

**Bloomsburg
State College**

FOOTBALL 1981



Outlook - 1981

Head coach Clark Boler enters his second season in the position of trying to rebuild the Huskies gridiron fortunes. He was appointed to the position in February 1980 and has just completed his first full year of recruiting and made some major changes both offensively and defensively in an effort to turn around a program that has posted only four winning campaigns since 1960.

Quarterback/punter Kurt Werkheiser leads the list of returning veterans. Last season he led the Eastern Division of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference in completions per game (11.3) connecting on 102 aerals in nine games. The 6-1, 200 lb. senior completed just under 50% of his passes for 955 yards and four touchdowns. As the Huskies' punter, Werkheiser booted the ball 58 times for 2137 yards for an average of 36.8 per kick.

BSC's second leading receiver in 1980, Mike Blake also returns. The junior hauled in 22 passes for 253 yards. Blake leads a host of talented pass catchers including split end Steve Moran, slotback Stan Kucewicz and tightend Doug Meier, which probably makes this area the strongest on the squad.

The Huskies' ground game which averaged only 54.5 yards per game a year ago is bolstered by the healthy return of sophomore Steve Meszaros. He averaged 45 yards a game in four contests carrying the ball 61 times for 180 yards.

All-PSAC selection Brian Greenberg leads the returnees on defense. The diminutive safety led the team in interceptions last season and also contributed 94 tackles. Defensive ends Chris Blackburn, Jamie Sochovka, and Dave Pepper have the experience and quickness to cause problems for opposing backfields, while John Bolton and Greg O'Neill join Greenberg to give the Huskies a stable defensive backfield. The interior line and linebacking positions will be a question mark with Al Beck and Jack Hess being the only linebackers with game experience and Ward Martin and Tim Tkach, two of the few veterans on the line.

Over 40 newcomers reported to camp along with the veterans, and the staff and squad members will be looking forward to improving upon the dismal 1-8 mark of a year ago.

Boler commented, "This season we've got a lot of new faces and some talented veterans so we look forward to a fresh start. Regardless of the outcome, we expect to hit people and not give up any yards the easy way."

Head Coach - 1981



Rodrick "Clark" Boler, a member of Alabama's 1961 national championship team, was named head football coach at Bloomsburg State College in February 1980. He joined the HPEA department in 1968 and served as the head baseball coach for the 12 years prior to his accepting the job of trying to turn around the Huskies football fortunes.

The Alabama native has a broad background in both coaching and participation as an athlete. In addition to coaching baseball, he served as head cross country coach for four seasons and was an assistant football coach for eight years from 1968 - 1976. On the defensive side, his assignments included: defensive line, linebackers, and defensive coordinator. He was also the offensive coordinator for two years.

Boler was a member of two of the Alabama teams, under coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, that Joe Namath played on (1962 and 1963) and then served as freshman and scout team coach at 'Bama in 1964, the year the Crimson Tide won another national crown. The 1962 squad played Arkansas in the Sugar Bowl and in 1963 Boler was senior game captain when the Tide met Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl.

Prior to coming to Bloomsburg he taught physical education and physical science courses at Gadsden High School, Gadsden, Alabama, where he served as head baseball coach and assistant football and basketball coach. During that time, Gadsden won Etowah County championships in football and baseball.

As a high school letter winner in three sports at Tuscaloosa County High School, Boler received All-State honors in football and won the Most Valuable Player Award when his team won the Class AA State Basketball Championship. In addition to playing football while at Alabama, he was a member of the varsity baseball team for three years and also played freshman basketball. Following his college career, he was a successful player-coach of a semi-pro basketball team in Alabama.

Boler has also been a PIAA basketball official since 1970.

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VARSITY ROSTER OF LEADING CANDIDATES - 1981

Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
*Balik, Mike	OT	Jr.	6-2½	225	Cincinnati, OH
*Barr, Chad	FB	Sr.	5-11½	200	Pease AFB, NH
Beck, Al	LB	Jr.	6-0	210	Waymart
*Berry, Doug	K	Jr.	6-0	160	Port Royal
*Blackburn, Chris	DL	Sr.	6-0	200	S. Williamsport
*Blake, Mike	TE	Jr.	6-1	210	Allendale, NJ
*Bolton, John	DB	Sr.	6-0	185	Harrisburg
Boyle, Frank	LB	Fr.	6-0	200	Wayne
Brennan, Dan	OL	Soph.	6-4	205	Pottstown
Carr, Joe	DB	Soph.	5-7	160	Wayne
*Cerone, Mike	OL	Sr.	5-11	205	Philadelphia
DeBenedictis, John	QB	Jr.	5-11	150	Lititz
*DeMartino, John	OL	Soph.	6-0	190	Reading
Fracalossi, Mark	RB	Jr.	6-1	200	Kulpmont
Galantino, Mike	OL	Fr.	5-10	195	Morton
*Gillis, David	OL	Jr.	6-2	250	Wilkes-Barre
*Greenberg, Brian	DB	Sr.	5-8	160	Warminster
*Hess, Jack	LB	Jr.	5-11	190	Lancaster
*Kucewicz, Stan	WR	Soph.	6-0	185	Wilkes-Barre
*Long, Bob	QB/FB	Soph.	6-0	210	Philadelphia
Long, Ernie	WR	Fr.	5-11	170	Allentown
*Lynch, Kevin	DB	Soph.	5-8	170	Horsham
*Martin, Ward	DL	Soph.	6-1	210	Wilkes-Barre
*McElroy, Alan	DL	Sr.	5-11	210	Peckville
*Meier, Doug	TE	Sr.	6-5	210	Pottstown
*Meszaros, Steve	WR	Soph.	5-10	160	Marietta
*Montagna, Dave	OL	Sr.	6-2	225	Scotch Plains, NJ
*Moran, Steve	WR	Jr.	5-11	175	Red Hill
*O'Neill, Greg	DB	Soph.	6-0	185	Norristown
*Pepper, David	DE	Soph.	6-4	205	Burlington
Ross, Don	LB	Fr.	6-1	195	Closter, NJ
*Sochovka, Jamie	DE	Sr.	6-0	205	Taylor
*St. Clair, Mike	DB	Soph.	5-10	165	Brookhaven
*Tkach, Tim	DL	Sr.	6-0	240	Lehighton
*Wark, Clayton	RB	Jr.	5-9	195	Berwick
*Watkins, Bill	DB	Jr.	5-11	185	Millville
*Werkheiser, Kurt	QB/P	Sr.	6-1	200	E. Greenville
*Zaccheo, Jim	OL	Sr.	5-10	215	Scranton

*Lettermen (29)

Assistant Coaches - 1981



CARL HINKLE

Carl Hinkle has been an assistant coach since joining the faculty in 1971 and will coach the specialty teams. A native of Berwick, Pennsylvania, he received his bachelor's degree from Montana State University where he was a stand-out performer in both football and wrestling for the Bobcats.

Hinkle began his coaching career in the public schools of New York and later served on the coaching staffs at Ithaca College, Cornell University, and Cortland State University. He earned his master's while at Ithaca.

He also serves as BSC's head men's track and field coach.



WILLIAM WOLFF

William Wolff enters his seventh year with the Huskies and has over 30 years of football experience. He played for two years at both Pitt and Kutztown State. Wolff has also spent a long time in the coaching ranks including successful stints as head coach for three years at St. Clair Area High School and six years at Danville High School. He will work with the offense.



WILLIAM DERR

William Derr, in his seventh year, will be in charge of receivers. A previous standout offensive lineman for BSC in the late 60's, Derr is presently teaching at Southern Columbia High School where he has had four years of experience as head line coach and offensive coordinator. Derr is also very instrumental in the recruiting phase of the program.



JOE GEIGER

Joe Geiger will be the defensive secondary coach in his third year with the BSC staff. A fine all-around athlete, Geiger was an outstanding quarterback for the Huskies under Bill Sproule, rushing for 11 touchdowns in the 1972 and 1973 seasons and passing for 10 others during the same period. He also holds two school records; best completion average in a single game (80%) and least interceptions in a season (3). Geiger is also one of BSC's assistant wrestling coaches.



WILLIAM SPROULE

William Sproule returned to the sidelines last season as coach of the offensive linemen and will perform that duty again this season. A former outstanding player on the 1959 and 1960 Syracuse teams that performed in the Orange and Cotton Bowls, he was BSC's head football coach from 1971 to 1975. Since that time the Coalsdale native has been directing the school's intramural program. He was also affiliated with football while serving in the U. S. Army.



AL CIHOCKI

Al Cihocki will be in his second season on the staff and will coach the defensive line. While playing his college football at Ithaca College, he led the team in tackles his junior and senior years at a linebacker position. He was head coach at Southern Columbia High School for four seasons and two years ago served as an assistant at Central Columbia High School.

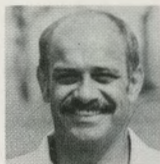


PAUL BOONE

Paul Boone will work to improve BSC's kicking game again this season. Boone is an ex-Marine and a retired Federal Bureau of Prisons supervisor who joined the staff a year ago and helped the kicking make obvious improvement throughout the season. He played on teams while in the Service and with the South-East Maroons in Washington, D.C.



