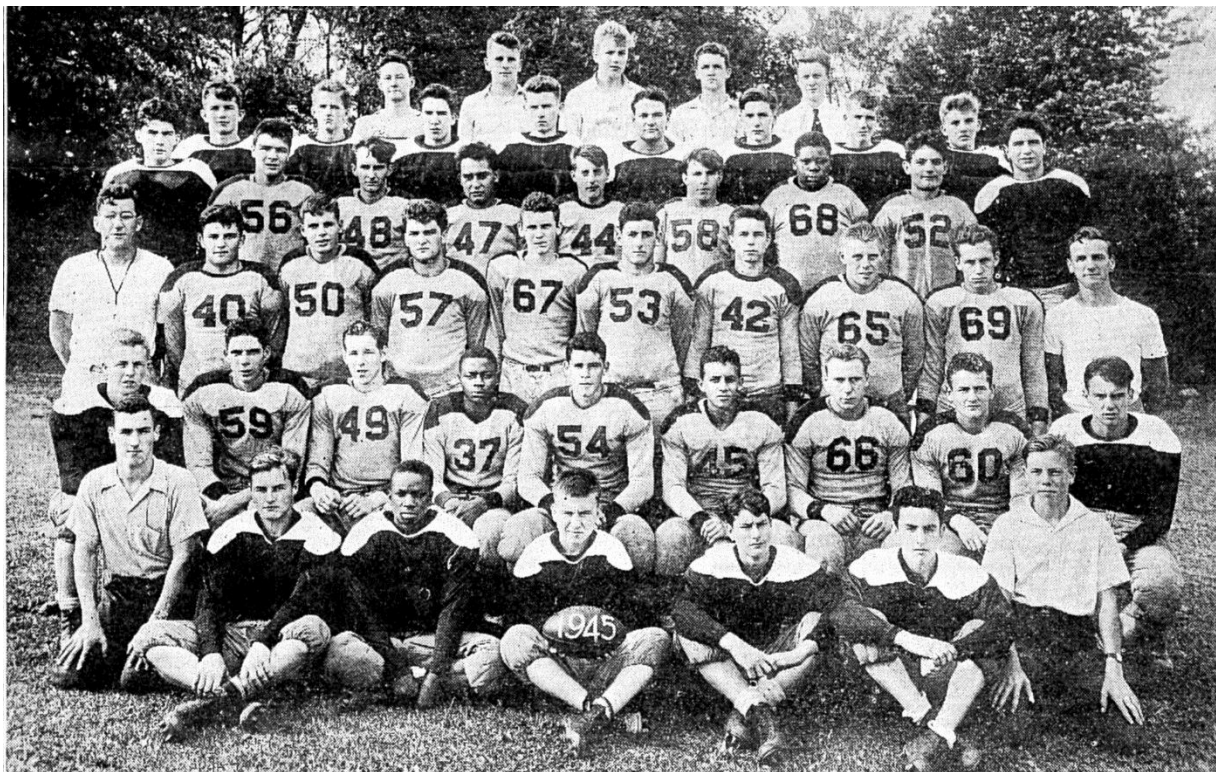


The 1945 T-E Bulldogs



Row 1: (Bottom) William Brosius, Joseph Thomas, George Deans, Tom DeShula,
Eli McLaughlin, Rob Faggioli, E. McBeth

Row 2: Lou Umsted, John Taylor, Ed Wolfe, Ed Homes, Ed Dalton (Captain), Val Rubbo,
Ed Rosato, Lou D'Innocenzo, James Dunwoody

Row 3: Coach Meyer, Lou DeStefano, Johnny Cable, Edigio DiMarcantonio, Frank Price,
Ray Battisto, Henry Ginnona, Rick Sumerfield, William Blackburn, Coach Dwight

Row 4: Harry Thornbury, Sam Scarpone, Elmer Novelli, John Campos, George Dixon,
Ed Rhoad, Bob Pollard, Guilio DiSerafino, Sam Tomarelli

Row 5: George Dixon, Rodney Shank, Tom Morrison, Joe Corrigan, Robert McKay,
Ron McCorry, William Patton, Mark Matson

Row 6: (Top) Robert Lipp, William Plank, Walter Matthews, Dudley Foster, Thomas Gooding

T-E High School New Football Coach



A long standing question at Tredyffrin-Easttown High School was answered with the announcement of the appointment of Ernest H. Meyer as head football coach.

