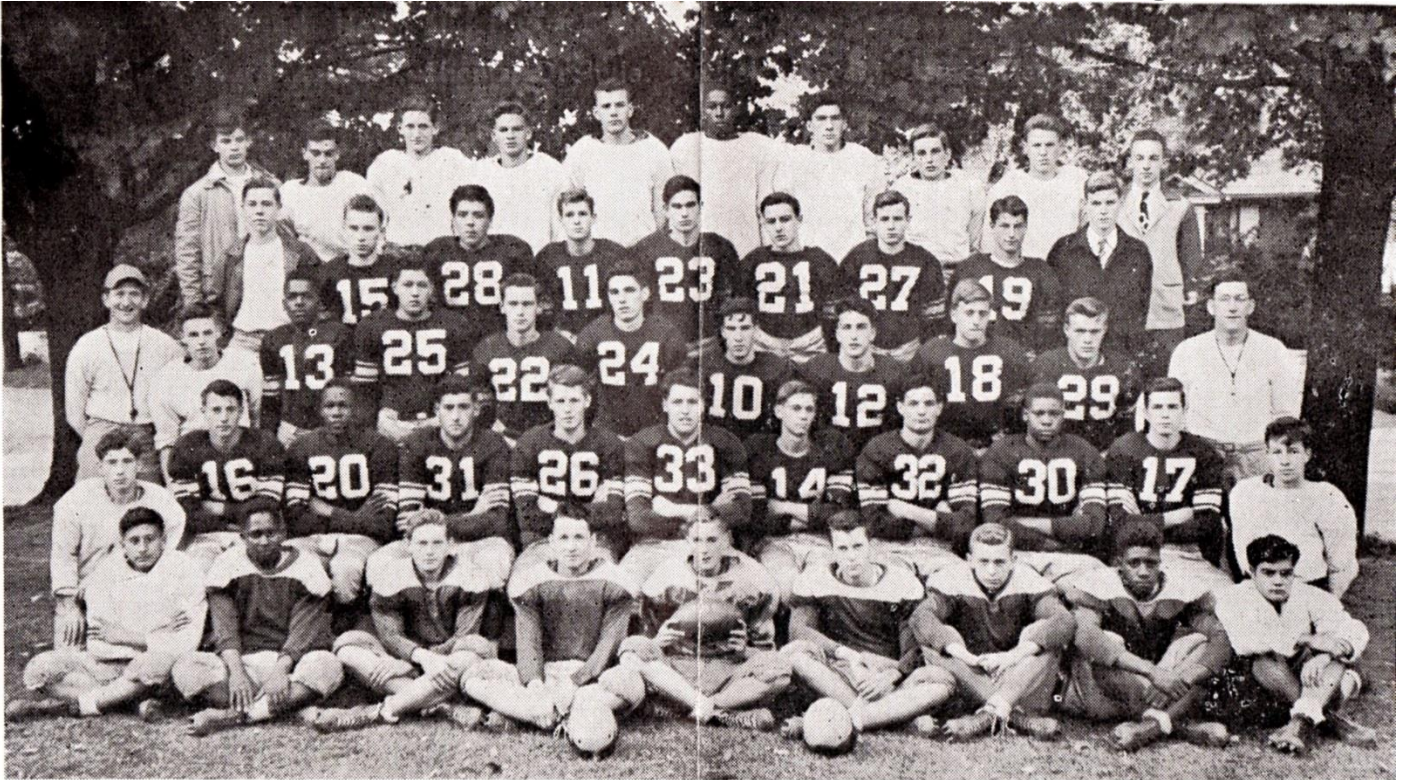


# 1947 Tredyffrin-Easttown Bulldogs



Front row (seated on ground) left to right: John Segui, Henry Hitchens, Minor Vail, Charles Gasser, William Patton, William Tyson, Theodore Lockwood, Napoleon Bonaparte, Ralph Caporal

Second row: James Hopkins, George Dixon, Thomas Miller, Raymond Battttisto, William Smurthwaite, Edwin Evens, Frederick Teal, Guilio DiSerafino, Robert Pollard, Henry Ginnona, William Hall

Third row: Asst. Coach Keehn, Robert Clark, Harry Mitchell, Clifford Evens, Leslie Hughes, John Clark, Thomas Morrison, Ralph Stango, George Bartosh, Hayes Slider, Coach Meyer

Fourth row: Asst. Mgr. Edward Macbeth, Thomas DeShula, Nicholas Recchi, James Harrington, Caesar Natale, Yerkes Wilson, Raymond Buckwalter, Eli McLaughlin, Asst. Mgr. James Burns

