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Left to right: Donald Wright, Student Assistant; Russell Houk, Line Coach; Walter Blair, Head Coach; Harold Shelly, Trainer and Assistant Coach; Donald Heilman, Backfield Coach.



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1959 FOOTBALL BROCHURE

Athletic Staff (Football)

Athletic Director......Russell Houk, Lock Haven S.T.C. *52

Head Football Coach.....Walter R. Blair, West Chester S.T.C. *50

Assistant Coaches......Harold S. Shelly, Ohio Northern *31

Russell Houk, Lock Haven S.T.C. *52

Donald B. Heilman, West Chester S.T.C. *50

Student Coaches......Jack Chidester *60

Donald Wright *60

Student Managers......Gary Anderson *60

Dean Morgan *61

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Athletic Information

College Information

Radio Facilities are Available

THE COACHES

Head Coach Walt Blair will hold the reins of the Husky grid machine for the third year after serving two years as assistnat coach at Bloomsburg. Blair was an outstanding athlete at Northeast High School in Philadelphia, lettering in football, baseball, and basketball.

Military service in the Army during World War II ended a brief stay at Temple University. While in the service, Blair played football with the Eighth Armored Division and Camp Polk Teams. In September, 1946, he entered West Chester S.T.C. to begin an outstanding career in college competition under Coach Glenn Killinger. It was during this period that the Rams became one of the nation's small college gridiron powers. Blair played in three post-season bowl games, seeing service in both the line and backfield.

An a ble and enthusiastic competitor, Blair used his know-how to good advantage while coaching at Neshaminy, Jenkintown, and Chambers-burg High Schools. His teams rolled up 30 victories, 13 losses, and 1 tie.

In the fall of 1955, Blair received a call to come to Bloomsburg as assistant coach. Jack Yohe, then head man of the Huskies, had observed Blair's prowess firsthand when Yohe served as backfield coach at West Chester under Killinger.

Coaching three intercollegiate sports keeps Harold Shelly busy from September through May. A graduate of Ohio Northern University, Shelly acts as trainer, scout, and assistant coach during the football season. As head coach of Bloomsburg's basketball squad for ten years, he has never had a losing season. When the court season ends, Shelly directs the destinies of the Husky track and field squad.

This will be the third year at Bloomsburg for Russ Houk who piled up an enviable record in football and wrestling while a student at Lock Haven S.T.C. For five years, Russ turned out championship wrestling squads a t South Williamsport and Muncy High Schools. In addition to assisting with football, Houk coaches the Husky grapplers and serves as Athletic Director.

Coach Blair is very happy to have a former college team and class mate, Don Heilman, to serve as backfield coach with the Huskies. Heilman joined the coaching staff in the fall of 1958 after 3 years at Downington and 5 years as Head Coach at the Alexis I. DuPont High School in Wilmington. He and Blair played for West Chester from 1946-1949 when Coach Killinger's Rams won 36 while losing only 3--a proud record for any team and coach.

1959 OUTLOOK

When Coach Walt Blair sent out invitations for pre-season practice, it was very apparent that Husky gridiron fans would see a lot of new faces in the 1959 campaign. As a result of graduation, drop outs, academic and financial difficulties, and conflicts with class schedules, last year's squad of 63 was reduced to 26. Of the 19 returning lettermen, 9 had won their monograms in the backfield, and some of the 18 had completed the minimum requirements to earn a varsity letter.

At the outset of pre-season practice sessions, Coach Blair took immediate steps to knit new offensive and defensive line units with the handful of returning veterans as a nucleus. To complicate matters further, Bob Warren, crack junior guard from Mechanicsburg, turned up for practice with an injured foot which will keep him sidelined for half the season; Fred Frey, promising sophomore back from Tunkhannock could not report due to illness; Ed Lockman, Hazleton sophomore who lettered at guard last year, also sustained an injury during the summer.

Two rather general factors will have a strong bearing on what the Huskies can accomplish this season. Five games in the eight game schedule will be played away from home, and the necessity of traveling considerable distances and using an inexperienced squad on a strange field can cause difficulties. Another factor to be dealt with is the general build-up of strength among all the teams in the Teachers College Conference.

Most problems tend to look relatively insignificant when campared with the need for replacing stellar performers like big Stan Covington and Moritz Schultz, ends; Paul Spahr and Jack Chidester, tackles; Leo Mulhall, Ken Wood, and Gary Allen, guards; Woody Rhoads, center; Oscar Snyder, quarterback; Bob Bottorf and Jerry Natishan, backs.

Speaking of critical needs, the Husky mentor recently listed these: finding a replacement for Stan Covington who was, for two years, one of the leading punters among the small colleges in the nation; developing a good place kicker; finding a back who can toss passes like Ozzie Snyder did during the past two years; developing a sound defensive and offensive line to replace the effective combination riddled by graduation in May.

