

*Early Disappointment, They Made an About-Face —*

## Chester Clippers Come Here Saturday Sporting A Four-Game Victory Streak

"It's going to be a good game, and if we're 'up' we're going to take 'em."

The speaker expressing optimism was Jim Vermeychuk, coach of Chester High School's vastly improved football team. He was talking about the date his Clippers have with Norristown High this Saturday afternoon at Roosevelt Field.

Only Chester stands between the Eagles and an undefeated Suburban One League season. Roy Kent's young athletes have won five circuit games in a row, seven straight overall.

The unpredictable Chester club, gathering momentum, scored its fourth consecutive win last Saturday, clobbering Abington, 25-12. It was the same Abington team that holds a 7-0 decision over Haverford, which spanked Chester, 36-6, in the opener.

Chester sports writer Ed Gebhart points out that between the opener and his most recent triumph, Vermeychuk seems to have straightened out a personnel problem that has transformed the Clippers from just another beefy football squad into a well-knit team.

Since losing the first three games, when Chester was experiencing the so-called personnel problems, the Clippers have rolled up 90 points. Included was a 27-26 nudging of Cheltenham and a 24-0 blanking of Upper Darby, which last Saturday 'scared' Norristown before succumbing, 20-13.

Chester combines speed and power offensively. The Clippers can pass, too. Four different men hit the touchdown column against Abington last week.

Al (Patches) Crews tabbed his on a twisting 61-yard romp, while Dick Adams, used sparingly because of a leg injury, scored on a 23-yard burst up the middle.

Quarterback Rich Curil passed 31 yards to end Steve Chambers for one touchdown and plunged three yards for another.

Defensively, Chester stalwarts, headed by Mike Semcheski, big tackle, held Abington to only 75 yards rushing. The Ghosts, however, struck through the air, for 136 yards on eight of 17 aerial attempts.

Norristown is digging in hard for this one. There is new spirit in the NHS camp, in complete contrast to a more-or-less so-so attitude preceding the encounter at Upper Darby.

Only halfback Bobby Lee came out of the Saturday game with minor hurts. But Coach Kent figures his little scatback

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will be ready for action against Chester.

After this one, the Eagles have only the Thanksgiving Day game left. That's with neighborhood rival Upper Merion, a non-league opponent, at Roosevelt Field.