Top row: Asst. Mgr. Fileno Alleva, Leonard Zonetti, Donald Girard, Charles Pennypacker, Francis Allen, Clarence Weldon, Harry Thornbury, Richard Kurtz, David Soulen, Manager William Starkey

Saturday, September 28, 1947

Lansdale – 7

T-E – 0

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# T-E Bulldogs Top Conshy On Aerial

*Third Period Pass from Stango to Pollard  
Good for 6 to 0 Decision*



Ralph Stango



Bob Pollard

Tredyffrin-Easttown High won before its hometown fans at Berwyn Saturday afternoon, scoring on a 20-yard pass from Ralph Stango to Bob Pollard in the third quarter to defeat Conshohocken High, 6 to 0. It was the first 1947 win for the Bulldogs, who lost their opener to Lansdale, 6-0.

A fumble recovery by George Dixon soon after the second half opened set up the T-E scoring play. Dixon fell on a fumble by a Conshy back, to give the Main Liners possession at the Conshy 23. After Pollard picked up three yards on a plunge, Stango faded and shot a pass to Pollard. Pollard pulled down the ball at the two and stepped over. Stango was tackled before he could get off a pass for the extra-point.

In dying minutes of the game, Conshy opened up with an air attack, which, in a series of three passes moved the ball from its own 30 to the T-E four. After a quarterback-sneak failed to gain, Conshy attempted another pass, which was intercepted by Hughes in the end zone to give the Bulldogs possession at the 20.

## **T-E Line-up**

Ends: Ginnoa, Hughes

Tackles: DiSerafino, Battisto, Bartosh, Slider

Guards: Teal, Smurthwaite

Center: Evens

Backs: Clark, Morrison, Dixon, Pollard, Miller, Clark, Mitchell,  
DeShula, Stango

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October 6, 1947

October 10, 1947 – rescheduled for  
November 5, 1947 due to a case of  
Polio that developed at Radnor  
Radnor – 13 T-E – 8  
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## Upper Merion Given Scare By Bulldogs

*T-E Holds Unbeaten Foe  
Scoreless for Three Periods,  
But Bows, 7-0*

Upper Merion High extended its winning streak to four straight against Tredyffrin-Easttown High, at Upper Merion, Saturday afternoon, but was given a battle right down to the final whistle. The Montgomery county team, in fact, did not get across their touchdown and conversion until the final period.

The Bulldogs gave Merionites some anxious moments in the first half when they carried five drives deep into Upper Merion territory. One drive reached the one-yard line, while the others were halted at the three, the seven, the five and the ten-yard lines, respectively.

The Main Liners had crossed midfield and opened up with a passing attack when the tide finally turned in favor of Upper Merion. Ken Davis snagged a T-E pass at his own 45 and ran it back to the 36. While the Bulldogs were still off balance. Upper Merion crashed down to the 12 and then broke away from that point to score.

*West Chester Daily Local*

October 20, 1947

# Coates Defeat T-E Bulldogs by 12-0 Score

Coatesville High launched its bid for the 1947 scholastic grid championship of Chester County with a 12 to 0 win over Tredyffrin-Easttown High, the defending champs, before 5,000 fans at Scott Field in the Steel City last night.

Working behind a superior line, the Coatesville backs pounded out touchdowns in the first and third periods. This was the first county engagement for both Coatesville and T-E.

*West Chester Daily Local*

October 25, 1947

# T-E Bulldogs In Win Over Haverford

## **Outclass Rivals, 18-0, as Air Attack Clicks for 160 Yards on Nine Passes**

Tredyffrin-Easttown High outclassed Haverford High, 18-0, at Berwyn, Saturday afternoon, scoring two touchdowns in the second quarter and one in the fourth and never allowing the invaders past the Bulldog 20.

### **DiSerafino sets up TD**



**Gulio DiSerafino**, left tackle for T-E set up the first touchdown early in the second quarter when he blocked a Haverford punt on the 15 and recovered on the 'Ford eight. An offside penalty set Haverford back to its three and Bob Pollard, burly T-E

fullback, smashed twice into the line to score. The pass from center fouled up Ray Battisto's attempt to boot the extra point from placement.



### **Three passes set up TD**

With only a minute to play in the first half, Coach Ernest Meyer's boys moved 81 yards to a touchdown in a series of three passes. The first pass from **George Dixon** to Pollard was good from the T-E 19 to the 38. The second from Pollard to Clark was good to the Haverford 36. The third heaved by Pollard carried to Miller on the four, and Miller kept right on traveling to score. Pollard's pass for the bonus point was grounded.

### **See-saw Battle**

In the final period, T-E took a punt and marched to the Haverford 31. A Pollard-heaved pass was intercepted at the 10 and returned to the 18. Haverford passed, and Pollard intercepted at the 30, and he returned it to the 23. A pass from Pollard to Clark was good to the seven, but Clark fumbled, and the 'Fords recovered. Two plays later Haverford fumbled, and **Ray Battisto** recovered within five yards of TD territory.