Coach Meyer is a new figure in eastern high school football. He hails from the western end of the State, where his Rochester, PA High School teams have been causing trouble for such schools as Ambridge, Beaver, Youngstown and Elwood City for the past ten years. Playing one of the toughest schedules in the western end of the State, his teams turned in an 11-year-record of 61 wins and 12 ties against 35 defeats.

A graduate of Geneva College, Meyer played all four of his college years, and he captained the team that made headlines on the sports pages from coast to coast by beating Harvard 17-6. This was in 1926. Bo McMillan coached Geneva and Cal Hubbard, American League umpire, was Meyer's teammate. Sports followers will remember that this team also was one of the early Orange Bowl participants, defeating Oglethorpe 9-7. Meyer also played one professional season with the Spartans in the National Football League.

Long Kick-off Return Is T-E Highlight

Ed Rosato Runs 78 Yards To Start Bulldogs On Way To 25-6 Win Over Malvern

Daily Local News
September 24, 1945

Returning the opening kick-off 78 yards for a touchdown, fleet Eddie Rosato, veteran halfback, got Tredyffrin-Easttown High away to a smooth take-off as it launched the season with a 25-6 triumph over Malvern Prep School, at Berwyn, Saturday afternoon. A few minutes later, Valentino Rubbo took a pass thrown by Elmer Novelli and ran 19 yards for a second T-E score. These two plays highlighted a one-sided game featuring the wide-open play of the Bulldogs.

At the start of the second quarter, T-E carried over from the 50-yard line, but a penalty nullified the scoring play. The Bulldogs continued to threaten in the second quarter, but could not reach pay dirt in the face of a stubborn Malvern defense.

Midway in the third quarter, Novelli intercepted a Malvern pass and ran 36 yards for a touchdown. Eddie Holmes converted with a placement kick. Malvern scored on the first play of the fourth quarter.

T-E rounded out its scoring in the fourth period when Johnny Cable, on an end-around play, pounded off right tackle for 20 yards and the final touchdown. The T-E edge in first downs was seven to one, while it outgained the Preppers from scrimmage, 203 yards to 39.



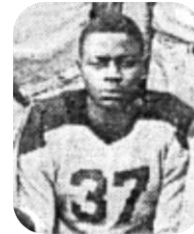
Eddie Rosato



Valentino Rubbo



Elmer Novelli



Eddie Holmes



Johnny Cable

Coatesville Launch Title Defense With Victory

Run Up 18-0 Score in Stiff Battle with T-E

Daily Local News

October 1, 1945

Coatesville High launched its defense of the Chester County scholastic football championship with an 18-0 victory over Tredyffrin-Easttown High at Scott Field in Coatesville, Saturday afternoon. The Red Raiders scored in the second, third and fourth quarters

and fought off several determined drives by the T-E Bulldogs.

Eddie Rosato, carrying the ball on sweeping end runs, kept T-E very much in the game, and he gave Coatesville fans many anxious moments with his constant threat of breaking loose. In the second period, T-E drove to Coatesville's 10, and there they lost the ball on a fumble.

Johnny Cable Runs 86 Yards In T-E Win

End Clinches Decision over Radnor
by Long Jaunt in Final Minute

Daily Local News

October 6, 1945

An 86-yard touchdown jaunt by right end Johnny Cable in the final minute of play gave Tredyffrin-Easttown High a 13-6 victory over Radnor High in the 1945 renewal of their ancient Upper Main Line football feud at Berwyn, yesterday afternoon.

Radnor went ahead in the second period of the annual battle when their halfback broke loose at the T-E 12. This 6-0 lead loomed big as the Wayne Raiders

halted a couple of determined T-E drives in the third quarter. Early in the final period, however, the *homesters* were able to keep an advance moving until Val Rubbo finally went over on a short plunge. Eddie Holmes put T-E ahead with an accurate placement for the extra point.

