

Conestoga 11 Builds Around Core of Vets

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Football Preview
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Probably one of the best known quips along the Mainline comes from Coach Bill Paolantonio, of Conestoga High School. "We're still building but come Saturday, and we'll have eleven men on the field, and they'll be giving their best."

Fans in the area can't deny that the teams over the last two seasons haven't tried. However, in the past two years, the district has split the student body sending half to Great Valley and half to Conestoga. The Pioneers entered a new conference with that split. And this year, they will face a different portion of that conference.

But the coaches at Conestoga are not fretting. Although the team suffered losses through graduation, the 1965 team has spirit and the confidence of Paolantonio and his assistants, Joe Ujobai and Pete Ramsey.

"What we need is plenty of hard work. We have a couple of candidates back from last season. But as usual injuries during practice sessions have set us back in our work of getting together a moving combination," Paolantonio noted.

Back from last year are linemen James Harris, James Parrish, Frank Holbert, Robin Murlless, Louis Young and Anthony Domenick. "Domenick did a *yoeman's* job last year."

In the backfield is the now veteran quarterback Scott Tumilty. Halfback Tom Arena saw action last season. It will be around this core that Paolantonio and his assistants will attempt to build the team and bring Conestoga into the win column.

CAPSULE

BASIC OFFENSE: Straight I
WORTH WATCHING: If all goes well barring injuries, Scott Tumilty, quarterback should be among the better ball handlers in the league. He not only passes, but he can run well.

OUTLOOK: Probably better than last year, but then it will be meeting some of the best teams in the area.



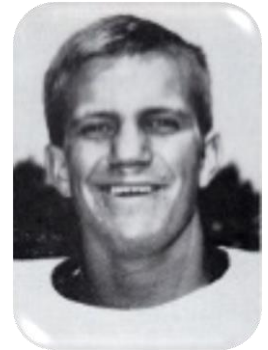
JAMES HARRIS
Senior Tackle
6-0, 202



JAMES PARRISH
Senior Center
5-11, 200



FRANK HOLBERT
Senior Tackle
6-1, 185



ROBIN MURLLESS
Senior Tackle
6-2, 205



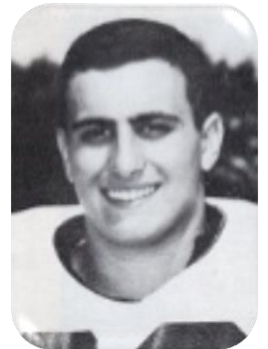
LOU YOUNG
Senior Guard
5-10, 177



TONY DOMENICK
Junior Guard
5-7, 178



SCOTT TUMILTY
Senior Back
6-2, 178



TOM ARENA
Senior Back
5-6, 170

Ridley Air Attack Flies Over Conestoga

By ERIC WORTH
(Of the Local News Staff)
September 20, 1965

Ridley Township quarterback passed for 356 yards as the Raiders scored five times through the air in a 33-0 victory, Saturday, at Teamer Field in Berwyn. The winner's ground game managed only 40 yards as the Conestoga line refused to move.

On offense, the Pioneer line helped backs gain 160 yards. Tom Arena was Conestoga's biggest story on the field, carrying 15 times for 54 yards. Bill Tumilty, Scott Schifter and Steve Conway gained 44, 39 and 30 yards respectively.

The Pioneers biggest story off the field was Scott Tumilty, who

quarterbacked the team last year. He injured knee ligaments in the scrimmage a week ago. Coach Bill Paolantonio hopes he will be ready in two weeks.

Meanwhile, Schifter had only one week to prepare to lead his teammates into a tough opener. Schifter completed two passes for eight yard, while he gained 39 yards running. At the beginning of the second half, Schifter tackled a Raider receiver on the Pioneer 20 to save a six-pointer.

Shifter took a kickoff and returned it 15 yards to his own 35. A penalty and Conway's six-yard run gave Conestoga a first down to start the Pioneer's only sustained drive of the day. However, Shifter

was shaken up on a nine-yard end run, and he was replaced by sophomore Charles Vogan.

After a quarterback sneak for a first down, Vogan fired a 12-yard pass to Craig Welburn for another first down. Conway ran four straight times gaining 15 yards and another first-and-ten before the Raiders intercepted a third-and-seven pass attempt.