### **Final TD**

Pollard smashed to the one in a single thrust, but on the next play a bad pass from center rolled all the way back to the 15. **John Clark** scooped up the ball and twisted his way down to the three before being tackled. From that point, Dixon started around end and cut back to score. The extra point kick was blocked.



The most serious threat made by Haverford was in the first quarter when it got as far as the T-E 29. In first downs, the Bulldogs finished with an edge of eight to four. T-E completed nine of 19 passes for a gain of 160 yards.

*West Chester Daily Local*

November 3, 1947

# Berwyn Blanks D-town, 13-0

Fullback Bob Pollard carried the ball for two touchdowns, yesterday, at Berwyn to give Tredyffrin-Easttown High School a 13-0 win over Downingtown.

## T-E Line-up

Ends: Ginnona, Hughes

Tackles: DiSerafino, Battisto

Guards: Smurthwaite, Teal

Center: Evens

Quarterback: Clark

Backs: McLaughlin, Morrison, Pollard

*West Chester Daily Local*

November 11, 1947



Guard  
William  
Smurthwaite



Center  
Edwin  
Evens



Back  
Thomas  
Morrison

# Phoenix Nips T-E, 14-6

*Phortunate* Phantoms capitalized on a T-E fumble to score their first six-pointer Saturday. A 51-yard run paved the way for Phoenixville's second-half score. Joey Ujabai rounded end for five to tally.

Berwyn, in the fourth quarter, passed from its own 49 to reach the Phoenixville one. Bob Pollard plunged for the touchdown. In the second quarter, T-E drove to a first down at the Phoenixville two and then lost the ball on a fumble.

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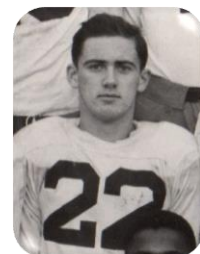
November 17, 1947



End  
Henry  
Ginnona



Guard  
Fred  
Teal



End  
Les  
Hughes

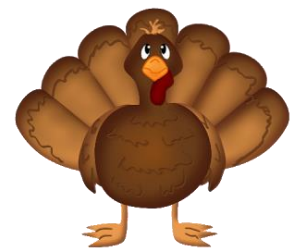
# Turkey Day Tilt Booked At Villanova

This is the week of the THE BIG GAME for West Chester High and Tredyffrin-Easttown High! Despite mediocre seasons, both teams are aflame with spirit for the Thanksgiving Day finale. To the players, the success or failure of their campaigns hinges on the outcome. It is traditional that a win in their Turkey Day classic can make any season a success. The game will be played at Villanova Stadium Thanksgiving morning, Kick-off time is 10 o'clock

When the game was first played at Villanova, in 1945, West Chester won before a crowd of 8,000 by a 12-0 score. Last fall Tredyffrin-Easttown won here by a 6-0 count and clinched the 1946 County Championship with that victory.

*West Chester Daily Local*

November 24, 1947



## Tredyffrin-Easttown Hopes To Gain Glory With Upset In Finale Of Grid Season

The T-E Bulldogs have nothing to gain out of the game but the satisfaction of defeating the most ancient of their football rivals. That incentive, however, has sparked many a team to victory in the annual outbreak of this particular feud.

Coach Ernest H. Meyer and his assistant, Bobby Keehn, have seen their Bulldogs go down in five of eight games, but they always went down fighting and may be counted on for a special effort against West Chester.

### **T-E Backs Strong**

The greatest strength of the Berwyn team is concentrated in its backfield, in which Bob Pollard, an All-County center in 1946, who has been reconverted to a fullback, is the brightest star. Pollard, a 180-pound lad, is a triple threat back, being outstanding as a kicker, passer and ball-carrier.

George Dixon, a "scat back," is also a threat in the T-E backfield, while Tom Morrison is an experienced halfback, and John Clark is a clever ball-handler in the quarterback slot.

Two good ends, Henry Ginnona and Leslie Hughes, give the Bulldogs an effective aerial game through their skill as pass receivers. It was Ginnona who set up the lone T-E touchdown in this annual game last fall when he caught a pass on the West Chester two-yard stripe.

At the left tackle spot, Coach Meyer will use Guillo DiSerafino, kid brother of Ray and Americo DiSerafino, line stars at West Chester State Teachers College. Ray Battisto, who picked up some experience last fall, will start at the other tackle berth. Fred Teal and Bill Smurthwaite are in line to start as guards, while Ed Evens will get the call at center.

All signs point to another great battle in the long and thrilling series.

