

# The Forties

## 1941 FOOTBALL SEASON

125 young women and men graduated with the Class of 1942. Mr. Maas was the head football coach. The team won four games and lost five. On November 27, 1941, the Bulldogs beat the West Chester Warrior by a score of 14-0. *The following articles were saved by Bob and Ray DiSerafino's Mother.*

## Berwyn Finds a Way When Purse Is Empty

**By Bob Johnston**  
**August/September 1941**

Twenty five bronzed football candidates ran and kicked an passed yesterday at Berwyn High School as Coach Fred Maas, strapping six-footer, waved an expansive hand. "We have," he said, "all the comforts of home here. What do we want with a football camp? The beds are comfortable, the food is good, and all equipment is available."

### **Show Initiative**

And there was none to dispute Maas, even if any listener happened to be in an argumentative mood. For Berwyn, truly enough, is doing very nicely with the material at hand. Lacking funds for a training camp, the Tredyffrin-Easttown huskies emulated Mohammed and his mountain, setting up camp right on the school's athletic field.

Two coaches, the candidates, and two managers took possession of the school gymnasium last Monday. Cots were requisitioned, a cook was employed, and the Main Liners were all set of a one-week workout.

Maas, former Lafayette All-American, who succeeded Lou Shadel as head coach this year, sends his charges through bodily contact work each morning. The afternoons are devoted to calisthenics, running and signal drill

### **Team in Good Shape**

"The boys are in better shape now than they ever were before," Maas declared. "I've been working them

pretty hard, but we should get results. And the kids have enjoyed every minute of it."

Berwyn hasn't won a game for two years. But Maas and Jimmy Meyers, assistant coach from Lock Haven, are confident that the tide has turned. Well it might with six lettermen, a new coach and the flying start gained in camp. Maas named a tentative starting lineup yesterday, including the half-dozen holdovers. Sam Holley and Tom Armstrong probably will play end, with the DiSerafino brothers – Bob and Ray – at tackle. Joe Chiccino and Lou Giovanni are outstanding guards, and Carlo Carnevalino has the center spot clinched.

### **Veteran at Quarterback**

Fred Hervey, a veteran, will start at quarterback. Other ball carriers are Dan Green, John Matthews and Bob Hobson, hard-hitting fullback.

Maas, head coach at Slatington High before coming to Berwyn, has arranged a varied recreational program for his charges. Quoit tournaments and the radio help to banish their evening boredom.

Chief lifeguard at Manhattan Beach during the summer months, Maas looked ready to play a full 60 minutes himself. He indicated that camp plan has the hearty endorsement of Principal Wallace Brey. It will become a fixture in Berwyn's athletic program.

The Main Liners will open an eight-game schedule September 20, playing host to Spring City.



**COACH FRED MAAS**, former Lafayette All-American, making his coaching debut at Berwyn, is an interested spectator as two of his charges go through their paces. Lou Giovanni, guard candidate, is tackled by fullback Bob Hobson, one of six available lettermen.



**GRIDIRON CANDIDATES** tackle the three-meals-per with gusto when it's chow time. Center Carlo Carnevalino is shown dishing out some soup to teammates Tom Armstrong, an end; Ray DiSerafino, tackle; and Joe Chiccino, guard candidate.

September 27, 1941 T-E played Spring City and lost 12-0.

October 4, they played the Alumni and lost 14-8.

October 10, T-E played Radnor, and they lost 13-2. The probable starters (as listed in the program were:

- 37 Sam Holley – Left End
- 14 Ray DiSerafino – Left Tackle
- 36 Lou Giovanni – Left Guard
- 42 Carlo Carnevalino – Cneter
- 46 Joe Chiccino – Right Guard
- 44 Bob DiSerafino – Right Tackle
- 15 Tony Rubbo – Right End
- 43 Fred Hervey – Quarterback
- 38 Dan Green – Left Halfback
- 45 Jack Matthews – Right Halfback
- 41 Bob Hobson – Fullback

### 1941 Seniors



**Royal Allen**



**John Bartosh**



**Joseph Chiccino**



**Daniel Green**



**Louis Giovannini**



**Robert Hobson**



**Fred Hervey**



**Samuel Holley**



**Anthony Rubbo**

# **Green Scores Twice As Berwyn High Wins**

**T-E 13, Upper Merion 0**

**October 18, 1941**

With Dan Green showing the way with a pair of touchdowns, Berwyn High hammered out a 13-0 decision over its Upper Merion rival Saturday in a Conference game played on the losers' field.

