

# **1975 Conestoga Pioneers**

# **Tied for Central League Championship**

## **Honors**

Colin McCarty  
Billy Olson  
All Area Team

Steve Pettia  
Frank Alleva  
All Central League – First Team

Plymouth-Whitemarsh lost 13-12  
Springfield won 12-0  
Ridley lost 25-0  
Haverford won 29-14  
Upper Darby won 27-8  
Marple-Newtown won 20-6  
Radnor won 12-7  
Lower Merion won 24-7  
Chichester won 21-6  
Penncrest won 35-8

**Finished 7-1 in League  
Competition  
Finished 8-2 overall**

# Linemen Key To Pioneer Future

By **JOHN ADDYMAN**  
(*DLN Sports Correspondent*)  
September 10, 1975

It may not be flashing football this year for the Conestoga Pioneers, but it will be effective.

With question marks in the offensive backfield and defensive secondary, the Pioneers will be keeping games close, depending on the defensive lines, and watching for the other team to make the mistakes.

## Line a Key

To help make certain that his year will not be less than brilliant, Conestoga head coach Joe Ujobai is counting on the performance of his linemen and hoping to develop enough point-makers in the backfield to make a run at opponents.

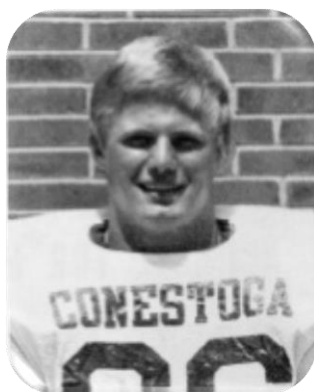
Centrally important are Keith Shultis, a 215-pound who doubles as defensive tackle and offensive guard.

Started last year as a blocker, Shultis was pressed into service in both lines before injuries sidelined him. A good season would mean a nomination for at least an all-area team for him.

Team Captain Colin McCarty, a starter since his sophomore year, is another candidate for regional recognition at right tackle. At 6-2½ and 225 pounds, his senior talents and team leadership are at the very heart of Conestoga's hopes.

More experience comes in the defensive line from aggressive 5-11 senior George Machikas at 205 pounds who was a tackle last year, but may end up as a linebacker. Lou DiSerafino should start at guard, along with Glen Blumenthal. Dave Gorecki and Bill Olson will start at the defensive ends.

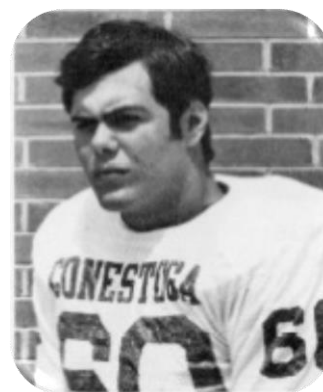
## 1975 Conestoga Pioneers



**Keith Shultis**  
6-2, 216 pounds  
Offensive Guard



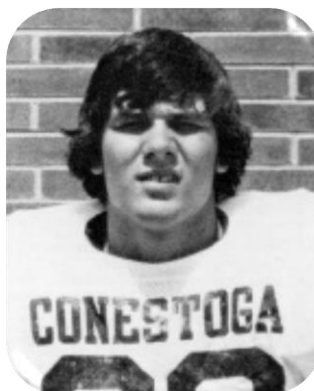
**Colin McCarty**  
**Captain**  
6-3, 220 pounds  
Defensive Tackle



**George Machikas**  
6-0, 215 pounds  
Linebacker



**Lou DiSerafino**  
6-1, 180 pounds  
Defensive Guard



**Glen Blumenthal**  
6-2, 195 pounds  
Defensive Guard



**Dave Gorecki**  
6-0, 190 pounds  
Defensive End



**Billy Olson**  
6-1, 215 pounds  
Offensive End

## Coach Optimistic

"I don't think there's much of a difference between last year's team and this year's," said Ujobai. "We're strong in the defensive line and linebackers. Our weakest point – and I do not know if we really are weak there – is in the secondary. Our secondary is inexperienced."

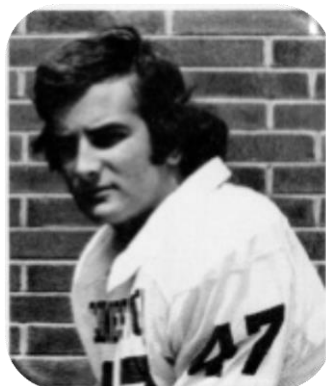
Senior Mike Alston would have been a help at defensive halfback, but he is out with a broken wrist for at least four more weeks and will miss the season

opener. Mike Praplaski is being broken in at safety, with Kevin Mahoney and Andy Rosato sharing the backfield chores with Frank Alleva.

The biggest question marks are in the offensive backfield. Alleva has good hands and can run the reverses while throwing passes from his flankerback spot, but he is needed just as much in the defense and will see limited offensive use in games.



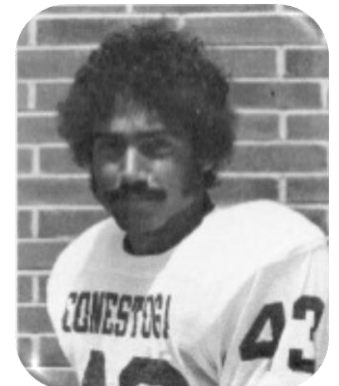
**Mike Praplaski**  
6-0, 160 pounds  
Defensive Back



**Kevin Mahoney**  
5-9, 165 pounds  
Defensive Back



**Don Rosato**  
5-7, 180 pounds  
Defensive Back



**Frank Alleva**  
6-0, 180 pounds  
Offensive Back

## Howard at QB

Junior Dough Howard, who quarterbacked the Conestoga jayvees to the Central League title, looks like the starter at the signal-caller sport. He is a tall and lean (6-3, 170 pounds) offensive leader who is apparently going to count heavily on Steve Pettia.