FRANK GALICKI



BOB GUTSHALL



PAUL SLOCUM

Frank Galicki also is in his second season as a member of the Husky coaching staff and will coach the linebacking corps. The Mocanaqua native was an All-State and Big 33 linebacker at Nanticoke Area High School and went on to Wilkes College where he continued to gain honors. As a linebacker for the Colonels, he was an All-East and Associated Press All-State selection in 1972 and was named Wilkes' Athlete of the Year in 1973.

Bob Gutshall will return to his position as offensive backfield coach after a seven year absence from the program. He served in that capacity from 1970 to 1974.

A native of Altoona, he attended the schools of that area before attending the University of Pittsburgh and Lock Haven State where he received a Bachelor of Science degree.

He has also served as offensive backfield coach at Abington Heights High School and then served as head coach at Southern Columbia High School.

At Altoona High School, he was a first team All-State, Big 33, and All-American performer and was first team Pennsylvania Conference and Little All-American Honorable Mention while at Lock Haven.

Paul Slocum a native of Massachusetts, was appointed Head Athletic Trainer at BSC in the fall of 1972. The Registered Physical Therapist received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dakota Wesleyan University, South Dakota, and was awarded his Certificate of Physical Therapy from the School of Allied Medical Professions at the University of Pennsylvania.

College Facts

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Coaches' Player Profiles

AL BECK: Junior linebacker—an extremely aggressive player that remains active all the time. He showed great improvement in the spring drills and will be a key to BSC's defensive success.

DOUG BERRY: Junior kicker—constantly improving and perfecting his kicking style. He has better range and accuracy and may be the difference in any close games this season.

CHRIS BLACKBURN: Senior defensive lineman—he can play tackle as well as defensive end with equal success, has experience and versatility enough to help at both positions. Worked hard on weight training program in the off season and it should show during the year.

MIKE BLAKE: Junior tight end—could possibly be the best athlete on the team. He has great hands and finds the open area very well. Can take the hard hits and still hold on to the ball.

JOHN BOLTON: Senior defensive back—should develop into one of the leaders in the defensive backfield. Has the quickness and experience to shut down the opponents' passing game to his side. Gained valuable game experience and should be ready to excell.

JOHN DeMARTINO: Sophomore offensive lineman—a fine athlete who is coming off an injury a year ago. He has a great attitude and in time should develop into a solid performer on the offensive line.

ERIC FEERRAR: Sophomore linebacker—is extremely quick and will add solid depth to the defense. A strong candidate for an outside linebacker position, he has impressed the coaching staff with his hitting ability.

BRIAN GREENBERG: Senior defensive back—was an All-Conference second team selection as a junior. His size is no deterrent and his attitude inspires the entire team. He was named the most improved defensive player on the team in 1980 by his teammates and coaches.

JACK HESS: Junior linebacker—he has the best working knowledge of the linebacking corps. Is very strong against the pass and will give the Huskies needed strength up the middle.

HARRY JAMES: Sophomore runningback—he has great versatility and strength. Harry runs hard and has the ability to run over people. He will be counted on heavily in the offensive attack.

STAN KUCEWICZ: Sophomore wide receiver—only one of the talented crop of receivers. He is a fine athlete who gained valuable experience in his first season. Good speed and runs well disciplined patterns.

BOB LONG: Sophomore quarterback/fullback—a player whose versatility is his biggest asset. He can play both positions and his size and durability will help during the long season.

WARD MARTIN: Sophomore defensive lineman—he can play defensive end, but has shown his best results as a tackle. Switched from the offensive line last season and has adjusted very well. Has a good nose for the football and will usually be where the action is.

ALAN McELROY: Senior defensive lineman—an extremely hard worker who has a lot of experience at his position. He will give some needed stability to the defensive front and his agility will help him contain opposing backs.

DOUG MEIER: Senior tight end—at 6'5" his size helps him a great deal. He has excellent hands and makes the difficult catch look easy. When BSC uses a two tight end system, he will see a lot of playing time.

STEVE MESZAROS: Sophomore runningback—an extremely quick and durable athlete. An injury hampered him last season but he still had time to establish himself as a top back. Set the BSC record for longest kickoff return (99 yds.) last season.

DAVE MONTAGNA: Senior center—his hard work has paid off and he should become a solid performer at the center position. Also will serve as a backup kicker. His thirty-eight yard field goal in the final three seconds provided BSC with its only win a year ago.

STEVE MORAN: Junior wide receiver—another in the long line of good receivers. Has great moves and knows how to get open. Was the third leading pass catcher last season.

GREG O'NEILL: Sophomore defensive back—capable of playing both free and strong safety. He plays the pass and run equally well. Also return kickoffs and punts.

