

# Fords battle early, but Malvern wins big

Haverford School matched the Friars' first two TDs. But when the game ended, it was Malvern by 57-22.

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**Haverford** — The Malvern Prep football team had to figure it would be in for an easy time Friday against winless Haverford School.

It turned out the Friars certainly were the dominant team, but not before the Fords had instilled a bit of fear into their opponents.

In a game that featured 11 touchdowns and nearly 800 yards of offense, Malvern won by a lopsided 57-22 margin.

Perhaps the beauty of the contest was that Haverford School never lay down, instead racking up a season-high 367 yards of offense against a usually unyielding Malvern defense.

The highlight for Haverford School was twice coming back with scores in the early going to forge a 14-14 tie in the second quarter.

"For our guys, that's what it's all about," said Fords coach Ron Algeo, whose team is 0-9 this season and 0-3 in the Inter-Ac. "It's a great feeling to be in a game like this against a very good football team and be [tied]. We wish we could have been in it a little longer."

That was the one small problem for Haverford School.

The Fords put a fright into Malvern by coming back from a 7-0 deficit with an 85-yard touchdown pass from Frank DeFazio to Trevor Gallagher. And when Malvern went up, 14-7, the Fords came back on the very next play with an 80-yard scoring run from Matt Schuh to tie the game.

"They scared us that first half," Friars running back Chris Downs

said. "We knew we had to step it up."

Downs, by game's end, did most of that himself.

Having already scored the Friars' first two touchdowns, the junior went on to score two more times and rack up 263 yards on 26 carries. It was his second 200-plus-yards game in three weeks.

Friars quarterback Shaun Gallagher also had a nice game, completing 5 of 7 passes for 84 yards, but he knew where credit was due.

"Chris Downs has been really carrying us," Gallagher said. "The line doesn't have to give him the biggest holes. He'll just find them and get right into the secondary."

After the 14-14 tie, Malvern went on to score 43 consecutive points, but that didn't make Haverford School stop trying.

The Fords received a gutsy performance from Schuh, who scored two touchdowns and gained 169 yards on 17 carries. And DeFazio at quarterback had a respectable outing as well, completing 9 of 16 passes for 200 yards.

Malvern evened its overall record at 4-4 and finished its Inter-Ac schedule at 3-1.

Malvern Prep	7	21	14	15	—	57
Haverford School	7	7	0	8	—	22

MP: Downs 9 run (Wingerter kick)

HS: T. Gallagher 85 pass from DeFazio (Burling kick)

MP: Downs 4 run (Wingerter kick)

HS: Schuh 80 run (Burling kick)

MP: Downs 51 run (Wingerter kick)

MP: Edginton 25 pass from S. Gallagher (Wingerter kick)

MP: Downs 10 run (Wingerter kick)

MP: S. Gallagher 1 run (Wingerter kick)

MP: Lee 15 run (Wingerter kick)

MP: Voinaky 20 with fumble (S. Gallagher run)

HS: Schuh 1 run (Schuh run)

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