Pettia at tailback, has some experience and seems to run well. He scored against Phoenixville in a

scrimmage and did most of the ball carrying through the first quarter. Kevin Osbourne, Mike Marquardt and Pat Paro are all fighting it out for the remaining spot in the backfield, as Alleva, Howard and Pettia appear to be the starters.



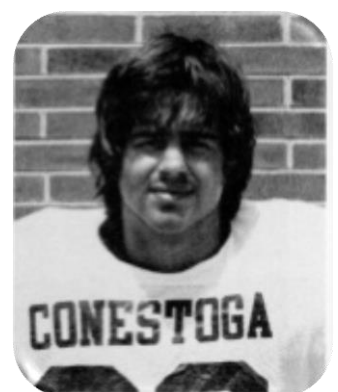
**Doug Howard**  
6-4, 203 pounds  
Quarterback



**Steve Pettia**  
5-11, 180  
Offensive Back



**Kevin Osbourne**  
6-1, 175 pounds  
Offensive Back



**Mike Marquardt**  
5-11, 180 pounds  
Offensive Back



**Pat Paro**

5-11, 183 pounds  
Offensive Back



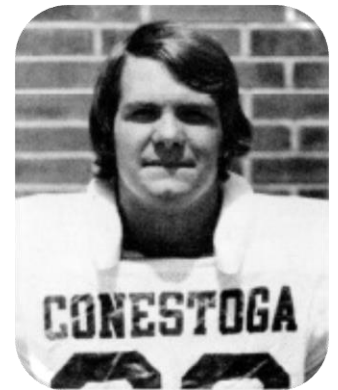
**Doug Dutchyschyn**

5-10, 155 pounds  
Quarterback



**Bill Lund**

6-1, 210 pounds  
Center



**Chip McCown**

5-11, 195 pounds  
Offensive Guard

Backup quarterback is Doug Dutchyschyn, a transfer from Kansas with experience at safety, tailback and quarterback.

On the offensive line, Ujobai is counting on lettermen Bill Lund (center), Shultis, Chip McCown and Olson for the blocking. Conestoga had a good running game last year, but they will be building around all of the young starters this time.

“We’ve got a diversified offense,” Ujobai said. “We’ll go from a split-I and power backfield. Our offense will try to balance the attack again this year, and take advantage of what the defense gives us. We’re going to play solid, fundamental football.”

Against Phoenixville the fundamentals were carry-after-carry between the tackles with few passes. “We’ll show some bootlegs, reverses and waggles in the backfield,” he continued. “I think we’re going to do well.”

“We’ve got the ballplayers who are going to perform this year,” Ujobai said. “They’re in excellent shape – team captain McCarty has seen to that because he’s really put them through their calisthenics and exercises. We’re in excellent physical and mental shape.”

Looking at the schedule, the Pioneers start out with a traditional toughie, Plymouth-Whitemarsh. Two weeks later the Central League play opens with the Pioneers visiting another rough opponent, Springfield.

“We concentrating on the first game,” Ujobai said, “and we’re hoping that everyone is going to be able to

play his best. He was making reference to injuries again, the shadow in Conestoga’s closet.

“We don’t have any easy games. We respect everyone we’re going to play, and we’re just going to prepare for each one individually.”

The Pioneers were 7-4 last year, and in almost every game they lost, they were a handful of points away from a perfect season.



**PIONEER BACKFIELD**

# 45 RB Steve Pettia, # 35 FB Kevin Osbourne,  
#43 Flanker Frank Allewa, #12 QB Dan Howard



# Conestoga Falls to P-W 13-12

By JOHN ADDYMAN  
(Of the Local News Staff)  
September 13, 1975

With a season opener against tough P-W, the Pioneers had to be brilliant, and they were – for the first quarter. Senior and leading rusher Steve Pettia with junior Kevin Osbourne (13 carries, 54 yards) slashed through the Colonial secondary left and right as the Conestoga team moved businesslike to its first score in a little over four minutes.

Pettia did most of the damage, picking up 46 yards in the 11 plays the Pioneers ran during the 750-yard march after the opening kickoff. He got the ball for the clincher and plunged into the line only to meet the powerful P-W front.

Behind him stood Doug Howard. Pettia, with Colonials wrapping around him like the tendrils of a carnivorous plant, calmly flipped the ball back to his

junior quarterback, who skittered in for the first score. The remainder of the first half was a seesaw battle of fumbles. P-W scored in the second period.

Conestoga's defense came across strong in the second half. Colin McCarty, staying out of the offensive pits because of a shoulder injury sustained early in the game, picked up a P-W fumble and thundered 30 yards before a foursome of tacklers brought him down. Osbourne put the ball across from the four, and the Pioneers were up 12-7 with nine minutes left in the game.

The Colonials got the ball on the kickoff and engineered their second major drive for 61 yards and the final score.

Ujobai said McCarty, who is a major pinion of the Pioneer season hopes, played well. He recovered two fumbles, and he had a sack of the quarterback. Howard started slow, but by the end of the game, he was throwing in a poised and accurate fashion.



# Pioneers Pick Up First Win

*Daily Local News*  
**September 29, 1975**

The Conestoga Pioneers, relying heavily on sound defense and a hard running backfield, nabbed their first victory of the season over Springfield Cougars, 12-0.

Springfield tried a little razzle-dazzle by the aerial route, and found out that the Conestoga secondary was at least equal to the task. Safety Mike Praplaski intercepted two passes to stop that end of their game.

Then it was time for the running game that controlled the 1974 contest, but the Pioneers were equal to that as well, with both Rob DiSerafino and Tony Berger coming up with drive-stopping fumble recoveries.

Last year Frankie Alleva came out of the backfield with the big play in the first series, a 73-yard touchdown reception of a Len Clewett pass. This year he capped the last Conestoga drive of the game and put it out of reach with a 67-yard catch-and-run.