The Bulldogs were backed deep into their own territory as the game neared its end, and they were fighting desperately to hold their slim lead. On an end-around formation, Cable suddenly broke into the clear and raced 86 yards for the touchdown, which clinched the victory for T-E.

T-E Crushes Upper Merion

Daily Local News

October 15, 1945

Eddie Rosato scored three touchdowns in the Tredyffrin-Easttown win over Upper Merion. The fourth was tabbed by halfback Elmer Novelli. Val Rubbo added one point after touchdown as the Bulldogs won 25-6.



Rosato



Novelli



Rubbo

T-E Wins 6-0 Over Bristol

Daily Local News

October 22, 1945

Tredyffrin-Easttown squeezed through to victory over a heavy Bristol foe. A 45-yard scoring drive, which finally sent Ed Rosato over from the two, enabled T-E to trip Bristol High, 6-0. The Bulldogs went 43 yards in three plays as they drove to their touchdown, midway in the third quarter. A 26-yard run by Rosato featured the advance. Bristol threatened in the fourth quarter, but it was thrown back by a stern T-E defense. In first downs, the Bulldogs had an edge of 9 to 5, and in yards gained from scrimmage, their advantage was 134 to 52.

T-E Set For Annual Game With 'Ford

Coach Ernest Meyer Has Concentrated On Pass Defense and New Shift

Daily Local News
October 26, 1945

Based on reports of Haverford High games this season, Coach Ernest Meyer, of Tredyffrin-Easttown, has been drilling his boys all week on air defense. This department of the Bulldogs' game has been weak all season and Meyer knows he has to stop Haverford's overhead game to put the contest on an even basis.

Although the grueling Bristol game resulted in a number of casualties, the Bulldogs are expected to have their original starting line-up intact by game time. Spectators who saw the T-E - Bristol game predict that Haverford may have some trouble with the new shift the Bulldogs introduced. In its initial trial, it kept the big Bristol team off balance all afternoon. It is well sited to the Bulldogs' deceptive plays, and Haverford will have to be on the alert against a ball-carrier suddenly breaking loose from nowhere with three or four blockers in front of him.

This game, which will be played tomorrow on the T-E field, promises to be one of the best in the suburban area this week. Both teams have won four out of their five games so far this season. Radnor, the only team both teams have played, was beaten by T-E 13-6 and by Haverford 12-0. Evenly matched in weight, both teams are fast and on a dry field should exhibit some spectacular open play.

Haverford In Victory Over T-E Combine

Switch to Ground Football in Second Half Gives Victors Two Touchdowns

Daily Local News
October 29, 1945

Air-minded Haverford High had to get down to earth before it was able to punch out the two touchdowns which gave it a 13-0 victory over Tredyffrin-Easttown High as these rivals of West Chester High battled at Berwyn Saturday afternoon.

The Forders made their bid for victory through the air as soon as hostilities got under way. On the fourth play of the game, however, Scarpone, the T-E center, intercepted to put an end to this game. Undaunted the Maroon and Gold launched another passing attack in the first period, only to have it halted as Eddie Rosato, the Bulldog halfback, grabbed one of the aerials and returned it to midfield.

The T-E boys took advantage of the ineffectiveness of the Haverford air attack to hold their rivals to one first down while the Bulldogs were piling up three in the first half. At the half, however, the Forders changed their strategy and relying mainly on ground football, scored touchdowns in each of the final periods.



Sam Scarpone



Ed Rosato

Last-Ditch Rally Wins For Whippets

Daily Local News

November 5, 1945

The lead changed hands three times in a slam-bang scholastic grid thriller as Downingtown High confounded the hometowners with a 19 to 16 victory over Tredyffrin-Easttown High before 1,500 fans at Berwyn, Saturday afternoon.