Needs Work

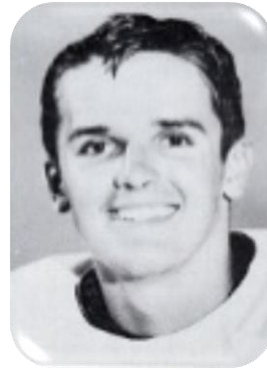
Paolantonio feels his team needs a lot of work in many areas to prepare for next week's game with Marple-Newtown. He said he has had to depend on sophomores in many places.



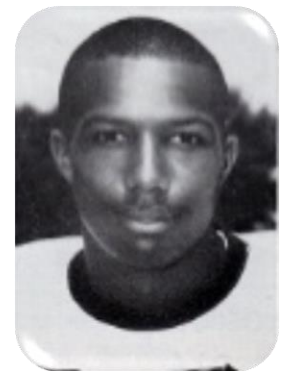
BILL TUMILTY
Junior Back
5-11, 155



SCOTT SCHIFTER
Senior Back
5-6, 145



STEVE CONWAY
Junior Back
6-0, 175



Craig Welburn
Senior End
6-1, 155

Conestoga vs. Marple-Newtown

Saturday, September 26, 1965

Conestoga victory!

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Pioneer Defense Overwhelms Harriton, 25-7, for 2nd Straight

By **BOB DOUBLE**
(Of the Local News Sports Staff)
October 3, 1965

Conestoga capitalized on two interceptions and a fumble last night to overrun Harriton, 25-7, on the rain-soaked field in Berwyn. The Pioneers defense dominated the Rams all the way, while the Conestoga offense moved into pay dirt every time the defense gave them the ball.

Pioneer coach Bill Paolantonio was happy with the results. It was the Pioneers' second straight win after an opening loss. Paolantonio was happiest with his pass defense which picked off three errant passes. "It's better than it has been in the past," he said.

The Pioneer defense against the rush was another bright spot as the Pioneers held the Rams to minus nine yards in rushing and forced the Rams to the air.

Offense Moves 70

Although the Pioneer defense set up the last three scores, the Conestoga offense marched 70

yards with the opening kickoff to score. Tom Arena and Bill Tumilty were the bulwarks on the Conestoga offense. Scott Schifter took the ball in from the two for the score.

Conestoga got their first break when a Harriton fumble was recovered by Pioneer center Jim Parrish on the Rams' 23. Schifter passed to Tumilty at the 14 and a five yard penalty put the ball on the nine. Schifter then spotted Tumilty with a pass down the right side for the score. Schifter booted the extra point. Score 13-0

Harriton wasn't to give the Pioneers the luxury of a 13 point lead. With two minutes left in the half, the Rams started a drive from the midfield stripe, and with 50 seconds left, they scored up the middle.

In the closing moments of the third period, the Ram QB dropped back to pass from the 30. A big rush chased him back and across the field to the 20-yard line. He let the ball fly, but Conestoga end Gregg

Moore plucked the ball from a crowd of players at the Harriton 27.

Running by Arena and Tumilty moved the ball up to the two. Arena bulled through the line for the score making it, 19-7. Four plays later another interception, this time by sophomore lineman Bob Hill, gave the Pioneers a start at midfield

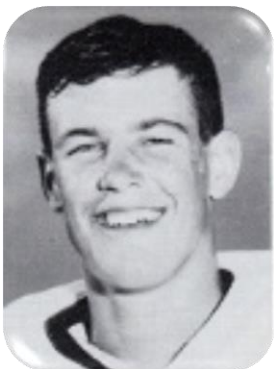
Welburn in Open

Schifter wasted no time on the next play tossing a long bomb to end Craig Welburn who caught the pass in the clear at about the 10, and he rolled in to cap the scoring.

Junior Nick Elisio added another interception to kill a desperation try by Harriton.

Paolantonio was pleased with the progress, which Schifter made since his first game at quarterback. "He's getting the feel of it now," the Pioneer mentor explained, "and he's getting more confidence, too."

When asked what the biggest change had been in the Pioneers since their opening game, Paolantonio said "Spirit."