Green produced a pair of second-period scores that clinched the game. He tallied the first on a center plunge from the 10-yard stripe, came back five minutes later to tally the second on an end sweep from the three.

October 25, T-E played Coatesville, and they lost.

November 1, T-E defeated Haverford 13-6.

# **Berwyn Scores on Pass To Upset Downingtown**

**T-E 12, Downingtown 7**

**November 8, 1941**

Still climbing the comeback trail, Berwyn High, recent surprise conquerors of Haverford High, pulled another one out of the bag when they handed Downingtown a 12-7 reverse Saturday on the winner's field

A touchdown pass from Frank Mazzi to Fred Hervey early in the fourth period produced the winning score after Berwyn had marched 8- yards in the third period for their first six-pointer

**T-E 7, Phoenixville 21**

**November 15, 1941**

Berwyn scored in the fourth period when Frank Mazzi plunged over from the five

# Berwyn to Play West Chester High

**November 26, 1941**

Berwyn High, with the most successful record in years, will entertain the strong West Chester High eleven on the Berwyn High gridiron this morning in their annual Turkey Day battle. More than 3,000 fans are expected to witness the kickoff at 10:30 A.M.

The homesters, sporting three wins for the first time since 1938, are the underdogs of the battle but are expected to put up a stiff battle before giving way to the Chester County-seaters.

Berwyn, opened the season by losing to Spring City, 12-0 and were nosed out by the Alumni, 14-8. Radnor won from the T-E eleven by a 13-2 score before

they found their stride. Then Upper Merion was defeated, 13-0 for T-E's first win in 26 contests.

Coatesville, undefeated and untied this season, trounced the fighting upper Main Liners by a 31-0 count but the Berwyn eleven came back on the rebound and scored an upset by defeating Haverford High 13-6. They also defeated Downingtown the following week, 12-7.

"The win over Downingtown was their first since 1933. Although losing to Phoenixville, 21-7, it marked the first game since 1933 that Berwyn had scored on its rivals.

## Berwyn Bulldogs Beat W.C.H.S., 14-0

**Dan Green and Sam Holley Score Touchdown for Winning Eleven**

**November 28, 1941**

Playing their first season under Fred Maas, Berwyn closed its most successful season since 1937 as they defeated the West Chester Warriors, 14-0, before a capacity crowd of 4,500 at Berwyn last Thursday morning. This was the 35<sup>th</sup> meeting between these two rivals. The Bulldogs went into the game as favorites and came out the same way. It has been quite some time since a Berwyn eleven has gone into a game as a favorite and a lot of credit is due Fred Maas for bringing the Bulldogs along the way he did.

Throughout the entire game it was plain to be seen what would happen, the Bulldogs having the upper hand most of the game. Only once did West Chester seriously threaten to score, and that was not until the last quarter, when they had a first down on the Berwyn five-yard line. However, the Bulldogs held and kicked out of danger.

**Berwyn's First Touchdown**

The first Berwyn touchdown came in the second quarter as a result of a forward pass, which was intercepted by Bob Hobson, Berwyn's dual star, equally at home either at center or in the fullback spot. Hobson reached up and snared the flying apple on his own 40 and returned to the Warriors 35 before being

stopped. Then Dan Green stepped into the picture and went to the eight on a reverse. He scored on the next play, going off his own right tackle for the touchdown.

**Berwyn's Second Touchdown**

The second Berwyn score came in the third period when Sam Holley took a long pass tossed by Dan Green. Green took the ball on the Warriors' 35 and started out on what looked like a wide out run around right end, then, all of a sudden, he cocked his arm and let a long one go right into the arms of Sam Holley, who had crossed over from left end. Holley took the pass over his shoulder and went over from the 13 unmolested.

