

The 1953 Bulldogs



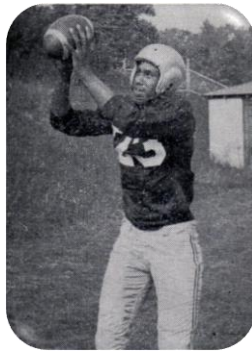
E. METZLER, E. MEYER, W. PAOLANTONIO

Earl Metzler, Head Coach Ernie Meyer and Bill Paolantonio coached the 1953 Bulldogs. Quoting from the 1954 Garnet and Gray "Late in August the 1953 squad of Bulldogs reported to Coach Ernie Meyer and his staff. For a moment, they looked the candidates over and thought about their 1952 champs. Gone was the stalwart line. Gone were the fleet backs. The All League names were just clippings in the school scrap-book. The coaches forgot the past and concentrated on the future, concentrated on building a team from the men who so eagerly reported. And once more, Coach Meyer proved that given a group of men who wanted to play football, a team could be developed that would proudly represent the spirit of T-E."

The team finished the season with a record of five wins, four losses and one tie. Charles "Chic" Chiccino received First Team honors on the All League team. Ends Lou Mitchell and Fred Domenick, tackle Joe Hohlefelder, center Abner Johnston and quarterback Lou Capetola received Honorable Mention.



Chic Chiccino
Fullback



Lou Mitchell
End



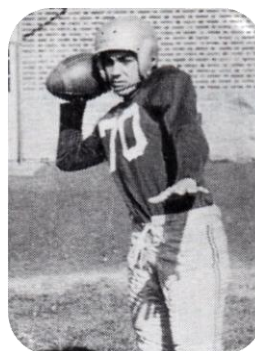
Fred Domenick
End



Joe Hohlefelder
Tackle



Abner Johnston
Center



Lou Capetola
Quarterback

Champion T-E Eleven Upset By Bridgeport

Dragons Notch 6-0 Victory On 20-yard Pass Play to Cap Second Period Drive

Predictions of a wide open title race for the ChesMont League football crown this fall were borne out by the outcome of its opener at Bridgeport Saturday afternoon.

The Dragons, lightly-regarded in pre-season revues, stunned the defending champions, Tredyffrin-Easttown High, 6-0, on a second period pass. Last fall Coach Ernie Meyer's Bulldogs smothered Bridgeport 25-6.

Daily Local News
September 21, 1953

T-E Rebounds, 24-6, Win Over Conshy

Bulldogs Score Three TDs In 3rd Period and One in the 4th For Clear Margin

Tredyffrin-Easttown High rebounded after two setbacks to jolt Conshohocken High, 24-6, under the lights at the Montgomery County borough last evening.

The first half was scoreless but in the third period Coach Ernie Meyer's Bulldogs scored three times and in the fourth got across a final six-pointer.

T-E launched the scoring when Lou Mitchell caught a jump pass from Bill Crouse and traveled 50 yards to the end zone.

A moment later this 6-0 lead was erased as a Conshohocken back took the T-E kick-off and raced 70 yards for a tally.

Action continued at a fast pace, when on the third play following the Conshy kick-off, Lou Capetola took a lateral from Charley Chiccino and was in the clear for

a 55-yard scoring romp. Just before the period ended, Chiccino scooped up a Conshy fumble and was off on a 45-yard scoring romp.

The final T-E touchdown came on a two-yard plunge by Bill Shockley, climaxing a Bulldog march from deep in their own territory.

Daily Local News
October 3, 1953

T-E Tabs Win Over Radnor In Annual Tilt

Shockley and Chiccino Tab Touchdowns for 13-6 Edge Over Sectional Foe

In the annual renewal of one of the oldest scholastic football rivalries of the Main Line area, Tredyffrin-Easttown High jolted Radnor High, 13-6, Berwyn last night.

The win gave Coach Ernie Meyer's Bulldogs a 2-2 record on the season.

T-E was ahead 13-0 on two touchdowns and a conversion before Radnor got across a touchdown in the final quarter.

The first T-E score was a Bill Shockley production, as the hard-running halfback first ran from the Radnor 39 to the 3 and then ripped over for a score. It came in the opening quarter.

In the third quarter, the Bulldogs got the ball on a Radnor fumble within 23 yards of the goal line. Then Charley Chiccino took over with a run to the 12 for a first down and then a scoring sprint for the remaining distance around left end. Lou Piombino kicked the extra point.

Late in the game Radnor started from its won 30 and marched to a touchdown. Radnor started another drive and was down to the Bulldog 15, but a pass interception cut it off just as the game ended.