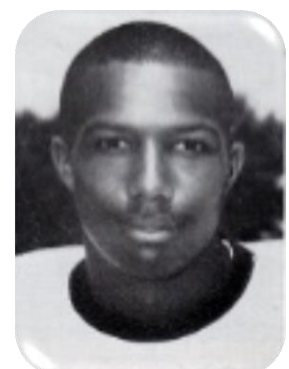
GREG MOORE
Senior End
6-1, 176
Interception #1



BOB HILL
Sophomore Tackle
6-0, 215
Interception #2



NICK ELISIO
Junior Back
5-6, 140
Interception #3



CRAIG WELBURN
Junior End
Caught long bomb for
TD

Conestoga Rolls Past Haverford

Pioneers Tab 19-7 Win for Third Straight Victory

By **BOB DOUBLE**
(*Of the Local News Sports Staff*)
October 10, 1965

Two long touchdown runs by Tom Arena plus a stolen ball helped propel Conestoga to a 19-7 triumph over a stubborn Haverford team in a game played last night at Berwyn.

Arena's two touchdown gallops came the first two times the Pioneers touched the ball on offense while the stolen ball nipped a Haverford touchdown drive that could have meant defeat.

Sophomore lineman Bob Hill reportedly took the pigskin from a Ford back in a pileup in the fourth quarter at the Haverford 37 with 7:11 remaining. The Pioneers under the direction of quarterback Scott Schifter then controlled the ball until Schifter scored the final touchdown with 48 seconds left.

Had Bigger Line

Coach Bill Paolantonio of Conestoga admitted being worried until the Fords last drive was stopped. "I was worried that their bigger line would wear our boys down," he said after the game. "But our kids were hitting pretty hard, too." The Pioneers caused the Fords to cough up the ball four times during the game.

Arena got the Pioneers off to a fantastic start as the Pioneers moved to the Ford 30 on six plays. Arena then broke off tackle and seemed to be stopped by about five Ford tacklers. But, Arena lowered his shoulder, bounced off and raced down the right side into the end zone. The kick failed, and the Pioneers lead 6-0 with 7:51 remaining.

Haverford took the kickoff and thrust into Conestoga territory to the 41. The Ford QB tried for short yardage to gain a first down, but he fumbled. On the next play, Arena moved through a huge hole in the right side of the line and rolled 55 yards to score. Schifter added the PAT with a kick to make the score 13-0, with 5:33 left in the first quarter. Paolantonio termed both runs by Arena as "tremendous."

Two More Fumbles

The Pioneer defense stopped two more Haverford drives in the first half. Don Ingham came up with a loose ball after the Fords had driven to the Pioneer 47. But the Pioneers were unable to convert, and the Fords got the ball back. Again, the Pioneers forced a fumble, and they recovered the ball and ran out the first half clock.

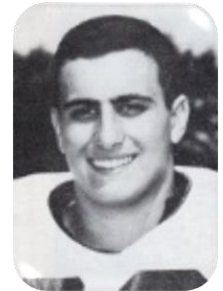
Fords Fired Up

In the second half, Conestoga couldn't get moving while Haverford was fired up and running through the enemy line without too much difficulty. They moved 69 yards in 12 plays to make the score 13-7. However, another Ford drive was stopped at the Pioneer 32 when Ingham recovered another fumble.

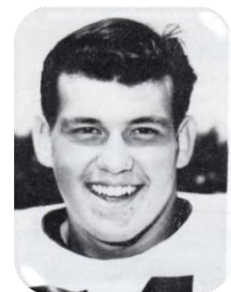
Conestoga then tried to move down the field to eat up the time, but a Schifter run for a first down was nullified by a penalty, and Haverford took over. On the next play, lineman Hill made his game-saving theft.

Schifter then moved the team to a first down on the Ford 15. He called a sneak, but this time he bounced off center and moved around left end for a touchdown. It was called back. An off-sides penalty on Conestoga and an unsportsman-like-conduct call against Haverford moved it to the 10. Three plays later, Schifter rolled around left end and edged into the end zone for the final score.

Paolantonio praised Schifter for his play calling in the march, especially on the two touchdown plays.