Ray DiSerafino kicked both points after touchdown.

**T-E Line-up**

Ends: Sam Holley, Armstrong

Tackles: Bartosh, Bob DiSerafino

Guards: Giovannini, Chiccino

Center: Hobson

Quarterback: Hervey

Halfbacks: Green, Metzler

Fullback: Mazzi

Substitutes: H Holley, Rubbo at end; Ray DiSerafino at tackle; Barber at guard; Carnevalini at center; Chiccino, D'Ambrosio, Matthews, Hobson in the backfield.



*First Row:* Robert Hobson, Francis Braun, Anthony Rubbo, Robert DiSerafino, Jarvis Barber, Carlo Carnevalino, Lou Giovannini, Ray DiSerafino, Tom Armstrong, Sam Holley, Fred Hervey  
*Second Row:* Joe Chiccino, Frank Mazzi, Joe Bartosh, Francis McKeown, Robert Mueller, Joseph Moran, John Matthews, David Metzler, Harold Sumerfield, L. Ryder, Royal Allen  
*Third Row:* Warren Hampton - Manager, A. Coffrin, P. Wiseman, Robert Funkhouser, L. Skatz, Sam Bertucciati, William DiDomenico, Arthur Wallace - Asst Manager, Wilmer Hampton – Asst Manager, Coach Maas

