

# 1964 Conestoga Pioneers

## Coach is Faced With Rebuilding Conestoga 11

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Football Preview*

In an effort to get his team in the win column on a regular basis, Coach Bill Paolantonio has been handing out rugged work to this year's crop of players. Again, Paolantonio is busy rebuilding various openings left by graduation. He claims that all positions are open because actually very few have returned that have complete game experience.

Among those that are returning are Eddie Durrell, who saw a volume of action last year. With him will be Duane Holland, a senior, who as a sophomore showed signs of being one of the Pioneer's better backs, but a leg injury received during a track meet barred Holland from playing last season. Also returning is Craig Greenwood, an end and punter.

Additional returnees are Don MacClemmey, a tackle, who is expected to be the spark plug of the line. He will be helped out by James Ford, a tackle and Jeff Allen, also a tackle.

### Pass Receivers

Greenwood will get help at end from James Tiffit, who is considered

one of the real leaders of the team. Helping out with the end chores will be, Jeffery Porter, a sophomore and brother of the teams' quarterback, James Porter.

Besides Porter at QB, Paolantonio will have Scott Tumilty, a junior, playing for his first time. Also a newcomer will be Jose Reed, a 150-pound senior, who will work in the backfield.

### Sorting Situation

From here on it will be a picking and sorting situation for Paolantonio to come up with a team to meet the Suburban II competition. A key to the Conestoga situation will be whether or not the above men can, with the aid of many newcomers, bear the load. If the rookies can come through, the Pioneers should be in good shape and be a threat to many of the teams in the league.

At Camp Akiba, located 10 miles northwest of Stroudsburg, the team's attitude was very good. And if desire casts shadows of coming events, Paolantonio should have a moving team.

The team in general is not a beefy team, but has speed and what it lacks in weight is made up in the will to win. It should be the best of

the three Conestoga teams that will have participated in the suburban conference so far.

### CAPSULE

**RETURNING:** Conestoga has few returning letterman, but should have a good running backfield if an inexperienced line can shake it loose.

**COACHING:** Those helping with the chores in this department will be veterans Joe Ujobai and Pate Ramsey. Ujobai is a former all state back from Gettysburg. Ramsey is in his third years as an assistant. He played his football at Hanover College, IL and in the U.S. Marine Corp. Added to the staff is Harry Golden of Hatboro.



# Phoenixville Outscores Tough Pioneers, 20-12

By **BILL HAUCK**  
(Of the Local News Staff)  
September 26, 1964

The Phoenixville High School Phantoms *out-touchdowned* Conestoga three to two in a wild, wooly game that had over 5,000 fans roaring from the first kickoff at Teamer Field, Berwyn, last night with the Main Liners finally yielding 20-12.

Phoenixville's more experienced backs and deeper bench spelled the difference. However, not to be outdone were Scott Tumilty and Eddie Durrell, Pioneer backs, who matched touchdown for touchdown, until Phantom running back Byrum broke off the right side of the Conestoga line for a nine-yard jaunt to give Phoenixville its third and final score at 11:03 of the third period.

Phantom Coach Paul Tomko said, "Don't think this Conestoga team isn't tough. They gave me butterflies. Just when I thought our club might start moving along came those Pioneer backs and cut our

defense to pieces to come within a point and make it 13 to 12."

He was relating to the march immediately put on by Conestoga which traveled from the Pioneer 34 to the nine in eight plays where Durrell ran around Phoenixville's left end for Conestoga's second TD. However the PAT was missed, and Phoenixville stayed out in front by a point.

Following the game, the Phoenixville coach said he never expected Conestoga to be as hard to play. Even the boys from Phoenixville, who were on last year's undefeated Ches-Mont championship club admitted that the Main Liners hit as hard as any team they met within the last 11 games.

"I'd like to say here that I think our boys really went all out," commented Conestoga Coach Bill Paolantonio. "We had a few bad breaks, but they kept trying. Even with Phoenixville's quick first score, we came right back."

The Pioneers knotted the game at six all when Tumilty pushed over

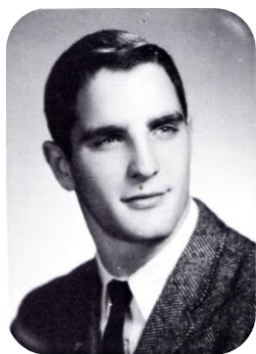
center for a TD climaxing a drive which carried 51 yards. In the march, Durrell had taken the kickoff and ran from his own five to the Conestoga 49. It also featured a 29-yard pass from Tumilty to end Jim Tift.

