

The 1950 Bulldogs

Ernie Meyers was the Head Coach of the 1950 football team. His assistants were Earl Metzler and Bob Keehn. Coach Meyer became Head Coach in 1945 when he moved to Berwyn with his family. Coach Metzler joined him in 1947, and Coach Keehn became an assistant in 1948.

Highlights of the year were the building and dedicating of the new football field and the 6-0 run at the beginning of the season. A low-light of the year was Occi Vause's broken leg in the Pottstown game on October 28th. From that point the Bulldogs lost three games by a total of 14 points.

Despite the fact the Occi was unable to play for the remainder of the season, he received Honorable Mention on the All Ches-Mont team along with Tackle Lou Alleva, Guard Charley Hughes and Guard Dave DeRafelo. Halfback Dick Collins and End Charles Hamilton were nominated to the Second Team.



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Teamer Field At Berwyn To Seat 3,200 To Be Dedicated To Memory of Ex-Coach At Game with Lansdale

Seating accommodations for 3,200 fans are provided at the new Athletic Field which Tredyffrin-Easttown High will dedicate as its 1950 football team opens against Lansdale High tomorrow evening.

The new field, adjacent to the High School building in central Berwyn, will be called Teamer Field. Thus the school will honor the memory of a former Principal Paul S. Teamer, who was also football coach at the school from 1913 to 1931. Mr. Teamer died some years ago.

The brief dedication ceremony will precede the game. Assistant Coach Robert Keehn will officiate. W. G. Latch of the School Board, Lawrence S. Roney, a member of the Athletic Council, Hobson Wagner-Superintendent of Schools and Wallace Brey, the Principal, will speak. Music will be furnished by the school band under the direction of Stanley Gray.

Well sodded and located where drainage is excellent, the new field is one of the best in Chester County. Permanent stands provide seats for 3,200. The lights are also permanent and stand 65 feet above the playing field. They have a lighting capacity of 90,000 watts.

The T-E coach, Ernie Meyer, has been working hard to get a good starting combination. Today it appears that Charley Hamilton and Fred Ballard will

start as ends, Bob Lenker and Lou Alleva as tackles, Dave DeRafelo and Charley Hughes as guards, and Bill Walton at center. Joe Lucas, Pete Melchiorre, Henry Ginnona, Tom Ramsay, "Funzy" Alleva and Richard Patton will alternate on the line.

In the backfield Coach Meyer expects to use Occi Vause as quarterback, Dick Collins, Don Rosato, Frank Della Penna and Norm Natale as halfbacks and John Conti as fullback.

Daily Local News
September 14, 1950

Bulldogs Take Opening Game

Tredyffrin-Easttown, appearing for the first time on its new athletic field in Berwyn, engineered an 18-6 upset against Lansdale High. Occi Vause and John Conti were outstanding ground gainers for the Bulldogs.

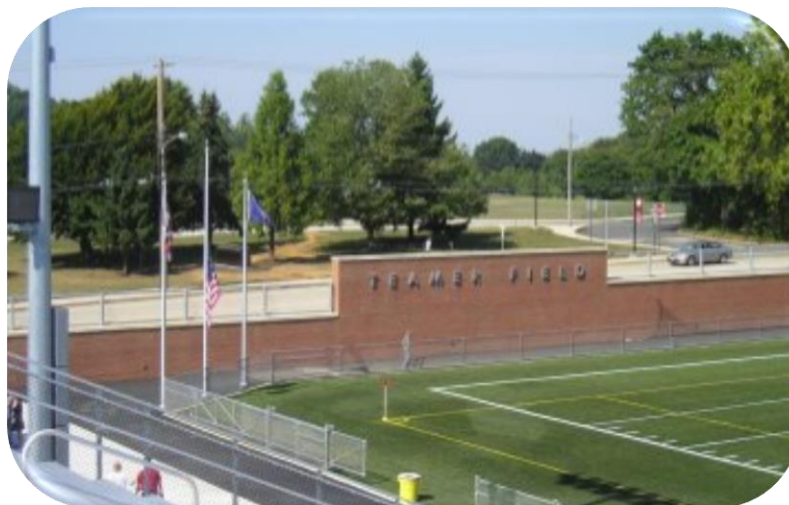
Daily Local News
September 16, 1950

T-E Wins On Late Drive

Tredyffrin-Easttown made it two straight in an away-from-home game Saturday night.