**Yearbook Photos**



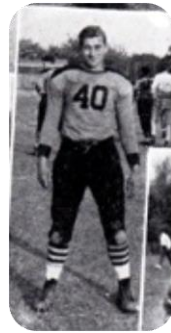
**Joe Chiccino**  
Right Guard



**Tony Rubbo**  
Right End



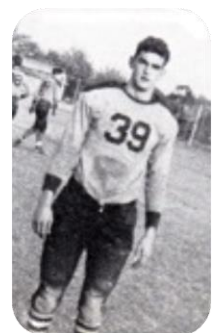
**Bob Hobson**  
Fullback



**Joe Bartosh**  
Tackle



**Dan Green**  
Left Halfback



**Ray Diserafino**  
Left Tackle



**Jello, Roy and Lead**  
(?, Royal Allen, Frank Mazzi)



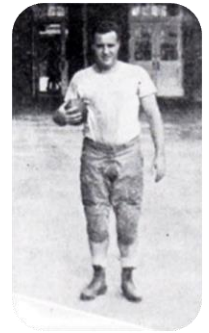
**"Big John & Bob"**



**Fred Hervey**  
Quarterback



**Coach Maas**  
Head Coach

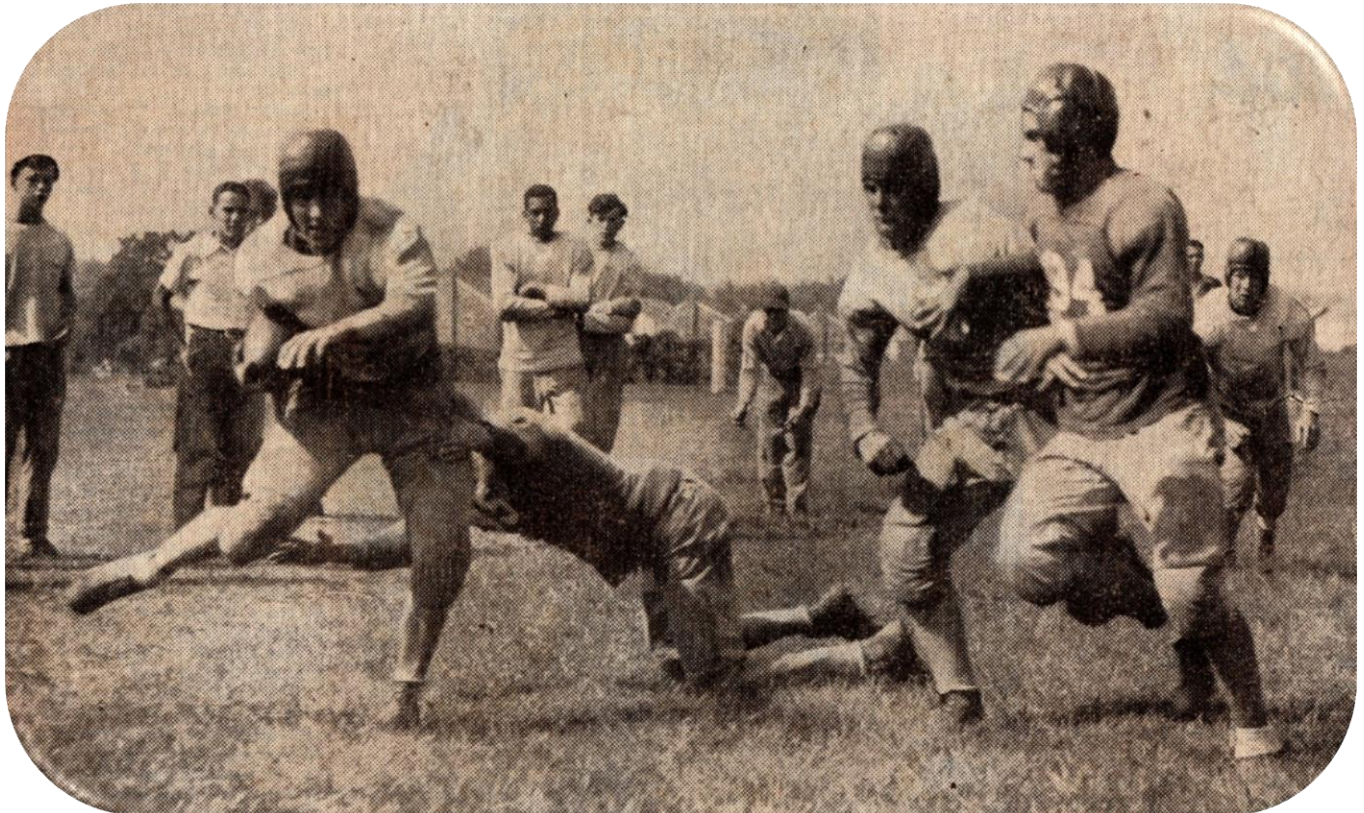


**Coach Myer**  
Asst Coach

# 1942 FOOTBALL SEASON

September 11, 1942, Mr. Shadel leaves for Naval Officers' Training School at Norfolk, VA. "The sports program was curtailed to a certain extent this year due to war-time restrictions and many changes in the faculty. Coach Fred T. Maas left to take up a post in Nutley NJ, just after he had gotten the team well under way. However, the new assistant coach, Fuller Greenawalt stepped into the gap and with the assistance of Gerald Smeigh led the team through a very successful season." The 1943 Garnet and Gray, page 52

## Home Football Camp at Berwyn Proves Popular *Plunging Through the Line in Mid-Season Form*



AS BERWYN HIGH rounds into form for its football season, Frank Matthews, halfback, gets the ball-carrying assignment.

# Home Football Camp at Berwyn Proves Popular

By ED BROOMHEAD  
September 1942

The Berwyn High School football squad has completed its first week of practice under Coach Fred Maas. Officials are proud of the training system instituted for the team.

Last year, Maas, in his first season as coach, suggested housing the team in the school gymnasium for a week and allowing the boys to eat in the school cafeteria. School officials approved the idea and the alumni gave Maas considerable help.

Unable to win a game for three years, or score a point the two previous seasons, Maas developed an eleven, mostly sophomores, which won four games and lost five in the 1941 campaign.

"The boys are well advanced and much heavier this year," said Maas. "We should have a good team. The boys are fast and shifty.

Right now we are looking for reserves."

Of the 26 candidates who reported for practice, seven are lettermen, including three backfield players, two tackles, a guard and center. Those returning are Jack Matthews and Dave Metzler, halfbacks; Frank Mazzi, fullback; Ray and Bob DiSerafino, brother tackles; Jarvis Barber, guard; and Carlo Carnevalino, center.