Alleva figured in the scoring drive in the second quarter that first put points on the board. A 12-yard pass reception from quarterback Doug Howard put the ball deep in the Cougar territory, and running back Kevin Osbourne added the first six with a two-yard run moments later.

“Osbourne had a good day,” said Conestoga head coach Joe Ujobai. “He’s getting better. He got 73 yards in 14 carries for us.”

In the other half of the backfield was Steve Pettia, who put down his finest day for the Pioneers with 87 yards in 13 carries.

“We used our ground game pretty effectively,” said Ujobai, noting that the rushing yardage amounted to 178 yards. “We threw occasionally, and the passes we completed were the ones that counted.”

Howard, who came on skitterish in the opener against Plymouth-Whitemarsh but matured as the game went on, completed just two passes to Alleva, but that was all he needed.

“Pettia was our leading rusher. We were going up the middle with traps, inside the tackles. We couldn’t get outside, though. They were defending our outside game because they had a stacked four with outside linebackers, and we couldn’t get around them”

The clincher for the Pioneers came in the last quarter. “It was a bootleg pass left,” said Ujobai. “Frankie ran a straight sideline route, and it was a simple as that.” Alleva’s two catches game him 79 yards for the day.



**Mike Prapalaski**



**Rob DiSerafino**



**Tony Berger**



**Kevin Osbourne**

# Conestoga Absorbs Thumping

By JOHN ADDYMAN  
(Of the Local News Staff)

October 6, 1975

It was one of those games that coaches like to erase from their memory – *wipe it out as if it never was!*

On Saturday, Conestoga's Pioneers were in Ridley for a visit, which might have given the Berwyners a shot at the Central League championship.

Appearing to be a tight contest from the outset, Ridley could only push across seven points in the first half against the Conestoga defense. However, the

Pioneer offense struggles in their inability to gain a first down.

Bad news came from the hospital, as a member of the backfield and punter Pat Paro was recuperating from a badly sprained ankle, suffered in the third period.

"We were outhit. We were outplayed," commented Coach Joe Ujobai. "We'll be back," he said, determined. "We'll be back next week. We are not out of it. We're going to win this thing yet, let me tell you."



## PIONEER DEFENSE

**Front Row:** #88 Billy Olson, #83 Colin McCarty, #62 Glen Blumnethal,  
#81 Lou DiSerafino, #66 Keith Shultis, #80 Dave Gorecki

**Back Row:** #21 Rob Shoemaker, #60 George Machikas

# Pioneers Top Hapless Fords

By JOHN ADDYMAN  
(Of the Local News Staff)

October 11, 1975

Haverford's Fords are winless and hapless. In addition, they have their own radio station following them around.

"Got to watch out for this big guy Colin McCarty," warned the teenage announcer to his unseen public. "He's the captain of the team, and he's big and tough. There goes Munns on a handoff around left end, and McCarty grabs him. And McCarty throws him down. And McCarty jumps on him. Ouch."

The Fords gave Conestoga a scare in the first quarter. However, it did not last long. Conestoga started rumbling all over the Fords with a new backfield. Guard Keith Shultis (6-2, 216 pounds) was moved into fullback, and Doug "Dutch" Dutchyschyn came off the bench as the number two quarterback to take up the wingback slot. Frank Alleva moved to left end.

"Keith practiced at fullback all week," said Ujobai. "He's a good blocker, and he'll get some of our other backs out of the backfield."

The Fords defense should have stopped the Pioneer run, but they ran counters with Steve Pettia (71 yards in 12 carries) and Dutch (86 yards in 11 carries). They slashed left and right, and quarterback Doug Howard waited patiently for the secondary to start moving in, watching the backfield.

They did. Zing! Out went Alleva, straight through the middle of the Ford's defensive backfield. Zing! Out came Howard's pass, crisper than he has thrown all year. Alleva shook one tackler off, and then simply outspinted the last man who had a chance to catch him, scoring from 70 yards out.

Dutchyschyn had already riddled the Fords from the 150-yard line for a score. Pettia would be next, and then the big tight end Bill Olson would get his chance.

## Ujobai Happy

In defeat, Ujobai is a calm, seemingly patient man who wants to get away from the world and think. In victory, especially this turn-the-corner win last night, he was jumpy. His team has put together a diversified attack, the quarterback had thrown like a pro all night, and the receivers had all been able to remember to hold on as the football hit their hands.

"Excellent game. Defense was super. Better balance this week. Dutch was impressive. Howard had a good game. Dutch was the spark."

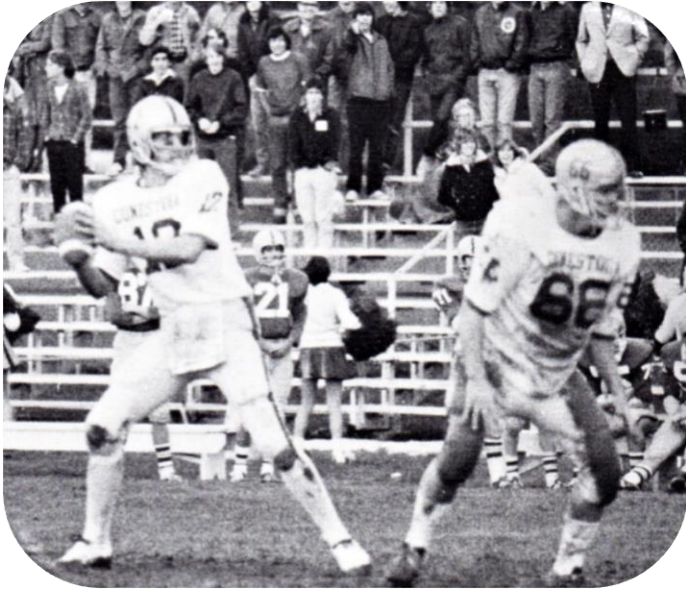
Ujobai was nervy because this might have been the game he was waiting for. Everything worked. The couple of mistakes the Pioneers made on the field were compensated for. The defense, when the first string was in the game, had no trouble controlling Haverford. The offense had a field day. Now he is anxious for the next game. A little improvement, another win, and Conestoga may be ready for the showdowns – Marple Newtown and Radnor.

