

Meet Malvern's thunder and lightning

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I'm more to myself; I have a laid-back attitude."

"He's quiet, but Derrick has a good sense of humor," Booker said. "And when you need him to come through, he always does."

The two are even being courted by the same colleges: North Carolina, Wake Forest, Rutgers and Delaware, to name a few.

Downs might be a little higher up on the recruiters' list, but Booker isn't far behind, and he is also getting some interest from track coaches. He's the Inter-Ac champion in the 100 meters, 300 hurdles and long jump.

But football remains their first love. "The two complement each other quite well, which has coach Gamp Pellegrini ecstatic."

"I have equal confidence in both," Pellegrini said. "I know on any given play either one is capable of scoring. Derrick is a little bigger and more physical, and Toby's a little quicker. But Derrick can run inside and get around the corner, and Toby can hit the counter up the middle."

Booker is content to let Downs get more carries and more glory, but he concedes there is a bit of competition between the two.

"If Derrick gets 10 or 15 yards on a play, then I'll say it's my turn and I want to get even more," Booker said. "We're competitive, but it's all done to help the team."

Downs feels the same way. "Toby doesn't get as many carries, but he doesn't need as many attempts. He can score any time."

Downs said, "If he's getting the job done, give him the ball more and I'll be glad to block for him."

Speaking of blocking — and both players are quick to give credit where credit is due — the Friars' offensive line (Dom Casano, Marlin Miller, Steve Galczynski, John Heavens and Jim Woodward) is a veteran bunch that loves to play football and hit anything that gets in its way.

The Friars seem to have that certain indefinable something that the great teams have. They love to play together and seem to bring out the best in each other.

"I think that comes from most of us being seniors," Booker said. "Plus, most of us played last year and some of us even played as sophomores."

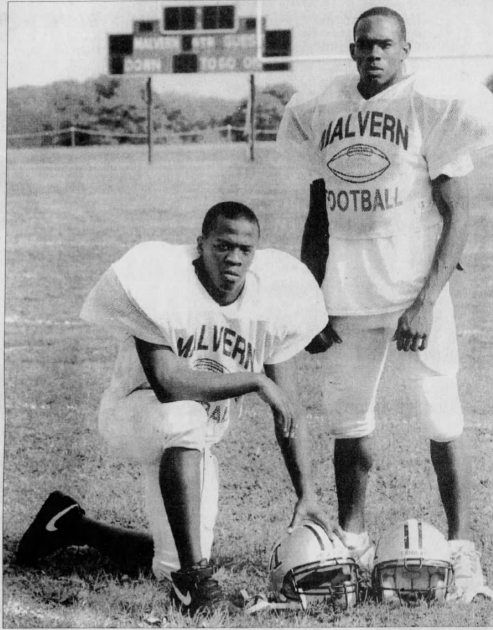
"Everyone worked real hard," Downs added. "As soon as last season ended, everyone started working on the weights." And that was after the Friars won the Inter-Ac title.

This could be their last season together, and Downs and Booker want to make the most of it.

"We talked about both running for 1,000 yards, but with only 10 games, it will be pretty tough," Booker said.

Through two games, Downs has run for 212 yards and caught five passes for 31 more, and Booker has run for 95 and caught a pass for 19 yards. Downs has three scores and Booker two.

"We'll just play this season and see what happens," Downs said, referring to their college plans. "We've talked about playing together, that would be great."



"I have equal confidence in both," coach Gamp Pellegrini says of Derrick Downs (left) and Toby Booker.

Area Football Leaders

Scoring			
Name, school	TD	FG	XP Pts
Mike Bach, Spring-Ford	1	0	4
Steve Snider, Lower Merion	7	0	42
Emilio Jackson, Glen Mills	5	0	30
Sean Ruffing, Downingtown	5	0	30
Mauro Corfidi, Coatesville	5	0	30
Jack Gibson, Pashor	4	0	24
Dwight Clarke, Pashor	4	0	24
Jeff Green, Chichester	4	0	24
Paul Thompson, Upper Darby	4	0	24
Kevin Lane, Sun Valley	4	0	24
James Bourque, Chichester	3	4	22
Adam Martin, Great Valley	2	0	12
Adam Stone, Lower Merion	2	0	12
Paul Owen, Great Valley	2	0	12
Jim Maczetti, Interiors	2	0	12
Derrick Downs, Malvern Prep	2	0	12
Asari Mazer, Havertown High	2	0	12
Stacy Lunde, Great Valley	2	0	12

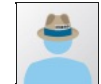
Rushing			
Name, school	Yds	TD	Pts
Mike Bach, Spring-Ford	284	1	6
Emilio Jackson, Glen Mills	254	0	0

Interceptions			
Name, school	No.	Yds	Pts
Matt Heenan, Springfield	1	0	0
Tyone Bowyer, West Chester East	1	0	0
Quincy Teel, Coatesville	1	0	0
Sean Kunk, Archbishop Conroy	1	0	0
2nd Year with 7			

Sacks			
Name, school	No.	Yds	Pts
Chris Ferrar, Academy Park	1	0	0
Brian Sullivan, Perkiomen	1	0	0
Roy Shutz, Great Valley	1	0	0
Andrew Ophorn, Ridley	1	0	0

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