Maas is grooming Francis Braun and Joe Appicciafuoco at the ends, with Bob Griffin, at quarterback, and Bob Mueller or Marco Scartozzi to fill the vacant guard position. Both Mueller and Scartozzi have starred in practice, and they are staging a real battle for the starting assignment

Mazzi can do most everything from his fullback position. He calls plays, does most of the passing and is an excellent blocker. Matthews is a good line plunger, while

Griffith, a fleet-footed ball-carrier, will be hard to catch once he gets by the opponents' secondary.

Bob DiSerafino will captain the team, and his brother Ray will drop back from the line to do the place kicking for the extra points.

Other boys who are battling for starting positions are John Hobson, Victor Syfrit, Jim Dixon, Francis Connell, Ray Casey, and Felice Silveri, backs; Joe Wilson, Vernon Wright, Allen Brace and Calvin Davis, ends; Pat Wise and Harold Sumerfield, tackles; Bob Mueller and Bob Funkhouser, guards, and Joe Moran, center.

Maas is being assisted by "Grennie" Grenwalt, former Ursinus College athlete. Berwyn will scrimmage its alumni next Saturday afternoon, with its first regular scheduled game at Spring City High, September 26.



Coach  
Gerald  
Smeigh

## Berwyn Trounces Spring City, 14 to 0

September 27, 1942

Berwyn High School's football team ushered in its 1941 season by triumphing over Spring City, 14-0, on the latter's field yesterday afternoon.

Joe Appicciafuoco Berwyn registered a touchdown in the first, and Dave Metzler scored in the last periods. Ray DiSerafino booted both PATs.

## Berwyn High Tops Pottstown Eleven

October 3, 1942

Berwyn High's Dave Metzler scored in the second period to put the Bulldogs up 6-0 over rival Pottstown. Felice Silveri scored a touchdown in the final period. Ray DiSerafino added one PAT to give Berwyn a 13-0 victory.

Coach  
Fuller  
Greenawalt



# Berwyn High Beats Radnor By 21-0 Score

October 10, 1942

Berwyn High Schools' hard-smashing Bulldogs scored their third straight victory yesterday when they beat Radnor High, 21-0 in a Suburban Conference football game at Radnor.

The Bulldogs scored all their points in the third period before a crowd of 3,000. Radnor kicked off in the third quarter to Frank Mazzi, who received the ball on his own 10 and carried to the Berwyn 40. Jack Matthews made five on the first play, and then Mazzi reversed to Matthews who swung wide to his left for 25 yards, then cut back for a 30-yard touchdown run. Ray DiSerafino placekicked the point.

Two minutes later Mazzi intercepted a pass on third down on Radnor's 45. He was brought down on Radnor's 38. Dave Metzler, Berwyn left halfback, picked up four yards, and Mazzi moved to the 21.

Another reverse from Mazzi to Metzler, who ran wide down the right sidelines, gave Berwyn its second touchdown. DiSerafino again converted.

Near the end of the period in the midst of a Radnor drive, Matthews intercepted a pass on his own seven. He turned around and raced 92 yards to score. DiSerafino converted the extra point.

# Upper Merion and Berwyn Play 0-0 Tie

October 17, 1942

A clipping penalty that nullified a first-period touchdown prevented Berwyn High School's unbeaten eleven from extending its winning streak yesterday as a heavier Upper Merion team battled the Bulldogs to a scoreless tie on the Mainliners field.

Husky Dave Metzler, a consistent ground gainer all afternoon, registered what might have been the winning touchdown early in the first quarter on a 35-yard dash off-tackle.

## Penalty Ruins Score

But, the cheers of the Tredyffrin-Easttown followers turned to heart-breaking groans when a penalty for down-field clipping ruled out the score.

Upper Merion threw up a determined goal line defense late in the second period to turn back a Berwyn drive that started at midfield. Stunning off-tackle smashes by Metzler and Frank Mazzi and a 15-yard jaunt by Dick Matthews on a reverse moved the ball to the eight. The visitors stopped the attack cold and took over on the 10 just before the half ended.

## Good Ball Handlers

During the second half, Berwyn dominated the play although they never could get a consistent attack going. Both clubs handled the wet ball in excellent fashion, with only two fumbles marring an otherwise perfect game.

