

Hurt, But Bounces Back

Injuries Can't Bug Wally

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Many halfbacks have rushed for over a hundred yards this season but none have done it quite like Wally Shields.

Shields picked up 130 yards alone in the second half of Malvern Prep's recent 13-10 victory over Germantown Academy . . . but only after begging coach Jack McGuinn to put him back in the game.

"Wally was banged up pretty bad in the first quarter and, in fact, laid on the ground at least four minutes," said McGuinn. "He apparently suffered internal injuries and we also felt he might've suffered a head injury.

"AT HALFTIME, though, he seemed okay and pleaded to go back in. Normally, I wouldn't allow it. But our doctor had checked him out and didn't find anything seriously wrong. So I sent him back out there for the second half, and what a job he did!"

Shields responded with some of his most consistent ground-gaining of the season,



WALLY SHIELDS
. . . Malvern standout

piling up vital yardage as Malvern overcame a 10-7 halftime deficit.

"I WAS JUST pleased to be able to get back in the game and contribute something," said Wally, the Maxwell Club's Prep School Player of the Week. "I guess, when I carried a few times and started picking up necessary yardage, they gave me more

work. That's how it goes with us. Whoever's going the best, he's the guy who does most of the carrying."

Shields lugged the ball 18 times in the second half and, by averaging better than seven yards a carry, equaled his season's norm.

THE MALVERN PREP standout played with a foam-rubber cushion around his chest in the second half but it didn't detour his aggressive-near or his competitive spirit.

"I really thought I was finished for the game," admitted Wally. "But after the doctor examined me and found that my ribs were just bruised, I was able to get back for the second half."

Shields didn't have to return, of course, but his insistence and persistence swayed coach McGuinn.

"That's just the kind of athlete he is," remarked McGuinn. "Wally doesn't ever want to let anyone down. He's a young man of intense dedication, and a great team player."

"Believe me, there aren't too many guys around like him."

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