Pettia gave the Pioneers his best performance with smashing running that relegated the Fords to gang tackling as he refused to be taken off his feet. Dutchyschyn added another dimension Conestoga has not had - the quick sprint off the snap. He was in the secondary before many knew he had the ball. Dutch does not appear to be fast, at least not on long gainers, but his acceleration will be valuable.

And Shultis. A valuable blocker who is now in the backfield to give Howard more time – and that paid off last night. He is as big as a tank and can rumble through some tough belly plays when he gets rid of the linemen legs and establishes some style of his own.

The win evens Conestoga's season at 2-2, but much more important, it illuminates some of the darkness that had fallen over the season after two tough losses.





#12 Doug Howard #66 Keith Shultis

Captain Colin McCarty with Coach Joe Ujobai



**DEFENSIVE SECONDARY**

#43 Frank Alleva, Coach McMahon, #20 Mike Praplaski, #47 Kevin Mahoney

# Pioneers Methodically Rip UD 27-8

*Daily Local News*  
October 18, 1975

Ever since the Central League football season opened back in September, the talk has been that Joe Ujobai's Pioneers should challenge for the title.

In fact, that has been the talk for the past several seasons, but the Pioneers have always found a way to come up a little short.

Yesterday, Conestoga climbed right back into the midst of the Central League pennant chase with a 27-8 victory over visiting Upper Darby and set up a big Nov. 1 battle with unbeaten Radnor.

The Pioneers now own a 3-1 record with the lone defeat a 28-0 whitewash by Ridley. A win against Radnor would throw Conestoga right into a contender's seat.

The Conestoga offense, which had all kinds of trouble against Ridley, has improved significantly since then, putting 56 points on the board in its last two contests.

## Quick Score

The Pioneers won the coin toss and elected to receive, which was a wise choice since Steve Pettia returned the opening kickoff 60 yards to the Upper Darby 25.

Pettia was the main man in the ensuing seven-play scoring drive, capped when he crashed over from two yards out. Don Rosato toed the extra point for a 7-0 lead with less than four minutes gone in the game.

Neither team would threaten again in the first quarter, but the excitement mounted again in the

second period when Pettia chugged 36 yards for a score that was then nullified by a procedure penalty.

Pettia, however, proved the plays was no fluke as he slogged 28 yards for a score three plays later and Rosato again added the kick for a 14-0 lead the Pioneers took into the locker room at halftime.

Conestoga continued its methodical play in the third period as quarterback Doug Howard engineered a drive culminated by Doug Dutchsyn's three-yard burst and Rosato's third conversion kick of the game made it 21-0.

## Interception Set up

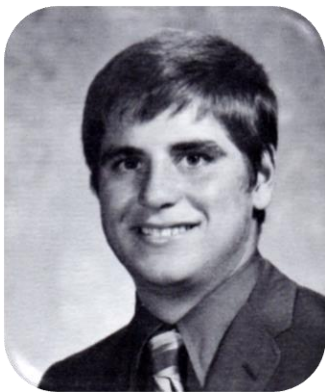
Things continued to go right for Conestoga, however, as Glen Blumenthal picked off a pass by Upper Darby quarterback Bill Murphy on the ensuing series and the Pioneer offense was back in business.

Howard and Alleva quickly proved their nullified touchdown connection was no fluke with Howard lining a 19-yard toss to Alleva for a 27-0 lead.

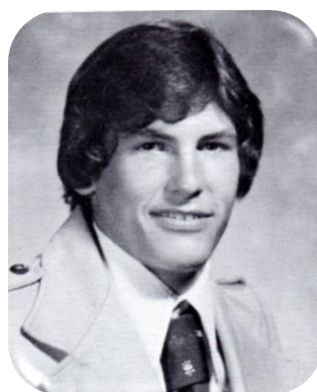
From that point, the Pioneer defense spearheaded by Colin McCarty went to work on preserving the shutout and would have had it except for a last-second surprise by the Royals' defense.

Pettia was the leading rusher in the game with 89 yards on 12 carries while Howard completed eight of 19 passes, four to tight end Bill Olsen.

Defensively the Pioneers came up with four interceptions as Blumenthal, Bob Shoemaker, Mike Praplaski and George Machikas all had one steal.



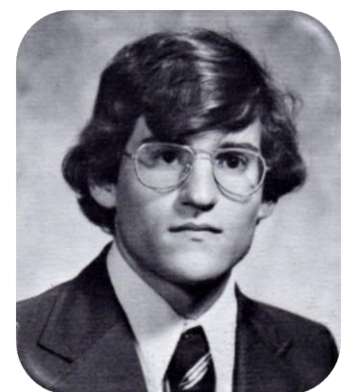
**Don Rosato**



**Bob Shoemaker**



**George Machikas**



**Ray Nudy**

# Conestoga Tops M-N

## Sets up Radnor Contest

By JOHN ADDYMAN  
(Of the *Local News Staff*)  
October 27, 1975

Steve Pettia cradled the ball and lunged at an angle into the line, turning a shoulder to get through the hole between guard and tackle. From the sideline Conestoga football coach Joe Ujobai watched for the hit and listened for the sound, a cough suppressor twirling in his cheek.

A second step and Pettia was there, between blocker and defender, in the trenches.

“Crunch,” went the cough drop in Ujobai’s mouth. The yardage was important. His big running back was important. The game had an important ring to it.