*October 24, 1942 the Bulldogs lost to Coatesville, 14-4.*

# Haverford Is Victor Over Berwyn, 12-7

October 31, 1942

Haverford High staved off a last period offensive to win its Suburban Conference football game yesterday against Berwyn on its home field, 12-7. The first score came in the second quarter when a flat six-yard toss was good for a touchdown. Later, in the third quarter the Fords repeated with an end around for 25 yards.

Berwyn, in the last period, seriously threatened the home towners' lead. Frank Mazzi culminated a downfield march by passing five yards to Jack Blackburn, for a score. Ray DiSerafino converted. Another try at the goal line was stopped short by Haverford.





## Berwyn Seniors



**Joseph  
Appicciafucco**



**Jarvis  
Barber**



**Robert  
DiSerafino**



**George  
Parfitt**



**George  
Sumerfield**



**Daniel Wagner**

## Tredyffrin Blanks Downingtown, 7-0

**November 7, 1942**

Tredyffrin-Easttown High of Berwyn won 7 - 0 over Downingtown High eleven before 1,500 fans at the Whippet field. The lone score came in the second period.

*November 14, 1942, Berwyn lost to Phoenixville, 25-7.*

*November 25, 1942, Mr. Smeigh leaves for Naval Officers Training School at Harvard.*

## Berwyn-West Chester, 7-7 Tie

**November 27, 1942**

A blocked kick started Berwyn High off to a touchdown, which enabled the Bulldogs to share a 7-7 tie game with West Chester High, at West Chester, Thanksgiving Day. In the third period, Joe Appicciafucco blocked and recovered a punt on West Chester's 25. Seven plays later, Edgar Slaw scored a touchdown from the one-yard line, and Ray DiSerafino kicked the extra point to earn a tie for Berwyn.

## 1942 All-Star Selections

Frank Mazzi and Joe Appicciafucco were named to the All-Chester County All-star Second Team as backs. Bob and Ray DiSerafino were named to the Second Team as tackles.

Joe, Frank and Bob received Honorable Mention on the All-Suburban Team as did Carlo Carnevalino.

# 1942 Berwyn Bulldogs



*First Row:* Robert Griffith, Jack Matthews, Joe Appicciafucco, Robert DiSerafino, Jarvis Barber, Carlo Carnevalino, Mario Scartozzi, Ray DiSerafino, R. Braun, Dave Metzler, Frank Mazzi

*Second Row:* James Dixon, Francis Connell, Clarence Davis, Alan Brace, Thomas Logan, Robert Funkhouser, Harold Sumerfield, James Rosato, Milton Wiseman, J. Blackburn, Richard Townsend, George Parfitt

*Third Row:* Coach Greenawalt, Edward Tyson, Charles Lehman, Edgar Slaw, R. Williamson, Santo Quici, Robert Barber, Eugene Capriotti, W. Morris, Americo DiSerafino, Rodman Armstrong, J. Wilson, G. Hardy, Coach Smeigh

*Not Present who photograph was taken:* M. Barber, E. Dalton, T. Lane, J. Moran, Lawrence Roney

*Managers:* James Hovanec, William Hovanec, Anthony Caniglia, Ted Morrison, E. Rosato

## 1943 FOOTBALL SEASON

107 young women and men graduated with the Class of 1943. The football coaches were Fuller H. Grenawalt and Russell J. Hatch. The football team completed a winning season with seven victories and one defeat. Their final victory was a decisive win on Thanksgiving Day over West Chester by a score of 28-0.



Help is needed to identify these players.

# 1944 FOOTBALL SEASON

The football coaches were Edmund Wilcox and Russell Hatch. James Rosato was Captain of the team. The Bulldogs finished the season with four wins, four losses and one tie.

