



West Chester Henderson's Jason Moore pulls down Malvern Prep's Chris Downs. Downs scored on runs of 66, 1 and 46 yards, all in the second half.

## Malvern wins war against Henderson with ground attack

Chris Downs rushed for 215 yards and three TDs in the 28-14 slugfest between two of the top local teams.

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WEST CHESTER — You could have been a block away from West Chester Henderson's football field Saturday afternoon and still heard the hit Malvern Prep's Matt Bradley put on on Warriors quarterback Lee Brandon.

It came late in the fourth quarter, and was a highlight film's highlight in a game that turned into a slugfest between the Friars, the area's second-ranked team, and fifth-ranked Henderson.

Bradley said the feeling was like that of hitting a baseball right on the screws. "I just ran as fast as I could at the kid," Bradley said with a broad smile.

Brandon had to leave the game, and was not smiling.

Malvern had more dash with its crash, and ended up winning 28-14. Camp Pellegrini, the veteran Friars coach, wasn't that happy. He knows that even with a weapon



Malvern Prep's Tony Downs wraps up Henderson quarterback Lee Brandon, who later left the game with a hard hit by Matt Bradley. A penalty and a fumble killed two Henderson drives.

"The key to the game," Walsh said, "We wanted to get up because they haven't showed that they can pass that well. We missed our opportunities."

Regardless of how well you think you're playing defensively, the deck is always stacked when Downs is part of the game. He ripped off a 66-yarder, feeding off a great Ryan Ed-

ginton block for one score early in the third quarter. Then he blocked in from a yard out to put the Friars ahead, 20-14, midway through the final period, that scoring drive was set up by a Henderson punt fumble.

Downs made it 28-14 with a 46-yard TD scamper with four minutes left in the game, thanks to a crutching block by Jim Woodward.

Said Pellegrini: "It was trench war, at best."

Malvern Prep: 2-8  
West Chester Henderson: 2-8

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