Daily Local News
October 10, 1953

Chiccino Hurt After Leading T-E to Victory

Suffers Shoulder Injury in 13-12 Win over Upper Merion; Penalty Costly

Two touchdowns by Charley Chiccino and a PAT by Louie Piombino enabled Tredyffrin-Easttown High to eke out a 13-12 victory over Upper Merion High after a last-minute, 90-yard touchdown run by an enemy back was nullified by a penalty. The game was played at Upper Merion.

Chiccino, after scoring on a 76-yard run and a six-yard end sweep in the second period was injured in the third quarter and removed to Bryn Mawr Hospital with a possible shoulder dislocation.

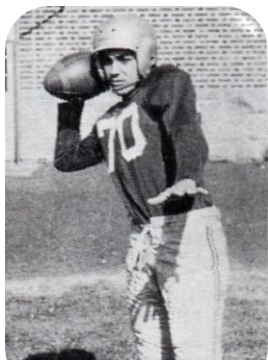
The Line-up

Ends: Crawford, Mitchell, Noues
Tackles: Hohlefelder, Little, Gasser, King, Lugar
Guards: Piombino, Bollman, Vosburg
Center: Johnston
Backs: Capetola, Chiccino, Shockley, Henry, DiAddezio

Daily Local News
October 19, 1953

Capetola Leads T-E Gridders To League Win

Quarterback Gets Pair Of Touchdowns In Night Battle With Coatesville



LOUIE CAPETOLA

Quarterback Lou Capetola scored two touchdowns, Halfback Ed Zonetti one and Lou Piombino added three extra points as Tredyffrin-Easttown High jarred Coatesville High, 21-6, under the lights at Scott Field in the Steel City last night.

The triumph gave T-E a 1-1 rating in the Ches-Mont League, while the Red

Raiders now stand at 0-2.

All scoring came in the first half on a field so dusty that after some plays the game was delayed while cloud of dust settled down.

Capetola started the Bulldogs on their way to victory at 2:15 in the game when he caught a fumble in mid-air and raced 45 yards to the end zone. Roscoe Brown fumbled when he attempted to catch a punt by "Chic" Chiccino. The ball was grabbed out of the air by Capetola on the dead run.

In the second period, Center Al Repscha intercepted a pass by the Raider QB and returned it to the Coatesville 39. With a 20 yard run by Bill Shockley included, the Bulldogs worked the ball to the eight and Capetola went over right tackle to score.



"ED" ZONETTI

A minute or two later, Ed Zonetti, Bulldog halfback intercepted another Coatesville pass and rambled 28 yards to score.

Daily Local News
October 24, 1953

T-E Bulldogs Hold Trojans To Tie Score

Pottstown Gets Tying Tally In Final Period

The Ches-Mont League title race was further complicated last night when Tredyffrin-Easttown High and Pottstown High played to a 7-all draw under the lights at Berwyn.

To gain a tie with the Trojans, Coach Ernie Meyer's Bulldogs scored in the first period and held their rivals scoreless until the final quarter.

Charley Chiccino scored for T-E on a two-yard thrust which climaxed a march from midfield. The advance started on a pass interception. Lou Piombino booted the extra point.

Pottstown took over the initiative in the third period in a drive which reached the Bulldog two before it was halted on downs.

Early in the fourth quarter, Pottstown gained possession at the T-E 30 and grounded out yardage until it reached the one. From that point, halfback Al Bodolus ripped off tackle to score. The Trojan place-kicking specialist added the all-important extra point.

Daily Local News
October 31, 1953

Aerial Gives T-E Bulldogs Touchdown and Victory Over Whippets in League Contest

Winning Score Comes On Pass From Capetola to Mitchell

Displaying an aerial attack which it expects to use effectively against West Chester High in the Thanksgiving Day finale, Tredyffrin-Easttown High won 7-0 over Downingtown High in their postponed game at Berwyn, Saturday afternoon.

Coach Ernie Meyer's Bulldogs played alert football on defense and utilized the air lanes on offense to offset Downingtown's superior ground power.

The play of Lou Capetola, senior quarterback, sparked the Bulldogs to victory. His interception of a Downingtown pass set off the T-E scoring drive in the second period. Grabbing the Whippet aerial at midfield, he returned it to the enemy 30.

When three running plays netted only a couple of yards, Capetola took to the air with a 10-yard heave to wingman Lou Mitchell. Mitchell was in the clear at the 20 and hustled over for the winning touchdown.

Lou Piombino's place kick split the uprights but T-E was off-sides, and he had to try again from five yards back. The longer distance made no difference as he cashed in the point with his second boot.



Downingtown got a march moving in the third quarter and pushed all the way down to the Bulldog two. There the T-E lads came up with a great stand to take

over on downs. Immediately thereafter, Capetola on a surprise play, heaved a pass to Mitchell which carried to midfield and got the home team out of danger.