## The 1944 Record



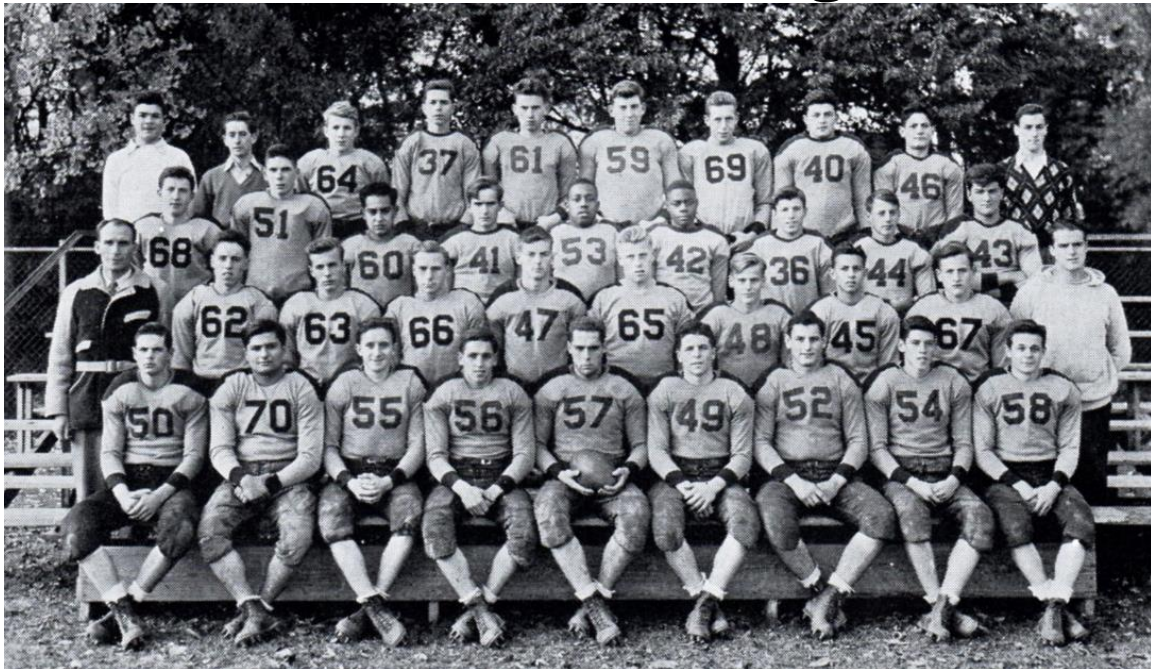
Coach Russell Hatch  
Coach Edmund Wilcox



James Rosato  
Captain

	T-E	OPP
Malvern Prep.....	32	0
Pottstown.....	9	0
Radnor.....	0	6
Upper Merion.....	25	0
Coatesville.....	0	7
Haverford .....	0	20
Downingtown.....	2	21
Phoenixville .....	0	0
West Chester .....	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>
	86	54

## The 1944 Bulldogs



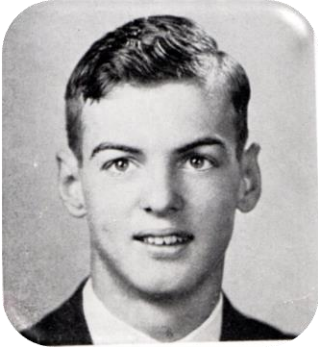
Front Row: Johnny Cable, Vince DiMarcantonio, Robert Barber, Eugene Capriotti, James Rosato, Santo Quici, Americo DiSerafino, Edward Dalton, Domenic Ruppelli

Row 2: Coach Wilcox, Robert Kirkner, P. Fry, Eddie Rosato, Rodney Armstrong, Rick Sumerfield, James Dixon, Valentino Rubbo, Louis D'Innocenzo, Coach Hatch

Row 3: Mark Maston, John Taylor, John Campos, Elmer Novelli, H. Miller, Eddie Holmes, Edward Rhoad, George Dixon, Edigio DiMarcantonio

Row 4: Domenic Tenaglio - manager, George Rhoad, Henry Ginnona, Joe Corrigan, Guilio DiSerafino, Lou DeStefano, Donald Cunningham. William Blackburn, William Brosius - assistant manager

