



Downingtown's Ty Jones and Malvern Prep's Dave O'Brien (right) scramble for a fumble. Malvern Prep recovered on the first-quarter play. For the Inquirer: J. A. SCOTT LYONS

## Pumped-up Malvern Prep sweeps past Downingtown

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**MALVERN** — Malvern Prep's Gamp Pellegri has been around a long time and has put together some outstanding football teams. In his 29 years as a head coach, including 18 at Malvern, Pellegri's teams are 172-110-8 (107-50-3 at Malvern).

There was his Catholic League championship team at St. Joseph's Prep, the 10 Inter-Ac titles, and the undefeated 1980 Malvern squad.

And now there's the 1995 edition, which could go down as Pellegri's best.

On Saturday, the Friars put on a show in besting Downingtown, 34-17, to improve to 3-0. Malvern rolled up 418 yards of offense and shut down a potent Whippets attack.

Malvern entered the football game looking for a little revenge against a team the Friars thought ran it up on them last year.

"This was the most excited I've ever seen a Malvern team," Pellegri said. "Normally, it's the coaches trying to get the players up, but this week the players got us up. I was even more excited than I normally am, and that's pretty excited."

After the game, the question was posed to Pellegri: Is this your best team?

"Ask me that on Thanksgiving," Pellegri said with the smile of a coach who knows he's got a tiger by the tail. Pellegri isn't about to do anything to jinx his team, which looks as if it's ready to give him  
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