Marple-Newtown’s fighting Tigers stood at the crossroads of the Conestoga season Saturday night. A win would set the Pioneers up for a certain crunching showdown next Saturday with Radnor. A loss would make the rest of the season a journey for pride only.

Conestoga got six points the first two times the Pioneers had the ball. Steve Pettia, who rushed for 99 yards in 18 carries did most of the early damage on sweeps and line plunges, with Dutch Dutchyschyn slashing left in counters that added up to 55 yards for him during the night.

### Tough Tigers

“They were tough,” said Conestoga defensive coach Gerry McMahon after the game. “They were tough and they were quick, but our kids played really well. Colin McCarty was playing an outstanding game, so was Bob Shoemaker.”

Most of the Conestoga offense looked fit and strong. Particularly the backfield, which rushed for 104 yards in the first half.

“Dutchyschyn and Pettia work well together,” said McMahon. “They both run well and they block for each other. We’re in good shape and our kids are in good shape.”

### Marple Threat Stalls

Howard forthrightly directed an 80-yard march in seven plays that ended with Bill Olson snagging a 54-yard pass for a touchdown. Alleva had already tabbed a 39-yarder from Howard for a first period TD.

Conestoga never really lost control of the game, and Howard put in his most masterful performance of the season in directing the offense, while McCarty proved to be not much less than awesome during the contest.



#45 Steve Pettia



#88 Billy Olson





**#25 Doug Dutchyschyn**



**#43 Frank Allewa**



**PIONEER OFFENSIVE LINE**

**#88 RE Billy Olson, #63 RT Colin McCarty, #66 RG Keith Shultis, #54 C Bill Lund,  
#68 LG Chip McCowan, #70 LT Rob McCollum, #87 LE Bill Tracy**



# Pioneers Bag Big Radnor Turkey

By JOHN ADDYMAN  
(Of the *Local News Staff*)

November 3, 1975

Conestoga may not have a Thanksgiving game, but Saturday afternoon the Pioneers bagged their biggest turkey of the season as they shot down, roasted them, ate the bird whole with all the trimmings.

Victimized at home were the unbeaten Raiders, whose pom-poms were stilled with only seconds remaining in the game when the fourth down drive fell short by inches at 00:47. The final score was 12-7.

## Ragged Defense

Conestoga was magnificent and the defense was superb.

On the last play of the first quarter, McGackin was back to punt on his own 15. The snap from center went straight over his head. McGackin couldn't pick it up, but dribbled it to the sidelines, where he finally got some semblance of order just as Dave Gorecki arrived with a resounding crack as silver helmet met white helmet.

McGackin's feet were in the end zone, but his hands were on the ball, which was on the one. Two plays later Conestoga had its first shocker of the afternoon, a six-point lead with Doug "Dutch" Dutchyschyn doing honors.

Radnor showed its championship form in the opening minutes of the third period, marching businesslike 54 yards downfield in six plays.

The Raiders got an extra point, led the game for the first time, and looked awesome. Conestoga was only

able to cross midfield, and then had to punt. Radnor got a first down, then McCarty, with linebacker Lou DiSerafino and Rob Shoemaker, shut them down. Conestoga again went just over midfield before giving up the ball.

Johnson tried a pass on second-and-five but the screen was diagnosed. Shoemaker stepped in and took the ball to the Radnor 24 on an 11-yard jaunt. Five plays later Doug Howard found end Frankie Alleva streaking in the end zone, and Conestoga had a beady 12-7 lead midway in the final period.

## Happy Coach

"I feel great," said Conestoga coach Joe Ujobai after the game. "Our defense was outstanding, they gave us great field position all day. We knew if we could get the ball and control it we'd be all right.

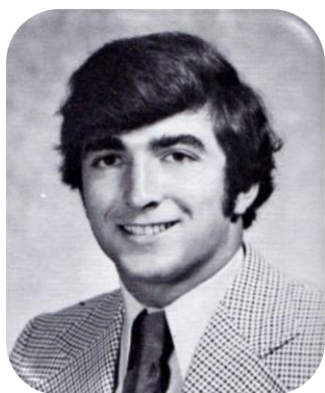
"We have a great team," he said. They are improving every game. "Now we have a chance for the championship."

## Pioneers Up for Game

But, Cockerill added: "Our kids are up. We didn't have to say anything to them at halftime. We just went over the problems, talked about blocking. You don't have to say much for this game. In fact, anything you do say would mean nothing. Anybody who can't get up for Radnor-Conestoga can't get up"

The differences in the game were McCarty and Shoemaker for Conestoga.

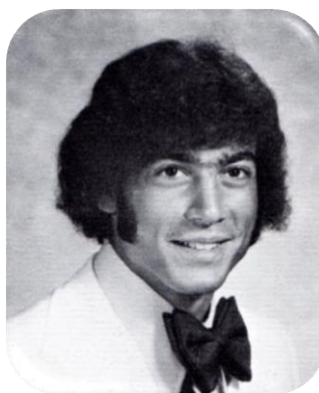
Pettia ended up with 74 yards in 20 carries for Conestoga, matching the rushing output of the entire Radnor backfield.



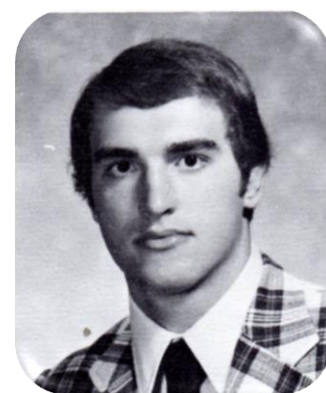
Steve Pettia



Doug Dutchyschyn



Frank Alleva



Colin McCarty

# Pioneers Win Easily

By JOHN ADDYMAN  
(Of the *Local News Staff*)  
November 8, 1975

There were smiles a-plenty in Berwyn last night.

With one game remaining against Central League opponents, Conestoga easily took the measure of Lower Merion 24-7, and the scent of championship was heavy in the damp air.