On the brighter side, the Huskies can expect good performances from a number of experienced, fairly speedy, hard-running backs including Bobby Rohm, Dave Gerber, Johnny Johnson, Joe Rishkofski, Joe Gronka and several promising freshman; Ed Galitsky, Stan Elinsky, and Wayne Miller should be adequate or better in the pass-receiving department; in pass-defense patterns, Johnson, Rohm, Glenn Gruber and Fred Frey form a pretty sound combination; offensive line strength seems improved but should get progressively better with the expected development of Dick Staber, Roy Shifflet, and two freshmen -- John Sills and Gary Stackhouse.

In a nutshell, it could be said that returning veterans will equal or excel their performance of last season. The overall success of the squad during the season will depend, however, on the performance of freshmen and eligible transfers and the extent to which the coaching staff can develop reserve depth, especially in the forward wall. Coach Blair is looking to Joe Rishkofski to take care of punting assignments and do a lot of pass receiving and ball-carrying in general.

Among the promising freshmen who are likely to earn a starting assignment during the season are: Al Williams, end; Bernie Patynski and Bill Garson, tackles; Otto Harazim, Gary Stackhouse, and John Sills, guards; Bob Christina, center; Ron Jenkins, Bob Rohrer, Moses Scott, and Jim Dixon, backs.

In the first 5 games of the 1958 season, the Huskies rolled up victories against Shippensburg, King's College, Mansfield, Cortland (New York) and Millersville. They meet the same five in that order again this season, and Coach Blair is expecting each game to be a critical test for his charges. Shippensburg dropped a hard-fought 20-19 decision to the Huskies last year, and Bloomsburg pulled a 16-12 victory out of the fire att King's College after trailing 12-0 at the half.

One thing is quite certain, and it adds up to the makings of some good football. Squad enthusiasm and esprit de corps, which played such an important part last year, are very much in evidence again this season.

STUDENT COACHES

The coaching staff has welcomed the addition of two student assistants who were outstanding performers for the Huskies before being side-lined with injuries. Both men are seniors.

Big Don Wright made his mark as a member of the Husky squad during his freshman and sophomore years at Bloomsburg. Following a tour in the armed forces, he returned to the line up but terminated his playing career as a result of an injury. Last year Wright was a big help working with the line and especially with freshmen and the JV squad.

Jack Chidester earned three letters with the Maroon and Gold squad before being side-lined by an injury last season. Jack is the agressive, spirited, tough, and able competitor that Coach Blair likes to have on the squad. It is hoped that during the year he can communicate that same enthusiasm and know-how to some of the veterans and especially to some of the newcomers on the squad.

THUMBNAIL SKETCHES - RETURNING VETERANS

- EDWARD GALITSKY End Senior Shenandoah strong, durable, dependable good pass receiver fine defensive player.
- STANLEY ELINSKY End Senior Kingston good on defense can be used on secondary defense because of agility and previous experience as a back wrestling has helped him become a tough, endurable end "to turn".
- WAYNE MILLER End Sophomore Bloomsburg most promising of underclass ends exceptionally fine receiver quick under punts tackles sharply on open field.
- HANK ORBAND Tackle Senior Fishburne Military consistently steady at guard on offense or defense more speed needed to become outstanding dependable does good job.
- ROY SHIFFLET Tackel Senior Williamsport definitely a key to the success of this year's team If he reaches his potential, his performance and leadership will have a big effect on the rest of the squad.
- BILL MORRIS Guard Senior Duryea his size, is very aggressive a bearcat on defense.
- BOB WARREN Guard Junior Mechanicsburg pre-season injury will probably make it necessary for him to miss first half of season his return to line in middle of year will play an important part in the stretch run of the schedule.
- PHILIP LOCKCUFF Center Senior So. Williamsport dependable, offensive center supplies leadership to offensive line has a year of solid experience.
- RICHARD STABER Tackle Senior West Hazleton counted on after last year's injury riddled season to supply a lot of the offensive strength is big, fast, strong, and seems determined to make his last year the most successful.
- JAMES CONRAD Quarterback Junior So. Williamsport must fill shoes of Ozzie Snyder if offense is to tick needing work in passing, he nevertheless is a good field general and handles the ball quite adequately can be used defensively.
- DAVID GERBER Back Senior Mahanoy Township comes into senior year after three years in background and on JV squad good speed quick action has acquired taste for being varsity performer.
- JOSEPH GRONKA Back Senior Nanticoke defensive standout so far this season has shown considerable promise as a heavy, inside runner.

- STANLEY HUGO Back Junior Athens fine pass-receiver and all around football player will be used a great deal on defense against passing.
- JOHN JOHNSON Back Junior Bristol featured as offensive and defensive player good broken field runner fast natural action.
- JOE RISHKOFSKI Back Junior Hanover Twp. must fill Covington's job as punter good pass receiver good broken field runner.