A 95-yard march in the final period, climaxed when Dick Collins then smashed over from the two and gave T-E Bulldogs a 6-0 triumph over Upper Moreland. The drive began after T-E halted an Upper Moreland threat at the five and took over the ball on downs. A 40-yard pass from Occi Vause to Fred Ballard was a highlight of the T-E touchdown trek.

Daily Local News
September 23, 1950



Collins Tabs Three As T-E Gains Verdict

Halfback Leads Attack Which Whips Conshohocken Rivals by 38-7 Margin



Dick Collins

Halfback Dick Collins scored three touchdowns as Tredyffrin-Easttown High ran up a 38-7 count against Conshohocken High at Teamer Field in Berwyn, last night for their third straight victory of the young 1950 football campaign.

The protégés of Coach Ernest Meyer scored in every period for their decisive verdict.

Collins scored on a 10-yard off-tackle slant in the opening stanza, a 10-yard run around right end in the second and another 10-yard off-tackle smash in the final period.



John Conti

The Bulldogs drew first blood when fullback Johnny Conti smashed 12 yards on a line thrust to climax an early march from the Conshohocken 30. Occi Vause booted the extra point.

A few minutes later, Conshy tied it up in a march from its own 20-yard line.

On the second play after a kick-off which followed, Dick Collins took a pitch-out and went 57 yards to the Conshy 10. On the next play, he went over for the TD.



Charley Hughes

Hughes Blocks Punt to Set-up Score

Opening the second quarter, a Conshohocken

punt was blocked by guard Charley Hughes and recovered by him within 10 yards of the pay-off zone. Collins circled right end and went all the way to score. Again Vause converted with a placement.

Collins figured in the second touchdown of this period when he recovered a Conshy fumble at the 13-yard line of the invaders. A pass from Vause to Norm Natale was good for the touchdown.

Vause scored in the third quarter on an end run, and Collins racked up his final six-pointer in the closing period.

T-E Scoring

Touchdowns: Collins-3, Natale-1 (on pass from Vause), Vause-1; PATs: Vause-2

Daily Local News

September 30, 1950

T-E Gridders Trip Radnor

Dick Collins Scores Twice In Win over Old Rivals, 27-13

Tredyffrin-Easttown Bulldogs of Coach Ernest Meyer defeated Radnor High, 27-13, in an annual battle at Wayne.

Dick Collins got T-E off to a good start with a 65-yard scoring run in the first period. In the third period, he got off another point-producing run of 21 yards after Bob Ramsay gave T-E possession by recovering a fumble at the Radnor 30

After a pass interception by Bill Walton at midfield, the Bulldogs drove to the two and Johnny Conti went over. In the fourth period Occi Vause rambled seven yards to score the final T-E touchdown.

It was the fourth straight win for Tredyffrin-Easttown.

Daily Local News

October 7, 1950

Bulldogs Rap Upper Merion By 20-0 Score

**Frank Della Penna Speeds to Three Touchdowns
as Meyermen Tab Fifth Win**



Frank Della Penna

Tredyffrin-Easttown High bolstered its imposing 1950 grid record with win #5 against Upper Merion High under the lights at Berwyn last night. The score was 20-0.

Frank Della Penna, newly-discovered speed merchant of the Bulldogs, accounted for all three T-E touchdowns. He scored in the first quarter after going 30 yards off-tackle. In the second he went 27 yards around right end and again in the third quarter, he raced 15 yards around end for a TD. Occi Vause added one bonus point on a

plunge and Charley Hamilton booted one.

Coach Ernest Meyer's boys outplayed Upper Merion over the entire route. In the last period Coach used all of his players against the visitors.

T-E Scoring

Touchdowns: Collins-3; PATs: Vause-1 (run), Hamilton-1 (placement)

Daily Local News

October 14, 1950

T-E Tabs 7-0 Victory Over Red Raiders

**Bulldogs Score Early and Concentrate on Defense
for Sixth Straight Win**



Wilson Reason

The Tredyffrin-Easttown High scored in the first five minutes of play and held grimly to its lead for a 7-0 victory over Coatesville High in a tense nocturnal battle on Teamer Field at Berwyn, last night. It was the sixth straight win for Coach Ernest Meyer's Bulldogs. Likewise it was the first Ches-Mont and county victory for the Main Line eleven.

The lone touchdown drive of the evening started after three minutes of play when Wilson Reason, a T-E halfback, intercepted a pass at midfield and returned it to the Red Raider 30.