Steve Pettia, a 5-11, 180-pound running back, had his best night in a Pioneer uniform, turning in 201 yards on 23 carries, and scoring two touchdowns while setting up a third. He had 68 yards by the end of the first quarter, 120 at half, and went 65 yards on the last Conestoga play of the game.

The Pioneers found out quickly that they would be able to move the ball easily against the Aces. On the first series, Pettia got 43 yards on his second carry, and set up the first touchdown in a five-play drive that covered 54 yards. Pettia did all the ball-totting, in the same manner the Pioneers had successfully opened up against Marple-Newtown.

Pioneer quarterback Doug Howard tried a little bit of everything in the second series of downs for Conestoga, and everything worked. All the backs got a

turn plying the Aces line, and the final explosion on the six-play scoring drive ended with a nine-yard pass from Howard to end Frankie Allewa.

So much for playing around. The Aces had come into the game with a respectable record and were looking for an upset. For the remainder of the game they would find that the big Conestoga defensive wall could be pushed around, as long as they were running all their plays away from defensive tackle Colin McCarty.

McCarty was on the left side in the first half, and Lower Merion ran right, with success, between the 20s. In the second half, McCarty switched, and so did Lower Merion. At 6-3 and 220, McCarty has been an all-conference linemen two years running, and the Conestoga captain is a sure nominee for all-State.

Defensive pressure was increasingly supplied by McCarty, who spent most of his night chasing Aces quarterback Eddie Kelly around the backfield. When McCarty missed, Steve Krohn and Dan Dantonio didn't.

Doug Dutchyschyn mounted 42 yards in 10 carries to lead the remainder of the Pioneer backfield behind Pettia.



**#45 Steve Pettia**



**#12 Doug Howard**

# Pioneers Shoot Down Eagles 21-6

By JOHN ADDYMAN  
(Of the *Local News Staff*)

November 17, 1975

It was a day for opportunity and pride.

Two teams with identical records, Conestoga and Chichester, each heading for league championships with hopes of claiming the laurels next weekend, met in a non-league clash at Chichester Saturday afternoon.

Conestoga won it, 21-6, in businesslike fashion, but the cast of players were a departure from the norm.

Conestoga's quarterback Doug Howard, made it a weekend with the textbooks and left the chores to Doug Dutchyschyn, who has been used effectively as a running back.

Kevin Osbourne, came into the lineup again as Dutchyschyn moved into the QB slot.

Dutchyschyn did a commendable job and moved his club downfield using Osbourne and Steve Pettia effectively for 186 yards between them.

## Osbourne Sparkles

But it was Osbourne who may have found himself.

"I think...I know he got his confidence back on Saturday," said Conestoga head coach Joe Ujobai. "He really ran well. He has great potential, and he performed as we know he can. And I'll tell you what-he's going to get better."

Osbourne had only eight carries in the game, four in each half, and a touchdown in each half. He had 63 yards in the game for the last two periods, 58 of those in the third period.

His first run came late in the first quarter. Conestoga had pushed from the Chi 47 to the 31 in four plays, with Dutchyschyn and Pettia each getting two

tries. Osbourne then zipped over left tackle and picked up nine yards that would have been much more if a secondary defenseman hadn't gotten tangled in his legs. Two plays later he came at the Eagles again, and went right through them for 15 yards.

But the best run was reserved for the third quarter. On a second-and-three play, Dutchyschyn gave him the ball up the middle, and there went Osbourne, running right at Marcus Hook. If there hadn't been a fence around the field, he might have made it.

Osbourne had a momentary collision at the line, and that defender went down. A linebacker came up and found a hard knee but little ease as Osbourne churned through him. Two more players came together with the Pioneer back in the middle, but he somehow broke free, and his momentum carried him through the safety and onto the score, a total of 36 yards.

## Eagles Had Problems

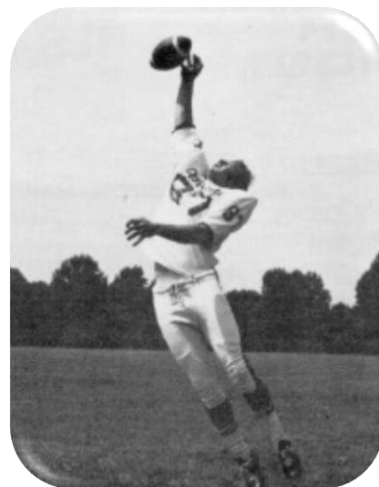
Conestoga again got an outstanding defensive game out of McCarty and Shoemaker, who seemed to control the right side of the Pioneer wall while Blumenthal was involved in most of the tackles on the left.

Shoemaker, a linebacker, and Lou DiSerafino, a defensive tackle were spirited pass rushers. "Shoemaker can really analyze what's going on out there," said Ujobai. "He's really performing in his position."

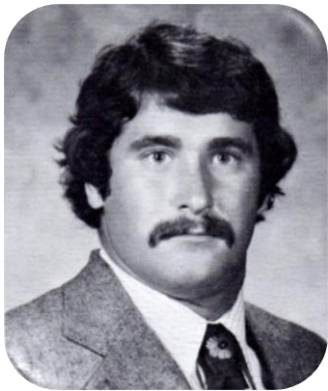
"We had good balance," said the coach, "both offensively and defensively. We got some tremendous blocking for our backs from Bill Tracy, Bill Olson, Bill Lund and Keith Shultis. Now we're getting ready for Penncrest, and hoping we can win the championship of the Central League, or part of it."



