

Top Teams Dominate 1946 All-District Squad Picked with Aid of 8 Coaches

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An imposing array of glittering football talent has been selected by the "Delaware Valley Advance" as the district's best performers for the 1946 season. Thirty-eight scholastic players were regarded as worthy candidates for the squad by their respective coaches.

Gridders all season long who were conspicuous in victory and defeat were accredited for recognition by eight coaches. In cases where a close contest appeared for a specific post, the Advance settled the issue to the best of its ability by scanning the records for individual accomplishments.

The galaxy of stars on the first team contains 11 men who were by their coaches as the best players on their team's. Leading in selections are Langhorne and Falls Twp., champions of the Big and Little Three Lower Bucks Conferences, with three men each.

George School, which in its first game tied Langhorne after the latter had already played two frays, and dealt Bensalem an 18-6 lacing, placed two men on the first unit. Bensalem also had two aces chosen and Bristol one.

Bristol players were awarded three positions on the second team, Langhorne and Falls Twp. two each, and Southampton, Morrisville, George School and Newtown one.

As usual backs predominated. Coaches were lavish in praise of their ball carriers and as a result there is little to choose between the first and second team backfields. Outstanding ends, guards and centers also were abundant. Tackle posts were most difficult to select with five of six boys referred being equal in respect to ability displayed in competition this year.

Wayne Schneider, Langhorne's clever passer and punter, leads the backfield choices, with Bensalem's elusive running quarterback, Jack Hansen, George School's hard working Charley Schultz and Falls Township's strong Sherwood Taylor rounding out the first team quartet. This versatile backfield contains players who can do many things individually and as a starting group on the same team would rank with any in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Also a unit to make any coach smile is the number two backfield of Tom Cannon, clever ball handler and runner from Southampton; Dick Lukens, hard running pass

snatching Langhorne half back; "Sal" Accardi, who ripped off many large gains for Bristol against some of the best opposition in the suburbs, and George Taylor, Falls Twp. captain who tallied seven touchdowns and six extra points for the Falcons this season.

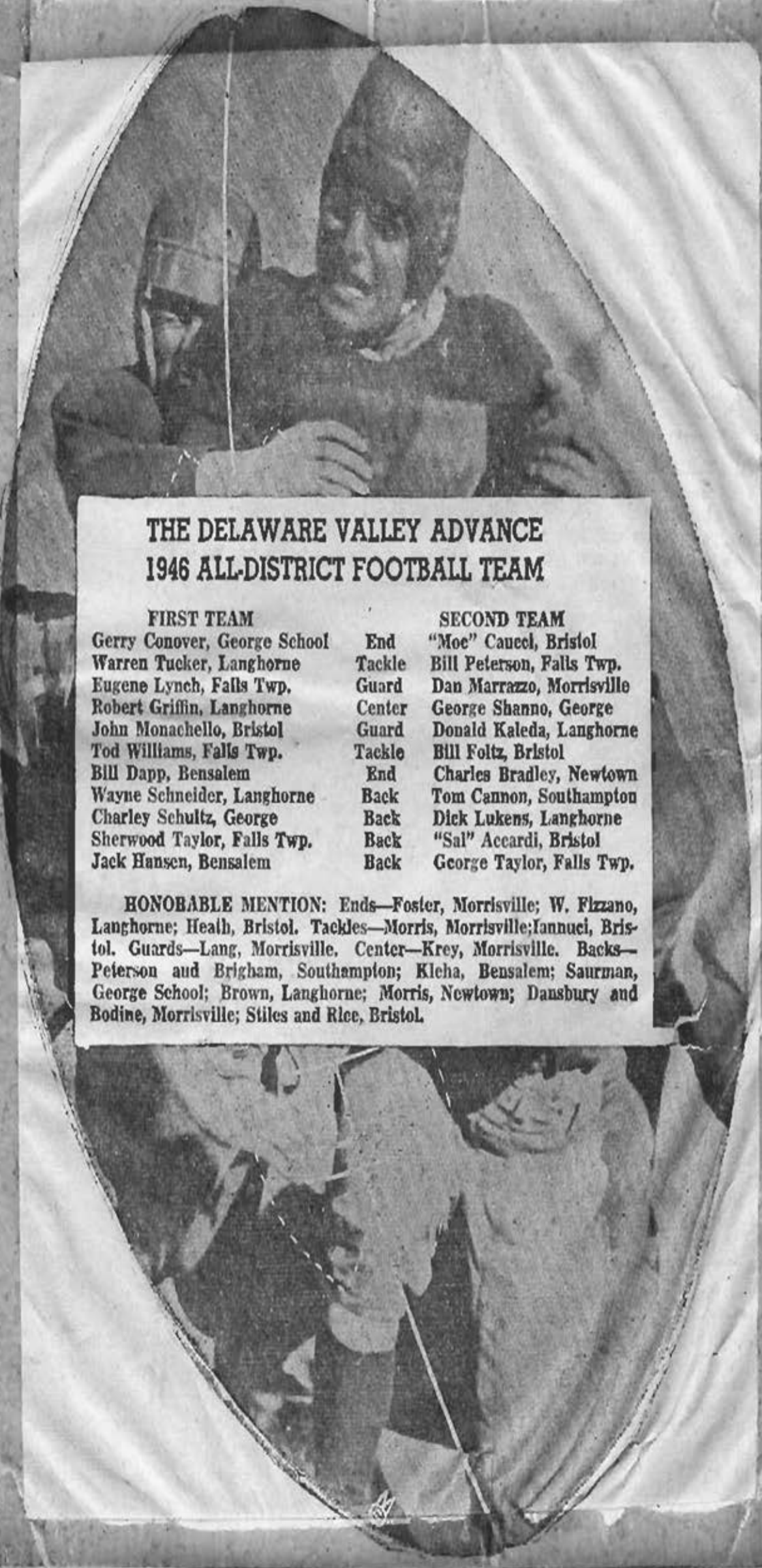
Coach Rees Frescoln of George School credits his end, Gerry Conover, with rushing both Schneider and Hansen into drab performances this season as well as playing nobly against such powerhouses as Perkiomen, Bryn Athyn and Rutgers Prep. Coach "Woody" Wetherhold likewise praised Bill Dapp, whose big hands made him an able catcher of Hansen's passes at Bensalem all year and who also played superbly on defense. Bristol's "Moe" Caucci was more than an end. He was a team player who switched to the backfield when injuries forced several Bunny ball carriers to the sidelines.

