

Malvern Prep still piling up the points

The Friars scored 33 in one quarter of a 40-12 romp over O. J. Roberts.

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BUCKTOWN — Malvern Prep coach Gamp Pellegrini says that great football teams never play down to another team's level.

His team lived up to that dictum Saturday. The undefeated Friars (9-0), blessed with talent, size and speed, rolled to a 40-12 victory over Owen J. Roberts, a team blessed with ... well, a win last week after Pottsgrove forfeited an earlier game because it had used an ineligible player.

Roberts was 1-8 and, sure, Pellegrini said, his players knew that. "The kids read the papers," Pellegrini said. "We knew we were going to win. But it's a matter of doing it."

The Friars did it early and often. They led, 33-0, at the end of the first quarter. Derrick Downs scored from 21 yards out. Doug Borgerson returned an interception 29 yards for another score, another interception set up a 22-yard touchdown pass from Borgerson to Dave O'Brien. Toby Booker ran 40 yards for yet another TD, and Bob Jordan fell on a bad punt snap in the end zone for the quarter's final score.

Whew! Did anyone say uncle? Booker, who gained 156 yards on just three carries, added his second TD midway through the second quarter by racing 87 yards. Pellegrini then started inserting his second team. Roberts scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter. But it was more of a junior-varsity game at that point.

Malvern, the Inter-Ac League champion, is going for its first undefeated season since 1980. And, according to Booker, it's an accomplishment the team wants dearly.

"Really, I thought we had one of our better weeks of practice," Booker said, referring to last week. "And I think [the undefeated season] is why

we're all staying so focused."

This team also wants the respect of the larger PIAA schools in District 1. So some of the Friars weren't too happy with the late Wildcats scores that watered down the blowout, at least on paper.

"They're down a bit [about the late TDs], and I understand that," Pellegrini said. "But in our last four games, I don't think our first group has been scored on at all."

"[Roberts] scored against our younger people, and that's fine. I just don't see the point of killing people by leaving the first team in there just to get the shutout."

Malvern will try to clinch that undefeated season when it plays Archbishop Carroll on Thanksgiving. Roberts will finish its long season with its traditional Turkey Day game against Pottstown.

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| Malvern Prep | 33 | 7 | 0 | 0 | — | 40 |
| Owen J. Roberts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | — | 12 |
| MP: D. Downs | 21 | run | (McFadden kick) | | | |
| MP: Borgerson | 29 | interception return | (run failed) | | | |
| MP: O'Brien | 22 | pass from Borgerson | (McFadden kick) | | | |
| MP: Booker | 40 | run | (McFadden kick) | | | |
| MP: Jordan | fumble recovery | in end zone | (kick failed) | | | |
| MP: Booker | 87 | run | (McFadden kick) | | | |
| OJR: Dimmi | 1 | run | (pass failed) | | | |
| OJR: Sterious | 6 | run | (pass failed) | | | |

Upper Mer

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QUAKERTOWN — Playing without their regular quarterback, the Upper Merion Vikings piled up 170 yards on the ground in defeating the Quakertown Panthers, 21-7, Friday night at Alumni Field.

Last Monday, it was discovered that Vikings' quarterback Brad Thornton had punctured a lung in the team's previous game against Upper Merion. So senior running back Joe Saboe, who had seen time last season as a quarterback, began taking snaps.

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