T-E 10 and returned 82 yards to the Whippet eight.

The sensational “Whippet save” went for naught when Chiccino, Coach Meyer’s veteran fullback, found running room on the next play and skirted end for the *insurance touchdown*.

With the chips down, there was no lull in action, and no let-up in the ferocity of the attack and defense. The play was of championship caliber and the victory a notable one for the Bulldogs.

*Daily Local News*

November 8, 1954



**WITH THE HELP OF A KEY BLOCK** thrown by Bill Delaware (60), fullback Charles Chiccino (92) skirts left end for a seven-yard touchdown, Berwyn's third and last, as the Bulldogs whipped Downingtown, 19-7, yesterday at Downingtown.  
*The Coatesville Record Photo*

# T-E Bulldogs Whip Phantoms To Take ChesMont Crown

## *Notch Fourth Straight for 1954 Honors*

Rickards Scores On blocked Punt and Delaware On Long Run in 13-0 Triumph

*Tredyffrin-Easttown High is the 1954 football champion of the ChesMont League.*

The Bulldogs clinched title honors before 5,000 fans on Teamer Field, in Berwyn, last night, when they defeated Phoenixville High, 13-0. It was their fourth league win in a row. They could lose their Thanksgiving Day finale with West Chester and still come out on top since every other teams in the circuit has last at least two games. On the season T-E has a 6-2 record, losing only to Conshohocken and unbeaten Radnor.

A blocked punt gave Coach Ernie Meyer's boys their first touchdown in the closing minutes of the first half. With four minutes to go, the Phantoms got possession on their own 40, and through penalties and

scrimmage losses, were pushed back to their own three. Phoenixville punted to the 40, but the play was recalled because both teams were off-sides. On the next punt attempt, Maurice Rickards, T-E end, broke through, beat down the ball, picked it up a step from the goal line and went over for six-points.

The third period was played largely at midfield, with neither team making a serious threat. After about six minutes of the final period, Bill Delaware, flashy sophomore halfback, broke into the clear on a delayed buck from the T-E 30 and went the full 70 yards to score. Emil Capetola went over on a quarterback sneak for the extra point.

Charley Chiccino, veteran fullback, thrilled T-E fans in the opening minutes of the game when he intercepted a Phantom pass at midfield and returned it to the 10. There, however, the Phoenixville line dug in and took over the ball on downs.

*Daily Local News*  
November 13, 1954





**BLOCKING PAYS OFF** – The Berwyn forward wall affords just about everything a ball carrier dreams about here as quarterback Emil Capetola (77) plunges through the Phoenixville line the extra point following the second TD in the fourth period last night at Teamer Field. Berwyn won the game 13-0 and Ches-Mont League championship. *The Daily Republican Photo*



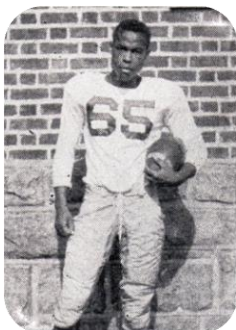
**"CHIC" CHICCINO (82)** on his way to a touchdown in the second period of the Bridgeport game. Craig Bollman (83) is blocking out a Bridgeport player.

*Times Herald Photo*  
 Game: September 17, 1954  
 T-E won 40-0



**DON'T FENCE ME IN** – It was a waltz for Charlie Chicino to score the second touchdown in Berwyn's 25-6 victory over Pottstown Monday night. Here he runs through a big hole for eight yards and the TD.

*Mercury Sportsphoto*  
 Game: November 1, 1954



William Young



Francis Folk



Emil Capetola



# Warriors Jolt T-E, 13-6

## Topple ChesMont League Champions Before 5,000 Fans

The Warriors scored in each of the first two periods, dominated play in the third and then almost lost their grip on the lead on a blocked punt, a fumble and an interception in the closing quarter.

### **T-E Goal Line Stand**

Fired up as they returned for the second half, the Warriors took the kick-off at their own 10, got it back to the 34, and then went on a march that got them to the T-E 2. This set the stage for a great goal line stand by the outweighed but rugged Bulldog forward wall. On fourth down, the Warriors were stopped six inches short of the goal line.

The Bulldogs were held at their own 25 as the final period opened. T-E punted. The high boot by Chic Chiccino came down into the arms of the West Chester returner at the 45, slipped through his hands and was recovered by the alert Pat Rosato. A pass from Emil Capetola to Bill Shockley netted a first down, but the next pass was intercepted by WC.

### **Break for T-E**

The joy of local rooters was short-lived when four plays later, the WC punter was thrown off balance by a wide pass from center

and got the ball only a few feet off the ground. It slammed into onrushing T-E linemen, bounded back to the West Chester 19, where it was recovered by tackle Fred Gasser.

