

Malvern drubs Williamson, 41-19

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MIDDLETOWN — Malvern Prep football coach Gamp Pellegrini was talking about his team's preparation for its game against Williamson Trade School.

"We weren't really sure what to expect from them, especially since they had played some college-type teams," Pellegrini said.

To counteract their coaches concerns, the Malvern player unleashed a college-type display of offensive execution, rolling up a 41-19 victory.

The Malvern offense wasted little time getting itself in gear, taking the opening kickoff and driving 65 yards in nine plays, all on the ground. Halfback Dave Orr, who finished with 106 yards on 18 carries, got the touchdown on a four-yard sweep around left end. Jeff Hasso added the first of his five conversion kicks.

After an exchange of punts, Malvern took over at the Williamson 47 and drove to the 9. On fourth-and-one, Orr got the call, swept left end and went into the end zone standing up.

On the next series, Williamson punter Rich Pursell shanked an 11-yarder that went out of bounds on the 34. Orr gained three up the middle, then caught a 14-yard screen pass from quarterback Mike Burke to put the ball at the 17. Four plays later, halfback Jim Marino (from Drexel Hill) went in from four yards out for the touchdown.

Williamson's offense finally got going, putting together a 72-yard drive to get back in the game. The score came when quarterback Dave Ziegler (Ridley High) found split end Jim Sweeney (Ridley) open in the right corner of the end zone from 10 yards out. Sweeney had three catches for 30 yards and Ken Barnes (Sharon Hill High) had two catches for 20 yards. Pursell's kick made it 20-7 with 46 seconds left in the first half.

But Malvern took off as Burke fired a bomb from his 41 to end Bob McEvoy at the Williamson 20 but McEvoy couldn't handle it. Orr got three yards on a draw play, then Burke faded back and lofted a perfect screen pass to Orr who

outraced everyone down the sidelines with nine seconds left in the half.

"Orr is our fastest back and we wanted to get him into their secondary," Pellegrini said. "We tried the draw hoping that he could break it. When they clogged it up, we went to the screen and the line executed perfectly."

Williamson coach John Waller felt the screen pass "definitely took the steam out of us. We got shocked early and our defense wasn't executing. But when we scored before the half, we felt we were back in the game, especially because we would be getting the kickoff in the second half. But that last touchdown they got before the half ended seemed to burst our bubble."

Malvern		Williamson
15	First downs	12
259	Rushing yardage	39
152	Passing yardage	105
5-10-0	Passes	8-23-2
3-35	Punts/avg.	5-31
6-4	Fumbles/lost	3-3
7-77	Penalties/yds	4-30
Malvern		7 20 14 0-41
Williamson		0 7 0 12-19

M — Orr 4 run (Hasso kick)
M — Orr 9 run (Hasso kick)
M — Marino 4 run (kick failed)
W — Sweeney 10 pass from Ziegler (Pursell kick)
M — Burke 1 run (Hasso kick)
M — McEvoy 32 pass from Orr (Hasso kick)
W — Miller 35 run with fumble (pass failed)
W — White 1 run (pass failed)

Individual leaders

Rushing — Malvern, Orr 18-106, Laino 7-51; Williamson, White 10-31.
Passing — Malvern, Burke 4-7-0 120; Williamson, Ziegler 8-23-2 105.
Receiving — Malvern, McEvoy 2-71, Orr 2-70; Williamson, Sweeney 4-63, Barnes 4-42.

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Corr was hit from behind, fumbling the ball to the St. James 40, where Paul Van Horn alertly pounced on it. The Jimmies took advantage of their second chance, moving the remaining 60 yards in nine plays to score the game-winning touchdown, a four-yard run by Dennis Henry.

The Bulldogs enjoyed easily their finest offensive game of the season. Averaging a mere 155 yards total offense per game, the Jimmies rolled up 327 total yards, led by their

Dermigny. "He's fantastic."

"We really put it all together today," Van Horn said. "It was definitely the best we executed this year, offensively and defensively. This win is great. I don't think too many people expected us to win. But we made it interesting at the end (Phelan's run). I missed a tackle, and a couple others missed tackles, too. He's just a great runner."

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