As the statistics show, both teams did a good job on defense as well as offense. Doing the most amazing job on the field was Tumilty, who as a junior was playing his first game of high school football. Another was Jose Reed another first year man, who converted over from soccer. But, the work horse of the night was Duane Holland, who returned to the team this year after a year's absence, due to an injury received during a track meet.

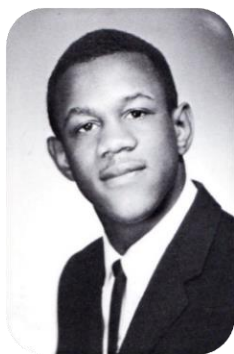
Scoring: Tumilty (two-yard plunge); Durrell (nine-yard run)

## STATISTICS

Conestoga		Phoenixville
17	First Downs	8
201	Yard Rushing	204
7/15	Passing	1/4
64	Yards Passing	33



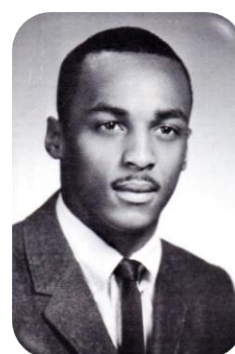
Scott Tumilty



Ed Durrell



Jim Tift



Jose Reed



Duane Holland

# Conestoga Nabs Close Victory Over Harriton

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October 5, 1964

Conestoga High School bounced back after last week's non-league setback to turn back a determined Harriton High School, 26-25, opening its Suburban II campaign on the Rams' field at Rosemont Saturday afternoon.

The win sent a wave of joy into the hearts of Conestoga rooters, who once know a team of champions that were almost unbeatable, that watched with recollections as the sturdy little band of Pioneers rolled its Conestoga wagon down the field for four touchdowns and two extra points in going about its task of copping its first win.

## Scores Early

Conestoga broke the ice in the first period by scoring a touchdown, but Harriton came right back and scored 13 points in the second period. When the first

half smoke was cleared, the Rams held the lead, 13 to 6.

The Pioneers came right back, however, with two TD's to take the lead at 20 to 13. The fans had no sooner settled in their seats when the Rams scored a TD, but they missed the PAT. At this point, the score read 20 to 19.

Up to that time those figuring in the scoring for Conestoga were QB Scott Tumilty for a TC and two extra points, and Duane Holland and Eddie Durrell, both halfbacks.

Late in the fourth quarter, Tumilty went over for another score, and it looked as if the game would end with a Conestoga victory 26 to 19. However, Harriton worked a pass, then on a 27-yard draw play, the Rams scored. They missed the PAT. Final 26-25

# Upper Merion Beats Conestoga

By **BILL HAUCK**  
(Of *The Local News Staff*)

October 12, 1964

"It's an ill wind that blows no good" and literally that's what happened to Conestoga High School as it was nipped 19-13 by Upper Merion High School in a Suburban II contest Saturday at King of Prussia.

The fans got a taste of what was coming at the very outset when Conestoga elected to kick off, with the strong west wind at its back and an "up" Spartan team started right down the field towards touchdown land only to be stopped by a tight Conestoga defense at the Pioneer 40.

## Tumilty Scores

At this point forced to punt, the Spartans booted away, and the ball was downed on the Pioneer 26. Tumilty, a junior, playing his first year in football, began mixing up his plays well and at the 50-yard line let a bomb that was caught by Jim Tiff, Conestoga end, who carried to the Upper Merion 15. Tumilty then dropping back as if to pass, found daylight on his right side and went in for the game's first TD. Stepping back, he calmly kicked the extra point.

After the kick off, again the Spartans threatened reaching the Conestoga 38, but again they were forced to punt. Kicking against the strong wind, UM's punt

went out on the Pioneers 35 yard marker, traveling only three yards.

Two more mighty heaves by Tumilty one to Duane Holland, hard running Pioneer back, good for 33 yards, and another to end Jeff Porter good for 32 yards, placed the ball in scoring position at the five. Two plays later Holland went over from the one for the Pioneers second tally. The PAT was not good.

## Spartans Roar Back

Upper Merion came roaring back with a sustained drive of 62 yards for the Spartans' first score. They kicked off, and the Pioneers fumbled the ball. A UM man flopped on the ball. One pass and one run later, the Spartans scored again. Conestoga 13, Upper Merion 12 at the half.

## Upper Merion Takes the Lead

During the second half, the Spartans came out with another sustained drive for its third TD. The Pioneers came back strong, and on three drives managed to get down in scoring territory, but they could never finish the drive.