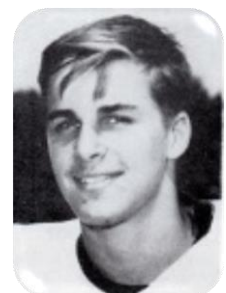
TOM ARENA – two
"tremendous" TD
runs



BOB HILL – game
saving theft of the
pigskin



SCOTT SCHIFTER
– scored final TD



Don Ingham –
recovered two
fumbles

Pioneers Fall

Daily Local News
October 18, 1965

Conestoga had a three game win streak snapped in Suburban II league play when Penncrest dealt the Pioneers a 32-20 defeat in a morning game at Lima.

Conestoga tied the game up at 13-13 at the half but couldn't hold Penncrest in the second half. Tom Arena scored one touchdown for the Pioneers on a two yard plunge.

Steve Conway added six more with a five-yard scoring jaunt. Quarterback Charles Vogan passed to Mike Martin in a 20-yard touchdown play. Vogan passed for the extra points to Gregg Moore and Conway.

Springfield

Edges Conestoga

20-14

Daily Local News
November 1, 1965

Conestoga put on a valiant second half effort after spotting Springfield a 20-0 halftime lead but time ran out on the Pioneers who lost, 20-14, in a battle at the Delaware County school.

The Pioneers scored once each in the last two quarters to give the Suburban II powerhouse a real scare. Conestoga quarterback Scott Schifter fired a 30-yard touchdown pass to Craig Welburn for one of the scores. Stephen Conway broke in from the one yard line for the other score

Pioneers Lose to Upper Darby After Fast Start

Daily Local News
October 25, 1965

Conestoga jumped off to a two touchdown lead against Upper Darby Saturday afternoon at Upper Darby, but a 17 point Upper Darby outburst in the second half defeated the Pioneers, 29-13.

Scott Schifter directed Conestoga to its two first quarter scores. Schifter plunged over from the two for one. He passed to end Craig Welburn on a 54-yard pass and run play for the other score. Schifter booted the extra point also.

But the Upper Darby defense came alive along with its offense. They scored two touchdowns to trail 13-12 at the half.

Conestoga vs Sun Valley

Friday, November 6, 1965

Conestoga Victory 27-7

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Conestoga Rips Chester, 26-12

Daily Local News

November 15, 1965

Conestoga's balanced scoring attack helped the Pioneers subdue Chester 26-12, Saturday at Berwyn to give the Pioneers a 5-4 record.

Scott Schifter paced the Pioneers to the win with touchdowns of two and one yards plus adding two extra points by placements.

The Pioneers held Chester scoreless until the last quarter when

the Clippers scored all of their points.

Tom Arena score the longest Pioneer touchdown, going nine yards around end for the score. Steve Conway added the other Pioneer tally with a two-yard run.

Old Grid Rivalries Continue As Seniors Bow Out Tomorrow

Daily Local News

November 24, 1965

Two longtime Thanksgiving Day rivalries will be continued tomorrow when the West Chester Warriors travel to Conestoga to continue their 62-year old rivalry and Coatesville hosts Downing-

town in a 43-yard old Turkey Day tete-on-tete.

Since West Chester has already clinched the Ches-Mont League title, no championship will be riding on the outcome. But the seniors who are playing in their last games will be trying to go out with a winning effort.

Bowing out at Conestoga will be Scott Schifter, Mike Martin, Scott Tumilty, Tom Arena, Sam Dienne, Andrew Harris, Jim Parrish, Lou Young, Lou Barth, Charles Grebenstein, Frank Holbert, Robin Murless, Jim Harris, Gregg Moore and Clarke Welburn.

Conestoga Seniors



Standing (left to right): Charles Grebenstein, Frank Holbert, Scott Tumilty, James Harris, Clarke Welburn, Lou Barth, Robin Murless, Gregg Moore

Kneeling: Scott Schifter, Michael Martin, Tom Arena, James Parrish, Lou Young, Joe Griffith, Andrew Harris

Conestoga Rebounds To Deadlock Warriors, 13-13

Pioneers Rally in 2nd Period

By JOHN P. BRITT
(Local News Sports Editor)

November 26, 1965

The West Chester Warriors appeared to be headed to a record victory in the annual Thanksgiving Day battle with Conestoga yesterday as they wheeled to a 13-0 lead in the first period, but a couple of costly mistakes and a spirited comeback by the Pioneers ended the game in a 13-13 stalemate.

West Chester had little trouble as it bowled through the Pioneer line, a feat that no other team has been able to accomplish this season, and they moved 62 yards for a TD. Following that in the first frame, the ball changed hands twice before the Warriors scored their second TD.