To win, the Whippets had to get across a touchdown in the final five minutes and then fight off a desperate T-E air attack, which carried to their five as the game ended. T-E took an early 2-0 lead when Johnny Cable tackled Ray Barrow, classy Downingtown halfback, behind the Whippet goal line midway in the first quarter. Barrow had scooped up a rolling punt at the two and drifted back into the end zone to miss one T-E tackler. Before he could get out, he was brought down by Cable.

Downingtown coasted to a 13-2 lead in the opening minutes of the second half. T-E was held to three yards

in two ground plays. Switching to an air attack, the Bulldogs clicked for a touchdown on a 22-yard heave from "Tina" Rubbo to Eddie Dalton who fell across the goal line as he made the catch. Eddie Rosato plunged across for the extra point. Downingtown, however, still led at 13-9.

The lead was wiped out early in the fourth quarter when the Bulldogs shook Eddie Rosato loose at the Downingtown 42 for a jaunt across the goal line. Rosato went between the Whippet left tackle and end as the secondary was sucked in by a fake at center. Rosato then faked a placement, ran with the ball and got across for an added point.

Downingtown countered with a drive to the Bulldog 43, but was held. T-E picked up a first down at the 30 on a 10-yard run by Rubbo, but disaster hit with a fumble on the next play. Big Ray Kipp scored for the Whippets to make the game winning TD.

Phoenix Nears Title With Win Over T-E

Daily Local News

November 12, 1945

Phoenixville High moved to within one step of the Chester County scholastic football championship for 1945 when it scored twice in the first quarter to defeat Tredyffrin-Easttown High, 13-0 on Washington Field in the Irontown, Saturday afternoon.

Fans Approve Shift Of Game To Villanova

Switch In Site Of Big West Chester Vs. T-E Annual Proves Popular

No recent move on the part of either West Chester High or Tredyffrin-Easttown High as created such widespread interest as the decision to take the annual Thanksgiving Day grid contest to Villanova Stadium.

The Alumni of both schools, always most-numerous among spectators, hail the move into the big-time environment. As one West Chester Old Grad put it, "We can leave West Chester at practically the same

time as always and be assured of a seat." Because of the intense interest in the game this year, the Stadium move means, as a matter of fact, the difference for some between seeing the game from a comfortable seat and not seeing it at all.

It is estimated that the battle will attract between 5,000 and 6,000 fans this year, a crowd that would tax the capacity of the school's accommodations. West Chester could provide seats for at least half that number, but the T-E facilities would be wholly inadequate.

Much At Stake

Both the Warriors and Bulldogs need the game this fall for a successful season. On the basis of season's scores, West Chester has a slight edge and a big crowd will go to Villanova from the county seat confident of victory. Old-timers know, however, that season records mean nothing when these two teams meet, scores in the long series showing that upsets have been the rule rather than the exception.

Both teams also want to win for several other reasons this year. T-E has taken the last two contests. The team has not been defeated by the Warriors since 1940. The Warriors, naturally, regard this as an unhealthy condition, and are determined to remedy it.

VETERAN END TOTES BALL FOR BULLDOGS

Johnny Cable Shifts into Backfield on Many Plays; Main Liners at Full Power

Daily Local News

November 20, 1945

West Chester High will face a five-man backfield when it meets Tredyffrin-Easttown High Thursday morning at Villanova Stadium. Actually, the T-E Bulldogs are limited to four backs under grid code regulations but they utilize right end Johnny Cable so frequently in a ball-toting capacity that he is regarded as an integral part of the backfield.

Cable is the six-foot wingman who intercepted a pass to score the final touchdown against West Chester in last Thanksgiving Day's 18-0 rout of the Warriors. He is one of the most experienced players of the Main Line eleven.

In some games, as against Downingtown, Cable actually started at the fullback post. Mostly, however, he appears at end, but shifts into the backfield on numerous formations and also figures on end around plays and in some of the trick reverses cooked up by Coach Ernest Meyer. Because of his driving power, he is often used on straight power plays when T-E needs a yard or two for a first down. He also does most of the punting for T-E.