## Bulldog Seniors



**Roddy Armstrong**



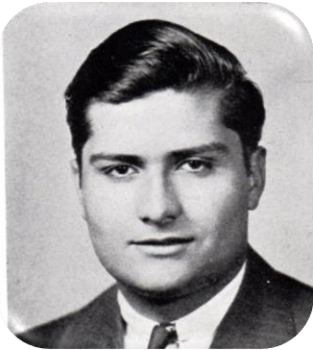
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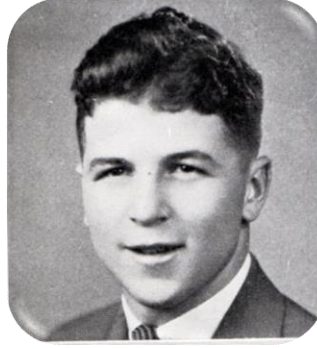
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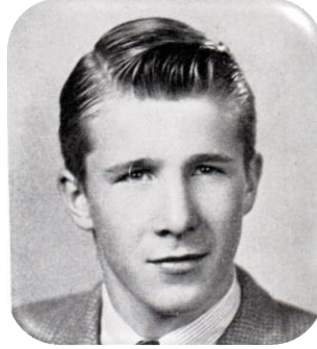
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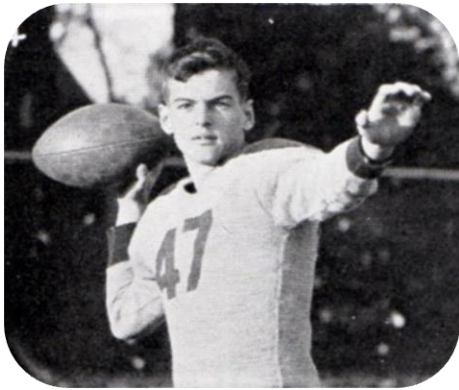


**Domenic Tenaglio**



**John Tenaglio**

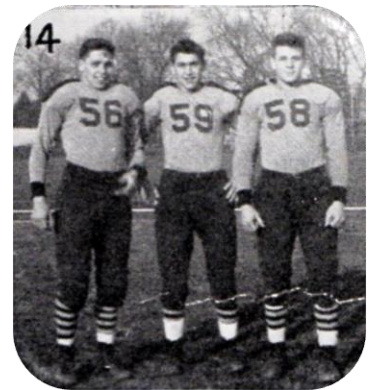
## Team Candids



Roddy Armstrong QB



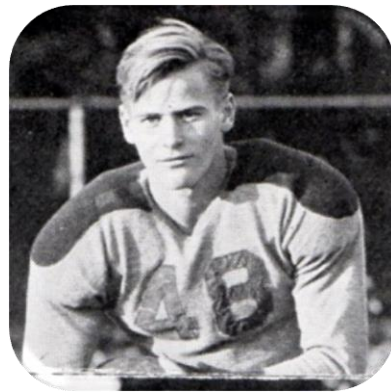
Bob Barber Guard



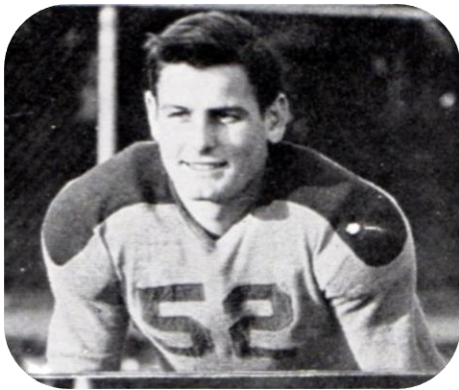
Capriotti, Piombino, Ruppelli



DiSerafino, Dixon, Rubbo, Capriotti



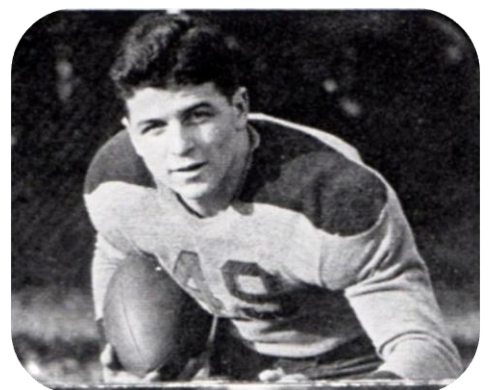
George Dixon Halfback



Americo DiSerafino  
Tackle



Natale Louis Piombino



Sando Quici Guard