FOOTBALL SQUAD 1959

ENDS	AGE	HT.	WT.	YEAR	HIGH SCHOOL
*Elinsky, Stanley *Galitsky, Edward Cunningham, Rollin Luzenski, Paul Miller, Wayne Lahnstein, Robert Williams, Albert	21 20 20 20 22 20 19	5'11" 5'10" 6'1" 5'11" 6' 5'10"	183 185 190 194 183 190 170	Senior "Junior "Soph. Fresh. "	Kingston Shenandoah Lewistown Nanticoke Bloomsburg Shamokin Catholic G.A.R. Memorial Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
TACKLES					
*Manko, Paul *Orband, Henry *Shifflet, Roy Staber, Richard Nace, George Davis, Raymond Denick, Donald	21 21 21 22 23 19 18	5'10" 6'1" 5'11" 6'2" 5'11" 6'2"	245 200 225 210 215 210 246	Senior " " " Junior Fresh. "	Hazleton Fishburne Military Williamsport W. Hazleton Sunbury Bloomsburg Upper Merion King of Prussia
Garson, William Patynski, Bernard	18 22	612"	200	11	Williamsport Shamokin
GUARDS					
*Morris, William *Panichello, Joseph *Warren, Robert Creneti, Frank	21 21 19 19	5'11" 5'10" 5'11" 5'9"	180 205 200 155	Senior Junior Soph.	Duryea Cheltenham Mechanicsburg William Tennent
*Lockman, Edward Treon, Jerry Decker, Gary Harazim, Otto	21 20 18 18	5'10" 5'11" 6' 5'10"	195 200 180 163	Soph. Fresh.	Johnsville, Pa. Hazleton Sunbury Jersey Shore William Tennent
Sills, John	18	יוני כ	175	11	Johnsville, Pa. Burlington
Stackhouse, Gary	18	5'11"	185	**	New Jersey Pen Argyl
CENTERS					
*Lockcuff, Philip Noll, Donald Christina, Robert Raupers, Vincent Kegolis, Joseph	21 19 21 18 18	5'10" 6' 5'10" 6'	183 170 180 185 170	Senior Junior Soph.	So. Williamsport Northumberland W. Hazleton Athens Shenandoah

QUARTERBACKS

*Conrad, James Young, John Chyko, John Jenkins, Ronald Reichley, Ernest Robbins, Kenneth Rohrer, Richard	20 22 18 22 18 18	6'1" 5'10" 6' 5'10" 5'9" 5'9" 5'11"	180 150 142 150 145 145 146	Junior Soph. Fresh.	So. Williamsport Mt. Carmel Bloomsburg Edwardsville Sunbury Williamsport Mechanicsburg
BACKS					
*Gerber, David *Gronka, Joseph *Rohm, Robert *Fake, Walter *Hugo, Stanley *Johnson, John Naylor, Raymond *Rishkofski, Joseph Wetzel, Ronald *Gruber, Glenn Montanye, Melvin Walters, Dale Dixon, Eugene	21 21 19 19 19 19 22 21 20 19	5'10" 5'10" 5'9" 6' 5'10" 5'11" 6' 5'10" 5'10" 5'10"	165 185 175 158 155 160 170 160 156 170	Senior " Junior " " " Soph. " " Fresh.	Mahanoy Twp. Nanticoke Muncy Mechanicsburg Athens Bristol Bristol Hanover Twp. Sunbury Highspire W. Pittston Sunbury Philipsburg-Osceola
Dixon, James Scott, Moses	20	5'10"	190	11	Philipsburg-Osceola Upper Merion King of Prussia, Pa
Wochley, Kenneth	18	51911	150	11	Selinsgrove

^{*}Letterman

1958 RECORD - Won 5 - Lost 2 - Tied 1

Bloomsburg	Opponent		
20	Shippensburg STC	19	Home
16	Kings College	12	Away
32	Mansfield STC	6	Homecoming
16	Cortland STC	0	Home
12	Millersville STC	0	Home
12	East Stroudsburg STC	12	Away
0	West Chester STC	56	Away
6	Lock Haven STC	12	Home

All State Teachers Colleges Second Team

Moritz Schultz, end Robert Warren, guard

Honorable Mention: Little All American

Moritz Schultz, end Robert Warren, guard

1959 SCHEDULE

Sat.	Sept.	19	Shippensburg STC	Away
Sat.	Sept.	26	Kings College	Home
Sat.	Oct.	3	Mansfield STC	Away
Sat.	Oct.	10	Cortland STC	Away
Sat.	Oct.	17	Open	
Sat.	Oct.	24	Millersville STC	Away
Sat.	Oct.	31	East Stroudsburg STC	Homecoming
Sat.	Nov.	7	West Chester STC	Home
Sat.	Nov.	14	Lock Haven STC	Away (Night Game)

Jayvee

Fri.	Sept.	25	Stevens Trade	Away
Fri.	Oct.	9	East Stroudsburg	Home
Fri.	Oct.	23	Bucknell	Away (Night Game)
Mon.	Nov.	2	Mansfield	Away

Pre-season scrimmage

Sat. Sept. 12 Scranton University Home