Cable is Able

That Cable is a capable ball-carrier is indicated by numerous long gains to his credit. His top effort to date was an 86-yard scoring jaunt which defeated Radnor High, 13-6. With their fifth man in fine condition for the Turkey Day classic, Coach Meyer's backfield will be at full strength. It will take the field with Dick Sumerfield at the signal-calling berth, Eddie Rosato and Elmer Novelli at halfback, and "Tina" Rubbo at fullback. The backs average about 165 pounds and are equipped with plenty of speed.

Rosato is the most consistent of the T-E ground-gainers, and he is also an outstanding passer. In the aerial game, he will be ably aided and abetted by Rubbo, who also tosses an accurate pass. Novelli and Sumerfield put in a lot of their time as blockers, but both are dangerous when in possession of the ball. Novelli also is often on the end of passes from Rosato or Rubbo.

Use "Spot" Backs

Another back certain to see some action and a threat every time he carries the ball is Eddie Holmes, a slim but speedy lad who is used as a "spot" play performer by Coach Meyer. Along with being an elusive runner, Holmes is also one of the best pass receivers on the Bulldog squad.

The Tredyffrin-Easttown line, which averages a little better than 170 pounds, will have Cable at right end and Big Ed Dalton at the other. Dalton also goes into this game with a score against West Chester to his credit. The burly wingman scored the first T-E touchdown last

Thanksgiving on an end-around play. Edward Wolfe and John Taylor are reserve ends.

At the tackle posts, Coach Meyer will probably start his "Big name" player - Egidio DiMarcantonio and Samuel Tomarelli. Louis DeStefano and Johnny Campos are certain to see action.

Dependable Guards

Louis D'Innocenzo and Edward Rhoad are a dependable pair of guards, and they are ready to start against the Warriors. These two lads call for replacements less than any players on the Main Line eleven.

To complete the line, Sammy Scarpone will start at center. One of the most-improved players on the Bulldog squad, Scarpone now ranks with the best midline performers in the county. When Scarpone is in need of relief, Tomarelli is usually shifted over from tackle and either DeStefano or Campos sent into the tackle berth.

Five Played in 1944

Of the players likely to see action against West Chester Thursday, only five appeared in last Thanksgiving Day's game. They are Dalton, Rosato, Cable, Rubbo and Holmes.

The Tredyffrin-Easttown eleven are playing their first season under Coach Meyer, who has brought a Western Pennsylvania style of football to the upper Main Line. He has presented a varied attack in all of the games to date. In no game has the team relied entirely on any one form of attack. Thus, when its ground attack is bottled up, it can take to the air, or when its charging drive is halted, it can get in for wide end runs with equal effectiveness.

Warriors Meet Bulldogs

Gridmen at Top Power for Final Tilt;
40th Renewal of Thanksgiving Day Feud
Scheduled for 10 A.M.; Advance Sale of
Tickets Indicates Record Crowd;
Thrilling Scrap in Prospect

Daily Local News

November 21, 1945

The 40th renewal of a grid series that began soon after the turn of the century will match West Chester High and Tredyffrin-Easttown High in spacious Villanova College stadium at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. The series began away back in 1903 with West Chester winning 15-0. The rivals did not meet in 1905, 1906 and 1911. From 1912 on, however, the

series has been uninterrupted. Since 1920, the Powell Cup, a handsome silver bowl, has been the symbol of victory in this annual competition.

Bulldogs Are Ready

Several Tredyffrin-Easttown players were banged around a bit at Phoenixville in their most recent game, but all should be able to appear in the finale. Latest reports from the *enemy* camp indicate that Coach Ernest Meyer will start Dick Sumerfield, Eddie Rosato, Elmer Novelli or Eddie Homes and "Tina" Rubbo in the backfield.

On the line, Coach Meyer will start Captain Ed Dalton and Johnny Cable at end, Sam Tomarelli and Egidio DiMarcantonio as tackles, Louis D'Innocenzo and Edward Rhoad at guard and Sam Scarpone at center.