This was the chance Ernie Meyer's boys had been waiting for. Chiccino, running wide on the first play, got down to the 10 before being chased out of bounds.

### **Assist from WC Coach**

Then, strange as it seems, the Bulldogs got an assist from the WC Coach. Coach Coren raced out on the field to protest a play. Before going on the field of play he neglected to get permission from the officials. That violated a rule which called for a 15-yard penalty. Enforcement of the penalty put the ball on the one-yard line.

Temporarily befuddled by the unusual turn of events, the West Chester defense offered feeble resistance as Chiccino charged over for a touchdown.

### **Halt Late Drive**

With about three minutes left to play, T-E gained possession at its own 44 when Chiccino intercepted a jump pass. Capetola, Delaware and Chiccino smashed out a first down at the WC 45, but the gains were nullified by a 15-yard penalty which set the Bulldogs back to their own 30. They surged back as Chiccino, rushed on a pass attempt,

decided to run and got back to the Warrior 45. A 15-yard penalty against West Chester on gave the Bulldogs life, but the West Chester line and pass defense held, and the Warriors ran out the clock.

### **T-E Hard-hitters**

Chiccino, a hard-running, hard hitting and smart fullback, was undoubtedly the outstanding star for the Bulldogs. Sophomore Delaware displayed that he was dangerous if given running room but wasn't often given it by the Warriors.

Senior linemen Fred Gasser, Craig Bollman and Tom Corrigan played a great game for the Main Liners and Center John Hamilton, in the role of a linebacker, was outstanding in diagnosing plays and meeting them head-on. Jerry Ramsey, Coach Meyer's 135-pound watch charm guard, demonstrated the skill and drive which earned him a starting berth over much heavier candidates.

Halfback Lou Mitchell, a scoring star for T-E in most of its earlier games, was watched closely by the Warriors and had little chance to display his talents. The West Chester pass defense was particularly effective against the six-foot, reconverted end.

*Daily Local News*  
November 26, 1954

# 1954 All-ChesMont League Selections

Seven Bulldogs were named to the All-ChesMont Teams. Nominated to the First Team were Charles Chiccino, senior back and Fred Gasser, senior tackle. On the Second Team were Gerald Ramsey, sophomore guard and John Hamilton, junior center. George Selfinger, junior end; Craig Bollman, senior guard; Lou Mitchell, junior back; and Bill Delaware, sophomore back received Honorable Mention.

Charley "Chic" Chiccino was a unanimous choice as a back. He was also named to the First Team at the end of the 1953 season. On the line, Fred Gasser, 185-pound senior tackle, gained a first team berth for the TE champions. Only one sophomore was named on either the first or second team. He is Gerald Ramsey, the 135-pound, watch charm guard of Coach Ernie Meyer's champion T-E Bulldogs. The scribes noted many fine sophomore prospects in the league, particularly at Berwyn, but felt that all needed considerable seasoning before being ready for first team rating.

In overall selections, eight players were named from the championship Tredyffrin-Easttown squad. Only Pottstown had as many selections.

*Daily Local News*  
December 1, 1954

## Ernie Meyer Resigns with Championship T-E Team

Ernest H. Meyer, head coach of Tredyffrin-Easttown High School has turned in his resignation. After 21 years as a football coach, Meyer says he thinks it is time to retired from some of his activity.

Meyer was born in Western Pennsylvania. He played football at Geneva College, and for a short time he played with the Detroit Lions. Before coming to T-E, he was head coach at Rochester High School for 11 years.

During the ten years he has coached football at T-E, the team of '52 made the best showing, he said. They won nine games and lost only one.

*Daily Local News*  
December 1954

## T-E Fullback Receives Award



**CHARLEY CHICCINO**, left, Tredyffrin-Easttown High fullback, is shown receiving congratulations from John Maurer, football committee chairman of the Chester County Chapter of the Order of the Purple Heart. "Chic" was named yesterday as the most outstanding player of 1954 in the ChesMont League. The award is made in memory of the men who lost their lives in the service of their country.

Chiccino has been a valuable member of retiring Coach Ernie Meyer's backfield for three years. In addition to being named to the All ChesMont team for two years, he has received Honorable Mention on the Philadelphia All-Scholastic Team and on the Pennsylvania All-State Team.

*Daily Local News*

## T-E Plays Last Game Under Present Name

Old-time graduates of Tredyffrin-Easttown High School will flock to West Chester tomorrow, to see the Garnet and Gray play under the label of T-E for the last time. When the two team engage again next year, the Berwyn school will be known as Conestoga High School, and many an "old grad" will want to be on hand for the finales in a long and honorable gridiron series.

*Daily Local News*  
November 24, 1954

