

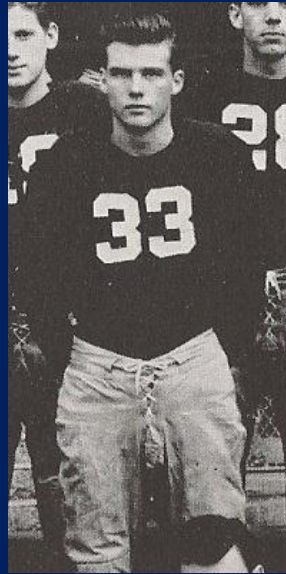


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2011 WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Charlie Albertus 47'



Charlie Albertus. A graduate of St. Laurence School in Highland Park, Upper Darby, attended West Catholic School from 1943 to 1947. He played football and basketball on West's varsity teams and was also an accomplished golfer.

Charlie was an outstanding player on the Burr's football teams that regularly challenged for the City of Philadelphia Championships in the 1940's, winning six Catholic League championships in the decade and the 1943 City Title.

Charlie contributed to the Catholic League winning teams in 1944, 45 and 46. Despite West Catholic's loss to Southern in the City Championship game of 1945. Charlie was the unanimous selection as the Most Valuable Player. The game and his standout performance were reported in December 1999 as a highlight of the 20th century. Charlie was coaches' choice for All Catholic honors as well as experts' selection twice for the City's All-Scholastic Team.

While football was an important part of his high school life, golf (long a family tradition) eventually superseded his gridiron interest. Learning the game from his father, Charles Sr., and Uncle, Bob Albertus, both Philadelphia Amateur champs, Charlie exhibited exceptional ability on the links winning the Philadelphia Junior Championship just after his freshman year at West at age 14 in 1944 when the eligibility for Juniors extended to 21 years old.



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Charlie won several championships in area golf tournaments. Along with his brother, Bill, likewise a West Catholic graduate, he alternately teamed with their Dad to win several times Philadelphia's Father and Son Golf Tournament.

Charlie Albertus is most remembered for his All Catholic and All Scholastic teamwork for West Catholic. His memorable performances, still recalled so vividly at the mention of his name, are best described by the coaches and football experts judging him as 1945's Most Valuable Player. In their words, "He was selected for poise, generalship, passing, and running and his skillful playing and inspiring leadership made him the sportswriters' unanimous choice of the high school football player of the year." His class of 1947 selected him as the recipient of West Catholic's *Outstanding Sportsman Award*, honoring him as a "triple-threat fullback, quiet and unassuming, with praise-worthy record as a student."

Recognizing the record-breaking attendances at high school football games in the 1940's, it is the tribute to the contribution of the outstanding spirit of West Catholic to the City of Philadelphia that is particularly honored in the selection of Charles Albertus, Jr. to the Hall of Fame.