It was halfback Bill Shockley who thwarted a late drive by the Whippets. With time running out, Shockley filched a pass heaved by John Chilla at the goal line and got it back to the 12. This gave T-E a chance to control the ball until the final gun.

The Line-up

Ends: King, Domenick, Mitchell

Tackles: Hohlefelder, Gasser,

Legar

Guards: Piombino, DiAddezio,

Bollman

Center: Johnston

Backs: Capetola, Chiccino,

Crouse, Shockley, Henry, Cropper

Daily Local News

November 23, 1953

Great Battle In Prospect As T-E Team Plays Host

By "BUTCH" MCDEVITT
Local News Sports Editor

Come tomorrow we have another thanksgiving Day and another West Chester-Berwyn game!

This year it will be played in Berwyn on a field named in honor of the late Paul S. Teamer, a great coach and principal at T-E High.

The climatic annual grid battle will be the 48th in a series begun away back in the early years of this, the 20th century. It will, as always, be waged between two teams primed for the supreme effort of their campaigns before a crowd in which partisan enthusiasm will be at fever pitch.

For T-E the starters will probably be the same ones who appeared against Downingtown High in a winning effort last Saturday.

Coach Meyer had Lou Capetola, a play-maker and passer *de luxe* to do the quarterbacking, with "Chic" Chiccino and Bill Shockley as halfbacks and Jim Henry as fullback. Chiccino has been the most consistent of the Bulldog ground-gainers to date. Bill Crouse and Basil Jackmon are top reserves in behind-the-line forces of the Main Liners

Fred Domenick and Bill King are likely to start at end but Lou Mitchell, a great pass receiver, will

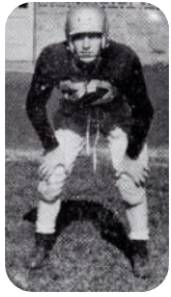
turn up at one of the wing posts when T-E has the ball and Bob Nones will appear on defense, Joe Hohlefelder and Fred Gasser are the tackles, with Lou Piombino and Craig Bollman first in line for guard duty. Dom DiAddezio and Judson Vosburg back up the starting guards, while Norman Lugar is certain to spell one of the tackles.

Doing a good job of filling the shoes of "Butch" Patton, last year's all-star center for the Bulldogs, Ab Johnston remains at midline on offense and defense, with Al Repscha as an occasional replacement

