

District 1 Player of the Year



Charles Cole
18 TD passes for Chester

QB made his mark — quietly

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In the year of the quarterback in Delaware County, Chester's Charles Cole, the preseason sleeper of the bunch, proved to open the most eyes. With most of the area's quarterback hype going to Matt Blundin of Ridley and Kenny Hull of Strath Haven, Cole, a quiet sort, laid low and merely had the best year of anyone.

Cole, a 6-foot-3, 195-pound senior, was the most dominant player in District 1. He threw for 1,488 yards and 18 touchdowns and completed better than 50 percent of his passes in leading the Clippers to a 10-1 record and their first unshared Del-Val League championship since 1978.

"When everyone was talking about Blundin and Hull, I was saying, 'Hey, let's not rule this kid out,'" said Chester coach Joe Carroll. "I know Charles' makeup. He never showed it, but inwardly, I knew he was determined to have his best season ever. And he did."

In a season that was interrupted twice by a teachers' strike, Cole maintained a standard of excellence. He saved his best for last. In Chester's biggest game of the season, the title-clincher at Interboro in November, Cole threw for 240 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Clippers to a 36-2 win.

"He would have thrown for 2,000 yards this year if our receivers didn't drop so many," Carroll said. "Our first game against Coatesville, we dropped nine balls, all right on the money. But instead of getting discouraged he kept plugging, and we won the game."

"That was the biggest difference in Charles this year — his maturity. He's a quiet kid, but he turned into a leader on the field. He never missed a practice, and he practiced hard. The rest of the kids picked up on that."

The colleges have come flocking. And why not. Cole would fit into most any kind of offense, from the pro-set drop back to the option. Besides possessing a rifle arm, Cole runs a 4.6-second 40-yard dash. Because of that speed, several schools have talked to him about converting to defensive back.

His list of college possibilities includes Temple, Penn State, Pitt, Minnesota, North Carolina and Indiana.

ALL-DISTRICT 1 FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Player, School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB	Charles Cole, Chester	6-3	195	Sr.
RB	Mike Beasley, Owen J. Roberts	6-1	180	Sr.
RB	Danny Boyd, Norristown	6-1	195	Sr.
RB	Tyrone Wilson, Glen Mills	6-1	195	Jr.
L	Paul Sever, Downingtown	6-5	243	Sr.
L	Allen Mitchell, Abington	6-5	265	Sr.
L	Tom Burns, Pennsbury	6-2	254	Sr.
L	Brian Dozier, Chester	6-4	280	Jr.
L	Joe Valeno, Ridley	6-4	220	Sr.
E	Rob Graf, Ridley	6-1	163	Sr.
E	Eric Seaman, West Chester East	6-5	243	Sr.
K	Mark Hartnett, Central Bucks West	6-2	180	Sr.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Player, School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
L	Chandler Bessick, Coatesville	6-3	230	Sr.
L	Drew Wholf, Central Bucks West	6-2	190	Sr.
L	Mike Lynch, Norristown	6-1	255	Sr.
L	Steve Douglas, Central Valley	6-3	250	Sr.
LB	Jeff Dillman, Council Rock	6-2	195	Sr.
LB	Jeff DiLullo, Marple Newtown	6-1	215	Sr.
LB	Greg DiRocco, Downingtown	5-10	183	Sr.
LB	Matt Baggett, Central Bucks West	6-2	195	Sr.
DB	Louis Riddick, Pennridge	6-3	210	Sr.
DB	David Bailey, Penn Wood	5-8	163	Sr.
DB	Larry Waugh, Abington	5-11	195	Sr.
P	M.J. Gourke, Lansdale Catholic	6-1	195	Sr.

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

Pos.	Player, School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB	Matt Blundin, Ridley	6-7	210	Sr.
RB	Chris Roberts, Abington	5-10	185	Sr.
RB	Bob Wiggins, Spring-Ford	5-11	188	Sr.
RB	Ernest Pendleton, Lower Merion	5-11	175	Sr.
L	Jim Newby, Norristown	6-0	250	Sr.
L	Fran Downs, West Chester Henderson	5-11	230	Sr.
L	Joe Niek, William Tennent	6-4	240	Sr.
L	Paul Murray, Academy Park	6-0	285	Sr.
L	Doug Stevens, Pottstown	6-4	230	Sr.
E	Steve Brill, Phoenixville	6-0	180	Sr.
E	Wesley Carter, Chester	5-11	180	Sr.
K	Patt Evans, Strath Haven	5-6	235	Sr.

DEFENSE

Pos.	Player, School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
L	Mike Coyle, Central Bucks East	6-4	228	Sr.
L	Matt Jarrett, Owen J. Roberts	6-1	190	Sr.
L	Tom Martinelli, Ridley	6-1	200	Sr.
L	Rob Loughery, Central Bucks West	6-2	180	Jr.
LB	Derrick Williams, Truman	6-1	200	Sr.
LB	Sean Harp, West Chester East	5-11	195	Sr.
LB	Chas Maers, Ridley	6-0	185	Sr.
LB	Jeff Kwornik, North Penn	5-10	185	Sr.
DB	Darian Smith, Norristown	6-2	165	Sr.
DB	Monty Rice, Strath Haven	5-11	185	Sr.
DB	Toye Majors, West Chester Henderson	5-8	145	Sr.
P	Dave Dougherty, West Chester East	5-10	180	Sr.