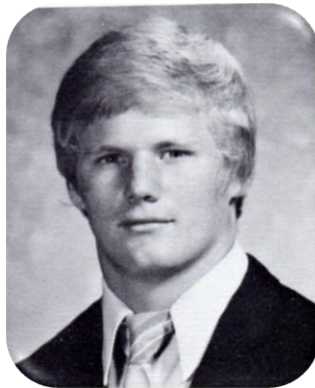
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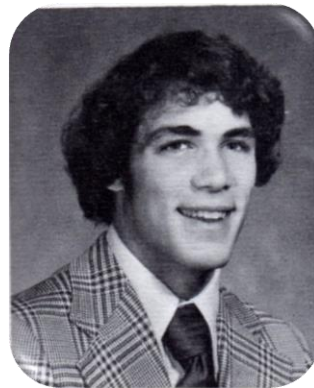
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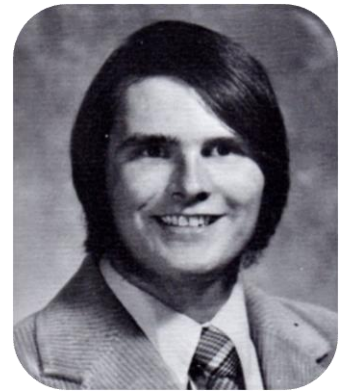
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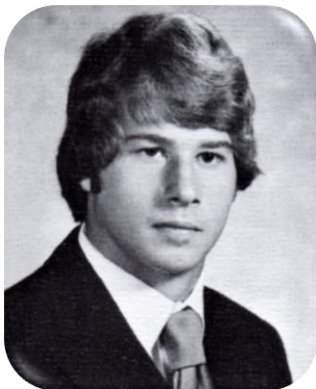
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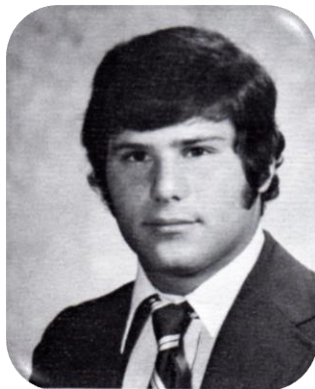
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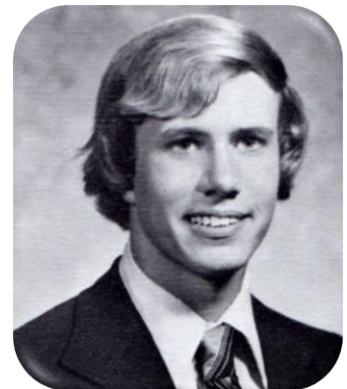
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# Pioneers Crush Penncrest for Title

By JOHN ADDYMAN  
(Of the *Local News Staff*)  
November 24, 1975

The stage has been set for a classic end-of-the-season duel.

Conestoga, needing this one win to clinch a niche in the Central League championship book: everything to lose and everything to gain.

It should have been a close game on Saturday.  
Should have been.

Instead, the Pioneers whumped, stumped then dumped the Lions, 35-8.

Scoring five times in the first six possessions, the Pioneers played their best game of the year to go home champions, sharing the pinnacle with Radnor and Ridley.

Ridley beat Conestoga. Radnor downed Ridley, then Conestoga conquered Radnor. All three finished 7-1 in the league, and the Pioneers ended the season with an overall 8-2 mark Saturday at Penncrest.

"It's been a great season and we had great players," said head coach Joe Ujobai, still glowing midst the full blush of success. "We're very happy to be part of the championship. I think we improved all year."

## Opportunities

Penncrest started off with the ball and the first mistake. After three tries at 10 yards the Lions kicked the ball-16 yards.

Five plays later, Conestoga led 8-0 after Steve Pettia had taken the ball across from the five. Penncrest got the ball back again and fumbled. The Conestoga drive lasted four plays and Frank Alleva did the honors on a 30-yard pass reception.

Penncrest got the ball again, couldn't make a first down again, and punted again-for four yards this time.

Conestoga scored seven plays later and it was 22-0 in the first quarter.

## Big Offense

But the offense turned in another 300-yard day.

Pettia, who scored three touchdowns and ran for 81 yards in 13 attempts plus mounting two extra point runs, led the attack. An earlier feat of his, 200 yards on the ground against Lower Merion, was noted today at the Maxwell Club luncheon.

Kevin Osbourne, on whom Ujobai will hope to build the nucleus of a backfield next year, got 63 yards himself. Pettia didn't play most of the third period and was out all of the fourth as Ujobai mercifully put the second teamers-then the third teamers-into the fray.

End Bill Olson had a big day with three catches for 41 yards, while Pettia, Doug Dutchyschyn and Osbourne all grabbed passes themselves, in the most balanced game the Pioneers have run this season.

"We had some key passes," Ujobai said. "Howard to Olson and Howard to Alleva, and I think our offensive line had a great day. They opened some big holes on the running plays, and Howard had lots of time to throw. Doug called a lot of those plays on his own. They had three deep in the secondary and a lot of passes we throw underneath that kind of defense we throw to Olson."

McCarty led the defense again, with John Dannaker, both Lou and Bob DiSerafino, Rob Shoemaker, George Machikas playing outstanding games.

Truly, it was one of those "team efforts" coaches like to talk about, and very evident from the sidelines.

Conestoga wanted that title; wanted to go out big.

They accomplished both goals on a cold and damp fall morning, and will wear that crown for the next year with pride.

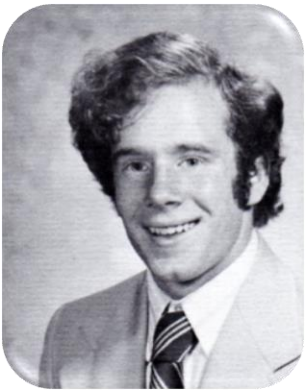


**APPLYING THE CRUNCH** to Penncrest quarterback is Conestoga's standout lineman Colin McCarty (#63), who has a 70-pound weight advantage. McCarty and the entire Pioneer defense had a big day in locking up a tie for the Central League championship.