DAVE PEPPER: Sophomore defensive end—gained valuable experience as a freshman and had a very good spring practice. Size and agility are his biggest assets. Needs to work on his quickness.

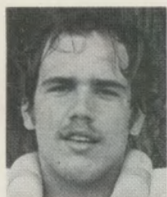
JAMIE SOCHOVKA: Senior defensive end—another returning starter from last year. His ability to be in the right place at the right time will force opposing defenses to key on him. Big and strong.

TIM TKACH: Senior defensive lineman—switched from tackle from the offensive line and was a pleasant surprise in the spring. He is an aggressive, hard-nosed player who will add maturity to the defense.

KURT WERKHEISER: Senior quarterback/punter—definitely the player with the most experience on the team. Led the eastern division of the PSAC in completions per game last season and was also among conference leaders as a punter.

JIM ZACCHEO: Senior offensive lineman—he is very quick and handles his position well. Has turned into a team leader. Should be one of the top performers on the team and if he continues to improve, he could be in line for some post season honors.

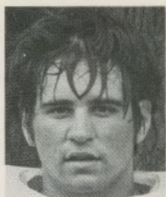
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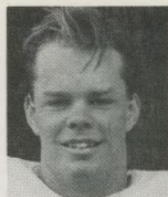
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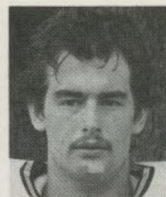
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Chris Blackburn



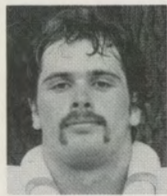
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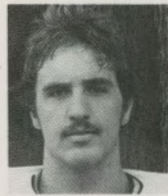
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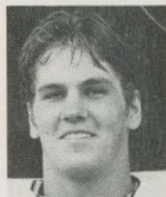
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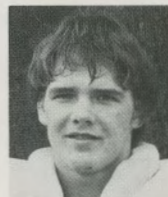
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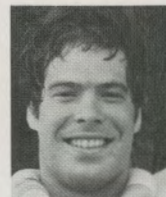
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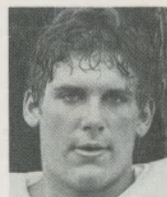
Dave Montagna



Steve Moran



Greg O'Neill



Dave Pepper



Jamie Sochovka



Tim Tkach



Kurt Werkheiser



Jim Zaccheo

1980 Statistical Leaders

Rushing	Carries	Net Yards	Avg.
Steve Meszaros	61	180	2.9
Ed Wrubel	56	148	2.6

Passing	Atts.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	Int.	TD's
Kurt Werkheiser	203	92	45.3	954	16	4

Receiving	No.	Yds.	TD's
Duane Frantz	33	475	3
Mike Blake	22	253	—

Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Kurt Werkheiser	58	2137	36.8

Punt Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Mark Ortman	9	20	2.2
Steve Meszaros	5	25	5.0

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Greg O'Neill	11	170	15.5
Steve Meszaros	10	271	27.1

Scoring	TD's	XPT's	Pts.
Duane Frantz	3	—	18
Steve Meszaros	2	1	14

Defense Name	UAT	AT	FR.	Int.	Sack	Pts.
Bob Schwalm	15	106	1	—	2	142
Brian Greenberg	23	71	—	3	—	132
Chuck Muller	19	72	2	—	2	127

1981 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
Sept. 5	Ithaca	1:30 p.m.	A
12	Shippensburg	1:30 p.m.	H
19	Lock Haven	1:30 p.m.	A
26	Mansfield	1:30 p.m.	A
Oct. 10	*West Chester	1:30 p.m.	H
17	Millersville	1:30 p.m.	A
24	**Cheyney	1:30 p.m.	H
31	Kutztown	1:30 p.m.	A
Nov. 7	East Stroudsburg	1:30 p.m.	H
14	Edinboro	1:30 p.m.	H

*Homecoming

**Parent's Weekend

1980 Results

BSC		OPP.
3	Ithaca	58
13	Shippensburg	42
6	Lock Haven	16
13	Mansfield	14
17	West Chester	41
15	Millersville	42
5	Cheyney	3
7	Kutztown	28
15	East Stroudsburg	70

Record: 1-8

Record Against 1981 Opponents

Ithaca	0-3-0
Shippensburg	19-26-0
Lock Haven	25-29-3
Mansfield	32-19-3
West Chester	5-31-0
Millersville	20-19-4
Cheyney	14-6-1
Kutztown	18-16-0
East Stroudsburg	16-31-2
Edinboro	0-0-0

Cover Photo: Senior tight end Doug Meier hauls in pass from quarterback Werkheiser.