HONORABLE MENTION

OFFENSE

Running backs: Ralph Miller, Downingtown; Anthony McClain, Chester; Erik Lund, West Chester Henderson; Rodney Blackwell, Penn Wood; Steve Williams, Academy Park; Dale Walters, Penncrest; Darrell Garner, Central Bucks West; Jim Dougherty, Neshaminy; Bill McCullough, West Chester East; Scott Gold, Oxford; Mike Chermela, Lansdale Catholic; Rich Kingsborough, Ridley; John Andrews, St. Pius X; Rich Yoder, Council Rock; William Pettijohn, Chester; Craig Behrke, Pennsbury; Percy Spady, Haddon; Lonnie Bagby, Springfield (Delco); Mark Forchett, Garnet Valley; Tom Knox, Neshaminy; Bart Sparano, Central Bucks East; Anthony Ventresca, C.B. West; Michael Hopson, Radnor; Jay Garvey, Marple Newtown; Scott May, Jenkintown; Doug Mills, Garnet Valley; Mike Burke, Interboro; Kevin Nelson, Truman; Roger Perry, North Penn.

Ends: George Deveney, Interboro; Rudy Glocker, Owen J. Roberts; Scott Donald, Sun Valley; Mark Pica, Haverford High; John Karpinski, Pottstown; Randy Cuthbert, C.B. West; Joe Sweeley, Marple Newtown; Wendall Turner, Glen Mills; Gary Saxton, Bensalem; E.J. Kelly, Great Valley; Kevin McIvor, Marple Newtown; Jay Ball, Academy Park; Don Harper, Pennsbury; Harold Gordon, Penn Wood; Steve Ehrenreich, Strath Haven; Darrell Worley, Chester; George Rocchino, Tennent.

Quarterbacks: Mike Stofflet, West Chester East; Brian Rife, Phoenixville; Ken Hull, Strath Haven; David Strock, Owen J. Roberts; Jeff Hack, Abington; Cory Nolan, Central Bucks West; Paul Dormer, Academy Park; Chris Brown, North Penn; Jim Fitzpatrick, Interboro; Bill Vergantino, Neshaminy; Kevin Cazor, Tennent; Rod Rodgers, West Chester Henderson; Todd Stefan, Pennsbury; Ken Millman, Council Rock; Seth Kozel, Jenkintown; Scott Asman, Bensalem; Jeff Stear, Pennridge; Ted Novak, Penn Wood; Jeff Asplund, Academy of the New Church; Tim deLoe, Hill School; Joe Barr, Marple Newtown.

Linemen: Tim Christ, Morrisville; Arthur Layton, Chester; Todd Van Horn, Phoenixville; Corey Bornmann, Central Bucks West; John Phillips, West Chester East; Tony DiLuzo, Penn Wood; Jack Mea, Interboro; Chuck Gettis, Neshaminy; Bill Durham, Tennent; Dave Weiss, C.B. West; Greg Low, Springfield (Delco); Mike Brown, Central Bucks East; Mike Mulhern, Strath Haven; Bob McClure, West Chester East; Frank Bryan, St. Pius X; Greg Stewart, Academy Park; Ricci Bocky, Chichester; Aron Basile, Pottsgrove; Mike Ford, Parkersburg; Paul McMullin, Pennsbury; Tom Cunningham, Council Rock; Robert Moses, Glen Mills; Randy Little, Oxford.

DEFENSE

Linemen: Jeff Toth, Pottsgrove; Mike Coolidge, Council Rock; Joe Loburak, Pennridge; Chris Stanley, Upper Darby; John Morgan, Chester; Tim Deveney, Interboro; J.R. Wampole, Upper Parkersburg; Rob Azarian, Academy Park; Jeff Jones, Truman; Keith Henry, North Penn; Eric Knight, Phoenixville; Tim Lough, Spring-Ford; Bob Grear, Chester; Bob Timko, Marple Newtown; Chris Sloan, Neshaminy; Jeff Woosnam, Council Rock; Russell Durham, Abington; Ted Frisch, Central Bucks East; Rob Neill, Interboro; Greg Pascal, Penncrest; Phil Withers, Ridley; Carl Strickland, Sun Valley; Paul Kabaci, Truman; Steve Walker, Pennridge; Tony Mann, Garnet Valley.

Linebackers: Terry Young, West Chester Henderson; David Wood, Penn Wood; Mike Bagnarelli, Neshaminy; David Stachem, Spring-Ford; Tony Collins, Academy Park; John Mack, Pottsgrove; Rowan Watson, Norristown; Mike DiCandilo, Marple Newtown; Randy Park, Penncrest; Tyrone Graves, Radnor; Corey Boekhout, Pottstown; Steve Nowmos, Bensalem; Stan Naylor, Tennent; Chris Cornick, Ridley; Bill Kraft, Springfield (Delco); Steve Marini, Pennsbury; Keith Fowler, Truman; Jeff Bernhardt, Central Bucks East; Dave Roatch, Abington; Jeff Livezey, Central Bucks West; Paul McKevey, Haverford High.

Defensive backs: Trent Clack, Chester; James Gadsden, Coatesville; Terry DiCasare, Owen J. Roberts; Kevin Nelson, Truman; Joel Trotter, Abington; Paul Kutsfars, Springfield (Delco); Steve Potter, Ridley; Dwayne Stevens, Glen Mills; Larry Crews, Chester; Scott Davidhiser, Spring-Ford; David Sastek, Pottsgrove; Tim Toler, Tennent; Rob Whitlock, Pennsbury; Jason MacAdams, Council Rock; Eric Maloney, Academy Park; Pat Gougley, Chichester.