The second half was an entirely different story, as the Warriors had the ball for only six plays and never registered a first down. The Warriors coughed up the ball on two occasions that frame, and Conestoga made it costly.

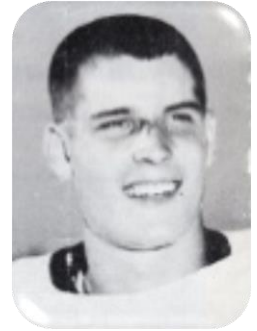
Conestoga started a drive on the kickoff that moved all the way to the West Chester 13 before the Warrior line tightened up and stopped the Pioneers. West Chester had trouble moving the ball out, and they had to punt. Conestoga failed to move the ball, and they were forced into a punting situation.

This was the first big break of the game for the Pioneers, as the Warrior halfback signaled for a fair catch, but he couldn't get position on the ball. He fumbled, and Conestoga recovered on the W.C. 42.

Pioneers Get Momentum

The break gave the Pioneers the momentum to get rolling, and they did just that with a sustained 42-yard march to pay dirt. Fullback Bill Tumilty and QB Scott Schifter did most of the ball toting as they ripped off big gains to move the ball to the one, then Schifter took it in from there on a sneak. Schifter's placement was good, and the Pioneers trailed by just six points.

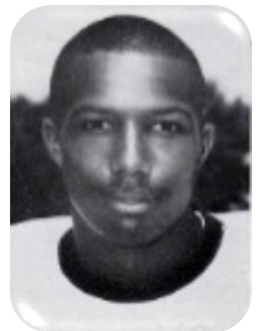
The Warriors got the ball back with just 50 second remaining, and they started a drive in an attempt to get the seven points back. With just 20 second remaining, the Warrior QB went back to pass, and speedy defender Craig Welburn came up *quick* and picked off the pass, and he picked up a blocking wall and sped 55 yards up the sidelines to tie the game with just eight seconds remaining. Unfortunately the PAT attempt was deflected, and the final score was 13-13.



Bill Tumilty – Carried the ball to set up TD



Scott Schifter – Scored first TD

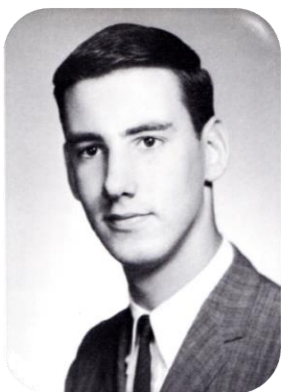


Craig Welburn – Tied the game with interception & TD

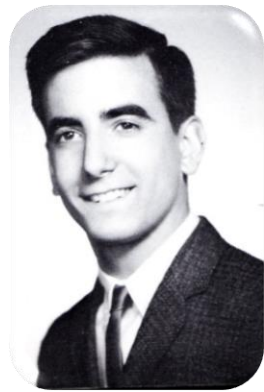
Conestoga Seniors on the 1965 Team



Tom Arena



Lou Barth



Sam Dienno



Charles Grebenstein



Andrew Harris



Jim Harris



Frank Holbert



Mike Martin



Gregg Moore



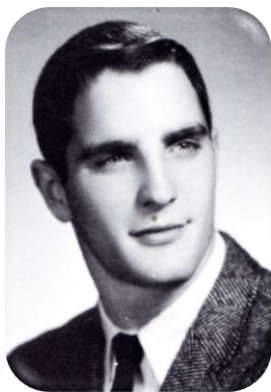
Rob Murlless



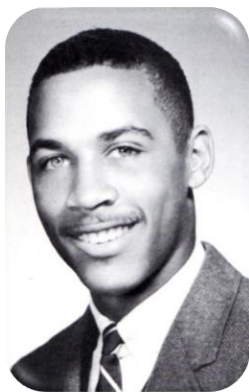
Jim Parrish



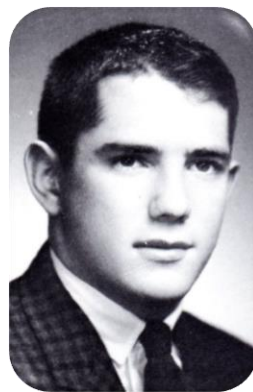
Scott Schifter



Bill Tumilty



Clarke Welburn



Lou Young

1965 Team



Seated: Tom Arena, Andrew Harris, Steve Conway, Scott Schifter, Lou Young, Drew Knowlton, Craig Welburn, Chris Lee, Lou Barth