## Statistics

Conestoga		Upper Merion
14	First Downs	14
147	Yard Rushing	147
4/13	Passing	6/11
13	Yards Passing	70

# Pioneer Errors Help Springfield

By **BOB DOUBLE**  
(Of the Local News Sports Staff)  
October 19, 1964

Many a dead hunter has found out you only can make one mistake with a cougar. Conestoga managed to make a few more against Springfield's Cougars, but the result was the same. Two fumbles, two interceptions, and a blocked punt gave the Cougars enough chances, and they cashed in on them for a 21-6 victory over the Pioneers.

## Strikes Quick

The Cougar signal caller connected on three passes for the first score. A fine defensive play saved another Cougar touchdown, and it set up the only Pioneer score. Defensive halfback **Scott Schifter** made a diving interception in the end zone.

**Scott Tumilty** then broke through his own right end and cut back across to the middle of the field eluding several tackler to streak 75 yards for the touchdown.

Both teams got chances to score later in the third and fourth quarters but neither could. The Pioneers got deep into the Cougar territory late in the last quarter on an Ed Durrell 40-yard halfback pass to Tiff at the Cougar 35. Tumilty ran it down to the 20. But the Pioneers had to give up the ball on downs.

# Colonials Thump Conestoga, 33-7

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Plymouth-Whitemarsh's Colonials treated the Conestoga's Pioneers to a harsh 26 point deluge in the third quarter and went on to win the game, 33-7.

Conestoga held a short-lived lead when Scott tumilty let loose a throw to Jose Reed for a 35-yard pass and run play. Tumilty booted the PAT, and it was 7-0 at the half. The Colonials tied it up early in the third period when their punt returner galloped 80-yards for a score.

The Colonials scored three more TDs in the third quarter and one in the fourth.



**Scott Schifter**



**Tommy Arena**

# Penncrest Scatbacks Stop Conestoga

By **BILL HAUCK**  
(Of the Local News Staff)  
November 14, 1964

The difference between Penncrest High School and Conestoga High were two PC scatbacks as the Lions defeated the Pioneers, 20 to 0 at Berwyn. But one can say that Conestoga probably gave Penncrest one of its hardest games of the current season, as the two teams stood toe to toe at times, especially in the third quarter.

Conestoga's stalwarts, **Tommy Arena** and **Scott Tumilty** kept the Penncrest team busy at various times throughout the night. Also running the ball well for the Pioneers were Ed Durrell and Duane Holland. Bill Paolantonio, Conestoga coach, said after the game, "I'm not dissatisfied with our boys. I couldn't be. They were out there giving all they had. I believe we handed this team a much better game than Springfield did.



**Scott Tumilty**

# The 1964 Pioneers



**Front Row:** Frank Holbert, Scott Schifter, Ed Hess, James Parrish. John Shain, Lou Young. Anthony Domenick, Jim Ford, Jim Tifft, Duane Holland, Don MacClemmey, Jose Reed, James Harris, Scott Tumilty, Ed Durrell, Mgr Robert Weller, Coach Ujobai **Second Row:** John Beadling, Terry Ross, Gregg Moore, Craig Welburn, Lee Barth, Anthony Spencer, Tom Gray, Jeff Young, Nick Elisio, Andy Harris, Joe Griffith, Clarke Welburn, Chris Dexter, Bruce Enders, Craig Greenwood, Coach Paolantonio, Coach Ramsey **Back Row:** Sam Dienno, Don Ingham, Charles Grebenstein, Terrence Martin, David Collier, Daniel Capriolo, Bill Tumilty, Tom Arena, William Brooks, S. Dailey, Christopher Lee, David Craddock, Sam Snyder, Tom Brock, T. Parker. John Hoffman, R. Overman

Number	Name	Position	Grade	Number	Name	Position	Grade
11	Scott Schifter	Back	11	65	Tony Domenick	Guard	10
14	Tom Gray	Back	10	66	Terrence Martin	Guard	10
15	Jim Porter	Back	12	67	Charles Grebenstein	Guard	11
20	Terry Ross	Back	12	70	Ed Hess	Tackle	12
21	Nick Elisio	Back	10	71	Frank Holbert	Tackle	11
22	Ed Durrell	Back	12	72	Jim Ford	Tackle	12
23	Scott Tumilty	Back	11	73	Jeff Allen	Tackle	12
30	David Collier	Back	12	74	Chris Dexter	Tackle	10
31	Bill Tumilty	Back	10	75	Robin Murlless	Tackle	11
32	Duane Holland	Back	12	76	John Beadling	Tackle	10
33	Tom Arena	Back	11	77	James Harris	Tackle	11
40	Jose Reed	Back	12	80	Jim Tifft	End	12
41	Andy Harris	Back	11	81	Bruce Enders	End	12
42	Sam Dienno	Back	11	82	Craig Greenwood	End	12
43	Anthony Spencer	Back	10	83	Craig Welburn	End	10
50	John Shain	Center	12	84	John O'Hanlon	End	10
51	Gregg Moore	Center	11	85	Daniel Capriolo	End	11
52	Don Ingham	Center	10	86	Jeff Porter	End	10
53	Jim Parrish	Center	11	87	Clarke Welburn	End	11
60	Don MacClemmey	Guard	12		Warren Owings	Mgr	12
61	Lou Young	Guard	11		Robert Weller	Mgr	10
62	Bruce Smith	Guard	11		Stephen Conway	Mgr	10
63	Joe Griffith	Guard	11		Joseph Woodward	Mgr	10
64	Luther Barth	Guard	11				