Bulldog Backfield



Rick Sumerfield
Quarterback



Eddie Rosato
Halfback



Elmer Novelli
Halfback



Valentino Rubbo
Fullback



Ed Holmes
Halfback

Bulldog Line



Johnny Cable
End



Ed Dalton
End



Tackle Edigio
DiMarcantonio



Sam Tomarelli
Tackle



Tackle Louis
D'Innocenzo



Ed Rhoad
Tackle



Sam Scarpone
Center



Ed Wolfe
End



John Taylor
End



Lou DeStefano
Tackle



Johnny Campos
Tackle

Warriors Win Turkey Day Contest

Record Crowd of 8,000 Watches Action;
Two T-E Threats Thwarted

Daily Local News

November 24, 1945

West Chester High finished out its 1945 campaign in a blaze of glory as the Warriors defeated Tredyffrin-Easttown High 12-0 before 8,000 fans at Villanova stadium, in the 40th renewal of this scholastic Thanksgiving Day clash. The Warriors played aggressive football to notch their first win over T-E since 1940. Their plans for a wide-open running and passing game were knocked into the proverbial cocked-hat by an all-night rain which converted the Villanova gridiron into a sea of mud.

Early T-E Drive

The Warriors were served early notice that they had a fight on their hands, when the protégés of Coach Ernest Meyer staged a 65-yard march from their own eight to the West Chester 17. A 25-yard pass from "Tina" Rubbo to Captain Ed Alton featured the drive to three straight first downs. A T-E fumble put an end to the deepest Bulldog penetration of the first half. The Warriors went on to score a touchdown, but on the extra point attempt, Rubbo displayed nice timing as he broke through to bat the pass down a moment before it reached the Warrior receiver's arms.

Bulldogs on March

West Chester retained the initiative throughout the remainder of the first half, but, at the outset of the second half, was pushed deep into its own territory by the most serious T-E drive of the morning. Taking the Warrior kick-off on their own 30, the Main Liners moved down to the West Chester 42 before being halted and forced to kick over the goal line. The Garnet and White could not get a counter-offensive underway from its own 29, and the Warriors punted. A pass from Rubbo to Eddie Homes was good for a first down at the Warrior 30 and from there Eddie Rosato took personal command in two thrusts moved to another T-E first down at just 13 yards from the West Chester goal line. On the first play of this important series, Rosato lost two yards as he attempted to circle around the end of the Warrior line. On the next play, he gained one yard. Realizing that the Silent Savages had dug in for keeps, T-E went into the air but again it was the West Chester line that bore the brunt of a successful defense. After a see-saw battle, West Chester scored another TD.

T-E Fight to the End

With only five minutes remaining to play the Main Line lads had no thought of conceding a West Chester victory. Receiving the kick-off at the goal line, Rosato returned it to the 15 and a few plays later broke through to rack up a first down at the 29. The drive moved to another first down as Rosato picked up seven yards and a five-yard penalty against the Warriors pushed the ball to the 41. A short pass from Rosato

to Holmes, plus two off-tackle thrusts by Rosato saw the ball move across midfield to a first down at the West Chester 45. Here the Bulldogs lost one yard at the line and then lost 19 yards back to their own 35 as a pass from center went astray. Thye had just completed a six-yard pass to their own 41 when the game ended.

T-E Edge in Downs

T-E outscored West Chester in first downs but actually had only two chances to score, once in the first period when they reached the Warrior 17. In the third quarter, they advanced to the West Chester 42. The ball-handling of both teams was good considering the condition of the field. Rosato and Rubbo were outstanding in the T-E backfield, while Johnny Cable, shifting from end to fullback, was also a stand-out for the Main Liners. In the Bulldog forward wall, fine performances were turned in by Sam Sarpone at center, Ed Rhoad and Louis D'Innocenzo at guard and Egidio DiMarcantonio at the right tackle assignment.

Chester County All-Scholastic Team for 1945

Daily Local News

December 8, 1945

The Phoenixville Phantoms were the County Football Champions, and they dominated the mythical All-County Scholastic Team. Tredyffrin-Easttown's selections were halfback Ed Rosato for the second team and end John Cable, guard Ed Rhoad, halfback Valentino Rubbo for Honorable Mention.