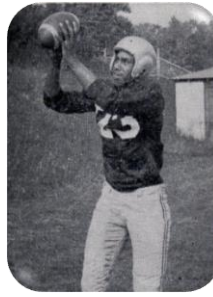
1953 Bulldog Wing Men



Fred Domenick



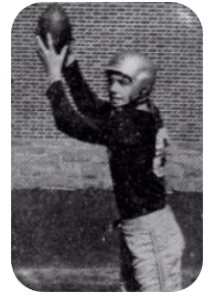
Bill King



Lou Mitchell



Bob Nones



Paul Crawford

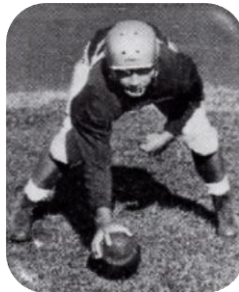
Interior Line



Joe Hohlefelder
Tackle



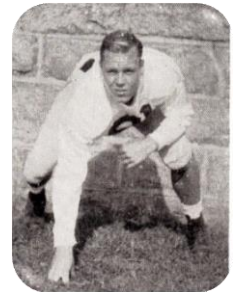
Lou Piombino
Guard



Ab Johnston
Center

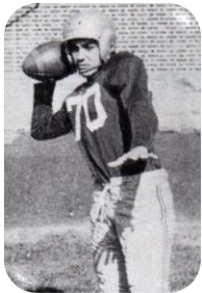


Craig Bollman
Guard



Fred Gasser
Tackle

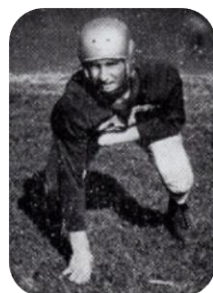
Backfield



Lou Capetola
Quarterback



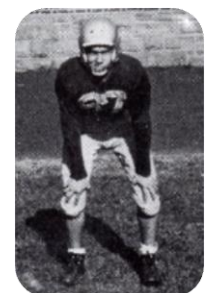
Bill Crouse
Quarterback



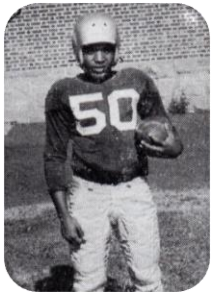
Chic Chiccino
Halfback



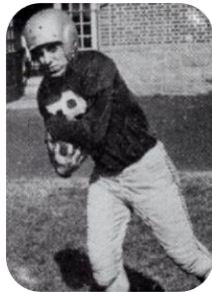
Butch Shockley
Halfback



Jim Henry
Fullback



Basil Jackmon
Halfback



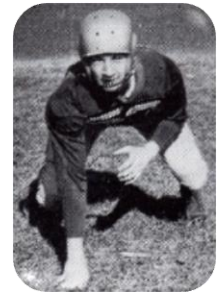
Ed Zonetti
Back



Charles Warren
End



Dom DiAddezio
Guard



Harry DiLabbio
Guard

Warriors Win Annual Classic

By "BUTCH" MCDEVITT

Local News Sports Editor

In a low-scoring game riddled with fumbles, interceptions and penalties, the West Chester Warriors came out victors, 7-0.

West Chester got into trouble soon after it took the opening kick-off and banged out two first downs to reach its own 31. A fumble was recovered by Bulldog center Ab Johnston at the 40.

Twice the Warriors were off-sides in as many plays, giving T-E first down at the 20. Basil Jackmon ran on the first down, "Chic" Chiccino carried on the second down. Then WC intercepted the ball

In a daring play, WC Quarterback Greenwalt faded to the goal line and passed to the 20. WC Back Lawson spun away from a tackler and found his mates cutting a path for him. He tried to outrace Chiccino and Bill Shockley but he was pinned at the sidelines and tackled at the 21.

Repeating the same play, the Warriors scored, and the PAT was successful.

Coach Ernie Meyer's bulldogs, aroused to fighting pitch, reared back after the ensuing kick-off and moved from their 32 down to the West Chester 30 with the aid of a roughing the kicker penalty.

The Bulldogs got nine yards in three plays, but they couldn't get one on the fourth down. And they gave up possession.

After West Chester drive back to the 35, the Main Liners took over on an interception by wingman Lou Mitchell.

In the dying minutes of the first half, Chiccino in two thrusts made a first down to the 19. But on third down, a Warrior intercepted the ball.

When the Bulldogs took over in the third period, Chiccino gave an outstanding individual performance as in four carries, he moved the ball 31 yards to the West Chest 49. The advance ended in disaster with a fumble.

West Chester fans were given a bad moment when, on fourth down at the T-E 32, Warrior Quarterback went back to pass, was rushed by Fred Domenick and Dick Hohlefelder, and he fumbled. Hohlefelder, 225-pound tackle, scooped up the ball and was all alone as he set off for the goal line. However, he was brought down at the 44. Two plays later, the Warriors intercepted. But they were unable to gain on the ground. They punted. But the Bulldogs failed to move the ball either.

The play of both teams was hard and clean from start to finish. Most of the penalties inflicted came as a result of over-eagerness on the part of the rival players.

The 1953 Bulldogs



No	Name	Class	Position	No	Name	Class	Position
70	Lou Capetola	12	Back		Charlie Warren	12	End
64	Bill Crouse	12	Back	72	Bill King	11	End
50	Basil Jackmon	12	Back	62	Buzz Rickards	11	End
58	Ed Zonetti	12	Back	63	Lou Mitchell	10	End
67	Jim Henry	12	Back	62	George Selfinger	10	End
60	Chic Chiccino	11	Back		Art LeGar	10	End
74	Andy Ray	11	Back	81	Sam Corbin	10	End
	Emil Capetola	10	Back	71	Dom DiAddezio	12	Guard
52	Tom Alleva	10	Back	57	Lou Piombino	12	Guard
56	Bill Shockley	10	Back		Harry DiLabbio	12	Guard
69	Lee Parry	10	Back	68	Craig Bollman	11	Guard
51	Bill Cropper	10	Back	76	Jud Vosburg	11	Guard
51	Paul DiAndrea	10	Back		Neal McAusland	11	Guard
38	Paul Eaton	10	Back	86	John Hamilton	9	Guard
77	Ab Johnston	12	Center	79	Dick Hohlefelder	12	Tackle
65	Hank Repscha	10	Center	78	Lou Dastalfo	12	Tackle
84	Pat Rosato	10	Center	59	Fred Gasser	11	Tackle
73	Hank Little	10	Center	75	Norman Lugar	11	Tackle
61	Fred Domenick	12	End		Tom Corrigan	11	Tackle
55	Bob Nones	12	End		Francis Folk	11	Tackle
66	Paul Crawford	12	End		Dick O'Connor	11	Tackle
	Bernie Corrigan	12	End	54	Herb Wiley	10	Tackle