# Pioneers Dazzle West Chester, 33-13

By JOHN P. BRITT  
(Local News Sports Editor)  
November 27, 1964

Conestoga razzle-dazzled West Chester right out of an opportunity to close the gap in the Thanksgiving Day classic yesterday and stretched its lead in the series to five games with a 33-13 win over the Warriors at Farrell Stadium. The victory brings the series record to 30-25-4 in Conestoga's favor.

The Pioneers took advantage of West Chester's inability to stop a reverse play. Conestoga was winging halfback **Ed Durrell**, then swinging him back to the opposite side to take a hand-off from quarterback Scott Tumilty and sweeping the end. The play worked for the Pioneers time and again, and the Warriors were consistently hurt by it.

## Change Side

Conestoga didn't vary the play much, except to change the side the run was going to, but they did cross-up the Warriors late in the game by passing off the play. And they almost scored with it. Conestoga didn't waste any time scoring and took the ball home the first time it gained possession of the ball, getting on the scoreboard before the end of the first period. After containing West Chester's attack after the kickoff, Conestoga moved 66 yards in five plays with **Tom Arena** covering the bulk of the distance with his 53-yard TD sprint.

## Defense Aids

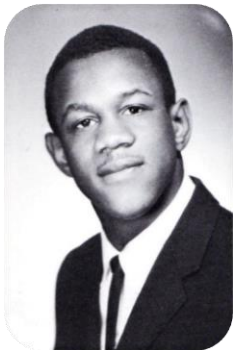
The West Chester defense kept the Pioneers in their own territory. A fumbled pass from center to punter gave the Warriors the ball on the eight-yard line, and they scored to tie the game. Conestoga came back with its best drive of the day and moved 62 yards in 15 plays, running the clock down to a little more than a minute in the first half. Durrell took the ball in from the one, and the Pioneers took a 12-6 lead to the lockers.

## 61 Yard Burst

Durrell came to life in the third period and personally shut the door on the Warriors. He took off on the reverse play for two scores that quarter: first going 45 yards before the period was half over and second covering 61 yards.

It was the reverse play that accounted for Conestoga's final score, too. The Pioneers used it to the left side with **Duane Holland** carrying. They came right back with end Jeff Port carrying to the right, but Porter stopped before turning the corner, and he passed to halfback **Jose Reed**. Reed was deep downfield, and he was brought down at the West Chester eight. Holland then went in from the left side for the score.

"They hurt us quite a bit with that revers play and this Ed Durrell is a real fine football player," Warrior Coach McCoy credited after the game.



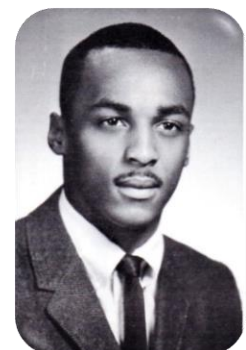
**Ed Durrell**  
Senior Back  
5-10, 165



**Tom Arena**  
Junior Back  
5-7, 145



**Duane Holland**  
Senior Back  
5-7, 170



**Jose Reed**  
Senior Back  
5-11, 150

# Offensive Line-up

<b>LE</b> <b>86</b> Jeff Porter	<b>LT</b> <b>72</b> Jim Ford	<b>LG</b> <b>61</b> Lou Young	<b>C</b> <b>53</b> Jim Parrish	<b>RG</b> <b>60</b> Don MacClemmy	<b>RT</b> <b>70</b> Ed Hess	<b>RE</b> <b>80</b> Jim Tifft
			<b>QB</b> <b>23</b> Scott Tumilty			
		<b>LHB</b> <b>32</b> Duane Holland		<b>RHB</b> <b>22</b> Ed Durrell		
			<b>FB</b> <b>40</b> Jose Reed			