***West Chester Daily Local***

November 26, 1947

## Gritty Bulldogs Score First and Give West Chester Battle

*Until Finish of Clean, Hard Game Before 8,000 at Villanova.*

Aerial sharpshooting and power aground gave West Chester High a clearcut, 14-6 victory over Tredyffrin-Easttown High in the 42 renewal of their annual Thanksgiving Day grid clash before 8,000 fans at Villanova stadium.

To win, the Warriors had to come from behind when the alert T-E Bulldogs scored on five plays after they first gained possession of the ball. The Main Liners drove 42 yards to their first score, with a 25-yard scamper by George Dixon, shaken loose on a reverse, featuring the advance. Dixon brought the ball to West Chester's five and burly Bob Pollard, 201-pound fullback, hit the line twice to carry it over. Ray Battisto's placement was batted off to one side.

### **Bulldogs Show Courage**

The scrappy outfit coached by Ernest Meyer fought right back after West Chester scored two touchdowns. The Bulldogs moved from their own 32 to the Warrior seven in a series of four first downs, in which an aerial attack played a big part. The final first down of the advance was recorded at the 12-yard stripe. Two line thrusts by Pollard carried to the seven and there the T-E attack stalled as two passes were grounded behind the goal line.

West Chester moved to the 29 before punting. T-E took the punt at its own 40 and then lost 13 yards in three plays. On fourth down, it surprised the Warriors with a pass from kick-formation, Pollard heaving to Leslie Hughes for a first down at the West Chester 35. Hughes was within a step of being in the clear on the play. There was time for just one more pass, and it was grounded, before the game ended.

T-E got down deep in West Chester territory early in the second half after Pollard batted a "coffin corner" kick out at the Warrior one. A return punt went only to the 40 and was carried back to the 30. The Bulldogs then manufactured a first down at the 18 on a pass from John Clark to Tom Miller, but the Warrior line threw the Main Liners back seven yards in two plays, and then they intercepted a pass to end the threat.

***West Chester Daily Local***

November 28, 1947

# 1947 Chester County All-Scholastic

**Bob Pollard**, a junior, who was All-County center last Fall, was converted into a back by Coach Ernest Meyer at Tredyffrin-Easttown High, this year. And he won All-Star rating in that department on the strength of his punting, passing, ball-carrying and outstanding defensive play. He was the only player named to the First Team for a second time.

Guilio DiSerafino, 175-pound left tackle, and Henry Ginnona, 167-pound right end, were named to the Second Team. George Dixon, 147-pound running back, Ray Battisto, 202-pound junior tackle, William Smurthwaite, 170-pound guard, and Edwin Evens, 235-pound junior center, received Honorable Mention.



## 1947 Bullodgs

Player	Position	Class	Player	Position	Class
Ginnona, Henry	End	12	Buckwalter, Ray	Tackle	11
Smurthwaite, William	Guard	12	Caporal, Ralph	Tackle	11
Teal, Frederick	Guard	12	Evens, Cliff	Tackle	11
Dixon, George	Halfback	12	Recchi, Nick	Tackle	11
Morrison, Thomas	Halfback	12	Thornbury, Harry	Tackle	11
DiSerafino, Guilio	Tackle	12	Mitchell, Harry	Back	10
Evens, Ed	Center	11	Bartosh, George	Center	10
Hughes, Leslie	End	11	Girard, Donald	End	10
Lockwood, Ted	End	11	Miller, Thomas	End	10
Patton, William	End	11	Natale, Caesar	End	10
Tyson, William	End	11	Gasser, Charles	Guard	10
Weldon, Clarence	End	11	Golden, Charles	Guard	10
Pollard, Robert	Fullback	11	Hitchens, Henry	Guard	10
Wilson, Yerkes	Guard	11	Kurtz, Richard	Guard	10
DeShula, Tom	Halfback	11	Slider, Hayes	Guard	10
McLaughlin, Eli	Halfback	11	Solen, David	Guard	10
Pennypacker, Charles	Halfback	11	Clark, Robert	Halfback	10
Zonetti, Len	Halfback	11	Hall, William	Halfback	10
Clark, John	Quarterback	11	Harrington, Jim	Halfback	10
Stango, Ralph	Quarterback	11	Hopkinsk James	Halfback	10
Allen, Francis	Tackle	11	Vail, Miner	Quarterback	10
Bastttisto, Ray	Tackle	11	Segui, John	Tackle	10
Bonaparte, Napolen	Tackle	11			



### **Senior Members of the Squad**

Kneeling: William Smurthwaite, Thomas Morrison, Frederick Teal, George Dixon.

Standing: Raymond Battisto, John Clark, Edwin Evens, Henry Ginnona, Guilio DiSerafino.