After three plays on the ground failed to gain, quarterback Occi Vause dropped back to pass. Unable to locate a receiver, he decided to run and kept moving until he had registered a first down at the 15.

On the very next play Frank Della Penna sliced off-tackle and stepped through the Coatesville secondary to reach pay-off terrain. Charley Hamilton kicked the extra point.

The Bulldogs did not threaten seriously throughout the remainder of the game,

concentrating on defensive action as they checked no less than four Coatesville threats. In the second quarter the Red Raiders reached the Bulldog 25 but lost the ball on downs.

Twice in the third quarter, once at the 10 and once at the 15, T-E held the invaders down. Late in the final quarter, Coatesville reached the T-E 15 and failed to gain on three plays as time ran out.

T-E Lineup

Ends: Ballard, McAusland, Hamilton

Tackles: Lucas, L. Alleva, Lenker, Mitchell

Guards: C. Hughes, A. Alleva, Irete, Pezzotti, Ramsay

Center: Walton

Backs: Vause, Collins, Conti, Natale, Della Penna, Reason



Occi Vause

Daily Local News

October 21, 1950

T-E Bulldogs Handed Jolt

Berwyn Team Bows to Trojans

The Bulldogs of T-E were nipped 7-0 by Pottstown High in an upset Saturday afternoon. Tredyffrin-Easttown had won six straight.

T-E not only lost to Pottstown, but also lost the services of its ace quarterback Occi Vause for an indefinite period. Vause was taken to Bryn Mawr Hospital with a probably leg fracture.

Daily Local News
October 30, 1950



Occi Vause

Downingtown Nips T-E in Annual Game

Downingtown High edged out Tredyffrin-Easttown High, 21-19, in a thrilling county clash at the Papertown, Saturday afternoon.

The Bulldogs were halted once at the 10 and once at the 18 in the first period *goalward* drives, and the Whippets climaxed a counter-attack that resulted in the initial Whippet TD and extra-point conversion. Downingtown boosted its edge to 14-0 soon after halftime.

The protégés of Coach Ernest Meyer immediately launched a comeback and scored as Dick Collins scampered nine yards around end. The extra-point kick was low.

Early in the fourth quarter, Downingtown scored a TD and the extra-point conversion was good to make the score 21-6. Still fighting back, T-E racked up another touchdown on a seven-yard jaunt by Collins. Again the extra-point attempt was thwarted

The final T-E tally came on a one-yard plunge by Johnny Conti, and Charley Hamilton's extra-point was good.

Daily Local News
November 6, 1950

Phantoms Rap Third County Football Foe

The T-E Bulldogs were the third county victims of the Phoenixville Phantoms when they lost 7-0 at Berwyn, Saturday afternoon. It was the third straight setback for T-E which won its first six games in consecutive order.

Late in the game, Coach Ernest Meyer's Main Liners drove to the Phantom 10 in their best advance of the afternoon. There, however, a fumble cost them their change to score.

Daily Local News
November 13, 1950

WARRIORS FACE T-E FOR 45TH TILT

Annual Tilt Will Offer Many Thrills



Occi Vause



Bob Lee



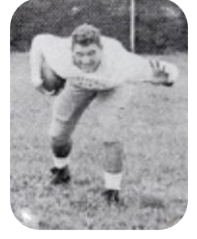
Norm Natale



Dick Collins



John Conti



Frank Della Penna



Wilson Reason



Fred Ballard



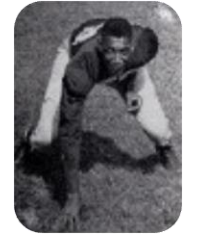
Charley Hamilton



Randy McAusland



Lou Alleva



Guy Mitchell



Joe Lucas



Bob Lenker



Dave DeRafelo



Charley Hughes



Bill Walton



The "make-or-break" game for West Chester High and Tredyffrin-Easttown High will be played tomorrow morning at 10:00 on the West Chester High field.

Remember That Tie

Last fall, West Chester was a pre-game favorite but was held to a 6-all tie by the determined protégés of Coach Ernest Meyer. The Main Liners won in 1948 by a 7-6 margin. West Chester's last win in the series was a 14-6 decision in 1947.