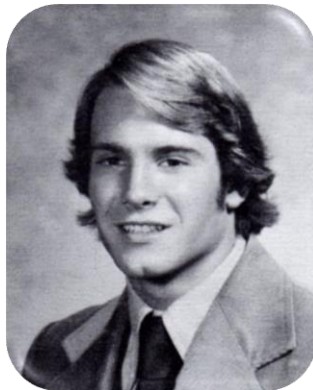
Photo by Larry McDevitt



**BREAKING AWAY** from Penncrest's Scruggs (#9) is running back Doug Dutchyschyn. Dutchyschyn and the rest of the offense played a big role in the victory, which earned a title share for the Pioneers.



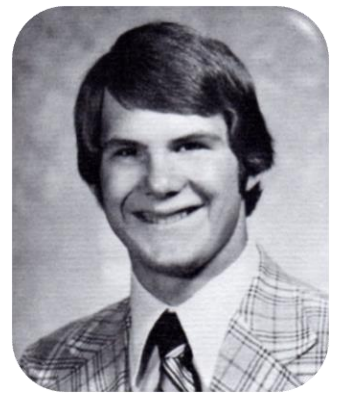
**Mike DiPiano**



**Steve Gatewood**



**Rob McCollum**



**Frank McCowon**





**GETTING THE BALL** from Conestoga quarterback Doug Howard (#12) is end Frank Alleva (#43). The action came on an end around play in the second quarter of Saturday's game against Penncrest and went for six yards. Carrying out a fake is Doug Dutchyschyn (#25).



#76 Judd Eisenberg  
#43 Frank Alleva  
#75 Scott Ross  
#40 Bill Roche  
#82 Mike Martellucci

## 1975 Conestoga Pioneers



**1<sup>st</sup> Row:** Glen Blumenthal, Steve Pettia, Andy Rosato, Ray Nudy, Tony Berger, Keith Shultis, Colin McCarty, Chip McCowan, Duke Vanderlip, Don Rosato, Chris Gatewood, Frank Alleva, Mike Praplaski, Rob McCollum, Bill Hoes

**2<sup>nd</sup> Row:** Coach Cockerill, Coach Wenger, Tom Flynn, Rich Schultze, Reese Bogle, Doug Dutchyschyn, Mike DiPiano, Bill Tracy, Bill Lund, Billy Olson, George Machikas, J. Davis, John Ferrara, Rob Shoemaker, Bill Roche, John Bowman, Rob DiSerafino, Scott Ross, Lou DiSerafino

**3<sup>rd</sup> Row:** Coach Ujobai, John Dannaker, Jim Walsh, Pat Paro, Dan DiAntonio, Tim McMahon, Rob Karnofski, Steve Paperiello, Duke Lee, Rick Marquardt, Kevin Mahoney, Dave Gorecki, Doug Howard, Cort MacLean, Steve Krohn, Judd Eisenberg, Steve Martellucci, Ron Kasznel

**4<sup>th</sup> Row:** Coach McMahon, Coach Golden, J Velimeisis, Joe Alberici, Chip Dunnick, Kevin Gannon, Frank Ranier, M. Riddel, Nelson Way, Bruce Geter, Kevin Osbourne, Larry Shipman, Tyrone Caulk, Rob Priem, Tom Harris, Dave Steimke

**5<sup>th</sup> Row:** Mike Cassidy, Mike Machikas, Mike DiAntonio, Doug Miller, Jeff Krum, S. Haywood, P. Blankenstem, Matt Paumen, J. Carson, John Moller, Greg Atkinson, Ardell Bell



### 1975 Coaching Staff

Joe Ujobai  
Jerry McMahon  
George Cockerill  
Hap Golden  
Glenn Wenger



## 1975 Roster

Number	Name	Position	Class	Number	Name	Position	Class
12	Doug Howard	QB	11	56	John Dannaker	LB	10
20	Mike Praplaski	DB	12	57	Steve Paperiello	C	11
21	Ron Kasnel	OB	11	58	Cort MacLean	LB	11
22	Jim Walsh	OB	11	60	George Machikas	LB	12
23	Tom McMahon	DB	11	61	Lou DiSerafino	DG	12
24	Chris Gatewood	DG	12	62	Glen Blumnethal	DG	12
25	Doug Dutchyschyn	QB	12	63	Colin McCarty	DT/OT	12
26	Rick Vegso	DB	12	64	Reese Bogle	OG	12
27	Ray Nudy	DB	12	65	Tom Harris	OG	11
28	Duke Lee	OB	11	66	Keith Shultis	OG/DG	12
33	Tyrone Caulk	OB	11	67	Joe Borzillo	DG	12
34	Mike DiPiano	DB	12	68	Chip McCowon	OG	12
35	Kevin Osbourne	OB	11	70	Rob McCollum	OT	12
36	Pat Paro	OB	10	71	Rob Priem	OT	11
37	Tom Flynn	OB	10	72	Dan DiAntonio	OG	11
39	Rick Marquardt	OB	11	73	Larry Shipman	DG	11
40	Bill Roche	OB	12	74	Bill Hoese	DT/OT	12
41	Don Rosato	DB	12	75	Scott Ross	OT	12
42	Tony Berger	DB	12	76	Judd Eisenberg	DT	11
43	Frank Alleva	OB/DB	12	80	Dave Gorecki	DE	11
45	Steve Pettia	OB	12	81	Steve Krohn	OE	11
47	Kevin Mahoney	DB	11	82	Mike Martellucci	OE	11
48	John Bowman	OB	12	83	Rob DiSerafino	DE	12
50	Rich Schulze	LB	12	84	Bruce Geter	OB	10
51	Rob Shoemaker	LB	12	85	Rob Karnofski	DE	11
53	Dave Steimke	OT	10	86	Duke Vanderlip	OE	12
54	Bill Lund	C	12	87	Bill Tracy	OE	12
55	John Ferrara	LB	12	88	Billy Olson	OE/DE	12
					Nelson Way	OB	12