Second Row: Ed Welburn, Mgr; Gregg Moore, Mike Martin, Steve Smith, Jim Parrish, Chuck Grebenstein, Jim Harris, Scott Tumilty, Clarke Welburn, Sam Dienno, Frank Holbert, Rob Murlless, Dan Capriolo, T. McCarnon

Third Row: Robert Weller, Jeff Porter, John Beadling, Terry Martin, Rob Swanson, Bill Tumilty, Donald Stewart, Tony Spencer, John Silvers, Nick Elisio, Tony Domenick, Don Ingham, John Hoffman, Charles Shain, Kent Irwin, Mgr

Back Row: Coach Ujobai, Henry McCarty, Joe D'Ascanio, John McClintick, Vincent Capriolo, Alex Bacci, Bob Hill, Coach Paolantonio, Lother Botje, Dave Beadling, Chuck Vogan, Steve Tiff, John Bollman, Scot Morrow, Alexander, Heaton, Coach Ramsey

1965 Team Roster

Number	Name	Position	Class	Number	Name	Position	Class
11	Scott Schifter	Back	12	61	Lou Young	Guard	12
12	Mike Martin	Back	12	63	Vince Capriolo	Guard	12
14	Tony Spencer	Back	11	64	Lou Barth	Guard	12
15	John McClintick	Back	10	65	Tony Domenick	Guard	11
20	Robert Weller	Back	11	66	Terry Martin	Guard	11
21	Nick Elisio	Back	11	67	Charles Grebenstein	Guard	12
22	Charles Vogan	Back	10	71	Frank Holbert	Tackle	12
23	Scott Tumilty	Back	12	73	Scot Morrow	Tackle	10
30	Charles Shain	Back	10	74	Bob Hill	Tackle	10
31	Bill Tumilty	Back	11	75	Robin Murlless	Tackle	12
32	Drew Knowlton	Back	11	77	Jim Harris	Tackle	12
33	Tom Arena	Back	12	80	Steve Tifft	End	10
37	Henry McCarty	End	10	81	Alex Bacci	Tackle	10
41	Stephen Conway	Back	11	82	John Bollman	End	10
42	Sam Dienno	Back	12	83	Craig Welburn	End	11
43	Andrew Harris	Back	12	84	Gregg Moore	End	12
50	Dave Beadling	Guard	10	85	Dan Capriolo	End	11
51	Don Ingham	Center	11	86	Jeff Porter	End	11
52	John Hoffman	Center	11	87	Clarke Welburn	End	12
53	Jim Parrish	Center	12				

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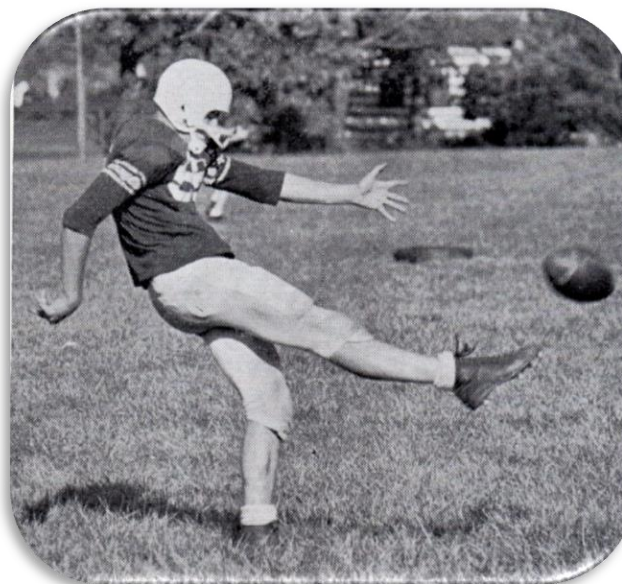
Craig Welburn (#83) and Jeff Porter (#86) lunge at Harriton back.



Tom Arena (#33) make a grab.



Charles Vogan (#22) and Jim Parrish (#53)



Don Ingham's booming punts have been an important factor in the team's ability to maintain good field position.