The loss of veteran quarterback Occi Vause with a broken leg in the Pottstown game has left Coach Meyer with 135-pound Bob Lee as his probable signal-caller. He will probably go into action with Norm Natale and Dick Collins as halfbacks and burly John Conti as fullback. Natale may be shifted to

quarterback, giving over the halfback spot to Frank Della Penna, a 190-pound lad, who has distinguished himself in several games as a break-away runner. Wilson Reason, a 175-pound line-smasher, is also set for action as a halfback.

Collins Is Key Back

Key man of the T-E attack is Collins, who stands five-feet-six and weight only 135 pounds. His speed and ability to get started on a dime has made him the most-potent ground gainer for the Bulldogs throughout their season. It was Collins who sparked the drive which gave T-E a draw with the Warriors last Thanksgiving Day.

Bulldog Line

On the line, Coach Meyer has veteran Fred Ballard and Charley Hamilton as his starting ends, with

Randy McAusland as a capable replacement. Hamilton is the place-kicking specialist who goes after extra-points for the Bulldogs.

With Lou Alleva, a 235-pounder, and Guy Mitchell, a 175-pounder, to alternate at one tackle berth, T-E has Joe Lucas, a 190-pounder to start on the other side of the line. His top replacement is Bob Lenker, who stands six-two and tips the beam at 210.

Dave DeRafelo, an All-County Selection as a sophomore in 1948, and a dependable performer last fall, will be at one guard post and Charley Hughes, who also had varsity experience in 1949, at the other. Both are "60-minute men" at their posts.

Bill Walton, who weighs in at a scrappy 155, is a steady anchor at the center spot. *D.L.N.* 11/22/50

WARRIORS WIN ANNUAL TURKEY DAY CONTEST

The annual Thanksgiving Game between perennial rivals – West Chester Warriors and Tredyffrin-Easttown Bulldogs – was played on the West Chester High School field before a spirited crowd. West Chester took home the Powell Cup, the trophy that the winner of the game possesses for the school year, with a 19-2 victory.

The Warriors saved their best game for the last, and it was good enough to earn a clear-cut decision against Coach Ernest Meyer's T-E Bulldogs. A "gift" safety put the invaders ahead momentarily in the second period but they made no serious bid of their own to score. Their best penetration took them no deeper than the Warrior 35, and they were across midfield only three times during the morning. The "gift" came as a bad pass from the Warrior center to his quarterback left the signal caller to fall on the ball in the end zone to save a chance for a T-E recovery and touchdown.

The Main Liners fought back courageously after each score, but when they would put together a series of first downs to march down the field, "something" bad would happen. They would fail to make short yardage on a fourth down, or they would have the ball batted down and grabbed by the opponent.

Daily Local News
November 24, 1950

1950 CHES-MONT LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAM

Nominated to the Second Team All Ches-Mont were End Charles Hamilton and Halfback Dick Collins. Tackle Lou Alleva, Guards Charles Hughes and Dave DeRafelo, and Quarterback Occi Vause received Honorable Mention from the Sports writers of the area.

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THE 1950 BULLDOGS

White	Red				White	Red			
16	16	Occi Vause	12	Back	11	17	Paul Pezzotti	11	Guard
14	14	Dick Collins	12	Back	12	12	Robert Ramsay	11	Guard
28	28	Bill Walton	12	Center	29	10	Joe Lucas	11	Tackle
21	21	Fred Ballard	12	End	19	19	Pete Melchiore	11	Tackle
34	29	Dave DeRafelo	12	Guard	35	30	Lou Alleva	11	Tackle
17	17	Charley Hughes	12	Guard	18	46	Guy Mitchell	11	Tackle
32	32	Bob Lenker	12	Tackle		37	Trapnall	10	Back
25	45	Don Rosato	11	Back		42	Bob Lee	10	Back
24	24	John Conti	11	Back		18	Don Edwards	10	Back
23	23	Norm Natale	11	Back	20	20	Butch Patton	10	Center
30	25	Frank Della Penna	11	Back	42	39	Richard Hughes	10	End
31	38	Wilson Reason	11	Back	33	36	Chet Knight	10	End
	42	John Carbo	11	Center			Paul Von Plonski	10	End
27	27	Charles Hamilton	11	End	41	41	Bill Hays	10	Guard
15	15	Henry Ginnona	11	End		47	Gerry Gasser	10	Guard
22	22	Randy McAusland	11	End		44	DeVitis	10	Guard
26	20	Alfonzo Alleva	11	Guard		43	Tom Mateer	10	Guard
13	13	Dave Irete	11	Guard	27	40	John Gustafson	10	Tackle