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Malvern Prep defender Brendan Nicholas (1) gets a hand, but little else, on Archbishop Carroll ballcarrier Tim Polizzi as he goes chugging past. The Friars had a firm handle on yesterday's game, however, storming past the Patriots to finish with a perfect 10-0 record.

Malvern routs Archbishop Carroll, 40-7

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RADNOR — The dream of an undefeated season had been three years in the making for Malvern Prep's football team.

It began when this year's seniors played freshman ball and saw their chance to go unbeaten vanish with a last-minute touchdown in a final game against West Chester East.

"Ever since then, we've wanted to go undefeated because we knew we could," quarterback Doug Borgerson said.

Yesterday, the dream became reality as the Friars capped a perfect autumn with a 40-7 Thanksgiving Day rout of Archbishop Carroll.

And for those who didn't realize it, all they had to do at game's end was look skyward, at a one-engine plane circling Radnor High and carrying a banner congratulating the Friars on their 10-0 record.

"This was our goal," Friars full-back Joe Nangle said. "To do it for ourselves, and to do it for Gamp."

It was only the second undefeated team Malvern coach Gamp Pellegrini has had in his 18 years. The first 10-0 season was in 1980.

But this club, his 11th Inter-Ac League championship team, was hands-down the most talented he's ever had, he said.

"A team like this and running backs like this make a great head coach," Pellegrini said. "I'd wish this kind of talent on any coach just once."

Malvern had little trouble moving against the Patriots. The Friars' first drive ended at the Carroll 23-yard line with a fumble. But when the Patriots graciously fumbled the ball back two plays later, it took only three plays before Borgerson snuck in from the 1 for the first touchdown.

Less than three minutes later, Borgerson set up Malvern's next touchdown by intercepting Kevin Dorsey's pass and returning it to the Carroll 22. Using a play-action pass, Borgerson hit Dave O'Brien, who went the distance untouched.

"They probably figured we'd run the ball, so we ran a counter boot- leg," Borgerson said. "Dave ran a post pattern and was wide open."

From there, the romp was on, and the Friars were on their way to racking up 424 total yards.

Nangle (11 carries, 101 yards) scored in the second quarter to put Malvern up, 20-0. Toby Booker (10 carries, 113 yards) added another TD in the third quarter, followed by a Derrick Downs touchdown in the fourth quarter to make it 33-0.

Carroll, led by Tim Polizzi's 100 yards on 20 carries, avoided the shut-out with a 65-yard drive, capped by Brian Kurek's 26-yard run with 3:47 remaining.

"That's the best team we've seen this year," said Carroll coach Dan Bielli, whose team finished 4-6. "They deserve to be 10-0."

Malvern Prep	14	6	6	14	40
A. Carroll	0	0	0	7	7
MP: Borgerson 1 run (McFadden kick)					
MP: O'Brien 22 pass from Borgerson (McFadden kick)					
MP: Nangle 14 run (kick failed)					
MP: Booker 15 run (pass failed)					
MP: D. Downs 5 run (McFadden kick)					
AC: Kurek 26 run (Noone kick)					
MP: G. Dorsey 30 run (McFadden kick)					

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