Leading the tackle candidates was Langhorne's Warren Tucker, fifth man in opponents backfields this season and a master at blocking or rushing punters. The remainder were well bunched, but Falls Twp. whose line looked great in beating Morrisville, Bensalem, Southampton, Bordentown and Newtown, had two key performers in Tod Williams and Bill Peterson. The Falls Twp. line even forced Langhorne to revert to the air lanes to tab a triumph. Bristol's big Bill Foltz, who weighed over 210 pounds, and Morris, of Morrisville, also looked good during the season.

Guards were excellent. It is believed that Eugene Lynch, Falls Twp., was the best in the district. At least his coach, Glenn Miller, rates him as the Falls Twp. Player of the Year." Harry McClister, Bristol mentor, also tabs John Monachello as his most valuable player.

Bob Griffin, Langhorne backer-up, gets the nod at center over George Shanno, George School. A senior, Griffin tackled cleanly and seldom made a bad snap. The Redskin player waited until his final year of school to report for football and according to his coach, Mike DeRisi, he was the best first year man he ever coached.

Eight members of the first team are seniors, with only Tucker, Monachello and Williams returning next season. All on the second team are seniors except Caucci and Cannon.



THE DELAWARE VALLEY ADVANCE 1946 ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Gerry Conover, George School
Warren Tucker, Langhorne
Eugene Lynch, Falls Twp.
Robert Griffin, Langhorne
John Monachello, Bristol
Tod Williams, Falls Twp.
Bill Dapp, Bensalem
Wayne Schneider, Langhorne
Charley Schultz, George
Sherwood Taylor, Falls Twp.
Jack Hansen, Bensalem

SECOND TEAM

End "Moe" Caucci, Bristol
Tackle Bill Peterson, Falls Twp.
Guard Dan Marrazzo, Morrisville
Center George Shanno, George
Guard Donald Kaleda, Langhorne
Tackle Bill Foltz, Bristol
End Charles Bradley, Newtown
Back Tom Cannon, Southampton
Back Dick Lukens, Langhorne
Back "Sal" Accardi, Bristol
Back George Taylor, Falls Twp.

HONORABLE MENTION: Ends—Foster, Morrisville; W. Flzzano, Langhorne; Heath, Bristol. Tackles—Morris, Morrisville; Iannucci, Bristol. Guards—Lang, Morrisville. Center—Krey, Morrisville. Backs—Peterson and Brigham, Southampton; Kleha, Bensalem; Saurman, George School; Brown, Langhorne; Morris, Newtown; Dansbury and Bodine, Morrisville; Stiles and Rice, Bristol.