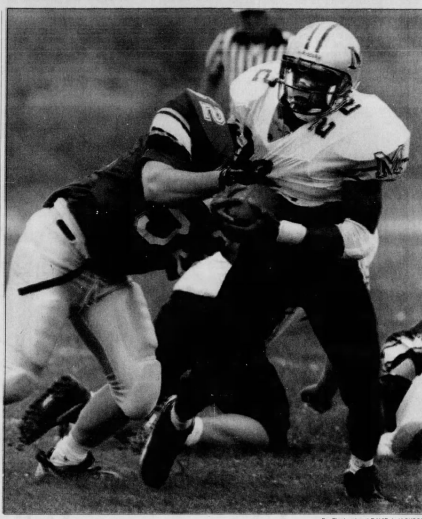


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Malvern Prep's Toby Booker is stopped by West Chester Henderson's Mike McGrade. The Friars scored two touchdowns to defeat the Warriors, 12-0. Coach Gamp Pellegrini is pleased with the stingy defense, which gave up one touchdown over the last two games, but wants a more explosive offense.

Malvern Prep tops Warriors, but coach hopes for big plays

He says the defense has been winning games. He believes the offense needs to come around.

By Brian Miller
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WEST CHESTER — Malvern Prep has started the season with two wins against two tough defensive football teams, including Saturday's 12-0 non-league decision over West Chester Henderson.

But Friars coach Gamp Pellegrini is a bit uneasy about his team's lack of explosiveness. And he believes his club will have to make big plays if it wants to get past teams such as Downingtown, the emerging Chestnut League power that Malvern Prep will play next Saturday.

"Our defense has been winning games for us," Pellegrini said after his team held the Warriors (1-2) to 128 total yards and no first downs in the first half.

"We need to get something loose," he added. "We have good speed in the backfield. But while we rushed for 272 yards Saturday, our longest run was only for 29 yards. We need one of those 65-yarders from our backs. I keep waiting for it to happen."

Malvern Prep has given up just one touchdown in two games, and it didn't allow a score in an earlier scrimmage against West Catholic. It was the defense that shifted the momentum Saturday. Henderson's Jason Jennings blew in and blocked Mike Trevisan's punt late in the first quarter. A face-mask penalty on the play added more yards to the Henderson advantage and set the ball up for the Warriors at the Friars' 18-yard line.

But the Malvern Prep defense, led by tackle John Heavens, swarmed over Henderson and didn't allow it to move. Henderson was forced to try a 38-yard field goal, and the Warriors missed the attempt.

"That would have been big for us," Henderson coach Joe Walsh said. "It would have given us momentum and gotten us going. We would have liked a touchdown there, but any points would have been good."

Malvern Prep broke a scoreless tie in the third quarter. After Pellegrini called for a fake punt, Trevisan hooked up with Bob Arden on a 14-yard pass play for a first down at the Henderson 27. Derrick Downs (28 carries, 135 yards) took the next handoff and sliced through the Henderson defense to score the game's first touchdown with just over eight minutes left in the quarter.

Malvern Prep got close again in the period, but fumbled the ball away at the Henderson 3. After stopping the Warriors on fourth down near midfield, the Friars scored the game's final points midway through the fourth quarter as Downs riced in from 20 yards out.

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W.C. Henderson	0	0	0	0	0

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